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**Enough
Energy
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America**



We've been tuning in on America and we like the realism on energy we're beginning to notice.

More people now seem to understand that our energy problems didn't end with last winter's gasoline lines. That reducing dependence on imports, which supply more than a third of the petroleum used in this country, will be a hard pull for a decade or longer. That, in the meantime, we've got to scramble for energy wherever we can get it here and abroad.

Yogi Berra's got the key word for what the effort will take. Teamwork. It does the job for baseball's New York Mets, most years anyway. And it's absolutely critical to greater energy security. Industry, government, environmentalists, consumers—working together instead of feuding.

Improving America's energy position will take a willingness to let the free market do its job. Missouri's Claudie McQuerry, the farmer in our circle, dislikes having to pay more for fuel. But he knows from growing corn that it takes realistic prices to offset rising production costs. And it requires time before price incentive brings in more production. In the petroleum business, the lag between finding and producing new oil and gas is often three years or more.

There's a need, too, for government restraint if the petroleum industry is to attract hundreds of billions of dollars in new investment to find, produce, and refine enough fuel for the decade ahead. Because nothing could hurt worse than excessive government interference. Today's acute shortage of natural gas, for example, traces directly to imposition of wellhead price controls on gas 20 years ago. They brought bargain-basement prices, stimulating demand while killing incentive to

look for new reserves.

If America's long-term energy position is to be sound, everyone must help:

Industry—supplying know-how, taking risks, raising unprecedented capital.

Government—setting durable ground rules, providing a sound investment atmosphere, slashing red tape, helping with research. There's need, for example, to clear the way for deepwater ports (so still-needed imports can be handled efficiently in very large tankers). It's vital, also, to end administrative delays blocking new oil and gas exploration off our coasts (where geologists think America's biggest undiscovered reserves may lie). In research, government can help make down-the-road fuels like solar energy and nuclear fusion commercially feasible; and help resolve the environmental problems in producing energy from the West's abundant coal and shale.

Environmentalists—they'll have to compromise, but not with their principles. Walt Welles, the sailing enthusiast in our circle, depends on diesel fuel and on petroleum derivatives like his maintenance-free plastic hull and quick-drying sails. But he's counting on advancing technology and strict regulation to minimize oil spills and other pollution. Oil companies can live responsibly with that kind of trade-off.

The consumer—he's got a role, too, nurturing that conservation ethic he learned in last winter's emergency. Making precious fuel stretch.

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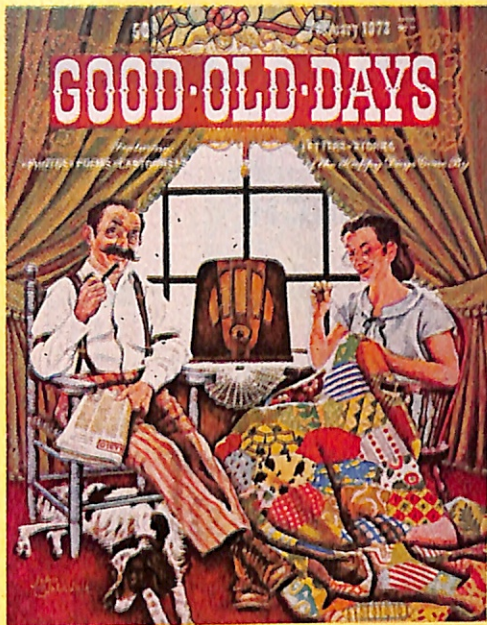
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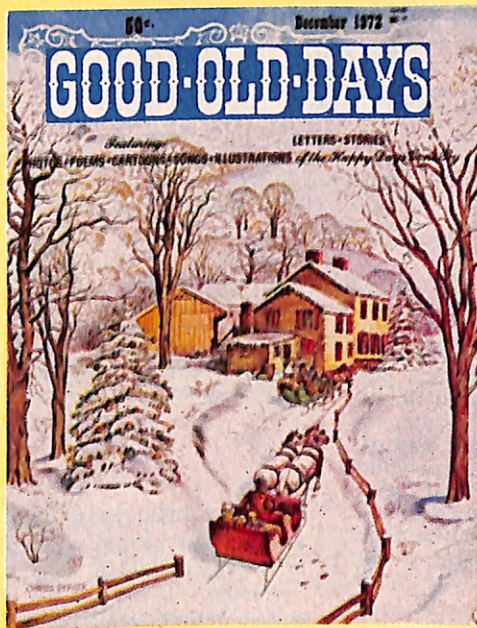
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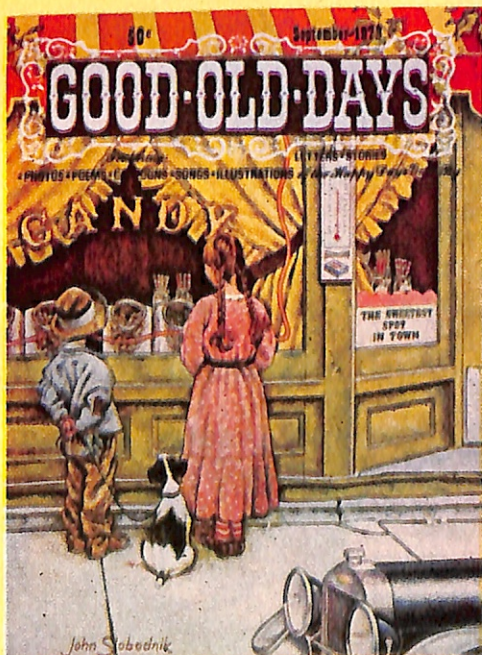
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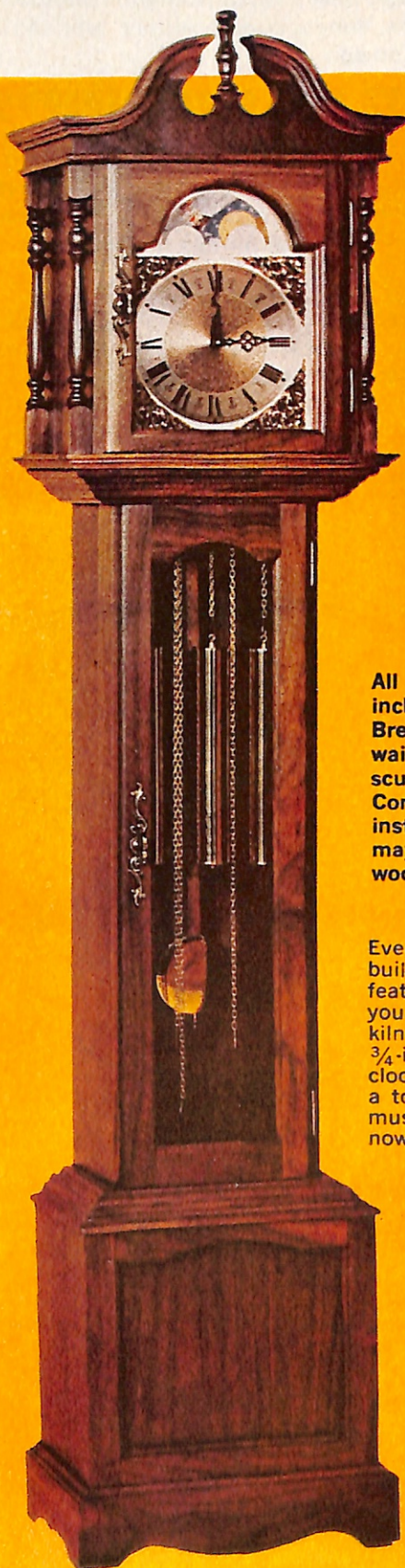
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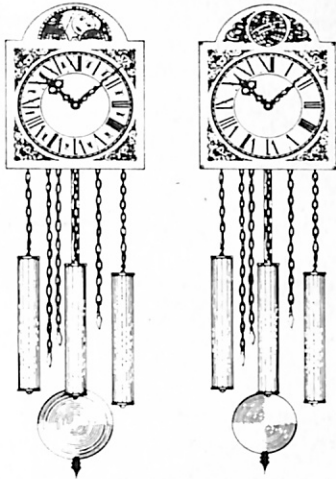
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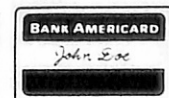
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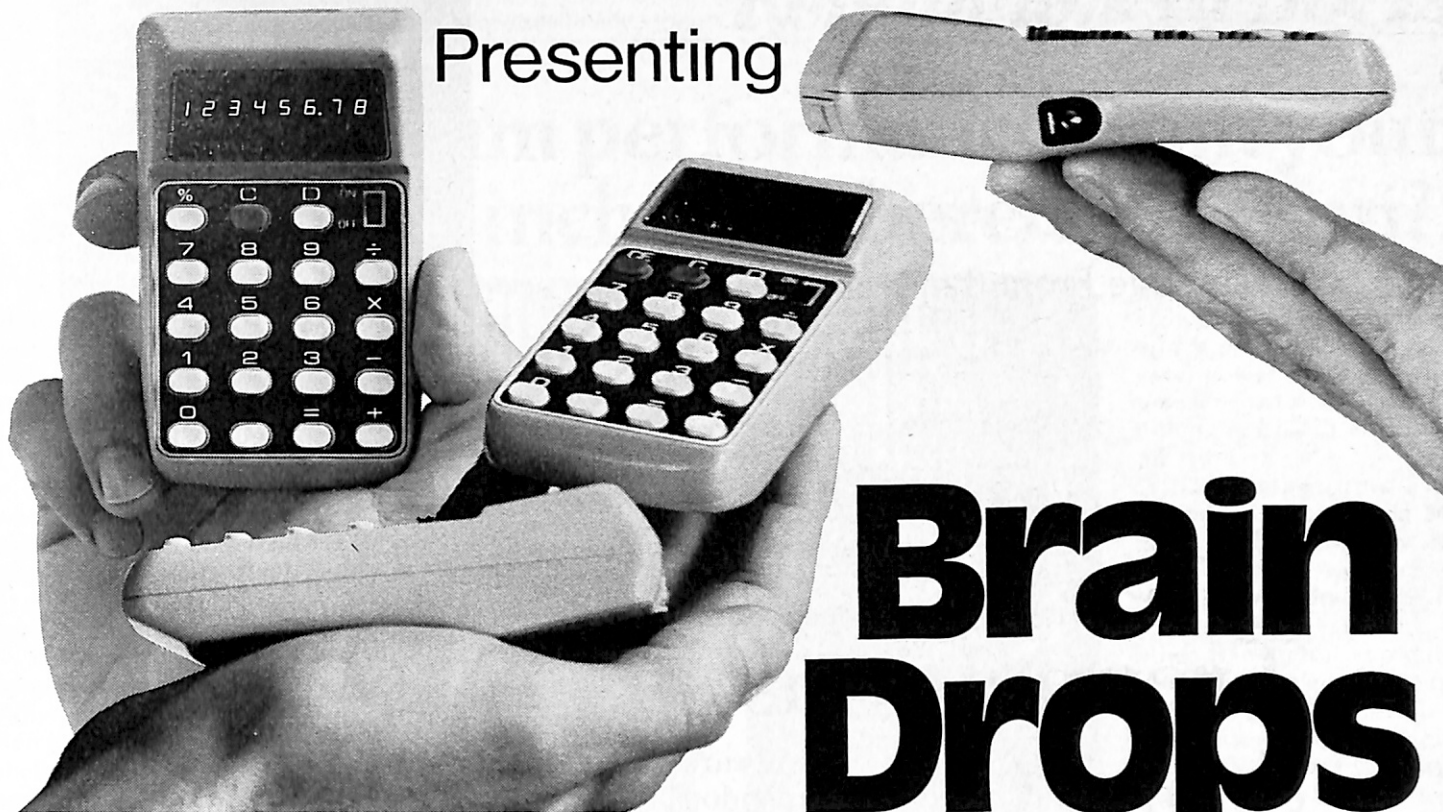
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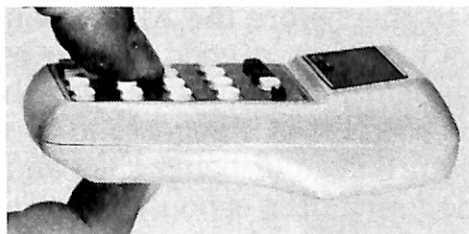
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A Message From the Grand Exalted Ruler



The Tremendous Story Of Faith

A number of readers of this magazine will have had the opportunity, on one occasion or another, to hear POW Commander Coffee. He was a prisoner in Vietnam for over seven years. We are fortunate that he has become so well adjusted in his Naval career once again that he can bring to us the tremendous story of faith.

During the seven years of his imprisonment he, and those who shared this tragic experience with him, attribute their ability to withstand torture and pain and solitude through four faiths: faith in self, faith in friends and family, faith in the government of the United States and faith in God.

Elks, as good Americans, share these faiths with Commander Coffee but for most of us, fortunately, it is not under such tremendously adverse conditions. Our ritual from the Station of Fidelity teaches faith in self, from the Station of the Lecturing Knight our lessons in Brotherly Love teach faith in friends and family, the flag is our symbol not only of charity but our belief as good Americans in our great country, and no man becomes an Elk without professing his belief in God and testifying to this before the Altar upon which rests the Bible.

This month is a good one to review our allegiance to our government as Veterans' Day is here and we join in this observance and it is a good time to remember our thankfulness for the privilege of being Elks and Americans and of possessing the four faiths espoused by Commander Coffee.

May your Thanksgiving Day be one of joy and full of the thankfulness that we should all feel.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Gerald Strohm".

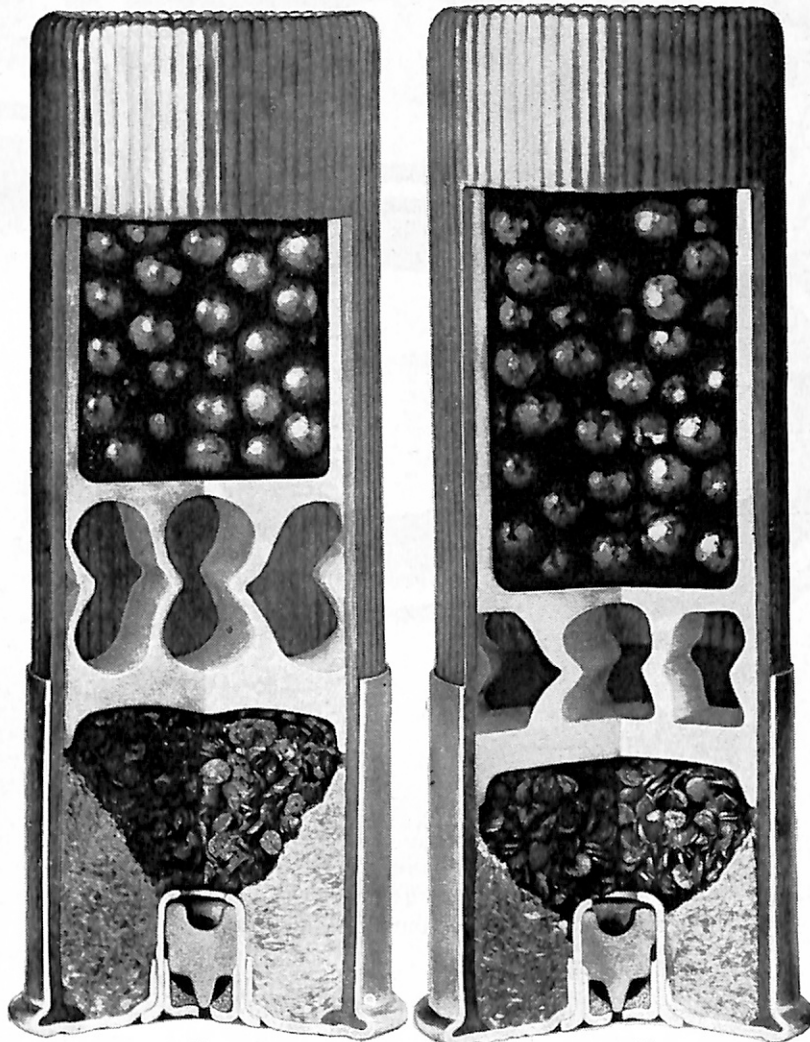
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What you get out of your shotgun depends on what you put into it. The shell on the left is a standard 2³/₄" long-range load. The shell on the right is a 2³/₄" magnum load (we call it our "baby magnum"), which delivers more pellets and a denser pattern at longer ranges. Both shells fit all standard 2³/₄" chambered shotguns.

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Now, doesn't it make sense to carry a supply of baby magnums the next time you go hunting? They're not only an excellent selection for waterfowl, but are recommended for pheasants, big western grouse and the wily wild turkey. Baby magnums are real handy when shooting through heavy foliage, and if you tote a side by side or over and under to the field, a wise hunter will keep one in the choked barrel for that long second shot.

12 Ga. Shot Size	# Pellets Per Ounce	Standard 2 ³ / ₄ " 1 ¹ / ₄ oz.	Baby Magnum 2 ³ / ₄ " 1 ¹ / ₂ oz.	Pellet Increase	% Increase
#2	90	113	136	23	20
#4	135	169	203	34	20
#5	170	213	256	43	20
#6	225	281	337	56	20

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Our elected representatives in Washington are posed to take an action that will forever affect how Americans think. If that seems an exaggeration, consider the following:

If we order carpeting for our homes, we check the prices in square yards. We won't do it that way in the future.

When we go on a trip, we check the distance in miles. It won't work that way a few years from now.

Those are only two examples. There are dozens, perhaps hundreds, of others, because Congress plans to abolish our old fashioned, customary system of weights and measures.

We will all watch the passing of our miles, inches and feet; our ounces, pounds and tons; our pints, quarts and gallons; and even the way we talk about the weather. A hot day in the summer of the future won't be in the nineties. It'll be in the high thirties—but in degrees Centigrade, not Fahrenheit.

Whether we mourn the passing of the old system will be an individual matter. Some people certainly aren't going to like it. But chances are, most of us will ease out of the old and into the new without much pain, although

there will be some cost. After all, the country that invented our system of weights and measurements—England—is even now undergoing the metamorphosis.

As in England, our change will be to the metric system of measurement, which was invented in France but which now determines how most of the world operates. As a matter of fact, the United States is the only major nation in the world which does not now use, or is not committed to, the metric system.

Although our present system is comfortable and familiar, it also is illogical and difficult. If you don't think it's difficult, try squinting at the sixteenths of an inch markings on your ruler the next time you measure something. An inch, by the way, started out as the length of three barleycorns.

If you told your wife or daughter you loved them a bushel and a peck, according to the popular song of a few years back, would you have any idea how much that really represented? If you are like most of us, probably not.

Most people have no idea that a peck equals eight dry quarts, and that a

bushel is four pecks. And, unless they deal in grain commodities, few people know that the weight of a bushel varies, depending on whether you're talking about oats, barley, corn, or whatever.

For that matter, not many people can tell you how many feet there are in a mile (5,280), how many yards in a rod (5½), or even how many square feet in an acre (43,560). The yard originally was the length of a sash around the belly of a Saxon king, and Queen Elizabeth I decreed in the 16th century that a mile would be exactly eight furlongs, or 1,760 yards.

Yet most of us muddle through. For everyday purposes, we know there are 12 inches to the foot, three feet to the yard, 16 ounces to the pound—or the pint, if you're talking about liquids—and four quarts to the gallon. We know these things because we memorized them in childhood and because we use them frequently. But we will not have to inch along or drag our feet with our ancient, fragmented system much longer.

After Congress acts—it is expected sometime in the near future—the president will sign legislation committing the

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United States to a 10-year program of conversion to the metric system of measurement. We will then measure length in meters, weight in grams, liquid in liters and temperature in degrees Centigrade.

Conversion will cause problems in American society, but the alternative of sticking to our old fashioned ways could cause even more difficulties.

In a way, we are in the same position the British used to be with their money. To function in his society, the Englishman, Scot or Irishman had to know that there were four farthings to a penny, 12 pence to a shilling and 20 shillings to a guinea.

Sound confusing? It was for American travelers of a few years ago, but the British, of course, managed just fine with their illogical system—the same way we and they did with our inches, pounds and quarts.

Yet not long ago, the British switched over to the metric system, which included a simpler and more logical money system based on decimals and multiples of 10. Now there are 100 pence to the pound and Britons carry their coins in denominations of five, ten and 50 pence—as well as their traditional pennies and half pennies.

Sound familiar? Of course it does. We have always used a decimal system for our money.

The British, however, didn't stop with their money. They are well into a 10-year program of complete conversion to the metric system. The change is coming about gradually, as it would in the United States. Although milk is now sold by the liter, speed limits are still posted in miles an hour. And you can still buy a traditional pint of beer in a pub.

But the U.S. still sticks to the old British systems of weight and measures, based on such things as the length of a king's foot. This in spite of the fact that America was one of the original signers of the Treaty of the Meter in 1875, which approved the metric system as the international standard of weights and measures. Ironically, the U.S. Treasury secretary declared in 1893 that the metric system should be the official system in this country.

It did not happen, of course. And today the United States shares its lack of the metric system with only a few small nations—Sierra Leone, Jamaica, Liberia, Malawi and Sir Lanka, for example.

In our traditional system, we measure temperature in degrees Fahrenheit; distances in feet, yards and miles; weight in pounds, ounces and tons, and quantities in pints, quarts, bushels and pecks.

These units are based on arbitrary standards. But then, so are the metric measurements. The difference is that in the American system the units have no relationship to one another. A person using it must memorize 12 inches to the foot, three feet to the yard, and so on.

In the metric system, on the other hand, the measurements relate to each other in multiples of 10. Measurement of length, based on the meter, is like the American money system, based on the dollar. To convert between units, all one has to do is shift the decimal.

The meter originated with the French Academy of Sciences in 1790. Members of that body were looking for a measurement that would relate to nature, and they settled on a unit equivalent to one ten-millionth of the distance along a meridian from the North Pole to the Equator.

Other measurements and weights were based on the meter. The unit of mass or weight, known as the gram, is a cube one-hundredth of a meter (that is, one centimeter) on each side, filled with water at a temperature of its maximum density.

To measure fluid capacity or volume, a container one-tenth of a meter on a side (that is, one decimeter) was selected. That was named the liter.

For everyday purposes, those three units—the meter, the gram and the liter—are all anyone needs to know. For comparison purposes, a meter is about 1.1 yards long, a gram weighs about as much as a paper clip, and a liter contains about 1.06 quarts or a little over 61 cubic inches.

Fractions of these are designated

by Latin prefixes. The main ones are deci, which means one-tenth; centi, which means one one-hundredth, and milli, which means one one-thousandth. For example, a centimeter is 1/100th of a meter (or about 4/10ths of an inch).

Multiples of the various units are denoted by Greek prefixes. Deca is 10, hecto is 100 and kilo is 1,000. Therefore, 1,000 meters is a kilometer (or about 3/4 of a mile) and a kilogram is 1,000 grams (or about 2.2 pounds).

As a matter of practice, the measurements used most frequently are the gram, kilogram, liter, millimeter, centimeter, meter and kilometer. And they can be used in much the same way as our ounces, pounds, quarts, inches, feet, yards and miles. You can, for example, order a half liter of wine in a restaurant or buy a half kilogram of sugar at the store.

Today's common speed limit of 50 miles an hour works out to 80 kilometers per hour. And when your friendly Ford dealer tells you that new Pinto has a two liter engine, you can do a little mental arithmetic and figure out that the size of the engine is 122 cubic inches.

Temperature is a bit trickier, and will take some getting used to. But again, the metric system of using degrees Celsius (centigrade), instead of our old-fashioned degrees Fahrenheit, is more logical. Zero on the Celsius thermometer is the freezing point of water (2 degrees Fahrenheit) and the Celsius 100 is the boiling point of water (212 degrees Fahrenheit).

A balmy summer day, as a result, is about 30 degrees on the Celsius thermometer (86 in our current way of measuring). Forty degrees would be a heat wave (104 degrees Fahrenheit). Normal body temperature, which we now measure at 98.6, would work out to 37 degrees on the Celsius scale.

Our present system of measurements works, of course. The United States has become the greatest industrial nation in the world using its feet, inches and pounds. Why change?

A major reason is the rapid industrialization of the rest of the world. When the United States was the chief industrial power, other nations were willing to conform to its measurements. While they still do, American industries and businessmen are finding more and more that they are being required to conform to the world, instead of vice-versa.

An oil company executive put it this way: "Immediately after World War II, the United States was the world's largest market. Our market was so vast that the prominent industrial countries could afford to specially equip themselves to our outdated English system. The dimensions were on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. They needed our products, so they put up with our measuring system. That day no longer exists. We no longer set the market specifications."

Some industrialists believe that one of the reasons the United States suffered from trade deficits in recent years—that is, it imported more than it exported—was because our measurements did not measure up to the rest of the world.

For anyone concerned that Congress plans to jam something down our throats, it should be noted that parts of the U.S. economy already operate on the metric system, and others plan to.

When foreign cars became popular in this country, many garages and service stations started buying metric tools. You'd have a difficult time changing the oil in a Volkswagen, for example, without a couple of metric wrenches.

We measure time in seconds, minutes and hours in this country, just as people do in metric countries. The entire electrical and electronics industry measures electric current in amperes, voltage in volts and electrical resistance in ohms, and in decimal parts and multiples of those units. Pharmaceutical and ball bearing manufacturers have used metric measurements for years.

Measurements of air and water pollution, in this age of growing worldwide attention to environmental issues, are generally stated in metric terms.

In the sports world, skis and swimming pools are constructed to metric measurements. And anyone who has ever watched the Olympic games on television knows that measurements for the games are always metric.

In that connection, the question arises as to what would happen to
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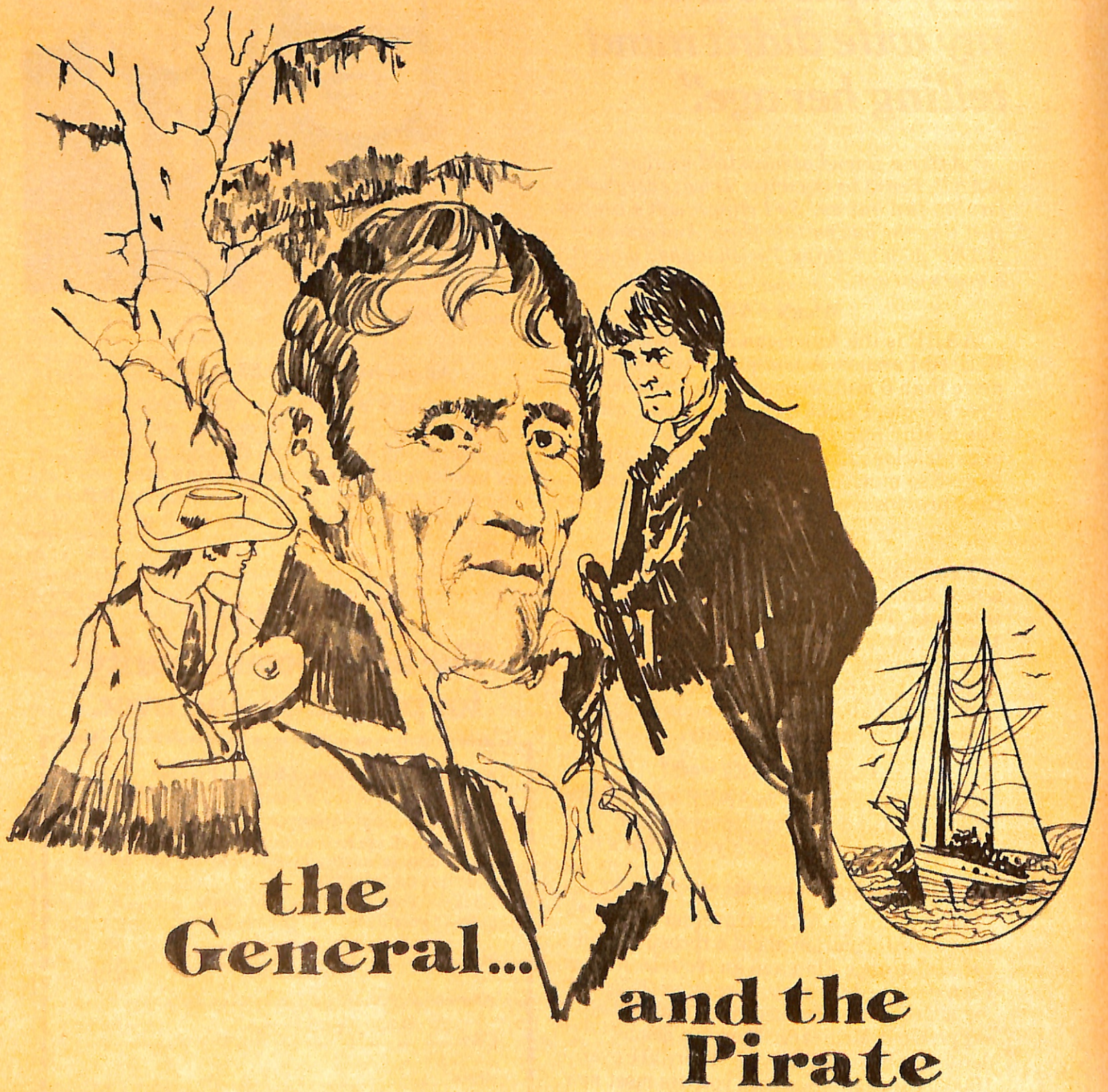
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**the
General... and the
Pirate**

by Richard Wolkomir

On September 3, 1814, the British brig *Sophie* nosed into Baratavia Bay, south of New Orleans on the Louisiana coast. Up in the rigging a lookout pointed ashore to a brick fort, half-hidden in the junglelike foliage. The *Sophie* fired a signal gun.

Immediately a boat rowed by four men, with a fifth in the bow, darted from the shore and slid across the glassy Gulf waters toward the brig. Meanwhile, the ship lowered a gig carrying Captain Lockyer and Captain McWilliams, of the Royal Colonial Marines, and the two boats met midway between ship and shore.

"We wish to speak with Monsieur Jean Lafitte," one of the Englishmen snapped.

In French, the man in the other boat's bow replied that Lafitte would grant an audience ashore. Soon the two boats were beached and the Englishmen were following their guide to the breezy porch of a mansion overlooking Baratavia Bay. There the man turned and said:

"Messieurs, I myself am Lafitte."

As the two officers introduced themselves, they eyed their mysterious host. Thirty-four years old, tall, handsome, he had the manners of a gentleman and the deep suntan of a sailor. His green shirt was open at the neck, and his wavy brown hair was tossed by the wind. When he spoke, he had the odd habit of closing one mild brown eye.

"Your arrival is well chosen," Lafitte smiled. "It is the dinner hour."

The Englishmen marveled at the fine foods, the rare wines, and the splendid china that graced the table at Baratavia Bay. Later, as the three men puffed on cigars, Captain Lockyer handed his host a sealed packet. The enclosed letter was succinct:

"To Monsieur Lafitte, the Commandant of Baratavia—I call upon you, with your brave followers, to enter into the service of Great Britain, in which you shall have the rank of Captain. . . I hope to cut out other work for the Americans than oppressing the inhabitants of Louisiana. . . Be expeditious in your resolves, and rely on the verity of your humble servant, Edward Nicholls, Lieutenant Colonel, His Majesty's Army."

Lafitte sat back in his chair, blowing long streams of cigar smoke toward the ceiling, and eyed his visitors thoughtfully. So, the rumors of an attack on New Orleans were true. And here was a solution to many vexing problems. At that moment, his brother Pierre was a prisoner in New Orleans. And spies reported that Governor Claiborne was plotting an attack on this bayou empire of his. Besides, he was weary of these Americans, who insisted on branding him a common pirate. An insult, that.

"I will reply to your proposals in writing," he said, rising to end the interview.

A letter followed the officers to their ship: "If you could grant me fifteen days. . . to put my affairs in order. . . I will be entirely at your disposal. Lafitte."

Who was this strange "commandant of Baratavia?" To this day Lafitte is a mystery, for his life is a puzzle with many pieces missing.

He was born—probably—in 1780 at Orduna, Spain. But he might have been born in France, at Saint-Malo, or Bayonne, or Royan, or Marseilles. In his teens he sailed as a privateer on the Indian Ocean, but under what flag he never said. In 1800, he was a wealthy merchant in San Domingo, West Indies, hard-working, married to a beautiful aristocrat. His business partner was his older brother, Pierre.

One day, loading a small schooner with a fortune in merchandise, Jean and his wife set sail for France. But the voyage was tragic: a Spanish warship overhauled them, its crew stripped the schooner of all valuables, and then they sank it. The Lafittes were marooned on a barren island, where Jean's delicate wife fell ill of exposure. When an American ship rescued them several days later, he rushed her to a New Orleans hospital, but within three weeks she died. Vowing war on Spain, Jean enlisted Pierre in a scheme that would earn them gold as well as revenge—they would be privateers, preying on Spanish ships.

Sixty miles south of New Orleans, the brothers found a perfect base. Baratavia Bay is entered by a narrow strait, easily fortified. The fishermen living there were experienced smugglers, and

they knew the intricate waterways twisting to New Orleans through a jungle of salt marsh, swamp, and semi-tropical forest. Spanish moss festooned the willows, cypresses and water oaks, and the tepid streams were alive with alligators, water moccasins, herons, pelicans, flamingoes, and coral snakes.

One day a small schooner sailed out of Baratavia Bay and coasted along the Gulf, sails bellied in the warm breeze, brass fittings blazing in the sun, her mast ominously flagless. A few days later the schooner reanchored in the bay. Now her holds were stuffed with valuable merchandise, until recently the cargo of a Spanish barque that was currently on the Gulf's bottom, along with all her crew. That night, Lafitte's fishermen neighbors poled their boats to New Orleans, loaded with plunder. When they returned, their pockets jingled with gold.

Soon Jean Lafitte commanded a thousand men, renegade mariners from every nation. He claimed to be an honest privateer, sinking only Spanish ships, but it was whispered in New Orleans that no nation's vessels were safe on the Gulf of Mexico. Lafitte was a millionaire, and tentacles of his Baratavia empire stretched to St. Louis and Mexico City.

Troops sent by Louisiana's angry Governor Claiborne to eliminate the pirates were sent scampering home for their lives. Claiborne offered a reward for the capture of Jean Lafitte: five hundred dollars. Lafitte was deeply insulted. He graciously offered for the capture of Governor Claiborne thirty-thousand dollars. New Orleans chuckled over its bourbon at this lesson in etiquette. Summoned to trial on November 29, 1812, for piracy and murder, neither of the Lafitte brothers bothered to attend. But Claiborne was determined to bring law to this vast new territory.

Thus, one day in 1814, as Pierre Lafitte was blithely strolling down the Place D'Arms in New Orleans, armed men grabbed him and locked him in the Calabozo. Jean quickly offered United States Attorney John Randolph Grimes twenty-thousand dollars a year to serve as the Lafitte counsel. Grimes agreed, but he pointed out that another United States attorney, Edward

Livingstone, would still be free to prosecute Pierre. Jean replied: "Hire him also at the same fee."

Within hours Lafitte had two lawyers and the government had no prosecutor. But Claiborne was stubborn, and Pierre remained securely in the Calabozo. It was at this point that the British brig *Sophie* appeared with a tempting offer for Monsieur Jean Lafitte, "commandant of Baratavia."

Since 1812, the United States and Great Britain had been at war. British troops had burned Washington and sent President Madison scurrying to Baltimore. Twice American armies had invaded Canada, only to be defeated. British troops occupied much of Maine. And Britain expected to end the peace talks just beginning in Belgium with parts of Maine, New York, and the

west added to her empire.

Meanwhile, in Jamaica, a British fleet was secretly preparing to attack the United States' largest and newest possession: Louisiana, stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada. London knew that to reach market the produce of half the country had to pass through New Orleans. And, with the help of Jean Lafitte, the British knew that Louisiana would be easily taken, the war won.

But they overlooked two important factors. One was that Jean Lafitte was a mysterious man, subtle and unpredictable. The other was General Andrew Jackson.

Andy Jackson was a six-foot-one, sandy-haired, gambling, horse-loving frontiersman from the Waxhaws Valley in South Carolina. He had fought

in the Revolution at age thirteen and been taken prisoner by the British. The mistreatment he received left him with a scar on his head and lifelong hatred for the English. He had already made a name as a public prosecutor in Tennessee, and as a wild man who would duel at the turn of a phrase, with the bullet wounds to prove it.

After a stint in Congress, he led the Tennessee militia to victory over Britain's Indian allies in Alabama. He was sure that the British were plotting an attack on Louisiana from Spanish Florida, and he was just planning an attack on Pensacola when the *Sophie* secretly visited Baratavia Bay.

Shortly after the *Sophie* had left Baratavia, sailing back to Jamaica, Jean Blaque of the Louisiana legislature received an alarming letter from Jean Lafitte: "I make you the repository of a secret on which perhaps depends the tranquility of our country."

Lafitte enclosed the documents given him by the British and added: "Our enemies exerted on my integrity a motive which few men would have resisted. They have represented to me a brother in irons, a brother who is to me very dear! Of whom I can become the deliverer! From your enlightenment will you aid me in a circumstance so grave?"

He also enclosed a letter for Governor Claiborne:

"Monsieur—In the firm persuasion that choice which was made of you for the office of First Magistrate has been by the esteem & accorded by merit, I address Myself to you with confidence for an object on which can depend the Safety of the State. I offer to Return to this State many Citizens Who perhaps have lost to your eyes that sacred title. I offer . . . their Efforts for the Defense of the country.

"This point of Louisiana that I occupy is of Great Importance. I offer myself to defend it . . . I am the Lost Sheep who desires to return to the flock . . . for you to see through my faults such as they are . . .

"In case, Monsieur Le Gouverneur, that your Reply should not be favorable to my ardent wishes I declare to you that I leave immediately so Not to be held to have Co-operated with an invasion . . . This can not Fail to take place, and puts me entirely at the judgement of my conscience.

"I have the Honor to be, Monsieur Le Gouverneur, Lafitte."

Why did the pirate turn patriot? Loyalty to his many friends in New Orleans? Refusal to aid a nation now allied with his old arch-foe, Spain? No one knows. Nor is what happened next clear.

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a raid on Barataria, hoping to eliminate the pirates once and for all. Now, Governor Claiborne's advisers insisted that Lafitte had forged the British documents. They insisted that troops invade Barataria. Caught in a dilemma, did Claiborne find a tricky solution? That night Pierre Lafitte mysteriously vanished from his cell and hurried to Barataria. And when the American raiders attacked the pirate stronghold, no shots answered theirs. Instead of defending his empire, Lafitte simply evacuated most of his men, and then melted away into the forest with those who were left.

Meanwhile, Claiborne sent the papers he had received to General Andrew Jackson, and got back a rebuke because "those wretches, the refugees from Barataria... should find an asylum in your city... Cause them to be arrested." While he was on the subject, Jackson posted a proclamation to the citizens of New Orleans:

"Can Louisianans, can Frenchmen, can Americans ever stoop to be slaves or allies of Britain... (or) place any confidence in the honor of men who have courted an alliance with the Pirates of Barataria? Have they not insulted you by calling on you to associate with... this hellish banditti?"

Having made plain his opinion of Jean Lafitte, Jackson attacked Pensacola with 3,000 men and evicted the British. Then, fearing an attack on Mobile, he wheeled his army about and rushed to defend the city. Meanwhile, the British set sail from Jamaica for New Orleans. The armada comprised 10,000 seamen, 1,500 marines, and 9,600 troops, plus the gaily frocked wives of the officers. Confident of victory, the British already considered Louisiana a British colony.

A few days later, on December 4, 1814, a lookout spotted British sails on Lake Borgne, the inlet of the Gulf a few miles east of New Orleans. Jackson rushed from Mobile to the Crescent City with his 1,000 regular troops and 2,000 militia.

New Orleans was in turmoil. The Americans were outnumbered four to one, and delegations of prominent cit-

izens paraded to Jackson's Royal Street headquarters, pleading with him to accept the assistance of Jean Lafitte. Stubbornly, Jackson refused to have anything to do with outlaws and "banditti."

But one afternoon a nonchalant gentleman, elegantly dressed, knocked at the Royal Street door. Jean Lafitte himself had come to see the general. No one knows what he said, but Lafitte entered Jackson's office a pirate and left it a trusted adviser and ally.

Jackson's change of heart was just in time, for December 23rd, the British captured Villere's Plantation, just eight miles below the city. Jackson sprang from his desk and exploded: "By the eternal, they shall not sleep on our soil!" That night the two armies clashed in the dark. When the smoke cleared, twenty-four Americans were dead, forty-six Englishmen. The British advance was halted, and there was time for the Americans to entrench.

Directed by Jean Lafitte, the American engineers began digging at the Macarte mansion, four miles down-river from the city. Meanwhile, the Baratarian pirates were setting up cannon. Jackson described them as "red-shirted, desperate-looking men, all begrimed with mud." Muddy they may have been, but when the British attacked on December 28th with rockets, cannon, and superior numbers, it was the artillery of the pirates that shredded the British lines and sent the redcoats retreating.

One British officer wrote: "In spite of our sanguine expectations of sleeping that night in New Orleans, evening found us occupying our Negro huts at Villere's, nor was I sorry that the shades of night concealed our mortification from the prisoners and the slaves."

The next British attack came three days later, just as General Jackson was staging a review for New Orleans society. Suddenly the earth geysered up almost at his elbow. Band music gave way to explosions, smoke, and the screaming of ladies. The Baratarians sprang to the gun emplacements they had improvised from cotton bales sunk in the soggy soil and topped with wooden platforms. Loading up, they began an artillery duel that lasted for hours. Suddenly the British guns were silent. The third battle for New Orleans was over.

Now, with their food supplies low, the British were desperate. On January 8, 1815, they massed for an attack. With a great yell, His Majesty's troops charged out of the dawn mists.

From behind their barricades of cotton bales the Americans fired volley after volley, while the pirates boomed away with their cannon. Redcoats fell

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We Regret . . .

THE OBITUARY of PGER John E. Fenton published in the October issue should have included the following information: Besides his son John E. Fenton Jr., PGER Fenton is survived by his brother, Past Grand Chaplain Francis P. Fenton, of Flint, Michigan, Lodge, and by his sister, Sister Eugenia.

The obituary of PGER Lee A. Donaldson in the same issue should have included among his survivors, his sister Mrs. Martha Lord.

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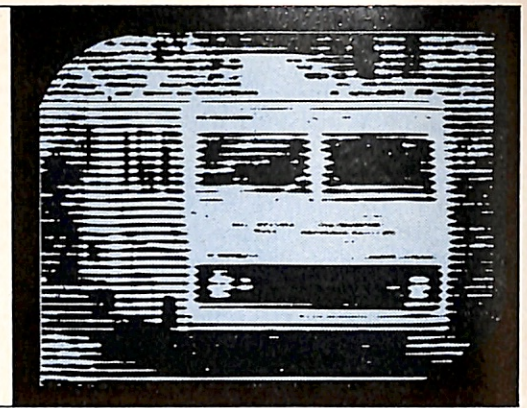
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RV REPORT

Yes, Harriet, there is a motor home in my future. If that's what you've been telling your wife about either buying or renting one of these tributes to mankind's wanderlust and ingenuity, you've probably already grappled with some very real, very persistent questions. How hard is a motor home to drive, to maneuver, to park? How much fuel does it consume? How difficult is it to operate all those mini-contraptions on board—those traveling stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, furnaces, marine toilets, and such? How long can you run the unit before stopping to recharge the battery, empty the holding tank, fill the fresh water bin?

Chances are that, unless you know someone with his own motor home—or spend a Sunday afternoon kicking tires at your local RV dealership—you still don't have the answers. That's to be expected. In fact, depending upon which manufacturer's unit we're discussing, the answers are likely to vary quite a bit.

I recently spent two weeks cruising around the woody backroads of central Michigan in a TRAVCO 960 motor home, so perhaps I can come up with some words of interest and some general information based upon my experiences.

First, the TRAVCO 960 series (model 270) is a 27-foot vehicle that sleeps six people comfortably and boasts an impressive 12-month Single-Source Service Warranty covering all motor home parts except chassis, power plant, O.E. M. (generator) battery, and tires for one full year from date of purchase regardless of mileage. Both it and TRAVCO's 22-foot model feature automatic transmission, power steering, and power-assist brakes for easy handling. Even if you've never previously driven anything larger than a Chevy Impala, a couple of hours on the road and you should be handling it like a pro.

The TRAVCO 270 I tested comes equipped with a 68-pound capacity liquid propane gas tank (or butane, more suitable for hot, arid climates) mounted on the underside of the unit and easily accessible for refilling purposes. This is more than enough fuel to operate stove, oven, furnace, and combination gas-electric refrigerator for many weeks of average camping use. The refrigerator, by the way, also comes in an all-electric model for those who'd prefer to use as little propane as possible. (Both models in-

clude a freezer that *really* freezes.)

Other electric appliances include water pump (which I found very effective in moving both hot and cold water through the pipes at a steady flow—no sudden surges, as in some other units), clock, air conditioner, lights (God, the lights—enough for any purpose imaginable), and water heater. Now, an electric water heater may not seem like much, but it's worlds above the gas heaters which have to be lit—just like your water tank at home—every time you set up camp (with an hour's wait before the water gets hot), then extinguished when you hit the road, again. With the electric unit, you have hot water *all* the time, whether you're parked or moving. Very, very convenient.

Another gizmo I found extremely handy is something the manufacturer calls the "monitor panel." It's a little wood-paneled box that sits on the counter next to the sink and enables you—from one conveniently located center—to turn the water pump on and off, check the barometric pressure, keep a watchful eye on your LP Gas level, and—with the flick of a switch—check your fresh water supply, holding tank level, and battery charge.

The TRAVCO's electric-operated devices run off the 12-volt main vehicle battery (which automatically recharges as in any car when the engine is running) or the generator, with its own secondary battery, by flicking a switch centrally seated on the bulkhead above the driver's area. Or, the entire 12-volt system can be converted easily to 110 volts by throwing the main breaker switch located in the rear closet and plugging the unit into a 110-volt outlet.

Beyond all this, the TRAVCO 270 has excellent storage space in the way of cabinets, drawers, and closets inside and two more enclosed auxiliary storage bins outside the unit. The bathroom boasts marine toilet (with, as an option, the Therman waste destruction system which destroys the waste *as you drive*, eliminating the need for stopping to empty the holding tank periodically), excellent lighting, vanity with cabinets and drawer, mirror, sink, and shower (either separate compartment shower or wet bath system). In addition, one bathroom option is available that offers step-down bath tub and shower, two floor-to-ceiling closets, and clothes hamper.

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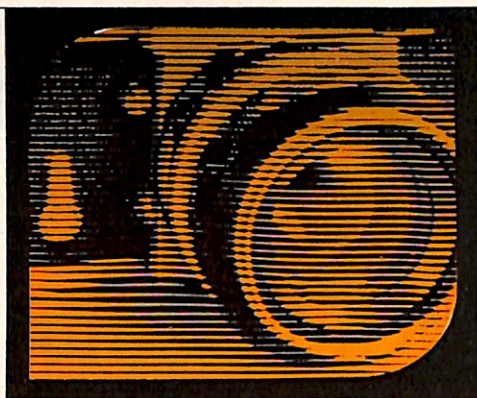


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NEWS OF THE LODGES



A CEREMONY in memory of 11 Brothers of Jersey City, N. J., Lodge was held at Elks' Rest in the Bayview Cemetery. At the monument were (front row, from left) Est. Lect. Kt. Sam Wilson, PER George Falconetti, PER Lewis Larsen, In. Gd. John Horan, Tiler John Lyman, and (back row) Tad Tulin, Charles Mahan, Chm. Tom Jordan, Est. Loyal Kt. Robert Holzschuh, Est. Lead. Kt. John Fitzgerald, ER Stephen Pilewicz, PDD James Dolan, PDD Paul Davis, Esq. Ray Runge, Trustees Chm. Leon Fire, and PER Albert Deile.



CARNATIONS AND BOOKMARKS were presented to women at the Broad Mountain Manor Nursing Home by a committee from Frackville, Pa., Lodge. Mrs. Jane Herb, 97, received her gifts from Ann Dougherty (left), nursing home auxiliary president, and Mary Anne Klemkosky as ER Edmund Stout (left) and Est. Loyal Kt. Ronald Klemkosky watched.



A GRANDDAUGHTER CLOCK was presented to Mrs. Marshal Wilson (second from right) from a fund-raising project for the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital building fund by Leesburg, Fla., Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. William Gibb, who donated the clock, and then-ER Gerald Gaffney (right) were on hand for the occasion.

THE WAPITI PLAYERS of Dillon, Mont., Lodge presented *Not Now, Darling* in a recent dinner-play production to raise funds for the local speech and hearing clinic. Receiving a check for \$1,000 from dinner Chm. Bruce Watters (right) was PER Bill Hand as Frank Davis, executive producer, observed.





A BATTERED BOOT symbolizes Sioux City, Iowa, Lodge's participation in the March of Dimes walkathon. The lodge sponsored walkers at 1¢ per mile and thus donated \$270 to the charity. Present were (from left) ER Gene Grace, Chm. Bob Hatfield, poster child Shane Conier, and Est. Lead. Kt. Ray Wiper.



A NEW BICYCLE was presented to Phil Krumb, a cerebral palsy victim, by Fostoria, Ohio, Elks. A happy Phil displayed his gift to Jay Echelberry, a friend, and thanked (from left) Est. Lect. Kt. Edwin Gohl, PER Lynn Echelberry, and ER Gary Murphy.



ARLINGTON, Massachusetts, Elks and the Shriners joined to participate in the traditional patriots day parade. After the parade, ER Owen Carrigan (third from left) presented a \$1,000 check to be used for the Shriners "Burn Institute" to Frederick Spencer. Present were (from left) ERs Robert Sweeney, Brighton Lodge, Thomas Lynch, Somerville, Frederick Cohen, Boston, and John McHale, Melrose, who visited the lodge for the parade.



PAMELA WILLIAMS, a former patient of the Florida Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital received her high school diploma recently from Gene Cowans, Forest High School assistant principal. Fully recovered since 1971 due to treatment and surgery at the hospital which is the state major project, Pamela was able to graduate with her class.



COLORING BOOKS were used in Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge's drug abuse program to teach children about drugs and why they can be harmful. After completing the lessons in the books, the children colored the pictures for a contest. With the winners were (back row, from left) Elmer Freeze of the county school system, Betty Washington of the local police department, PER Robert McConnell, Chm. John Miller, and Lt. Charles Jerome of the local police department.



THE SQUIRES, a junior drum and bugle corps sponsored by Watkins Glen, N. Y., Lodge, presented a concert at the state Elks convention. PGER George Hall presented a trophy to Larry Girvin, corps director, as PDD Albert Haughey and DDGER Medio Simiele observed.



LODGE NOTES

VAN NUYS, Calif. Certificates and pins were given to paid-up members in the Foundation. Brothers Bob Proudfoot, Ben Benson, Louis Cardinas, Pret Preston, Art Dyer, Tony D'Amico, Jim White, Jesse Calixtro, and Charles Smiley received the awards from Foundation Chm. Lee Faust.

HARTFORD, Vt. The lodge sponsored a testimonial dinner in honor of Brother Albert Thibodeau for 24 years of service to the lodge. Among those in attendance were ER Francis Marceau, Pete Kilfeather, and Russ Carver.

NEW LONDON, Conn. A bowling tournament for the blind was sponsored by the lodge. Co-chairmen for the event were Andy Belosie and Don Balducci.

DECATUR, Ala. The lodge rebuilt the home of Martha Hensley, which had been destroyed by a tornado. Elks' ladies Mrs. Evelyn Drake and Mrs. Carl McCulloch visited her at home.

HOLBROOK, Ariz. The final payment on the Explorer, the bus used by youth groups of the area, has been received by Youth Chm. John Moore. The Arizona Elks Social and Community Welfare Committee provided the funds, which were presented to Brother Moore by PER Walter Carpenter.

FALMOUTH, Mass. Visiting Worcester Lodge golfers enjoyed the home team's hospitality after their defeat in a recent tournament. A trophy was presented by ER Raymond Elie of Worcester to Falmouth ER Francis Creighton.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. At the domino tournament for cerebral palsy held recently at the lodge, substantial funds were raised. Among the participating Brothers were Nick Astmos, George Pearce, ER Al Dalecio, and George Worden.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. District champions Est. Lead. Kt. R. Rauch, Est. Loyal Kt. R. Daubert, PER H. Clemens, Est. Lect. Kt. A. Dodder, and ER William Morris were presented certificates by District Ritualistic Chm. Jay Bora. Brother Rauch also won in all-state competition.

SALEM, Ore. Lindsay High was honored by the local volunteer bureau/voluntary action center as volunteer of the month. Brother High was acclaimed for his work with the lodge's clothing center, which he organized in January, 1970 to distribute used clothing to the needy.

POTTSTOWN, Pa. Chester Bechtel died recently, having served the Elks since 1938. He was manager of the lodge for 28 years.

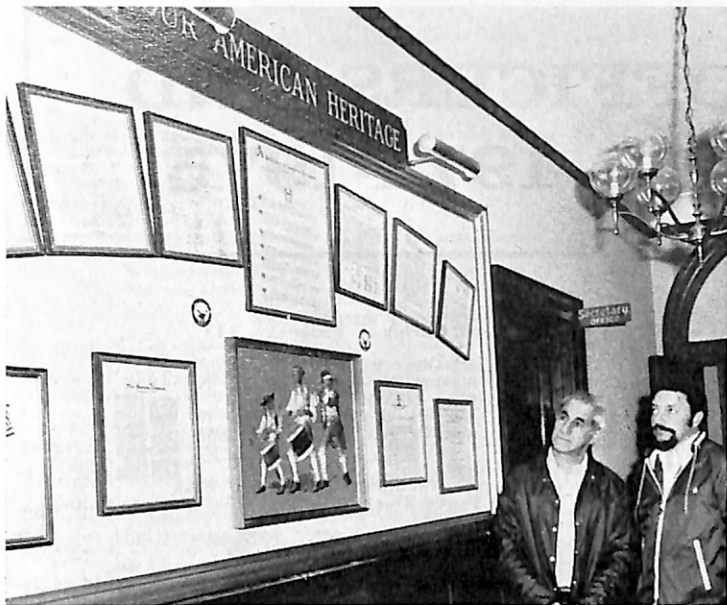
TITUSVILLE, Fla. The first annual Elks golf tournament was organized by Chm. W. Douglas Durrett and committee members. Under the Calloway handicapping system, all players had a chance to win. Members of several community organizations joined lodge members for the tournament.

JERSEY CITY, N. J. The 50th annual crippled children's picnic was held at the lodge recently, raising over \$500. The event was organized by Chm. D. Paul Davis, who was assisted by ER Stephen Pilewicz, and ladies President Adele Pilewicz.

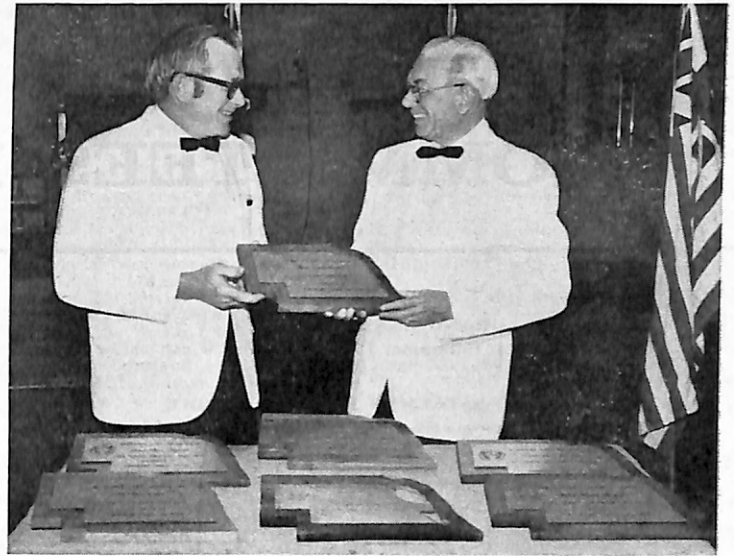
PORTLAND, Maine. Brother Joe Voyer, a member for 66 years, and a life member since 1946, celebrated his 90th birthday recently.

MADRAS, Ore. Sixty-eight of the lodge's 250 members of the Foundation were present to honor Foundation Chm. Ned Cox, who signed up 161 new Foundation members last year. State Chm. Bill Lehr congratulated the members.

SAVANNAH, Ga. Lodge members were responsible for an eight minute celebration of the flag's history at recent festivities in the city's Memorial Stadium. A narrative and a ten flag display were presented to the public.



THE HERITAGE BOARD displayed at New London, Conn., Lodge was constructed and presented to the lodge by immediate PER Raymond Bartolucci and Chap. Alan Martin.



ANOTHER PLAQUE was received by Fairbury, Neb., Lodge in recognition of the lodge's top-ranking youth program. This is the seventh consecutive year that the lodge has won the award in its membership division. Immediate PER Delbert Korte (left) and Secy. J. J. Skidmore admired the display.



A CERTIFICATE of paid-up membership in the Foundation was presented to Texas Elks Youth Chm. Bill Terrell (second from left) by Nelson Stuart, executive director of the Foundation. The certificate was funded by the Texas Elks State Association in recognition of Brother Terrell's years of dedication to youth work. Present were PSP Gene Norton (left) and PSP Virgil Sharp.



CHILDREN with cerebral palsy and other physical handicaps will benefit from a \$5,680 contribution made by San Diego, Calif., Lodge to the state major project. ER S. Glenn Porter (center) presented the check to State Major Project Chm. James Nekitas (right) as then-SP Yubi Separovich observed.



THE ELKS' LADIES served food and beverages during a party to honor members of 25 years or more at Toledo, Ohio, Lodge. Ladies who participated were (seated, from left) Felma Hyman, Marcina Spratt, Dee Godwin, and (standing) Jan Segel, Ann Gray, and Margaret Stacy.



A BANQUET was given by Apollo, Pa., Lodge to honor 22 members who have been Elks for 50 years or more. Eight of the old timers were able to attend. Present on the occasion were (seated, from left) Harry Leightlinter, Harry Swan, T. J. Cuneen, Clark Hayes, and (standing) Secy. John Adams, W. Mack Guthrie, Howard Clowes, A. Clair Davis, John Holm, and ER Ralph Garman.

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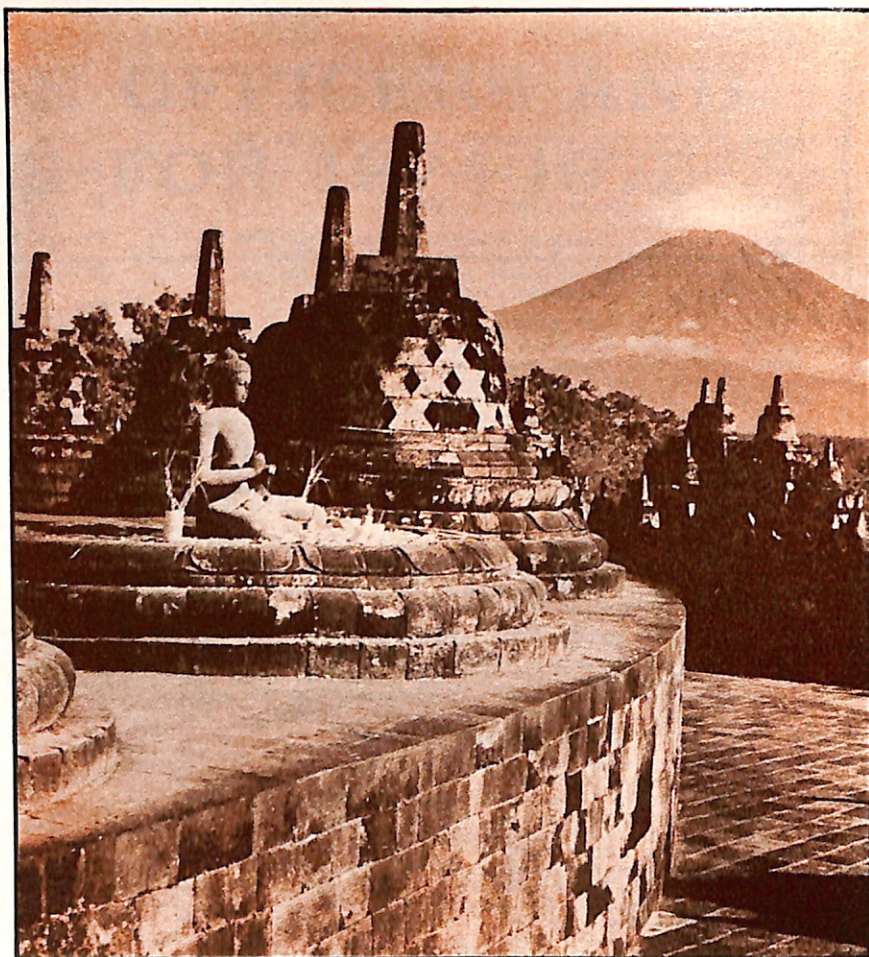
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Land of the Never-Ending Summer

Where more than 3,000 islands lure world-weary travelers back "home."

by Jerry Hulse

For the jaded traveler there's a new discovery: It is Indonesia, a chain of 3,000 islands straddling the equator between Asia and Australia, its shores bathed by both the Pacific and Indian oceans. What with an endless lineup of temples, palaces and Balinese beauties, the Indonesians are out to steal the spotlight from such old haunts as Thailand, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan.

Besides ogling a Balinese beauty, one may shoot a tiger, spook an elephant, scare up giant lizards, visit smoking volcanoes and soak up the hot equatorial sun on one of those travel poster beaches. One may also take shelter near

a village occupied by reformed cannibals who've removed humans from the menu—this thanks to missionaries who stopped off to spread the gospel and change the appetite. If the idea of taking shelter in such unusual surroundings doesn't seem appealing, Indonesia has kicked open the doors to air-conditioned hotels with loads of hot water and cool drinks.

Only an hour east of Singapore, Indonesia is the land of the never-ending summer, its temperatures remaining constantly above the 70 mark. Trees are heavy with great stalks of bananas, and there are mangoes, papayas and endless rice terraces. Year-round, Indo-

nesia remains springtime green, its air filled with spicy smells and the voices of children giving chase to dragonflies. Horse carts roam the narrow roads, harness bells tinkling, blending with musical sounds which emanate from scores of villages. In the distance volcanoes cloud the heavens with their smoke and deep down the earth growls and shudders. Temples appear from the jungles and palaces grace the cities. On the island of Sumatra tigers share the scene with buffalo, wild boar, monkeys, tapir, deer, pythons and boas, and in its highlands an extinct volcano cradles one of the world's largest lakes, an immense mirror 50 miles long and

16 miles wide out of which an island rises that's bigger even than Singapore.

Of all Indonesia's attractions, though, none rivals the Borobudur, an 8th century stupa near Jogjakarta. The world's largest Buddhist temple, the Borobudur is a huge pyramid composed of nine stone terraces, each terrace representing Buddha's nine stages toward enlightenment. Carved into its walls are 1,450 scenes representing Buddha's life, and on the various levels dozens of shrines contain his likeness. According to legend, good fortune will accompany the traveler who reaches inside and touches the hand of Buddha. It is best to visit the Borobudur in the early morning or late afternoon. Even in the cooler hours the climb would test the endurance of an Olympic miler, but in the blistering midday sun it's a contest which turns the legs to rubber. Before making the arduous hike, visitors purchase straw hats at stalls near the entrance, and afterwards they slake their thirst with beer and soft drinks sold by other shopkeepers. Jogjakarta is also the scene for one of Asia's longest running spectacles, the Ramayana. Held on moonlit nights between June and October, it's a Hindu epic in which good overcomes evil and everyone lives happily ever after.

Still, with all its mysticism and fascination, Indonesia bends in certain areas to the Western touch as revealed by the menu at the Hotel Danau Toba International in the port city of Medan. Here waiters dressed like refugees from the wild, wild west take orders for "Filet Steak Cisco Kid," "Minute Steak Jesse James," "Grilled Liver Davy Crockett," "Porkchop Santa Ana," "Lambchop Daniel Boone" and "Chocolate Sundae Rio Grande." Meanwhile, next door roulette wheels spin in a gambling den with all the trappings of a Las Vegas casino.

With a land area triple the size of Texas, Indonesia represents the world's

largest archipelago, with hundreds of unexplored islands as well as densely populated cities, and of its 400 volcanoes, 110 still puff away, filling the heavens with their clouded scent. The stepping-off point for journeys to other islands is Indonesia's capital of Jakarta, which, like other Asian cities, is merely another huge metropolis choked with traffic snarls and skyscrapers. It is here that Indonesia's capital was established shortly after its independence which followed a 350-year reign by Dutch colonists.

Last spring the Pacific Area Travel Assn. chose Jakarta for its big annual bash, and in honor of the occasion the city launched a new multi-million dollar hotel, the Borobudur, named for the shrine at Jogjakarta. Operated by Inter-Continental, the Borobudur's 886 rooms come in 26 different styles, its staff dressed in 52 different uniforms.

In a city of 5 million people, Jakarta has been on a hotel building spree since the opening of the Hotel Indonesia for the Asian games in 1962. Built at the behest of Indonesia's late President Sukarno, the Indonesia looks down on a great circular reflecting pool around which traffic flows in an endless procession of pedicabs, buffalo carts, cars and bicycles. As Asia's swinging new metropolis, Jakarta is going the way of Tokyo with Western-style skyscrapers, neon, gambling casinos, massage parlors and nightclubs running over with dancing girls.

It is another story on Indonesia's island of Bali. Here at dawn I watched a fisherman paddle his outrigger canoe toward the reef. Dipping his oar rhythmically, he turned toward Bali's holy mountain, the Agung, murmuring a prayer. The gods would hear. Of this he was certain. They'd be watching from the high mountain, observing such mortals as himself and others who were awakening now on this most fabled of islands. Bali was stirring, much as it

has for centuries. Even though the hucksters and the tourist promoters have arrived, it survives. The old life goes on. On this particular morning a gamelan orchestra sounded its first notes in a nearby village, and in another Balinese dancers were preparing to do the Barong. Along dozens of paths Hindu women marched forward, carrying food offerings and flowers for the gods, and on this day, as on all days, there would be the festivals. There would be offerings to the souls of ancestors. Good would prevail. Evil would be overcome. How could it be otherwise on an island with 10,000 temples and more than 1 million Hindu faithful?

Bali has been called a beautiful happening. India's Nehru described it as "the dawn of the world." Without argument, it is the world's most fascinating island, its cast of Hindu faithful in a constant living drama of religious rites. It is a garden choked with coconut palms, orange and banana trees, mangoes and papayas, for although the people are poor, the land is rich. Rice paddies rise upward towards the heavens, framed by smoking volcanoes. Riv-

A city of 5 million, Jakarta (below) has been on a hotel building spree since the Asian games in 1962. Described by Nehru as "the dawn of the world," Bali (left) is without argument the world's most fascinating island.



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Theirs is a mystical land of infinite beauty, but neither the compounds nor the prayers of 1 million Hindus can dissuade one demon, the jet airplane. It has arrived, opening Bali to the world. The whine of its engines is heard daily at Denpasar where the Balinese have laid down a modern jet airport. The big planes land from Singapore, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Sydney and Bangkok. Bathed by the Indian Oceans and the Java Sea, Bali is the perfect escape, an island of constant springtime and cheap living. At Kuta Beach on Bali's southwest coast, travelers book rooms in guest houses for a paltry \$3 a day, meals included. Even with those prices, there are the disheartened. "A year ago I paid only 50 cents for a room," complained a young surfer from the United States. "That's how bad the inflation's got."

In Bali the good life prevails for the well-heeled tourist as well as the hippie. Along Sanur Beach on Bali's East Coast a string of spiffy new hotels offer shelter in air-conditioned splendor with piped-in melodies. First to dig in was the widely publicized and controversial Hotel Bali Beach, a 10-story high rise, which is Bali's only one. Like Tahiti in the good old days, the law now forbids anything higher than a

coconut tree. And like the old Tahiti, tipping is discouraged. At the Bali Beach guests linger by night in the rooftop Bali Hai Supper Club and spend their days skin diving, fishing and picnicking on neighboring islands. Next door at the Bali Seaside Cottages, one may take up residence in a thatched cottage complete with bed, bar and a mind-boggling view of the Java Sea.

Hyatt arrived on the scene recently with a three-story Aztec-style monolith that leaves the impression it was built, boxed and shipped from Mexico. More in keeping with the mood of Bali is a colony of thatched bungalows known as Tandjung Sari where a night's lodging ranges from \$22.50 to \$24.50 depending on whether you prefer an electric fan or air-conditioning. At Tandjung Sari temple lamps burn in the garden and the night is filled with the sound of the surf.

Bali's newest and most luxurious resort, though, is Kayu Aya, a multimillion-dollar bundle of thatch cottages preparing to open on Kuta Beach. Both villas and lanai suites face the sea on a 30-acre plot, featuring sunken tubs, ancient Balinese spirit houses, handmade bamboo furniture and a Chinese ocean-going junk built to operate on moonlight cruises. Kayu Aya was created on the site of an ancient Balinese village bought and paid for by an American stockbroker and a soft-drink millionaire. With their new found wealth, the old villagers moved on to establish a brand new village on neighboring property. Meanwhile, the stockbroker and the soft-drink king ordered up a slick Balinese compound which

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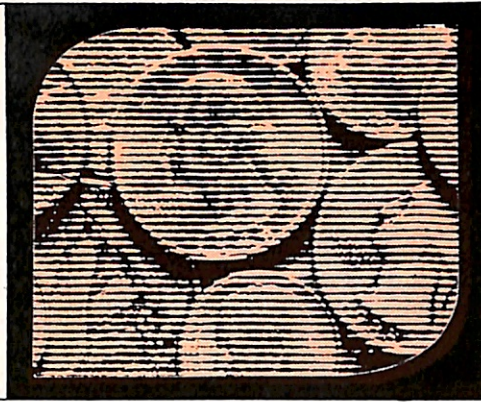
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GETTING AND USING FINANCING

During much of the 1960s-era it was quite easy to raise capital. Remember all the enthusiasm for "glamor growth" back in those days? But how vastly different had things become by the middle of this year! The July 6 issue of *Business Week* carried a special long section of articles on "The World Economy." One of them was about "The World Liquidity Shortage." The term "liquidity" here means "availability of financial capita." The article warned that "today there is an increasingly critical shortage of long-term capital."

But from the point of view of "financing," there are really two kinds of business-management goals. Since many businessmen aren't familiar with this point, we'll look into it here.

"Maintenance" and "Growth"

Not too many years ago, American Research & Development Corporation provided \$61,400 in "venture capital" financing to Digital Equipment Corporation. In return, it received shares of Digital Equipment stock.

In 1973 that stock was sold for—hold your breath!—\$382 million!

That's the outstanding case so far of success in venture-capital financing, or "risk financing," as it's often called. But it's not uncommon for skilled professional financiers to build up perhaps \$100,000 in venture capital into maybe \$4 million or more in possibly seven to ten years.

It takes a very special kind of managerial capability, however, to achieve the kind of growth which professional sources of venture capital look for in what they call "growth-oriented" prospects for financing.

Does the fact that a particular business owner or manager doesn't happen to have that special kind of managerial capability mean that he's not a "competent manager"? Certainly not! Then does it mean that he shouldn't aim at achieving any kind of "growth" in his business? Again, the answer is to the contrary. But there is "growth" and there is "growth." When we use the phrase "growth-oriented management" in connection with the idea of "venture-capital financing," we're using it to denote a faster *rate* of growth and a much greater *amount* of growth than it's at all reasonable to look for in the majority of well-managed businesses, large or small. Take some Ed Smith who's been successfully operating a restaurant for

about fifteen years and now feels it's a good time for him to expand his business somewhat. Certainly he's aiming at achieving some business growth—but is he trying to make his business into "another McDonald's?" Of course not.

For convenience, we'll use the term "maintenance management" to denote the kind of management that is to be found in the great majority of businesses and in the great majority of other instances in which there is "management." But there are four general levels of quality of maintenance management—"excellent," "good," "average," and "poor."

We mentioned the McDonald's company—the "Big Mac" of fast-foods serving. That company is an impressively successful example of excellent growth-oriented management operating on a foundation consisting of excellent maintenance management. Many other franchising ventures thought that being "growth-oriented" was enough by itself. And a lot of those outfits spun down and out into bankruptcy!

The phrase "growth-oriented management" may sound more glamorous than the phrase "maintenance management." But bankers and other people who have professional-caliber knowledge about finance don't get carried away very often by "glamor" terms. And though a venture-capital financing company isn't going to provide financing to a small retail store, it will have much more respect for the man who does a good job of managing that store than it will have for some big-talking "promoter type" fellow who comes spouting a lot of hot air about "tremendous opportunities!" but whose proposal could be picked to shreds by a first-year accounting student.

One of the greatest dangers for the small-businessman who does not understand the elements of financial planning and management is that he's likely to mistake glittering tinsel for gold. For example, he's likely to pay too much attention to the physical side of his business and too little attention to its intangibles—such as its "accounts receivable" aspect.

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for?" (2) "How much money could that business afford to *lend* in business loans?" (3) "How much *borrowing power* does that business have?" (4) "How much power to *raise investment capital* does it have?"

Those questions would be pretty academic in the case of some new small business that had been in operation only a few weeks. And question four, of course, wouldn't be applicable to the vast majority of small businesses—we don't expect to hear that "Tom's Bar-and-Grill" is offering an issue of common stocks.

So not all of the four questions we presented would have been realistically applicable—prior to the closings of those little businesses—to the 40,000 shoe-repair shops that have gone out of business in America over the past ten years, largely because of the effects of the shoes-importing trend. It would have been completely absurd to say to the owner of some shoe-repair shop: "Bad times may be coming for your type of business! You'd be wise to set up a program for optimal development of profits and assets!"

But some 300 shoe-manufacturing companies also folded up in the U.S. during the past ten years! And though some of them were small businesses, none was as small as a shoe-repair shop. What's more, many of them had been in business for quite a long time—long enough to have built up good-quality assets and programs

for income-source diversification. The shoe-manufacturing industry, however, was not distinguished for its financial-growth planning.

Let's talk further about "What Is a 'Business?'"

The "Statements" View

Directly related to the four questions we posed at the beginning of the previous section are the following *key idea* categories: (a) "assets" and "liabilities" (with "owner's equity" being included under "liabilities"); (b) "income" and "expense"; (c) "funds-flow analysis."

Idea categories (a) and (b) are quite old, but (c) is relatively new in accounting-and-financial theory and practice.

What we've just indicated are the three types of *basic financial "statements"* the "Balance Sheet," the "Income and Expense Statement," and the "Funds Statement." In the older accounting tradition, only the first two of those were in general use, and it was the balance sheet that was viewed as being of paramount importance.

But even though the income-and-expense statement has far greater importance in accounting today than it used to have, the fact still remains that in the financial analysis a "business" is a matter of assets and liabilities. And this point is of particular importance with respect to *small* businesses.

In well-managed large companies, the

assets-development programs will include sound and vigorously pursued programs for "internal generation of capital." If a small-businessman talks about "getting financing" or about "raising capital," he's almost always talking about getting funds from *outside* the business. But "internal-source financing" is a very important concept in large companies.

"We want to be able to get along without going outside the company for capital," they will say. "But if we do go outside for financing, then we want to be able to get it on favorable terms."

The best-managed big businesses think of "profits" as being useful for building up assets that can develop still more profits and some good capital gains. And then those profits and gains can be used for still further programs of assets-building, profits-building, and income-diversification. And so on, as the thousands of dollars build up into millions.

We're of course *not* suggesting that a small business try to *copy* the strategies of such companies as GM, IBM, the Sears-Allstate combine, McDonald's, and so on. That would almost certainly lead very quickly to bankruptcy. But many small businesses can effectively apply—on their own scale of operations—some of the same financial-planning-and-management principles which are standard in companies of the size and caliber of those we just mentioned. ■

Never-Ending Summer (Continued from page 28)

rivals such world renowned resorts as Las Brisas in Mexico and Hawaii's Mauna Kea. The team of skilled craftsmen and artisans labored for more than two years to combine the comforts of the West with the mystique of the East.

At Kayu Aya vegetables are to be grown organically, bread will be baked fresh daily and guests will select their

fish live from aquariums in the dining room. The villas—one features its own private swimming pool—provide Balinese king-sized beds, wicker sedan chairs and baths which face the gardens. To summon a houseboy one merely gives a healthy whack on a gong. So goes life in new air-conditioned Bali.

The new Bali also features souvenir stores with the crafts of wood-carvers, painters and batik artists displayed in a profusion of shops choking the roads of Denpasar and the resort communities of Sanur and Kuta Beach. With tourism rivaling rice, entrepreneurs are courting visitors with air-conditioned buses and limousines. In the artist village of Uban, American painter Antonio Blanco asks solemnly: "How many Impalas can poor little Bali support?" He refers to the fleet of Chevrolets which roam the island's roads.

Blanco, a naturalized American, surrendered to the charms of Bali in 1952. Married to an Indonesian, he paints in a studio which faces a garden and a river flowing through a verdant valley below. While still another limousine bounced along the twisting country road he shook his head.

Bali was discovered years ago by the millionaire tourist of the '30s. Later it was popularized by Hollywood's film makers. Now the concerned are asking, is paradise lost? Hardly. Its spirit is legend. The beauty of Bali can't be diluted by a few tourists. It is an island without television, the news arriving by radio and newspaper, although few bother to listen or read (and what's so bad about that?). In Bali the festivals go on endlessly, volcanoes continue to smoke and rice paddies are replanted continuously. So it will be—long after the tourist is gone. ■

Earwax: the sneak thief of sound.

Government studies show that hearing problems and age go hand in hand. These studies also show that many hearing problems are merely due to excessive earwax. Of course, anyone suspecting a hearing problem should consult a physician to determine the cause.

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All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditioned upon the enrollment of the winners in an undergraduate course in an accredited college or university.

Application must be made on an official form furnished by the Elks National Foundation and entitled, "Memorandum of Required Facts," which will be available at Elks lodges

after December 1, 1974. Applications, properly executed, must be filed not later than February 10, 1975, with the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the Elks lodge in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides.

Lodge officers are requested to notify high school principals, or their equivalents, of this scholarship offer, to publish it in lodge bulletins and make every effort to bring it to the attention of qualified students.

Applications will be reviewed by lodge and district scholarship committees and then judged by the scholarship committee of the State Elks Association for inclusion in the state's quota of entries in the national competition. Names of winners will be announced about May 1, 1975.

Requests for additional information should be addressed to the Scholar-

ship Chairman of the State Elks Association of the state in which the applicant is resident.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this contest on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 1974-1975.

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News of the State Associations



STATE SECRETARY Garnett Shipley was honored at the annual convention of West Virginia Elks upon his retirement after 21 years of service. Brother Shipley received a plaque recognizing his work. Newly elected as the State Secretary was Donald Finnegan of Weirton Lodge.

Other officers elected were State President Grover Smith, Mannington; Vice Presidents H. E. Curry, Huntington; Paul Duffy, Weirton; Charles Dunnington, Fairmont, and State Treas. Ralph Adams, Huntington.

There were 580 persons gathered in Parkersburg, August 8-11 for this 66th annual convention. All of the lodges were represented. GER Gerald Strohm and PGER Wade Kepner were among the distinguished guests.

West Virginia Elks contributed \$1,000 to the Elks National Foundation over the year. Two one-week camps for handicapped children are in operation under the state major project.

The delegates agreed to increase participation in the drug abuse program, Hoop Shoot, Foundation, and major project.

A mid-year meeting of the state association is planned April 18-20 at Grafton Lodge. The 1975 annual convention will be August 7-9 at Clarksburg Lodge.

GRAND EXALTED RULER Gerald Strohm and his wife Kay made their first convention visit to the Montana State Elks Association convention in Billings, July 17-20. ER Allan Grosgebauer of Billings Lodge officially opened the session. Also present were PGERs Raymond Dobson and Frank Hise.

A convention class was initiated by the champion ritualistic team from Missoula Lodge. GER Strohm congratulated the new members and was the honored guest for all business sessions



Some of the new officers of the West Virginia Elks Association who were elected during the state convention are (from left) State Tiler Ken Muhart, Len Murchland, president of the state Past Exalted Rulers association, VP Paul Duffy, and State Secy. Don Finnegan. They were congratulated by Weirton ER Chuch Richards.

and social events during the convention.

The major project is in its 20th year of operation for speech and hearing therapy. A new budget was proposed for \$41,250. From the annual cookout of the Royal Order of Characters during the session, \$1,000 was received for the major project.

The Hides for Veterans program was successful this year. Several hides were collected by Montana lodges, sent to California for tanning and distributed to the rehabilitation therapy departments of VA Hospitals throughout the nation.

More than \$20,000 in awards was presented by Montana Elks in the Most Valuable Student contest. Top

winners were Ronald Maehl, Kenneth Carlson, and Kathleen Sieben. Receiving the top Youth Leadership awards were Mollie Mahan and Dan Ulrich.

The slate of new officers includes SP Frank Dolarque, Anaconda; VPs Byron Robb, Livingston; Frank Dvoracek, Great Falls, and State Secretary-Treasurer Fred Balkovetz, Butte.

Shelby will be the site of a mid-winter meeting, January 10-11. The 1975 convention is scheduled for Miles City, July 23-26.

THE ELKS' LADIES attended for the first time the 45th convention of the Connecticut Elks Association which was held in Lebanon May 30, 31, June 1-2. Among the guests present were PGER



Winners of the state Youth Leadership Contest joined delegates at the convention of the Montana State Elks Association. (From left) were GER Gerald Strohm, Molly Mahan, winner from Helena, State Youth Chm. Bob Greene, PGER Frank Hise, and Dan Ulrich, winner from Lewistown.



GER Gerald Strohm (right) attended the convention of Montana Elks in Billings and was welcomed by ER Allan Grosgebauer (second from left) of Billings Lodge. Also there were PGER Frank Hise (left) and PGER Raymond Dobson.



Grand Trustee George Klein presented the gavel to newly elected SP Vincent Collura during the Nebraska Elks Association convention. Immediate PSP Robert Bunsstock observed the ceremony.

Ronald Dunn, GL Judiciary Committeeman George Balbach who gave the keynote address, and 13 Past State Presidents.

The association's pledge to Newton Children's Hospital was completed at the convention with the presentation of a check for \$63,000 to Burr Curtis, hospital director. SP Clifford Gasparini and Major Project Co-chm. Francis Adams and Robert Stalsburg presented the check.

Contributions to the Elks National Foundation totaled over \$44,000 for the past year. Willimantic Lodge was recognized as the leading contributor.

Westbrook Lodge won the ritualistic contest and received the SDGER Arthur Roy trophy. Southwest District Elks and their ladies were commended for organizing the convention.

Elected officers for the new lodge year were SP Andrew James, Fairfield; VPs George Lambert Jr., Norwich; Francis Joyce, New Britain; Edward Szweczyk, Enfield; Lawrence Volpe, Bridgeport; State Secy. Thaddeus Pawlowski, Norwich, and State Treas. Edward Kligerman, Branford.

Wethersfield-Rocky Hill Lodge will host the 1975 annual convention.

OFFICERS were elected and installed by PSP John Cahill during the annual convention of the Massachusetts Elks Association, June 14-16 at Bretton Woods, N. H. They are State President Alfred Mattei, Vice Presidents Harry Sarfaty, Frank Buckley, Albert Murphy, and Edward Lynch, State Treas. Donald Podgurski, and State Secy. Nickolas Mazzoni.

The session was under the direction of convention Chm. Arthur Kochakian. Guests included PGER John Fenton, now deceased, and State Sen. John Parker, a Taunton Lodge member.

It was reported that \$81,000 was raised for the state major project from a benefit drawing. The funds will be used for scholarships and for contributions to charities.

Hyannis will be the site of the 1975 convention to be held in June.

HOUSTON LODGE hosted the annual convention of Texas Elks, June 20-22. There were 919 Elks and their ladies present including 11 Past State Presidents, Grand Secy. Homer Huhn, PGER George Hall, and PGER Francis Smith.

There was active participation by Texas lodges in the fund-raising project for the Elks crippled children's hospital which is the state major project. Among the lodges recognized for their efforts were Hereford Lodge, Houston Lodge, and Kerrville Lodge.

The state ritualistic contest saw five lodges in competition. Winners were Harlingen Lodge, first place; Irving Lodge, second, and Clear Lake Lodge, third.

Chm. Hubert Akins received more than 850 requests from various lodges to participate in the state essay contest. First place went to Robert Wesneski of Spring Branch High School, who was sponsored by Houston Lodge.

Leading the state association is State President Ralph Marz of Houston Lodge. He will be assisted by Vice Presidents Ted Brookshire, Harlingen; Ray DeBoard, Liberty; Lee Bushman, Plano; James Vogel, Kerrville, Doyle Pollard, Lubbock; Sherrell Brown, Odessa; Ellis Leatherwood, Houston; Gene Moore, Austin; Burl Baker, Cleburne, and Fred Salmons, Mesquite; State Secy. Claude Phillips, Dallas, State Treas. John Ceolla, Mesquite, and State President-Elect Louis Kayatt, Beaumont.

A fall conference is planned for November 2-3 at Pasadena Lodge. The 1975 annual convention is scheduled for Lubbock Lodge, June 18-21.

HIGHLIGHTING the 62nd annual convention of Nebraska Elks was PSP C. A. Thomas, the Scottsbluff mayor, who was warmly welcomed as an outstanding MC. There were approximately 700 Elks and their ladies registered for the session hosted by Scottsbluff Lodge, May 17-19.

Winner for the second consecutive year of the state ritualistic contest was Kearney Lodge. Over 100 persons attended the State Presidents dinner.

The major project report indicated that over \$50,000 had been spent during the year to aid crippled and handicapped children.

Elected officers of the state association include SP Vincent Collura, Lincoln; Vice Presidents James Anderson, Kearney; Kenneth Muirhead, Cozad; Dale Janowski, Omaha; State Secy. Chester Marshall, Kearney, and State Treas. Elmer Bradley, Columbus.

Kearney Lodge will host the 1975 annual convention, May 23-25.

Convert! (Continued from page 12)

some of our national pastimes—professional and college football, for example—in a conversion to the metric system. The answer: Probably nothing.

Because football does not move in international commerce, there would be no particular reason to change the 100 yard football field. And certainly no football commentator would be heard to say, "First down and 9.144 meters to go."

During the "conversion decade," and perhaps even for a time afterward, measurements would be stated in both languages—customary and metric. So the housewife baking a cake from a recipe would not have to rush out and buy new measuring cups and spoons. But when she did replace them as they broke or wore out, she would buy metric utensils.

Metric conversion has already started in the United States. The U.S. Metric Study, commissioned by Congress and carried out by the National Bureau of Standards at a cost of \$3 million concluded that the United States would eventually join the rest of the world in using the metric system as the predominant common language of measurement. The only question was whether the country should have a plan

for conversion or merely drift into it.

The drift has already started, although Congress will have a plan. In Ohio, some highways have speed limits posted in both miles and kilometers per hour. In many school systems around the country, children learn metric as well as customary measurements, and California is committed to a complete conversion to metric in its schools by 1976.

The Ford Motor Co. built a new plant in Lima, Ohio, to manufacture four cylinder engines for its Mustang II and Pinto automobiles. The engine is 2.3 liters in size and is built entirely to metric specifications. General Motors announced last year that from then on all new components would be designed in metric units.

Among other large companies that have gone metric or committed themselves to it are International Harvester, John Deere, Clark Equipment, Caterpillar Tractor, IBM, Honeywell and 3M.

Conversion to the metric system will cost, no question about it. From the small businessman who must buy new machinery and tools to the housewife and home handyman, many Americans will be forced to pay for the new system. How much is anybody's guess.

Some estimates range into the billions of dollars.

On the other hand, some businessmen are finding that the cost is less than they expected, and that the costs of not converting ultimately might be more than adopting the metric system.

For the average person, the government publishes many different aids to understanding the metric system, including booklets, wall charts, rulers and conversion tables. One of the handiest of these is a plastic wallet card which lists commonly used measurements and how to convert to and from metrics.

The card costs a dime at U.S. Commerce Department Field offices or through the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Nearly 100 years ago, an anonymous opponent of the metric system penned this poem:

*Then down with every metric scheme
Taught by the foreign school,
We'll worship still our father's God
And keep our father's "rule!"
A perfect inch, a perfect pint,
The Anglo's honest pound,
Shall hold their place upon the earth
Till time's last trump shall sound!*

The trumpet, it appears, is sounding even now—at least here in the United States. ■

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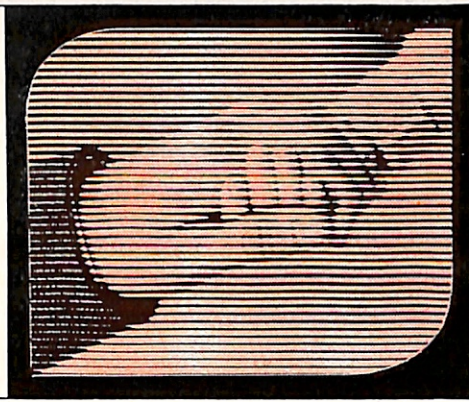
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Six paid-up memberships in the Foundation were presented during a dinner meeting at Fremont, Ohio, Lodge. Foundation Chm. John Imler (right) presented certificates to (from right) Don Stierwald, Dave Echardt, Elton Weiler, Joe Michles, Robert Lehmann, and PER Dell Weiler. ER Walter Dundore (left) subscribed again.

For the second time, the Elks' ladies of Tenafly, N. J., Lodge achieved a certificate as permanent benefactors of the Foundation. Then-SP George Frick presented the certificate to ladies President Jane Bohmer as State Foundation Chm. Paul Paone and ER Neal Verkerke watched.



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The General and The Pirate (Continued from page 17)

from the charging ranks like teeth popping from combs. Suddenly, they were retreating in clusters, tripping over their own dead in the sugar cane stubble. A handful charged the American earthworks and perished.

And then it was over. The British had lost over 2,000 men. American casualties numbered 13 killed, 39 wounded, 19 missing.

As it turned out, the battle had been fought after the peace treaty had already been signed in Belgium. But Andy Jackson returned to New Orleans a hero. He was full of praise for Jean Lafitte and his men, whom he had once called "the wretches of Barataria."

Jackson went on to win further fame as an Indian fighter, as governor of Florida, and finally as President. But it was his victory at New Orleans that made him a national figure and eventually put him in the White House, and he owed that victory to the services of a pirate.

For a time, Jean Lafitte strolled the avenues of New Orleans, basking in honor and respectability. But soon he was bored, and began seeking a new headquarters. He visited Haiti, then settled on Galveston Island on the Texas coast. On August 1, 1817, a New Orleans customs collector informed the Secretary of the Treasury that there was "a motley mixture of freebooters and smugglers at Galvez-town under the Mexican flag and being in reality little else than the reestablishment of the Barataria band, removed somewhat from the reach of justice."

Soon, Lafitte again commanded more than a thousand men and lived in a fine mansion. Once again cargoes from vanished ships filtered into New Orleans. Lafitte's agent there, Edward Livingstone, even wrote Andrew Jackson, urging him to join the displaced Baratarians.

So powerful was Lafitte that he could defy the United States. But he couldn't defy nature.

A hurricane swept the island, smashing buildings, sinking ships, killing men. Exploiting Lafitte's weakness, the army ordered him to leave. And in 1819 Louisiana lawmen captured some of his pirates. Although New Orleans crowds rioted in protest, they were sen-

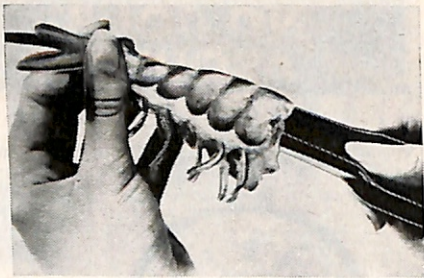
Soon, Lafitte commanded more than a thousand men, living in a fine mansion on Galveston Island.

tenced to hang. Lafitte rushed to Washington and secured a sixty-day reprieve, but in the end his men hung. His power finally exhausted, Jean Lafitte disappeared forever in 1821.

What became of him remains a mystery. Some historians insist he died of a fever in Losboscos, Yucatan, in 1826. Others maintain that he died quietly in 1854, in Alton, Illinois. Some claim he was acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and Karl Marx. All we know for sure is that his life ended as it began, a mystery.



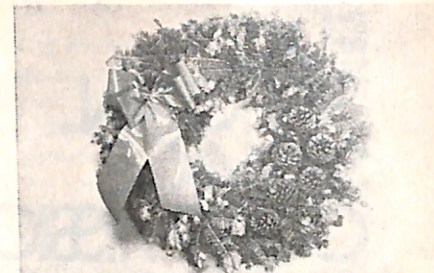
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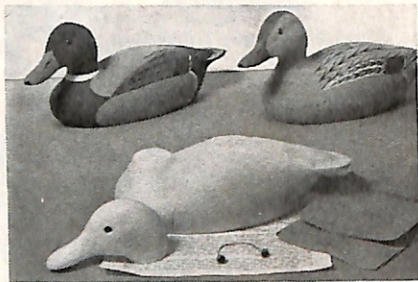
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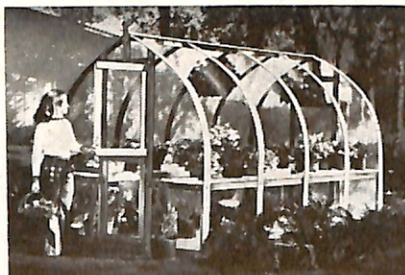


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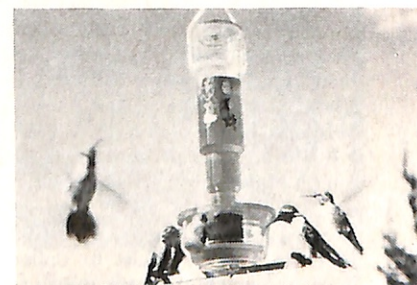
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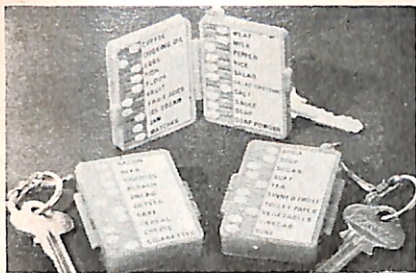
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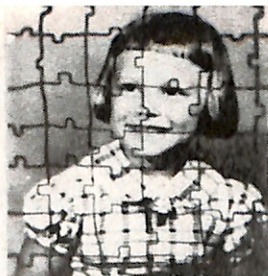
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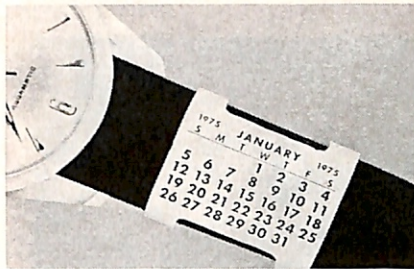
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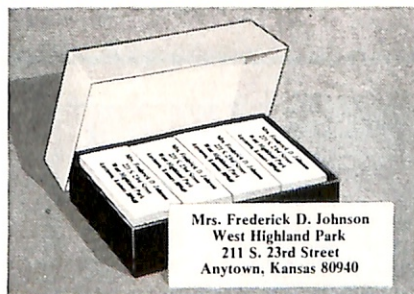
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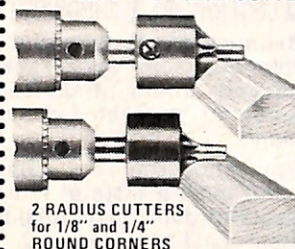
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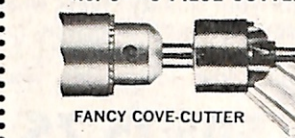


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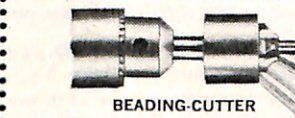


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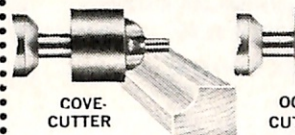
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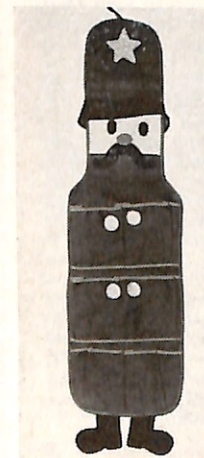
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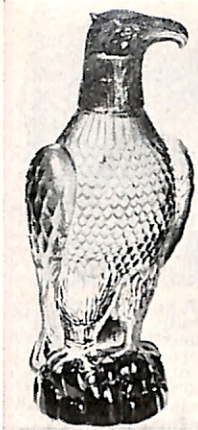
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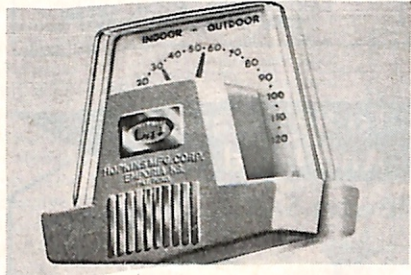
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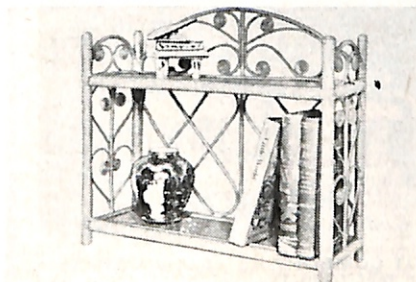
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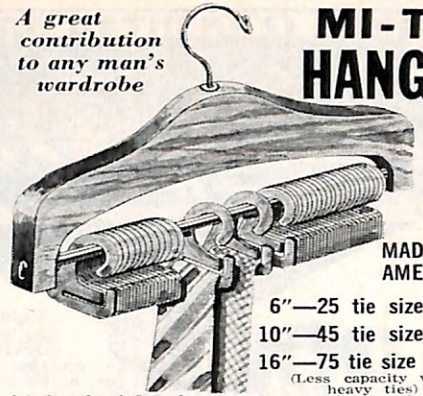
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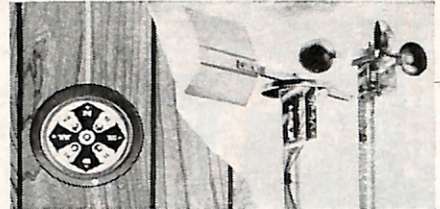
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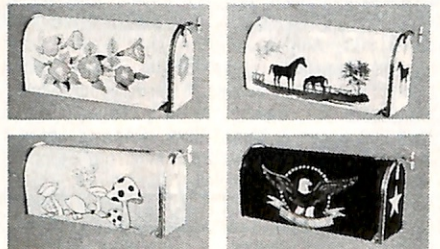
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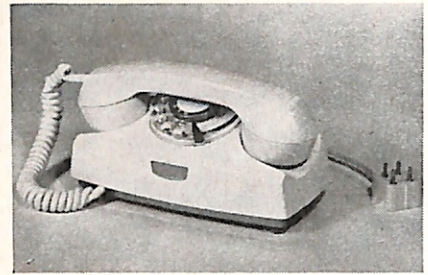
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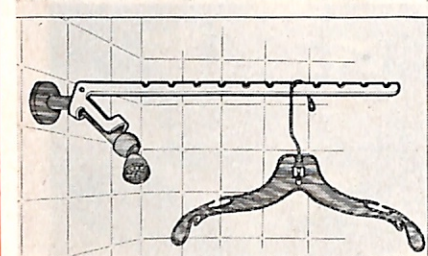
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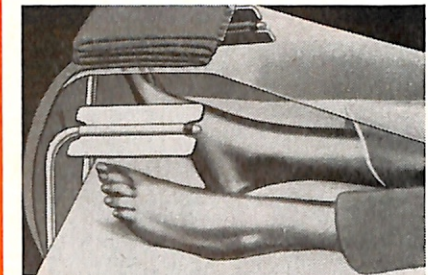
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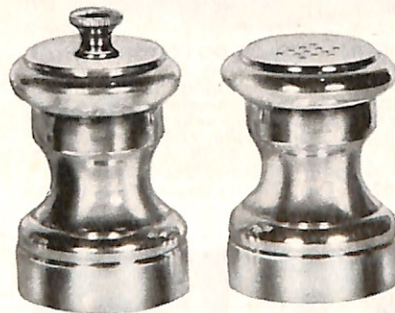
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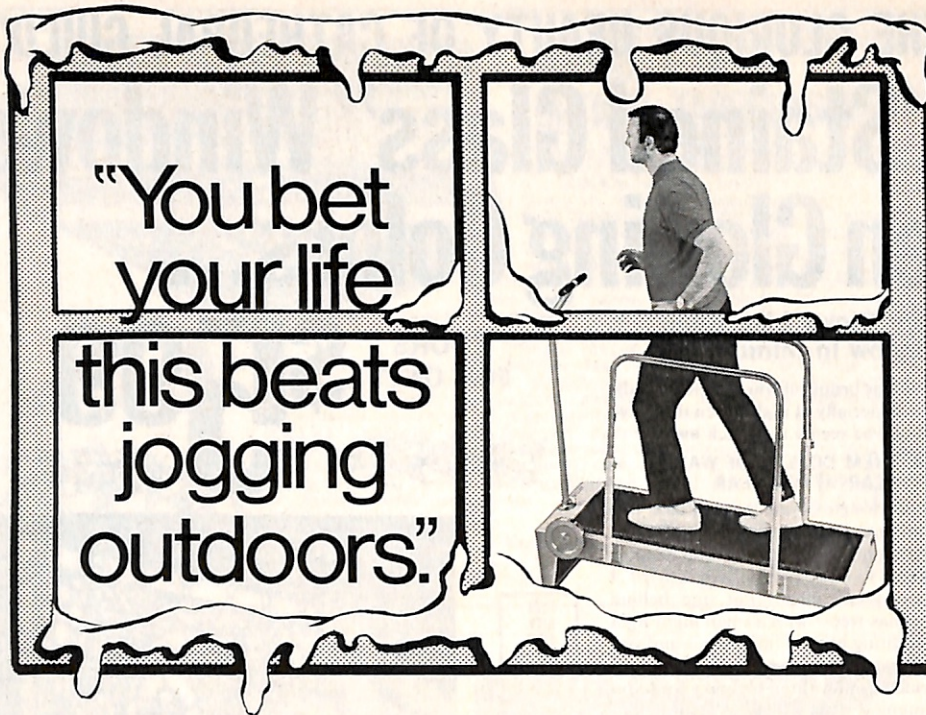
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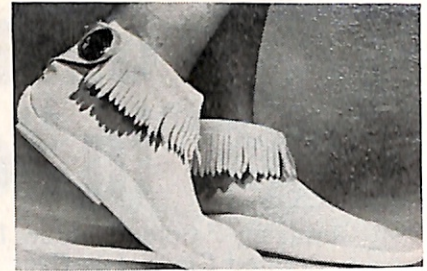
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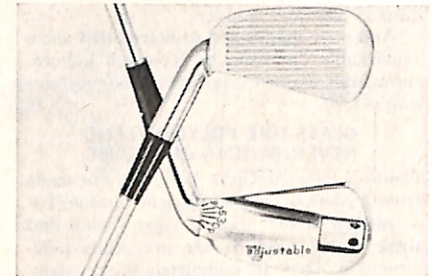
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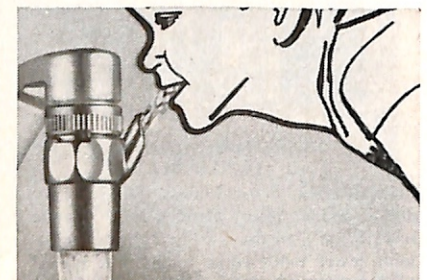
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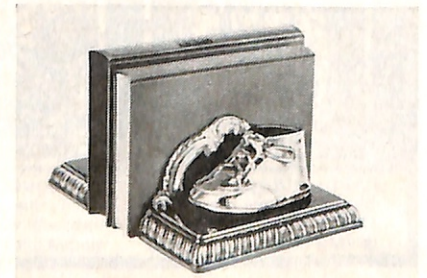
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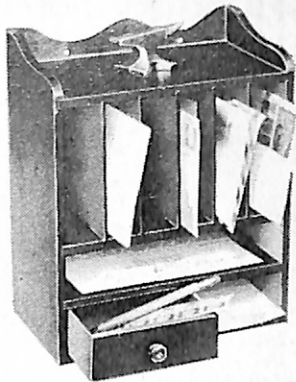
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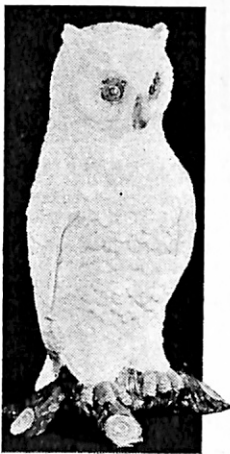
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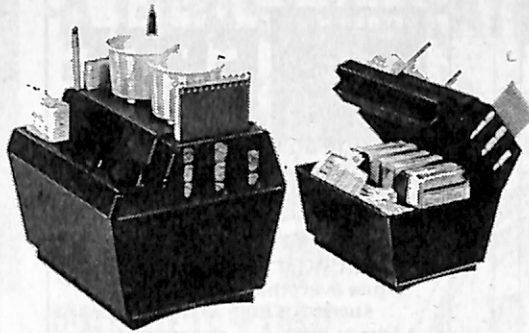
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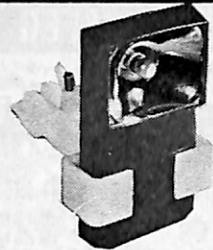
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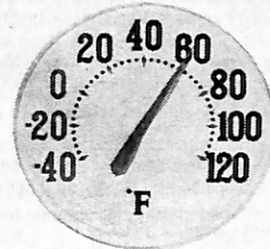


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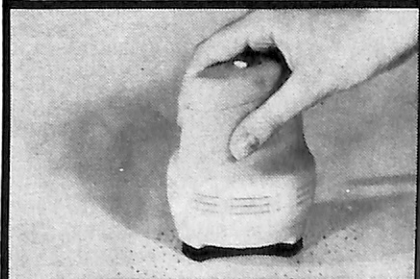
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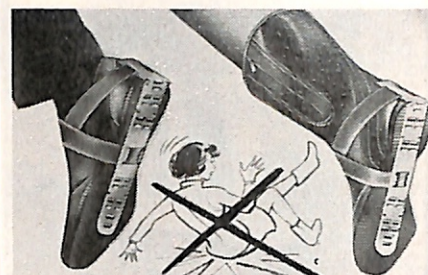
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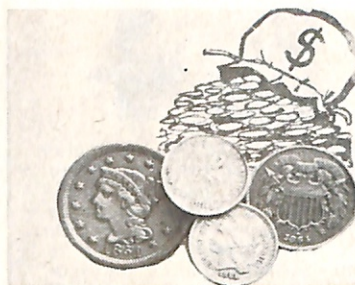
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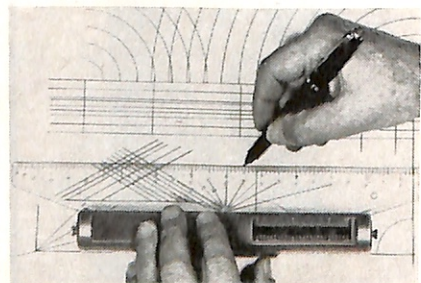
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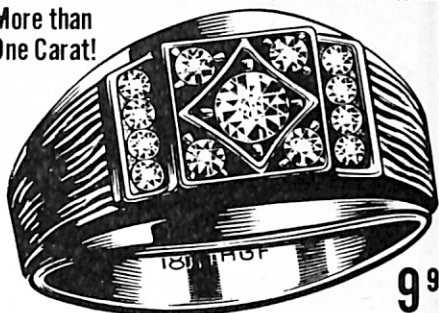


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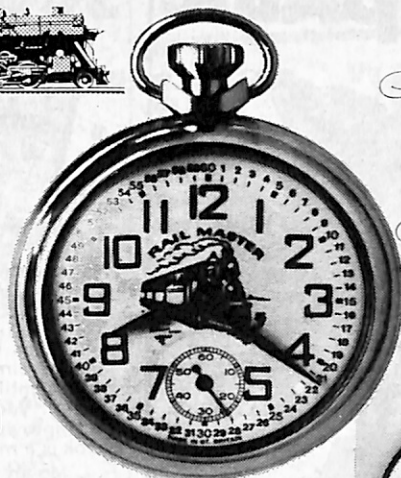
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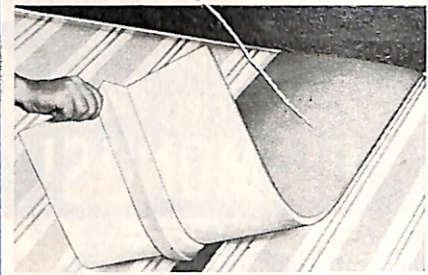
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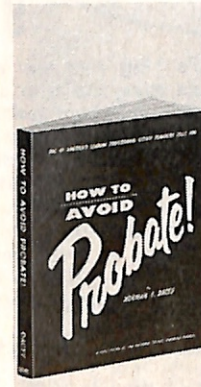
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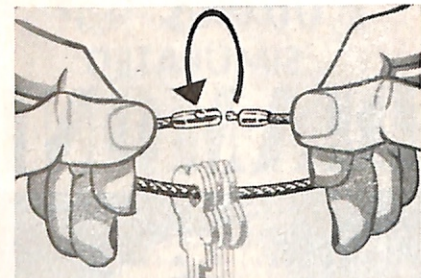
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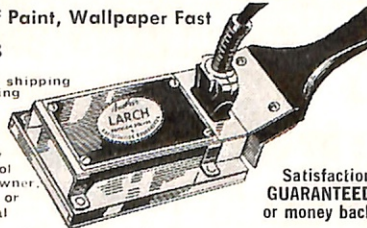
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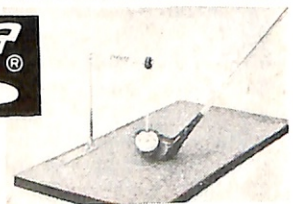


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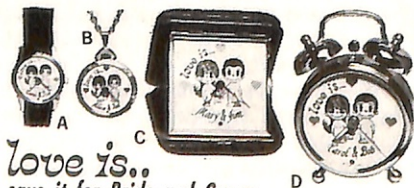
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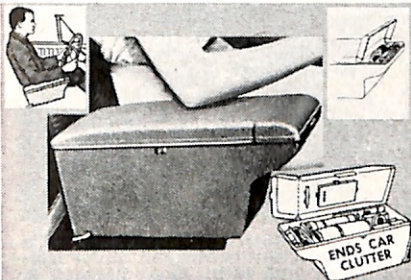
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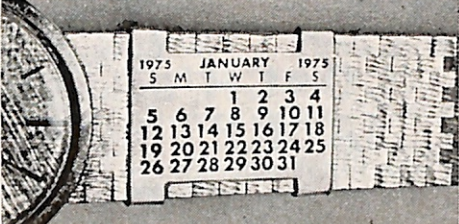
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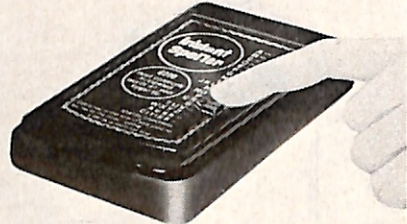
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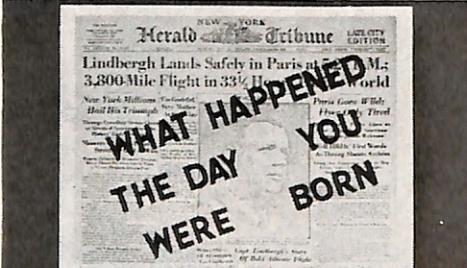
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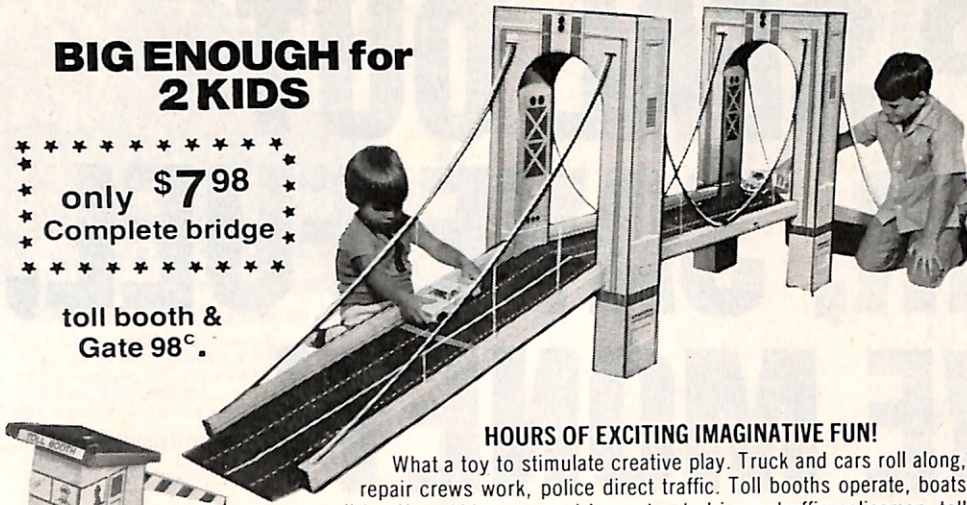
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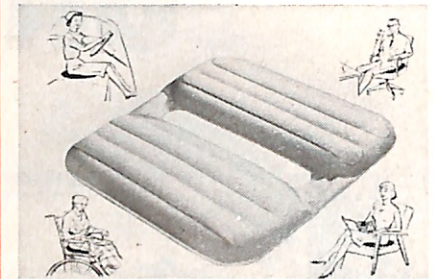
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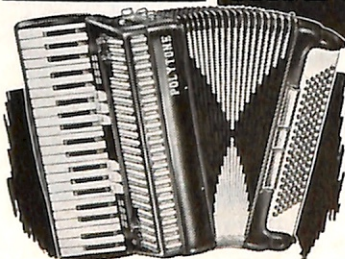
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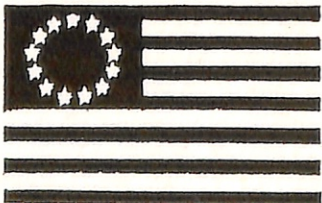


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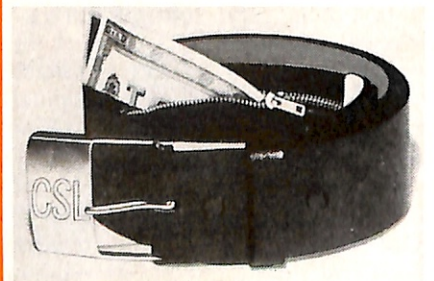
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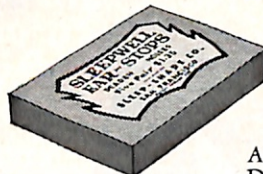


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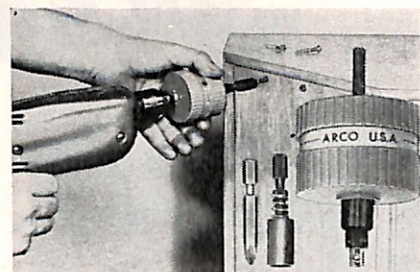


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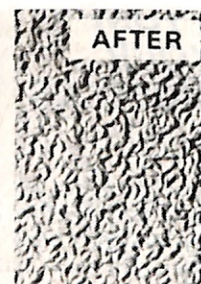
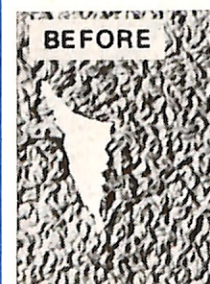
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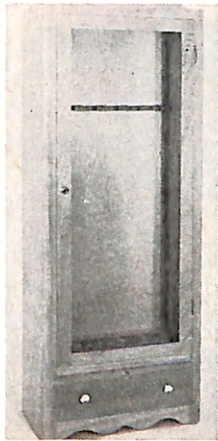
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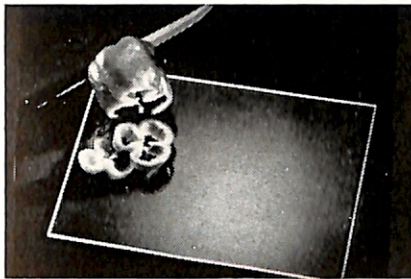
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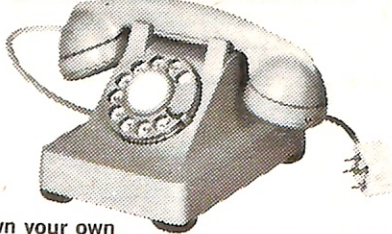


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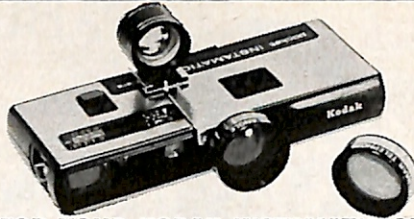


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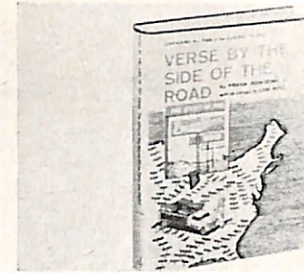
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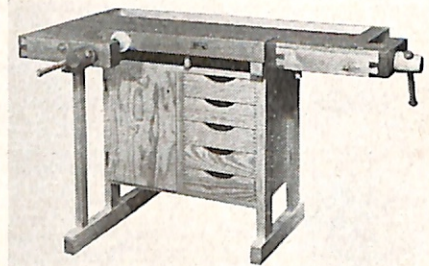
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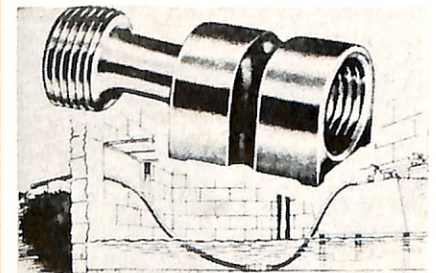
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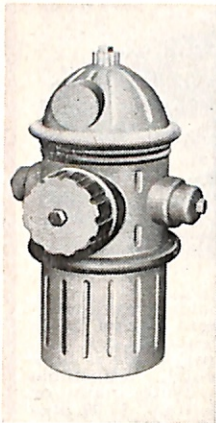
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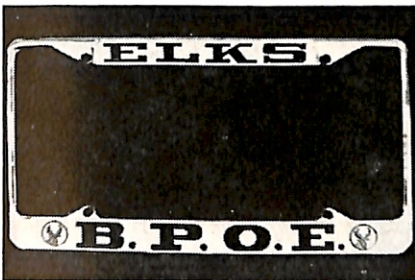
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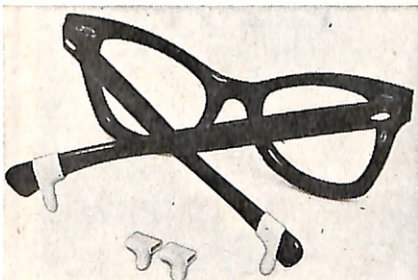
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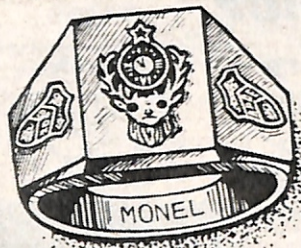


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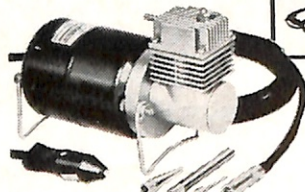
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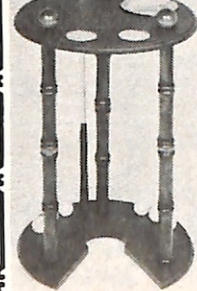
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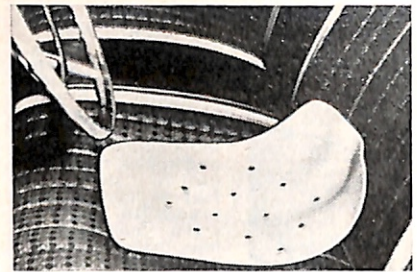
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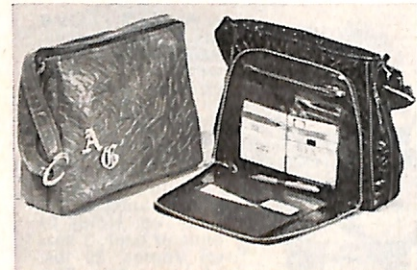
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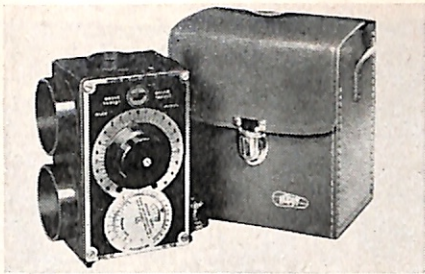


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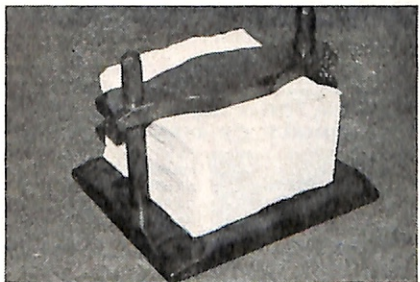
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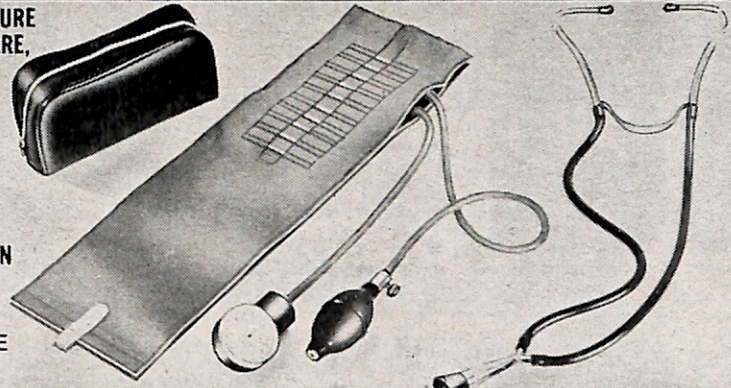
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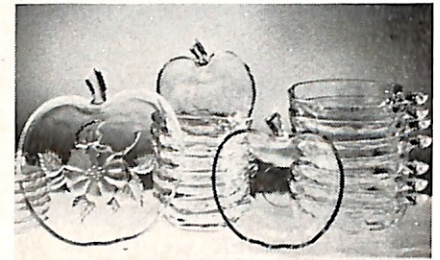
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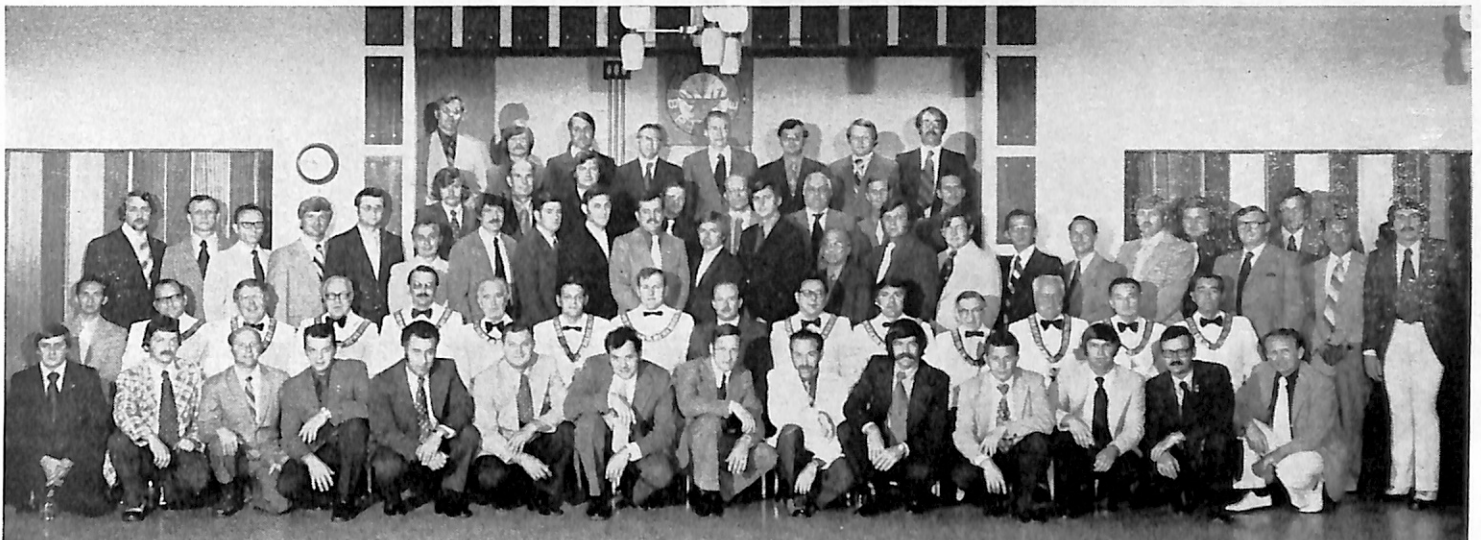
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THE MORTGAGE to Nevada, Mo., Lodge was burned recently in a special ceremony which was followed by a dinner dance. Assisting ER Thomas Hacker (center) in the burning were then-SP W. H. Stewart O'Brien (left) and then-DDCER Robert Todd.



LIFE MEMBERS of Ottawa, Ill., Lodge were honored at a testimonial dinner recently. PER Robert Knottek (center), who was the MC, welcomed (from left) Samuel Parr, 63-year member; Peter McManus, 61 years; John Jordan, 60 years; Vernon Bellrose, 55 years; Charles Helffrich, 53 years, and Irvin Bell, 50 years.



A CLASS OF 58 was initiated into Alliance, Ohio, Lodge and dedicated to immediate PER Ronald Timpe. The new members were welcomed by lodge officers and received their lapel pins.



A WINNER in the Wisconsin Elks state bowling tournament was Bob Kommers (center) of Antigo, Wis., Lodge. He was presented with a trophy and a wallet by Secy. Harold Simons (right) while ER David Sullivan watched.



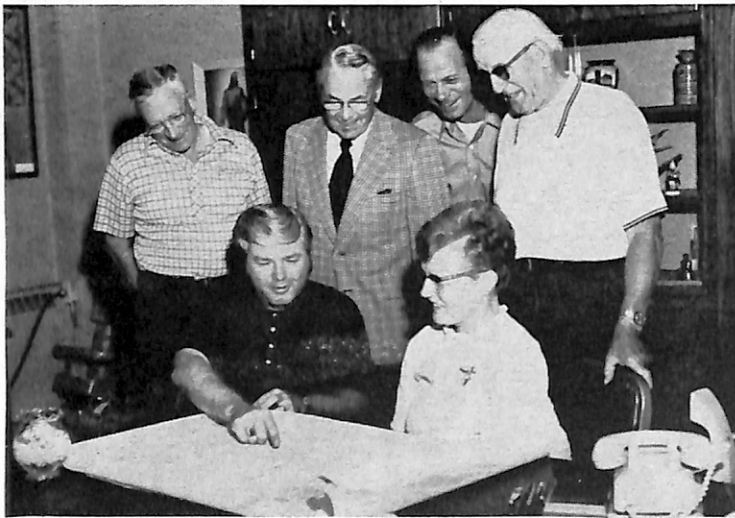
A CHECK FOR \$300 was presented by Mansfield, Ohio, Lodge to Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. Brother Bill Bonner (left) and PER Joseph Vaughn gave the check to Constance Redfield, director of the organization which provides employment for the mentally retarded. The money will be used to purchase equipment for the Newhope workshop.



A GIRLS LEAGUE was sponsored in softball by St. Joseph, Mich., Lodge, in addition to the boys league. (From left) ER Donald Krajecki, Rich Plangler, who donated bats and balls, Ernest Steinke, girls league president, and Tom Sparks, boys league president, presented equipment to team captains Sara Emery, Tracy Gaynor, Barb Brevitz, and Sheri Schmitke.



THREE CERTIFICATES in the Foundation have been paid-up by PER Delmon Easterling, a member of Richmond, Ky., Lodge. Brother Easterling has offered to match any ten \$100 pledges from lodge members with another \$100 pledge of his own.



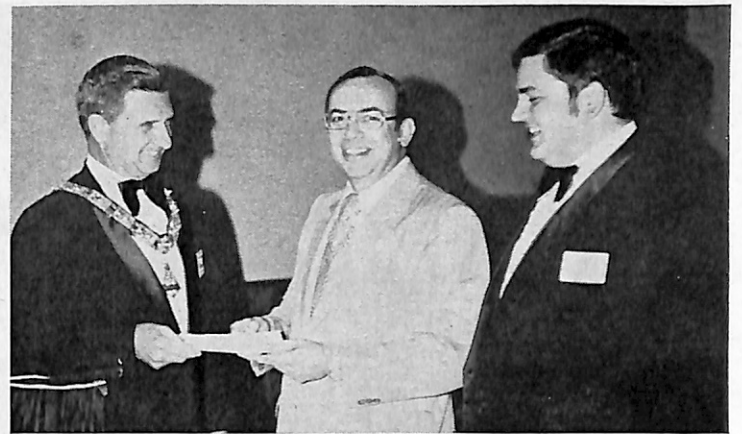
A PLEDGE OF \$3,000 has been made by Jamestown, N. D., Lodge toward construction of a crippled children's school. Plans for the school were reviewed by ER Mark Paulson (seated, left) and Dr. Anne Carlsen, school administrator, while (standing, from left) crippled children committeemen Charles Wingire, Harold Wicks, Warren Gallagher, and Chm. Ben Miller looked on.



AMONG the 50-year members honored by Lafayette, Ind., Lodge at its Old Timers' Night was life member George Souders (third from left), the 1927 winner of the Indianapolis 500 mile race. Also honored were (from left) Brothers Thomas Withrow, John Rosser, and T. C. Kolthoff.

THE ELKS BAND from Devils Lake, N. D., Lodge performed at Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington, marking the second time in ten years that the band has played at a World's Fair. The director of the band is Darrell Maxson.





MORE THAN \$3,100 was raised by Waukesha, Wis., Lodge to benefit retarded children. Project Chm. Roger Murphy (center) accepted a check on behalf of the Waukesha County Association for Retarded Children from ER Robert Lee (left) while Est. Lead. Kt. Tim Poshek observed. About \$500 of the proceeds will be used for the lodge retarded children fund.

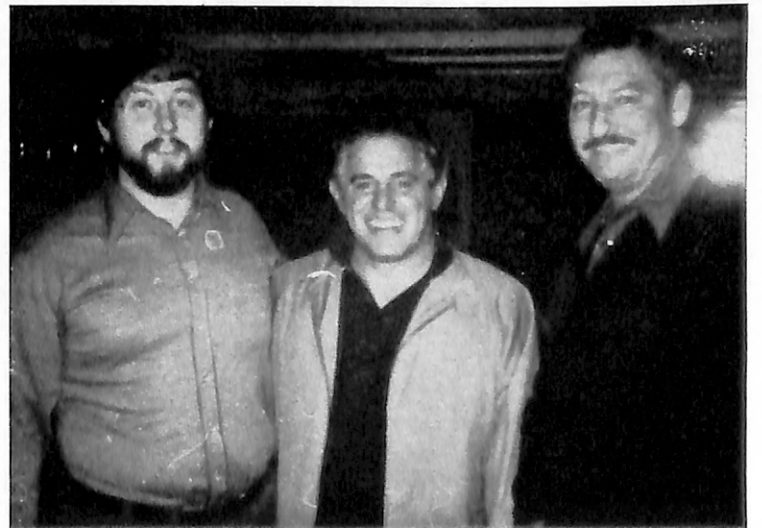
◀ **FREE SWIMMING CLASSES** were offered to local children this past summer by Harlingen, Tex., Lodge. Over 240 children participated in the program.



A NEW HOME for Chicago (South), Ill., Lodge was dedicated recently. Among those attending the ceremonies were (front row, from left) SDGER George Hickey, PGER Lee Donaldson, now deceased, PER John Farrell, PSP Robert Flynn, and (back row) ER Charles Kahr, PER Peter Thomas, Arlington Heights PER Robert Sabin, Trustee John Tobin, PDD Frank Farrell, and then-SP Ray Sheahen.



CERTIFICATES of paid-up membership in the Foundation were presented to five members of San Antonio, Tex., Lodge. Receiving the certificates were (from left) Est. Lect. Kt. Don Childs, PER Donald Moates, Foundation Chm. James Sharp, PER Charles Oldborg, and Secy. Fred Helmle.



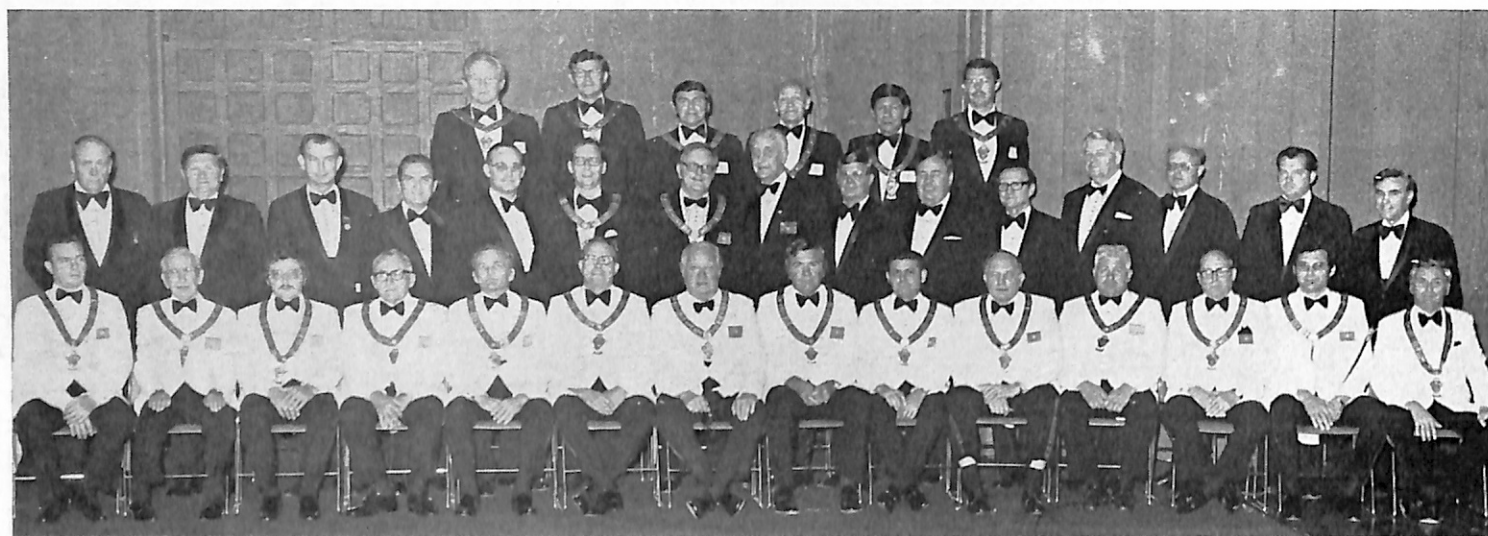
THE ANNUAL wild game dinner, which is hosted by PER James Walker (center), was held at Carbondale, Ill., Lodge. Among the participants were Don Vollrath (left), manager, and Art Reid, sports writer and guest speaker for the evening, who showed a film of a fishing trip in Central America.



INITIATED into Alliance, Neb., Lodge was a class of 14, which was one of the largest classes in the lodge's history. ER Edward Lewis (standing, center) welcomed the new members.



CRIPPLED CHILDREN will benefit from \$2,715 raised by Lincoln, Ill., Lodge through the annual sale of sunshine bonds. Est. Lead. Kt. Peter Frantz presented the check to Crippled Children Chm. Edward Nikles.



LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Missouri, Lodge was instituted as Lodge No. 2517. Among those participating in the ceremonies were PGER Edward McCabe, SDGER Bernard Watters, PDDs Robert Todd and Gene Mordecai, SP Donald Nemitz, and PSPs W. H. Stewart O'Brien, Dan Tammany, Don Conrad, Galen Marr, and Earl Toulouse. The champion ritualistic team from Washington, Mo., Lodge conducted the initiation.



THE BOWLING TEAM sponsored by Ligonier, Ind., Lodge won the state and national Elks' bowling championships. Brother Bill Foster (third from right) and his three sons Steve (fourth), Scott (second), and Shelly (right) joined Norm Biddle (fifth) and Morris Durham (left) for the winning combination. ER Rick Mathew and the team members displayed the trophy.

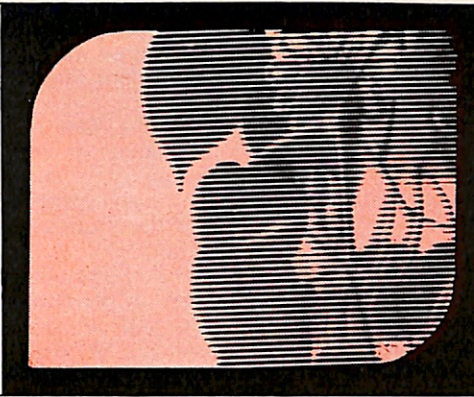


EVANSTON, Illinois, Elks donated the use of their lodge facilities to St. Mary's Church which hosted a dinner for elderly people living alone or in nursing homes. Co-chm. Courtney Smith and Rose Kenna, and Sister Zaccaeus waited on one of the tables of guests.



BACKYARD GARDENER

by Jon Peterson



INDOOR ADAPTABILITY

It's one thing to talk about bringing a bit of the outside into your home for year-'round enjoyment. It's quite a different story knowing just what plants grow best in the rather restricting confines of the home. Many plants simply cannot get enough sunlight in the average home to grow well. Other typically "outdoor plants," such as common straw-



berries, adapt remarkably well.

But there are several plants well known for their indoor adaptability that give the greatest amount of growing success with the least amount of effort. You can buy most varieties from your local florist, nursery, or plant store. For immediate enjoyment, buy them fully grown in the size that you like best. Unless you have exceptionally favorable conditions, you shouldn't expect much further growth. With proper care, however, these plants should remain attractive and healthy for a long period of time.

The basic requirements are simple. Adequate light comes first. As to temperature and ventilation, very likely your home environment is satisfactory. As you gain experience you'll want to learn about disease control and prevention. Watering is crucial. More house plants are killed by overwatering than most people realize. In general, a plant should be watered thoroughly, then allowed to dry out before being watered again. Too much water will cause root rot and other problems which eventually lead to failure.

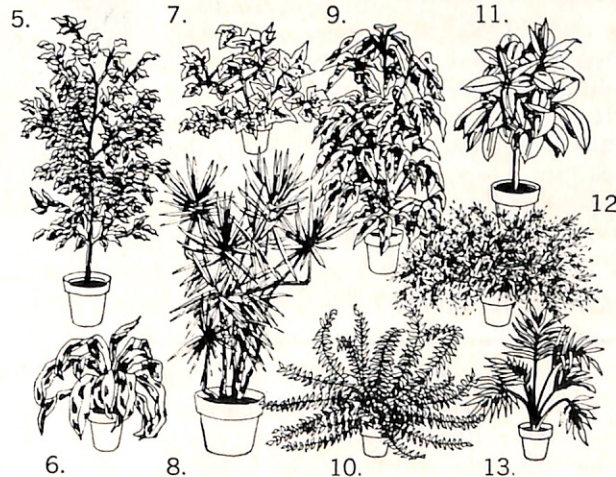
The plants pictured here are just a few of the many available, hardy varieties you can successfully grow indoors. A reputable plant retailer will advise you on plants that will thrive under your specific home conditions.

1.) Prayer plant (*Maranta leuconeura*). Medium light will keep this plant healthy. It doesn't like being too dry, so water to keep the soil evenly moist but not wet. Display on counters or in planter boxes. An interesting plant that folds up its leaves at night.

2.) Bamboo palm (*Chamaedorea erumpens*) from Honduras. Survives in medium to low light and should be kept evenly moist, but not wet. It's a good floor plant, especially for narrow areas, and perfect for filling spaces that don't receive maximum light.

3.) Dumb cane (*Dieffenbachia amoena*) from Brazil. Does well in medium light areas. Water heavily, but allow the surface of the soil to dry well between waterings. An impressive plant for floor display.

4.) Grape ivy (*Cissus rhombifolia*) from West Indies. It will thrive in medium light conditions. Water it thoroughly, then



allow soil to dry before watering again. Hang it in baskets, or let it cascade from pots placed near windows.

5.) Weeping Indian fig (*Ficus benjamina*) from the Philippines. A graceful tree-like plant that needs a brighter location to thrive. Water heavily and allow the soil to dry to the touch before watering again. A good floor plant for brighter areas.

6.) Corn plant (*Dracaena massangeana*) from Africa. Survives in medium

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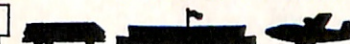
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to low light. Water heavily, and allow the surface of the soil to dry before watering again. Makes a good floor plant where abundant light is not available.

7.) English ivy (*Hedera helix*). One of many variations from the extensive ivy family. It, too, likes medium light and should be watered to keep the soil evenly moist but not wet. Good for hanging baskets, or display in ordinary pots.

8.) Dragon tree (*Dracaena marginata*) from Madagascar. Does well in medium light areas. Water heavily and let dry thoroughly between waterings. A dramatic plant for display on the floor or table. Grows quite tall, if given the space.

9.) Umbrella tree (*Schefflera actinophylla*) from Australia. Needs an area with bright light to thrive. When watering, soak it thoroughly, and allow surface of soil to dry between waterings. Depending on specimen size, this makes a good floor or table plant where a bold accent is desired.

10.) Boston fern (*Nephrolepis exaltata*) from East Indies. Requires medium-level, indirect light to thrive. Water to keep it evenly moist. A cascading type plant that's ideal for displaying in hanging baskets or regular pots.

11.) Rubber plant (*Ficus decora*) from Malaya. A hardy plant that lives comfortably in medium to low-level light. Let it dry thoroughly between waterings, though,

or you'll have trouble. Then soak well. Generally displayed in floor containers.

12.) Asparagus fern (*Asparagus sprengeri*) from West Africa. Likes bright lights, so choose location carefully. Also likes more water than most plants. Keep it evenly moist. An excellent choice for hanging baskets or for cascade pots in window locations.

13.) Kentia palm (*Kentia forsteriana*) from Lord Howe Island. Good for problem light areas (medium to low levels). Water to keep evenly moist, but not wet. A graceful plant for floor display.

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WIN IN *The Elks Magazine's* first "Backyard Gardener" contest. Briefly describe the most unusual, unlikely plant you've successfully grown indoors (Strawberries, for example). One winner and his selection will be announced in this space in the January issue of the magazine. Entries must be postmarked before October 31 and will be judged by the editors and me on the basis of originality, ease of growth, and general plant availability. Runners-up will receive complimentary copies of the Gerber Garden Bath Book. First-place winner will receive a complimentary book and \$10. Photographs of entries may be enclosed, though none can be returned. All decisions will be final. ■

Obituaries



PAST GRAND LODGE COMMITTEEMAN C. Wallace Ericson, of Glendale, Calif., Lodge, died September 19, 1974.

Brother Ericson served as Exalted Ruler of the lodge in 1952-1953. His term as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South Central District was 1955-1956. He served on the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee from 1965-1970, the last two years as Chairman.

Brother Ericson was State Vice President, and later held the title of State President in 1972-1973.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Raymond V. Burk,

of Walnut Creek, Calif., Lodge, died August 24, 1974.

Brother Burk was the lodge's Exalted Ruler in 1955-1956, and became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Bay District in 1960-1961.



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Paul J. Diamond, a member of Latrobe, Pa., Lodge, died September 3, 1974.

He served the lodge as Exalted Ruler in 1933-1934, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Central District in 1936-1937.

ELKDOM'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, December 1, has been designated as Elks Memorial Sunday at which time we will honor the memory of our absent Brothers.

Competition will be held again this year as it has been in the past. Awards will be made to the top three lodges in each of the membership divisions, who, in the opinion of the judges, excelled in their Memorial Service Program. All phases should be properly documented with pictures and newspaper clippings. Entries will be judged on program, attendance, decoration,

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WE REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

By proclamation of Grand Exalted Ruler Gerald Strohm, November is Elks' Veterans Remembrance Month . . . a time for each of us to pause and reflect on what these men have done for our country.

According to our Grand Lodge National Service Commission, there are thousands of veterans in our hospitals throughout the country—still being cared for as a direct result of their service experiences. We have pledged that, "So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

We won't forget those veterans who are not confined to a hospital bed, either; they also served and they deserve our continuing thanks. November is the month for our nation to also recognize these men . . . on Veteran's Day. We used to call it Armistice Day and celebrate it on November 11th but there have been three wars since November 11, 1918, and many of today's youth have only a history book knowledge of the first worldwide conflict . . . but the older folks surely remember it vividly. It's been a long time since Korea, too.

Terrible fighting still goes on in Viet Nam but our country is no longer actively engaged there.

Those who attended our national convention in Miami Beach got a real insight to what many of our men endured as a result of that prolonged war. We heard Commander Gerald Coffee, who for seven years and nine days was held prisoner by the North Vietnamese in Hanoi. The things he related were horrible to contemplate and we can well imagine that there were many things he didn't mention which would turn stomachs. His 43 minute talk was met with hushed attention, not only for what he endured along with hundred of fellow Americans, but for the other lessons we found in the reasons for his survival. Strength of character, belief in God, belief in our country and discipline were the assets upon which he drew to bring him through a long nightmare we can only imagine but which he had to endure.

Elks pride themselves in patriotism and a belief in a Supreme Being, but when Commander Coffee had finished there was a spontaneous burst of renewed testimony as the audience rose to cheer him.

No . . . we will never forget our veterans even though there is no hot war going on for this country now . . . for which we are grateful. They served when needed. We will serve them as long as they need us.

Both printed and tape recorded copies of Commander Coffee's speech are still available. They may be ordered by writing the Grand Lodge Public Relations Department. Printed speeches are free while the supply lasts. Cassette tapes are \$3.00 and reel-to-reel tapes are \$3.50 each, postpaid. Order from PR Department at 425 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614.



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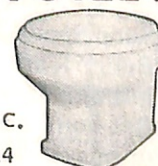
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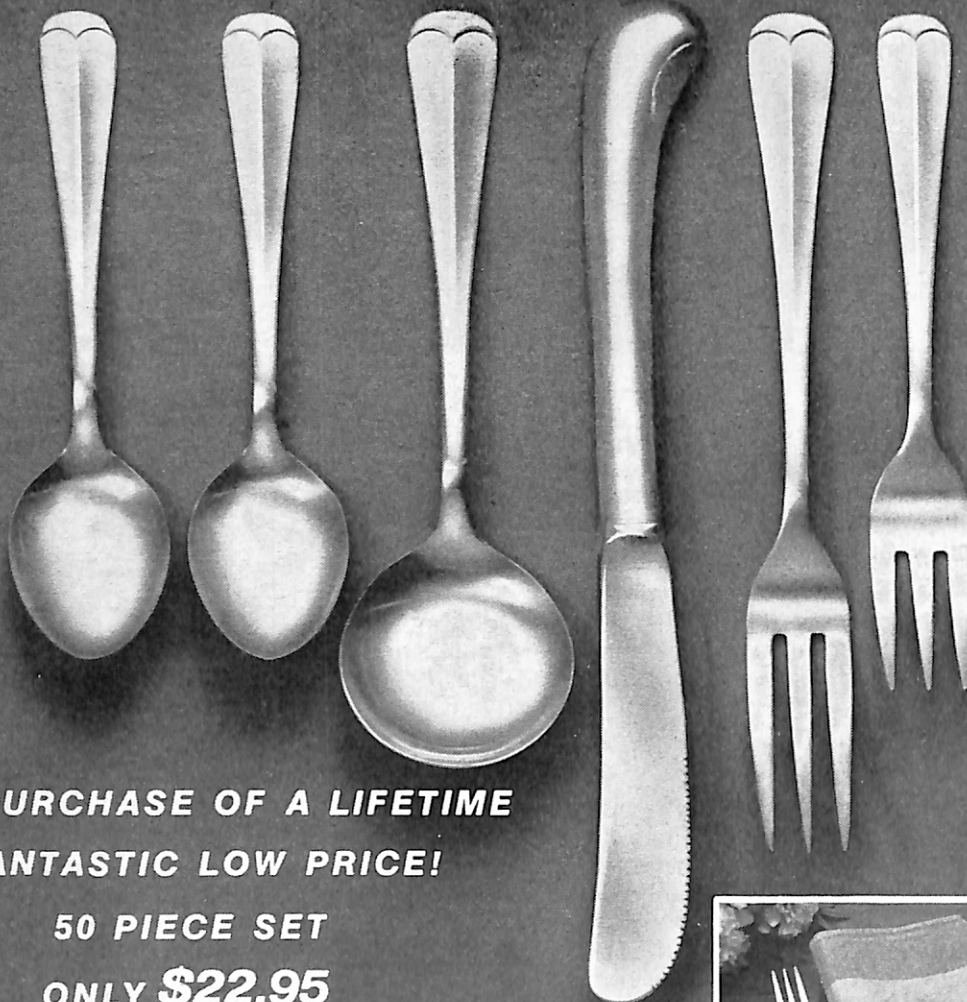
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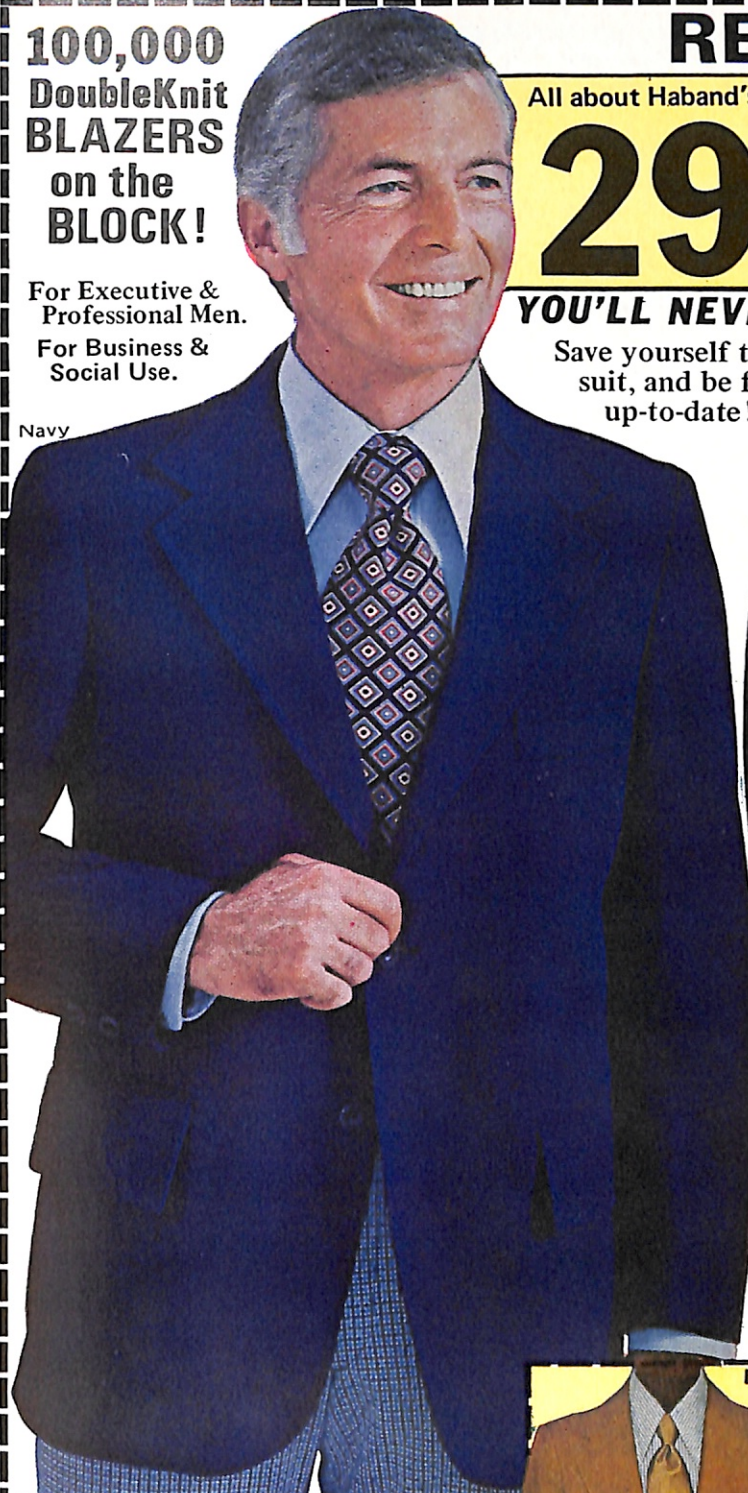
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