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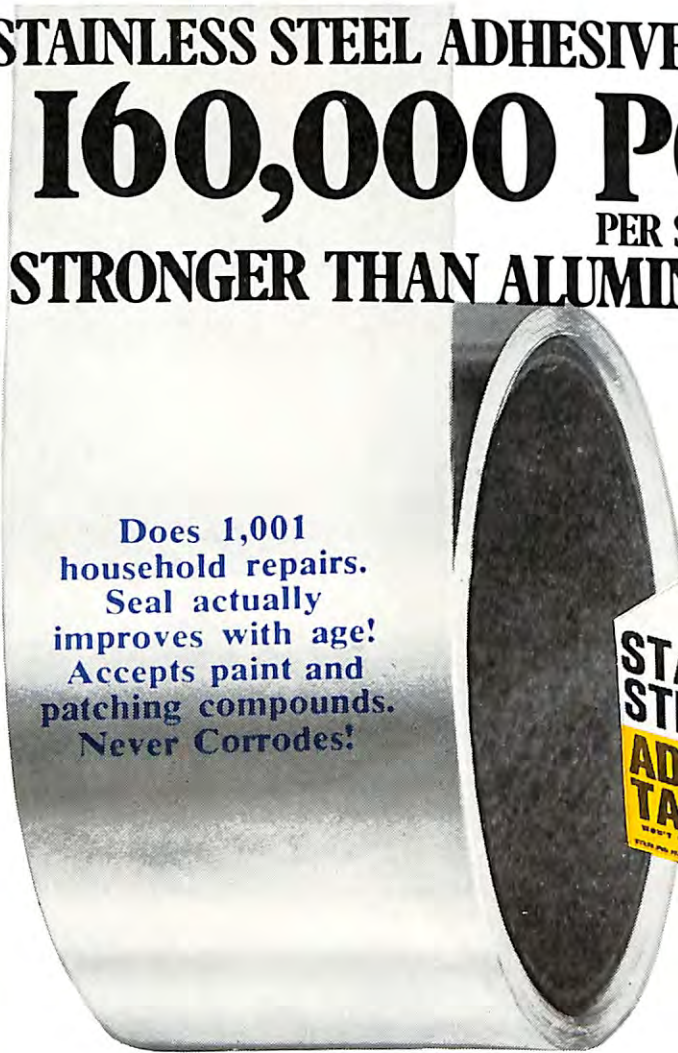
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I take this occasion, this month, to pay my own tribute to the “fourth estate,” but in doing so I feel it incumbent upon me to express my belief that a word must be added, so that the phrase is “a *responsible* free press.”

The yardsticks of responsibility in either free speech or free press are not difficult to outline, nor are they of much debatable character. My yardsticks include an accurate presentation of the facts. While the media may not readily acknowledge that it happens, it is frequently evident that reporters have been at variance with one another on what actually happened.

Another of my yardsticks is that opinion, either of the writer or of the publisher, should not be co-mingled with facts to the extent that they take on the aura of fact. This often happens and, in particular, in the titling of an article. Each reader has, on occasion, found that the content of an article does not follow the indicated title.

Innuendo, and character assassination by inference, are deplorable and regrettable violations of the tenets that should guide the profession. Freedom is not synonymous with abuse. Free speech does not entitle one, in a theater, to stand up and shout “Fire!” Nor does a free press entitle unbridled speculation on the front page with subsequent denials on page nine.

Every section of the media is entitled to its editorial position. It is entirely within its rights to be for or against any issue before its readers and/or listeners. But the editorial position should be one known to the reader or listener so that it can be accepted in that sense.

America is the freest of all countries. Its citizens have more rights and privileges than do the citizens of any other country in the world. These rights and privileges have been and are protected by free speech and a free press. The Order of Elks congratulates the responsible free press and thanks it for its contribution to this wonderful way of life.

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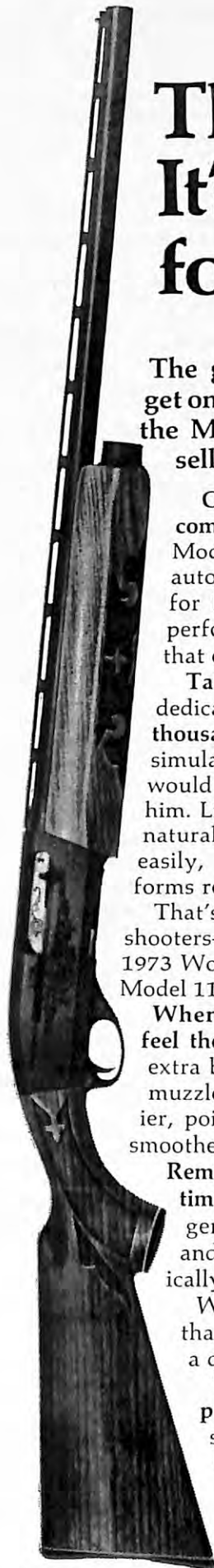


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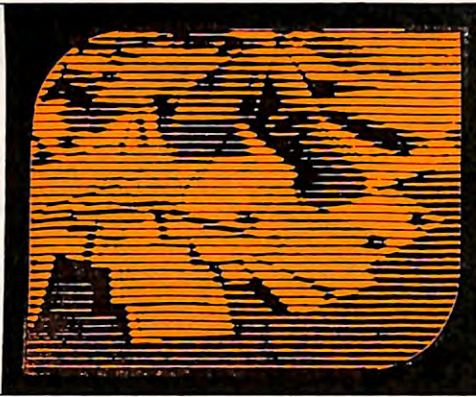
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• In the July, 1974, issue there is an article on Stirling Engines ["Those Magnificent Men in their Stirling Machines"]. I'm trying to get in contact with Dutch Philips Corporation the manufacturer of these engines. Could you please tell the company address?

E. C. Dunston
Gautier, MS

N. V. Philips, Co., Eindhoven, Netherlands

• It may (or may not) come as a surprise to many Elks that there is at least one lodge where the 11 p.m. two minute silence period is not observed.

I visit this one particular lodge five or six times each year, and for the past three or four years have noted the failure to even stop the music and dancing at 11 p.m. I have brought the matter to

the attention of the manager on a number of occasions and he always makes the excuse that no officer was present to handle the affair.

It appears to me that the whole business of tolling the bell etc. could be put on tape so that it could be used on those occasions when there was no one available to act officially.

Eric J. Young
Seattle, WA

• Thank you ever so much for the travel article in the August issue ["As Time Goes By"]. It brought back some very sweet memories of the trip I took from September to October, 1968, to Portugal, Spain and Morocco.

I can recall when we were in Marakech and stayed at the Hotel Mamounia. What a beautiful hotel . . . and the

visit we made to their section where you could buy almost anything and also see the performers doing their stunts! In Tangier, our hotel was the El Minzah and this was a city which made me feel like any minute I was going to see pirates. It was full of life.

Being one that enjoys traveling, I like reading Jerry Hulse's articles, so keep up the good work.

Charles Levin,
Chicago, IL

• The article, "The Inquisitors Club," by Robert Hale [August, 1974] was excellent. Fine.

Wonderful ideas. But, I seem to remember an article in the *Seattle Post Intelligence* morning newspaper recently that told a financial "woe" story about the Club. Saying that inflation may take its toll and greatly disrupt the good that they do for the elderly.

Here's a thought. Maybe the local greater Seattle area Elks Clubs could step in with a promotion program and, if justified, get the Club back on its feet, as it were.

We are not members of "The Inquisitors Club." We are fortunate. Even though handicapped, we have other sources of assistance. Others aren't so lucky.

Just thought I'd express a few ideas and opinions. Thanks for listening.

C. R. Abbett
Seattle, WA 98136

• I have been a member of the Elks for more than 20 years (Lake City, Washington, Lodge No. 1800) and enjoy receiving your magazine.

While I am not qualified from a legal standpoint nor will I attempt to editorialize on the three different articles which appeared in the *Seattle Times* newspaper regarding the Inquisitors Club, recently, I feel that Robert Hale's story in the August magazine is very misleading and I certainly hope none of my fellow Elks in Seattle take it as an endorsement of what appears to be a very poor financial investment, no matter how worthy a cause it might be.

I will look forward to receiving many more editions of *The Elks Magazine*, and hope your staff does their homework better than Mr. Hale appears to do his.

Roy E. Bradford
Seattle, WA

• I think maybe your author, Robert Hale, should write another story telling about all of the financial problems facing the Inquisitors Club. You could fill a page with all their difficulties with the Washington State Securities Commission. As so often with these dramatic articles, they do not have any research into the true financial picture or the true workings of the situation. I feel that this is important so that no elderly Elks get stuck with putting their savings into a defunct investment.

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The Elks Magazine, reported the *Inquisitors Club* was incorporated as a non-profit organization in September, 1969, as a service for the elderly, providing grocery-shopping and special-need transportation and tours for senior citizens. The BBB advised it had received numerous inquiries about the Club, but absolutely no complaints or derogatory information.

Certainly, we would advise no one to invest money in any area without first conducting a thorough investigation of financial stability and soundness.

- Just a big thank you, for being so nice when my car broke down. Mr. Quinn, at the National Memorial Building, was more than helpful when I explained my car had given me problems and my Dad, Bernie Dean, PER from Chicago West, No. 2187, was at work and I wanted to reach him before he left work. I was offered the use of a phone and caught my Dad as he was leaving, saving a lot of time.

Many times my Dad has said if you run into any trouble and there is an Elks Lodge in the vicinity, they can help. This was the first time I've ever had to look for help from an Elk and I hope if it ever happens again, my experience will be just as pleasant.

Thanks ever so much!

Susan Dean
Chicago, IL

- An item in the August "Did You Know" could not help but bring to the mind of this reader those communities surrounded by army camps during WWII, where thousands of GI's converged upon the limited facilities in the evenings and on weekends.

Noteworthy among these were those few southern towns where some of the businesses posted their premises with the familiar "No GI's or Dogs Permitted." While the foregoing was the extreme, it does suggest some degree of abuse of privilege by a small minority of those in uniform.

More to be remembered by soldier Elks, however, are those few (thank goodness) Elks lodges who saw fit to turn their social facilities into virtual Officers Clubs, for non-members, while denying their use to member-enlisted men.

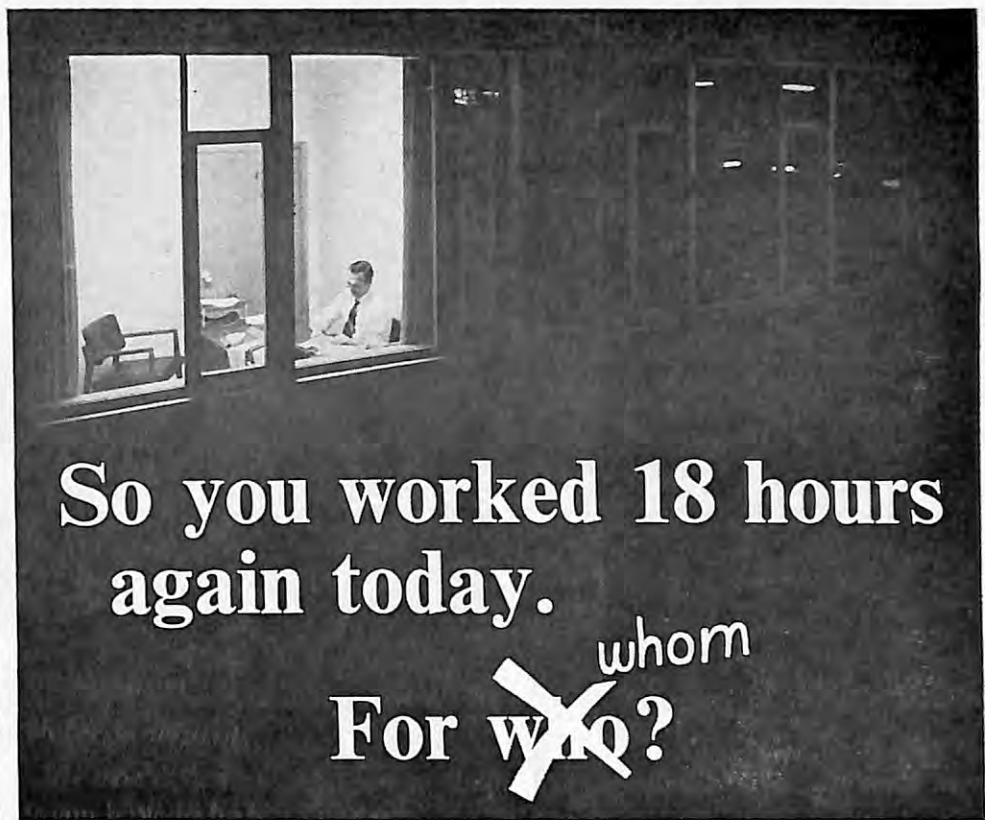
While other Elks and I were permitted entry into the vacant lodge rooms, where we could sit and read, if we brought anything to read, we were not permitted in the bar and grill, which displayed a prominent "Officers Welcome" sign. Though the operation was obviously illegal on a local basis, it was difficult for us to understand how it could be tolerated. Once having learned, from home lodge sources, that such operations did not come within the purview of the Grand Lodge, we understood . . .

However, this knowledge did little to explain the reasoning behind the local lodge action and took a little shine off the national organization, to say the least.

Thought we should let those lodges know that we do remember . . .

Charles Chattaway
Monongahela, PA

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The Devil Winds And The Mountain Fires

by Ross and Pat Olney

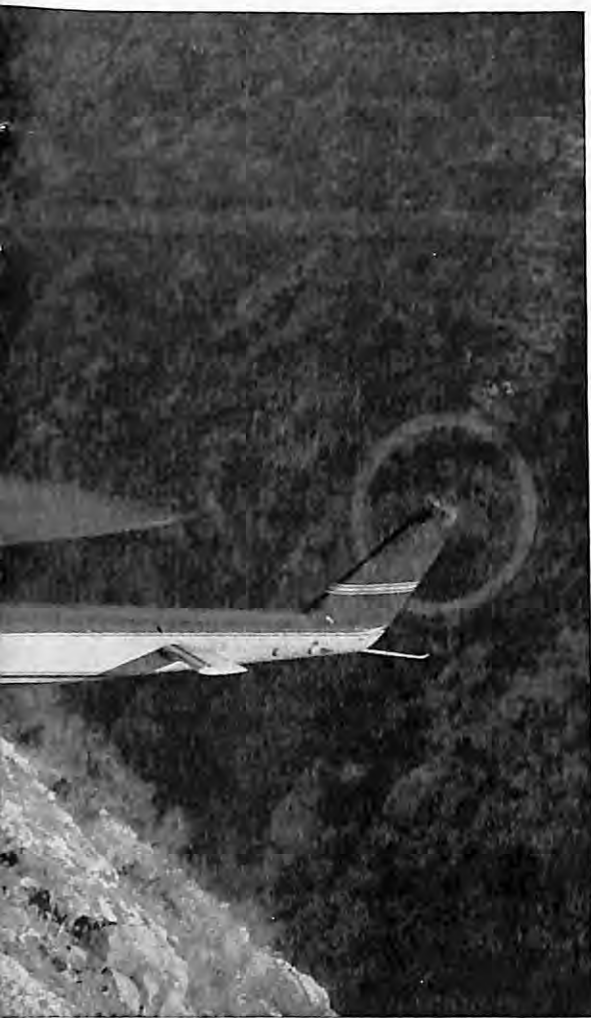
It starts innocently enough.

Weathermen call it a "high" forming in the Northwest. Soon a breeze is moving the summer-dry air westward over the San Gabriel and San Bernardino and other mountains of Southern California. These are wild, untouched and mostly unexplored regions crackling with dry timber and oily brush matted ten feet tall into impenetrable mazes, cut and slashed with rocky canyons and teeming with wild life.

From the great American desert the westerly breeze brings hotter, dryer air into the lost canyons as mountain lions tend their young, birds build their millions of nests, and coyotes and foxes and deer and bear who have never seen men, and never want to, live their lives.

They'll see men soon enough though, these creatures of the wild, valuable watershed land. Or perhaps not soon enough, after all.

On the remote edges of these vast



mountain and canyon regions of timber and wilderness brushland are villages, towns and a few major cities like San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and even Los Angeles.

The hot "devil wind" of the West builds in fury and soon it is moaning through the rocky dry canyons, sucking away the last of any moisture in the ground cover and the timber. These winds are called "Santa Anas," and when they come the animals raise their heads and sniff the air. Lizards try to dig in deeper, and birds flutter nervously about.

On the edges of the brushland, on the slopes of the mountains, the people of California pause and look to the horizons, and up the slopes. They've seen it before and they know what's coming.

At forest service and fire department camps, and certain penal camps for adult and juvenile offenders, men

prepare. Eyes burn red from watching the brushland, pilots fly long weary hours waiting to see where the enemy will strike, and war councils are held among the commanders to determine the best ways to strike back. The first units to go in are ready, the reserves are in position waiting. The fire will come. Nature will see to that if some careless or foolish camper or hiker doesn't.

But where? By the time the Santa Ana devil wind is howling like a 70 mile per hour hurricane through the lonely canyons, snapping the bone-dry trees and tearing at the highly flammable brush, the men and equipment are poised and ready in planned positions. The temperature is 110°, the humidity is less than 10 percent. The hot wind is screaming.

In one period during four days in Southern California at a summer's end, there were fifty major brush and woodland fires. Even though they were in rugged areas, over 800 homes were lost and 200 other structures were damaged, or burned to the ground. Fourteen lost their lives. Over 400,000 acres were blackened, including eight million dollars worth of timber in Sequoia National Park. At one spot along a 25-mile fire front in San Diego County, 1500 singed and exhausted fire fighters battled one of the fires.

Once during the four days, seven major fires were raging unchecked in seven different counties, with weary fire fighters spread paper thin trying to stop them.

On the lines were the California Division of Forestry, the National Forest Service, the crack Los Angeles City and Country Fire Departments, and smaller fire departments from every single city and village in the area as well as major departments from several hundred miles away. Buzzing over the fires, dumping water and fire retardent chemicals which then fertilize the ground, were helicopters and bombers from agencies across the state. Convicts and juvenile offenders were there, along with trained "hot shot" and "heli-tak" crews, and area civilians who wanted to stay and help, and who were allowed to stay and help.

At mountain cross road command posts, donated cases of soft drinks stacked up alongside field kitchens from the departments. Soup simmered

and the ever-present MacDonald's hamburgers (3 billion sold since who knows when, and never a word about those given away in a human relations, not public relations, gesture) had arrived hot and ready for bone-tired fire fighters. Blackened and ash-caked men crammed down the burgers and drank the soup, their eyes looked like blood-shot white holes in a black mask. For four days they ate when they could and slept hardly at all.

Finally the word comes from the line. Containment! The fire is surrounded at last. Then, much later, control. And finally the fires are out and clean-up can begin. A trench is dug around each fire, which means trenches miles and miles long. Fires in California smoulder in the oily roots of brush, and must be exhumed and killed with water. Every log near the edges of the burn must be overturned, for the fire sulks there too. For weeks and weeks the process continues until finally, after months, each fire is officially out. Every year it is about the same in the West.

And in the meantime fire fighters and civilians are jumping at the sight of every column of dust from the wheels of a truck on a far ridge road, sure that the whole thing is starting again.

But these fires which leave only the blackened skulls of thousands of animals for forest men to sorrow over, and which cost millions in lost property, watershed and future floods, are bending to the will of modern firemen. When the smoke first appears, what happens is a coordinated, scientific effort, and fire departments across the nation are learning. California might have the worst brush and timber fires because of the dryness of the air and the oiliness of the wood, but they don't have the only such fires.

At the first sign of fire, the nearest fire fighting unit responds. City in the city, county in the county, state in the state and federal on government land. Most of them have a list of equipment ready to roll at the first sign of smoke that indicates the importance of fighting a woodland fire when it is small. You have a grass fire at your mountain retreat? Expect to see an army roll up your driveway. Here's what L.A. County sends when the ugly smoke blossoms in California timberland.

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Also pre-planned, in case the fire becomes a major one, is how to get support personnel to the scene. If 500 men are on the line, 100 more are needed to support them, including cooks, coordinators, tomorrow's crews, information officers for the press corps, engine repair men, radio operators, spare pilots, fuel truck drivers (how would you like *that* job during a raging mountain fire?). No matter where the fire is, there is a plan on the best way to get support people on the scene.

There will be Helitak crews, a coordinated group of men who are helicoptered into an area near a fire and who then assemble water storage tanks

and fight from the hot spot as choppers haul in water. Meanwhile, water carrying helicopters are precision-dropping both water and a new Monsanto chemical called Phos-chek (which retards the fire, then fertilizes the ground for later seeding).

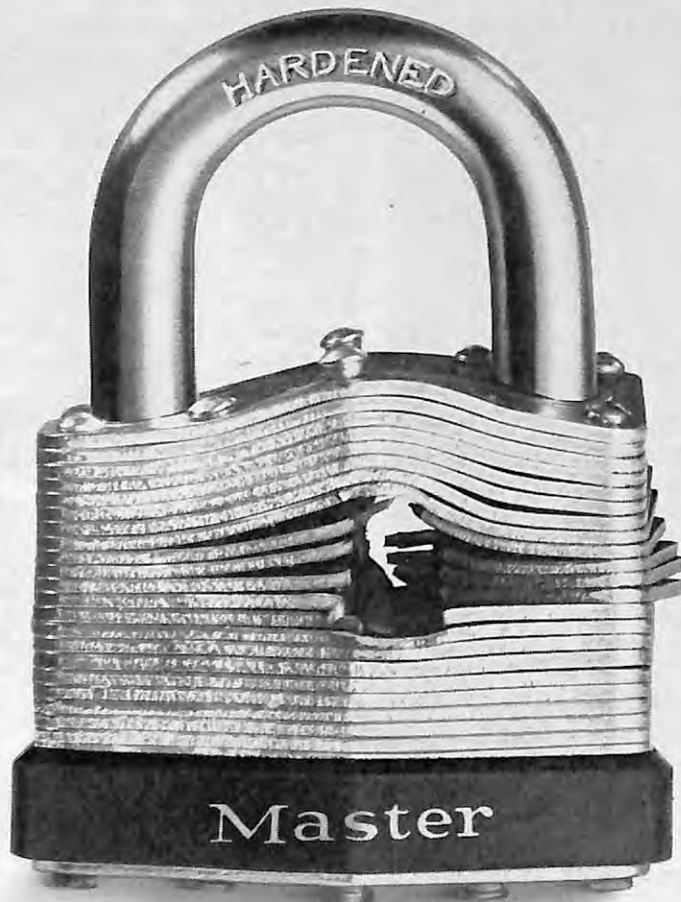
Day and night these men can fly their choppers and bomb the fires, even in deep, rocky, treacherous canyons where the width of the blades of the aircraft is almost as wide as the canyon. This is made possible by three modernistic fire fighting techniques called "Forward Look Infrared," "Low Light Level TV," and "Night Vision Goggles."

Chopper pilots look like Buck Rogers as they wind their way down black canyons with dark rocky peaks overhead on each side. FLI is a forward looking scanner which transmits radiant energy (heat) to display scopes on the panel in the cockpit by means of infrared. On another display screen a pilot can see what is ahead and around with an electro-optic light amplification system called LLLTV. This system amplifies the reflected light of the moon and stars off the ground, and shows a daylight bright picture on the screen. The light, almost invisible to the naked eye, is amplified up to 45,000 times to produce such a TV picture.

One pilot also wears a strange goggle-like system which provides each eye with a tiny screen showing the same picture as the TV screen in the cockpit. With these systems a pilot can speed a chopper down a twisting and turning canyon as though it was daylight, and sneak up on an out of control fire at night. Mountain fire fighters know that night is the best time for an attack since the winds usually diminish, temperatures drop and humidity rises, but until this equipment came along night air attacks were impossible.

There are no more of the famous "Borate Bombers" (the borate ruined the lawns and roofs of the homes it saved) but the new chemical and water droppers can fly by starlight just as accurately as by sunlight.

On the ground men battle the fire face to face. Generally, eventually, they win, but not without cost in lost watershed and life. During a recent California mountain fire, one highly skilled crew was driven back and back, up a slope ahead of the fire until finally they were forced to seek shelter under a bulldozer. Several died as the high speed flames thundered over the ridge and down into the next canyon. There are always injuries on the ground. During one period of fire storms, several were burned critically, several others inhaled dangerous amounts of smoke,
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□ Someone is always searching for that legendary island in the South Seas where life is a joy. Now suddenly two have been discovered. They've been there all along, of course, slumbering peacefully, unburdened, the natives unmindful of the world beyond the horizon. One is Rarotonga which lies 3000 miles south of Hawaii. Here the islanders are content to fish and grow vegetables and sing their songs under heavens that blaze with stars. Until recently there was but one taxi on the entire island. But one was plenty. After all it takes less than an hour to drive around Rarotonga, and so with no tourists there were few customers for the poor cabbie.

Rarotonga is an island Sadie Thompson would have loved. In earlier days the old Matson liners, Monterey and Mariposa, called once-a-month and the natives would row out in their outriggers, singing to the passengers, leis strung around their necks, flowers in their hair. It was the same familiar scene portrayed in all those old Dorothy Lamour flicks on the late, late show. Because there were no docking facilities for big ships, not even today, passengers were rowed ashore. And because there was so little to do, by nightfall they'd be rowed back to the Matson liner and it'd steam away, leaving the happiest people in the entire world. Besides the lone taxi there was one ramshackle hotel. It contained a dozen rooms. You had your choice of the lot at \$3 a day, meals included.

All of this took place in the 60s and so change was inevitable. Now the world is catching up with little Rarotonga. Soon everyone may have to scratch another of those South Pacific dreams. That polluter of paradise—from the Caribbean to Capri—has arrived on the scene. Who else but tourist? Burdened by maps, Instamatic camera and money to burn he's here to prove that the world's ills can be cured

with cash. His target, the Cook Islands (of which Rarotonga is the biggest) reaches across 850,000 square miles of Pacific Ocean.

The new life began last December with the formal dedication of Rarotonga's new international airport. Every man, woman and child who could walk or ride a bicycle crowded the runway. The entire island was on hand to cheer Queen Elizabeth who'd flown all the way from London for the dedication ceremony. Fireworks blazed in the heavens. There were speeches and the booming of drums and, of course, the whine of the jet engine.

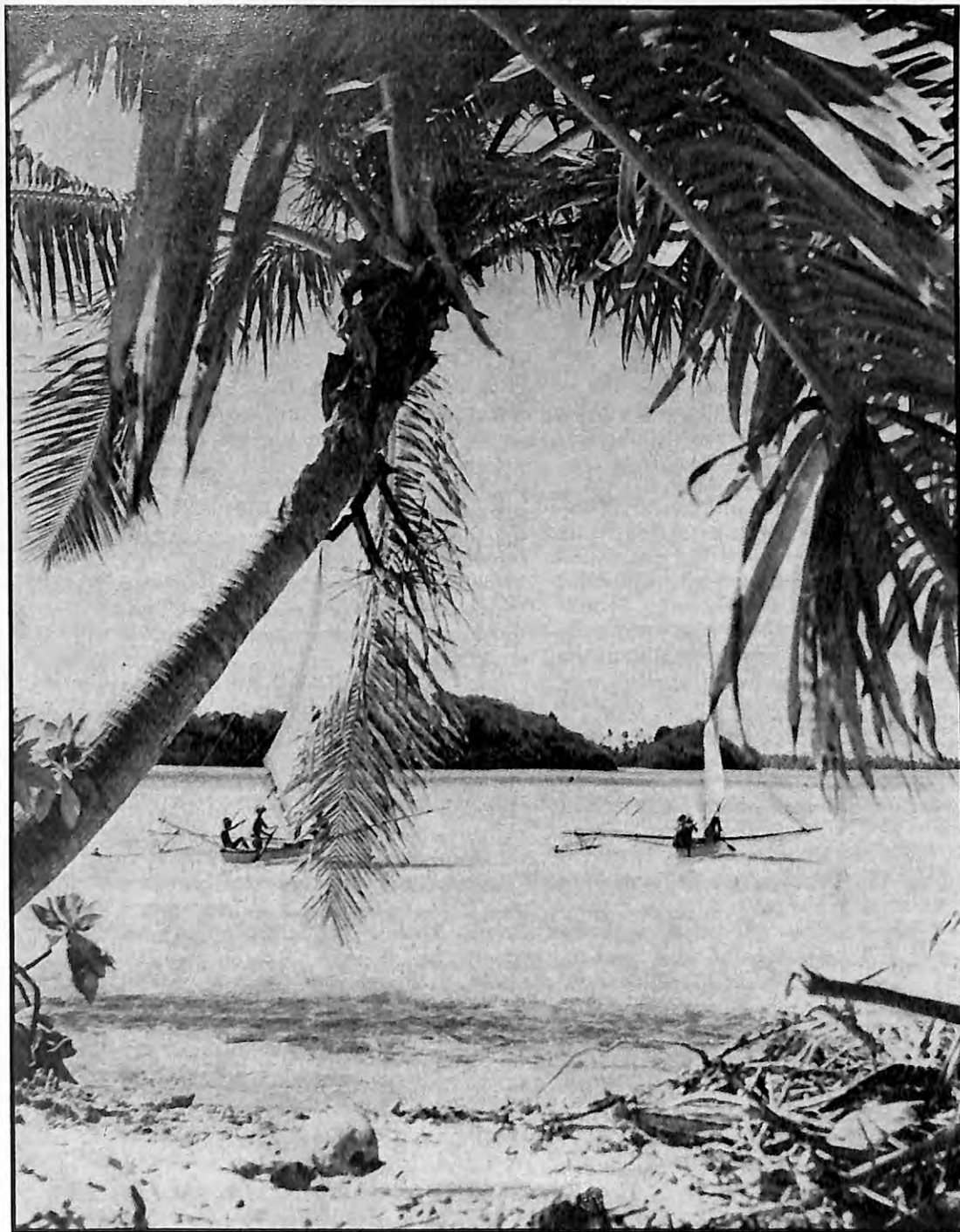
Rarotonga didn't realize it, perhaps, but the arrival of the jet signaled a new way of life. The island would never be quite the same again. Soon her charms would attract strangers looking for travel-folder romance. Already duty-free shops are being installed and new hotels are on the rise. Still, as it turns out, there may be hope for the Cooks. At the airport a discreet sign reads: "Tipping is not a custom in the Cook Islands." Money, the locals point out, isn't terribly important on Rarotonga where everybody has a job and no one's hungry.

Presently only 180 tourist beds are available on the entire island. Among them is the new Trailways where fans spin in the lobby and air-conditioned rooms are bid at \$13.50 a day single and \$16 double. The U-shaped single story shelter faces the sea and waves that turn to buttermilk on a distant reef. Scotch is poured for less than 50-cents a glass and twice-a-week guests are entertained by a local band as well as a troupe of dancers. At the Arorangi Beach Motel with its spindly palms, bursts of bougainvillea and an immense white sand beach, rates are \$10 a day single and \$14 double. The Arorangi is a beachcomber's gem, its 20 units equipped with their own kitchenettes, and the coffee, tea and fruit are free.

SOUTH SEAS

SERENITY

by Jerry Hulse



Rarotonga's other shelters include the Little Polynesian, the Kii Kii and Puna-maia Flats. At the Little Polynesian breakfast is served for a dollar and a three-course meal costs \$3.50. There are only four bungalows and they are priced at \$11.50 single and \$17 double.

Rarotonga is breath-takingly beautiful and likewise it is refreshingly unsophisticated. As a stepchild of New Zealand, Rarotonga chose self-government in 1965 with the appointment of Albert Henry, a local, as the first premier of the Cook Island group. The 66-year-old Henry isn't particularly overjoyed with the new international airport. He fears tourism may change the simple ways of his people. If Rarotonga becomes spoiled, what then? Henry leaned back in his swivel chair, gazing out the window at dock workers. "If they spoil this island," he said smiling, "we have 14 others."

Twice-a-week tourists are shuttled to Aitutaki by propeller airplane, and with only a single, 24-bed hotel the living is loose and low-key. Aitutaki is also a rare bargain in the South Seas, its rooms pegged at \$6.50 a day. Few visitors, though, bother to explore beyond Rarotonga's string of beaches.

Living at one end of the island American expatriate Andy Thomson, a retired 89-year-old copra-boat skipper from Brooklyn, complains of Rarotonga's bid for the traveler's dollar. Swilling a glass of Red Hackle, the local scotch, he sat on the porch of his home near Avarua and reminisced. "This was a man's world when I first came here, the nearest to paradise I ever saw," he said. But that was 66 years ago and even the Cook Islands couldn't hold out forever. When did he notice the change? He smiled and his gold teeth sparkled in the sun. "When I came home one day I saw my wife had taken off her pareu and was wearing scanties!"



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SIGNS



Although he complains about the jets and tourists, Capt. Andy is as content as a man could hope to be. Once a week he bicycles into town for another bottle of Red Hackle. He has five sons, two daughters, a lagoon full of fish and a garden with vegetables. As an island fixture, not to mention its leading character, Capt. Andy will have his picture hanging in the bar of the new hotel Air New Zealand is building. And after this for the rest of his life, the Red Hackle will be free. Capt. Andy smiled and his gold teeth flashed again. Yes, he was content, he admitted—as content as a man can be.

Several hundred miles away on a lonely atoll not far from Tahiti, actor Marlon Brando is developing a similar lifestyle. In a world of freshly laundered skies and peaceful lagoons he intends to grow pigs and vegetables and offer the good life to the guests of a new resort which he is developing. The guests will live in thatch huts and spend endless days exploring neighboring islands. Their nights will be white with stars and there will be the gentle sigh of the sea and occasionally the distant clap of thunder. Otherwise the utter quiet of Tetiaroa will remain undisturbed.

Tetiaroa is a seascape, a cluster of a dozen small islands encircled by a single reef. Millions of sea birds inhabit one island, and when they are nesting in the trees they scoop fish from the lagoon. On Tetiaroa Brando intends to establish fish farms and grow flowers and, hopefully, it will be a refuge for artists and scientists and other intellectuals. They call it Brando's Hideaway.

Soon now there will be day tours of the island. And after this, before very long, guests will fly in for a day, a week or perhaps a month. Tetiaroa, with a population of less than 20, is a small atoll, only 20 miles around.

On Tetiaroa Brando will be selling peace. There will be no cars, no TV, no noisy night clubs, no grand hotels. Instead there will be an 18th-century "working village" occupied by a handful of Tahitians, with no reminder of the world from which they will have come. Presently there are nearly two dozen guest bungalows at Brando's Hideaway. They have thatch roofs and great open windows. There is no need for air-conditioning. On this island the trade winds do a better job. One of the employees hand-feeds the giant frigate birds of Tetiaroa who swoop toward him, wings outstretched, snapping up the bait he has offered. He and others are hypnotized by the island's beauty and the way whereby one day becomes another, an endless cycle, until soon no one bothers with a calendar any more.

Such a man is Henry Rittmeister, a legendary figure in the South Seas who directs the operations on Tetiaroa for Marlon Brando. I met Rittmeister several years ago on Raiatea, one of Tahiti's neighbor isles. Over a beer at the old Hanano Hotel he told me how he came to live in French Polynesia. A German, he'd worked his way to Tahiti in 1938 with the hopes of becoming a French citizen. The trouble was, his timing was poor. About the time he

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Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton



JOHN E. FENTON, Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1960-1961 lodge year, died August 14, 1974.

Brother Fenton was a member of Lawrence, Mass., Lodge where he served as Exalted Ruler. In 1948-1949, he led the Massachusetts Elks Association as President. Before his election as Grand Exalted Ruler, he was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary from 1950-1957, and served as chairman for the years 1957-1960.

Since 1961 he had been a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation, serving as Secretary for the Trustees from 1963 until his death. He was also a member of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee since 1962.

PGER Fenton was affiliated with Suffolk University where he was President from 1965-1970. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and later became President Emeritus. A practicing attorney, he was a former judge of the Massachusetts Land Court.

Brother Fenton was an active leader in community and church affairs. He had participated in fund-raising activities for the Community Chest, the United Fund, and building drives for schools and hospitals. Out of his concern for youth he worked with the Boy Scouts, the Boys Clubs, and mentally retarded children. Buildings were named in his honor at Bon Secours Hospital and Paul A. Dever State School for exceptional and mentally retarded children, where he had served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

PGER Fenton is survived by his son, John E. Fenton Jr. His wife died in 1971. Services were held at the John Breen Funeral Home in Lawrence, and a special Elks memorial service was conducted.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lee A. Donaldson

LEE A. DONALDSON, Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1962-1963 lodge year, died September 7, 1974.

Brother Donaldson became an Elk in 1920 and served as Exalted Ruler of Etna, Pa., Lodge. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southwest District of Pennsylvania in 1931-1932. From 1944-1946, he served as chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials. He again served as a member of this committee from 1949-1950. PGER Donaldson also served as President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association.

In 1948-1949, PGER Donaldson served as a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee. He was a member of the Grand Lodge Lodge Activities Committee from 1950-1952, serving the last year as chairman. Grand Esteemed Leading Knight was the position held by Brother Donaldson in 1953-1954.

PGER Donaldson served several years as Grand Secretary from 1954-1962. He was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order for the year, 1962-1963.

From 1963 until his death, PGER Donaldson served as Secretary of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee and as a member of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee. He was a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation from 1967 until the time of his death.

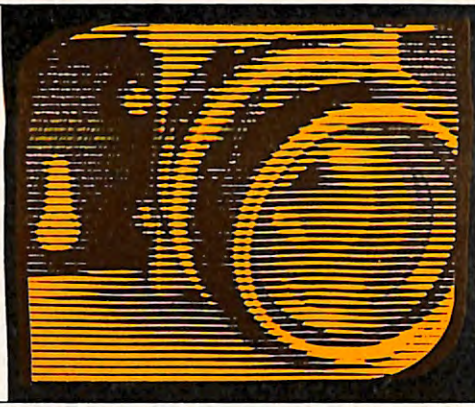
During the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1968, PGER Donaldson prepared a revised edition of the official history of the Order. The history had originally been compiled by PGER James Nicholson in 1952.

PGER Donaldson was a retired pharmacist. He had served his community of Etna in the House of Burgesses for six years and was appointed to the Allegheny Board of Viewers, a position he held for 19 years.

PGER Donaldson is survived by his wife Mildred and his two sons, Lee A. Jr. and Harry W. Donaldson. Services were held at Henry C. Bock Funeral Home in Glen Shaw, Pennsylvania with a special Elks memorial service conducted there.



NEWS OF THE LODGES



GROUND WAS BROKEN for the home of Chestertown, Md., Lodge in a ceremony with then-SP Brice Dryden as guest speaker. Officers present were (from left) Chap. Howard McIntyre, Est. Lect. Kt. George Schultz, Est. Loyal Kt. Robert Knapp, Esq. John Krastel, then-Secy. Robert Myers, then-ER Carl Smith, Treas. Lester Mayne, PER William Bringman, Est. Lead. Kt. Joseph Duell, PER George Clements of Jersey Shore, Pa., Lodge, Trustees Chm. Dan Hill, Trustee James Ozman, Tiler David Bringman, and In. Gd. Walter Kulley.



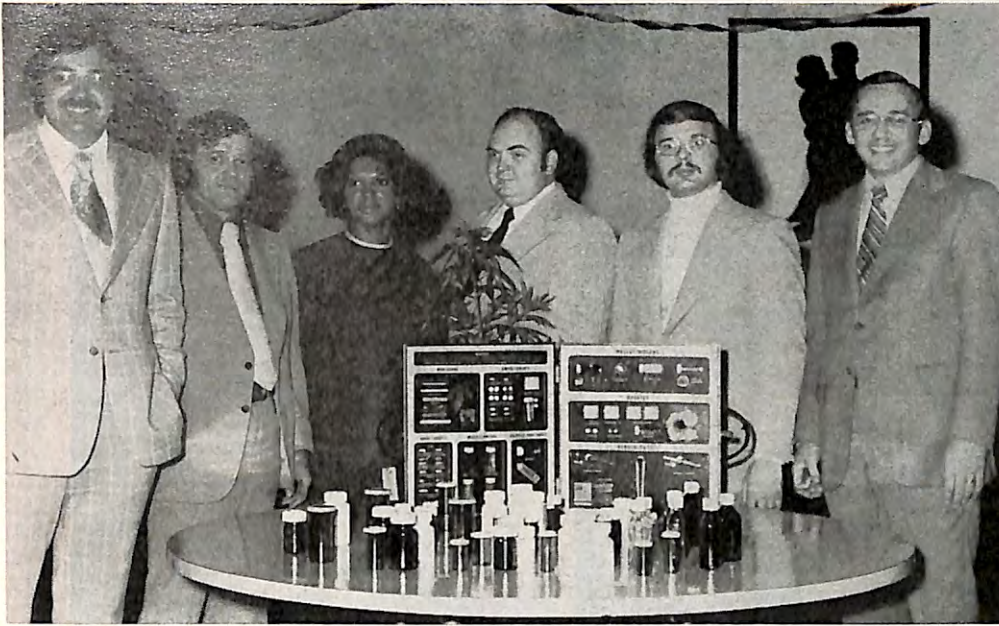
THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of Ticonderoga, N. Y., Lodge was celebrated during a visit by then-GER Robert Yothers (center). Brother Yothers toured the historic site of Fort Ticonderoga with PDD H. Gordon Burleigh, Past Grand Chap. Father Francis White, ER Richard Rich, SP Harry Macy, GL Youth Committeeman Leonard Bristol, and PSP Bert Harkness.



IN A SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT sponsored by Coolidge-Florence, Ariz., Lodge, Laurie Echeverria of Casa Grande was crowned Miss Pinal County by PER Robert Bean. Committee members present were (from left) Esq. Ron Reimann, ER Don Miltz, PER Roy Mendoza, and Est. Loyal Kt. Walter Robinson.



T-SHIRTS were presented by Grand Forks, N. D., Lodge to all 390 contestants in the third annual Special Olympics held at the University of North Dakota. Retarded children competed in track, field, swimming and gymnastics. Instrumental in planning this event were ER Rudy Kuchar, Trustees Robert Norman and Kenneth Mullen, and Chm. Duane Kelly.



A CONFERENCE to acquaint parents with drug abuse was sponsored by Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge. There were 200 persons present for the informative session led by panel members (from left) ER Lester Hess Jr., Sgt. Ron Dixon and Betty Washington of the local police department, Bernie Albertinni and Jim Holeczy, both pharmacists, and Chm. John Miller.



THE EMBLEM of Elksdom was made into a wall hanging by Anne Dvorsky, who presented it to Union, N. J., Lodge. ER John Farrow (right) and Est. Loyal Kt. John Dvorsky thanked her for the gift which is displayed at the lodge on a curtain that she also made.



A CHECK FOR \$500 was presented by the Kiwanis Club of South Orlando to the Florida Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital building fund. Brother Howard Miltner (right), who is a member of Orlando, Fla., Lodge and assistant secretary of the Kiwanis Club, made the presentation to Jim Oliver, hospital administrator.



THE TRADITIONAL TRIP sponsored annually by PGER Frank Hise through the rapids of the Snake River in Hells Canyon, Idaho was held recently. A group of Elks (photo above) from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, and California enjoyed the 96-mile trek through the wilderness in jet boats with PGER Hise (standing, right). In response to requests from wives of the members wishing to make the same trip, Brother Hise sponsored this year for the first time a trip for ladies only. "Westward the Women" was the title for the trip taken through Hells Canyon by 38 Elks' ladies (photo at right) with Brother Hise and licensed guides.





THE MOTHER of ER Albert Marcotte of Pawtucket, R. I., Lodge was honored at a lodge buffet lunch followed by dancing. Gathered with Mrs. Rosanna Marcotte Bouvier, the guest of honor, were some of her seven children, 16 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.



THE ELKS' LADIES of Elgin, Ill., Lodge raised \$1,000 from their own charitable projects for a donation to the state Elks projects for a donation to the state Elks physically handicapped commission. Past President Pat Tanner presented the check to Director Robert Steinhour.



A MEMORIAL GARDEN was dedicated at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va. Father Charles Daleiden (at the lectern) led the services and Tony Machnik (seated) was the soloist. Both are residents of the Home. Attending the dedication were (from right) Grand Trustees Lewis Gerber, Edmund Hanlon, George Klein, Melville Junion, GER Gerald Strohm, PGER John Walker, Grand Trustees Alton Thompson, Wayne Swanson, Chm. Edward Wilson, and Doral Irvin, executive director of the National Home.



LEOMINSTER, Massachusetts, Elks are helping their area Girl Scouts. An agreement was reached recently between ER Martin Spacciapoli (left), Mrs. Frederick LaPlume, local Scouts chairman, and lodge Youth Chm. John Keefe for participation by the Scouts in some lodge activities, such as Youth Week and Flag Day. While no troop meetings are held at the lodge, Mother and Daughter banquets and adult Scout meetings have been held there.



FOUR STUDENTS of Camden Catholic High School were winners in the poster contest sponsored by the crippled children's committee at Camden, N. J., Lodge. With their winning posters were (from left) Mary McCracken, Mary Prendergast, Anne Yeager, and Angela Paletta. They were congratulated by (from left) committeeman George Shaw, Sister Paulette D'Amico, high school art instructor, and Chm. Edward Griffith.





ROSES were presented to Louise Cillino, named Mother of the Year by Westerly, R. I., Lodge. ER Alfred Rose presented the bouquet to Mrs. Cillino, who has three sons Peter, Romeo Jr., and Samuel as members of the lodge.

A WHEELCHAIR was purchased for Jamillette, a patient at the Rome Development Center, by Rome, N. Y., Elks. Mildred Murray, who acts as Jamillette's foster grandmother at the center, talked to her about the gift. Observing were then-ER Joseph Yano and David Shortell, supervisor of the foster grandparent program.

LODGE NOTES

HOWELL, N. J. A float was sponsored by the lodge in a recent local parade. The lodge No. 2515 was under dispensation.

HOUMA, La. The lodge contributed to a fund-raising project which helped pay the cost of kidney dialysis for a local woman, Barbara Savoie.

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII. It was \$759,008 raised for the major project of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, cerebral palsy. This total represents an 18% increase over donations of the previous year and the greatest increase since the project was founded.

SANFORD, N. C. The Elks' ladies joined local groups to celebrate the 100th birthday of the city of Sanford. They nominated Jane Godwin for the Centennial Queen.

TROY, Ohio. Lodge members discovered a hand-sewn, 13-star flag in the attic of a house which the lodge had recently acquired. It is believed that the flag is almost 200 years old.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. A check for \$1,000 was given by the lodge to Handicamp, a parks department program for handicapped children. ER John Monko and Trustees Chm. O. Paul Cotti made the presentation to Brian Sullivan, camp director.

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. PDD David Luikart of the lodge was given the *Press* Citizenship Ambassador of Good Will Award. The city's newspaper presents this award to the person whose actions best exemplify the principles of the *Press* good citizenship program.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. Five sons joined their fathers in the B.P.O. Elks in a ceremony at the lodge. Brothers Clarence Ashcraft, S. Allen Bemis, Irving Foy, Charles Hofmaster, and Gordon Olmsted watched as their sons, Terry Ashcraft, William Bemis, Richard Foy, Craig Hofmaster, and Roger Olmsted, were initiated into the lodge.

FLINT, Mich. ER Thomas Payne and PER Leslie Kelly presented trophies to winners in the state Elks bowling tournament. Among those receiving awards were Doubles winners Dale Christensen and Bob Alick.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. The Citizen of the Year award was given by the lodge to Bryce Anderson. Anderson is associate editor of the *San Rafael Independent Journal*.

BOONE, Iowa. The lodge contributed \$400 to the Foundation in memory of PDD R. E. Herron. Brother Herron was a Past Exalted Ruler and a 47-year member of the lodge.

BELEN, N. M. The lodge was recently instituted as Lodge No. 2499. PDD Howard Medlin was acting Grand Exalted Ruler, and PGER Robert Boney was a special guest for the ceremonies which included the initiation of 167 charter members. Anthony Romo is the charter Exalted Ruler.

MUSKEGON, Mich. Lodge member Michael Sarade has devoted many years to helping handicapped children. He organized the annual bowling tournament, proceeds of which go to the state major project, and formed a bowling league for handicapped children.

GREENVILLE, S. C. Honorary citizenship in the city of Greenville was bestowed on then-GER Robert Yothers. Then-ER Robert Garrett made the presentation on behalf of Mayor Max Heller during Brother Yothers' visit to Charleston.

SALIDA, Colo. The district ritualistic contest was held at the lodge. Leadville, Colo., Lodge came in first and Salida Lodge placed second.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. Piggy bank funds were used by the lodge to aid two youth activities. Chm. Marty Petrucela arranged a donation to the handicapped children's Olympics, and to Hidden Valley Ranch, which serves underprivileged children.



SOME of the 26 Scouts receiving their Eagle Scout awards in a recent ceremony at Chicopee, Mass., Lodge were presented with neckerchieves by Americanism Chm. Charles Wilson. Then-ER Edward Lis observed.

THE FLOAT entered in the annual loyalty day parade by Hudson, N. Y., Lodge was a trophy-winner. Committeemen for the project were congratulated by ER Robert Brenzel.



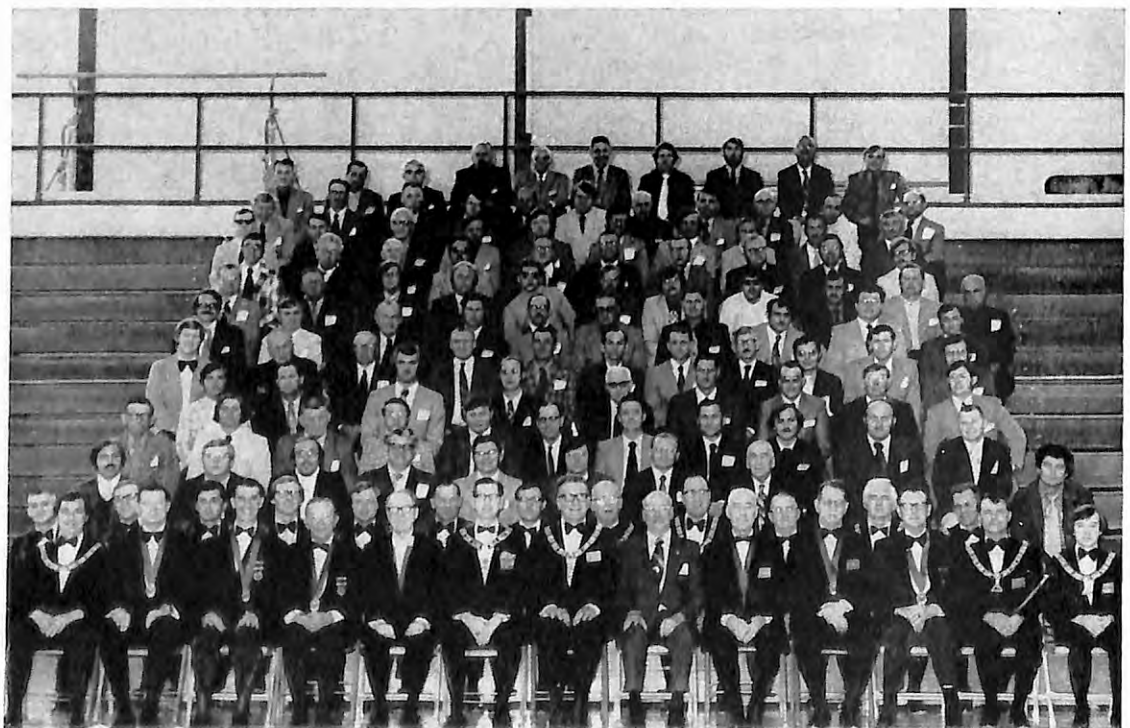
A LUNCHEON was sponsored by Winter Haven, Fla., Lodge for Eloise Boys Club members in honor of their chairman and director, Luther Balliet (left). Brother Balliet has served 20 years as director of the boys club which is sponsored by the lodge. ER Leonard Home welcomed some of the boys to the luncheon.



THE 75th ANNIVERSARY of Watertown, N. Y., Lodge was celebrated during a visit to the lodge by then-GER Robert Yothers (fourth from left). Welcoming him were (from left) Mayor Theodore Rand, PSP Joseph Ferlo, ER Robert Keegan, SP Harry Macy, and Past Grand Chap. Rev. Francis White. SDGER Francis Hart was also present.

PAW PAW LODGE NO. 2511

was instituted recently at the lodge home in Michigan. Candidates were initiated by the champion ritualistic team from Otsego Lodge. Also present were (front row, from left) Otsego ER Larry Bullard, PSPs Howard Emerson, Robert Lace, Milton McKay, Albert Vernon, VP Fred Tornquist, DDGER Ray Vande Vusse, SP Ralph Shoemaker, PSPs Don Frisinger, Ray Creith, Lewis Nurnberger, Otsego Est. Lead. Kt. Ken Blackwell. Kalamazoo Lodge hosted a banquet that evening.





ELKS FIELD has been permanently established by Sebring, Fla., Lodge for the little league team sponsored by the lodge. With the players were Buck Elliott, head coach, Bob Floodine, assistant coach, and ER Eugene Nason.



TWO ELKS' LADIES of Peekskill, N. Y., Lodge became \$100 members of the Foundation. Vera Obuhanick (second from left) and Maryellen Scaramuzza were congratulated by Foundation Chm. H. Ellis Finch (left), State Foundation Chm. Greg Emery (right), and ER Emilio Scaramuzza.



LITTLE LEAGUE received a boost from Chelmsford, Mass., Lodge when Chm. Jens Gronvald (second from left) presented a check to Kevin Mosher, catcher, to be used for the Fitts Major League Twins. Observing were ER John Scott (left) and little league Chm. Ron Mosher. The contribution helped support 68 baseball teams.



A DANCE at Glen Burnie, Md., Lodge was the occasion for presentation of a plaque to band leader Guy Lombardo (center). ER Paul Smith presented the plaque thanking Lombardo for providing pleasant hours of dancing and listening in his appearances at the lodge. Looking on were entertainment Chm. Samuel Noel, PER James Frye, and Trustees Chm. Anthony Dominick.



A CLASS OF 170 was initiated at Brick, N. J., Lodge in honor of Grand Trustee Edmund Hanlon (seated, second from left). Among some 800 persons in attendance were DDGER George Alzin, VP Stephen Holowack, and ER Charles Dippel.

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A Touch of Magic

by Hugh Cave

□ At noon of the third day, as Mark Benson limped up from the stream with some shirts he had been told to wash, one of El Brujo's scouts returned to the camp. "Government troops are in the valley, heading this way," he reported.

"So we move out," El Brujo said with a shrug.

"What about him?" The scout jerked a thumb toward Benson. "We can't

let him go. For three days he has been listening to our talk. He knows too much about us."

"They should find him hanging from a tree, I think. It will give them something to talk about in the capital."

Benson did not blink an eye to show he had heard. He finished spreading the shirts in the sun, paused to adjust the crude splint on his leg, then would have walked away. But one of the men,

strolling over to look at the shirts, was not satisfied.

"Here, you!" He picked up a shirt and flung it in Benson's face. "This one is not clean. Wash it over!"

Without a word Benson limped back to the stream.

It had begun just before dawn three days ago when El Brujo's gang, twenty strong, raided the peaceful mountain village of Espino. Benson was there doing a story on peasant poverty.

Benson had known there was some danger, of course, in his being alone, so far from

the capital. In the past three months more than half a dozen foreigners

had been kidnapped by El Brujo's terrorists and held for ransom. But he had not thought himself important enough to be a potential victim.

Even when it happened, he had not expected to be taken prisoner. Dragged from his bed in the pre-dawn dark, he had looked into the muzzle of rifles that had clubbed him half senseless, and expected to be shot.

But as the trigger fingers tightened, the leader himself—the infamous El Brujo who in saner days had astonished theater audiences from Caracas to Buenos Aires with his feats of magic—strode into the bungalow.

"Wait. Who is this man?"

"My name is Mark Benson. I'm an American news correspondent." They

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The rest of the time we spend at our mountain "cabin." I paid \$30,000 for it—cash.

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It doesn't require "luck." I've had

more than my share, but I'm not promising you that you'll make as much money as I have. And you may do better; I personally know one man who used these principles, worked hard, and made 11 million dollars in 8 years. But money isn't everything.

It doesn't require "talent." Just enough brains to know what to look for. And I'll tell you that.

It doesn't require "youth." One woman I worked with is over 70. She's travelled the world over, making all the money she needs, doing only what I taught her.

It doesn't require "experience." A widow in Chicago has been averaging \$25,000 a year for the past 5 years, using my methods.

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would have found out, anyway, from an examination of his things.

"Well! You hear that, amigos? Here is the fellow who has been writing all those lies about me. Bring him along, I think."

"He should be shot," someone growled.

"Naturally, but not yet."

The terrorists had taken no other prisoners. They had swooped down on the village for food, it seemed. That was their way when supplies ran low. As for Benson, it became obvious soon enough that he had been taken along for El Brujo's amusement. There was no talk of a ransom.

"You limp, *Senor* Benson. Why is that?"

"One of your brutes nearly broke my leg."

"What a pity. This leg?" El Brujo's boot flicked out—thud. "Or is it this one?" Again, thud. "The right one, eh? M'm. Jose, this poor man's leg is injured and may stiffen. He should have more to carry, I think, to keep it limber. Arrange a load for him, eh? We would not want him to have a stiff leg because of our neglect."

The trail was a goat track, not a road. For miles it wriggled through jungle, crossed streams, clawed its way along the sides of near-vertical cliffs. And always it climbed, up and up toward a monstrous, fiery sun. Not until they reached the camp after hours of effort was Benson allowed to throw down his load and rest.

He fashioned a splint from a dead branch and was binding it to his leg with strips of his shirt when El Brujo again stood over him.

"I am thinking of some of the things you have written about me, *Senor* Benson. He avoids capture by using the magician's art of misdirection. While government troops are watching his left hand, the right hand strikes.' I like that."

Mechanically knotting a shirt-strip, Benson gazed in silence at the smiling face above him.

"But"—the smile became a knife-edge—"you have written other things also. 'He is at heart only a butcher and a bandit. He is a madman.' Those I like not so much. Get up."

Benson struggled to his feet. Still a young man, he had played basketball at college and ran the mile fast enough to win medals. But he felt a thousand years old now, after the march.

"My men and I wish to celebrate our success," El Brujo said. "You will serve the rum."

"My men and I are thirsty, Benson. We are hungry. Our clothes require washing. We wish you to entertain us with some of your *yanqui* songs, Ben-

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Devil Winds (Continued from page 26)

country" (near suburbs) or "back country" (far from civilization) the unpaid but welcome helpers will be there. The only ones no longer there in force are the fire tower watchers. Smog and air pollution has rendered many of the towers useless, and only a few remain in clear air areas to keep a watch on the vast forests.

Then, finally, the fire is contained, controlled, and killed. The trench work begins, and overhead helicopters rush about re-seeding thousands of burned acres in a desperate attempt to get new roots down. For soon will come the floods, the cousin of fire and sometimes even more destructive than the burning.

The watershed has been destroyed. This is the main answer to the often-heard question, "Why not just let it burn? It'll go out by itself, eventually, as it did hundreds of years ago." As the fire burns, it destroys everything . . . trees, brush, grass, animals, everything. It lays down a blanket of ash which then goes on destroying fish in streams and ponds by cutting off oxygen. It lays bare the land. Birds fly away and insects hurry in to finish the killing unhampered.

Then come the rains.

But the water no longer goes into the earth. Instead it builds up into rushing, thundering walls, smashing over the rock hard ground and down the mountain canyons. Future ground water, critically necessary to communities all over Southern California, is lost, and worse for some families, the smashing water takes away everything. It comes down the sides of the mountains as high speed water, or low speed but irresistible walls of sticky mud.

Remember Big Sur, California? This magnificent area of beauty and wildlife and nature suffered a fire in 1973. Back in the hills away from the coast the fire burned. It was a bad fire, but finally contained by units from fire fighting departments across the state. Tourists in the area at the time could sit at Nepenthe, a rustic restaurant high on a coastal bluff, and watch forest service choppers fill their tanks in the ocean below and then beat their way over the ridge toward the smoke.

With the watershed gone, the next rainy season brought floods and mud, and much of the little village, the grocery store, the post office, the local garage, and other structures, were pushed in a few desperate night-time minutes into Big Sur River and carried off the mile to the ocean. The once-lovely little village is still mostly buried in dry mud, and ugly.

Fire, then flood and mud, is what always happens in California. And not

only in remote areas. Quite often the wall of water and mud comes directly down a Los Angeles street. It may have been caused by a raging fire miles and months away, but the damage is being done to homes on the edge of one of the largest cities in the world. Meanwhile, the extremely valuable water, which should have gone into the ground, is lost forever.

There are developments other than the Buck Rogers eyeglasses to help fire fighters beat the destructive holocausts. FIRESCOPE is one.

Fire Resources of Southern California Organized for Potential Emergency, is what the letters mean. One of the greatest problems facing firemen and rangers battling along a twenty or thirty mile front is a lack of communication. No one commander or group of commanders can see the fire as a whole, as they might see a structure fire, for example. Space age firms tackled the problem, and devised a computer answer.

At first all of the topographic features of the entire Southern California area are fed into a computer. This can be done with U-2 photographs and by other methods. Fuel conditions, or how quickly the land will burn, are added and updated constantly by the use of fuel measuring devices which tell fire fighters exactly how much moisture is in the timber and ground cover. So the computer begins to see the whole picture, and can even pinpoint danger areas where primary fire fighting units can be stationed. Wind and weather are added to the picture by remote transmitters so that each area is covered. All of this is stored and updated.

When a fire starts, each unit and each piece of equipment is hooked up to the computer through a little transmitter. Automatically the computer knows where everything is, and a complete picture of the whole operation is available at the push of a button. Commanders can move equipment and men about, away from danger in some instances and directly into "hot spots" in others.

An innovation of several years ago is still being tested and used by the Los Angeles City Fire Department. Called "hover jumpers," these men, heavily equipped with bulky asbestos suits, face masks and strong boots, actually drop twenty or thirty feet from helicopters into very difficult terrain to meet a fire or battle a hot spot. This is deadly work for if the chopper could land, it would, but it *can't*, thus rescue of the hover jumper becomes a problem. Hover jumpers might string hose, help an injured fire fighter in an im-

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News of the State Associations

THE BOYS CAMP which is the Virginia Elks major project began its 26th year of operation with about 500 boys attending in two week periods during the summer. Director of the camp is Wayne Jenkins. This major project report was made during the 65th annual convention in Fredericksburg June 21-23.

The scholarship committee under the chairmanship of Robert Atkinson reported that awards totaling \$8,650 were presented during the past year.

There were 385 delegates, members, and guests present for the session including PGER John Walker, SDGER B. M. Scott, and Fredericksburg Mayor Edward Cann, a 50-year member.

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge won the ritualistic contest. The golf tournament was won by Manassas Lodge.

Leading the state association will be SP Robert Taylor, Onancock; VPs William Berryman, Roanoke; Wesley Petrie, Waynesboro; Bernard Kofiro, Norfolk; State Secy. Charles Curtice, Petersburg, and State Treas. Cecil Duf-

fee, Norfolk.

A fall meeting is planned in Onancock on October 26-27. The site of the 1975 convention will be Portsmouth on June 13-15.

KENTUCKY ELKS gathered at Covington Lodge for their annual convention May 30, 31 and June 1. Four hundred persons were in attendance with special guests PGER Edward McCabe, his wife Maggie, PGER E. Gene Fournace, and his wife Rita Jane.

It was reported that \$3,000 was donated by the state association to Trooper Island for underprivileged boys sponsored by Kentucky state troopers. Also, schools for the mentally retarded located in Ashland, Richmond, Louisville and Newport each received a \$400 contribution from Kentucky Elks.

Louisville Lodge won the state ritualistic contest.

Leading the slate of new officers is State President Charles Barber, Ashland. His co-officers are SP-elect James

Loftus, Princeton; VPs Theodore Zimmer, Newport; William Stamps, Bowling Green; Charles Stander, Covington, and State Secretary-Treasurer Garland Guilfoyle, Newport.

A mid-winter meeting will be held November 1-2 at Richmond, and the 1975 convention is scheduled for Princeton Lodge May 29-31.

THE CONVENTION of the South Carolina Elks Association was attended by 259 registered delegates on June 7-9 at Charleston.

As part of the annual gathering, a cruise of the Caribbean was sponsored by the state association with 150 persons participating.

Newly elected officers of the state association include State President Thomas Stanfield, Anderson; Vice-Presidents S. T. Gilbert, Florence and Herbert Haddon, Rock Hill, and Secretary-Treasurer David Craige, Charleston.

THE 35th SESSION of the North Carolina State Elks Association was held

Among those present for the annual convention of California-Hawaii Elks were then-GER Robert Yothers, now-GER Gerald Strohm, PGERs Horace Wisely, Robert Boney, and R. Leonard Bush, then-Grand Chap. Msgr. George Scott, then-SP Yubi Separovich, and Bob McLain, state piggy bank chairman.



News of the State Associations

Kathy Cawelti, the theme child of the California-Hawaii Elks major project, attended the state convention with her therapist, Barbara Jones. She received a standing ovation from members present including PSP Jim Nielsen, PGERs R. Leonard Bush, and Horace Wisely, then-GER Robert Yothers, John Clawson, major project administrator, and PSP Paul Haines.



PGER John Walker (second from left) congratulated newly elected SP David Cockman. (From left) Then-SP Kermit Hoffman, PGER Edward McCabe, and State Secy. A. J. Crane were also present for the annual convention of North Carolina Elks.



this year at Greensboro on May 24-25. Special guests present included PGER John Walker and PGER Edward McCabe, who was the principal speaker for the banquet.

Elected State President was David Cockman. His fellow officers are Vice-President-at-Large John Nichols Jr., Secretary A. J. Crane, and Treasurer Herbert Finck.

A fall meeting is planned in the city of Charlotte.

AT THE CONVENTION of Michigan Elks, State Americanism Chm. David Reinoehl presented a plaque to then-Vice President Gerald R. Ford, who is a member of Grand Rapids Lodge. President Ford was recognized for his service to America. There were 1,281 persons registered for this 69th annual convention hosted by St. Joseph Lodge.

The report of the major project was that 575 handicapped children were helped over the past year with the total donations from Michigan lodges of \$176,537.48. Muskegon Lodge, Plymouth Lodge and the Plymouth Elks' ladies were recognized for their contributions.

A total donation of \$98,944.23 came from Michigan Elks to the Foundation. Recognized for their participation were the members of Plymouth Lodge, Bay City Lodge, and Allen Park Lodge.

Midland Lodge, Ishpeming Lodge, and Kalamazoo Lodge received awards for lodge Americanism programs. State Americanism Chm. David Reinoehl and Fred Tornquist, public relations chairman and state bulletin editor, also received awards for their contributions to Americanism.

During the session, 32 scholarship

awards and six Youth Leadership awards were presented to the student winners. The state ritualistic contest was won by Ann Arbor Lodge.

Among the dignitaries present for the convention were PGER E. Gene Fournace, PGER Horace Wisely, Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Gerald Powell, and Ohio SP Sam Fitzsimmons.

Elected officers of the state association include SP Richard Abler, St. Joseph; VP-at-Large Cal Bjorne, Ishpeming; Secy. Albert Vernon, Detroit, and Treas. Howard Emerson, Jackson.

A fall conference is planned in October at Kalamazoo Lodge.

NATIONAL WINNERS of Elks scholarship awards, who were sponsored by two California Lodges, were present for the 59th annual convention of the California-Hawaii Elks Association at



Gathered on the ship for a Caribbean cruise which was part of the activities of the South Carolina Elks annual convention were Chm. C. H. Pinckney, PSP Walter Mitros, PSP J. W. Johnson, and SP Thomas Stanfield.



This year's first place ritualistic team at the Michigan Elks convention won all the trophies. The members of the team from Ann Arbor Lodge are PER Donald Laubengayer (front row, left), PER Edward Quirk (right), and (back row, from left) In. Gd. Mike Fairbanks, Chap. Russell Reuter, Est. Lect. Kt. John Douglass Jr., ER James Murray, Est. Lead. Kt. Patrick Howard, Est. Loyal Kt. John Hardesty, Esq. Keith Glasspoole, and John Hardesty Jr., candidate.



Welcoming guests to the annual convention of the Michigan Elks Association were (back row, from left) State Publicity Chm. Fred Tornquist, PGER E. Gene Fournace, PGER Horace Wisely, PSP James Dompierre, Grand Tiler Ray Creith, GL Judiciary Committeeman Raymond Arnold, DDGER Ray Vande Vusse, and (front row) Mrs. Fournace, Mrs. Wisely, Mrs. Dompierre, St. Joseph ER Donald Krajecki, Mrs. Abler, wife of now-SP Richard Abler, Mrs. Shoemaker, wife of then-SP Ralph Shoemaker, Mrs. Creith, Mrs. Arnold, DDGER Leslie Anderson, and DDGER George MacMillan.

Anaheim May 15-18. Youth Leadership contest winner Agnes Kinsella, sponsored by El Cajon Lodge, and Most Valuable Student Susan Woelfl, sponsored by Anaheim Lodge, were honored at the session.

The traditional Exalted Rulers march produced \$759,008 for the major project. Kathy Cawelti, the project's theme child, was welcomed at the convention.

Then-GER Robert Yothers and PGER Robert Boney were among the 5,545 members and ladies present.

SP Yubi Separovich presided over the convention, turning over the gavel to the new State President, Dan Davis, of Van Nuys Lodge, at the end of the session.

The 1975 convention will be hosted by Sacramento Lodge May 14-17.

ALEXANDRIA was the site of the 70th annual convention of the Minnesota Elks Association June 13-16. PGER Francis Smith of Sioux Falls, S. D. joined more than 225 delegates at the

session.

A new budget of \$25,900 was adopted for the next year by the state association plus \$20,000 for the youth camp in Brainerd which is the state major project. It was reported that Minnesota lodges awarded a total of \$10,500 in scholarships during the past year.

Installed as State President was Victor Angerhofer of St. Paul. Other officers elected are Vice-Presidents Robert Sandhofer, Duluth; John Berglund, Willmar; Donald Ritland, Austin; Joseph Gagnon Jr., Hopkins; State Secy. George Carlson, Cottage Grove, and Treas. Wayne Searle, Rochester.

Host for the 1975 convention will be Bemidji Lodge.

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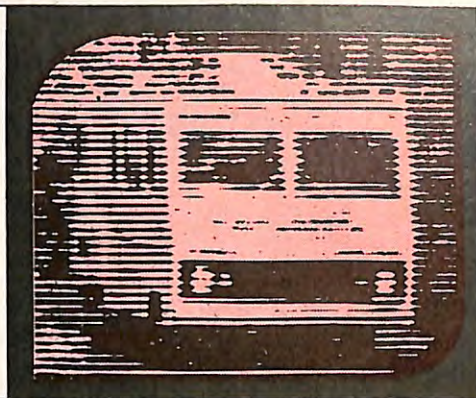
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SPORTS ACTION

by Don Bacue



ALL THE AMENITIES OF HOME

So I sit amid the hills of Kettle Moraine, one of Wisconsin's most scenic wilderness areas. All around, campers nestle into their sites for the evening. It is only mid-week, but already empty space is a comedy. Those who once filled campsites over the weekend have restructured their lifestyles, now . . . more leisure time, less demanding jobs . . . and they make the most of it.

The difference at campsites today as compared to 10 years ago is that once the *tent campers* were the "powder puffs" of the fields and the *backpackers*—armed only with enough food to see them through the day and a single sleeping bag to carry them through the night—were the "rough-its." Today, it is hard to find a backpacker who pitches the sky for his tent; and even tenters are dwindling. The real news in camping is the burgeoning rank of motor home, camper, and trailer buffs. These days, it is hard to find a camp that does not boast at least one vehicle-mounted TV antenna. And that tells better than anything how the age-old art of camping has changed.

It would be far too easy to sit back and curse "progress," or whatever label you want to slap on its belly. We can also mourn the passing of the five-cent cigar, which all these years, alas, permit me to recall. Ahh, but on a night such as this I don't feel like mourning or cursing at all. Indeed, there's just no need.

Recreational vehicles have unblocked the road to an exciting, invigorating, stimulating lifestyle for millions of Americans who might otherwise have missed its joys. And in a society whose inhabitants search desperately—often fruitlessly—for the real meaning of life and all the everyday delights it holds, can that be so bad?

The true joy of RVs is that their owners can be as rustic and "woody" as they choose—or as sophisticated as their needs dictate. Once, while motor homing through Michigan, I shared a campfire with a Harvard man and his wife. As John Fitzgerald Kennedy's voice filtered through a radio plugged into the trailer tent, the man pulled three pre-chilled glasses from his generator-run freezer and topped them with the finest 8-to-1 martinis I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. We sipped them—and several more exactly like them—before a picturesque campfire which crackled and blazed long into the night. The fire was no accident. The man had spent years

learning how to build one exactly to his liking—which included scouring the woods for dead, still standing white oak trees which he'd ferret out with deadly accuracy, then fell and cut into kindling inside of 30 minutes. And that is my point.

Certainly RVs today offer all the amenities of home . . . and then some. But they also offer the serious camper the opportunity of taking his wife and family—no matter how young or how old—out in nearly any weather. If the RVer wants to rough it a night or two, or all trip long, he can sleep under the stars, wash beneath the water spigot, beat his soiled clothes against a rock in that nearby babbling brook. But when he chooses to escape the insects or the rain, the heat or the bone-chilling fall-through-winter cold, he can do that, too.

No, there'll be no cursing and mourning over the changing shape of camping in this column. RVs merely enable man to meld the best of old and new into a distinctly pleasurable—and personalized—experience. And that, it seems to me, is what camping was meant to do in the first place.

Next month: the results of a two-week TRAVCO motor home road test.



Idaho

Cares



□ In the middle thirties the Idaho State Elks Association determined that there was a need for a temporary home for Idaho's convalescent children experiencing reconstructive surgery. These children were unable to go home but were not in need of the more complete services of a hospital.

World War II brought to a halt most volunteer efforts, but the idea remained; and in the late forties a hospital facility was actually constructed. The need for care of Idaho's polio epidemic victims had pressed the issue. A local Boise hospital was attempting to handle all polio patients, but when they passed the infectious stage they had to be placed in other care facilities in the community in order to make more room.

Opening the doors to assist in this poliomyelitis crisis with thirty-eight beds, the forerunner of the present Elks Rehabilitation Hospital was a wooden building labeled the Elks Convalescent Home for Children. Very soon they had 95 patients.

The facility rapidly grew from a polio treatment center with rehabilitation nurses and physical therapy to occupational therapy, speech and hearing therapy, and special education, and then added a preschool educational service. The services of a social worker were added, and for the past two years the hospital has had a full-time medical director.

Growth of the hospital continues to advance as the population of the area increases and doctors become more aware of the services and make more referrals both for out-patient and bed-patient services.

Physical construction of the plant facilities has developed as the need for medical services warranted; and in 1954, it was obvious that a more comprehensive rehabilitation hospital was
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The Elks Rehabilitation Hospital offers physical and occupational therapy, speech audiology and pathology, childrens programs, social services, and rehabilitation nursing to patients. The institution is licensed for 38 beds and currently has about 120 out-patients monthly.



POSTAL CARD

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A postcard cost a penny back in 1951 and usually was delivered the next day. Today, it costs eight times as much and delivery time has provoked public consternation and several official investigations.

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There's a message there, we think, for Congressmen considering, among other things, the creation of a Federal Oil and Gas Corporation (FOGCO).

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One would spell out who has access to what pipelines. Another would insist that only certain companies be allowed to bid jointly for federal oil and gas leases. A third would define who could participate in specific industry activities, such as refining or marketing.

This kind of pervasive, heavy-handed regulation would strike hard at American consumers. They would have to pay for government-imposed inefficiency and fragmentation, in the form of higher prices for petroleum products.

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needed. The funds required for constructing and equipping a complete new facility in a more convenient location were collected. In 1957, the new Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital was dedicated.

Then again in 1972, the demands by the community were so great that another expansion was necessary. Completed this past year, the modern, airy hospital presently has more than 47,500 square feet of floor space. It is the most complete rehabilitation facility in the state.

The Elks Hospital is supported financially by many individuals and various groups in the area it serves. The largest contributors are the Idaho Elks Lodges. Three dollars of every Elk's annual dues goes to support the facility. Also annual benefit sales, auctions, and payments for services received contribute to the financial subsistence of the institution. About 50% of the patients are eligible for Medicare.

Over the years, a general policy of the Grand Lodge of the National Elks Association has been to encourage state Elks associations to develop charitable projects. The Idaho Elks started planning for their charitable endeavor 40 years ago—today they have one of the most financially valuable charitable

projects of any state Elks association in the nation...and are proud of it.

Geographically speaking, about 50% of the patients are from the immediate area of Treasure Valley, which is about a 50-mile radius from Boise. The other patients are generally from Idaho or the surrounding states; although the hospital has treated many patients from distant places who have been informed about the facility by relatives and friends.

The hospital is considered a short-term medical facility with the average stay about 25 days. A current monthly check of out-patients averages about 20 people. The hospital is licensed for 38 beds. About 30 neurologically impaired children are attending the special education programs.

Admittance is based on whether the treatment can be beneficial to the individual. Someone desiring to enter the Elks Hospital does not need to be sponsored or endorsed by an Elks member. But all patients must be referred to the hospital by a doctor. Lack of funds make a patient eligible for "guest list" vacancies.

Diagnosis of causes-of-admittance indicate that the highest number of patients have fractures to the lower extremities; second are victims of strokes; spinal cord injuries are third; with amputee admissions fourth. Generally

speaking, car and motorcycle accidents are the most difficult to work with and provide the biggest challenge for staff members.

The rehabilitation of a patient on a social level is done through the help of the hospital's social worker, the staff, and the other patients. In a healthy manner, the staff jokes with patients and develops a relationship which allows patients to openly express feelings about their disabilities. There is an interaction of competition between the patients that builds up confidence on a social level. The social worker begins planning for the patient's discharge the day he is admitted by working with both family and patient.

The Elks Hospital provides a light, cheery atmosphere for its occupants and the staff participates in picnics, bingo games, Easter egg hunts, wheelchair volleyball games, and other entertainment. Both a senior and junior volunteer program exist at the hospital, and their involvement with the patients and assistance to the staff is of immeasurable value.

A good example of the thanks and appreciation that the Elks facility has received over the years is the case of Chuck and Doris Tyson. For the past 17 years on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, Chuck and Doris have sponsored a rodeo at which the admission is a donation to the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital.

In a country where rodeos are popular forms of recreation for cowboys and professional participants and thrilling entertainment for audiences, this Easter Sunday event is not unusual except that this rodeo is a special tribute to the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, Idaho. This rodeo is an expression of appreciation to the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital for treatment and care given to Charlene Tyson, the 18-year-old daughter of the Tysons. Charlene is a victim of cerebral palsy and for many years received treatment at the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital.

The rodeo at the Tysons' Reynolds Creek ranch at Murphy, Idaho, attracts participants from Oregon, Washington, Nevada, California, and Idaho to contest in calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, and cow cutting. The first rodeo netted \$90 in 1957; this past Easter \$800 was donated. A total of more than \$7500 has been contributed by the Tysons over the years.

Administrator Richard Williams, who has been with the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital for twenty-one years, expresses the general feeling of the hospital when he says, "This hospital exists so that each and every individual admitted may advance to the highest level of achievement within the limits of his disability." ■

Obituaries

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY William P. Daley, an honorary life member of Woburn, Mass., Lodge, died May 23, 1974.

He served the lodge as Exalted Ruler, Secretary, and Trustee, and became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the North District in 1963-1964.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Harry Harder, who was a member of Muscatine, Iowa, Lodge, died July 4, 1974.

He served the lodge as Exalted Ruler and became State Vice-President. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District in 1947-1948.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Lester J. Hamilton, a member of Porterville, Calif., Lodge, died June 24, 1974.

Brother Hamilton was Exalted Ruler of the lodge in 1948-1949 and became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East Central District in 1954-1955.

PAST GRAND LODGE COMMITTEEMAN Herman J. Salz, who was a member of Woodward, Okla., Lodge, died July 14, 1974.

He served the lodge as Exalted Ruler for the years 1937-1939, became State President in 1947-1948, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West District in 1948-1949.

Brother Salz served as Chairman of the GL Lodge Activities Committee in 1953-1954.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Carl Richard Heiser, who was a member of Hannibal, Mo., Lodge, died June 13, 1974.

He served the lodge as Exalted Ruler and Trustee, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast District in 1960-1961.

PAST GRAND ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT S. Glen Converse, who was a member of Lansing, Mich., Lodge, died recently.

Brother Converse served the lodge as Exalted Ruler in 1940-1941, became State Vice-President, State President, and served as State Treasurer.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast District in 1949-1950 and was elected Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight for the year 1961-1962.



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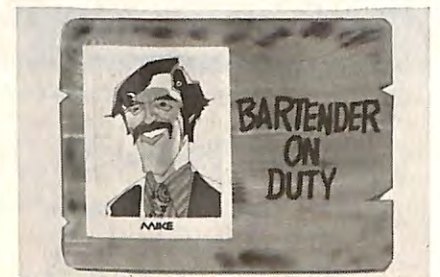


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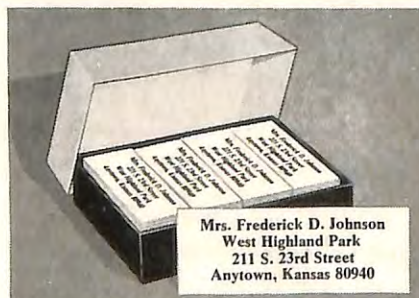


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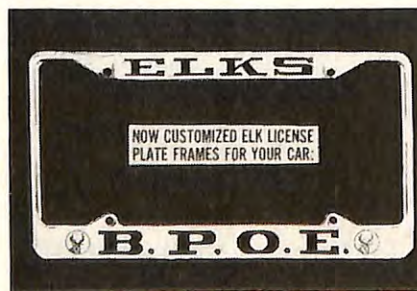
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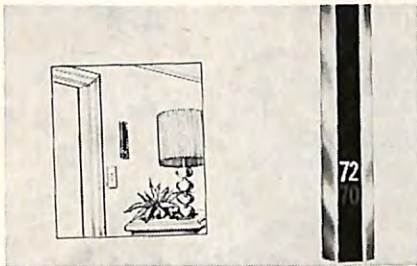


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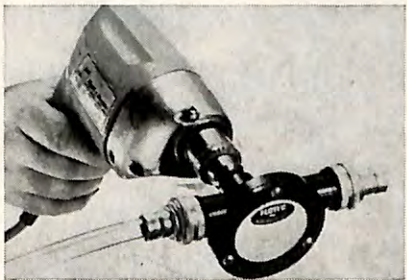
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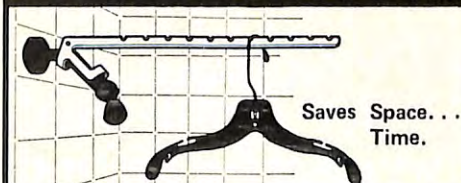


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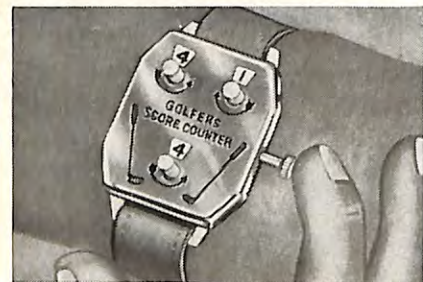
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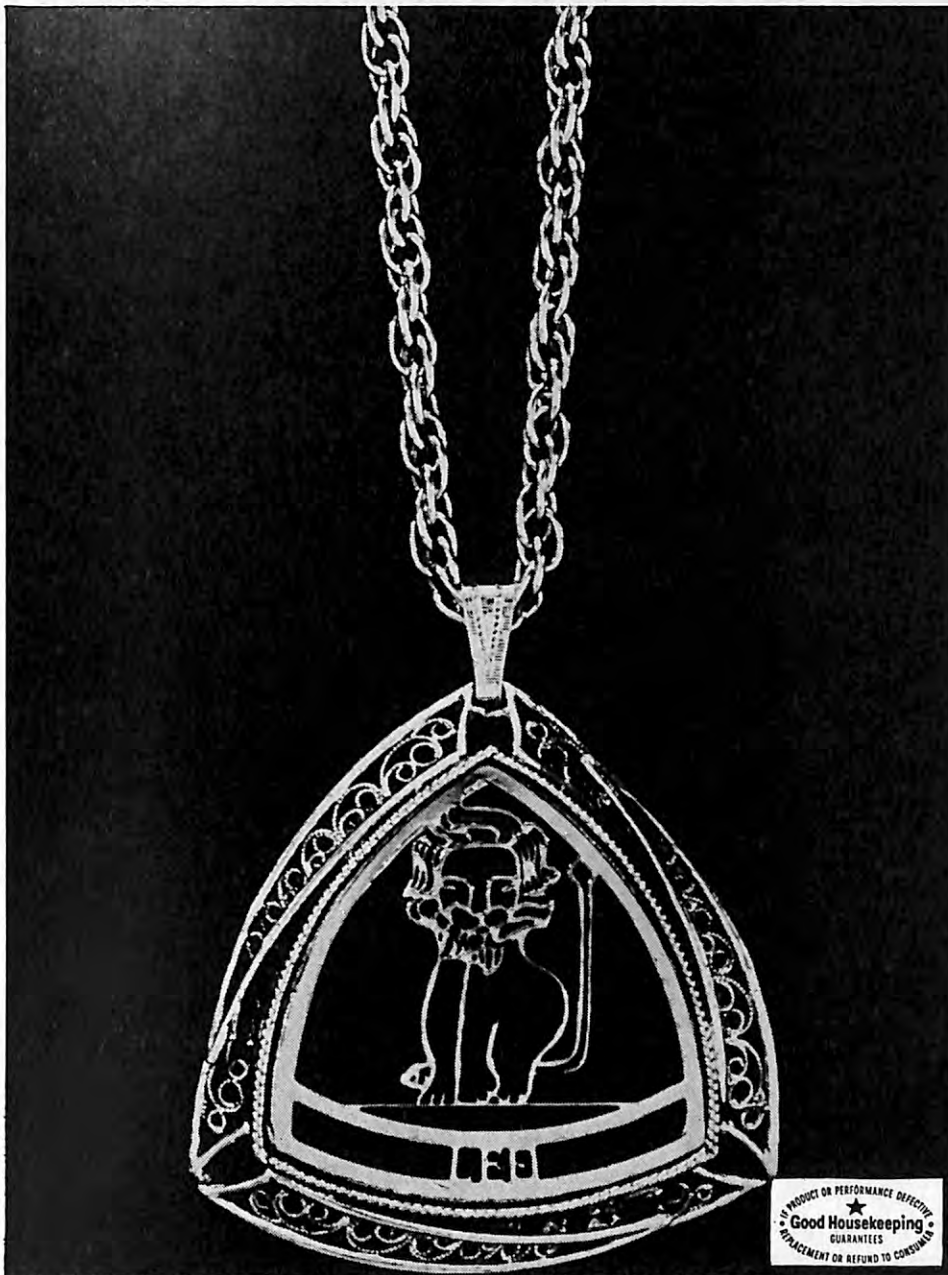
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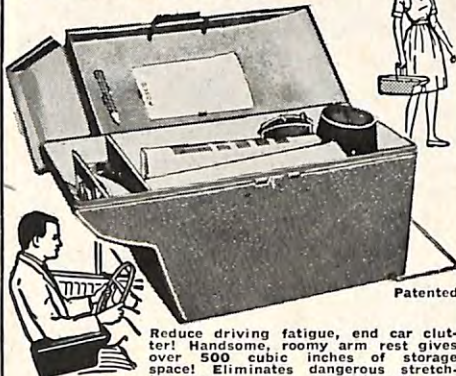
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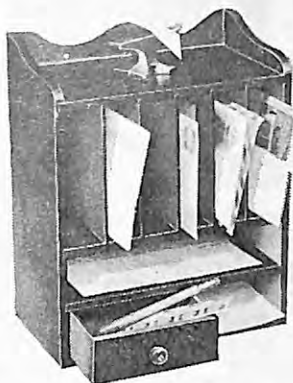
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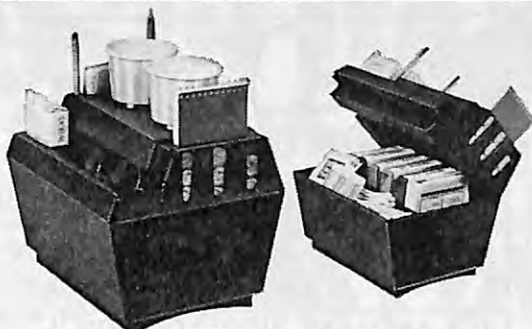
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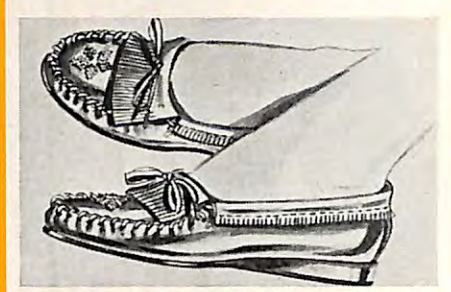


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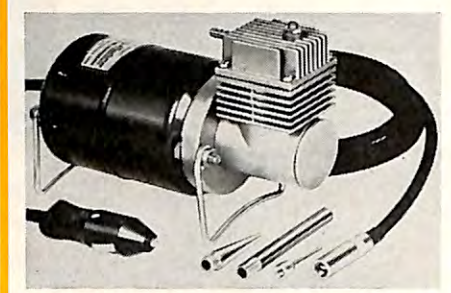
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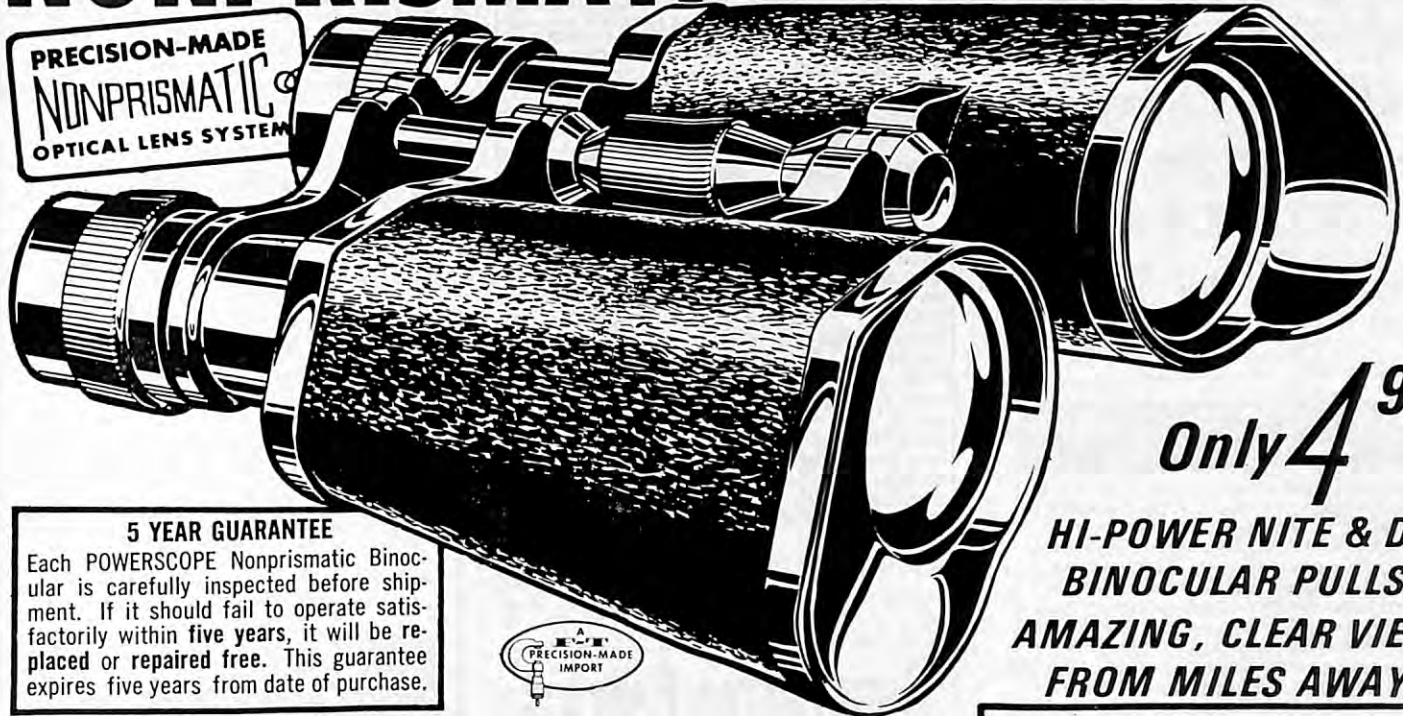


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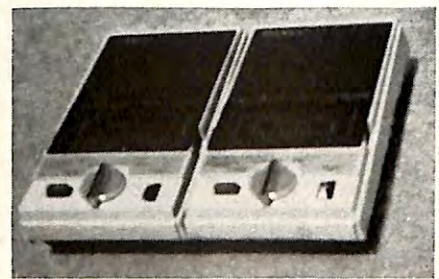
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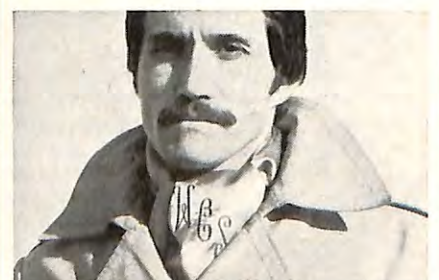
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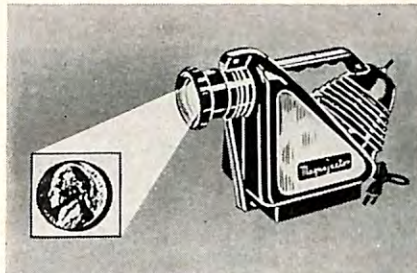
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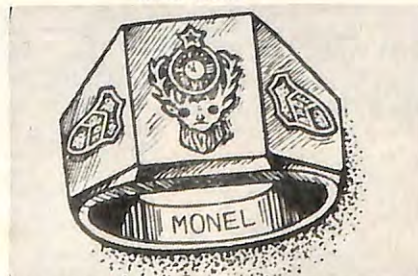
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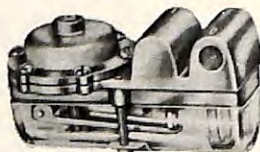
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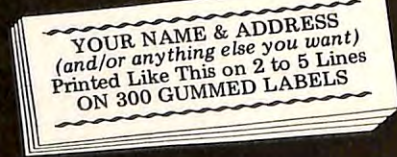
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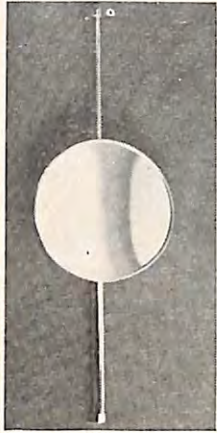


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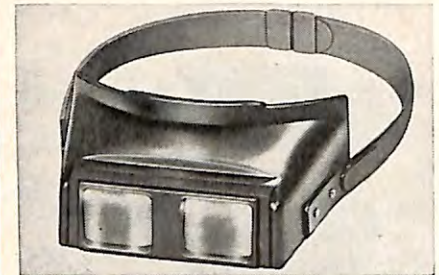
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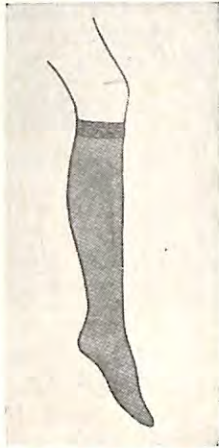
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A Touch of Magic (Continued from page 28)

son. You may dance for us, Benson, to keep your injured leg from becoming stiff."

That was to be the pattern. That and the mocking laughter, the insults, the foot that snaked between his ankles and sent him sprawling as he passed with lard-tins of water from the stream.

He was their amusement while they rested and planned their next kidnapping. This time it was to be the teenage daughter of the American ambassador. Hour after hour the baiting continued and the torment worsened. Almost more than he could bear.

El Brujo, performing card tricks for his men at an evening campfire, crooked a finger to summon Benson to the gathering. "You may watch, *Senor* Correspondent. Perhaps you will learn something, eh?" And after half an hour of tricks: "Now then, *senor*, you wish to try?"

"You know I can't do your tricks."

"But you know how I do them, eh? With misdirection." El Brujo's laugh boomed through the camp. "Come here, *yanqui*. Take a card."

Knowing what would happen—knowing, too, what would happen if he refused—Benson leaned forward. And, of course, it happened. As his fingers

touched the cards, the iron-hard toe of El Brujo's boot exploded against the splint on his leg.

"That, *senor*, is misdirection!"

The camp rocked with mirth.

Now, though, it was over. For three days he had been their slave, spat on and jeered at while he obeyed their orders. And always kicked—kicked on the splinted leg where they knew it would hurt the most. But now, at last, government troops had learned of the raid on the village and were in pursuit again. In an hour, perhaps less, El Brujo and his gang would be moving on.

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more than inches away
from his hand . . .

"They should find Senor Benson hanging from a tree, I think. It will give them something to talk about in the capital."

Swinging the shirt he'd rewashied, Benson limped up from the stream. For the first time since his capture,

no one was watching him. The men were busy bundling up their possessions in preparation for departure. He moved to his right and halted a yard short of the cliff's edge.

From the start, the campsite had been the number one object of his attention. It jutted from the mountainside like a ship's prow above the sea-green valley. As he stood there looking down, the ship's superstructure was a sheer wall of rock behind him. The port rail was the stream, swift and deep as it tensed itself for its long leap to the valley floor. The starboard rail was a row of rude shelters where the men slept.

There was but one way into or out of the camp. That was through the shelters, some of which were always occupied by men sleeping, eating, or drinking. And no man's rifle was ever more than inches from his hand.

At the moment, the men were busy. Benson's foot—the one without the splint—reached through the grass for a lard tin he had dropped there yesterday. It was half full of small stones from the stream. As he turned away, he kicked it.

The tin skidded over the cliff's edge to land thirty feet below, with a clatter, on a ledge of rock.

It could have been anything, that sound. El Brujo's men could be sure only that an alien noise had come from below. They reacted as hunted men had to react. Snatching their rifles, they rushed forward. El Brujo himself led the rush.

Now!

Benson's hands flashed downward to his leg and ripped off the splint that had so long hobbled him. He leaped forward in full flight. Before the first howl went up behind him, he was at the shelters.

By the time the bullets began searching for him, he had put the shelters behind him and was racing down the trail.

No man in El Brujo's camp could catch Mark Benson on that trail. For that matter, none dared to attempt it. The trail led to the valley where government troops were advancing.

As he ran, Benson rehearsed what he would say to El Brujo when the troops, with the information he would give them, brought the terrorist in. "Simple misdirection," he would say with a justified grin. "Your own neatest trick, *amigo*. No, no not the lard tin filled with stones. That was strictly an amateur bit and you were stupid to fall for it. I mean the leg, friend. When you captured me I had a bad leg, sure, but *not that one*. All the time you were banging away at the wrong leg, the really bad one was healing." ■

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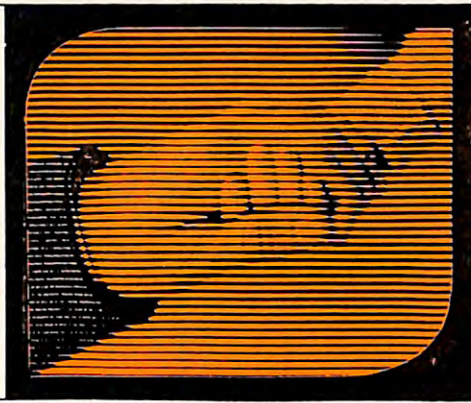
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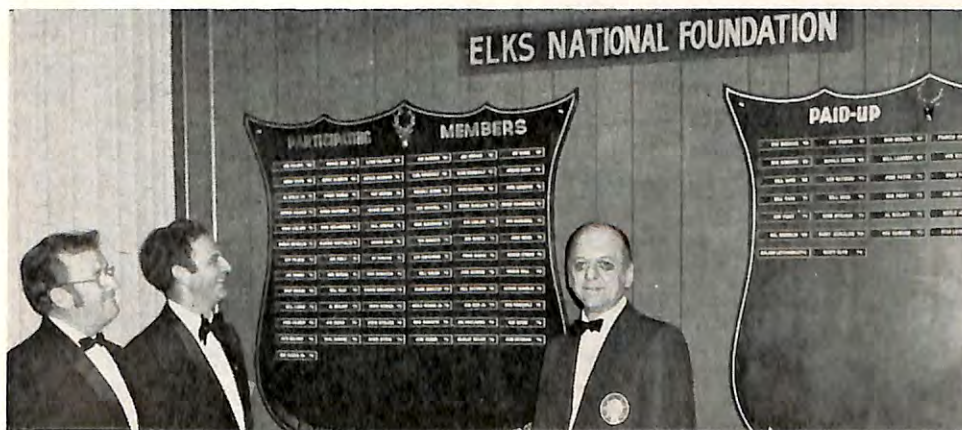
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Participating membership certificates and pins were presented to several members of Walla Walla, Wash., Lodge recently. With the group were Foundation Chm. Thomas Shearer (front row, left) and immediate PER Richard Moore (right).



Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Lodge recently recognized one honorary founder and several participating members in the Foundation. They are immediate PER Stanley Turowski, Leo Lominski, Frank Manning, Frank Bates, Chm. Frank Durney, Charles Chimento, Tiler Leo Parenteau, Howard Soules, PER William Amato, now-ER Murwin DeGroot, Edward Ose, James McCollum, Esq. Thomas McNiff, and Jules Shayo.



Plaques to record participating and paid-up members in the Elks National Foundation were made by Trustee Roland Letourneau (left) and presented to Lewiston, Maine, Lodge. Admiring the new Foundation board were immediate PER Harry Mickaide (right) and Foundation Chm. Noel Poulin.

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Devil Winds (Continued from page 30)

possible to reach location, or put out a fire which has advanced ahead of the main body of the fire.

Developed by the Los Angeles County Fire Department is the "Helicopter Attack" concept of brush and mountain fire fighting. With this strategy, fleets of helicopters work with precision to move in men and equipment and water to stop a fire before it gets a strong start. Watching such an attack is thrilling (and something many Californians have done from freeways through brush country) as chopper after chopper sweeps into drop water and Phos-chek with pinpoint accuracy on beginning fires. One by one, spaced exactly, they come, then come the men. A copter lands, and a highly

skilled helitak crew rushes about with each man knowing exactly what he is to do to combat the fire.

Hundreds of potentially disastrous mountain fires are killed before they get a start with this precision technique.

At long last, the arson squad moves in to learn why the fire started in the first place so that the next time things will be different. Smoking is not allowed in mountain areas during the fire season in California, not even in cars or campsites. Was it an illegal smoker? Maverick campers, people intent on protecting and using the environment to its best advantage, often disregard warnings in their own belief that they know more than the officials,

and they accidentally start bad fires. Lightning, somewhat rare in Southern California but still a problem in dry areas, begins fires. Arsonists and vandals begin fires. Sometimes the smell of gasoline is heavy around the area where the fire started, and occasionally a container might even be found. The terrible Big Sur fire was started by a hitchhiker who built a campfire back off the road in an area dry as tinder.

Occasionally there are witnesses to these accidental or intentional deeds, and long jail terms result.

But no jail term can pay for the heartbreak and staggering loss of a mountain brush fire, or stop them. For each year the devil winds come when the highs form in the Northwest, and men can only prepare to fight the fires they know are coming. ■

South Seas Serenity (Continued from page 16)

landed on the island, Germany invaded France and Rittmeister, still a German citizen, became French Tahiti's lone prisoner of war. Well, it wasn't so bad. Part of the time he was left alone while his guard went into Papeete to get drunk. Nothing is taken too seriously in Tahiti, not even a war. Besides, everyone liked Rittmeister and anyway there was no fighting—at least not on

Tahiti. Afterward, with the war ended, Rittmeister remained in the South Seas. Now he lives on Tetiaroa in a thatch hut beside the lagoon, and each morning when he awakens he walks out his front door and dives into the water, a big blond man with eyes the color of the lagoon itself. Rittmeister is a man with a huge soul, and perhaps his search for a meaning to life will be

realized in Brando's world.

"What Marlon wants to do here . . . it's a tremendous challenge . . ." he said, ". . . one of the most difficult things ever done . . . and one of the most inspiring." He stood alone in a huge planter's hat, dark glasses deflecting the glare of the sun, watching while we climbed into an air taxi to return to Tahiti. As we circled he waved, a contented man, and so, I suspect, is Brando—that is, whenever he can return to Tetiaroa.

Back in Tahiti the modern buildings rose against the twilight sky as we landed at Faaa Airport. Motor scooters sputtered through the streets and canned music blared from a waterfront restaurant. Years ago I flew down to this island on the very first jet. Tahitian girls in grass skirts with long silken hair kissed the passengers and hung leis around their necks. Afterward they danced, and the air was heavy with the sweet scent of frangipani. Now there is a modern jet airport, and just recently someone built another new hotel on the waterfront, this one called the Kon Tiki. It is ghastly, a seven-story concrete high-rise. On the other hand, Travel Lodge has completed a new \$11 million hotel near the airport with over-water bungalows and thatch roofs to provide the proper Tahitian atmosphere. They face the sea on one side and a couple of man-made islands in a do-it-yourself lagoon on the other. But the lagoon and the islands look for all the world as if they had always been there. So in many ways Tahiti hasn't changed, really. There are still the same flower-strewn paths, the narrow country lanes and the open buses which rumble by, filled with singing Tahitians.

This is the old Tahiti and if it ever changes, well, there's always Brando's hideaway—or you could go to Rarotonga and sip Red Hackle with Capt. Andy. ■



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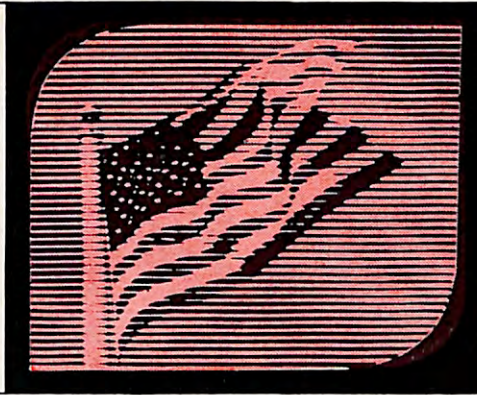
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State Vets Chm. J. Edward Lofton (center) presented leather to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Charleston, S. C. At the presentation were (from left) Linda Johnson, Red Cross worker, Brother L. Cavaliere, Capt. C. W. Bramlett, hospital executive officer, and Lt. O. Watkins, director of the hospital occupational therapy department.



Nine hundred deer hides and one bear hide were donated this past year by Eureka, Calif., Lodge to the local VA hospital. With the collection were (from left) immediate PER Charles Davis, Chm. Frank Mills, Co-chm. John Tausch, and Frank Bisio, who stored the hides.



Beginning his 31st year of work with veterans at the Minneapolis, Minn. VA Hospital is Hospital Chm. Ted Altier, who will retire at the end of this fiscal year. In his career of service to veterans, Brother Altier has collected and delivered 40,000 books, 77 bundles of leather, and other items for patients to use. He has also arranged 854 entertainment programs for the veterans, often acting as the MC.

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A TESTIMONIAL DINNER was held by Paterson, N. J., Lodge to honor a 57-year member, PER Leo Eirich, for his 20 years of service to the county cerebral palsy center. Brother Eirich (seated) was named an honorary trustee of the center and presented a plaque by (from left) PDD Joseph Wallace, then-ER Howard Lotterman, and Dr. Joseph Di Stefano, center chairman.

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CONTRIBUTIONS to the Foundation from Rumford, Maine, Lodge have totaled \$590 so far this year. State Foundation Chm. John Koris (left) and lodge committeeman Andy Richards report that the lodge averaged 25% of its membership as participants in the Foundation.



IN RECOGNITION of his 60 years of volunteer service, Brother Louis Wills of Brooklyn, N. Y., Lodge was recently presented with an American Red Cross award. Brother Wills is the second oldest member of the lodge.



TWO TEAMS have been sponsored in the little league by East Hartford, Conn., Lodge. With the team members and the coaches on opening day were State Youth Chm. Francis Reinholz (third from left) and Lodge Chm. Michael Kiro (fourth).



AMONG the 103 candidates initiated recently into Chicopee, Mass., Lodge were three members of the Rueli family. Frank Rueli Jr. (second from left), son of Chap. Frank Rueli (left), Joseph Rueli Jr. (fourth from left), and Joseph Rueli (right) were welcomed by then-ER Charles Wilson.



SIX MEMBERS with 50 years or more service to Elkdom were honored by Hanover, Pa., Lodge on Old Timers' Night. (From left) ER Ray Swartz congratulated Brothers Paul Garrett, Ralph Hoffacker, Luke Rohrbaugh, Austin Myers, W. Cyril Smith, and Ralph Fox, who together represent 338 years of membership in the B.P.O. Elks.



FIVE NEW EAGLE SCOUTS from Troop No. 23 were given flags and certificates by North Attleboro, Mass., Elks, who also made a contribution to the troop. (From left) ER Guistino Marsella made the presentation to Scouts Damon Hobson, Roy Howard, Edward Paul, Charles Klepadlo, and Brad Gallotta as lodge members watched.



NAMED Teenagers of the Month by Lake Wales, Fla., Lodge were high school students Douglas White and Holly Holman.



PLANTATION, Florida, Lodge recently initiated one of its largest classes. Then-ER Dominic Gabriel conducted the ceremony.

A CLASS was initiated into Fairfield, N. J., Lodge and dedicated to Brother Thomas Masterson, a 50-year member of the lodge. Brother Masterson (center), who has served the lodge as a trustee and the crippled children's chairman, received a 50-year pin from ER Stephen Riordan (left) while Esq. William Wey observed.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR was the honor bestowed on Thomas Ehrhart (third from left) by Union, N. J., Lodge in recognition of his contributions to the community. Presenting him with a certificate were (from left) then-ER Curtis Rand, Americanism Chm. John Dvorsky, Mayor Anthony Russo, and Brothers Gennaro Petti and John Zimmerman.



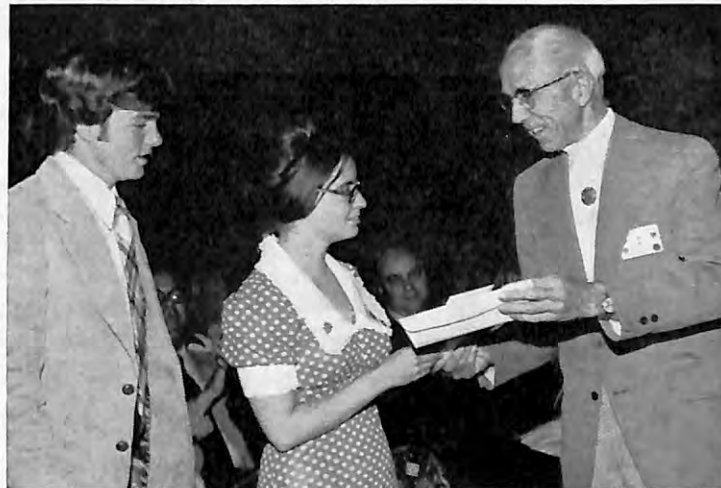
AT A DINNER attended by 240 members and guests, Brother Joseph Charron (left) was honored by Woonsocket, R. I., Lodge as Elks' Man of the Year. He received a plaque from Brother Joseph Barbrie (right) while DDGER John Barton watched.



A GIFT of leather hides was presented to the Denver VA Hospital by Littleton and Englewood, Colo., Lodges. Glen Hall (right), hospital vets director, accepted the hides from (from left) Vets. Chm. John Kreiling, committee-man Vito LaRocco, Est. Loyal Kt. Charles Williamson, Est. Lect. Kt. Gregory LePak, Est. Lead. Kt. Ray Dreble, all of Littleton Lodge, Englewood Vets Chm. Bob Badger, and Littleton committeeman Glen Johnson.



IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Lodge sponsored a special ceremony for new Eagle Scout Bob Commander. ER Lynn Whitmill congratulated Bob, who is a member of Troop No. 387 which is sponsored by the Elks.



SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded to two Vista High School students by Vista, Calif., Lodge. Brother Leonard Oliver presented checks for \$100 each to Robert Long and Ginda Anfenon during a recent awards night.

HONORED as an outstanding student by Spokane Valley, Wash., Lodge was Susan Wilson. ER John Johnson (right) presented a scholarship check to Susan while Scholarship Chm. Willis Joynes and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, observed.

CHOSEN Mother of the Year by Sierra Vista, Ariz., Lodge was Maxine Thomas (second from left). Ruby Freed, president of the Elks' ladies, pinned a corsage on Mrs. Thomas, while ER Robert Bennett (right) and Chm. David Lindsay looked on.



Amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes

Adopted at Miami Beach, Florida, 1974

Summary Of Legislative Changes

It is customary for the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary who presided at the last legislative session of the Grand Lodge to briefly report on legislative changes through *The Elks Magazine*, at the earliest opportunity. Many of the changes effected at the 1974 Session of the Grand Lodge in Miami involved Grand Lodge procedures and housekeeping changes which do not directly affect the Subordinate Lodges and a general summary of those should suffice. Thus, the fixed dollar amount of the statutory salary of the Grand Secretary (Section 29) requiring formal amendment of the statute to make any change, was abandoned in favor of the more flexible provision leaving the amount to the Board of Grand Trustees. Inflation compelled a twenty-five cent increase in the annual subscription rate for *The Elks Magazine*. Reference to the former one dollar per year rate in Sections 144 and 178 were deleted. The mileage rate of ten cents per mile allowed to District Deputies for official Lodge visits, Section 48, Sub-Sec. 9, became out-moded and inadequate in the face of sixty-cent gasoline and generally increased travel costs. The allowance was raised to fifteen cents per mile.

Amendments which will directly affect Subordinate Lodges after August 10, 1974, may be capsulated as follows:

Attendance Of Officers At District Deputy Clinics:

By amendment to the appropriate section defining the duties of Subordinate Lodge officers, it is now provided that the Exalted Ruler (Section 123), the Leading Knight (Section 124), the Secretary (Section 125) and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (Section 128) "shall attend all officially called District Deputy Clinics for his Lodge unless excused for good cause shown to the District Deputy with jurisdiction."

Copy Of Audit Report To District Deputy:

Section 132, Grand Lodge Statutes, has previously provided that a Lodge must send a copy of its audit report to the Grand Secretary and to the Area Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Auditing and Accounting with jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary could not effectively use his copy and the Statute was amended to provide that such copy go to the District Deputy

with jurisdiction, who is on the ground and can promptly alert the proper supervisory officers and quickly assist any Lodge in financial difficulty. There is no change in the requirement that a copy go to the Auditing and Accounting Committee.

Elks National Foundation Committee:

Section 134 and its various subparts mandatorily requires each incoming Exalted Ruler to appoint eleven standing committees. Although The Elks National Foundation is undoubtedly the heart of our Order, no Committee provision for its promotion and nourishment had previously been made. A new Section 134k now requires the appointment annually of a standing Elks National Foundation Committee of not less than three members.

Attendance Of Subordinate Lodge Trustees At Lodge Meetings:

While Trustees are officers of the Lodge, the Committee on Judiciary ruled many years ago that the duties of Trustees did not necessarily require attendance at the Lodge meetings and that therefore a Trustee could not be removed from office for failure to attend Lodge meetings for two consecutive months. Officers and members of some Lodges have had strong feelings that the distinction was divisive and undermined the morale of officer groups.

To give Lodges which feel strongly on the matter some recourse, Section 119 of the Grand Lodge Statutes has been amended to provide that:

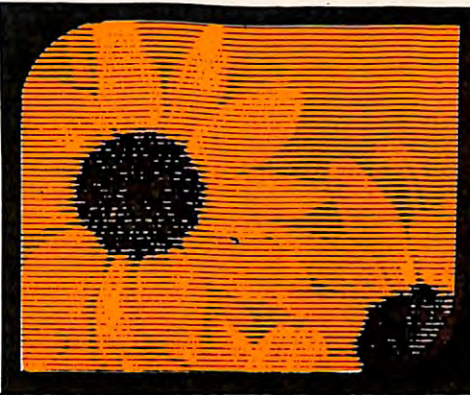
"A Lodge shall have power, by majority vote, to vacate the position of any officer, including a Trustee, who is absent from sessions of the Lodge or duty during two consecutive months of his term without good cause; . . ."

Any summary of legislation is hardly adequate for definitive action and those having specific problems prior to the publication of the 1974 Reissue of Statutes Annotated should write the Grand Secretary for the full text of the amendments.

EDWARD C. ALEXANDER
Chairman, Committee on Judiciary
1973-1974

BACKYARD GARDENER

by Jon Peterson



INDOOR GREENERY

Outdoor plants are a little bit of heaven. Walking down a garden path spiked with roses, daisies, marigolds, and geraniums, you lose yourself among some of Mother Nature's most beautiful creations. The problem with outdoor gardens, though, unless you're fortunate enough to live in a year-round temperate climate, is that once cold weather rolls around, *that is that*.

That's what makes *indoor* gardens especially attractive. In very limited space and under less than ideal natural lighting conditions, you can enjoy the lush rich greens, browns, reds, and purples of dozens upon dozens of plants . . . all year long, any time of night or day. Can you picture any more attractive addition to home or office?

One of the most popular indoor garden spas turns out to be a previously utilitarian



and generally "blah" part of the home—the bathroom. Most bathrooms maintain the amount of life-giving humidity so many house plants thrive on. If you happen to be blessed with an excessive amount of natural light from skylights or multiple windows, more power to you. If not, fluorescent lamps work nearly as well. They generate more beneficial light rays and less heat than incandescent bulbs; though you can effectively utilize incandescent spotlights, if placed far enough away from sensitive leaves, for dramatic plant accent.

Besides skylights and windows, mirrors are another way of brightening the room. They reflect existing light—making it available to more plants and from more directions—as well as "opening up" the room's spaciousness.

For a particularly striking effect, extend mirrors from floor to ceiling or wall to wall wherever feasible. A fairly economical means of installing mirrors is to buy

mirror squares and then mount them yourself.

Many other attractive wall coverings are available, too. Metallic papers can be positively dazzling (though a bit more expensive than most wallpaper) and great for your plants' health.

POLES.

Using poles to support and display your houseplants is an especially effective means of solving the usual bathroom space problem. Poles utilize little space and add the dimension of height to your display.

You might even choose two poles spanned by shelves and framing an existing window—or, in larger rooms, as an area divider. Or you can use single poles with special brackets to support short shelves or pie-shaped platform holders. Other poles have individual pot holders which can be placed at any height or position around the pole . . . especially useful in corners.

STANDS.

Interesting designs in modern plant stands make them attractive additions to most bathrooms . . . as well as functional. One style, the *etager*, is a free-standing unit that may be made of metal, plastic, or wood, with a series of shelves (choose glass shelves, if possible). Etageres come



in a variety of sizes and shapes, some with built-in lights.

Or consider wrought-iron plant stands with individual holders for pots. Many attractive designs and different sizes are available.

BRACKETS.

Many space and decorating problems can be solved by the use of wall brackets. Ornate brackets enclose a potted plant and become a decorative element in
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your room design. With a little shopping and some ingenuity, materials such as miniature baskets, small barrels, or large cans can be turned into handsome wall planters.

You can place your potted plant inside the decorative container and easily remove the pot for watering or other care. Or you can use a plastic or clay pot with self-contained saucer to catch drainage.

HANGUPS.

Hanging planters are nice to have. You'll find they come in nearly every shape, material, and style, suspended from chains, ropes, wires, and nearly invisible cords. Some are woven or wicker or macramed around pots of ceramic, glass, plastic, or clay. There are fancy ones complete with built-in lights, as well.

GARDEN IN A GLASS.

Terrariums, those miniature gardens artistically arranged in glass or plastic containers, are often laced with colored stones, figurines, or both. Small terrariums make great accent pieces for your garden bath. Larger ones may be used as a dominant element in your design. Globe-shaped terrariums may be placed hanging in holders designed to provide adequate light and easy viewing.

A terrarium won't keep its appearance indefinitely with its original plants, though. Expect to replace plants occasionally.

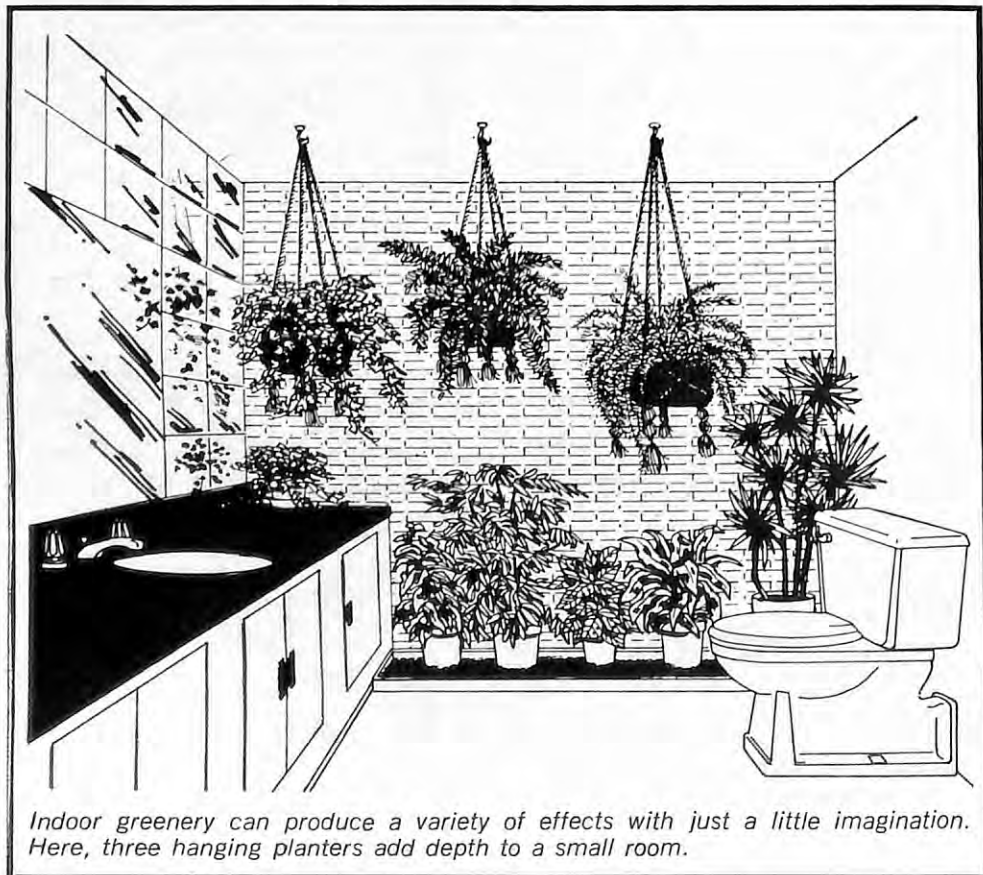
You don't have to contrast plant varieties for an attractive display. A group of identical plants massed together can create a dramatic effect, too.

Many trailing vines will actually grow better if provided with a support that lets them grow upward. The "climbing log" may be a moss stick, a length of weathered wood, or even wire mesh rolled to form a column and filled with sphagnum

moss. When watering, dampen both the soil and the log stick, which feeds moisture to the soil as needed.

For more information on arranging plants in your bathroom, send \$1.00 for the 32-page Garden Bath Book to Gerber Plumbing Fixtures Corp., Dept. CP, 4656 West Touhy Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646.

Next month: a look at ideal indoor plants.



Indoor greenery can produce a variety of effects with just a little imagination. Here, three hanging planters add depth to a small room.

Letters

(Continued from page 9)

• While reading through my father's copy of *The Elks Magazine*, an idea came to me. He has been an active member for twenty some years of the Wilkesburg Lodge in Pennsylvania. A few years back they discontinued giving scholarships because no one was applying for them.

I will soon be entering my third year at West Virginia University as a Speech Pathology and Audiology student. I have been on the Dean's list twice. I am greatly in need of a scholarship. If there are any other Elk lodges that have scholarships to give but no one to apply for them, I would appreciate their considering me as an applicant. It is a shame to see scholarship programs fizzle out when there are students such as myself who really are serious about school and the profession they are pursuing.

Thank you for considering my needs.

Mary Badali
Pittsburgh, PA

• I read with great interest the article entitled, "Beefalo," by Jean Ayres Hartley in the September issue.

As a Mobil Oil Company sales representative back in 1945, I had a customer of great repute called the "Hearts Delight Farm" in Chazy, New York. This farm was totally owned by the Miner Foundation, who headquartered in Chicago.

At that time, it was managed by a Mr. John Maslowski (either a Polish or Russian immigrant) who was a very innovative guy.

In addition to a large herd of several species of dairy cattle, they also had a herd of beef cattle (Black Angus) and a herd of Buffalo.

John started cross breeding the buffalo and angus back in 1945, and John's passing marked the end of the experiment as far as I know.

I saw many of the offspring and indeed partook of the meat which was very tasty.

Frank J. Noone
Greenwich, CN

• My husband, Donald A. Thomas, U.S. Coast Guard, has been an Elk of the Walla Walla Lodge since May of 1963. We are wondering if there is a scholarship fund set up for our children? Lynn, our daughter, graduated an Honor student. But, being as we live on an Indian Reservation while Don is stationed here at Annette, Alaska, and she is not a native, she is not entitled to a scholarship.

Any information you have would greatly be appreciated by Alan and myself. Thank you kindly.

Mrs. Donald Thomas
Annette Island, AK

While The Elks Magazine is not in a position to furnish the information you're seeking regarding the availability of scholarships, we have forwarded your letter to Mr. N. E. W. Stuart, Executive Director, Elks National Foundation, 2750 North Lakeview, Chicago, IL 60614, to whom all such requests should be sent.

EDITORIALS



All Lodge Secretaries . . . Pay Attention Please!

Within the next 3 months *The Elks Magazine* will be sending you a roster of your lodge as it now exists in the magazine's files. We URGE YOU to please read carefully the letter and instructions which will accompany the roster then take immediate action. In that way you will help us tremendously.

Over the years, the furnishing of an individual's membership number has been overlooked to some extent as it was not used as an integral part of our filing system. However, with the installation of our new computer system, this item assumes major importance as it will be used as one of the key codes in connection with producing an accurate mailing label for each member. As a matter of

fact there are three things we MUST have in all correspondence:

1. The lodge number.
2. Member's number from the lodge records.
3. Member's Zip Code number.

Of course, we also need other important information such as the member's complete name and mailing address, the city, state and as previously noted the applicable Zip Code number.

Brother Secretary, be on the lookout for your roster. When it arrives, PLEASE give it your careful attention, up-date your list and return it to the Magazine as soon as possible.

As usual, our sincere thanks for your cooperation.

did you know..



Elks lodges also sponsored and conducted refresher courses that qualified thousands of young men for flight training in WWII.

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asked for their help in securing engineers and Seabees. Once again the Elks responded in an effort that obtained the needed personnel three months ahead of schedule.

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The Elks National Service Commission spends over \$300,000 each year on its programs.

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During the Korean War, Elks contributed over 600,000 pints of blood for our wounded fighting men.

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In the early days of the Order, the Ritual provided for a password which was to be changed semi-annually. The practice continued for

several years and at one time it was changed each month. It was later changed to once a year and then in 1899 it was abandoned altogether.

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Helen Hayes, said by many to be the greatest actress in America today, attributes her entry into the theater to Elks. In an interview with Ed Sullivan she said: "Well, possibly I never would have been an actress if my father hadn't been an Elk; certainly if he hadn't been indirectly connected with the theater as chairman of the entertainment committee of his lodge in Washington."

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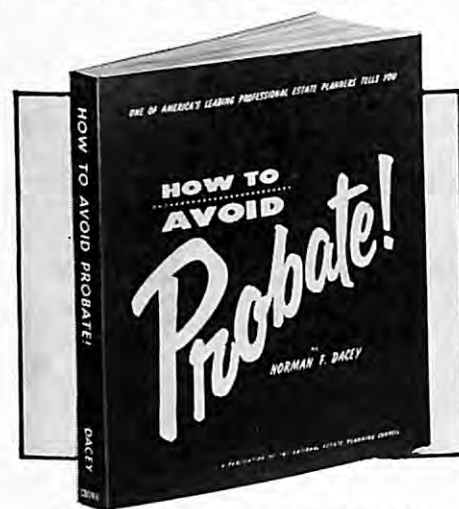
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