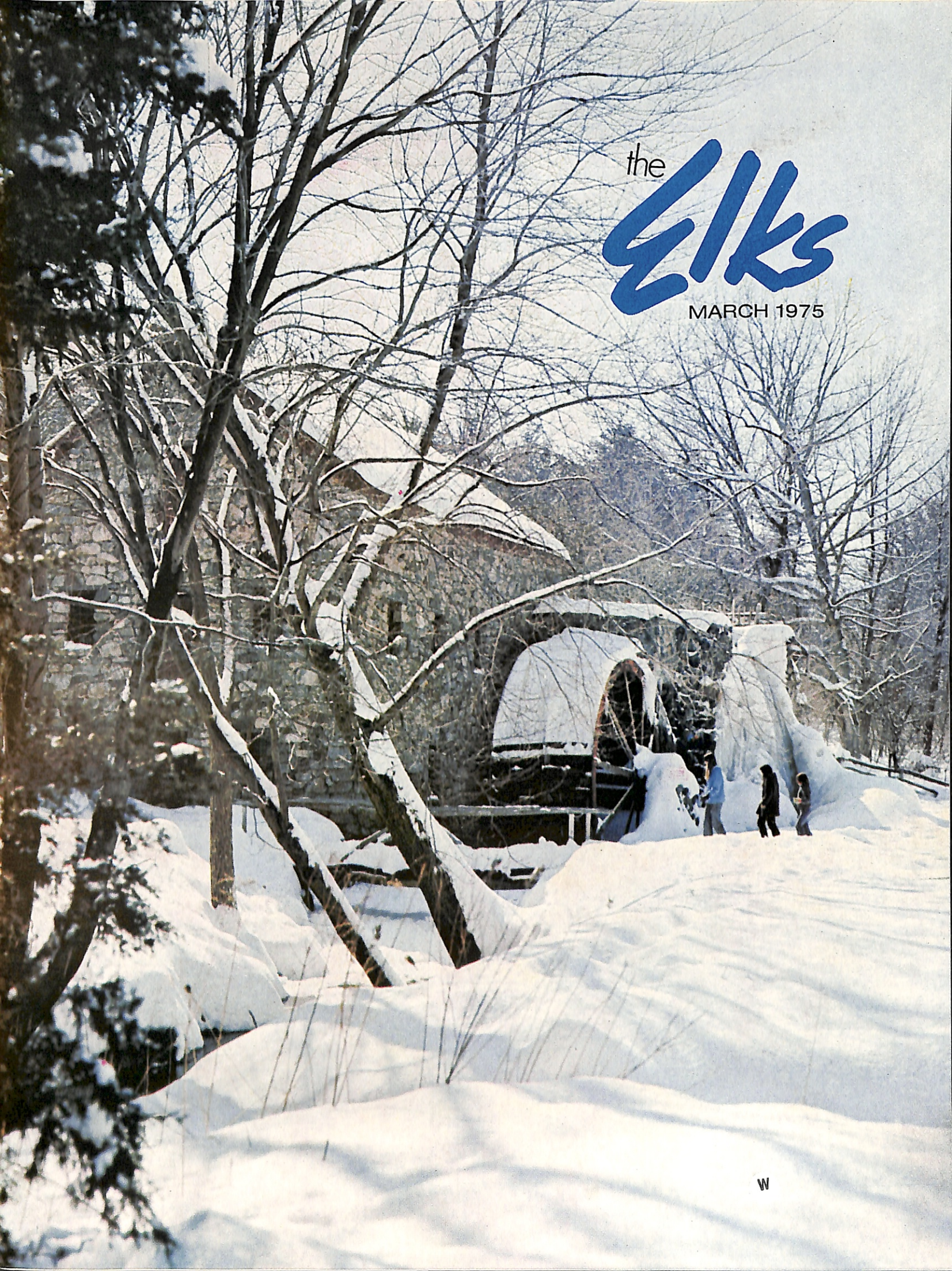


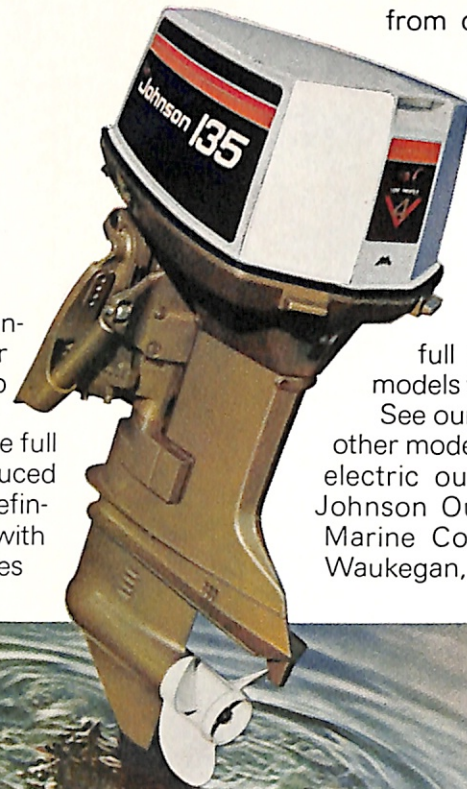
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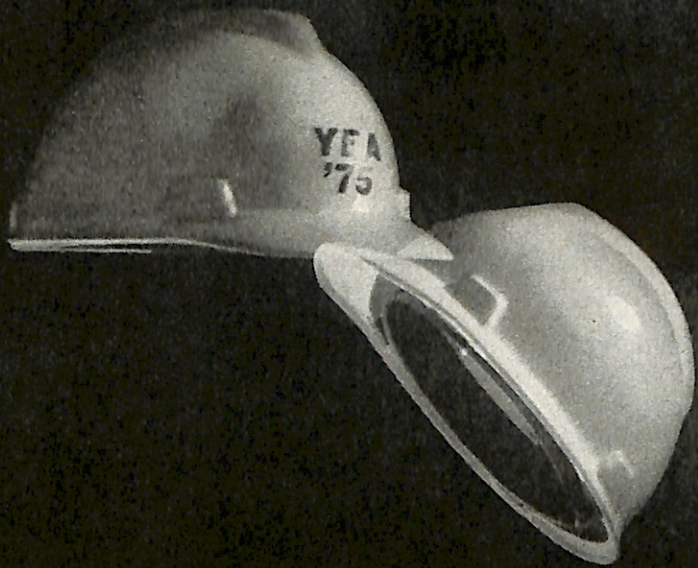
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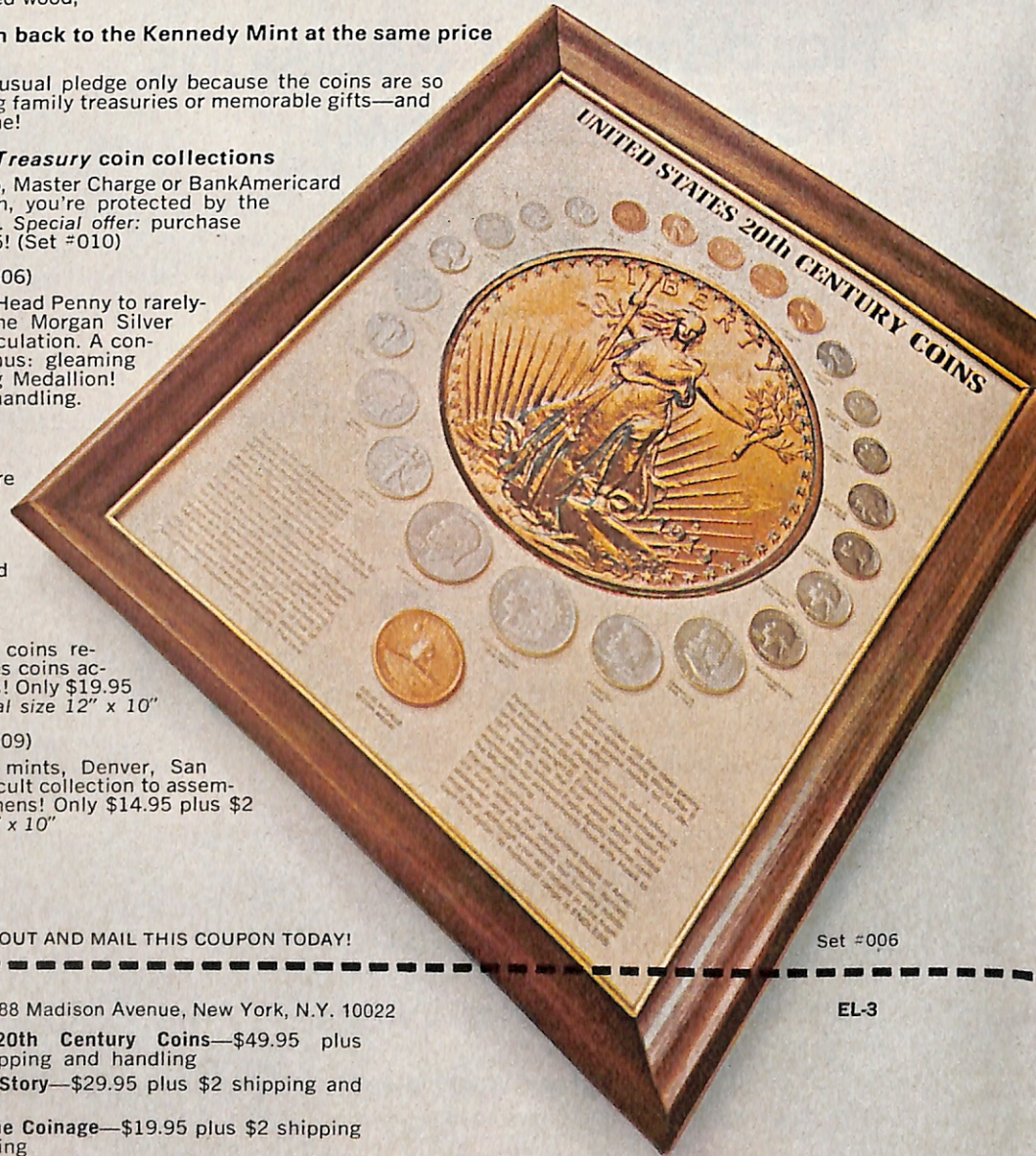
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But as you and all people interested and concerned about our Order of Elks

will realize, there is still one whole month to go before making this final record. This can be one of the most rewarding months of all. There is still lots of time to reach the goal for the Elks National Foundation and to do a BETTER job than has ever been done before. There is still time to return to the fold those Brothers who have not yet paid their dues for the current period. In some cases there is still time to add new members to the rolls of the subordinate Lodges. There is still time to make sure that this is a BETTER year in our Order and that the efforts of the subordinate Lodge leaders have made it so.

Knowing that ours is a family organization and that many of the readers of this page will be our ladies, I ask them to encourage the Elks family to do those things which can be done now. Remember, Elks National Foundation, Membership and Lapsation.

March is, of course, a stepping stone for the new leadership. Elections will be held in every subordinate Lodge and it is expected that everyone who allows his name to be presented for an elective office does so with the realization that along with the honor of being an officer comes the responsibility. There will be demands of time and effort which should be realized so that family and others will be tolerant.

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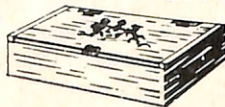
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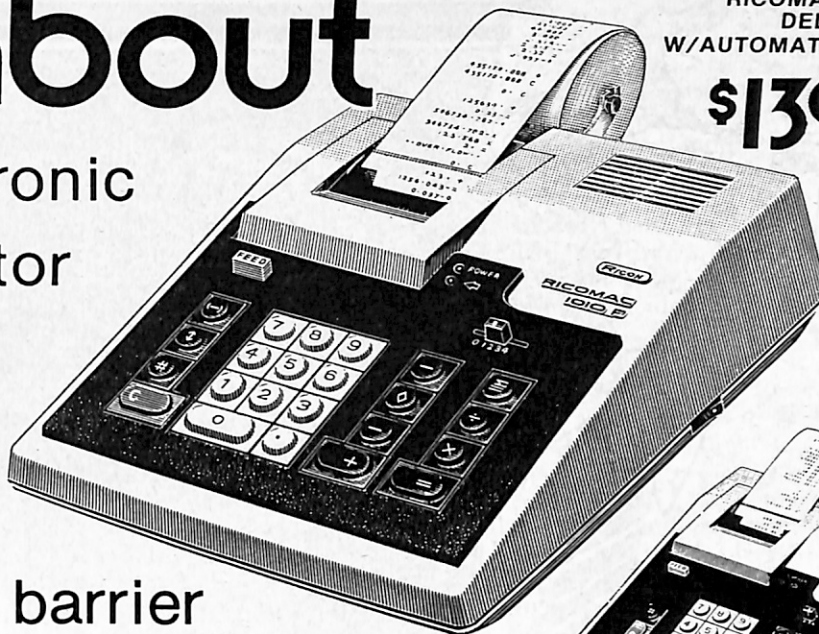
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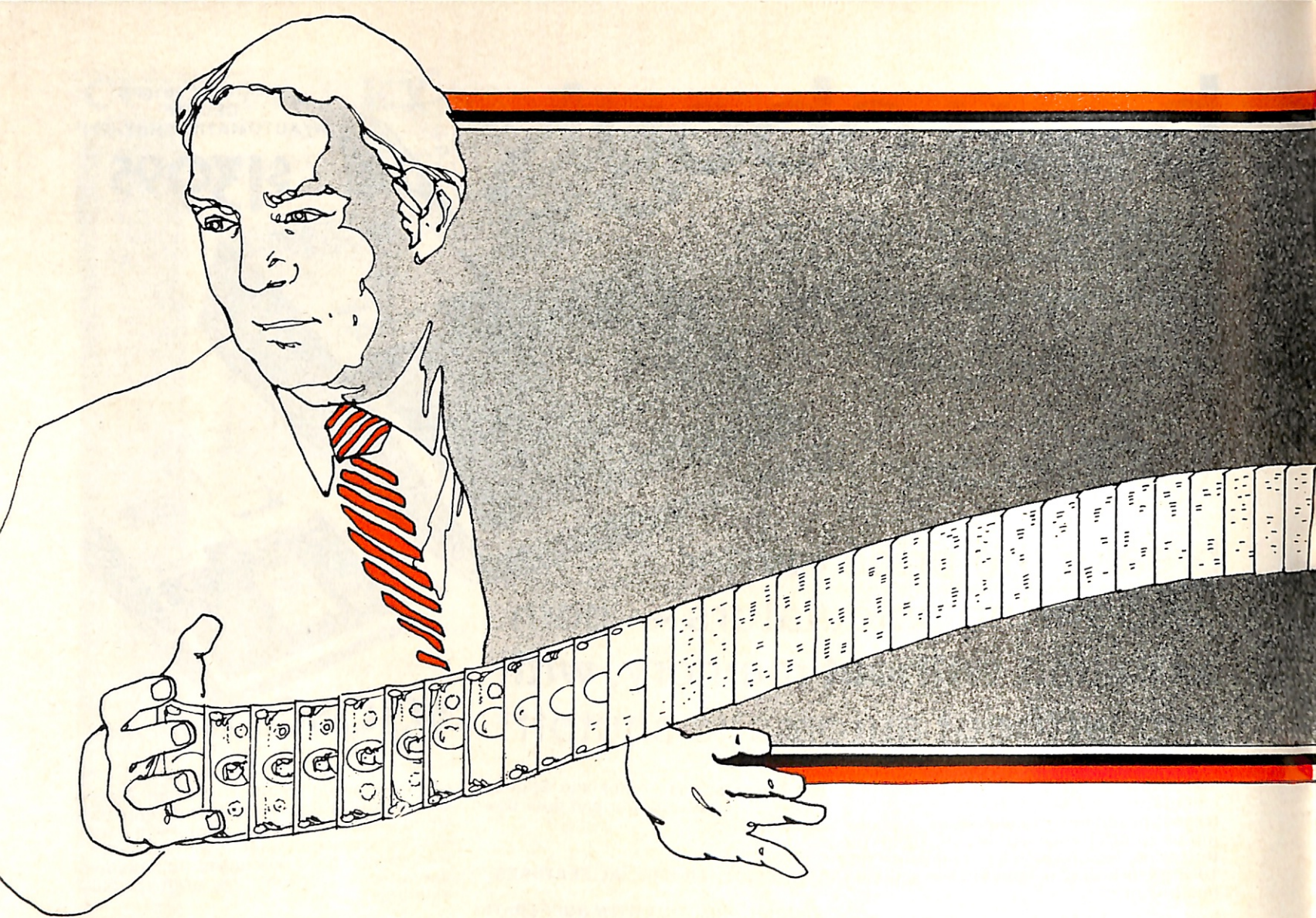


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by Jean E. Laird

Man has always had the ability to commit criminal acts, no matter how difficult the circumstances. He tampers with tamper-proof devices, escapes from escape-proof prisons and burglarizes burglar-proof establishments. To date, no level of technology has found itself above the ingenuity of a clever, dishonest mind—not even the mighty computer.

For instance, in 1972 a young engineering student at the University of California at Los Angeles was arrested on charges of stealing some \$1 million worth of supplies from a telephone company over a two-year period. A set of system instructions found in the company trash cans gave him the entry code to the computerized ordering system. Using a Touch-Tone telephone and the code, he would enter item numbers obtained from the system and vary his orders by quantity and location.

He had learned from the documents in the trash yield that the phone com-

pany allowed for a certain amount of quarterly sales loss for each delivery location. The thief knew these amounts and the computer would tell him what was being legitimately ordered from each location, so he was able to keep his orders within the loss allowance. On occasion, he even sold the telephone company some of its own equipment.

His enterprise was so successful that he eventually had to set up a ten-man company to market the illicitly acquired merchandise. He was caught when one of his henchmen, disgruntled with his own share of the loot, turned him in.

Computers have brought forth a new era of crime. And, there are an estimated 80,000 computers currently in use in the United States. They count our votes, get us dates, and bombard us with junk mail. Clever con men are increasingly taking advantage of sophisticated computer systems to rip off substantial sums of money from unsuspecting customers, managers, and knowledgeable institutional investors.

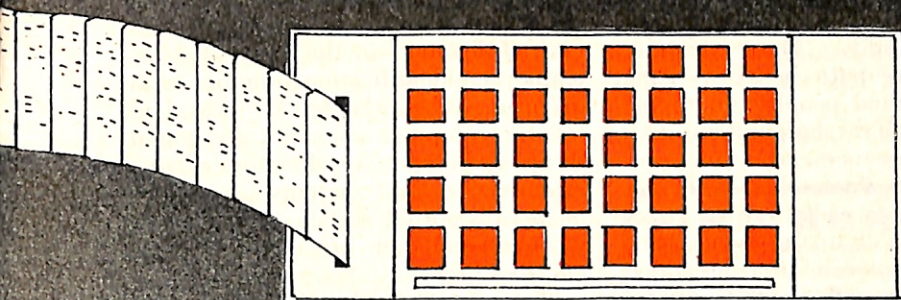
A leading computer researcher says,

“Business has probably never been so vulnerable. Electronic brains make excellent partners in crime because they do exactly what they are told with no questions, and can be programmed to cover their tracks completely.” And, the range of crime made possible by computers runs from simple embezzlement to destruction of secret information stored on data banks. Computer criminals today have stolen trade secrets, valuable equipment, and millions of dollars from banks, private companies and government agencies.

A study, directed by Donn Parker, at Stanford Research Institute, indicates there is a growing sector of crime and unauthorized activities within computer-related occupations. Mr. Parker adds, “No one really knows how much computer thievery goes on, but probably a lot more than is ever detected.” Why? Because most of the computer thefts discovered were uncovered quite by accident. And, some experts estimate there may be 100 undiscovered crimes for every one discovered.

One official says, “Almost all com-

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puter criminals have been caught when they accidentally fell over their own gimmicks. It makes you wonder what the really shrewd operators are doing."

Recently when New York police raided a bookie, they learned that one of his best customers was a man who for weeks at a time had gambled \$30,000 a day. When detectives looked into the man's background, they discovered that he was an \$11,000-a-year employee at a bank in New York. It turned out that he had access to one of the bank's computer terminals. For more than three years, he had been using the device to milk hundreds of savings accounts, netting \$1.5 million.

He would accept a customer's deposits at the teller window and pocket most of the money. Later he would go to a terminal and type in false information or instruct the computer to transfer money into the customer's account from one of hundreds of accounts that had shown little or no activity over the past several years.

Theft via the computer is really on the rampage. For instance, it was recently reported that a U. S. attorney suspected that someone inside a computer center modified input data to cover up the stealing of 217 missing boxcars. Computer data has been modified to record that the boxcars were scrapped or wrecked. These boxcars were discovered in the yards of

a railroad line located in the midwest. This was a good example of how the modification of computer records covered up a theft.

And, according to a suit filed in a midwestern court, three computer operators on a night shift copied nearly 3 million names from a computer file containing a Chicago company's "most valued" customer list. The employees then sold the list to a direct-mail advertiser. The actual loss to the firm was estimated in excess of \$3 million.

Another area of computer crime which is especially vulnerable is the area of payroll manipulation. The records show a brokerage firm was recently bilked out of \$81,000 before the scheme was uncovered. It seems the data processing manager instructed the computer to write checks to fictitious persons and send them to his home address. Only a stroke of bad luck stopped his scheme. The post office accidentally returned one of the checks to the firm, and the clerk who received it blew the whistle.

To illustrate how a programmer can take advantage of electronic data processing systems, W. Thomas Porter, Jr., tells us about the first federal criminal case of computerized crime. It seems that a 21-year-old programmer put a "patch" (a program change which is difficult to detect even by the trained specialist) in a program used to process bank checks and to

detect the bank's overdraft accounts.

The patch caused the program to check to see if the "invisible" bank account on magnetic tape was in overdraft. If it was, the computer was instructed to ignore his account when the computer overdraft was prepared. The patch was in operation for three months before the programmer, who had overdrawn \$1,300 by this time, was foiled by a computer breakdown. Hand calculations revealed the discrepancy.

W. Thomas Porter, Jr., adds, "With so much of the record-keeping centralized in the brain of the computer, a crooked programmer can perpetrate a major fraud armed with nothing but a few seconds' access to a computer."

Here is another example of computer theft which took place in a large, metropolitan bank when computers were first being used. An alert programmer noticed that the interest calculated to the nearest cent and then truncated. Thus, if the interest is calculated out to be 5.2222—it is simply left at 5.22—thus contributing nicely to the bank profits. The programmer simply fixed the computer to add some of the truncated portion to his account. In a short while he ended up with a very sizable bank account. In the meantime, the customer accounts stayed in balance. Eventually he was caught by bank auditors who noticed he was withdrawing large sums and not making similar deposits.

Needless to say, many of these schemes no longer work. Crime, like any other business, offers the highest rewards to those who are first to try out a new method.

How do the rewards of computer embezzlement stack up with the old conventional methods? Parker says that analyzing twelve cases of computerized bank embezzlement, studies show the losses averaged \$1.09 million apiece, or about ten times the average embezzlement loss.

Computers have changed the profile of the typical embezzler, too. Previously, the typical embezzler was in his early thirties, married, the father of two children, and stole for a three-year average before being caught. He was usually a major officer with his firm or an individual with treasury and accounting responsibilities. His embezzlements usually involved payroll, inventory, disbursements or receipts.

Donn Parker, who has studied the computer embezzler's motives at Stanford Research Institute, has developed some characteristics of what this kind of criminal is like. First, he (and we really mean "he," since hardly any women are found among the perpetrators) is highly motivated, bright, energetic and usually quite young—18 to 30

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years old, according to Parker. “Moreover, he seems to obtain very easily all the relevant information he needs about the system,” he adds, “from the trash can to interviews with key people. In addition, the organization’s claims about the security of the system have encouraged some programmers to look on their work as an opportunity to pit their minds against ‘them.’”

They go about their criminal activity in a highly methodical way, spending plenty of time and money in the quest for perfection. Computer criminals are outwardly loyal and trustworthy, and usually have never been in trouble with the law. They almost always fear detection of their crimes more than punishment.

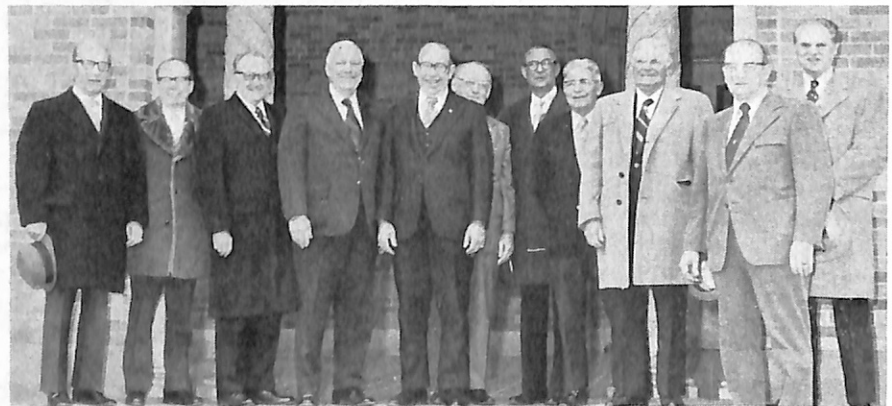
Mr. Parker adds, “Most computer criminals differentiate between doing harm to individual people and to big institutions, such as corporations and government bureaucracies.” One convicted computer thief told Mr. Parker that if he found a wallet on the street he would return it to the owner “just like any normal person.” But, he added that “If I were walking past a store and saw \$10,000 sitting beside the cash register, and I knew I could take it without being caught, of course I would do it—just like any normal person.”

Mr. Parker also contends a large number of computer criminals strongly believe that any information found unprotected in a computer—particularly one which is shared by several companies or agencies—is in the public domain and can be utilized by anyone who discovers it. Legal authorities contend that more court precedents will be necessary before a body of law can grow to resolve this contention.

Disgruntled employees have also been known to vent aggression on the mighty computer. For instance, an insurance company employee in the Midwest, angered when he was included in a layoff order, programmed the firm’s computerized payroll records to “self-destruct” in the event that his employee identification number was dropped. When the worker was laid off, the computer automatically erased the payroll tapes, resulting in a huge expense for the company. A similar incident occurred at a major university when several data processing employees were fired.

The experts further feel that a lot of computer crime that is detected is never publicly announced. Most security experts have collections of incidents that they have investigated but that were never reported to the police.

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All Elkdom was saddened by the death of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick of Toledo, Ohio. Attending his funeral were the Grand Exalted Ruler and a number of PGERs, as well as other dignitaries. From the left are Grand Sec’y Homer Huhn, Jr.; Al Vernon of Detroit, member of the GL Committee on Credentials; PGERs Edward W. McCabe and Horace Wisely; GER Gerald Strohm; PGERs Robert Pruitt, E. Gene Fournace, William A. Wall, Glenn Miller, and Frank Hise; and Nelson E. W. Stuart, executive director of the Elks National Foundation.

Services were conducted by Father Richard McCormick, PGER McCormick’s son.

Furthermore, some banks and companies candidly admit that when an incident is discovered, the corporate victims usually try to avoid the embarrassment and loss of confidence that publicity might bring.

What sometimes happens is that the offender, once detected, is required to make restitution and then leave—sometimes even getting severance pay and letters of reference to speed him away. This, of course, adds to the circulating of unrepentant, unrecognized embezzlers going from company to company.

Is computer abuse only found in this country? Hardly. Records show a German data processing operator obtained 200 extra copies of his paycheck by pressing the "repeat" button on the computer. He was caught when he cashed 17 of the checks at the same bank.

Most embezzlements take place in establishments that have weak controls. Just as closed circuit television helps prevent and catch thieves, a good audit procedure helps control, prevent and uncover computer embezzlements. Unfortunately, many computerized environments do not have strong deterrents to theft. To the contrary, some have poor control techniques, easy access to the computer room, and little or no auditing of computerized data files and programmed controls.

Authorities assure us that computer embezzlement can be kept at a minimum by segregating duties so no single person is permitted to handle all the important phases of a transaction without the intervention of some other person or persons who provide a crosscheck. In other words, no employee who handles the cash should be allowed to balance the ledgers. Embezzlement most often occurs when one individual has complete authority over an asset with no checks. Rotation of duties is another commonly used method of control.

Another safeguard is the compulsory vacation. Many banks and other financial institutions use this as a standard procedure. And, this provides the same basic protection as the shifting of duties. Most employees jump at the chance to take a vacation, but there are sometimes a few who never take vacations for various reasons—occasionally, because they are afraid others will uncover irregularities in accounts. If any employee becomes so indispensable that he cannot have a few weeks of uninterrupted vacation, management should do something to correct the situation.

Computer manufacturers are trying hard to develop systems that will be more resistant to manipulation, by

either dishonest employees or outsiders. The consensus of the experts seems to be that it is possible to design penetration-proof operating systems, but they are not likely to be commercially available in large systems in less than four years, at the very earliest. And, when they are available, the problem will be what to do about the existing systems.

The conclusion drawn by groups working on programs for greater data security is this: "The computer is the ideal tool for detecting wrongful manipulation of its systems. All data should have built-in safeguards that would automatically tip off a company if its computer were being misused. Further, the computer can print out a list of all attempted violations—a valuable record for the security investigator."

Mr. Parker adds, "Computer science

is still very young. And, detection is the one thing that the computer criminal fears most. As long as he feels he can get away with his illegal acts, computer theft will continue."

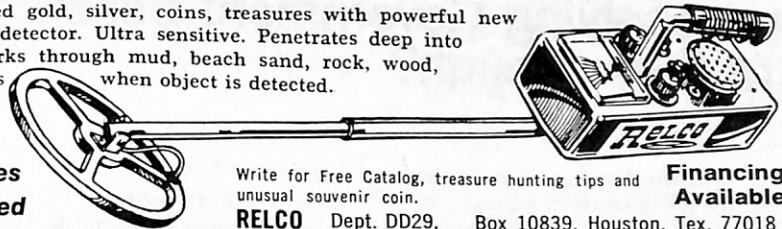
There is much truth in the wise old saying that we should be able to learn from our mistakes. The fact that authorities are delving into computer-related crime is our only hope of preventing it.

However, there is one ray of hope on the horizon. It seems that many computer criminals are quite prepared to turn their talents back into legitimate channels, reversing the role. For instance, the electronics expert who stole the telephone company merchandise is back in business after serving time for his acts. This time he is advising clients on how to secure their computers against illegal entry! His motto: "It takes a computer thief . . ." ■

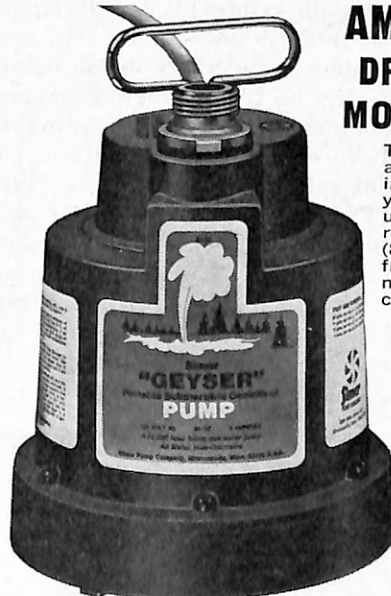
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That's why it's very important for people to know the benefits they could

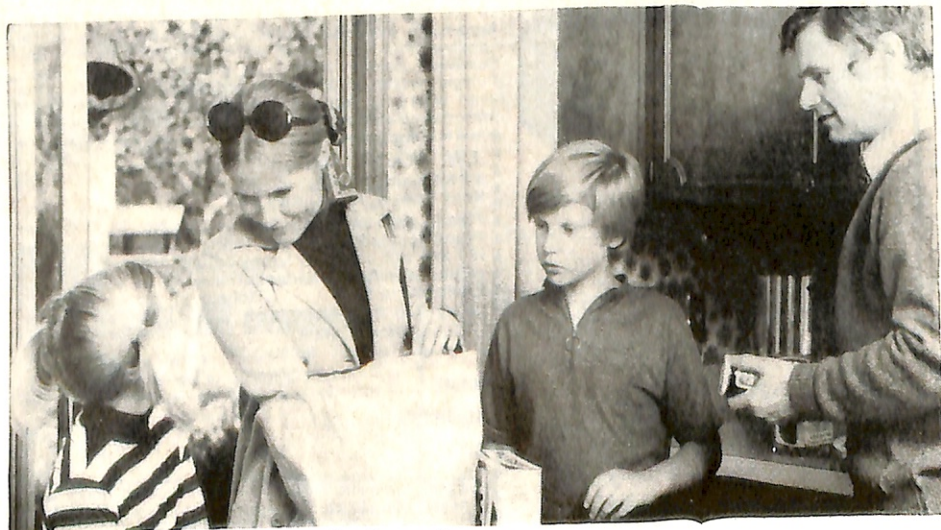
get under current Social Security and Medicare programs, to be sure they don't overlook valuable benefits they may be eligible for, now or later.

Because these benefits can add up to a lot of money, and promise to get much bigger in the years ahead, many people may no longer need the same personal insurance protection as in the past. For example, last year, the Government raised Social Security benefits 11%. This means the family of a man under 65 who gets sick or hurt and can't work could receive as much as \$600 or more a month in disability benefits—plus Medicare hospital and medical benefits if he's disabled for more than two years. And now there's

talk of a Medicare-type program to cover *everyone* under 65.

Obviously, big benefits like these can now make it easier and less expensive to provide the added protection you may need and want for a more secure and happier life. And in these days of record-high hospital and medical costs, it's *especially* important for you to make sure that your present protection—government, private or group—will be enough to help you avoid serious financial loss.

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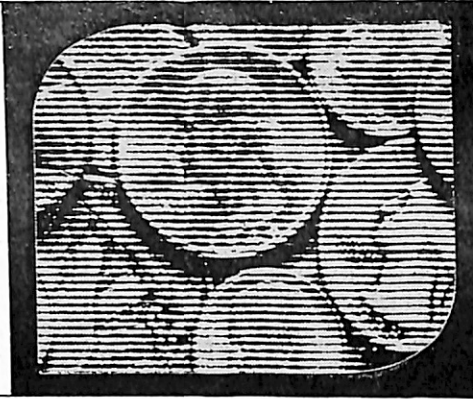
People of all ages can benefit from changes in Medicare and Social Security



People over 65 can get the added help they need beyond Medicare

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

by J. L. Slattery/R. Gosswiller



FRANCHISING—AND YOUR MONEY—Part 2

Mr. William Strickland is one man who took a very realistic view about becoming a franchised small-businessman. He wanted to get a Midas Muffler Shop franchise, and he knew that those aren't just handed out to anyone who can put up the required amount of money.

Mr. Strickland had had engineering training, and that was a big plus mark for him. But in order to get himself adequately qualified to operate a Midas shop, he began working in one—without pay—on evenings and weekends. He carried on this demanding spare-time preparation for about eight months. So when Midas granted him his franchise, they had good reason to feel a lot of confidence in him.

Are you interested in becoming an operating franchisee in some field of business? Then ask yourself: "How well prepared am I to run a business successfully?"

And please note that we do say "run a business," not "run a franchised business." Generally speaking, the better qualified you are to run a business successfully without being franchised, the better qualified you are to achieve success as a franchisee. We're assuming, however, that you'd be willing—and temporarily able—to conform to the franchiser's way of doing things. A man who has a really strong desire to "be my own boss" is likely to find the role of a franchisee too restricting.

There's also the important point that many men who have been victimized by bad franchising operations might have avoided getting caught if they'd given careful thought to the question . . .

"Do I NEED a Franchise?"

Mr. A. L. Tunick is a founder of the International Franchise Association. In referring to certain kinds of low-quality franchise offerings, he says: "A lot of times the buyer doesn't need the franchiser for anything. You could go out and buy what you need on your own. They don't teach you anything."

His remark is particularly applicable to many of the so-called "dealerships" and "distributorships" which are peddled by some of the shadier franchising outfits. Those fast-buck promoters are interested simply in raking in franchise payments in return for some overpriced merchandise and maybe an "exclusive territory" that in actuality is no more ex-

clusive than a public park. Thousands of hopeful franchisees have found themselves stuck with junky equipment items and supplies that they finally just had to throw away.

Learn before Trying To Earn

Mr. Leonard M. Groupe is a lawyer who writes a newspaper feature giving advice on various business and personal-finance matters. Last November, in his column on the "Wake-Up Realities of the Franchising Dream," Mr. Groupe said that "you should know a lot about franchising itself before you decide to invest money in one." That's very sound advice. But unfortunately it's likely to be ignored by the very individuals who most need to follow it.

It's not easy to acquire a sound knowledge of the field of franchising, and it can't be gained simply by reading a couple of magazine articles. But a person who is seriously interested in becoming a successful franchisee and has realistic hopes and aims is going to be able to build up a good knowledge of franchising, though of course not just in a day or two.

A great many would-be franchisees won't try to learn about franchising because they don't want to think realistically about it. They're caught by "the franchising dream." But that dream all too often becomes a nightmare for such individuals.

In learning about the field of franchising, one of your main aims should of course be to find out which franchising companies are the good ones.

When Is a Franchiser "Good"?

The very first questions you should ask in considering some franchiser are these: "How solidly established is this outfit? And how good is their business reputation?"

Now you certainly shouldn't rely merely on what the franchiser says about his reliability and standing! The important thing is to find out whether that franchiser is regarded by the legal-financial "community" as being "solidly established" and "reputable." By "legal-financial community" we mean lawyers, bankers, professional investment firms, professional accountants, and so on. These specialists have access to all kinds of business and financial information which the ordinary person wouldn't even know how to start looking for—and wouldn't be able to interpret and evaluate properly by himself anyway.

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Sneak Celebration

Boston gets its licks in early—which is only fitting for the city that sparked the Revolution.

by Jerry Hulse



While other U.S. cities are preparing to whoop it up in 1976—America's Bicentennial Year—Boston plans to upstage the nation with a sneak attack that's scheduled for this coming April 18, Patriot's Day and the anniversary of Paul Revere's famous ride. As Boston gets its licks in early, the shout will be heard across the country and around the world. The forces behind the event, known as Boston 200, have prepared a series of celebrations which will continue throughout 1975 and into the final days of 1976.

There will be another tea party, concerts, pageants and parades. While patriots chase off the redcoats, an exhibition titled "Paul Revere's World" will be unveiled at the Boston Museum. No one is worrying over the fact that Boston is nearly a year ahead of everyone else. Boston is where it all got together, they say; this was the fuse, and the fuse was lit well ahead of battle. Students of history will recall the Stamp Act which was followed by the quartering of British troops in Boston.

Later, on March 5, 1770, blood was spilled in the Boston Massacre, and less than four years afterward the town brewed up its famous Tea Party. After skirmishes at Lexington and Concord, Boston was besieged by American patriots and the War of Independence was no longer a wish but a reality. For these reasons Boston can be excused for firing the first shot in the

Bicentennial celebration. It will be an effort to lure outsiders, an estimated 15 million visitors. Boston feels it has ammunition to spare, what with festivals, concerts, reenactments of historical events and the presentation of later episodes—scenes from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

After watching a rerun of Paul Revere's ride, joggers from around the world will gather to take part in a 26-mile marathon race beginning west of Concord and ending at Prudential Center. It has little to do with history, leaders point out, but is being billed as an exercise to attract some sizable crowds.

Meanwhile, tea will be dumped from a 112-foot brigantine presently moored at Congress St. Bridge. The vessel, a full-size working replica of the original Boston Tea Party ship, was built in Denmark for the Bicentennial binge. Already visitors are being piped aboard to view slide shows and inspect a chest which was plucked from the harbor following the first tea ceremony. Elsewhere, visitors will take part in an audiovisual exercise to determine whether they'd have been patriots during the Revolution or would have sided with the Tories. Before adding up scores, they'll listen to a debate between Samuel Adams and Gov. Hutchinson, hear arguments involving the Stamp Act and observe the Boston Massacre. Those who prove to be super patriots will be given the privilege of signing the Declaration of Independence.

At the same time, Bostonians are pointing out that the city hosted the first World Series (played in Boston Common), organized the first football team, operated America's first high school, opened the first one-way street and drove the nation's first fire engine. Visitors will make tracks along the Freedom Trail running between Boston Common and Old North Church. During the hike they'll stop to breathe in history at the Old South Meeting House, Faneuil Hall, Paul Revere's Cottage, the Bunker Hill Monument and Old Ironsides.

In preparation for the Bicentennial, Prudential Center is putting together a \$1 million exhibit and a 300-seat theater in which Boston will be presented as the Nation's "most livable city." Also prominent on the horizon is the new \$75 million John Hancock Center whose main attraction is a 60-story tower, the tallest skyscraper in all New England. It was Prudential Center which sparked an urban renewal program in Boston's Back Bay, a complex that includes the 52-story Prudential Tower, the 29-story Sheraton-Boston, a

25-story office building, a war memorial auditorium, shops and parking for 3,500 cars.

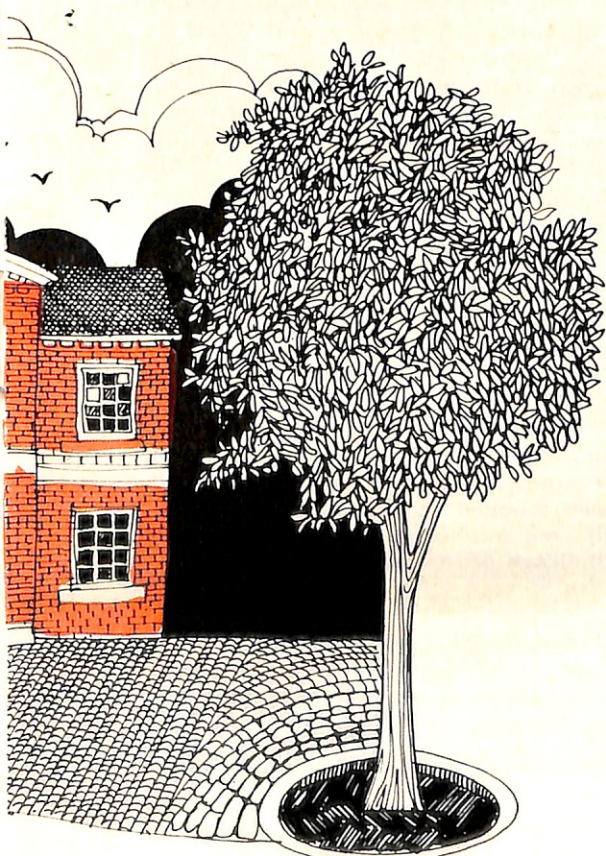
Getting back to the history lesson, Granary Burial Grounds holds the remains of Paul Revere, John Hancock, Samuel Adams and Peter Faneuil. And it was in nearby Boston Common that Benjamin Franklin came to graze his cow and where witches were hanged from trees in these peaceful pastures. During the Bicentennial Exposition others will look in on the Old Corner Bookstore where Longfellow, Emerson, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Whittier and Julia Ward Howe spent contented hours.

Altogether, 24 neighborhood Bicentennial committees are taking part in the "Boston 200" preparations. Homes are being repainted and office buildings are being scrubbed as the entire town spruces up for what promises to be the biggest crowd in Boston's history. Thousands will cross the Charles River to tramp the ivy halls of Harvard, an institution which has been turning out whiz kids since shortly after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth.

Beyond here the highways will be bumper to bumper with cars and campers joining the caravan to Plymouth where visitors will take shelter at the Mayflower Lodge and the Cranberry Motel. Myles Standish and the Pilgrim Mothers are immortalized in stone not far from Plymouth Rock, and a replica of the Mayflower stands at anchor, looking for all the world like the original itself. Plymouth Colony features thatch cottages and a theater-stable where life is portrayed as it was lived in the Pilgrim period. To bring animation to the village, men and women in Pilgrim costumes grow corn, die cloth, dip candles and prepare their meals over open fires.

From Boston, other pilgrims and patriots will be marching off to Salem and old Marblehead, two colorful villages only a short drive from the center of the city. While Salem may be bewitched, its citizens aren't the least bit bothered or bewildered. Awed, perhaps—by the endless procession of tourists—but certainly not bewildered. Indeed, the richer Salem becomes the more she plays on the sorrows of the accused witches who brought Salem its fame.

Even the logo displayed by the Chamber of Commerce portrays an old hag in a pointed hat floating about town on a broom. "Bewitched in historic Salem" is the chamber's cry. Nevertheless, as any schoolboy knows, not a single goblin ever haunted a single citizen in Salem. It was all part of a hysterical melodrama involving a group of puritanical young maidens who'd



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convinced themselves they'd become bedeviled. One later admitted she'd become bored with life in the small New England town and conjured up the hoax for kicks. Before the frightening witch hunt ended, 19 persons had been hanged, including one clergyman; another victim was pressed to death.

The whole grisly episode is graphically portrayed at a new Witch Museum, which occupies Salem's former Unitarian church. In place of the parson's prayers, there's the devil's voice asking: "Do you believe in witches? Your ancestors did. Worship of the powers of evil was man's first religion." As the voice pauses the crowd grows more silent. "To the good folk of Salem in 1692, the devil and witchcraft were real..."

What follows is a tableau consisting of 13 scenes which portray the entire six months of Salem's infamous witch hunt. The show is a computerized sound-and-light spectacle in which life-size figures appear strikingly real as the production traces Salem's witch hunt through a series of trials and executions. Ann Putnam is among the accusers, an emotional child who becomes wildly destructive. The black slave woman Tituba, who hypnotized Salem's young girls with tricks of magic, is a victim of the drama. The girls, believing themselves bewitched, cry out hysterically. One-by-one these children of prominent families appear possessed by the devil. By now the witch hunt is in full bloom. One of the first to face the jury is feeble, frail Rebecca Nurse. The verdict: "Guilty." And so it went until 19 made the trip to the gallows.

Another of Salem's attractions is its storied House of Seven Gables, a dark and mysterious mansion several blocks away. Built in 1668 by a New England sea captain, the historic home was the setting for Nathaniel Hawthorne's celebrated novel "The House of Seven Gables." Last year alone 210,000 visitors passed through its spooky passages, climbed secret stairs and marveled at its magnificent rooms.

What troubles its director, Carolyn Gardner, are the ludicrous tales told about the house. She overheard one man informing his children that this was the home of actor Clark Gable. Another visitor complained to his wife, "Why in the world did you bring me here?" The wife shook her head, "I told you, dummy, this is where Edgar Allen Poe lived."

History is offered in huge helpings in Salem. On display at the Peabody Museum are one of the nation's largest collections of ship models and an immense array of Polynesian artifacts. In an effort to spark new interest in old Salem and other historic eastern towns, Yankee Holidays of New England, together with America Airlines, is plugging a three-night tour of New England's cozy inns. There's also a five-night package with a choice of 20 New England inns.

In nearby Marblehead the Pleasant Manor Guest House offers nine rooms (\$15 single, \$18 double) with private baths, antique fireplaces and four-poster beds in an atmosphere that reeks of old New England. Marblehead proclaims itself the birthplace of the U.S. Navy and the "yachting center of the world." During Race Week last year nearly 3,000 yachts crowded its picturesque harbor. Settled by Cornish fishermen in 1629, Marblehead is the home of boat builders, sail makers and wealthy Bostonians. At the Bull's Finch Pub by the waterfront guests sip Watney's ale and play darts, and next door at The Landing they take their fill of scallops, clams, crabmeat and lobster fresh from the sea.

Antique stores crowd the narrow, twisting streets of Marblehead; ancient elms spread their shade, and the original "Spirit of 76" hangs proudly at Town Hall, presented to Marblehead by Gen. John H. Devereaux "in memory of the brave men who died in battle on land and sea for this country." All this, of course, is what the big celebration back in Boston is going to be all about. ■

Best Lodge Youth Program

Subordinate lodge youth activities chairmen should be well along with their Best Youth Program brochures. The deadline for submitting the brochures to the state association youth activities chairman for judging is March 8, 1975. The state winners in all membership categories must be declared by the state chairman by March 22, 1975.

The state association youth chairman is also to have selected a State All-Over Winner and mailed his choice to me for consideration in the National

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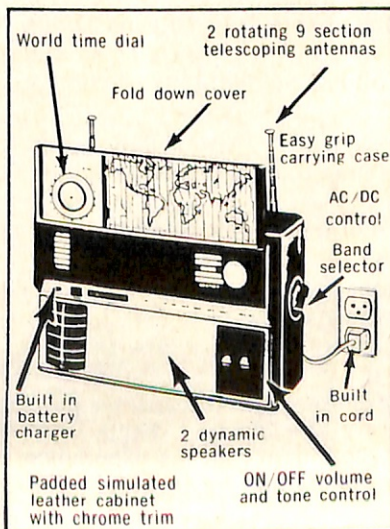
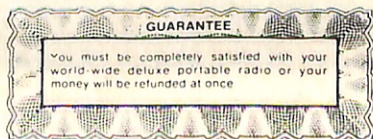
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BE IT RESOLVED that New Orleans Lodge No. 30, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, respectfully presents to the Grand Lodge the name of its most distinguished member, Willis C. McDonald, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler for the year 1975-76.

Brother Willis C. McDonald was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 29, 1912, and has resided in the State of Louisiana ever since. He was educated in the public schools of New Orleans and was graduated from the law school of Loyola University of the South at New Orleans in 1940 with the degree of Juris Doctor.

He has practiced law in Louisiana since 1940 and has earned the reputation of a distinguished member of his profession throughout his career. He served as assistant district attorney of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District of Louisiana in 1949-50, and as a member of the Governor's Commission on Local and State Government during 1968-72. Since 1947, he has specialized in municipal financing and legislative writing.

For many years he has been active in civic work, having served as President of the Metairie Business Association and as a member of the Metairie Lions Club, New Orleans Area Chamber of Commerce, Slidell Chamber of Commerce, Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans and as a member of the Board of Trustees and vice president of the Southern Eye Bank.

Long active in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, he has served in many offices, now serving as an Elder and Clerk of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Slidell, Louisiana. He also served as a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1971.

Brother McDonald served in the United States Army during World War II, and was honorably discharged.

In the field of business, his interests center around land development. He has been a member of the board and secretary of Long Range Development Corporation, board member and secretary of Village, Inc. and board member and secretary-treasurer of Deep South Corporation.

Initiated into New Orleans Lodge No. 30 in 1933, he served as its Exalted Ruler in 1947. He was elected secretary of the Louisiana Elks Association in 1942 and served until his election as State President in 1948.

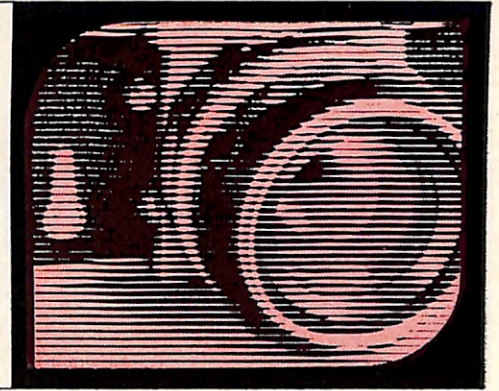
He served as District Deputy Grand Exalter Ruler four times, was a member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee for two terms, served as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary from 1961 until 1966, became a Justice of the Grand Forum in 1969 and its Chief Justice in 1972.

Brother McDonald married Elizabeth Schanville in 1935 and they have three sons. They reside in Slidell, Louisiana, and he maintains his office in Metairie, Louisiana (a suburb of New Orleans).

Therefore, New Orleans Lodge No. 30 proudly and respectfully presents its Honorary Life Member, Willis C. McDonald, as its candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler, confident that his experience, qualities of leadership, and devotion to the Order qualify him for this high office.

THOMAS THOMPSON
Exalted Ruler
ALVIN C. DUNN
Secretary

NEWS OF THE LODGES



SENIOR MEMBERS of New York, N.Y., Lodge were congratulated at the lodge's recent Old Timers Night by two younger officers. ER Alan Montella (left) shook the hand of Brother Jess Kaliski, a member for 71 years, as Est. Loyal Kt. Hubert Phillips (right) congratulated 61-year-member Sydney Oppenheimer.



THE LADY OF THE YEAR award from Royal Oak, Mich., Lodge was recently bestowed upon Martha Hinske by Foundation Chm. George Poirier (left) and ER Allan Gabriel. Mrs. Hinske received the plaque in recognition of her support in promoting the membership drive for the Foundation, as well as for her own contributions.



THE COMMITTEE in charge of Hammond, Ind., Lodge's Diamond Jubilee celebrations paused for a moment with PGER Glenn Miller (seated), the principal speaker at the event. They are (from left) Chm. Sam Henderson, PER Harold Olsen, ER Lou Spataro, PER Wilfred Maginot, PER Noble Clark, Brothers Robert Besch and D. Yarnell, and In. Gd. Andy Danko.



TRANSPORTATION for veterans to attend the World's Fair in Spokane was provided with the help of a \$400 check contributed by members of Olympia, Wash., Lodge. The check was presented by Vets Chm. John Rupp to Dr. Raulinaitis, director of the American Lake VA Hospital.



A CIRCUS to benefit cerebral palsy was organized by Bakersfield, Calif., Lodge. California-Hawaii Elks major project theme child Kathy Cawelti had a chance to ride a baby elephant, as ER Roy Hamilton, Big John Strong, Therapist Barbara Jones, and a circus clown and trainer looked on.



HOLYOKE, Massachusetts, Lodge held homecoming celebrations for DDGER Richard Desrochers (second from right). Present were (from left) ER John Czelusniak, SDGER W. Edward Wilson, and PER Carlton Vogt.

A FLAG which was flown over the nation's Capitol was presented to Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Md., Lodge by Robert Pyle of the Exchange Club of Capitol Hill to ER A. D. Cox. Principal speaker at the ceremony was Vice-Admiral George Moore II of the U. S. Navy.

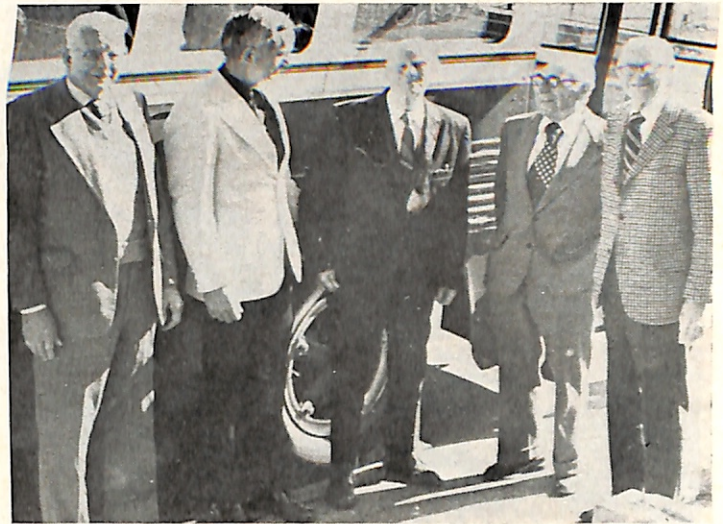


A TRANSPORTATION FUND was established by Elks of New York's Northeast District to assist disabled veterans. A check totaling \$1,921 was presented to Asst. Director James Saleenor (front row, center) of the Albany VA Hospital by DDGER Michael Valentin (third from left) and VP William Murphy. Also present were (front row, from left) PDD Perry Miller, Greenwich ER Foster Lacey, Cohoes ER Willard Lambert, Hoosick Falls ER Robert Hall, and (back row, from left) Brother Frank Ruzitto, PDD William Fischer, Glens Falls ER Edward Guy Jr., Rensselaer ER Thomas Adair, and Mechanicville ER Joseph Mihaly.

DISABLED VETERANS of West Haven VA Hospital were recipients of a recent gift from members of Westport, Conn., Lodge. (From left) Est. Lead. Kt. Albert Wagner, Vets Committeeman Arthur Gagg, ER Robert Clark, Vets Committeeman Alfred Hill (second from right), and Trustee Michael Cofelice (right) presented a stereo set to Paul Eule (third from right), assistant chief of staff at the hospital. This is the third consecutive year that the lodge has made presentations to the West Haven Hospital.



JOHN MEAGHER (left), a recipient of the nation's Congressional Medal of Honor during WW II, was named Veteran of the Year by members of Jersey City, N. J., Lodge. Brother Meagher was congratulated by ER Stephen Pilewicz as he accepted a plaque presented to him by Vets Chm. Leon Fire.



RESIDENTS of the Elks National Home who were greeted at Beckley, W. Va., by the lodge's ER John Billups (second from left) were 101-year-old-member Frank O'Brien (center), Albert Bills (second from right), and Jim Miller (right). Elks Home Advisory Committee Chm. Wade Pennington acted as tour guide for the party of 33 Old Timers when they reached the city for a recent visit.



OUTSTANDING high school football player awards were offered to Rick McCormack (center) by Somerville, Mass., ER Thomas Lynch, and to Bill Greenwood by DDGER Robert Blomquist. (From left) Brother Joseph Hrubci, Coach Bill Quinlan, and former State Youth Chm. James Colbert observed.

VISUAL AIDS MACHINES to be used in the special education program at Eades School in Branford, Conn., were presented to teacher Cathy Abate on behalf of Branford Lodge. The two machines and a \$50 donation were presented by ER Arthur Howe and State Treas. Edward Kligerman.



HONORARY FOUNDER'S certificates were recently conferred upon Richard Heselton (second from left) and Charles McWhinnie (third) at Billerica, Mass., Lodge. They were congratulated for their achievements by ER Harold Towle (left) and DDGER Fred Moriarty.





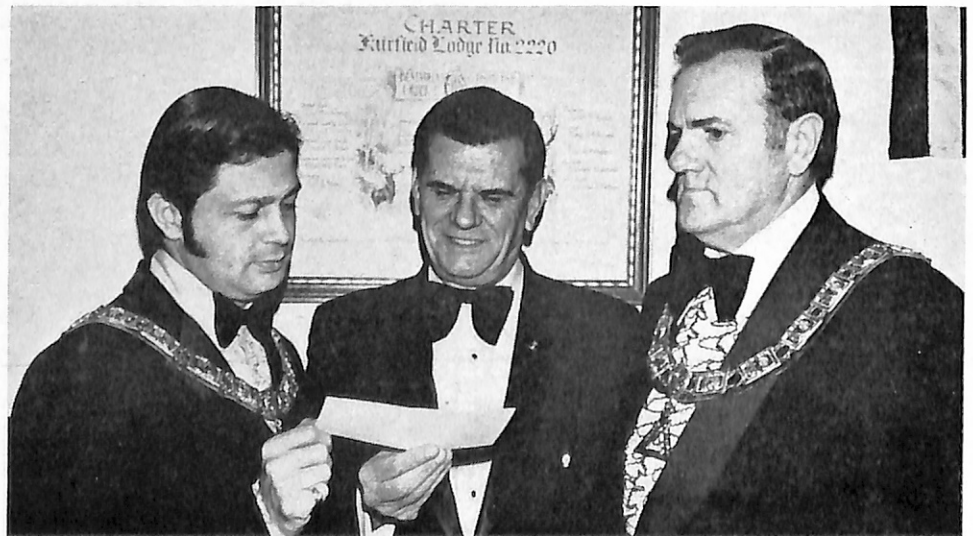
DEDICATED to Organist Samuel Milello (second from right), a class of 12 was recently initiated into Point Pleasant, N. J., Lodge. Grand Trustee Edmund Hanlon (left) and DDGER Nicholas Kewitt (right) stood by as ER Diron Avedisian welcomed his son Dwight, a member of the class, into the order.

BOOKS AND PUZZLES were donated by Red Lion, Pa., Lodge to the Lebanon VA Hospital. ER David Reichard, PER William Damuth, and (from left) PER Charles Poet, Americanism Committeeman Ray Eberly, and Est. Lead. Kt. James Uffleman were instrumental in transporting the materials to the hospital.

THE YEAR'S contribution to the children's hospital fund, which was originally established in 1952 in the name of Brother Alfred Brown (seated, second from left), was officially made at Chelsea, Mass., Lodge. Those involved were (standing, from left) Brothers Theodore Panitch and Thomas Evans, PER William Conley, Brother William Berkowitz, and (seated, from left) the fund's Vice-Chm. George Cashman, Phyllis Brown, a social service representative of the hospital, and Chelsea ER Edward Volta.



FORMER RESIDENTS of Terre Haute, Ind., Brother and Mrs. Glenn Maurer returned to the city for a recent visit. The couple, who lately celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, displayed a set of unique license plates.



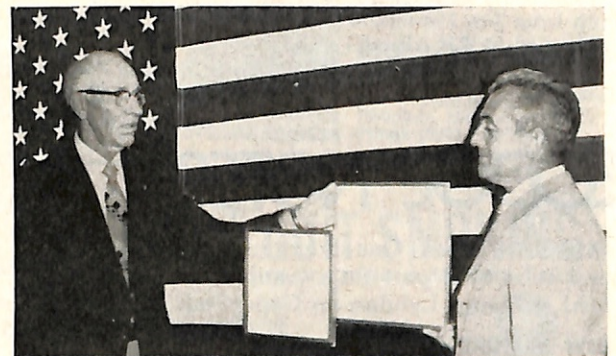
MAJOR PROJECT Chm. Francis Adams of Connecticut (center) received a check for \$1,500 for the Newton Crippled Children's Hospital fund from Fairfield Lodge's Crippled Children's Chm. Robert Scire. At the same time, Brother Adams also presented a National Foundation award to Tiler Andrew Kratz, who accepted the commendation for the third time.



U.S. CONGRESSMAN Edward Hutchinson (second from left), who was the guest speaker for Dowagiac, Mich., Lodge's dedication of their new Heritage Corner, looked over some of the corner's historic documents. (From left) Americanism Chm. Bill Maxey, ER Marcus Poindexter, SP Richard Ablar, and Secy. Albert First also took part in the dedication ceremonies.



A TESTIMONIAL in honor of Grand Est. Leading Kt. James Gunn (center) was recently held in New Rochelle, N. Y. Guests from Mamaroneck, Brother Gunn's home lodge, and neighboring state communities included SP Harry Macy, GL Activities Committeeman Peter Affatato, Mamaroneck ER Leonard Creadore, and Co-chairmen Joseph DeLitta (left) and Leo Heithaus (right).



THROUGH THE EFFORTS of Brother James Ferraro, Groton, Conn., Lodge was able to obtain a flag once flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. He and Brother John Fleishmen, who framed the flag, displayed the documents attesting to its authenticity.

COUNTRY MUSIC FAN Alfred Foster, who was critically ill at the time Porter Wagoner (left) was to appear in Sioux City, Iowa, was helped through the efforts of the lodge to attend the musician's performance. At the bedside meeting were Foster's children Jim, John, and Michelle, his wife Millie, and comedian Speck Rhodes.

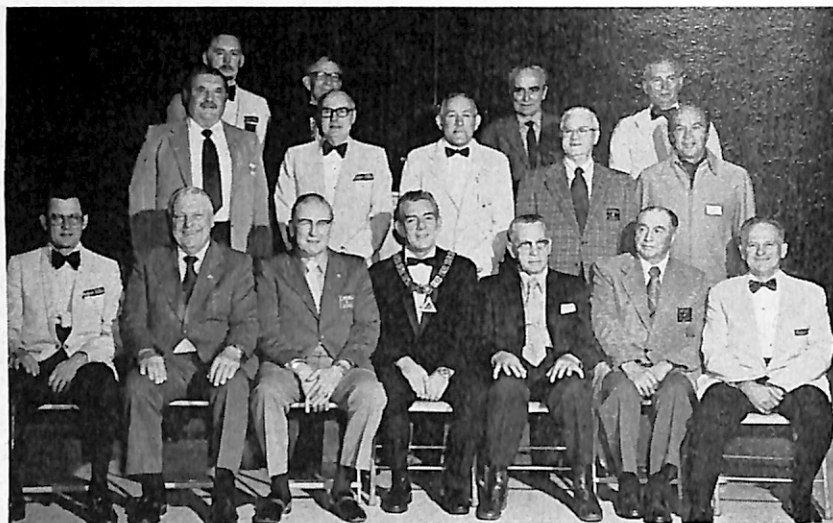


FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN Emery O'Lenick (center), of Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, accepted a check for \$1,000 from DDGER George Morris in behalf of the lodge. ER Matteo Damiano observed the recent presentation.





EIGHT BROTHERS of Schenectady, N. Y., Lodge joined the ranks of the 50-year members in the order, and 18 men were officially recognized as 25-year members during the celebration of Old Timers Night at the lodge. Fifty-year man Henry Bozzi (left) accepted his pin from Jim Pierson, who is nearly a 60-year member, observed by ER Alfred Verrigni (second from left), and (from left) 25-year men Peter Cornell, Paul Palumbo, and Chm. Amedeo Volpe.



PRESENT at the mortgage burning of Brookings, Ore., Lodge were (front row, from left) SP James Damon, PGERs Horace Wisely and Frank Hise, ER Lee Goodin, Trustee Archie Anderson, SDGER Elmo Angele, PDD Fred Fox, and (second row, from left) In. Gd. Bud O'Neill, VP Dick Herndobler, PVP Bud Wilkins, GL Forum Chief Justice Hal Randall, and Esq. Homer Haggerty. Also taking part in the ceremony were (back row, from left) DDGERs Tom Bell and Howard Cramblet, GL Credentials Comm. Chm. William Raw, and State Sgt.-at-Arms Red Hasher.

LODGE NOTES

FALMOUTH, Mass. One hundred fathers and sons took part in a camping trip held at Camp Lyndon on Cape Cod.

NEW MILFORD, N. J. Vets Chm. Robert Duffus accepted an award for the lodge from ER George Bruno on behalf of the state association and Vets Commission, in appreciation of the lodge's veterans activities.

GREEN BAY, Wis. Thirty-nine new candidates were initiated into the lodge recently. The class was named in honor of DDGER Victor Thedick.

HANNIBAL, Mo. Brothers John Conlon and Ed Bruns were presented with pins commemorating their 63-year membership. The presentation was made by ER William Riepe during a recent Old Timers Night celebration.

BRADENTON, Fla. One-hundred and four candidates were recently initiated into the lodge.

ARVADA, Colo. Through the efforts of Arvada, Littleton, and Colorado Springs Lodges, 50 patients from the VA Hospital were taken to the Air Force-Navy football game.

WINCHESTER, Mass. During DDGER Frederick Moriarty's visitation, PER Alfred Barnard and Secy. John Davey received 25-year pins.

PORTLAND, Maine. On his recent visitation to the lodge, GER Gerald Strohm was welcomed by ER Robert Crabb, Judge Alton Lessard, Mrs. Lessard, and Mayor Edward Berstein.

MIDLAND, Mich. Americanism Committeemen Ed Bartlett, Gordon Harder, Dick Lebsack, Larry Pillon, Bob Roetman, and Al Tew conducted a bingo game for patients at the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw.

ST. MARYS, Pa. Combined lodge membership for Brother Robert E. Keim and his son, Robert C., totaled 94 years.

LA SALLE-PERU, III. William Aplington, the oldest Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, died recently.

RIDGECREST, Calif. ER Keith Manley awarded National Foundation Certificates to three members of the Thoms family. The presentations were made in memory of the late Brother George Thoms Jr.

BALLARD (SEATTLE), Wash. Among those present at a recent Old Timers Night celebration were DDGER A. Chaffee, PSP Dwight Hawley, who served as chairman of the event, and ER Eugene Briner.

HARRISONBURG, Va. Clarence Whitelow was named outstanding camper at the Elks Camp near Clifton Forge. Clarence was chosen from among 500 campers, and was the first camper from the lodge to win the award.

RED HOOK-RHINEBECK, N. Y. The lodge recently welcomed a new member, 84-year-old Edvald Pettersen. Brother Pettersen was sponsored by PER Howard Laib.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. The Elks' ladies pledged a ten-year donation of \$1,000 to the National Foundation. The first annual payment of \$100 was presented to ER Carl Peters at the state convention in Pueblo.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y. Six lodge members were awarded lapel pins for having completed participating memberships in the National Foundation. Grand Trustee Leonard Bristol made the presentations.

JOHN DAY, Ore. Brother Jack Pocock, and Est. Loyal Kt. Leonard Trafton rode the lodge's float in the Oregon Armistice Day Parade, held in Prairie City.

MANISTIQUE, Mich. Elks' ladies President Gail Tufnell accepted a plaque from ER Art Fountain Jr. during the lodge's appreciation night for the ladies.

LOGAN, Utah. PSP W. Jensen, Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, died recently.

KAILUA, Hawaii. Benny Bayya recently became a member of the lodge. Secy. J. Stuart Stockenberg took up a collection to cover Brother Bayya's initiation fee and year's dues.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. Trustee Victor Zachariah had two sons-in-law going through the chairs at the same time.

WESTERLY, R. I. One hundred and fifty people attended the lodge's annual Memorial Service.



DURING THEIR TOUR of New England, GER and Kay Strohm were in White River Jct., Vt., for the dedication of the new wing of the town's VA hospital. The Strohm's were accompanied by Senator George Aiken of Vermont at the dedication ceremony.



CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION were presented to the chiefs of the police and fire departments of Wrentham, Plainville, and Foxboro, Mass., by (seated, from left) SP Alfred Mattei, Judge Ellis Brown, ER Guistino Marsella, and DDGER Joseph Silvia. Public Safety Night at North Attleboro Lodge was an occasion of honor for area law enforcement personnel.



A VETERANS DAY picnic for over 300 patients and aides was organized at the VA Hospital in Miami by the Florida State Elks Association. Vets Chm. John Rosasco paused a moment at the barbecue with patients Johnnie Lee Gain and Jack Howard.

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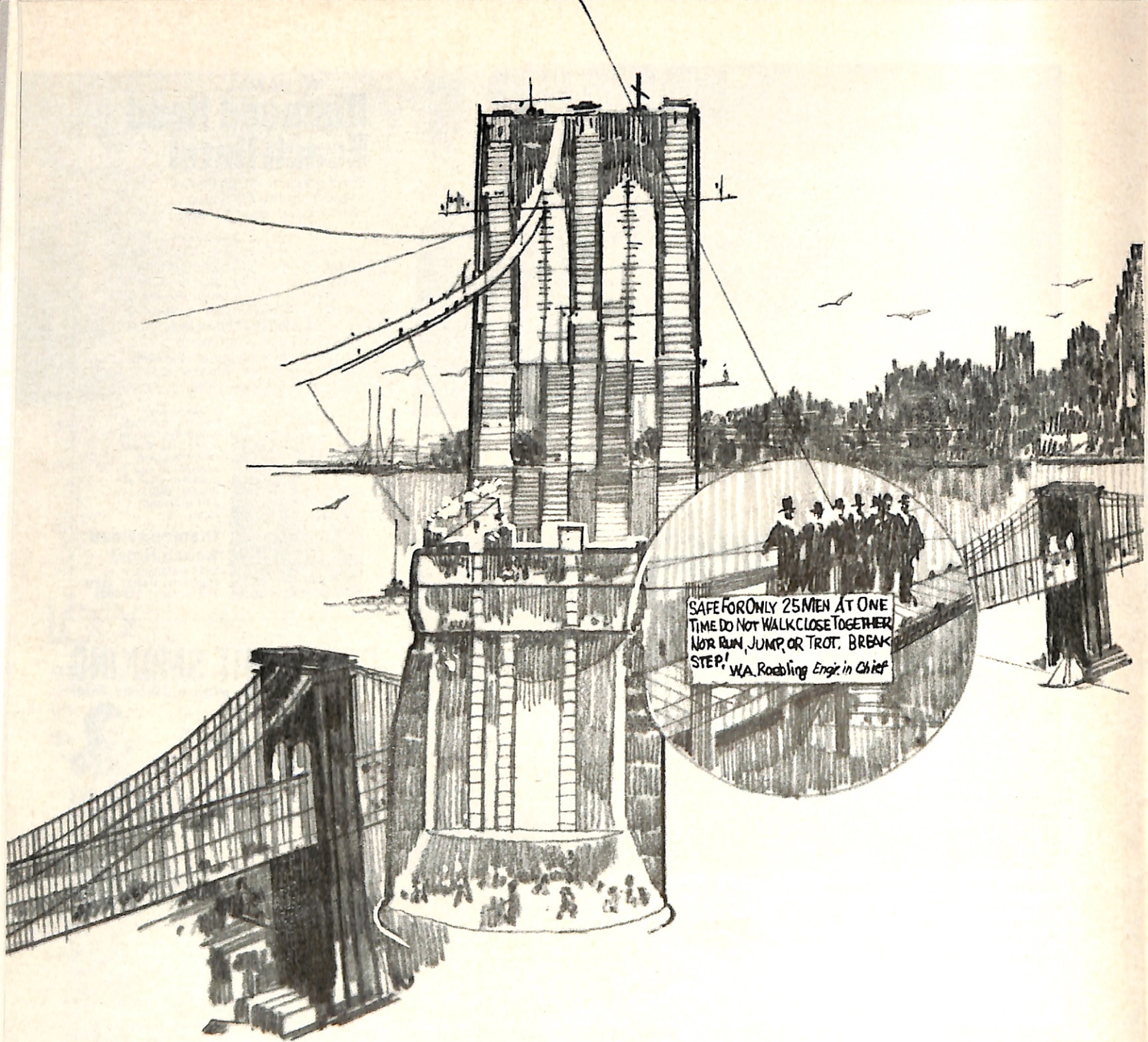
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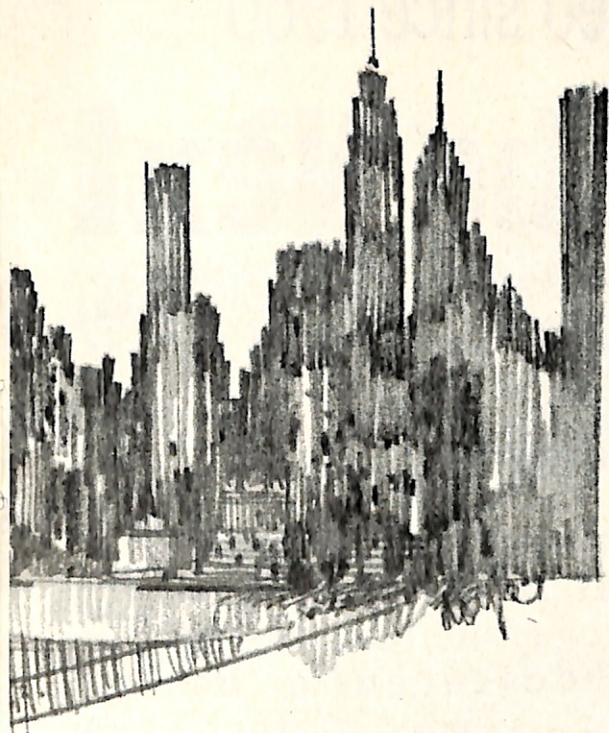
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by Irwin Ross

■ A poet dedicated his life to it. A tavern-keeper became famous because of it. Troubled citizens have jumped from it; foolish citizens have "bought" it. But architects and engineers have called it the greatest bridge of them all.

The story of New York City's Brooklyn Bridge began on a wintry day in 1852, when John Augustus Roebling, a Prussian bridge-builder, sat shiver-

ing in a ferryboat on the East River. The channel was clogged with ice, and for several hours the little craft struggled from Brooklyn to Manhattan. Annoyed at the delay, Roebling turned over in his mind the idea of a bridge. The project grew in his imagination, but it was not until 1867 that he found backing and set to work on plans for a structure that would be for a time the world's longest span.



Years passed without tragedy, and then, just as the last of the cables was being strung . . .

He did not know it at the time but he was launching a 16-year undertaking. He did not dream that the bridge would cost as much as it did: over \$15,000,000 in an era when \$10 a week was considered a good working wage. And he could not know that he would never see the bridge completed. As Roebling was surveying the site in 1869, an incoming ferryboat crushed his foot against the wharf. In two weeks, he was dead of tetanus poisoning and direction of the work was left in the hands of his son, Colonel Washington Roebling.

New Yorkers doubted that the bridge could be built. Certainly a young upstart of 32 couldn't fill the shoes of his father, famed as the builder of the world's first railroad suspension bridge at Niagara.

laborers to take jobs as sand hogs, even at the alluring wages of \$2 a day. Finally, wages were increased to \$2.25 and the sand hogs went to work.

Of course, New Yorkers weren't surprised when they heard about the dangers of working in this "upside-down coffin." There were fires caused by gas burners and candles the men used for lighting; water flowed in through weak spots and the air blew out, hurling waterspouts 500 feet into the sky and showering the Fulton ferry area with water, debris and fish.

During the winter and spring of 1872, three sand hogs were killed and 107 others were hospitalized when nitrogen bubbles formed in their blood streams from long hours beneath the river. The newspapers printed charges of criminal negligence, but the laborers didn't halt their work or ask for another raise.

On countless occasions, Colonel Roebling stayed below too long, and in the early summer of 1872, he, too, collapsed with the dread "caisson disease." He was almost completely par-

tion through binoculars from a window in his Brooklyn apartment.

In 1876, the foundations were complete; two open Gothic towers jutted into the sky and the call went out for cable-riggers who would weave the harplike supports together. The cable-riggers balked; no one would brave the windy height.

But an old friend of the Roeblings stretched a wire over the towers and traveled back and forth 133 feet above the water in a tiny bosun's chair. Shouting at the gathering crowd, he waved a handkerchief and clapped gleefully, as if to say cable-rigging on the Brooklyn Bridge was the grandest job available in all the world. Abased, the cable-riggers came around.

Years passed without tragedy and then, just as the last of the cables was being strung, one broke loose. It killed two workmen, injured several others and whipped along rooftops and crowded ferryboats as it fell to the river below.

Twenty men died building the Brooklyn Bridge, but when it was opened on May 24, 1883, New Yorkers somewhat forgot the birth pains. They refused to go to work and declared a holiday. After all, a writer for the *Brooklyn Eagle* commented, it wasn't every day someone built the eighth wonder of the world.

The mayors of New York and Brooklyn—separate cities then—attended the event. So did President Chester A. Arthur and New York's Governor Grover Cleveland. Special trains brought 50,000 persons to the site from Long Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to join another 100,000 from New York. Toward midnight, the bridge was opened to the public; in the next 24 hours, 250,000 paid the penny toll and raced along the promenade.

Not long thereafter, however—on Memorial Day of 1883, six days after the opening—tragedy struck again.

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masterpiece!

Then on a warm, sunny day in 1870, six tugboats appeared on the East River, towing a barge on which lay a 3,000-ton inverted wooden crate. This was the caisson. In those days, a caisson was a strange and mystifying device, and many people refused to believe that man would work in the gigantic box after it was sunk to the bottom and emptied by forced air compression. It was hard to persuade

alyzed and nearly blind. His hearing was affected and his nerves were so shattered he could speak only to his wife.

Doctors told Roebling to go to Europe for six months of rest. Roebling was still a sick man when he returned from his voyage and his wife was forced to step into the engineer's boots. She relayed orders from her husband, who watched the construc-

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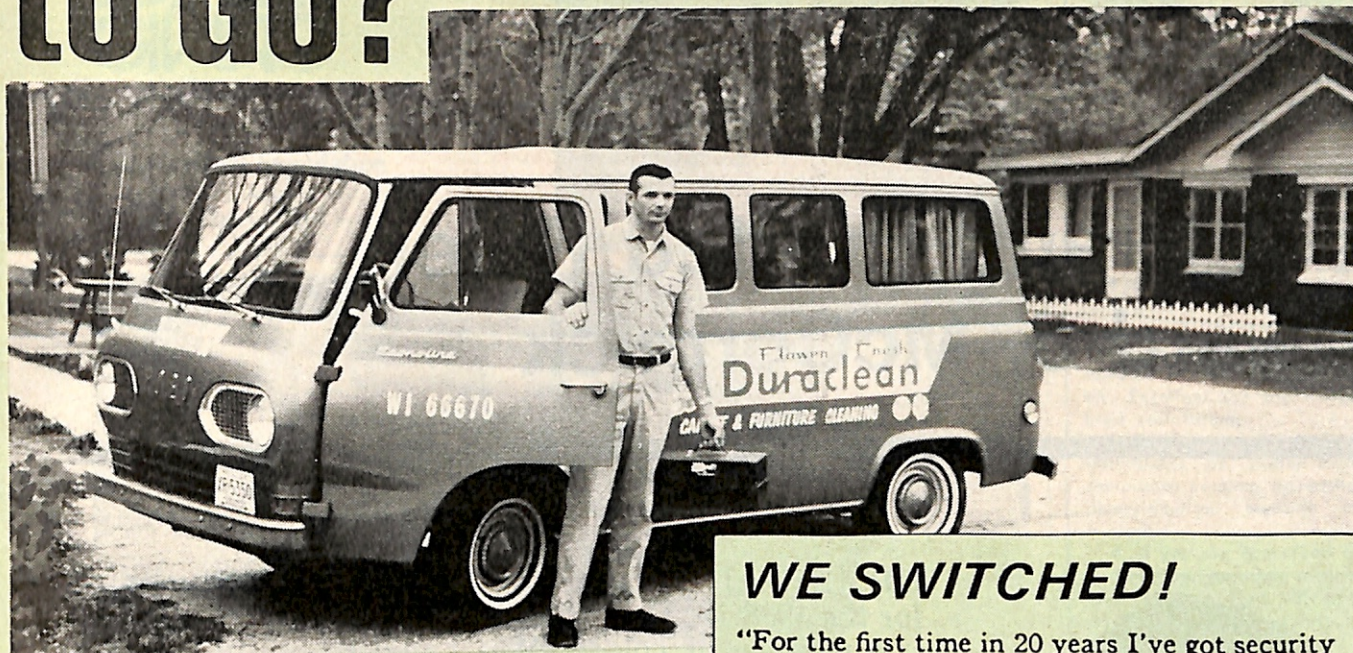
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Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick



DR. EDWARD J. McCORMICK, Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1938-1939 lodge year, died January 7, 1975.

A member of Toledo, Ohio, Lodge since 1913, Brother McCormick served as Exalted Ruler in 1921-1922. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northwest District in 1929-1930, and served on the Grand Lodge Lodge Activities Committee in 1932-1934. In 1934 he became Grand Esquire, and the following three years served as Grand Treasurer for the Order. He was elected to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler for the year 1938-1939.

During the war years, from 1942-1946, PGER McCormick was Secretary of the Elks War Commission, after having served as a member of the Order's National Defense and Public Relations Commission in 1940-1942. From 1946-1950, he was Secretary of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

PGER McCormick was appointed a Trustee of the National Foundation in 1950. He held the position of Treasurer for that Grand Lodge agency from 1958 through 1961, and the position of Secretary in 1961-1962. He also served as a member of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee.

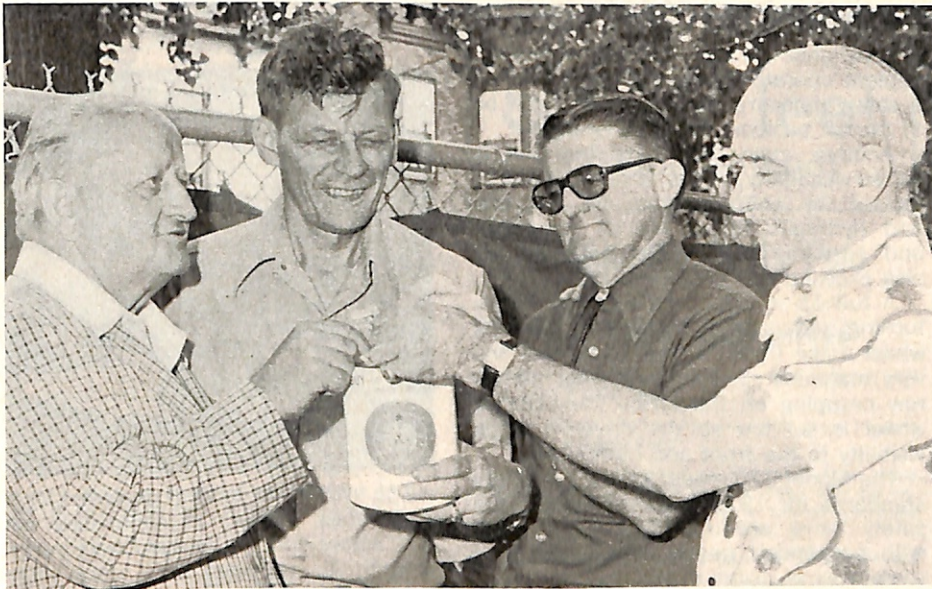
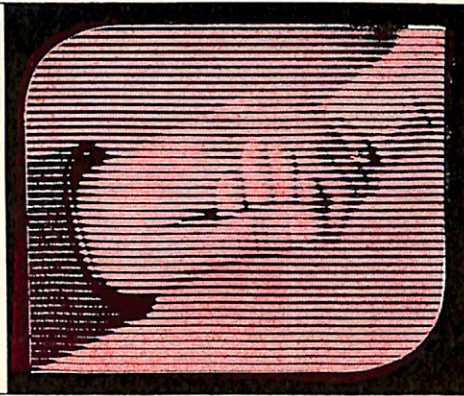
A surgeon, Dr. McCormick's career accomplishments were extensive. He was president of the American Medical Association in 1953-1954. Another notable distinction came about in 1950, when he represented the United States at the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

He was also active in his community, having served as a member of the National Council of Boy Scouts, as Director of the Toledo Chapter of the American Red Cross, and as a trustee of Toledo University.

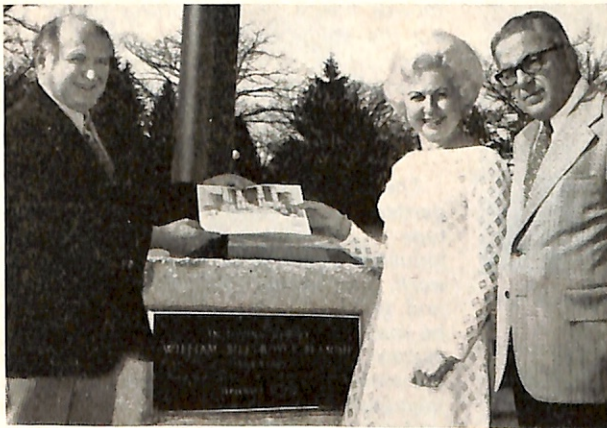
PGER McCormick is survived by his wife Josephine and his five children, Edward J. Jr., Richard Arthur, Carol Jeanne, Kathleen Ann, and Mary Josephine. Services were held at Gesu Church in Toledo, Ohio.

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Jersey City, N. J., Lodge held its annual family picnic to raise funds for the National Foundation, with proceeds of approximately \$500 and pledges of at least that amount. (From left) Trustees Chm. Leon Fire, Chm. Albert Deile, VP James Stalter, and ER Stephen Pilewicz collected the donations.



Minnesota SP Victor Angerhofer presented an Honorary Founder's certificate to Marion Beamish, Elks' ladies president, as ER William Stanley observed. Mrs. Beamish made her \$1,000 contribution through Minneapolis Lodge in memory of her late husband, William Royce Beamish.



At Burlington, Vt., Lodge, one night's earnings for the Foundation amounted to \$1,050, allowing for 39 new subscribers. A check for this amount was presented by Found. Chm. Richard Bove to ER Frederick Gundlach, observed by PER Camille Brent (left) and VP Daniel Mainieri.

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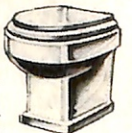
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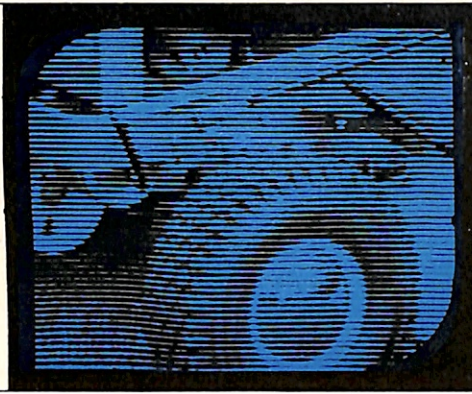
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BACKYARD GARDENER

by Jon Peterson



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How can the 720 help you? If you're the owner of a tillable plot of land from a quarter acre up . . . or need just the right tractor for landscaping, large lawn care, snow removal, bulldozing, hauling, and towing, here's a unit sturdy enough to handle the work load easily.

Powered by a two-cylinder, four-cycle Onan engine with a 50 cu. in. displacement, the 720 provides the muscle for a variety of duties. The special horizontal draft design carburetor receives forced air from the cooling fan for full power output, a cooler running engine, and more economical fuel usage. Heavy loads aren't absorbed by the engine block, as with some other units, but rather by a heavy, double-channeled box frame.

One of the main features of the 720 tractor is the hydrostatic drive system. The hydrostatic drive is connected to a three speed gear transmission with limited slip differential for maximum traction. This system now gives the driver the ability to match engine rpm's, horsepower needs and ground speed to the particular job being performed. It offers speeds up to 10.4 mph forward and 6.2 mph in reverse. One lever controls both the speed and direction, without shifting or clutching. A large capacity pump delivers full hydrostatic and hydraulic power needs. Excellent torque characteristics reduce stall-outs when handling heavy loads.

Standard equipment on the tractor will be a category O, three point hitch and front and rear electric PTOs for implements. Dual hydraulic valves deliver power to the remote outlets for the front PTO and the three point hitch, while tog-

gle switches on the dash provide convenient operator control of the PTOs. As a safety measure, both switches must be in the off position to start the engine.

Another main feature of the unit is its serviceability. It has a tilt-up hood to expose the entire engine. Oil, air, fuel and hydraulic filters are all accessible and easy to change. The batteries are also exposed and easy to reach.

A full 15 in. ground clearance, 36 in. turning radius and automotive steering wheel make the 720 easy to control and very maneuverable, especially for narrow row cropping on the farm. The steering wheel is set low so the driver has full visibility to the front and both sides.

The Model 720 meets all O.P.E.I. safety standards for 1975. Included among the safety items are individual disc brakes with suspended pedals, brake lock and



separate PTO, transmission interlock systems and headlights.

Choice of tires include turf, agricultural, high flotation and high capacity. The instrument panel has easy to read gauges, including an ammeter, oil pressure and hour meter, all mounted on a non-glare surface.

Implements and Accessories

The most desirable of all attachments is the 60 in. center mount mower with triple overlapping blades. The mower attaches to the front axle and has rollers the full width of the implement, for true non-scalp mowing. Being belt driven, it is a smooth, quiet, low maintenance design. Heavy baffled steel construction and extended discharge shield provide additional protection for the driver.

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justing skid shoes; a 12 in. moldboard plow; single row cultivator, 57 in. sickle bar mower; the 600 series loader with 650 lbs lift capacity, Cessna hydraulic system and a variety of attachments; front and rear dozer blades; 52 in. snow-blower; and a front towing hitch for moving trailers, and other large objects.

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Further information on the Model 720 tractor can be obtained from Allis-Chalmers Lawn and Garden Equipment, Box 512, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. ■



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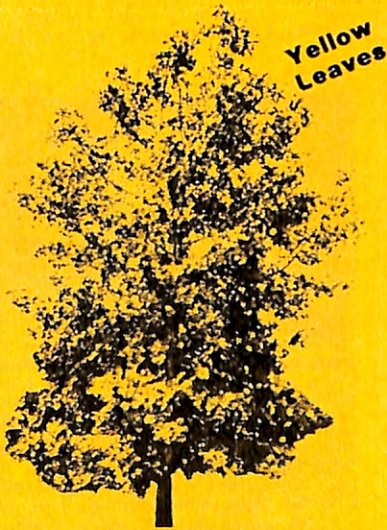
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Red
Leaves

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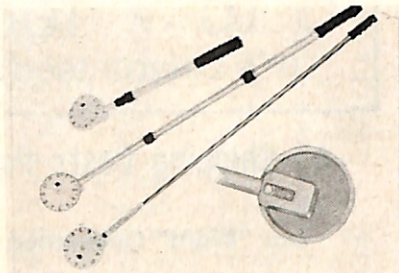
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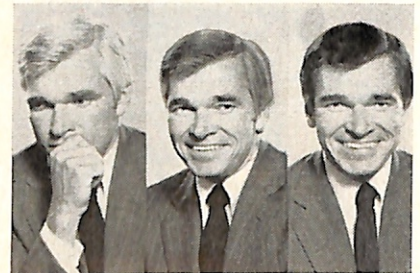
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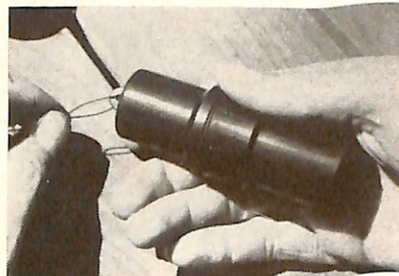
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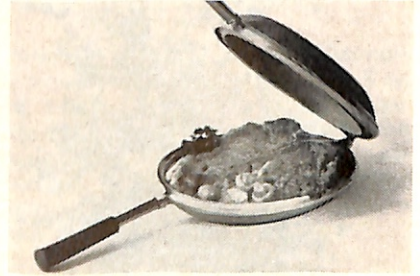
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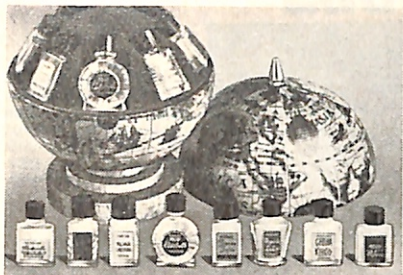
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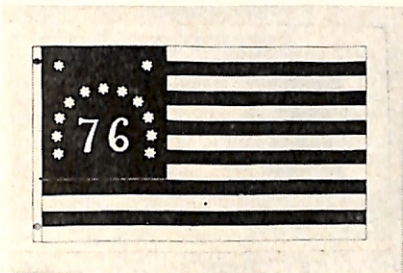
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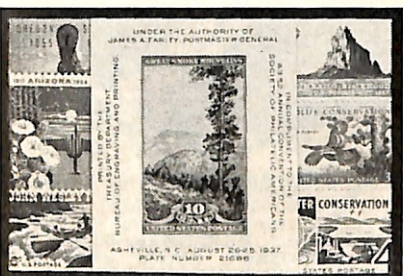
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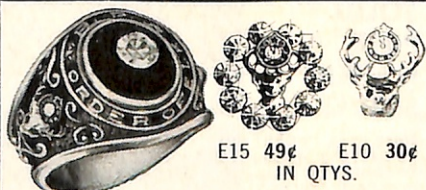
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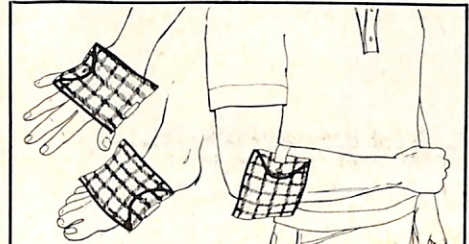
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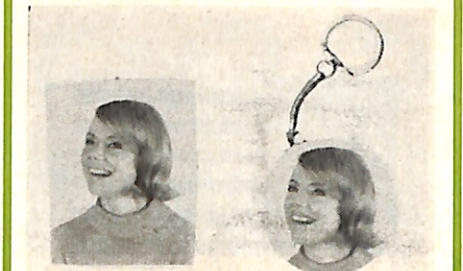


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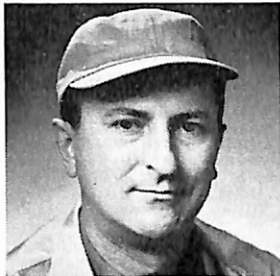
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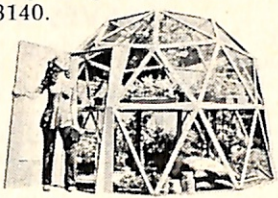
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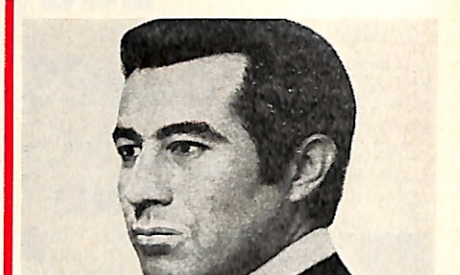
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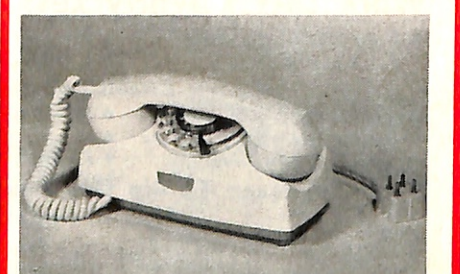
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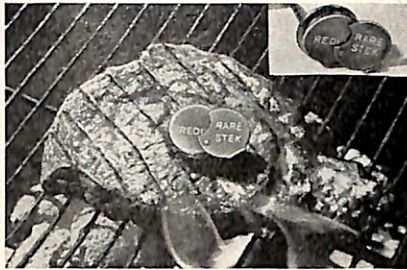
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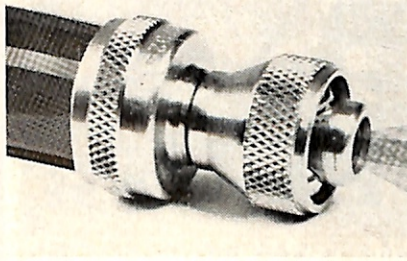
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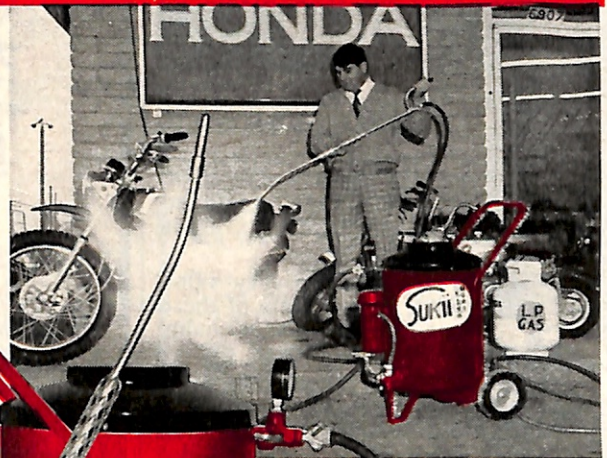
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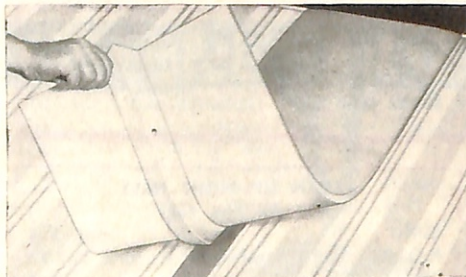
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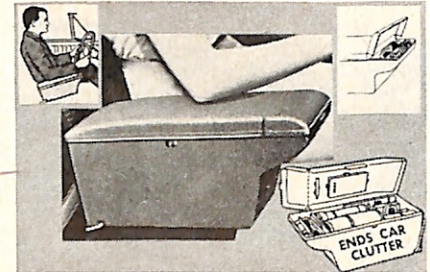
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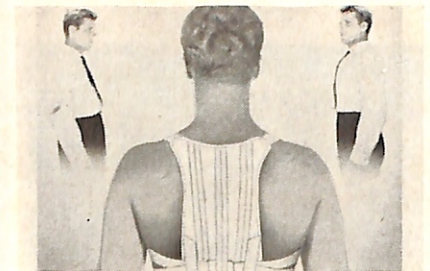
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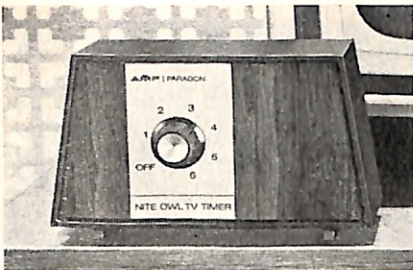
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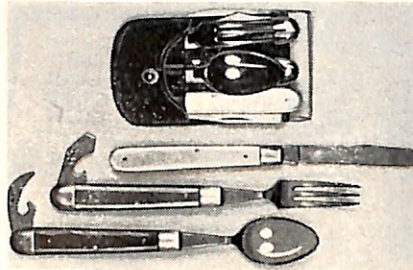
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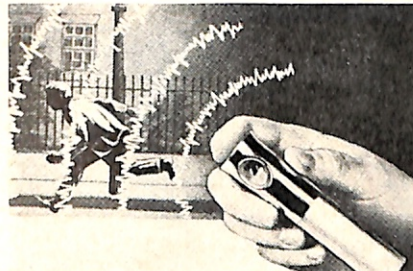
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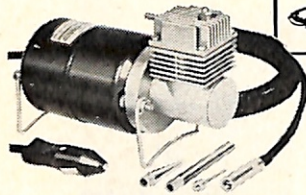
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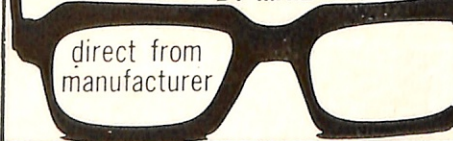
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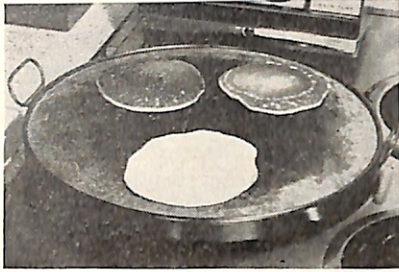
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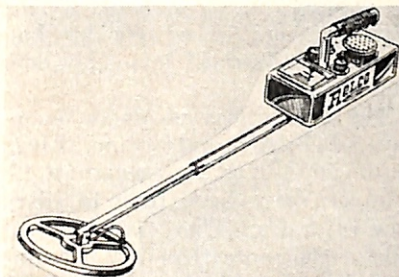
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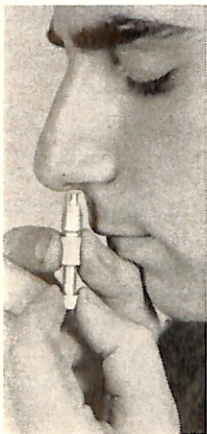
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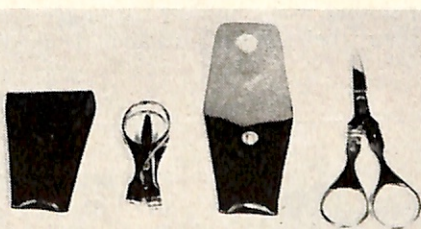
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A year later, Steve Brodie, a Manhattan newsboy who later became a tavern-keeper, tried the same thing. Publicity was drummed up by a fake \$100 bet that he wouldn't dare make the 133-foot leap. For some reason, the date of Brodie's plunge was kept a secret and then, on July 23, 1886, it was announced that the jump had been successful.

Skeptics insisted that it must have been a dummy that was seen plummeting into the water. Brodie, an excellent swimmer, probably dived from concealment under a nearby dock just as the dummy was dropped. Swimming underwater, he came up near a passing barge and was pulled aboard. At least, that's what the doubters said.

But Brodie became famous. And in his bar was a large oil painting of the river, showing Brodie midway in the leap from bridge to water. The painting was considered stronger proof than the framed affidavit from the

barge captain who claimed to have pulled Brodie from the tide. Often he was asked to repeat his performance. But Brodie always replied, "Hell, no. I done it once."

Gradually, the bridge became a tourist magnet. City slickers started "selling" the span to country bumpkins, and vaudeville comedian Eddie Foy quipped, "All that trouble just to get to Brooklyn."

Not everyone was moved to laughter when thinking of the bridge. Shortly after World War I, a poet came to Brooklyn and moved into the same room once occupied by Colonel Roebing. Hart Crane, Ohio born and bred, dedicated his life to the bridge. He saw in the bridge not only a mechanical marvel but a symbol of human endeavor; and in writing his longest poem, "The Bridge," it quickly became an obsession.

The bridge has changed since the days of Brodie and Crane. Elevated trains no longer run across it. New entrances have been built to ease the flow of traffic. There is no longer a toll for the more than 100,000 motorists who cross the structure daily. To these commuters, the bridge represents little more than a quick route home from a hard day's work in Manhattan.

To others, it has a different meaning because its builders were artists at heart. Of granite and steel and dreams, the Brooklyn Bridge was built. ■

Obituaries



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Richard L. Baxter, a member of Peoria, Ill., Lodge, died September 19, 1974.

He served the lodge as Trustee and as Exalted Ruler, and became

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West Central District in 1961-1962.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Henry T. Flaherty, of Clinton, Mass., Lodge, died recently.

He held the office of State President for 1968-1969 and had served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West Central District in 1960-1961. Brother Flaherty was a member of the GL Ritualistic Committee in 1970-1971 and in 1971-1972.

ROBERT A. SCOTT, former superintendent of the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., died December 16, 1974 at the age of 100.

Brother Scott had served as Exalted Ruler of Linton, Ind., Lodge and was elected State President in 1916-1917. He served as Home Member of the Board of Grand Trustees for 1922-1927. In 1927 he was appointed Superintendent of the Elks National Home, a post he held for 26 years.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Leigh M. Wentworth of Concord, N. H., Lodge died recently.

Brother Wentworth was lodge secretary at the time of his death. He had previously served as president of the state association in 1947-1948, and was Exalted Ruler of the lodge. Brother Wentworth became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South District in 1951-1952.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Charles E. McConnell, a charter member of Titusville, Fla., Lodge, died January 2, 1975.

He served the lodge as Exalted Ruler and became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1966-1967.

ACREFOOT JOHNSON

A GIANT AMONG MAILMEN



by Margaret Hays

As long as anyone could remember he had been called Acrefoot. The story goes that a friend, aghast at the sight of his whopping bare feet, had exclaimed that one foot would cover an acre. The name stuck. He wore size seventeen shoes that barreled over the ground in great giant steps. In the eighteen seventies this near seven-foot man carried the mail for seven years in the opaque swamps of central Florida. Since riding a horse cramped his style he preferred the freer mode of walking barefoot the sixty-five mile postal route between Ft. Ogden and Ft. Meade.

One of Florida's top historians, the late Albert DeVane, said the daily walk of the towering giant was a "feat almost unbelievable." DeVane said, "Kentucky had her Daniel Boone, Tennessee had her Davy Crockett, but Florida had her Acrefoot Johnson, the world's greatest walking mailman."

Acrefoot, born James Mitchell Johnson, in 1850, was a hero admired and secretly envied for his spectacular stride that could outpace an average horse. Every man longed to boast that it was his horse that had nosed out Acrefoot, but rarely, if ever, was much crowing heard. He hiked the thirty-five miles from his home near Ft. Ogden to the nearest general store at the request of his wife who waved her grocery list in his face, watching the sun bob up and down through the latticework of trees before he reached his house again. Once when asked by his wife to accompany her to church the following day Acrefoot moaned

over his shoeless state. Unimpressed with his excuse, she informed him that she needed some coffee and that he might as well walk to the store and get it and some new shoes as well.

Only the qualified considered applying for the coveted job of mail carrier that paid twenty-six dollars a month. Tough, fleet feet and a sense of adventure were the main requirements for those who entered the "great mail race" to find the fastest man. The postmaster announced that the job would go to the man who could walk between Ft. Meade and Ft. Ogden the most times in a week. Acrefoot and another pioneer giant, Ed Donaldson, had their big toes on the mark when the gun was fired to signify the beginning of the race at Ft. Meade. Rooting for their favorite man, a large crowd stretched their necks to see the four jumbo feet set the walkathon in motion. After a ten-mile heat that was foot-to-foot, Acrefoot shot into his full momentum and arrived at Ft. Ogden where he spent the night. The next day, following his own backward footprints to Ft. Meade, he met the weary Donaldson still hobbling on his first lap to Ft. Ogden. Acrefoot was blazoned as the mailman for this Peace River Valley Route in central Florida.

A ribbon of a route, it clung to the western flanks of rambling Peace River which Acrefoot had to ford by barge each time he began his walk in Ft. Ogden. The round trip of over one hundred miles coursed through the home

of the Seminole Indians; a maze of dense, matted hammocks of cypresses, cedars and water oaks draped with funeral gray strands of Spanish moss. Woven among this marshland was an obstacle course of creeks and streams often swollen by a whim of nature. With Acrefoot's enormous height, he was able to wade across them without immersing his mailbags.

Acrefoot was never actually alone in his trekking, being accompanied by curious black panthers, bears and wolves that stalked him in the dark, gloomy swamps swathed in thick sheets of miasma. Since he carried no weapons he had to rely on his king-sized body as his only defense. Two panthers sandwiched him on one trip. When one of the panthers pounced on him, Acrefoot found himself engaged in a rousing wrestling match. Finally managing to break its neck with his huge, knotty hands, he dangled the body, as a repellent, at the other panther. Ugly scratches tattooed his body from head to toe after the fight.

Lumbering along the familiar route, his face sprouting wild, tangled eyebrows and a black walrus moustache, he must have mystified the Seminoles. The night's thousand eyes followed the glow of his old corncob pipe as his enormous feet pounded the path through their domain four times a week. On one of these occasions two Indians leaped on him from leaf-shrouded nooks in a tree, intent on conquering this strange intruder. The giant used them to his advantage by slamming their heads together, causing

their visions to be dotted with stars. Acrefoot told a third Indian still tucked in the tree to escort his dazed friends back to the Indian reservation. With his mailbags undisturbed he continued on his trail never to be bothered again.

Detouring slightly from his appointed rounds, Acrefoot often plopped his weary, battered body and clumsy mailbags in the homes of friends whose dwellings are strung along the arteries of his route. Sharing meals with them, he interspersed his mouthfuls with details of his latest bloodcurdling adventure.

In the 1880's the iron horse poked its cow-catcher face into the Peace River Valley and Acrefoot was forced to turn in his mailbags for the sake of progress. He swapped his adventurous postal route for a life of palmetto-grubbing. Swinging his hoe in a sprightly cadence, he quickly gained fame in this endeavor as he had in his rhythmic stepping. A fellow pioneer bet Acrefoot one hundred dollars he could not grub palmettoes faster than a man could stack them. Using a homemade double-head hoe, Acrefoot swung the hoe upward and out darted a grubbed-up palmetto. When the hoe returned on its downward trip, another bush swirled in the air. The loser gave Acrefoot five twenty-dollar bills.

Not long ago, upon finding that Acrefoot was buried in an unmarked grave, the Peace River Valley Historical Society voted to provide a granite tombstone for this legendary giant. At the unveiling ceremony the dedicatory speech was given by U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles (D-FL) who gained nationwide attention for his own walking skills while campaigning for his election to the Senate.

Expressing pride in paying homage to a man with whom he had so much in common, Chiles said the most he walked in one day was thirty-one miles and this was along an improved highway where he encountered one friendly Indian and a buzzard careening overhead. His walk was a far cry from Acrefoot's long dash through the clotted labyrinth of scowling, snarling wild animals that composed his route. "In honoring Acrefoot Johnson," said Chiles, "we honor the proud heritage of our country and the self-reliant people who started such legends as this barefoot mailman."

Inscribed on Acrefoot's tombstone is his creed:

"The Mail Must Go Through"

And, indeed it did as long as he remained on the job. Seminoles, panthers, bears, rain, heat nor gloom of night could stop this fleet-footed Mercury from completing his appointed marathon. ■



DALLAS

To all Subordinate Lodges and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

GREETINGS:

The Grand Exalted Ruler, by and with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, acting upon authority given him under Article III, Section 6, Grand Lodge Constitution, does hereby proclaim that the next session of the membership and representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will convene in Dallas, Texas, July 13, 1975, with the opening and public meeting to be held in the Dallas Convention Center, downtown Dallas at Akard and Canton Streets on Sunday, July 13, at eight-thirty o'clock in the evening.

The opening business session will convene at the Dallas Convention Center at 9:00 Monday morning, July 14, 1975, at which session the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Business sessions will continue thereafter each morning at 9:00 on July 15, 16, and 17 until the business to come before the sessions is finished.

The Statler Hilton has been selected as headquarters, located at 1914 Commerce Street, for the 111th Session of the Grand Lodge. Space in the Dallas Convention Center has been set aside for all REGISTRATION.

Room reservations for Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen will be made by Bryan J. McKeogh, Convention Director, 379 Lexington Avenue, Room 715, New York, N. Y., 10017. He will mail reservation forms and a letter outlining the procedure.

All other room reservations—with the exception of the Grand Lodge people as outlined in the preceding paragraph—will be made through the State Associations. The National Convention Committee, following the practice of previous years, will assign rooms to each State Association and those planning to attend the Convention are urged to make the fact known to their State Association Housing Chairman immediately. Neither the National Convention Committee, nor the Dallas official convention hotels, will accept reservations directly from lodges or individual Elks.

DATED: February 1, 1975

Gerald Strohm
GRAND EXALTED RULER

ATTEST:

Homer Huhn, Jr.
GRAND SECRETARY

LODGE VISITS

GRAND EXALTED RULER **Gerald Strohm**



Over 700 Elks and their ladies attended a dinner dance given by the Massachusetts State Association in honor of Gerald Strohm at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Boston. With the Grand Exalted Ruler at an earlier reception were PGER Ronald Dunn (above photo, seated) and (standing, from left) Dinner Chm. Edward Callanan, SDGER W. Edward Wilson, and SP Alfred Mattei. On that same occasion, GER Strohm presented an Honorary Founder's certificate to DDGER Angelo Themes, (bottom photo, right) as PDD Stephen Themes, Angelo's brother and also an Honorary Founder, stood by.



The Grand Exalted Ruler and Kay paid an unscheduled visit to Elks Laradon Hall, the Denver school for exceptional children which is the Colorado State Association's major project. On hand to greet the Strohms were (from left) Laradon Hall Board of Directors Chm. Arthur Drehle, Hall President Joseph Calabrese, Mrs. Drehle, DDGER John Prunk, Board Member G. A. Franz, SP Don Jaynes, Board Member Lew Kitts, Mrs. Jaynes, GL Committeeman Eugene Costello, Board Vice-Chm. John Haynes, and Board Member John Heard.



On occasion of the GER's visit to Minot, N. D., Lodge, (from left) GL Youth Activities Chm. Jack Traynor, PER Ray Dobson, GER Gerald Strohm, DDGER Bill Sweeney, Kenneth Mullen, special deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler, DDGER Joseph Halm, and Grand Treasurer Frank Archibald were present. A luncheon was also held by the Elks' ladies of Minot Lodge for Kay Strohm.



GER Strohm's official party attended a luncheon at Ashland, Pa., Lodge. (From left) PSPs Nicholas Chacona and Edgar Herwick, SP Alex Brady, DDGER Leo Hardnock, Grand Secy. Homer Huhn Jr., and Major Project Chm. James Ebersberger were with Brother Strohm at the event.



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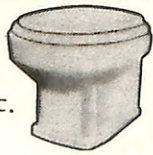
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Through the efforts of Atlanta, Buckhead, and Cascade-East Point, Ga., Lodges, patients of the VA Hospital at Atlanta received gifts and a supply of leather for occupational therapy. GL Committeeman John Brinsfield and VAVS Chm. James Kaigler, both from Atlanta Lodge, were among those at the hospital for the presentation.



At a banquet held at Taunton, Mass., Lodge, sponsor of a softball league for patients of the Brockton VA Hospital, trophies were awarded to winning players. Some of the participating members were (front row, from left) E. Reed, Leland Lemieux, G. Courcy, W. Clifford, T. Dooley, R. Plaude, (middle row, from left) B. Woods, L. Desroisiers, P. Sullivan, L. Walsh, and (back row, from left) G. Lopes, Lee Lemieux, F. Florence, and C. Wise.

Vets Chm. Frank Paris (center), of Metuchen, N. J., Lodge, presented a television set to the Menlo State Home for Disabled Veterans. Accepting the set were Mrs. Gall, hospital secretary, and Supt. J. Haulenbeek.



NEWS OF THE LODGES

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STATE VETS CHAIRMAN John Jordan (right) presented an award to El Cajon, Calif., Lodge acknowledging the lodge's service to veterans and especially the lodge's adoption of a ward at the La Jolla VA Hospital. PER Les McNab (center) and ER Bill Uden (second from right) accepted the award on behalf of the lodge, while (from left) District Vets Chm. Joe Cox and Bob Cox, district vets volunteer chairman, observed.



A BLOOD DONOR'S CHAIR, valued at \$400, was donated to the local chapter of the Red Cross by Tucson, Ariz., Lodge. Charles Schley (left) received the chair from Treas. Manny Celi (center) and George Kroehl, chairman of the lodge's social and community welfare program.



MESA, Arizona, Lodge's float, featuring six flags from different periods of American history, was awarded a trophy for the best veterans' theme in the local Veterans Day Parade. Representing the lodge on the float were Vets Chm. Nolan Schlesinger, Secy. Peter Pinsonneault, and Americanism Chm. George Bishop.

BROTHER NORMAN ENGBRITS (left) of Oceanside, Calif., Lodge recently awarded Elks pins to his sons, Ernest and Anthony, whom he had proposed for membership. ER Harry Dyle congratulated the new Engebrits Elks.



AT A DINNER for 140 Vietnam veterans hosted by Barstow, Calif., Lodge, Maj. William Wessel was honored for having served a lengthy unbroken tour of duty in Vietnam. Members of local organizations were also present to salute the veterans.





AN AMERICAN FLAG and a patriotic poem were awarded by members of Vancouver, Wash., Lodge to Judge Robert McMullen (second from left) for his work in court. The presentation was made by (from left) ER Gene Kuhnhausen, Americanism Chm. Ken Teter, and Est. Lead. Kt. Al Lighthearth during Bill of Rights Day ceremonies.



A SHIPMENT OF LEATHER was presented to Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital by Grand Esq. James Sharp (third from left) and Vets Comm. representatives Charles Rudloff (third from right) and Donald Child (right) of San Antonio, Tex., Lodge. (From left) Hugh Doran, rehabilitation coordinator, Dr. Leonel Fuentes, chief of rehabilitation medical services, W. R. Byrd, hospital director, and Raul Padilla, occupational therapist, accepted the leather.

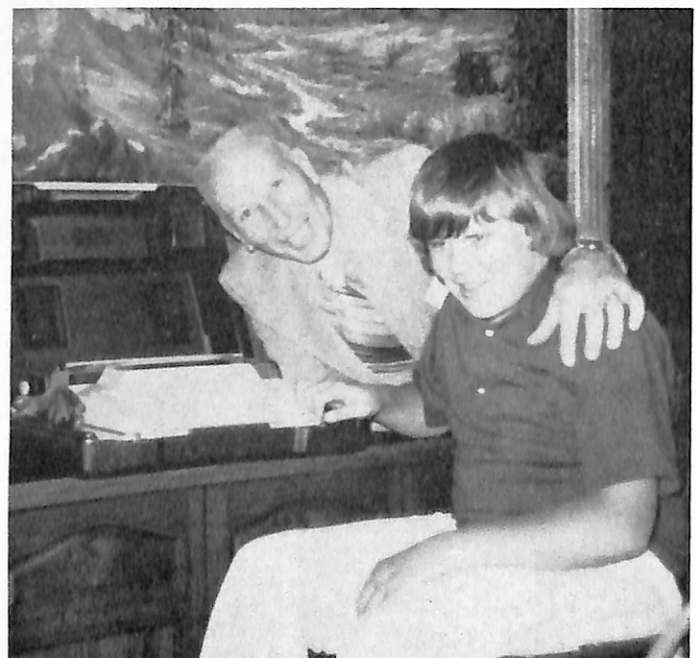


HONORARY FOUNDER Arnold Muehlenthal (center), of Dallas (Northwest), Tex., Lodge, accepted his certificate from GER Gerald Strohm on behalf of the state association. PCGER George Hall congratulated Brother Muehlenthal, who raised the money for the certificate at state conventions.

AN ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER was presented to Kevin Peters, afflicted with muscular dystrophy, by Major Projects Chm. Bob Pella on behalf of Roy, Utah, Lodge. The typewriter will enable Kevin, who finds it difficult to hold a pen or pencil, to continue his education.



THE HIDE COMMITTEE of Pendleton, Ore., Lodge, including (from left) Rob Anderson, Carl Peterson, Doug Doyle, and Chm. Larry Newton, collected a total of 209 deer and elk hides, a record number for the lodge. The hides were taken to a tannery in preparation for distribution to state veterans.





THE THIRD ANNUAL Multiple Sclerosis Brunch was held recently at Roseville, Calif., Lodge. Two hundred and twenty-five patients and guests were served by lodge members and the Elks' ladies.



A SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP of \$138 was awarded to Southern Utah State College student Sung Y. Hong (seated, right) by Cedar City, Utah, Lodge's ER Humbert Rosenberg (seated, left), while Paul Southwick, SUSC vice-president of financial affairs, observed. The lodge donated a total of \$1,916 in scholarships and awards to high school and college students during the year.



A GOLDEN ANTLER CLASS of candidates was initiated recently at Moscow, Idaho, Lodge. ER Al Hofmann (back row, center) welcomed the new members into the order.

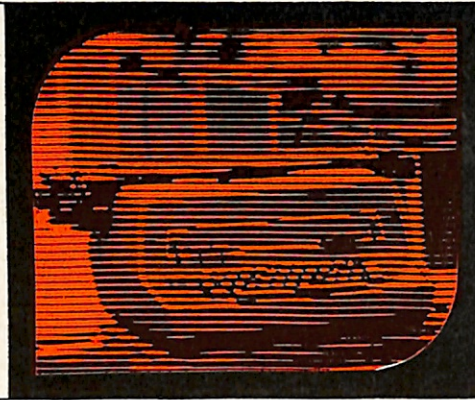
FIRST-PLACE WINNERS in their "B" division of the Southern Oregon Invitational Billiards Tournament were Red Dolinsek, Jim Green, and Doug Chapman, of San Mateo, Calif., Lodge, who won second place for the two preceding years. The annual tournament is co-sponsored by Medford and Ashland Lodges.



CHARTER MEMBERS of Brookings, Ore., Lodge present at a mortgage burning ceremony included (front row, from left) Gordon Olsen, Homer Haggerty, A. E. Anderson, Mickey Gould, Fred Fox, and (back row, from left) Asa Carpenter, Bob Collier, Merle Hanscam, Bill Huovila, Roy Brimm, Lloyd Fox, and Paul Faurso.



EDITORIALS



K-9 Kops

Crime in the United States continues to escalate at an alarming rate. Last year, serious crimes increased 6 percent, according to Attorney General William B. Saxbe.

It's interesting to note that the big cities showed only a 1 percent increase, suburban areas had an average increase of 9 percent and rural areas jumped by 10 percent. It seems that the law-breakers are also moving to the suburbs and out in the country.

What can we as Elks do to help reverse this frightening trend in lawlessness? We have always strongly emphasized our Americanism program, a vital part of which is concerned with law enforcement. Now it's time to get down to serious business if we want to help reduce the number of criminals who ply their vicious trade with seeming impunity and increased frequency.

Here's one small suggestion you and/or your lodge can work on right away: Ask your local government officials this question: "How would you like to hire a member of the police force who is over 95% effective in his work, yet who will cost the taxpayers less than \$4,000 to train and who will get a "salary" of only two or three dollars a day?"

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move, to say nothing of the lives they save.

One small city embarked on a K-9 Korps of two dogs a few years ago after urging by some interested citizens. The very first week the dogs went into active duty, one of them saved the life of a police officer by going into a brush covered and wooded area to capture an armed felon. Ask that officer what he thinks of the dogs!

Police chiefs call them a major deterrent to crime and one of the best investments a force can make. Others praise the psychological effect they have on criminals as being immeasurable.

Some big city departments and state police have even established their own K-9 training centers and they gladly cooperate with other cities and states in helping them get started with a dog program.

The armed services of our country feel that the dogs are a must, so they have set up a training center at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. They are also on the lookout for dogs to enter the program, particularly German Shepherds, Dobermans and Labradors. The greatest demand is for the shepherds because of their extreme versatility. If you have a dog of any of these breeds you would be willing to contribute, they'd like to hear from you. Contact the Dog Center, Department of Defense, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas 78236. Or if your city or state operates a dog training center, contact them about possibly using your dog.

It is estimated that about 350 U.S. cities now use the K-9 Korps as valued adjuncts to their police departments. It could easily become 3,500 cities if we all get behind the project.

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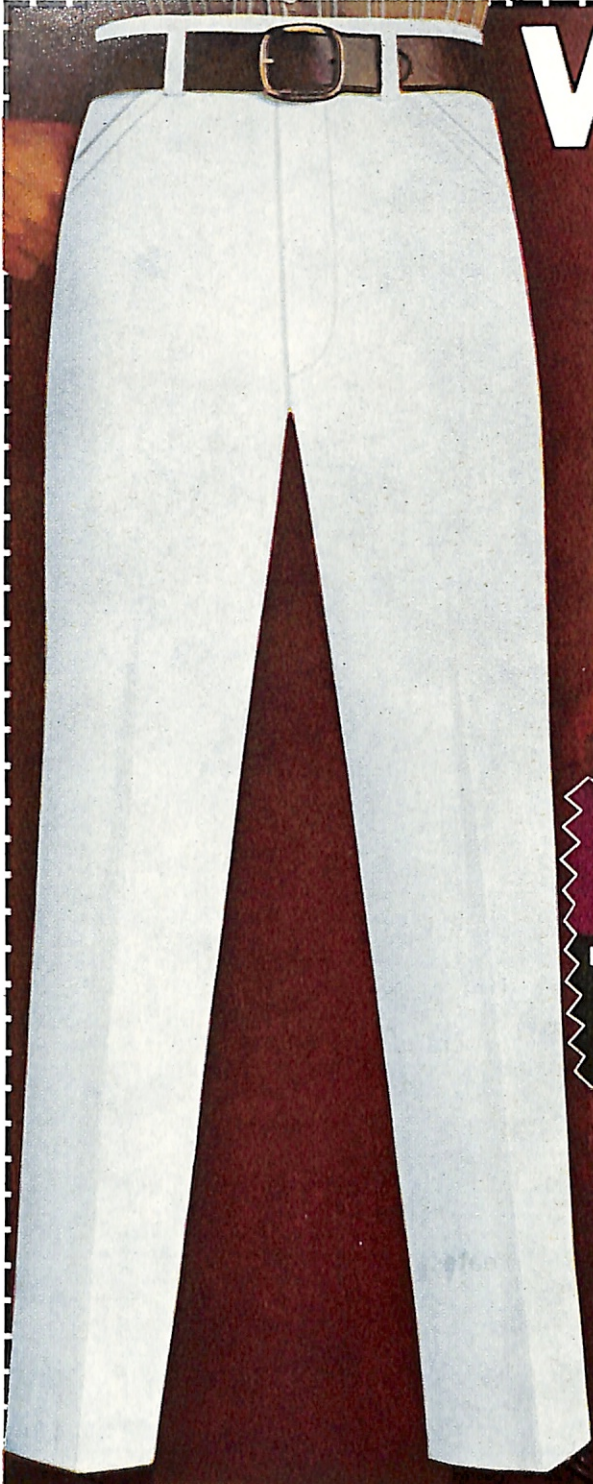
This is the month when all Elks lodges nominate and elect officers for the coming year. It's one of the most important months in the life of your lodge.

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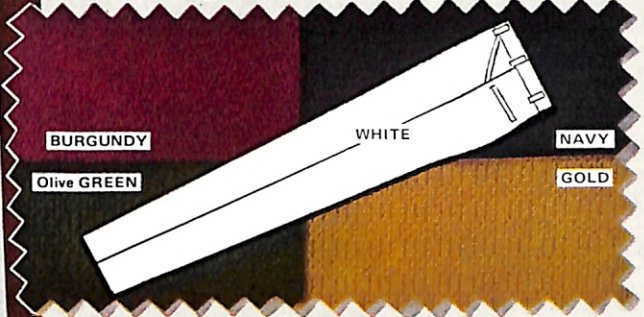
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