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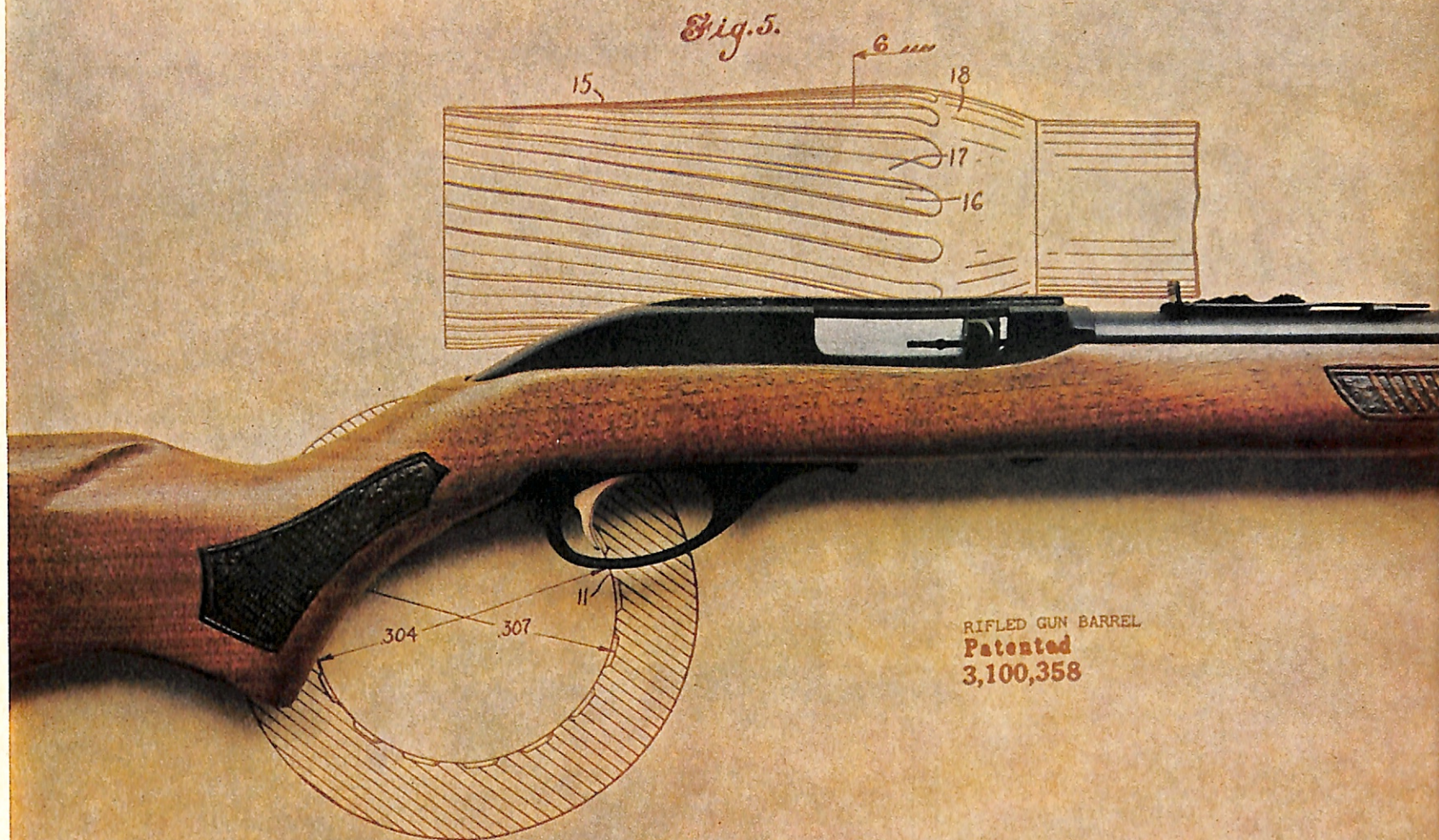
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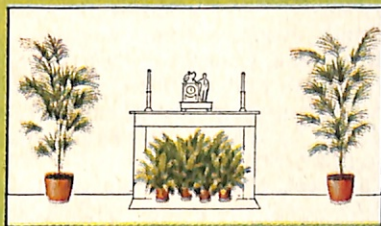
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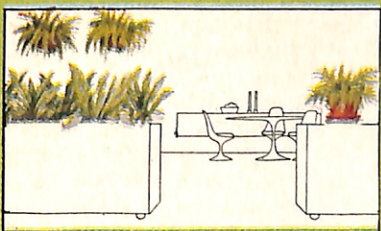
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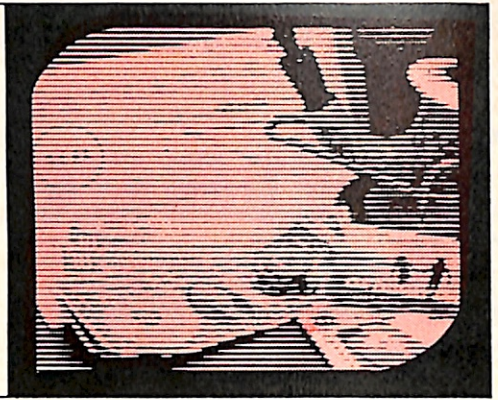
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by G. W. Weinstein



EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Are you an opsimath? Would you like to be? Opsimath is a recently-coined word, meaning one who begins to study late in life. The word applies to more and more Americans, as adults return to school in record numbers. There are several reasons for this escalating interest in education:

Desire for a degree. Universal higher education is a relatively recent phenomenon in this country. Many of today's older adults did not finish high school; most never attended college. According to *The Boundless Resource*, an important new study by the National Manpower Institute, there are 51 million adults in this country with less than 12 years of formal education; at least 10% of this number, it has been estimated, are interested in more schooling.

More leisure time. Earlier retirement, voluntary or not, and a longer life-span, means more available time.

Practical need. Courses in money management, health and nutrition, and home maintenance can help you stretch retirement dollars. Vocational courses can lead to post-retirement income.

Pure interest. Whether or not you have a college degree, there may be a totally new field you would like to explore. Many adults finally find the time after retirement to fulfill a longstanding yen to learn about music or archeology or photography or whatever.

Right now, therefore, as you think about retirement, is the time to satisfy any yearning you may have for more education. You can join the pursuit of knowledge in a number of ways: on-campus and off-campus, residential and community programs, degree and non-degree courses, vocational and academic and avocational programs. Many programs have been developed specifically to meet the needs and interests of older adults. The following listing, based on surveys by the Academy for Educational Development, is just a sampling of the kinds of programs available, designed to start you thinking. For specific information in your area, contact your local Office on the Aging, community college, or adult education center.

- "Program 65" at Ohio State University, Columbus, admits people 65 and over to selected classes, free of charge, where space is available.

- "College for the Over Sixty" at

the University of Pittsburgh offers some regular credit courses, where space is available, for \$25 per course.

- "Continuing Education for the Care-free Years" at the University of Cincinnati allows men and women over 62 to elect one evening course each term for a \$5 fee.

- New York University's School of Continuing Education admits men and women over 62 at half price.

- The University of Kentucky Donovan Scholars program offers scholarships to U.S. citizens over 65; recipients may seek credit or simply sit in on classes, as they prefer.

- Pace University, in New York City, has an Active Retirement Center for people over 55. A \$10 yearly membership fee permits reduced-fee enrollment in any undergraduate course on a non-credit basis. In addition, special courses—such as one called Coping (Psychology for the Older Adult)—are offered. The Pace Center also includes a Job Placement Service and a host of recreational activities.

- At Fairhaven College in Bellingham, Washington, a multigenerational residential program called the Bridge Project has brought together preschool day-care children, middle-aged students and senior citizens. The senior citizens live in converted dormitories; they may attend special courses or audit regular college classes and are encouraged to share experiences with younger students.

- Bucknell College in Pennsylvania is also developing, under student leadership, a residential and intergenerational program.

- Miami-Dade Community College in Florida and Bakersfield College in California both take courses directly to older citizens in senior centers, churches, and community houses. So does the OPUS (Older Persons Using Skills) program of Florida Junior College at Jacksonville.

- Hawkeye Institute of Technology serves about 8000 older adults in the rural area around Waterloo, Iowa. Classes, in subjects ranging from ceramics and woodworking to furniture repair and defensive driving, are taught in a variety of off-campus locations.

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Handsome is as handsome does among the fraternity of the two-legged, and that goes double for the millions of dogs born outside the right to register as royalty.

Best quail dog I ever shot over had about as much blue blood in his veins as a cucumber. He had a pushed in face. His half-bobbed tail cork-screwed and bristled angrily when he pointed.

He was as much Boston bull as anything, though he had enough pointer in him to give him length of leg. Mostly he was plain mutt. So were four of his five kennel mates. The sixth of the string qualified, however, for a pedigree.

Now, this sixth dog was a noble looking creature with a splendid head and a gait which was pure poetry. It was a pleasure to watch him go gliding across fences, through peanut fields, and right over the top of huddled quail coveys as though they were so many sparrows. He pointed once, as I remember, but instead of birds, we put out a rattle-snake.

I asked Norman Bowles about it, and

he thought maybe he'd put the pointer at stud providing he could find some good mutts to breed it to.

Bowles, who is from Dunnellon, FL, has had a hundred or more good quail dogs and a few bluebloods. He says he'll take the good quail dogs every time.

So he'll be pleased to read that his theory on mutts has come to print under the signature of Konrad Z. Lorenz, one of the world's foremost students of animal behaviorism, who writes in his book, *Man Meets Dog*:

"I have such a poor opinion of modern dog breeding, with its overestimation of 'beauty' and neglect of intelligence, that I am inclined to advise a

The All-American Dog

by Mel Ellis



beginner not to buy a dog with too 'good' a pedigree. One is probably less likely to obtain in a mongrel a nervous, mentally deficient animal than in a dog with eight champions in its pedigree."

Lorenz, vice director of the Institute for Comparative Ethology of the Max Planck Society of Westfalen, Germany, has kept both mongrels and purebreds. Throughout his book, he emphasizes the value of the crossbreeds over the purebreds.

Though this is no treatise to trample the truly bred (all my dogs are registered), it is indeed intended to prove that any mutt can learn to chase, and some to hunt even better than their cousins, the specialists.

After the jackals and wolves, the mutts came first. The purebreds were a long time in evolving, and some of today's popular hunting breeds have only recently been recognized and only yesterday were considered mutts.

In theory man was and is on the right track in creating specialists, i.e.: one to hunt ducks, another upland game birds, another to trail . . .

In reality, however, he started a fad,

a fashion, a craze which has ruined many purebred dogs until today Lorenz claims: "It is a sad but undeniable fact that breeding to a strict standard of physical points is incompatible with breeding for mental qualities. Individuals which conform to both sets of requirements are so rare they do not even supply a foundation for the further propagation of their breed."

All dogs, mutt or purebred, are instinctively hunters. It is only that in the purebred sporting dogs the instinct to retrieve, point or trail game (depending on the breed) was more highly developed (before pedigrees became fashionable in the same way mink coats are fashionable) than in mongrels.

But, as each purebreed became popular, breeders tried to outdo one another in breeding physical types, and as Lorenz puts it: "The matter became serious when fashion, that silliest of all silly females, began to dictate to the poor dog what he has got to look like, and there is no single breed of dog whose originally excellent mental qualities have not been completely destroyed as a result of having become fashionable."

I am not suggesting a pekingese type dog for retrieving ducks in marshy cover, nor a Mexican hairless type for bucking the brambles of quail country. But I am suggesting that if you have acquired, either by chance or intent, a fair sized mongrel of good disposition that you give it the same chance to learn its trade as you might a purebred, and you may be in for a surprise.

Of course, if you can't face up to your friends because your hunting dog isn't registered among the upper crust, maybe you'd better stick with a blueblood instead of going afield with a utility dog, a meat hound.

I never really got to know one of the finest mutts which ever lived. He belonged to my father, and I can vaguely remember that he looked like a pit bull but was also part collie.

Before being corrupted by civilization into a machine for making money, my father was a trapper and a sometimes market hunter. The mutt was more valuable than his gun or traps. It caught gallinules, sometimes 30 in a day, when they tried to hide beneath rushes. It retrieved feathers and fur. It

The All-American Dog

located muskrats in a house so my father could spear them. It pointed sharp-tail and pinnated grouse or quail. It treed ruffed grouse.

There is nothing mysterious about mongrels pointing game. The instinct to point is in all breeds. The point is nothing more than an overcautious stalk, a sneak attack to catch and then kill. Most dogs will instinctively master the stalk if they handle enough live game, and more especially if their lives depend on eating what they capture.

Though Labradors have been bred to retrieve, I have one which points and then springs on upland game often catching it alive. I could, very easily, by using a long tether, steady it to point.

One of the major faults of many field trial springers is the act of pointing.

They are supposed to (according to the book) flush game without hesitation. Many point, however. Sometimes the point is the result of bird shyness or faulty training, but more often it is the instinctive desire to stalk, stand ready, then spring to catch the quarry.

My first dog was a mutt. He was four months old and I was nine the day he learned his first lesson in hunting. Preceding me along my trapline, he accosted a trapped muskrat. The pup put out a paw. The muskrat buried its teeth in the pup's nose.

Buck rolled over backwards yelping. He had it, however, and went in snarling to finish the 'rat. He started, then, looking for more furry bundles to mutilate, and his career as a hunter had begun.

Many mutts are no accident. Cougar

and coon hunters breed away from hound strains for a specific purpose. Standard killer dogs in a lion hunting pack are usually part airedale. Many coon hunting dogs, especially those which run in the big money trials, are part greyhound. Since the advent of the pheasant in this country men who have become dissatisfied with the performance of pointing dogs on this bird have bred their own specialists.

There are at this writing more than 20,000,000 American mutts. Probably more game is shot over the muzzles of mongrels than purebreds. Millions, however, still depreciate the mutt basking in the sun on their doorstep by saying they wished they had a hunting dog instead of a pet.

Pets will hunt every chance they get even if it is only butterflies, bedroom slippers or baseballs tossed into the high grass by their young masters.

At a recent field trial staged in Milwaukee County for all-comers, including mutts, a dachshund-type mongrel which previously had hunted nothing more than a comfortable place to lie down, trailed and flushed pheasants like an old pro. The pooch had slipped away from the owner and joined a brace in the field. It went on through another performance to win a certificate of merit over a number of purebred hunting dogs.

This past winter there was a black dog, hardly high as a low boot, hunting the snowshoe hares of the Cedar swamps. His name was Lucky and I got to know him at the end of a long trail where hemlocks hid the sun. His mother, a "sort of beagle," was off a quarter mile baying a hare.

Only four months old, Lucky whined until I consoled him with a pat on the head, and then he was off again on the hare's trail, and never have I seen one so young drive so hard.

When the hunt was over, I told Harvey Gardner, owner of the pup, to forget about breeding Lucky's mother to the bluetick which lived across the lake. I suggested he use Lucky's sire again since the pup was a prodigy.

But Harvey had no idea of Lucky's father's address since it happened his sire was a traveling man.

I don't mean to imply that the haphazard matings which produce the mongrels will produce super dogs. But the law of averages will work for the mongrel and produce a better all around animal from a chance mating than from generations of matings calculated to do nothing but improve a breed's physical appearance.

The ideal mating would, of course, be the one arranged between dogs having the finest mental qualifications especially if it has been established that


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Our son, Kenneth, has an enormous circle of friends, of all ages, for whom he always has an attractive compliment. Often, when privately relating his experience, his grin reveals that he is getting the most satisfaction. Sometimes he is astonished at the rewards he unintentionally reaps.

The article could only have been written by a person similar to Ken, and accordingly, I send a long freight-train of smiles to Dr. Ross.

Mrs. Edith M. Hounsell
Glendale, CA

• We wish to commend the publisher and staff of *The Elks Magazine* for the inspiring July, 1976, Bicentennial Salute, "Our Ethnic Heritage." It was heart-warming, and appreciated.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Preege
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• Recently I was in Calgary (Alberta), Canada, and happened to meet a chap who noticed my Elks pin. He introduced himself and invited me to his Elks Lodge. I was treated royally, introduced by name and as an "Elk from the States."

When I returned home, and extolled the virtues of the Canadian Elks Lodge, I was told there couldn't be an Elks Lodge in Canada as the Elks is strictly an American organization. Please advise me if there is an organization in Canada such as ours.

Albert F. Vass
Carlisle, PA

You're absolutely right...there is an Elks Order in Canada. However, there is no connection between the B.P.O. Elks of Canada and the U.S.A. It was formed by some members of our Order that moved from Washington State to Vancouver, British Columbia. They so enjoyed Elkdom in the U.S., that they established an Order for Canadians in Vancouver on September 26, 1912.

The Editors

• I wish to compliment you on the June, 1976, cover. The picture of Crescent Beach is one of the loveliest you have had on our magazine. I've been there and always enjoy the scenery. Thanks for showing all Elks a bit of our wonderful state.

John R. Rogers
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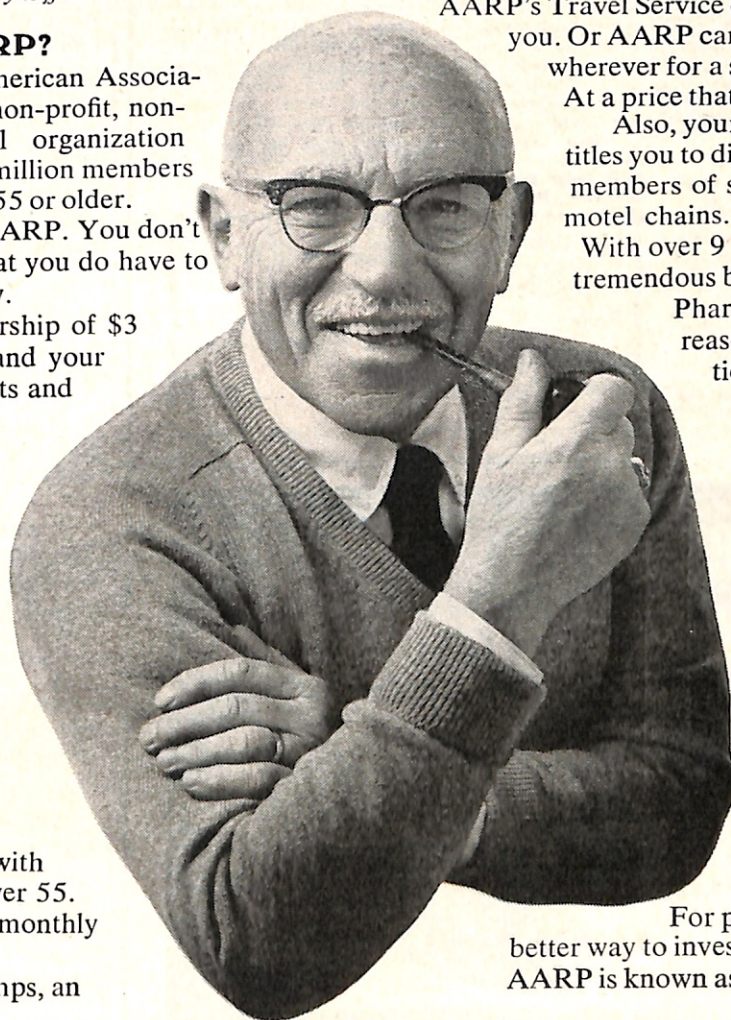
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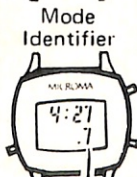
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Windmill Resurrection

by Shaaron Cosner

□ Early in 1972, Charles A. Mosher, an Ohio Congressman, received a letter from a constituent urging Congress to solve the energy crisis by locating huge windmills on top of all tall buildings. The windmills, the writer went on to say, would provide enough electricity to

sustain each building through the use of a wind generator. The Congressman and his staff, assuming the constituent was "some sort of nut," wrote a courteous but noncommittal reply, filed the letter and forgot about it. In June of 1973, however, the Congressman was



forced to admit to the distinguished participants of a Wind Energy Workshop sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration that they had convinced him to dig that letter out of his "crank" file and instruct his staff to re-file it under "Ideas Worth Considering."

Congressman Mosher could not be blamed for considering the idea of resurrecting windmills almost from obscurity as implausible. When he received that letter, only about a dozen people were known to be working on the windmill concept. Just two years later, however, that number had swelled to hundreds including windmill enthusiasts from government scientists to individual homeowners. A 72-year-old retired electrician in Iron Mountain, Michigan, for instance, generated the 7,200 watts needed to operate his home by improving on an idea he got when Rear Admiral Byrd used wind-driven electricity during his South Pole expedition in the

1930s. A windmill was built to provide the power for a dance hall in Guerneville, California. New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr., proposed placing windmills atop Mt. Washington to run ski-lifts and four publicly owned Oregon utilities approved \$135,000 for windmill research. From California to New Hampshire, researchers were finding that technology that had come to America with the Pilgrims might again serve man over 350 years later.

A windmill was first built in America on Cape Cod just thirteen years after settlers arrived there. Dutch immigrants built their huge, familiar windmills in New Amsterdam in the mid-seventeenth century and the flat, narrow strips of land and strong ocean breezes made Long Island particularly popular for the three story "smock" or "petticoat" mills from England. As the pioneers moved westward after the Civil War, however, they wanted a lighter and more mobile windmill. Innovations resulted in skeleton towers, light, feathered wheels to replace the heavy cotton cloth sails of the Dutch and English mills, and a veering apparatus (tail vane) that could stop the motor from the ground when winds became too gusty, improving on the old mills that often caught fire when the brake was held too long or sailed through the air much like an airplane propeller when allowed to rotate too rapidly.

Between 1880 and 1935, an estimated 6,500,000 windmills were sold. By the turn of the century some 20 companies had created a \$10 million business providing cattlemen, sheepmen and farmers settling the sparsely vegetated lands of America with windmills. Those who could not afford the luxury of a factory-made windmill began building their own from materials at hand—used lumber, used hardware, and even in some cases used grocery boxes and tomato cans. The farmlands between Omaha and Denver became known as the "backbone of the homemade mill." Here, mills with interesting names like Holland, Merry-go-round, Battle-Ax, Mock Turbines and Jumbos or Go-Devils (which in turn were broken down into categories such as Baby Jumbos so small they resembled a toy, Giant Jumbos and Screw Jumbos) cost from \$1.50 to \$150. They could be moved from place to place on a wagon to do a variety of luxury chores such as grinding corn, pumping farm machinery, driving saws, corn crushers, hay presses, potato wash-

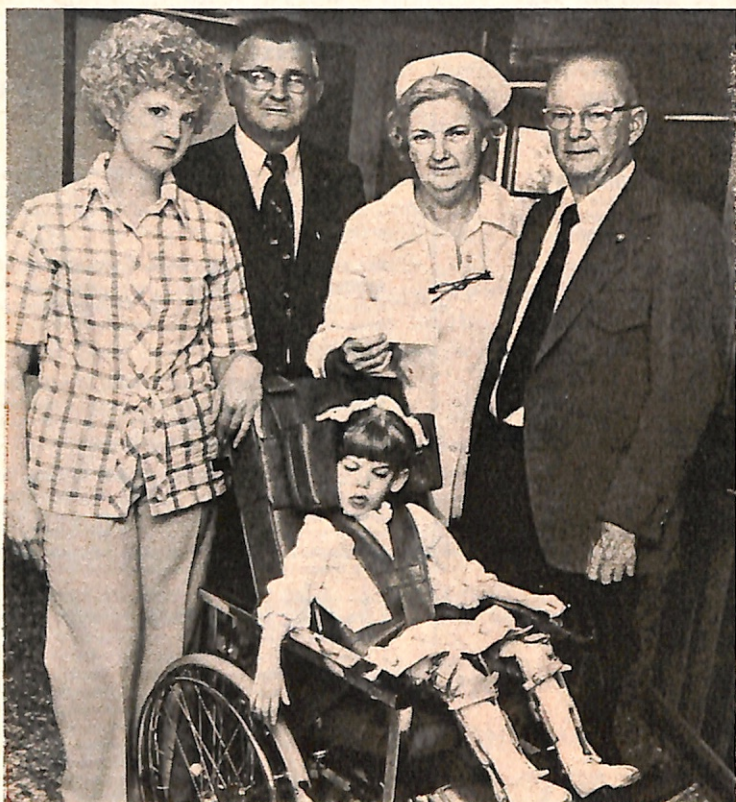
ing machines and butter making machines and running machinery in the workshops of bootmakers, smiths, knitters and others. For bigger jobs, the windmills could be clustered in groups called "gangs," but they were used mostly for irrigation and bringing water to the house itself.

Although Dr. Charles F. Brush, inventor and pioneer in electrical experiments, had successfully lit his home and lab as early as 1889 using a windmill, inventors were just beginning to develop successful, but still costly, wind-powered electrical generators in the late 1920s and early 1930s when the Rural Electrification Administration and the advent of the less expensive electricity it provided sounded the death knell for the windmill. Across the nation thousands of windmills fell into disrepair, machinery rusted, blades locked into place and some of the rejected giants toppled over. A few of the older English mills in the East were rescued and turned into summer homes, playhouses, restaurants, inns, guest houses and in one instance, a library. The Cape Cod mill was purchased for \$10,000 as a present for Henry Ford from his employees.

Except for the use of windmills in 1937 to protect underground steel pipe line networks from corrosion by reversing the electrical current built up, interest in windmills did not re-surface to any great extent until a brief period in 1941 when a 1,250 kilowatt wind station was erected atop "Grandpa's Knob" in Vermont. The million dollar windmill was some 110 feet high with two stainless steel blades "as big as army bombers" and measuring 175 feet from tip to tip. Generating equipment was housed in a "streamlined, metal-shelled egg." The windmill in Vermont was successfully operated for about 16 months before a main bearing in the generator failed. Parts were hard to find in 1943, so the mill sat idle for more than two years before the bearing was replaced. It worked only for a month then before one of the blades snapped off and flew 750 feet through the air. The windmill was never repaired.

Interest in the use of windmills re-surfaced in earnest in 1970 when William E. Heronemus, a civil engineering professor at the University of Massachusetts, suggested massive networks of wind generators as the answer to the worsening energy crisis. He estimated that 2,000 windmills could provide 1.5

NEWS OF THE LODGES



A VISIT to the grave of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was one of the activities on then-GER Willis McDonald's schedule during his recent stay at Poughkeepsie, NY, Lodge. Mrs. McDonald and (from left) ER John Rider and Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr. joined Brother McDonald in the placing of the lodge's memorial wreath at the site.

THE SUM OF \$4,000, raised through the combined efforts of the Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Board and lodges throughout the state, was delivered by Ravenna ER Charles Vickers (right), district CP chairman, and Nick Kovic of the Ohio Elks Association to Hattie Larlham, Inc. Accepting the check on behalf of the foundation were Mrs. Donald Moss (left), her daughter Sharon, and Mrs. Hattie Larlham.



"OLD IRONSIDES" benefited recently from a donation made by the Elks of Massachusetts. Observing as State Charity Awards Chm. Alfred Mattei (second from left) presented the \$5,000 check to Rear Adm. Joseph Wylie, president of the U.S.S. *Constitution* Museum Foundation, were (from left) Adm. Harold Shear, then-SP Harry Sarfaty, and Rear Adm. Roy Snyder Jr.

A SEEING-EYE DOG was obtained by William Olander (left) with the help of the New Mexico Elks Charitable and Benevolent Trust and Silver City Lodge. Olander's expenses for a trip to the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind in Smithtown, NY, were paid by the Trust. Silver City Esq. Reuben Soriano, the lodge's project chairman, greeted Olander and "Frolic" as they visited the lodge.





IN A PROCLAMATION issued by Oregon Governor Robert Straub (seated), it was declared that the state should join with the Elks in a chorus of bell-ringing on July 4th. Witnessing the signing of the document were (from left) SP Jack Lambert, PGER Frank Hise, then-Grand Forum Chief Justice Hal Randall, Oregon Bicentennial Chm. Frank Quinlan, State Americanism Chm. Charles Hoar, Secy. Orville Mull, Sgt.-at-Arms Jack Link, Salem Lodge's Americanism Chm. Fabian Nelson, and Salem Secy. Gene Ross.



THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS track and field competition sponsored recently by Summit, NJ, Lodge attracted more than 300 boys and girls. Keeping score for the high jump event was ER Patrick Fitzgerald Sr. Contest winners went on to compete at the district level.



A BICENTENNIAL MEDALLION was presented to 100-year-old Albert Linscott (center), Marion, OH, Lodge's oldest living Past Exalted Ruler, during a lodge-sponsored dinner in his honor. ER William Hoffman (left) and Secy. Sherman Haldeman awarded the token to the 75-year member.



CAR TRAVEL will be made easier for Terry Burkhardt, who is confined to a wheelchair, with the aid of a power chair lifter purchased by Livingston, NJ, Lodge for her family's van. Terry, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burkhardt, and her younger sister Linda were the recent guests of the lodge at a fund-raising breakfast for crippled children.



AN EMERGENCY VAN for the disaster services unit of the local chapter of the Red Cross was the recent gift of Peabody, MA, Lodge. Then-ER David Dabrieo presented the vehicle's keys to Stephen Smidt, medic, Harry Ankeles, chairman, and Dorothy Reid, director.



THE MISSISSIPPI ritualistic trophy went to the team from Pascagoula Lodge for the third consecutive year. Each officer also returned from the contest in Vicksburg with an all-state individual award. Coach of the winning team was Heywood DeJean (second from right).



A SPECIAL CHECK was prepared to mark Hamilton, NJ, Lodge's contribution of \$10,000 to Hamilton Hospital. At the presentation were (from left) W. Leonard Hillman, treasurer of the lodge's Board of Trustees, Trustees Chm. William Jemison, Lester Robbins, of the hospital's Board of Governors, and PER Thomas Warwick.



LODGE NOTES

WOODBRIIDGE, NJ. A law enforcement appreciation dinner hosted by the lodge featured Judge Samuel Convery, Past Exalted Ruler of Perth Amboy Lodge, as guest speaker. In accordance with the evening's theme, ER John Sahr presented a new flag to Police Chief Tony O'Brien.

OHIO. An official Elks Day was celebrated in conjunction with Flag Day on June 14, as proclaimed by Ohio Governor James Rhodes. Canton Lodge was cited in the proclamation for being the city's first fraternal organization to conduct a public celebration commemorating the "birth" of the American flag.

FAIRFIELD, CT. Services to the lodge and the community during Andrew Kratz's 25 years of membership earned him the special recognition of the lodge.

WILLISTON, ND. City and county posts were given to high school students during Elks Youth Honor Day. The traditional ride on a fire department truck for the students was part of the busy day, which concluded with a dinner at the lodge for all of the participants, officials, and advisors.

OGDENSBURG, NY. President and Mrs. Ford recently sent their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flos upon the celebration of the Floses' 70th wedding anniversary. Ninety-year-old Brother Flos is the oldest living member of his lodge, having belonged for 68 years.

ROGERS-BENTONVILLE, AR. The Sunshine School at Vaughn benefited from \$1,000 raised in a walkathon by Billy Bob Arnold and Ron LoPiccalo, and from members' donations. The lodge's total contributions to the school were \$2,201.94.

PARAMUS NJ. During the lodge's celebration of its 20th anniversary, a class was initiated in honor of then-GER Willis McDonald. PGER William Jernick was on hand to welcome the 20 new members on Brother McDonald's behalf.

SCRANTON, PA. A legacy of \$500 from the late Carl Robbins, a member for more than 60 years, was presented to the Exalted Ruler by the executor of the estate, PER Jerome Myers. The lodge invested the money in order to maintain an annual income for the Christmas Charity Fund in Brother Robbins' name.

PALM SPRINGS, CA. Junior high school and high school students received awards at a recent Elks dinner given in their honor. First place Bicentennial essay contest winner Vera Uher accepted a U. S. Savings Bond from the lodge.

CHICAGO (WEST), IL. A group of children who meet at the Northwest Settlement House were entertained recently at a holiday party which is sponsored on a yearly basis by the lodge.

THOUSAND OAKS, CA. Americanism Chm. John McCance addressed 69 naturalized citizens on the importance of involvement in civic and community affairs. Following his speech he presented the new citizens with flag lapel pins.

ILION, NY. ER Dexter Smith and the lodge officers held a reception honoring PER Alan Lowe, who was recently installed as Trustee of the New York State Elks Association.

JOPLIN, MO. Coloring books and crayons were delivered to Elkland, the pediatric department of St. John's Medical Center, by ER Roland Davis and his wife Betty, president of the Elks' ladies.

TITUSVILLE, PA. Past and current District Deputies of the Northwest District of Pennsylvania were recently honored at a lodge meeting, which was highlighted by the presentation of the jewels of office.

FREEPORT, NY. Children from the local cerebral palsy center bowled in a two-hour program sponsored jointly by the lodge, the Freeport Recreation Department, and the Freeport Bowl.

SAYRE, PA. The restoration of the historic Riverside Cemetery in Athens, PA, has become a Bicentennial project for local citizens under the sponsorship of Sayre Elks. A burial ground for many of the valley's forefathers, the cemetery dates from at least 1744.



INSPECTING a 1904 Massillon, OH, Lodge membership card along with ER Bob Augspurger and Mayor Mark Ross, a member of the lodge, were Leo Linebaugh, Howard Stoner, and Wilson Baker, clad in uniforms from the Revolutionary War, World War I, and World War II, respectively. The card was found in a capsule in the cornerstone of the old city hall which was razed recently.



A CHECK from Twentynine Palms, CA, Lodge will be used for a portable respirator for the local rescue unit. Dispatcher Jack Murdock, a lodge member, and Firemen Joe Crites and Keith Borges expressed their thanks to ER Gene Pendergast.

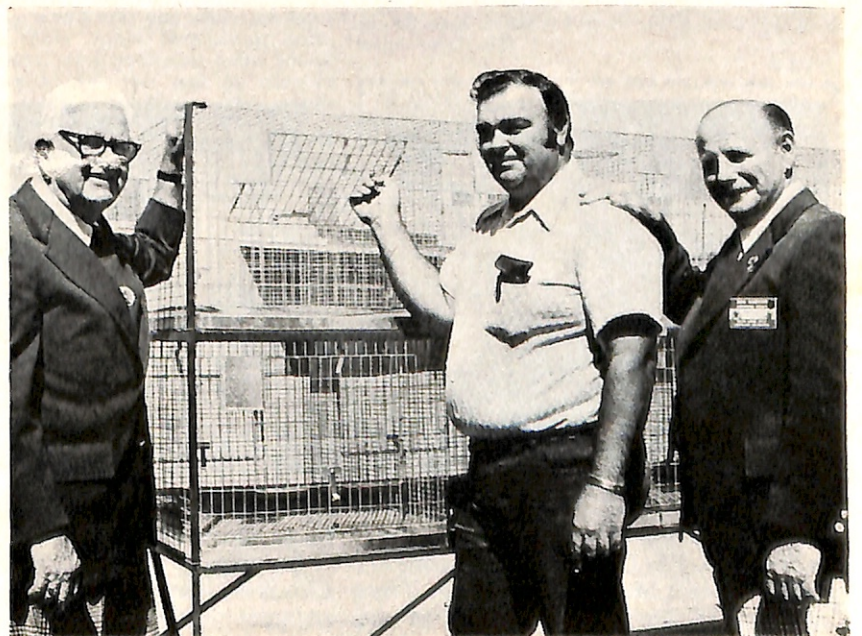


WHEELCHAIR PATIENTS Jack Dawson and Don McCook were among those who were entertained at the East Orange VA Hospital during a variety show sponsored by Paterson, NJ, Lodge. At the hospital for the special occasion were (back row, from left) Jim Matano, Joe LaSpada, Bob Brobst, Vets Chm. Bob Verhasselt, ER Tom Cox, and Charles Carre.

RABBITS AND POULTRY exhibited by 4-H members in their annual show had new pens, thanks to the Elks of Woodland, CA, Lodge. Turning over the two units of show pens to Charles Langston (center) of the 4-H program were ER Ken Kerr (left) and Est. Lect. Kt. Don Hawkins.



THE THESPIAN EFFORTS of the Elks Players during the past years have raised over \$27,000 for the charitable projects of Carlisle, PA, Lodge. *Arsenic and Old Lace* was one of the group's offerings during the recently completed season.





THE FLAG RITUAL, presented by ER John Ignatius and several officers from Mountain Home, AR, Lodge, opened the graduation program for students at Mountain Home High School. Following the ceremony, six Elks scholarships were awarded to outstanding students.



UPON COMPLETION of his term of office, DDGER Walter Reynolds (left) was honored with a testimonial dinner by his home lodge, Shamokin, PA. ER William Wallish presented a ring to Brother Reynolds as a token of the lodge's esteem.



TWENTY-FIVE outstanding students were honored recently during Wakefield, MA, Lodge's first annual Teenager of the Month banquet. ER Charles Kay and immediate PER Craig Finney, who served as master of ceremonies, welcomed special guests Anthony Gallugi, state representative, Stephen McGrail, state senator, Dave Rodham, state representative, then-SP Harry Sarfaty, and State Youth Chm. L. A. Kelly to the affair.



SEMIFINALISTS from New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania participated in the regional "Hoop Shoot" competition held in Scranton, PA. Dignitaries and sports figures including (from right) State Senator Robert Mellow, Edgar Jones, former Cleveland Browns football star, and then-SP Paul Brubaker extended congratulations to the winning contestants who went on to compete nationally.



EXPLAINING the work done by the California-Hawaii Elks for hospitalized veterans was the recent task of State Vets Chm. John Jordan (second from right) and Vice-Chm. Ralph Jeffrey during a fair held at the Long Beach VA Hospital. The fair was conducted to acquaint hospital personnel with the role played by volunteer organizations.

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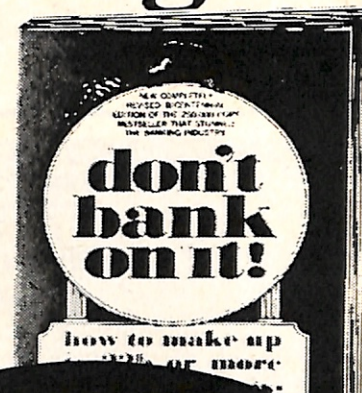
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Convention Highlights '76

Highlights of the 112th Grand Lodge Session Held in Chicago, IL, July '76



PGER Glenn L. Miller, Honorary Convention Chairman, introduced the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and their wives as the 112th Session of the Grand Lodge opened in the International Ballroom in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. An overflow crowd watched the proceedings via television in the Grand Ballroom.

Sunday Opening

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks appropriately observed the nation's Bicentennial as the 112th Session of the Grand Lodge opened July 4th, 1976, in Chicago.

The beautiful Elks Memorial Building—dedicated to the veterans of World War I and World War II—was rededicated to include those who served in Korea and Vietnam. (See separate story in this issue of *The Elks Magazine*.)

At the Sunday night opening in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, PGER Glenn L. Miller, Honorary Convention Chairman, presided and presented the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and their wives.

In a brief report, GER Willis C. McDonald noted that there has been a substantial gain in membership (an increase of 28,404).

Contributions to the Elks National Foundation went over the goal and reached \$1.53 per member. An all-time high of \$2,469,875.85 was given during the year.

"The Elks National Service Commis-

sion is continuing to render magnificent service to the veterans in our hospitals," GER McDonald told the standing-room-only crowd. He also pointed out that the Elks' youth programs were expanding at a rapid rate. The "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw program served

more than 2,750,000 boys and girls during the past year.

"Over all, Elkdom in general is thriving and well," he said.

The highlight of the evening came when the Elks Chorus of Aberdeen, SD, Lodge No. 1046 presented an inspiring



One of the highlights of the Sunday night opening on July 4th was a Bicentennial program presented by the Elks Chorus of Aberdeen, SD, Lodge. The patriotic concert was directed by Gary Zimmerman.



GER Willis C. McDonald received double greetings when he checked in at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Left is PGER George I. Hall, Chairman of the Elks National Convention Committee. Right is PGER Glenn L. Miller, Honorary Chairman of the Chicago Convention. Looking on are Bryan J. McKeogh, National Convention Director, and George T. Hickey (far right), Past Grand Trustee and Chicago Convention Committee Chairman emeritus. Co-chairmen of the Chicago Convention Committee were Robert J. Sabin, of the GL Committee on Judiciary and Fred M. Sheehan.

Delegates met old friends as they registered for the annual conclave. Credentials Chairman Albert Vernon of Detroit, MI, announced a total attendance of 16,997.

and outstanding program commemorating the Bicentennial.

The patriotic presentation under the direction of Gary Zimmerman drew an enthusiastic standing ovation from the audience.

Chorus members came to Chicago at their own expense.

The U.S. Marine Corps presented the colors, and Grand Esquire Richard J. Stropes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" was led by Hon. George J. Balbach, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee.

The invocation and benediction was by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry F. Speck. Ramon "Red" Ringo, of the Elks National Home and member of Brazil, IN, Lodge, provided organ music.



Monday Highlights

The first business session was opened Monday by a parade of state flags and Old Glory, which brought the cheering delegates to their feet.

Delegates from around the world were introduced. Included were: Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, Canal Zone, Hawaii and Alaska.

Ronald W. Hawkins of Shelby, NC, New Lodge Committee Chairman, reported that 16 charters or dispensations for new lodges were issued during the past year.

George B. Klein of Lincoln, NE, Lodge No. 80 was unanimously elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

U. S. Rep. Charles Thone, a life member of Lincoln Lodge, made the nomination. It was seconded by PER Joseph P. Cashen of Omaha, NE, Lodge No. 39, a brother-in-law of the new Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect. The acceptance speech of Bro. Klein appears elsewhere in this issue.

He becomes the fourth Nebraskan to



A parade of state flags, led by Old Glory, brought delegates to their feet as the Monday morning session opened.

serve as head of the Order. Previously, George P. Cronk of Omaha (1902-1903), Frank L. Rain of Fairbury (1919-1920), and H. L. Blackledge of Kearney (1957-1958) held the office.

Other new officers named were: James A. St. Myers of Union City, IN, Grand Est. Lead. Kt.; Roland W. Wilpitz of Jerome, AZ, Grand Est. Loyal

Kt.; E. Robert Bowlus of Frederick, MD, Grand Est. Lect. Kt.; and Homer Huhn, Jr., of Mount Pleasant, PA, Grand Secy. (sixth term).

Also, Frank V. Archibald of Fargo, ND, Grand Treas. (third term); James Fesmire of Paris, TN, Grand Inner Guard; Harry M. Macy of Patchogue, NY, Grand Tiler; and the Rev. John



Elkdom's new first family, GER George B. Klein and his wife, Ruth. Standing are sons, Larry and his wife Tracey, and Robert and his wife, Katie.

Moeder of Manhattan, KS, Grand Chaplain.

A. Lewis Heisey of Middletown, PA, and Frank Garland of Centralia-Chehalis, WA, were elected to four-year terms on the Board of Grand Trustees. Dr. William H. Collisson of Linton, IN, was elected to a one-year unexpired term caused by the death of Lewis Gerber.

Vincent R. Collura of Lincoln, NE, was appointed to serve as Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect.

Delegates confirmed the following appointments:

—PGER Wade H. Kepner to a five-year term as a member of the Elks Memorial and Publication Commission.
—PGER John L. Walker to a seven-year term as a trustee of the Elks National Foundation.

—PGER George I. Hall to a seven-year term on the Elks National Service Commission.

—PGER Robert G. Pruitt to a five-year term as a member of the GL Convention Committee.

—Sidney J. Nicholson of Florence, OR, to a five-year term as a Justice of the Grand Forum.

Illinois SP Wesley J. Waterhouse welcomed the delegates to the convention.

Tuesday Highlights

Recommendations and referrals of

the Committee on Distribution were made by Dan Davis of Van Nuys, CA, Chairman, to open the Tuesday meeting.

PGER Wade H. Kepner, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, announced that the computer operation of *The Elks Magazine* is now running smoothly. The magazine realized a profit of \$200,000 last year, he said, as he urged support of advertisers.

He also suggested that delegates visit the Elks National Memorial Building and view the Archives Room as well.

Auditing and Accounting Committee Chairman William D. Brunner of Redondo Beach, CA, stressed the need for adequate insurance on lodges. Lodge annual auditing and accounting reports are due June 30th, and use of the GL Auditing, Accounting and Management Manual was urged.

In a preliminary report, PGER John L. Walker, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, reported on a record year of contributions. Over 1,000 lodges attained or exceeded the goal of \$1.50 per member. Of these, 554 lodges contributed an average of \$2 or more per member.

Special recognition was given to California for its outstanding record. It led other states with total contributions of \$462,028.21, or an average of \$2.83 per member.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Average Per-Member Donations

Top Lodge:

Alameda, CA, \$119.191

Lodges with 250 or fewer members:

1. Oakland, NJ, \$18.143
2. Belvidere, IL, \$13.846
3. Milton, MA, \$12.933

Lodges with 251 to 500 members:

1. De Soto, MO, \$22.083
2. Tucson, AZ, \$15.621
3. Freehold, NJ, \$13.697

Lodges with 501 to 1,000 members:

1. Barberton, OH, \$14.479
2. Sierra Vista, AZ, \$9.256
3. Bullhead City, AZ, \$8.492

Lodges with 1,001 to 1,500 members:

1. Perry, IA, \$9.079
2. Madison, SD, \$5.598
3. Fort Collins, CO, \$5.350

Lodges over 1,500 members:

1. Lakewood, CO, \$9.571
2. Scottsbluff, NE, \$7.188
3. Provo, UT, \$5.816

Top States, average per-member donations:

1. Hawaii, \$3.509
2. Maine, \$3.389
3. California, \$2.830
4. North Carolina, \$2.678
5. Utah, \$2.669

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1. Simi Valley, CA
2. St. Charles, MO
3. Trona, CA

Lodges with 301 to 600 members:

1. Westchester, CA
2. Staten Island, NY
3. Downey, CA

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

1. Bellflower, CA
2. Oceano/Five Cities, CA
3. Redwood City, CA

Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:

1. Palm Springs, CA
2. Westbrook, CT
3. Anderson, IN

Lodges with over 2,000 members:

1. Oceanside, CA
2. Carmichael, CA
3. Vallejo, CA

Winners of the Eastern and Western Division ritual contests were announced by J. Arthur Drehle of Littleton, CO, Committee Chairman. First place in the Eastern Division went to Buckhead (Atlanta), GA. In second place was Ludington, MI. First place, Western Division, was captured by Greeley, CO. Second was Missoula "Hell Gate," MT.

The All-American Eastern Division Ritual Team consisted of ER Nathan Graham, Jr., Ludington, MI; Leading Kt. Hugh Kennedy, Ludington; Loyal Kt. David Cobb, Kingsport, TN; Lecturing Kt. Bob Olterman, Kingsport; Esq. James Needham, Buckhead (Atlanta), GA; Chaplain Terry Shaw, Ludington; Inner Guard, Steve Perry, Wakefield, MA.

Members of the Western Division All-American Team were: ER Richard Lamb, Greeley; Leading Kt. John E. Malletta, Missoula; Loyal Kt. John W. Northrop, Greeley; Lecturing Kt. Bob Shoum, Okmulgee, OK; Esq. Earl H. Kindsfater, Greeley; Chaplain Gaylen

Convention Highlights '76



Delegates were urged to "Thank the veterans for 200 years of Freedom." Shown above is the Elks National Service Commission. Seated (left to right) are PGERs George I. Hall, Vice-Chairman; Ronald J. Dunn, and William J. Jernick, Chairman-Treasurer. Standing (from the left) are Bryan J. McKeogh, Director, and PGERs E. Gene Fournace, Frank Hise, Robert G. Pruitt and Francis M. Smith.



Next year's Grand Lodge Session is scheduled for July 10-14, 1977, in New Orleans. The GL Convention Committee met during the 112th Session to consider future sites. Seated are PGER George I. Hall (left), Chairman, and PGER Robert G. Pruitt (right). Standing (left to right) are Bryan J. McKeogh, National Convention Director, and PGERs Robert E. Boney, Glenn L. Miller and Robert A. Yothers.



Members of the Committee on Judiciary paused during busy convention activities for this photograph. Seated (left to right) are Robert B. Webb of Santa Ana, CA; George J. Balbach of Queens Borough (Elmhurst), NY, Chairman, and Sidney J. Nicholson of Florence, OR. Standing (from left) are Robert J. Sabin of Arlington Heights, IL; Edward W. Connolly of Livingston, NJ; Raymond V. Arnold of Jackson, MI, and Eugene Costello of Denver, CO. Daniel B. Tammany was not present for the photo.



Meeting in daily session during the convention, the Board of Grand Trustees presented a budget for the coming year which was adopted by the delegates. Seated (from left) are Kenneth V. Cantoli, Vice-Chairman; Alton J. Thompson, Chairman, and H. Foster Sears, Secretary. Standing (left to right) are Marvin M. Lewis, Approving Member; Robert Grafton, Pension Member; Dr. Leonard Bristol, Home Member; Dr. William H. Collisson, and Edward M. Schlieter.



Members of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission are shown reviewing the latest issue of The Elks Magazine which has been published for 54 years. From the left are Wade H. Kepner, Chairman; R. Leonard Bush, Vice-Chairman; Raymond C. Dobson, Secretary; Edward W. McCabe, Treasurer, and Robert E. Boney, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. All are PGERs.



Shown during one of their many meetings are members of the Grand Forum. From the left are Thomas A. Goodwin of Wheeling, WV; Edward C. Alexander of Great Falls, MT; Hal M. Randall of Salem, OR, Chief Justice; William J. Steinbrecher of New Hyde Park, NY, and Alex M. Harman, Jr. of Pulaski, VA.



Elizabeth McDonald, wife of PGER Willis McDonald, was given the honor of pinning on his new Past Grand Exalted Ruler's pin presented by PGER William A. Wall.

PGER H. L. Blackledge (left) installed the new GER George B. Klein.

D. Holmes, Sioux Falls, SD; Inner Guard Harlan H. Huetson, Sioux Falls.

Special Grand Exalted Ruler's Awards for outstanding service to the Order were announced by GER McDonald. They went to La Porte, IN, Lodge; Thad Eure, of Raleigh, NC; William Spaulding of Clearwater, FL, Florida State Bicentennial Chairman; Lloyd Pahlman of Easton, MD; Alan C. Hoerth of Aberdeen, SD; Palmer, AK, Lodge; Edward Harbaugh of Roswell, NM; Ernie Smart, Secretary of the Oklahoma Elks Association; Nashville, TN, Lodge; Eugene, OR, Lodge, and Virginia City, MT, Lodge.

Alvin A. Ehrlich of Orlando, FL, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, announced various contest winners sponsored by his committee.

Flag Day winners were:

Lodges under 300 members: first, Newton, NC; second, Midwest City, OK; third, Brandon, FL.

Lodges with 301 to 600 members: first, Saratoga, NY; second, Cadillac, MI; third, Ishpeming, MI.

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members: first, Culver City, CA; second, Tempe, AZ; third, Roy, UT.

Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members: first, North Miami, FL; second, Greensburg, PA; third, Tillamook, OR.

Lodges with over 2,000 members: first, Phoenix, AZ; second, Vancouver, WA; third, Vallejo, CA.

A special award for Flag Day went to the Elks National Home.

Special Bicentennial Awards went to Anderson, IN, Blue Island, IL, El Cajon, CA, Falmouth, MA, Paramount, CA, Rockland, ME, Warren, OH, and to William Spaulding, Chairman of the Florida State Bicentennial Committee.

Many other awards were previously announced in *The Elks Magazine*.

In a report for the State Associations



In honor of PGER R. Leonard Bush, Inglewood, CA, Lodge annually presents the Exalted Ruler with the top score in the national ritualistic contest with an award. This year's winner was Richard D. Lamb of Greeley, CO (left), who received it from PGER Bush.

The Grand Lodge program was presented to Exalted Rulers at a special luncheon. From the left are George J. Balbach, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary; PGER E. Gene Fournace, Chairman of the GL Subcommittee on Program and Planning; GER-Elect George B. Klein; PGER William J. Jernick, Chairman-Treasurer of the Elks National Service Commission; Grand Secy. Homer Huhn, Jr., and Vincent R. Collura, Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler.



Committee, Chairman Frank Garland of Centralia-Chehalis, WA, announced the success of the Officers Training Program. New Mexico and Rhode Island had 100 percent participation. Many states held successful Officers Training seminars.

He also reported that 110 lodges were visited by State Business Practices Committees and urged lodges with financial or operating problems to call

upon their state committees for assistance.

Winners of the State Bulletin contest are:

Division I (Publications which are sold): Class A (issued more than quarterly): California-Hawaii, first; Ohio, second; Illinois, third. Class B (quarterly): Pennsylvania, first.

Division II (Publications which are not sold): Class A (issued more than



GER McDonald holds a check for \$100,000 which was presented by PGER Wade H. Kepner, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission. The check is from the profits of The Elks Magazine.



George Viola (right) of the Elks National Home, accepts a special plaque for the Flag Day Service conducted at the Home. Left is Robert J. McLain of Pasadena, CA, a member of the Lodge Activities Committee.

quarterly): Colorado, first; Minnesota, second; Indiana, third. Class B (quarterly): Michigan, first; Arizona, second; Iowa and Florida, tied for third. Class C (less than quarterly): Montana, first; North Carolina, second.

Division III (advertising used): Class A (more than quarterly): Massachusetts, first. Class B (quarterly): Nebraska, first.

Awards went to the state associations with the largest percentage net gain in the National Foundation. They were: Kentucky, North Dakota, Florida and California.

Reporting for the Bicentennial Committee, PGER Raymond C. Dobson pointed out that one of the features of the observance was the rededication of the Elks National Memorial Building on July 4th. Lodges had been encouraged to participate in the Bicentennial in their communities.

As a prelude to the Americanism Committee Report, a huge American flag was unfurled. It is used by Springfield, IL, Lodge in various programs.

Participation in a program to fly a lighted flag 24 hours a day was reported. Lodges with Heritage Corners also reported.

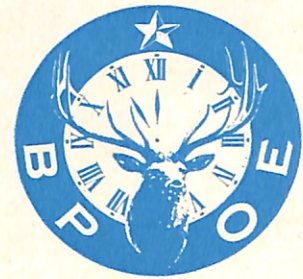
Chairman of the Americanism Committee Dr. William H. Collisson of Linton, IN, announced special awards to Lori Cox of Scottsdale, AZ, who is working to promote a National Patriotism Week; to William Spaulding, Chairman of the Florida State Bicentennial, and to Agana, Guam, Lodge.

Gerald L. Powell of Peru, IN, Director of the Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw program, announced that over two and three-quarter million boys and

girls participated last year. The names of the national champions from now on will be engraved on a special plaque in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

Wednesday Highlights

Norman S. Lien of Watsonville, CA, reported on the Youth Activities Committee to open the Wednesday morning meeting. "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw contests were conducted by 1,291 lodges; 406 lodges made teenager awards; 1,137 participated in Youth Week; 739 lodges sponsored Scout units,



Shown above are the new Grand Lodge officers. Seated (left to right) Roland W. Wilpitz of Jerome, AZ, Grand Est. Loyal Kt.; James A. St. Myers of Union City, IN, Grand Est. Lead. Kt.; George B. Klein of Lincoln, NE, GER; E. Robert Bowlus of Frederick, MD, Grand Est. Lect. Kt., and Homer Huhn, Jr., of Mount Pleasant, PA, Grand Secy. Standing (from left) Frank V. Archibald of Fargo, ND, Grand Treas.; Rev. John Moeder of Manhattan, KS, Grand Chaplain; James Fesmire of Paris, TN, Grand Inner Guard; Harry M. Macy of Patchogue, NY, Grand Tiler; A. Lewis Heisey of Middletown, PA, Frank Garland of Centralia-Chehalis, WA, and Dr. William H. Collisson of Linton, IN, Grand Trustees, and Vincent R. Collura of Lincoln, NE, Secy. to the GER.



Rick Monday, center fielder for the Chicago Cubs, was honored by a resolution adopted by the delegates. Monday dramatically rescued the American flag from two men who tried to set it afire. The framed resolution and a Bicentennial wall tapestry/rug were presented at Wrigley Field during the convention. (From left) Bernard McCune of Long Beach, CA; Dr. William Collisson of Linton, IN, Chairman of the GL Americanism Committee; Monday; Donald O. Oesterling of Butler, PA; and Edward M. Schlieter of New Braunfels, TX, Grand Trustee.



The Nebraska Elks Association held a reception honoring GER and Mrs. George Klein (left). Seated are PGER and Mrs. H. L. Blackledge. At right are PGER and Mrs. Glenn L. Miller. PGER Miller served as Honorary Convention Chairman.

A huge American flag was unfurled to lead into the Americanism Committee report. The flag is used by Springfield, IL, Lodge in many of its patriotic programs.

and 1,106 lodges sponsored junior baseball teams.

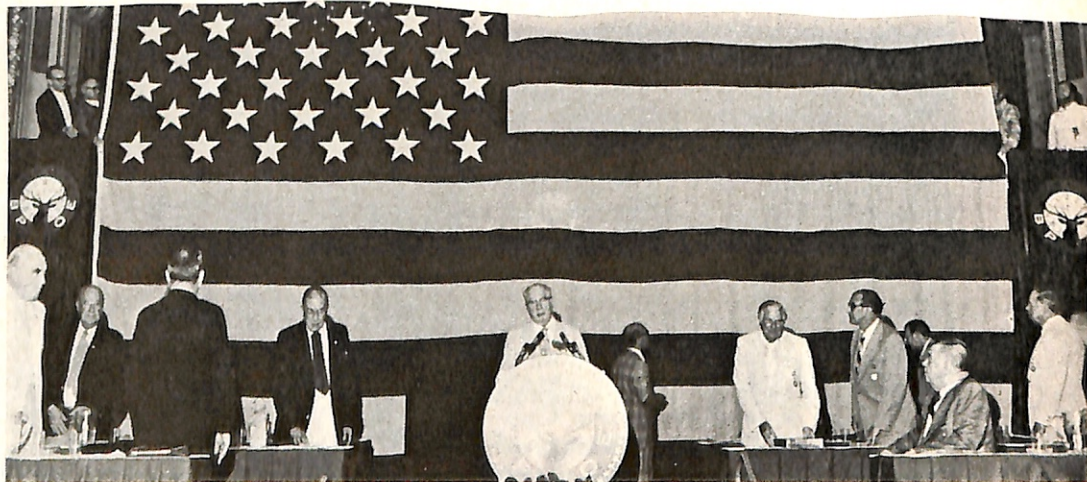
Plaques were presented to Alaska, Nevada, Utah and Nebraska for over 50 percent of the lodges participating in the Teenage Recognition Program conducted by Carleton Riddle of Willard, OH.

Filmed greetings by President Gerald Ford of Grand Rapids, MI, were seen.

Delegates gave a rising unanimous approval to a report on the Elks National Service Commission by PGER William J. Jernick, Chairman-Treasurer. He stressed the Elks' pledge that, "So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

Approval was given, for the 26th year, to permit the assessment of \$1 per year per member in the event it is needed for national defense or a major disaster.

John Jordan, California-Hawaii State Chairman, was awarded a plaque for



his part in providing hides for veterans' use.

Awards went to top lodges for their veterans programs. They were: Peabody, MA (under 600 members); Clovis, NM (601 to 1,000 members); and Paramount, CA (over 1,000). States with 100 percent participation received plaques.

PGER John L. Walker, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, announced the largest budget of distribution in history, because of record contributions.

A standing ovation was given the first-place winners of the Elks Most Valuable Student Contest.

Vicky Lee Gour of Roy, UT, first-



William Spaulding of Clearwater, FL, received three separate awards for his Bicentennial efforts. He was state Bicentennial Chairman of Florida.



ER Jack Arnold of Napa, CA (right), had the honor of presenting the PGER Raymond Benjamin plaque to acting ER Richard D. Lamb of Greeley, CO, of the national championship ritualistic team. The award is presented annually by Napa, CA, Lodge.

National ritualistic champs were from Greeley, CO, Lodge No. 809. Kneeling are PER Kenneth Reisig, coach (left), and Robert Lurtz, candidate. Standing are (left to right) Esq. Earl Kindsfater; Lead. Kt. Don Gorman; Loyal Kt. John Northrup; ER Richard D. Lamb; Lect. Kt. Philip Brewer; Chaplain Merle Asper and Inner Guard Chester A. March.



PER Kenneth Reisig of Greeley, CO (left), received the John Frakes Ritualistic Coach of the Year Award from Bro. Frakes himself. The award is presented annually by Tucson, AZ, Lodge.



A party for ladies on Monday featured outstanding entertainment. In addition, two different trips with a total value of \$4,300 were awarded. Left to right are Julie A. Donahue, of Great American Travel Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Vaughn, Sr. of La Grange, GA; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Braswell of Sikeston, MO, and Bryan J. McKeogh, Convention Director. Mrs. Vaughn won a trip to Hawaii and the West Coast, while Mrs. Braswell won a trip to Russia.

place winner in the girls' division, was introduced by PGER Robert E. Boney. First-place winner in the boys' division, Michael Andrew Montgomery of Elizabethton, TN, was introduced by PGER Edward W. McCabe.

Thursday Highlights

Delegates approved an increase of 25

cents per member in Grand Lodge dues, these dues to be \$2.75 per member per year.

The resolution was presented by Alton J. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, who also reported on redistricting lodge mergers, charters granted and other action taken by the Board.

A new restated pension plan for

Grand Lodge employees, presented by Grand Trustee Robert Grafton of North Palm Beach, FL, was given approval.

Resolutions honoring Bro. Thompson and Kenneth V. Cantoli, who retired from the Board of Grand Trustees, were given unanimous approval.

Final results of the GL Ritual Contest were announced by J. Arthur Drehle of Littleton, CO, Chairman.



First in the nation went to Greeley, CO, with a score of 94.0139. Capturing second was Ludington, MI, with a score of 93.4996. Third was Buckhead, (Atlanta), GA, with 93.2175 and Missoula, "Hell Gate," MT, was fourth with 92.4570.

George J. Balbach of Queens Borough (Elmhurst), NY, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented numerous resolutions. A digest will appear in a future issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

E. Robert Haag of Juneau, AK,

Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, introduced a resolution citing the convention committees for an outstanding 1976 Chicago Convention.

It was given approval along with a resolution, presented by PGER William A. Wall, honoring Willis McDonald for his service as Grand Exalted Ruler.

PGER H. L. Blackledge installed the new GL officers.

PGER McDonald and the new GER were each presented with the keys to a new automobile. ■

Nebraska Elks carried huge photographs of George Klein, the newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler, as they staged a demonstration in his honor.



HIGHEST NUMERICAL NET GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP

(Net gain in parentheses)

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Alva, OK (161)
 2. Marshfield, MA (102)
 3. Fort Walton, FL (100)
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Gillette, WY (354)
 2. Henderson, KY (164)
 3. Naugatuck, CT (130)
- Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:
1. Duluth, MN (630)
 2. Marquette, MI (314)
 3. Mansfield, OH (306)
- Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:
1. Bloomington, IL (334)
 2. Cheyenne, WY (284)
 3. Decatur, IL (283)
- Lodges with over 2,000 members:
1. Vancouver, WA (791)
 2. Reno, NV (479)
 3. Tacoma, WA (380)

ATTENDANCE As reported by the Committee on Credentials

Grand Exalted Ruler	1
Past Grand Exalted Rulers	19
Grand Lodge Officers	24
Grand Lodge Committeemen	77
District Deputies Designate	231
Special Deputies	30
Representatives	1,966
Alternates	34
Members of Grand Lodge	1,000
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Total	3,382
Ladies, Elk Members and Guests	13,615
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Grand Total	16,997

AMERICANISM BROCHURE WINNERS

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. St. Charles, MO
 2. Kansas City, MO
 3. Excelsior Springs, MO
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Lake Havasu City, AZ
 2. Bangor, PA
 3. Downey, CA
- Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:
1. Hudson, NY
 2. Passaic Valley, NJ
 3. Festus-Crystal City, MO
- Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:
1. Paramount, CA
 2. Bordentown, NJ
 3. Grants Pass, OR
- Lodges with over 2,000 members:
1. Phoenix, AZ
 2. Lima, OH
 3. Long Beach, CA

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE MEMBERSHIP GAIN (Percentages in parentheses)

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Lake of the Ozarks, MO (58.5)
 2. Alva, OK (55.7)
 3. Tawas Area, MI (42.2)
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Gillette, WY (70.6)
 2. Henderson, KY (33.4)
 3. High Ridge, MO (31.5)
- Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:
1. Duluth, MN (75.2)
 2. Marquette, MI (40.6)
 3. Mansfield, OH (33.0)
- Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:
1. Bloomington, IL (30.3)
 2. Charlotte County, FL (22.8)
 3. Cheyenne, WY (22.6)
- Lodges with over 2,000 members:
1. Vancouver, WA (36.6)
 2. Reno, NV (14.5)
 3. Anchorage, AK (11.0)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WINNERS For Year-Around Programs

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Holbrook, AZ
 2. Mesquite, TX
 3. Tenafly, NJ
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Fulton, NY
 2. North Lauderdale, FL
 3. Bayonne, NJ
- Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:
1. Oswego, NY
 2. Weirton, WV
 3. Roy, UT
- Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:
1. Nashua, NH
 2. Midland, MI
 3. Binghamton, NY
- Lodges with over 2,000 members:
1. Phoenix, AZ
 2. Auburn, WA
 3. Lincoln, NE
- State Associations:
1. Arizona
 2. Nebraska
 3. New York
- Honorable Mention: California, Ohio, Utah

ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK WINNERS

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Holbrook, AZ
 2. Plano, TX
 3. Mesquite, TX
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Gatlinburg, TN
 2. Nogales, AZ
 3. Bayonne, NJ
- Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:
1. Weirton, WV
 2. Van Wert, OH
 3. Roy, UT
- Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:
1. Falls City, NE
 2. Barstow, CA
 3. Parkersburg, WV
- Lodges with over 2,000 members:
1. Kelso, WA
 2. Phoenix, AZ
 3. Huntington Park, CA
- State Associations:
1. Arizona Elks Association
 2. Ohio Elks Association

Convention Speakers



Richard J. Stropes,
Grand Esquire



Wesley J. Waterhouse,
President, Illinois
Elks Association



**The Rt. Rev. Msgr.
Henry F. Speck,**
Grand Chaplain



Albert A. Vernon,
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on Credentials



George J. Balbach,
Chairman, Committee
on Judiciary



Ronald W. Hawkins,
Chairman, New
Lodge Committee



Alton J. Thompson,
Chairman, Board of
Grand Trustees



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Chairman, Committee
on Distribution



PGER Wade H. Kepner,
Chairman, National
Memorial and Publi-
cation Commission



William D. Brunner,
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Accounting Committee



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Activities Committee



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Raymond C. Dobson,**
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ciations Committee



William H. Collisson,
Chairman, Americanism
Committee



Gerald L. Powell,
Director, Elks National
"Hoop Shoot" Free
Throw Contest



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Chairman, Youth
Activities Committee



**PGER
William J. Jernick,**
Chairman-Treasurer,
Elks National Service
Commission



E. Robert Haag,
Chairman, Resolutions
Committee



The newest Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Willis McDonald, pays his "dues" in the Usterwuzers Club to PGER Gerald Strohm (left).

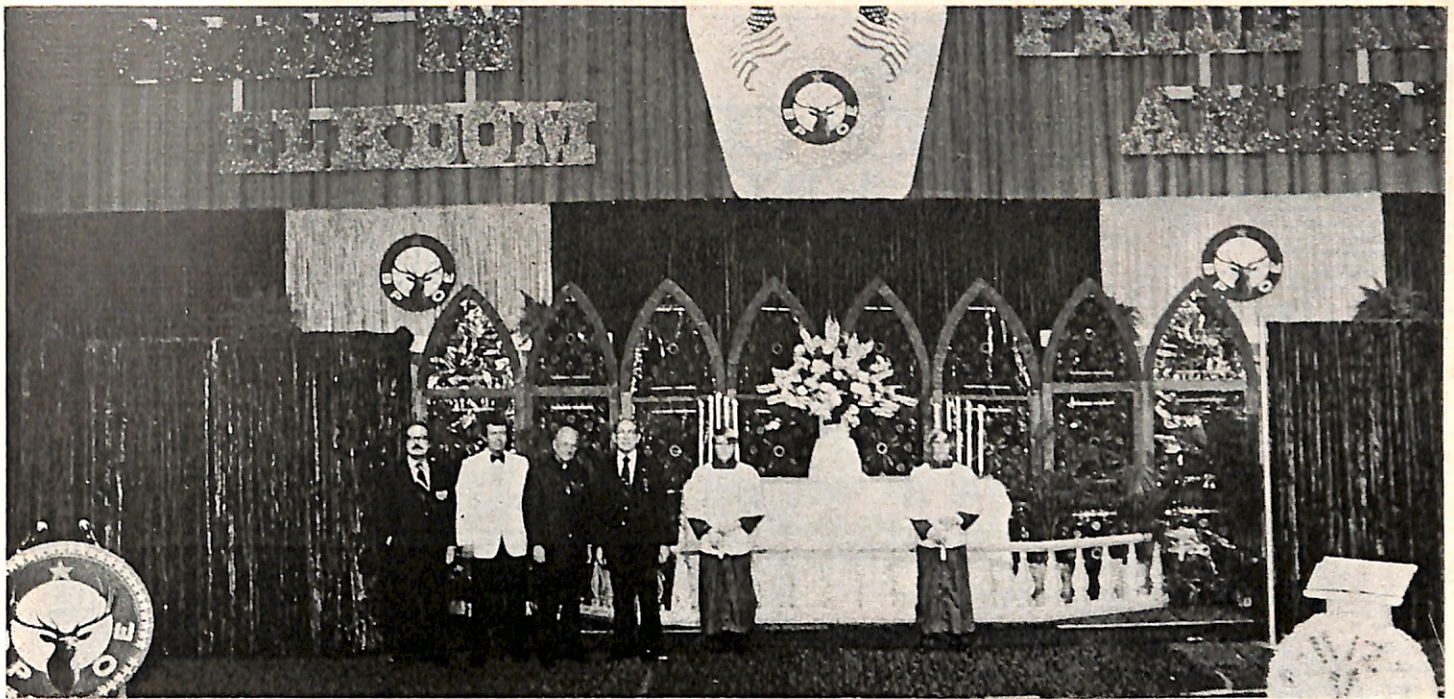


The immediate PGER Willis McDonald was given a seat of honor—low man on the totem pole.

Organist for the convention was Ramon "Red" Ringo of Brazil, IN, Lodge and a resident of the Elks National Home.

Nebraska won first place for the best display at the Chicago convention. Massachusetts was second and Illinois third.





Stained glass-like cathedral windows and a floral clock, stopped at 11, marked the setting for the annual Memorial Service held in conjunction with the 112th Annual Session. (From left) Robert B. Webb, General Euologist; Wayne Rose, Cairo, IL, PER who provided the 11 O'Clock Toast; Grand Chaplain Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry F. Speck; PGER Gerald Strohm, Chairman; and Acolytes Dan and Pat Murphy.

Grand Lodge Memorial Service

Elks paused during their deliberation at the 112th Session to pay tribute and respect to the memory of our departed brothers.

"This service is not intended to be a funeral, but rather one of happy recollection of the friends we knew and see no more," said PGER Gerald Strohm, Chairman, as he opened the impressive ceremony.

Robert B. Webb of Santa Ana, CA, member of the Committee on Judiciary, gave the general eulogy.

He pointed out that nature has erased physical carvings, monuments and memorials that man has fashioned to honor the dead.

Seeing this, man turned to building a shrine within his heart and forever dedicating it to the memory of his brothers.

"He knew that this shrine would strengthen and renew itself as each generation practiced these virtues," Bro. Webb said.

"And so today, as we have for over a century, our Order pauses in brotherly love and in tenderness to spend one hour within that shrine. We call the roll of our long departed brothers and add to its treasury the golden memories of our brothers departed but a little while," he said.

"... Each of us carries in his heart the memory of a brother who labored with us in the fertile vineyards of Elkdom, who shared with us the good times and sustained us in adversity and called us friend."

Martha Gillespie Pasdach, accompanied by Roger Geaterz, provided vocal selections and PER Wayne Rose of Cairo, IL, Lodge gave the 11 O'Clock Toast.

The invocation and benediction was by Grand Chaplain The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry F. Speck. "Taps" was played by James Walsh of Elgin, IL, Lodge.

Organ music was by Ramon Ringo of the Elks National Home.


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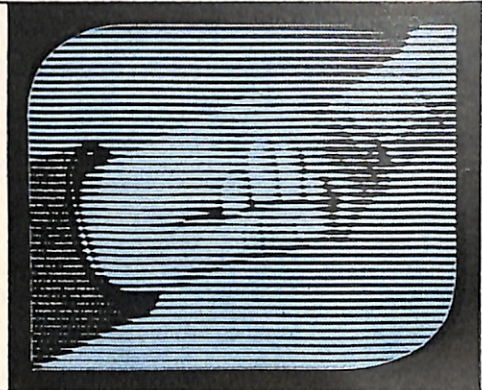
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Vicky Lee Gour of Roy, UT, and Michael Andrew Montgomery of Elizabethton, TN, were present at the 112th Grand Lodge Session in Chicago where they addressed delegates and their guests. They are the first-place winners in the Most Valuable Student Contest.

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Vicky and Michael accepted their awards of \$3,000 per year at the Wednesday morning session. They were congratulated by their state sponsors, PCERs Robert Boney (seated, right) and Edward McCabe (seated, left), and the National Foundation Trustees, including (standing, from left) PCERs Francis Smith, Horace Wisely, John Walker, William Wall, Glenn Miller, and E. Gene Fournace. Absent when the photo was taken was PCER H. L. Blackledge.

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 Dorothy Parrish Bountiful, Utah
- THIRD PLACE AWARD**—\$2,000 in each of four academic years
 Donald Coburn Fithian Bridgeton, New Jersey
- FOURTH PLACE AWARDS**—\$1,750 for one academic year
 Thomas William Pecoraro Newport Harbor, California
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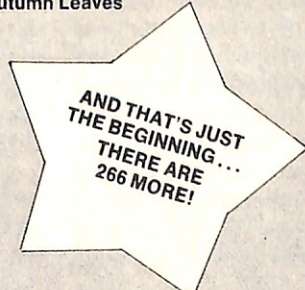
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- Spoonful Of Sugar
- Guantanamera
- Tangerine
- Stormy Weather
- Sleepy Time Gal
- Isn't It Romantic
- Make The World Go Away
- Alley Cat
- Basin St. Blues
- Dinah
- It Was A Very Good Year
- Didn't We
- Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round The Ole Oak Tree
- Close To You
- Love Theme from THE GODFATHER
- Satin Doll
- Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head
- Hello, Dolly!
- Alfie
- Theme from LOVE STORY
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- Colour My World
- For The Good Times
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- I'll Get By
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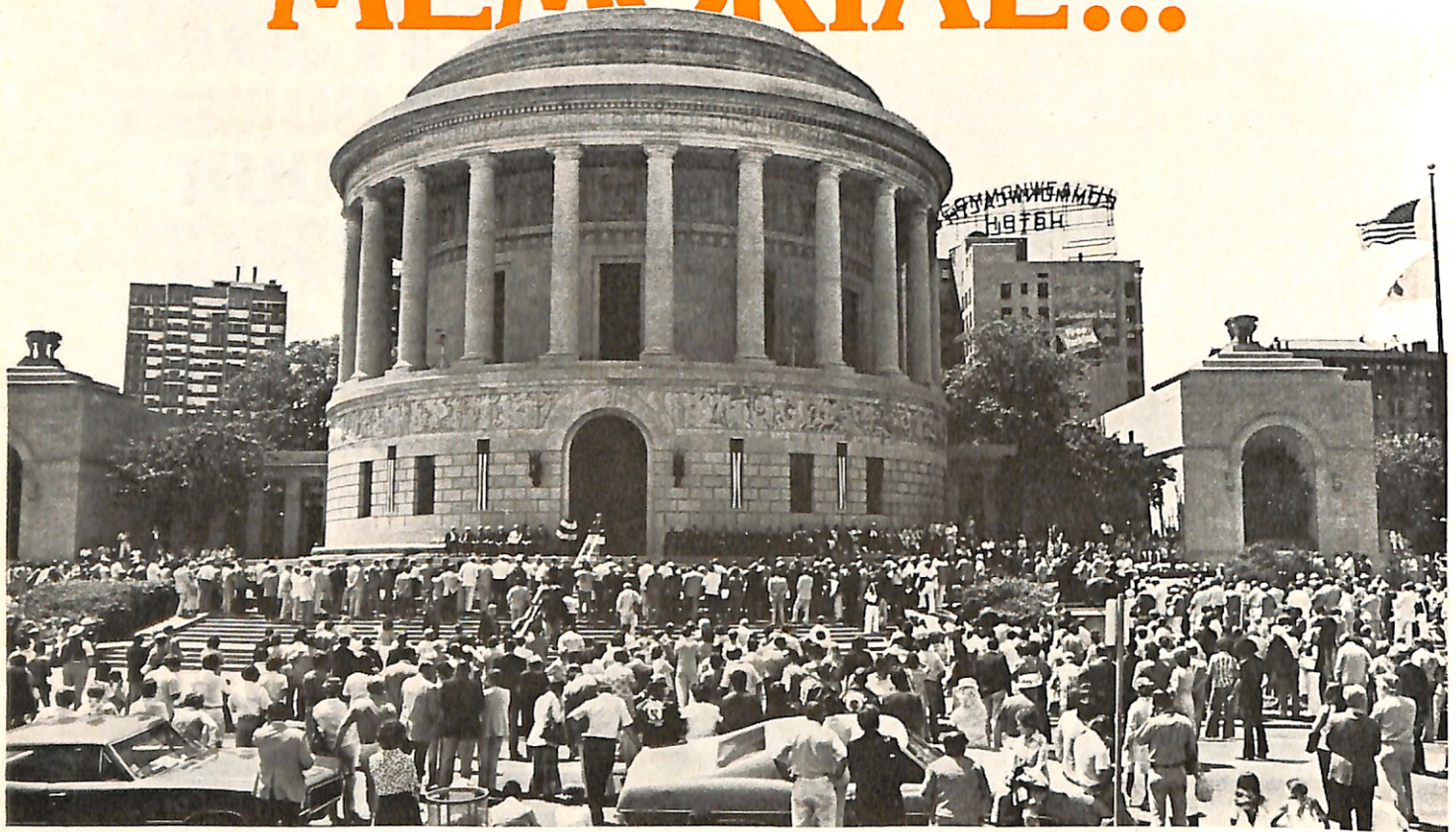
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Part of large crowd at rededication of Elks Memorial Building, July 4, 1976. It was the 200th anniversary of the United States, the 50th anniversary of the Memorial Building and opening day of the 112th Grand Lodge Convention.

It was July 14, 1926, when Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell said in his dedicatory address for the Elks Memorial Building in Chicago, *"It is dedicated as . . . a perpetual memorial to the loyalty and devotion of our Brothers in the hour of our country's need, and as a continuing pledge of the unfaltering patriotism of every faithful Elk, no less devoted in times of peace than valiant in times of war."*

On September 8, 1946, Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton said, following World War II, *"I now present this Memorial for rededication in the earnest hope that in the fleeting years our faith will grow and strengthen in the rich heritage that has been handed down by the fathers of our country."*

Tragically, two wars have claimed

the lives of American men and Brother Elks since 1946.

July 4, 1976, was a *triple* important date for Elkdom . . . it marked the 200th birthday of the United States, the 50th anniversary of the Memorial Building and the opening day of the 112th Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago. Once again, the Memorial Building was rededicated, this time to the memory of those who served and died in Korea and Vietnam and to the hospitalized veterans the Order has long served through its National Service Commission. Honored guests were veterans from North Chicago, Illinois, Veterans Hospital.

Weeks of planning culminated on a sunny Sunday afternoon before thousands of spectators, Elks and non-Elks. They heard the Racine Elks Youth Band,

sponsored by Racine, WI, Lodge No. 252, under the direction of Brothers Harry Abramowitz and Lee Shannon, and saw the colors advanced by a Marine Corps color guard. The U.S. and Elks Bicentennial flags were hoisted to the top of the two flagpoles of the Memorial Building by a veteran of the Korean conflict, Col. Wesley W. Waterhouse, President of the Illinois Elks Association, and Brother Richard Stetler, a paraplegic veteran of Vietnam and a member of Chicago (South) Lodge No. 1596.

After the pledge of allegiance led by PGER Wade H. Kepner of Wheeling, WV, and invocation by Grand Chaplain Henry Speck of Owatonna, MN, the building was formally rededicated by Grand Exalted Ruler Willis C. Mc-



Plaque presented to Memorial Building on the occasion of rededication ceremonies July 4, 1976, by National Service Commission Chairman William J. Jernick, PGER.

Left to right: George J. Balbach, Chairman of Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary; Rev. Msgr. Henry F. Speck, Grand Chaplain; PGERs Raymond C. Dobson, Jernick, and Wade H. Kepner, Chairman National Memorial and Publication Commission; PGER Francis M. Smith and GER Willis C. McDonald.



Grand Exalted Ruler Willis C. McDonald, New Orleans, LA, (left) as he rededicated the Elks Memorial Building, July 4, 1976, Chicago, IL. PGER Raymond C. Dobson, Minot, ND, (center) Master of Ceremonies. PGER Francis M. Smith, Sioux Falls, SD, (right) principal speaker at the rededication ceremony.

Donald. Here is his message:

"More than 100 years ago, one of the greatest leaders our country has ever produced uttered phrases which have become immortal when he said, 'We cannot here dedicate, we cannot here consecrate.' This is more appropriate and truer today than it was when that statement was first made.

"Who are we to say what is appropriate or what is right or even to express our gratitude for the sacrifices made by these young men who answered the call when our nation felt that it was in need. The sacrifices which they made are beyond any expression that we can make, and certainly they cannot be compensated by anything which we do. Nothing within our power to give here today is adequate to indicate a sufficient measure of appreciation and gratitude for their devotion and service.

"We, therefore, humbly and as gratefully as possible rededicate this building and not only to those wonderful young men who gave their lives for the preservation of those principles for which we stand, but also to those who were injured and many of whom were disabled as well as to those who served and were fortunate enough to return whole and in good health. We rededicate this building hoping that it may in some small measure recognize the debt which we acknowledge to all those who

served so nobly, so well and so unselfishly.

"We pray that our demonstration today, although inadequate, will indicate that we are cognizant of their service and that we in turn are rededicating ourselves to those principles and ideals for which they sacrificed so much.

"In this frame of mind and with this humbleness of heart and spirit, we rededicate this lovely structure to the memory of those who died, to those who made great sacrifices and to those who served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts."

PGER Raymond C. Dobson of Minot, ND, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, referring to the occasion and the Memorial edifice as "typifying the reverence the Elks of America have for those who have preserved our liberties," introduced a special recorded message from a Brother Elk, Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States and a member of Grand Rapids, MI, Lodge No. 48. The President said:

"My Brother Elks, I am happy to speak to you during the rededication ceremonies of the Elks Memorial Building. I just wish I could be there with you representatives of over 1,600,000 Elks and 2,200 lodges. Your outstanding efforts in the 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone and Manila are to be congratulated.

"Your 108-year history is marked by hun-

dreds of projects which have greatly improved the lives of many Americans. You should be particularly proud of the good work you have done for our armed services personally. During World War I, you established the first American base hospital in France and the first veterans hospital in America. You initiated what we now call the G.I. Loans.

"During World War II you helped recruit pilots, mechanics, Seabees, nurses and sailors.

"You have remembered our veterans from Korea and Vietnam not only in the rededication of this Memorial Building, but in countless acts of concern. Clearly, you have lived up to your message that 'So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him.'

"Your program for youth enriches the lives of many American children. The thousands of scholarships you provide through the Elks National Foundation increase educational opportunities for young Americans, and your work with those in need of physical therapy is truly inspiring.

"I extend to you the thanks of Americans everywhere for your unselfish and constructive efforts.

"As the fifth Elk to achieve our nation's highest office, I am proud to be part of this 112th Session of the Grand Lodge. I am sure it will be a great success and I wish you continued good fortune in all that you undertake. Thank you very, very much."

The featured rededication address was given by PGER Francis M. Smith of Sioux Falls, SD. He said:

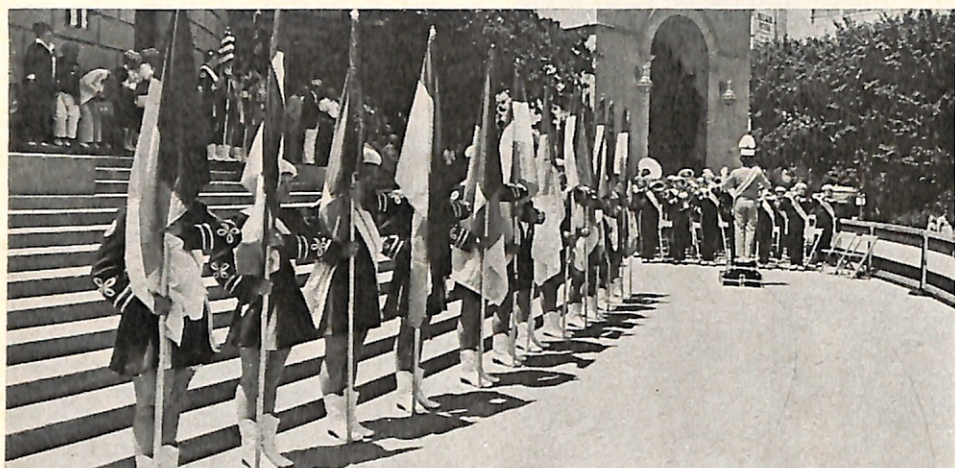
"Today, July 4th, 1976, our Bicentennial celebration climaxes with occasions all over the country. They will range from the noise of the carnival to the quiet of thanksgiving. They will include the parades, the patriotic speeches, the ringing of bells and the silent moments of prayer. All of it will be so very proper because all of it is so very American. How fitting the Order has designated this day for the rededication of this National Memorial to its uses and purposes.

"This magnificent structure was conceived from the union of the spirit and the body of an organization devoted to patriotic purposes. It was born and it lives as a memorial to those of our Brothers who gave so much that we may now observe this birthday.

"Fifty years ago, one-fourth of the life of this country, thousands gathered here to accept this building in recognition of the service in World War I of 70,000 members

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of this Order and as a memorial to the more than 1,000 who paid the supreme price. It was then the devout hope that there would be no need in the future to reopen these doors of gratitude and admit others as the objects of this testimonial. At the dedicatory services on July 4, 1926, a record was made of the great number of



One of the highlights of the rededication ceremony at the Elks Memorial Building was the appearance of the Elks Youth Band sponsored by Racine, Wisconsin, Elks Lodge #252. The 75-piece band is directed by Brothers Harry Abramowitz and Lee Shannon.

tributes paid the Order because of its participation in World War I and its aftermath. Expressions from presidents, members of Congress, military chiefs, the news media and other organizations were read not because of any desire for acclaim, but because they belonged as a part of the tribute to the Brothers who served.

"However, the lasting peace for which they fought and died was not to be, and the next generation of Americans was called upon again to protect those freedoms we hold so dear. 100,000 members of this Order responded to that call and 1,800 did not return.

"On September 8, 1946, thousands again assembled on these grounds to participate in the rededication of this Memorial in recognition of the service and sacrifice of our Brothers in World War II. Again, there were the messages of gratitude for the response of the Order to every call of our nation's leaders. Again they were included in the ceremonies as a part of the tribute to these Brothers.

"Today, we recognize those who served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. They are called conflicts, because a declared state of war did not exist. This was the politics of the situation, but not the reality. To the soldier in the field, the sailor on the sea or the airman in the sky, the presence or absence of formal declaration had little significance. The cold, the heat, the snow, the mud, the whine of the bullet, the shriek of the bomb and, yes, the agony of the wound and the tragedy of the death were all present and have no respect for legal descriptions. These men fought, bled and died in the service of

their country just as did their fathers and their grandfathers before them.

"We took no side in the debates concerning engagement in Korea or Vietnam. The Order did not involve itself in those decisions. But the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks always has been, is now and always will be dedicated to the preservation of the freedoms afforded through the democratic way of life, and it is unalterably committed to total loyalty to every national endeavor which flows from the democratic process. The great cross-section of our membership is its strength and it inevitably leads to individual differences of opinion. This is as it should be.

The Order does not seek to influence any proper and legitimate considerations of its members, but it does impose on them the requirement of love of country and respect and loyalty for its commitments. This is why we totally supported those fighting under our flag in Korea and Vietnam and bitterly condemned those at home who performed acts of disloyalty against it.



Presentation of colors by U.S. Marine Corps color guard.

This is why today we have reopened the portals of this building to our recognition and to our memories of those Brothers who fought so gallantly in those engagements.

"Those who have read the story of this building know it represents a tremendous achievement by man of the spirit of its purposes. Every stone was carefully quarried and specially molded. The sculptures, the murals, the works of art have no equal and so graphically portray their theme. But if this building existed only because it represents the ultimate in man's ability to create objects of grace and beauty, it would be with us but for a short time. Skills increase, ideas change and fancy is a fickle thing. What one creates only out of the satisfaction of achievement another will destroy solely out of the desire for change. There will come a day when these stones and these works of art will crumble either from the hands of man or the decay of time. This is inevitable. Whether another edifice will be erected to take its place will be for others to determine. But the destruction or the decay will be only of the material things. The memories and the tributes represented by this memorial must remain forever.

"This service would not be complete if we did not now pause and reflect on its true meaning. Today we honor not only those who engaged in the last two conflicts, but also those who served before them. It is our view that time will not blunt our emotions or dim our gratitude. It is our intention to say that this particular Memorial in one form or another continues forever.

"Whether a professional or a draftee, no one elects the deprivation, the hardship, the exposure and the suffering that war imposes. We are sure that many of these Brothers did not want to fight; we know none of them wanted to die. Many may not have understood the cause of their engagement, others may have disagreed with it—but all served, and each by his sacrifice occupies a place in our hearts.

"Magnificent as this structure is, it would be but a mockery if it has been placed here solely to begin and end our memories

and our recognition of those it memorializes. Man cannot erect a structure and by it alone secure release from the obligations imposed on him by the service of others in his behalf. He cannot turn a key

and walk away. There must be the constant determination that each generation of Americans will meet its challenges as did those who passed before. There must be the constant dedication to the ever-continuing task of preserving those things which were given us at so dear a price. There must be the constant resolve that such sacrifices as shall be required to accomplish these purposes will be made. There must be the constant devotion and service to duty which will insure that on each of its birthdays hereafter, it will be one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

"And if we listen carefully enough, we will hear the spirit of this building whisper today as it did in 1926 and in 1946: To these obligations be true, for their fulfillment is the greatest of all memorials."

PGER William J. Jernick of Nutley, NJ, Chairman and Treasurer of the Elks National Service Commission, unveiled a bronze plaque to be placed in the Memorial Building, and commented in part:

"Our hospitalized veterans are no longer able to offer what was originally required of them. They do remember, however, that there was a time when, in the prime of physical condition, they submitted themselves in sacrifice so that America would remain free. The war is finished for those who died in the struggle. However, the battle still rages for those confined in Veterans Administration and military hospitals all over America. It is a lonely fight

against disability and disease.

"These sick and disabled veterans need us now as we needed them with their courage, health and strength when they had it to give. As Elks, we can proudly attest that we have not been unmindful of our sick and handicapped veterans. For the past 30 years, our faithful hospital committees have devoted their time and energies bringing cheer, comfort and encouragement to the wards. Their efforts have been supported by grants totaling over \$9,355,000 to date from our Commission, and we will continue to give our best in this compassionate endeavor.

"It is a source of justifiable pride that your Elks National Service Commission is joined by so many lodges and State Associations, the members and their good ladies throughout America in this noble benevolence of Elkdom. As this beautiful Memorial Building will keep alive our memory of the dead heroes of the four wars, let us all repeat in our hearts the Elks' solemn promise to living veterans as we unveil this plaque in public renewal of our pledge that, 'So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him.'"

The entire assemblage, as the program ended, joined with George J. Balbach, Jackson Heights, NY, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, in singing "God Bless America," the benediction was given by Msgr. Speck, and Master of Ceremonies Dobson admonished: "When we depart this

scene may we, the Elks and our treasured friends, pledge that we who accept the responsibilities of citizenship as well as its privileges, leave nothing undone to keep freedom alive in America in the decades, yes, the centuries ahead."

Hundreds of Elks, their wives and families and the public toured the building in what one of the guides described as the largest crowd he had ever seen in the many years he had been with the Order. ■

The rededication ceremony was arranged by and conducted under the auspices of the Elks Bicentennial Committee consisting of PGER Raymond C. Dobson, Minot, ND, Chairman; and PGERs George I. Hall, Scottsdale, AZ; John L. Walker, Roanoke, VA; R. Leonard Bush, El Toro, CA; Robert E. Boney, Las Cruces, NM; Robert G. Pruitt, Atlanta, GA; William A. Wall, West Palm Beach, FL.

The Memorial Rededication Committee was made up of Homer Huhn, Jr., Grand Secretary and John R. Ryan, Publisher/General Manager of The Elks Magazine.

Decorating of the Memorial Building was supervised by Brother Merton Ephraim of Chicago, IL, who assisted his father, the late Max H. Ephraim, PER of Chicago, IL, Lodge No. 4, at the 1946 rededication ceremony. Bro. Max Ephraim was also responsible for the building's exterior decorations for the 1926 dedication ceremony.

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"So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."



Leather hides were recently presented to James Cunningham (center), director of the Charleston VA Hospital, by South Carolina Vets Chm. Frank Di Figlio. Elks Hospital Committeemen Jules Spar and George Bailey, and VAVS Chm. Cecil Long assisted in the delivery of the hides.



A monthly project to provide reading material and canteen books for the Veterans Hospital in Miami was begun recently by South Miami, FL, Lodge. Thomas Doherty (right), hospital director, and Ms. Jinx Murray, chief of volunteer service, thanked Vets Chm. Harold Slater for the lodge's first donation.



Through the efforts of the Oklahoma City, OK, Elks, \$500 was collected to buy a popcorn machine for the local VA Hospital. Observing as W. C. Bonner (third from right), acting hospital director, accepted the gift from Vets Chm. Wayne Moore were (from left) PER Vernon Monroe, Trustees Chm. Bill Clemens, Jeff Fredricks, hospital recreation chief, William Bell, and Brother Seward Hutchison.



The acceptance speech of

George B. Klein

Presented at the Grand Lodge Convention following his election to office on July 5, 1976

Grand Exalted Ruler McDonald, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Msgr. Speck, Officers, Committeemen and Members of the Grand Lodge, guests and my Brothers.

At least twice during the past twenty years the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler has expressed these thoughts:

I am only one, but I am one.

I can't do everything, but I can do something.

*And what I can do, that I ought to do
And what I ought to do, by the grace
of God, I will do.*

With that philosophy as my guide, I proudly but humbly accept the honor of serving as your Grand Exalted Ruler.

This opportunity to serve would not have come my way without the support and encouragement of a great number of people. Over the past quarter of a century my sponsor and guide in Elkdom has been the Honorable H. L. "Hobe" Blackledge. There are few men more devoted to our Order or more knowledgeable in its procedures. No man could have asked for a better friend and guide, and to you, "Hobe," I will be forever grateful. Thank you, sir!

The most dedicated men in our Order are seated here on the platform behind me. They are our Past Grand Exalted Rulers who function as the Advisory Committee. Without their help and guidance it would be impossible to prepare for this position. I appreciate their friendship and the helping hand they have so willingly extended to me.

I am indebted to Congressman Charles Thone who took time from his busy schedule to fly into Chicago this morning to make the nominating speech. I am particularly proud of the fact Congressman Thone is from my home lodge and a life member. Thank you, Charley.

In my family as I grew up I had a sister but no brothers. If I had had a brother, I would have wished to have him be like my brother-in-law, Joe Cashen, who has seconded my nomination. Joe and I have been especially close for the past 30 years and I am indeed proud that he is in Chicago to take part in this morning's session.

This year will find me following in the footsteps of a great Elk and a true gentleman. The great record that he has written will be difficult to match. During the past year he has been always ready to help in the task of preparation for this year. I might add that when I had occasion to visit his office in New Orleans he was a most gracious host. To you, Willis McDonald, I owe a great deal and I thank you.

In much the same way that a good secretary is important to the successful subordinate lodge, so is it essential that the Grand Lodge have a good man in this position. We are indeed fortunate to have just such a man in Grand Secretary Homer Huhn, Jr. Believe me, the past year of preparation would have been much more difficult for me without his able assistance. Homer and I served together a number of years ago on the Credentials Committee and I have always gained much from working with him.

To the past Exalted Rulers, and the Officers and Members of the Nebraska Elks Association go my sincere thanks and gratitude for their ever present support over the years that I have been engaged in the affairs of Elkdom. Certainly the events of the past year have made certain sacrifices necessary and I may say that the support from all has just been tremendous.

As evidence of the terrific support that Nebraska has given me is the fact



U.S. Rep. Charles Thone (left) nominated George B. Klein as Grand Exalted Ruler. The seconding speech was made by PER Joseph P. Cashen, brother-in-law of Bro. Klein.

that in my official escorts this morning were thirteen past presidents of the Nebraska Elks Association. I think it is just tremendous that so many made the effort to be in Chicago for this morning's session. To Past Grand Exalted Rulers Blackledge and Strohm, State President Ken Muirhead, and Lincoln Exalted Ruler Jack Jensen, thank you all for the honor you have accorded me by escorting me to this podium.

To the members of the University of Nebraska Pep Band who have taken time from school and jobs to be here, the Pottstown Drill Team, and to my good friend "Red" Ringo, my sincere thanks for what you have done here today.

I would be remiss in my acknowledgments if I did not recognize the company for whom I have worked for the past thirty-six years. Woodmen Accident & Life Company of Lincoln has been most generous in granting me a year's leave of absence so that I might devote 100% of my efforts to Elkdom. To my company and the more than thirty Elks who work with me, I say, "Thank you."

This morning I am indeed proud to



Upon his election as Grand Exalted Ruler, George B. Klein (right) was greeted by his sponsor PGER H. L. Blackledge. Both are from Nebraska.

have here with us our two sons, Larry and Bob. Both of them grew up hearing their dad talk Elkdom. They must have been listening for they are both Elks.

To my lovely lady, Ruth, I owe the greatest debt of all. Her willingness to share our life with Elkdom has made our being here this morning possible. The commitment to Elkdom this year and for years to come is *our* commitment. For her love, support and encouragement, I am and will be forever grateful.

This 112th Grand Lodge Session is indeed unique. What could be more appropriate than opening our session on the 200th birthday of our country and starting our business sessions on the first day of our third century. It is fitting that the world's greatest patriotic fraternal organization should be meeting on the occasion of our nation's Bicentennial. Together, we can begin our work in an atmosphere of celebration and dedication.

What a long way we have come in the last 100 years! In looking back at our Order at that time, we find it consisted of three lodges with a total membership of 418. The records show their total assets were slightly over \$18,000. Compare this with today's membership of 1,611,139 in 2,212 lodges. Yes indeed, we have come a long way.

Probably at no time in the history of our country have the citizens been more aware of the past and their great heritage. This awareness has reminded us of the sacrifices made by many to insure the preservation of our most precious possession . . . freedom. That great document, the Declaration of Independence, and our Constitution have

“Freedom has made America. Not just political freedom, the whole environment . . .”

been the foundations upon which this nation has achieved greatness. It is the duty of all of us assembled here today to rededicate ourselves to the further preservation of our American principles.

These American principles as set forth by our Order have been clearly stated.

Moral values are the basis of our society, and the responsibility of each citizen to live by these moral values is fundamental to the welfare and progress of our society. These moral values include honesty of word, deed and purpose; brotherly love that requires us to be fair with our fellowmen and just in our relations with them; faithful performance of our labor in every honorable calling; and a recognition that each of us has the duty to contribute to the best of his ability to the advancement of the general welfare.

Freedom has made America. Not just political freedom, but the whole environment of freedom is responsible for the tremendous progress of our nation since its revolutionary birth in 1776. Freedom lets citizens choose their work, encourages individuals to discover their talents and make the most of them. In consequence we have a standard of living higher than any nation has enjoyed, a material abundance more widely shared among all our people than ever before, and a high level of intellectual and cultural attainment. Every citizen is the beneficiary of the freedom that has unleashed the abilities of the American people and provided the incentive for the maximum use.

Inherent in the American concept of freedom is the integrity of the individual. Individualism makes each person primarily responsible for himself, his welfare, his success or failure. Freedom lays upon each person the individualism and individual responsibility as the sure way to produce democratic leadership and preserve freedom.

Self-government presupposes the duty of every citizen to obey the established government and to employ only those lawful methods of reason and persuasion that are open to all of us to achieve political action. It follows that government by the majority must be reasonable in the exercise of its authority and protect the rights and interests of the minority.



Through lines formed by the Pottstown, PA, Drill Team, GER-Elect George B. Klein is conducted by the Grand Esq. Richard Stropes to the podium to be installed.

Our ability to change our institutions and practices through orderly process of law and to accommodate to changing needs has helped our nation to develop, as it will in the future. All proposals for change in our institutions should be weighed carefully by all citizens to determine whether such change will reduce or add to our freedom. Our goal should be *more* freedom, not less. We must guard against the growth of governmental power through surrender of civil rights and individual freedom for contemporary gain at the expense of future generations.

The tendency of groups to seek preferential treatment from government breeds rivalries dangerous to political stability, is harmful to genuine economic growth and leads to fragmentation of society rather than to unity and strength. All groups of citizens ought to measure political and economic proposals advanced in their own interest against their effect on the whole nation.

We believe that the time has come when all citizens who believe in these principles should speak up for them and set an example by applying them fully in their daily lives. We urge those in positions of leadership and influence—clergymen, educators, business executives, holders of public office, leaders of labor, intellectuals, editors, radio and television producers, motion picture producers and all others—to assume a greater responsibility for the wider understanding of these principles and their practical application in the day-to-day lives of the people.

Will you join me in rededicating ourselves to these American principles?

As we take our first steps into our

Nation's third century, it is important that we examine the plans and goals of Elkdom for the coming year. The official Grand Lodge program has been in effect since the District Deputy Clinics in April, and tomorrow when you Exalted Rulers convene for our conference, you will be presented with your copy of the Exalted Ruler's Handbook. I urge you to use it as your guide for the activities of your lodge during the coming year.

Increased membership is always one of our prime goals and this can be accomplished by the initiation of new members and, equally important, by diligent attention to lapsation. During the lodge year completed in April, we enjoyed a fine increase in membership and in large measure the success of the Lapsation Program was responsible for this increase. To encourage membership, growth awards this year will be made to lodges for any of the following: A *gross* gain in membership of 10%, a *net* gain in membership of 5%, or less than 2% loss by lapsation.

Your response to the Elks National Foundation last year was tremendous. The goal set by Grand Exalted Ruler McDonald was exceeded, and hopefully, the goal of \$1.50 per capita can again be surpassed this year. All we have to do is tell the story of the Foundation and its many outstanding pro-

grams and the signing of new members becomes easy.

This year in recognition of achievement, special Bicentennial awards will be made. For members, there will be Bicentennial seals for their cards and Bicentennial pins for those meeting certain requirements. For Exalted Rulers, secretaries, lodges, state associations, and District Deputies, Bicentennial certificates will be awarded for special achievement. Hopefully, all will strive for these Bicentennial awards.

This year as before, great stress will be placed on youth activities. I can think of no other organization that has done so much for the youth of our nation. The programs that we offer are many and varied ranging from athletics, scholarships, Boy Scouts, Elks National Youth Week, summer camps and many, many more. The Elks National "Hoop Shoot" continues a fantastic growth and we have just had the exciting news that the national winners in the contest will be honored in the Basketball Hall of Fame. What better evidence of the recognition we are receiving for our youth activities? I suppose this may be a little selfish on my part, as the program was originated in my Lincoln Lodge and we know the value of the program. It involves the presentation, in a simple and sincere ceremony, of an American Flag to a Boy Scout reaching

the Eagle rank. It is a tribute to the youth and it reflects great credit to our Order.

Over the past 15 or more years I have been active in ritual work as both a coach and a judge, and during this time I have noted that most of our more successful lodges are deeply interested in impressive ritual work. Certainly the impression made on a candidate is a lasting one—and isn't he entitled to our best performance? Your Grand Lodge Ritual Committee stands ready to give you assistance in developing good ritual. Good ritual is not built overnight, but it must be started sometime and there is no better time than now.

Yesterday, the Elks National Memorial Building was rededicated in honor of those who served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. It was a beautiful and fitting ceremony coming on our nation's 200th birthday and should serve as a reminder of the debt we owe to those who sacrificed so much. We all have the opportunity to help repay this debt by participating in the programs and activities conducted under the auspices of the Elks National Service Commission. Literally thousands of volunteer hours are given by our members in fulfilling the pledge that:

"So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, The Elks will never forget him."

I ask you all to give your full support to these programs for our veterans.

In reviewing the many programs we carry out, we sometimes tend to forget the things we do for our own members. We can all be proud of the "home away from home" that is available to our older Brothers. Presently, at least another fifty Brothers can be accommodated in this beautiful Elks National Home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. I urge you to let your members know about this fine facility.

On this significant first day of the third century of our country's independence, I urge each of you here present, and all others, to join with me in our march toward even better and brighter horizons so that the record that is written, not *my* record, but *our* record, will be one of which each of us may well be proud. As a result of our achievements, our Order of Elks and our beloved country will stand even taller on the pinnacle of free people in a free country.

In a popular song entitled "People," the lyrics tell us that, "People, people who need people are the luckiest people in the world." If this is true, then at this moment I am the luckiest man in the world—as I need all of you in our determination to keep *America and Elkdom* . . . *Moving forward.* ■

IN MEMORIAM

James A. Farley

1888-1976



One of Elkdom's most famous members and one of the most respected men in America is dead. Former Postmaster General James Aloysius Farley, age 88, died in his New York hotel suite June 9, 1976.

"Gentleman Jim" became an Elk in 1921 when he joined the Haverstraw, NY, Lodge No. 877, later becoming Exalted Ruler. Always a dedicated Elk, he later became President of the New York State Elks Association. Until the time of his death, he always wanted one of the first copies of the Grand Lodge Proceedings so he could keep up with the affairs of the Order.

Widely respected by people of all political persuasions, Farley was frequently referred to as "a legend," "beloved," "revered," etc. Writers and speakers continually used the phrase, "His word is his bond," when they referred to Farley. He once said he had never lied to anyone.

His political career began when he was elected Town Clerk of Stony Point, NY, in 1911. He rose to become Postmaster General under President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, a post he resigned in 1940.

Although he never graduated from college, Farley was showered with 24 honorary doctorates. Scores of citations, medals and awards came to him for his work in civic, fraternal, religious and political affairs.

At the time of his death, Farley was Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Coca Cola Export Corporation.

"His virtues are written on the tablets of love and memory."

A COMMON DESIRE...

by Jerry Hulse

□ Travel writers are forever telling everyone where to go: Hong Kong, Hawaii, France, Finland. You name it, they've written about it. But what of their personal preferences? Where in the world would they vacation if they had but one choice? I put the question to several colleagues and they came up with a variety of replies. Some confessed to a desire to slip away to some peaceful hideaway in the South Seas while others admit they prefer the action and excitement of the Big Apple, New York City. Whatever their pleasure, like others they share a common desire: the wish to unwind away from the daily treadmill.

Let's begin the survey with Murray Brown, travel editor of United Press International: "One choice? I think I would probably run off to one of the lovely hill towns above the French Riviera. On the other hand...perhaps it would be Changmai in Thailand. Both come to mind for the same reason: both are peaceful, unspoiled. I recall particularly Vence where French painters of the last century held court.

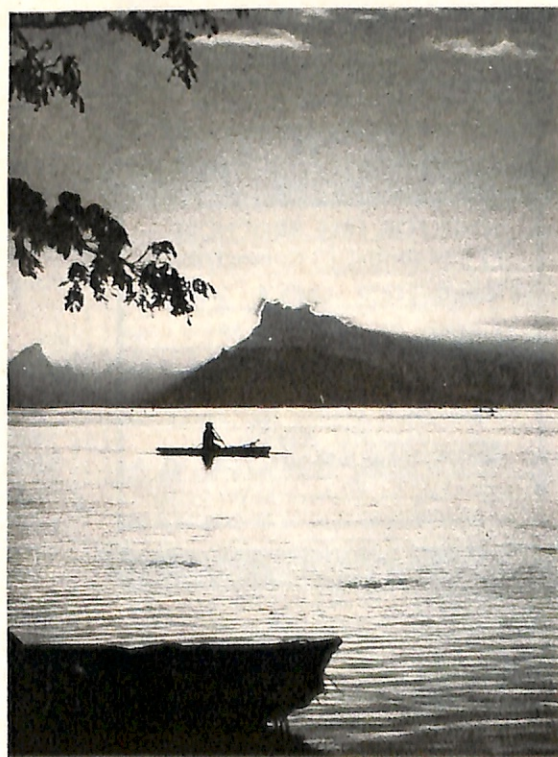
The countryside is a poem in colors: the roses are redder, the tulips bluer. Yes, if I had only one choice I believe I would go to Vence. But then...what of Changmai? Changmai, which is north of Bangkok, is like the Orient used to be, with fewer trucks and more bicycles, gracious people and a relaxful pace. Let me think about it for awhile: Vence or Changmai?"

Pamela Fiori, editor of *Travel & Leisure* magazine: "Where I most yearn to go depends, really, on the season and my mood—the former usually having a significant influence on the latter. In winter, the season I most grumble about, I have flights of fancy that take me away from New York. My dream destination is a palm-studded island with abundant warmth and sunshine where, lying on a pure white sand beach, I can get sinfully tan and wear nothing more than a bikini and smug smile.

"Now, if this were the extent of my fantasy, I could choose hundreds of places, from Tahiti to Puerto Vallarta, but it doesn't stop there. Furthermore,

I want my island to have a foreign culture, preferably with European overtones. That narrows it down considerably. An Italian island would be ideal, since I speak the language, but a French island in the West Indies would do nicely, too. I also want to eat terrifically well—lots of fresh fish and exotic fruit, mangoes particularly—and have access to agreeable wines (asking for superb wines on any island would be an excessive demand, I think).

"If it rains, I want to be on the kind of an island that has more than just beach life, so I don't feel trapped. A village or town nearby to my villa (that's another part of the dream) would be ideal—far enough away to feel isolated from, near enough to get to quickly if the weather looks threatening. In that village there should be an active native life with shops and markets where I can buy imported perfumes at a fraction of their cost at home, handicrafts and primitive art. There should be enough available nightlife where I can go when I have reached the point of utter relaxation



Caribbean island of Martinique (left) is the choice of travel writer Pamela Fiori, while Jerry Hulse prefers the island of Raiatea in French Polynesia.

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and want to face the world again. Finally, I don't want to go around the globe to get there; it should be no more than a four- or five-hour flight from where I live. All of which, added up, would place me on the island of Martinique in the French West Indies. Please book me on the next flight."

And then there is *Saturday Review's* Horace Sutton: "We travel so often as a family I must give you a four-way answer. If you were to query the crown prince, who is 13, about his favorite place, his unqualified answer would be Sun Valley. That goes for winter (down-hill or cross-country, no matter) or summer (shooting trap and skeet and catching fish in the Big Lost River). On the other hand, her royal teenage highness, at 15, would rather go to Saks than anywhere else. Failing 10 days in Saks (preferably with a charge card), her alternate choice would be Casa de Campo at the east end of the Dominican Republic, where in the proper season teens abound and there are a dozen things to do without benefit or need of parental guidance.

"Were I to have a vote it would be a place, probably Seagrit, where I could walk around barefoot and in shorts, swim when it got hot, play tennis in the lee of the afternoon, toss a steak on an outdoor grill at night, and read a good book by good light. Where? I think of off-trail beaches like Napili in Hawaii, out-islands in

the Bahamas, St. Lucia in the West Indies, Bora Bora before the blue-haired ladies came on package tours. But don't misunderstand. I'm not adverse to easy living—a villa on the beach at Marco Island, FL, a house in Antibes for July, a rented condo in Ketchum, or a pad—any season will do—at the Kahala Hilton."

Richard Joseph, travel editor, *Esquire* magazine: "When we dream of finding one place that combines the best features of all, we learn there is no such place. But this is what I'd like it to be if that were true: It should have the food of France, Swiss scenery, the music of Brazil, Irish conversation, the differentness of Nepal and the People's Republic of China, Finnish girls, the excitement of Hong Kong and the peacefulness of Polynesia. Plus the variety of Mexico, the urbanity and kemptness of London, the vitality of Israel, the gusto of Italy, the still-cheap prices of Sri Lanka, the friendliness of Fiji and the open-handed and open-hearted hospitality of the American and Canadian West. I'd like to be able to shop my way through Scandinavia, dine my way through India and Taiwan and dance with every girl in Hawaii and Tahiti.

"If I had to name one favorite place, though, it must be New York—still the largest apple of them all. It's the place where everything is at—and easily get-

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Veterans Affairs Administrator Guest Speaker



Richard Roudebush (left), and PGER William J. Jernick

"The Elks' tribute to veterans is not confined to a single day, to a single year, to special occasions or historical observances. It is a day-to-day tribute of long standing and it is one that is as productive and helpful as it is persistent."

These were the words of Richard L. Roudebush, U.S. Administrator of Veterans Affairs, who spoke at the Wednesday morning meeting of the 112th Session of the Grand Lodge in Chicago.

He is a member of Noblesville, IN, Lodge and was introduced by PGER

William J. Jernick, Chairman-Treasurer of the Elks National Service Commission.

"Countless veterans of earlier eras had already benefited from Elks' programs of help at the time the VAVS was established," Bro. Roudebush said in part, as he commented and elaborated on the Elks' pledge.

He said that the Order of Elks is a leader among groups of private citizens which operate without government help and without government restraint to give assistance in VA hospitals.

"May we give America's third century a good beginning by building on those things we have done successfully," he said, as he lauded the work being done for veterans by the Elks.

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the parents are capable of transmitting their good qualities.

It is an irrefutable fact that circus dogs which can perform complicated tricks demanding great intelligence are rarely equipped with a pedigree. Fabulous fees are paid for these mutts.

Lorenz says the reason mutts make such fine performers "is not only their higher intelligence and better aptitude for learning . . . but, above all, the fact they are much less 'merry', that is, their tougher constitutions enable them to stand more nervous strain."

Which, as far as you and I are concerned, means they can absorb more training without breaking.

So, start your mutt just as you would if he had a pedigree. After weaning have it wormed. When it is a couple months of age take it to the dog doctor for its temporary distemper shot. At the age of four or five months take it back for its permanent shot, and every year thereafter bring it in for a booster shot.

Spend a lot of time with the pup between the ages of three and eight months. Talk to it. Handle it. Take it riding in the car. House break it by putting down newspaper over a wide area and then gradually decreasing the area until it is using but a single sheet of paper. Then move the paper outside.

Teach the pup to sit, come and heel. But more important, build the desire to hunt by bringing the young dog in contact with game and permit it—in the beginning—to chase.

Young dogs like to chase anything from wind blown leaves to scurrying chipmunks. Encourage the instinct to pursue by throwing a boat bumper. Then hide the boat bumper in the grass so the dog must use its nose to find it.

Don't be discouraged if your mutt makes mistakes. The best of the purebred dogs do. There was the Baron, a national champion German shorthaired pointer. It was during the final heat of a national championship trial in Minnesota. The dog had the championship won until a moment before it reached the bird field for the last time and suddenly went hopping and skipping across the countryside in pursuit of a big butterfly!

Take the case of the black Labrador which when young had the bad habit of stopping while completing a retrieve to lift its leg at every bush along the line of retrieve. The trainer finally broke the habit by having a helper hide behind a bush and shoot the dog with a BB gun when it lifted its leg.

Later, however, during an important trial, the dog came up along side a thorn bush during a retrieve. One of the thorns must have pricked it. The dog remembered the BB gun. It went high in the air as though shot, dropped

the bird, and went yelping out over a hill out of sight.

Hounds go haywire too. One of the finest foxhounds I ever saw grind out a long trail came back one brisk day carrying a painted turtle in its mouth. The gallery hooted and howled. And it wasn't until the next day that the hound's master learned that his kids were using the dog to hunt turtles while he was away at the job.

I like a smooth, polished performance. I like my retrievers to go out and come back fast and to carry proud. I like my pointers to stand high and my springers to bounce.

But a mutt can be as stylish as a purebred. A pedigree does not insure a professional performance. Nor does the lack of one mean a dog is likely to look sloppy afield.

Most stylish dog in our block is a cross between a chance mating of one of my Labradors and a runty Irish setter. Second most stylish dog looks a little like a Gordon setter, but is pure mutt with doberman pinscher, hound and setter blood pretty well diluted by nobody knows what else. There's often more class to the maneuvers of a rat hunting alley dog than some of dogdom's royalty.

Generally it is much harder to train a mutt without setter and pointer blood in its veins to point game than it is to teach it to trail or pick up body scent on the wind and then flush. Teaching a mutt to retrieve is as easy as teaching a purebreed. And teaching it to stand steady to wing and shot is no more of a problem than it is to steady a pooch with a pedigree.

Decide what you'd like your mutt to do. Then get a dog training book which covers your needs whether it be pointing, retrieving, springing game, trailing game or even trailing man. The mutts can do it.

Easiest way to train a mutt is to bring it into contact with game and let it hunt for its own pleasure. Gradually then, bring it back to the gun. It won't be long and the dog will understand that it is part of a team. It will realize that without the gun pickings are going to be mighty slim.

Attitude is important. Mutts are quick to sense what their masters are up to. If the boss crawls along quietly, hesitating often before flushing game, the mutt will often learn to do likewise. If the boss goes crashing through the woods like a bull moose in fly time, what can he expect of his dog?

Even the very tiny mongrels have a place in the hunting picture. In Wisconsin's north country more toy mongrel breeds are used to hunt ruffed grouse than pointing breeds. The little dogs are used to put the birds in a tree. They

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then bark to keep the bird occupied while the boss comes up. If the boss is almighty hungry he shoots the bird out of the tree. If he is a sportsman, he flushes the grouse and clips it going away.

The toy mongrels also make excellent squirrel dogs. Only rarely have I seen squirrel hunters using purebred dogs. They prefer fox terrier types, fast little dogs alert to every movement on the ground or among the leaves of the trees.

I can't ever forget Big Red McCarthy. He was one of the Irish setters which invaded Wisconsin shortly after the pheasant was introduced to our cover in the early thirties. I won't ever forget his master, rest his soul, because he claimed he had that dog doing everything except plucking and roasting the birds.

Then one day I actually met Big Red. He pointed with breath taking style. He stood squarely, head high, tail out back like a red flag. It was enough to take a man's breath away.

I watched for an entire afternoon while Big Red pointed a chicken, two cows, one horse, a small child and enough falling leaves to fill a bushel basket.

No reflection on your setter or retriever, of course. The point is, however, that a dog is a dog and good breeding can be as harmful as it can be helpful in creating the kind of canine which will do a good job afield.

So let's say you're convinced a mongrel can do as good a job for you as a blueblood. Now what to hunt?

Rabbits? Okay, look for a mutt with hound blood. It will learn to trail more quickly. Birds? Look for a dog with some setter, pointer or springer blood. He'll instinctively take his scent from the air and work up to his quarry more quickly. Ducks? Well, almost any medium or large dog with a good coat to withstand cold water. Retrieving is a quickly mastered art. Squirrels? An alert little dog with perhaps some ter-

rier blood. Coyote? In the middle west a pooch with enough hound to trail and enough pit bull or airedale to stay with an animal brought to bay. In the West, a high running dog which pursues on sight. Greyhound or whippet or any racing dog blood will help. And, for the best all around dog, a pooch to work on land and water for fur and feathers try a combination pointer and retriever.

Actually, there is no breed equally proficient on all species of game. For a time springer spaniel men said they had the best all around dog. Then the German shorthaired pointer people claimed their pooch was the poor man's hound: retriever, pointer, springer, etc. The Weimaraner people had dog fanciers tripping over themselves in their haste to plunk \$300 on the line for a pup designed by breeding and training to do everything.

All fell short of their mark. For my money, the pointer or setter and retriever crosses have come as close to being "all around" dogs as there are on the market.

Of course, there's likely to be no two dogs from the same litter of such a breeding alike. But there's likely to be one humdinger in the bundle.

Some day perhaps, someone will breed the All-American dog. He'll be a mutt for sure at least in the beginning. Soon as he's recognized, however, chances are he'll go the way of all proud flesh—to pot!

So think it over. If you have a mutt give it a chance. If you have a chance to get one, don't turn it down just because it can't be registered with the elite. And, if you are a firm believer in the old saying that blood will tell, don't laugh too loudly next time you see a dog which looks like a cross between a hare and a tortoise and gallops across the countryside like a balloon losing gas in spurts. He's just the dog likely to get to the bird field ahead of your Dual Champion Von Sauerkraut and bring back the blue ribbon and the bacon too!

Obituaries

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY James H. Neil of St. Maries, ID, Lodge died May 5, 1976. St. Maries' Exalted Ruler in 1929-1930, Brother Neil also served the North District in 1935-1936 as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

of Nebraska City, NE, Lodge died June 14, 1976. A Past Exalted Ruler of Nebraska City, Brother Vondrak became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1968-1969 for the East District.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Peter E. McBride of Anaconda, MT, Lodge died June 26, 1976. Exalted Ruler of his lodge in 1927-1928, Brother McBride served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West District in 1945-1946.

PAST GRAND INNER GUARD Charles D. Fox Jr. of Roanoke, VA, Lodge died June 16, 1976. Roanoke's Exalted Ruler in 1931-1932, he held the post of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West District in 1941-1942, and was a GL State Associations Committeeman from 1955 through 1957. Brother Fox served as Grand Inner Guard in 1959-1960.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Harry M. Vondrak

□ Things have really changed since the old days when men were supposed to limit themselves to working, drinking or fighting. Now it's "all right" for the ordinary husband and father to be in the kitchen creating things and enjoying himself. I can openly tell people that I spent many hours over a hot stove, slowly learning to make fantastic omelets and no one will think I'm weird, at least not for that. So gather around omelet lovers, and let a man who cooks, and is proud of it, share his secret method with you.

The first, and most important, item to consider is the frying pan. Don't even think about any of the gimmick pans out on the market today if you are serious about your omelets. Hinges may be great on doors, but they don't belong on a good frying pan. Remember too, that a fancy non-stick coating on a thin bottomed pan won't make it cook any better, it'll just make it easier to throw the worthless omelets out. No, for the master omelet maker, there are only two choices: the heavy cast aluminum or the heavy cast iron frying pans.

To get a good cast aluminum frying pan you'll have to go to a restaurant supply house or know someone in the business. Cast iron pans are easier to come by, but don't be tempted by one at a low price. A good aluminum frying pan is almost a half inch thick through its bottom and a good cast iron one is nearly a quarter inch thick. Neither of these is going to be very cheap, but

they last a lifetime and these are one of the few opportunities you'll get nowadays for starting up a family heirloom.

The best size to get, for 2 and 3 egg omelet, is 10 inches, measured across the bottom, not the top. Whatever else you do, don't try to cook a 3 egg omelet in a smaller frying pan than this; you'll only end up calling your efforts scrambled eggs. A love of scrambled eggs over omelets, by the way, is a sign of a misspent youth.

If you've had to go out and purchase a new iron or aluminum frying pan, it will have to be seasoned before use to prevent food from sticking to it. This is a very important and ancient ritual. If done correctly, all is well and practically nothing will stick to the pan. But if done wrong, practically everything will stick, even boiling water.

To begin the ritual, wash the new frying pan with hot water and soap. Rinse it well, dry it thoroughly, and then grease the entire inside surface with vegetable oil. Heat the pan over a high flame until it is hot enough to cause a drop of water to hop around madly when dropped onto it. Remove the pan from the fire and rinse it with hot water. Repeat the process once again and wash the pan carefully, with hot water only. Once the pan has been

seasoned, it should never again be washed with soap or detergent. Instead, scrape it clean with a stiff brush and rinse with very hot water. If your pan is a cast iron one, you should dry it over a flame for a few seconds to prevent rusting.

Your other utensils are simple and not very critical. Gather together: any spatula that you are comfortable with, any small bowl that is handy, and a common table fork. Now you are ready to think about the filling.

I can not even begin to list all the possibilities for omelet fillings, much less give recipes for them, so I'm just going to describe my personal favorite, salami with colby and parmesan cheeses. The most important thing to remember with this, and all other fill-

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by Robert D. De Ford



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ings, is to do all preparations ahead of time and to have all the ingredients neatly laid out, next to the stove, in easy reach.

Slice the salami and the colby cheese into thin slices, then cut the slices into strips about a quarter inch wide. You can use the parmesan cheese right out of the shaker can. Put all this next to the stove and put the frying pan on the burner. Now comes the tricky part.

The single greatest cause of inferior omelets is improper temperature. If the pan is too cold, they stick. If it is too hot, they are blighted with crisp brown spots. Either way they are no good.

The first rule is: never cook your omelets in anything but butter or margarine. If either of these even turns brown or begins to smoke, stop. Wash the pan out, and start over again.

You got it too hot.

The second rule is: get started at the right heat. If you are using an electric stove or a gas stove that is properly equipped for it, set the temperature control for 320 degrees. If you are using a regular gas stove, set the flame

height for $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch. Wait about one minute and drop one tablespoon of butter or margarine into the hot pan. Watch the way it melts as you move it around the frying pan with your spatula. It should make a sizzling sound and form lots of tiny bubbles, but it should never smoke or turn brown. When you have coated the entire bottom of the pan you are ready.

Scramble two or three eggs in the small bowl until the whites are thoroughly mixed into the yolks. Make a quick check of the frying pan to make sure the bottom is evenly coated with the butter or margarine, and pour the eggs into it. Spread the eggs out to cover the bottom of the pan evenly. Put the pan back onto the burner and lower the flame to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch or 250 degrees.

As soon as this task is finished, begin placing the filling onto the egg layer. The way in which the filling is placed is very important. Make a long mound, about 2 inches wide, that stretches from one side of the pan to the other. The edge of this mound should be about 3 inches from the right hand side of the pan if you are right handed and 3 inches from the left hand side of the pan if you are left handed. If you are using the salami and cheese filling, the strips go lengthwise and the parmesan cheese is sprinkled over the top of the mound. By the time you've done this, the egg layer should be just about cooked all the way through and ready to fold.

Begin the fold by gently inserting the spatula under the edge of the omelet where you placed the filling. Fold this edge over the filling so that it reaches to the center of the pan. Then place the spatula under the other side of the omelet, and fold it over the top of the first fold. The omelet should now be a neat roll. Put the spatula under it lengthwise and roll it over onto its top. Let it cook a few seconds upside down, then roll it back over, lift it out of the pan and place it onto a warm plate.

If your omelet is free from brown spots, free from holes in the eggs, has a symmetrical fold, and has the filling hot through and through, then you are a successful cook. There is only one more essential element in the greatest omelet ever: showmanship!

Get up early some Saturday or Sunday morning and before any one knows what you are doing, cook up omelets for the whole family. Keep the omelets warm in the oven and when everybody is out of bed, seat them at the table. Then, with as much fanfare as you can muster, present them with the best breakfast they've ever had. Believe me, your fame will grow in direct proportion to how much you ham it up. ■

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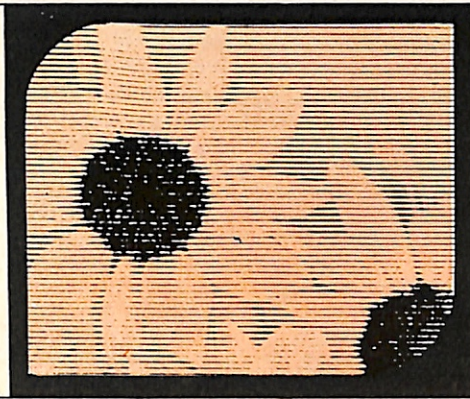
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BACKYARD GARDENER

by Helen Rosenbaum



FLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY: SNAP THOSE SNAPDRAGONS!

How do you best photograph gladiolus before they turn from glad to sad?

Picture of the daisy appear a bit hazy?

You can't tell a lilac to laugh. But knowing how to launch a blooming success camera-wise can turn marigolds from moody to marvelous and the petulant peonies and petunias won't look like they are ready to pout.

You've worked long and hard cultivating your garden this season—thus photographing the flowers of your labors should be a special joy—and you don't need an array of expensive equipment to do it well. Here are some useful flower power tips from Eastman Kodak:

- For very low growing flowers, try aiming the camera almost straight down for a bird's eye view.
- To put sky in the background behind a tall flower, crouch down so you are aiming upward at the blossoms.
- If a distracting background interferes, place a large sheet of blue paper behind the flowers to simulate the sky. Place it carefully, so that the flower does not cast a shadow on it.

Contrasts of color and texture will enhance your flower pictures. Gold and orange nasturtiums, for example, growing at the base of a large tree, can be photographed with the rough bark as background for an effective picture. An edging of marigolds in front of dark foliage is an equally good choice.

Lighting is an important consideration too. When the sun shines on flowers from the back or side, it emphasizes their texture and delicate, translucent beauty. You can capture this quality by utilizing backlighting or sidelighting whenever possible.

When you use a close-up lens, the background in your picture will be extremely out-of-focus. An out-of-focus background becomes a pleasant, hazy, unobtrusive curtain of color that complements the subject without distracting attention from it.

To make your own "dew," sprinkle drops of water sparingly on buds and leaves. Another idea is to have someone gently shower the blooms from a watering can or hose attachment to give the appearance of rain while you are shooting.

Some flowers "put on a different face" with each season. For example, a jack-in-the-pulpit is green in the spring and a vibrant red in the fall. You can make interesting comparison pictures of flow-

ers during several different seasons.

Once your flower pictures are processed, select your favorites for mounting and display. You'll enjoy looking at them throughout the year—especially when your garden flowers are lost to frost.

Instead of using traditional frames, highlight your photographs on thick cardboard, plastic foam, place mats or wood.

For displays which can be instantly changed to keep progress with your snaps of the snapdragons, use bulletin boards, pegboards or cork.

A few unusual ways offered by Kodak to feature your garden of photos:

Flower Mobiles—Trim your prints to various sizes, mount them back to back on light cardboard, and darken the edges with a black felt marking pen. You can

use three pieces of a wire coat hanger to support the mobile, and suspend the picture on clear spinning line (the kind fishermen use). Because the line is clear, the wires and pictures seem to be floating.

Flower Cube Paperweight—Make a cube from a milk carton and cover it with your flower pictures. Put a rock in the cube to give it weight and attach the pictures with double-faced tape. Finish off the edges with yarn held in place with a few dabs of white glue. To help safeguard the prints from surface scratches and abrasions caused by handling, spray your paperweight lightly with a clear protective spray. Practice spraying on an extra print. Hold the spray can about a foot from the surface and spray with an even, sweeping motion. Repeat the process if the first coat doesn't cover. If you apply too much spray at one time, the print surfaces will have an "orange peel" appearance.

Flower Planter—You can tape four snapshots of your garden to a plain square planter or cut down a milk carton and make your own planter in the same manner as described for the paperweight above. A picture planter makes a good table centerpiece. You can also grow a photo garden by planting pictures! Mount some photos on pieces of light cardboard and glue the mounted prints back to back with a flat stick (such as a Popsicle stick) between them. Place the sticks in a planter along with some house plants and you'll have a photo garden.

Don't water the photos. Or tell the plants to say "cheese," please! ■

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A COMMON DESIRE...

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able. When the carfare is too high, we take the bus; if the buses are on strike, we take the subway; and if the subway is shut down, we can walk. Despite the defection of Johnny Carson to California, and a couple of breweries to New Jersey, that is still where the action is. Whatever you might have read or heard, Brooklyn Bridge is not falling down, my fair lady."

Frank Riley, travel writer and associate editor of *Los Angeles* magazine: "It takes a shifting of gears to think

of going to any place in the world totally for a vacation—without a notebook and working camera. But once the gears are shifted, such a place does beckon. I can see us now—say about early August—on the tiny north sea island of Hallig Hooge about 15 miles off Denmark and north Germany. The sea is as tranquil in August as it is tumultuous in winter when waves often wash across the pasturelands.

"The white clouds adrift in the summer sky are right out of a novel by a Theodor Storm. The mainland of Europe is light years away; even the island of Wyk Auf Fuhr is far off on the horizon, nearly three hours distance by the small ferry that comes once a day. We are staying in a farmhouse close to the one where King Frederick of Denmark slept for three

nights in 1825. Nothing much has happened since. Our farmhouse is on a small rise of earth to lift it above the winter waves. Our room is bright with flowers and lace curtains. A path across the pasture leads to a beach where there will be no one but the two of us. However, we must get back for the main home-cooked meal at noon, which begins with a large bottle of beer. After a nap we may decide to walk across the moor to another farmhouse where a gentle old man will tell us stories about the North Sea. After a long sunset, we will watch the stars come out and think about going to Wyk to pick up our mail, in maybe four or five days..."

Now Dena Kaye, magazine and newspaper travel writer: "I recently discovered yachts on a trip to the Caribbean. I can think of nothing I'd like better than to charter the Ticonderoga, a 72-foot ketch, a most famous racing yacht, and sail through the Grenadines. You find French and English culture interspersed with native villages. On my dream vacation I would visit islands such as Bequia (you can only get there by sailboat) and Mustique. Then I'd go to Tobago Cays, which is like little droplets of Polynesia in the middle of the Caribbean and the scuba diving there is fabulous. After this I'd go to petit St. Vincent and then I might go to Union Island which looks like Moorea—and afterward I'd end up in Grenada at a resort called Secret Harbor."

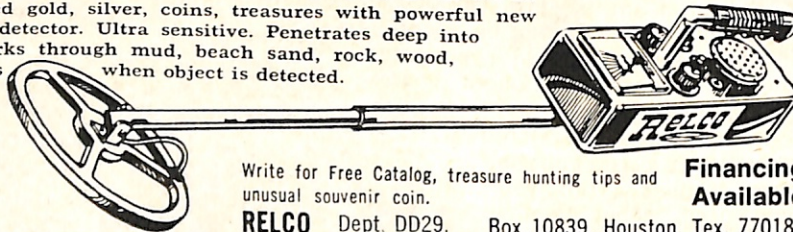
Alas, my turn has come: Like the others, I dream a lot—dreams of Hawaii's magnificent sunsets...of sunrise on the island of Bora Bora and the delicious feeling of aloneness...of strolling the boulevards and alleys of my favorite city in all the world, Paris...of driving through the rain-fresh English countryside...of Vienna with its concerts and Old World restaurants...of a summer night at Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens.

Just one choice? Well, I think perhaps I would settle for a spell on the island of Raiatea off in French Polynesia. Raiatea is an island that's blessed with golden waterfalls and soft green hillsides; there are buro trees which spread their shade alongside rivers and in valleys which are hauntingly peaceful; coconut trees sweep down mountainsides, and on the far horizon white spray rises up against the island's reef.

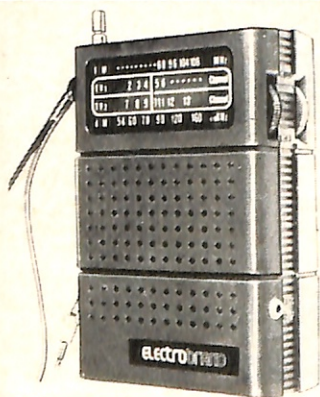
Several years ago I spent a few days just being lazy on Raiatea—swimming in its lovely lagoon, drinking Hinano when the day grew hot, paddling a canoe up the gentle rivers which flow toward the ocean. Some day I intend to return...yes, I'm sure I will... ■

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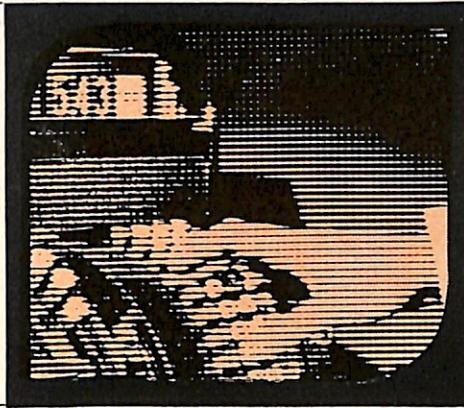
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

by John C. Behrens



PROPRIETORS CAN BE EDUCATORS

It's the time of year when students go back to the classrooms and parents breathe (or gasp) a sigh of relief. It's a time when merchants run back-to-school specials and family schedules run on school time. Yet it's also a time when a valuable labor force is virtually shelved for nine months. But it doesn't have to be.

If productivity is a goal and the capitalistic system is to perpetuate itself generation after generation, then it's disturbing to note that thousands of potential young businessmen and women enter their final years of high school or college preoccupied by everything imaginable but a solid acquaintanceship with the business world.

Sure, some have found menial work from time to time. Others have taken jobs to make enough money to go to college, buy a car or go somewhere. But few, in fact, enter career opportunities early enough to plan ahead, examine the dimensions of the various occupations in business or their own abilities in the field.

There are exceptions, of course. In some areas of the country, school administrators and college faculty have initiated work blocks that have motivated young people. A small number of schools have trained thousands over the years through work-study programs. In other regions, state and federal agencies have provided assistance. In New York, for example, The Work Incentive Program (WIN) offers aid to the employer and to persons in sub-standard income categories. WIN helps the person find work and gain experience for a specific period of time. The employer receives assistance from the state to pay the WIN employee's salary as well as tax credits. Other states and some federal agencies have outreach programs to find work for the disadvantaged.

There are few programs, however, that aid a person in discovering his aptitude and interest in America's number one enterprise: small business. Moreover, some small businessmen feel there is little relationship between business faculty on the nation's campuses and themselves.

A number of proprietors complain that a majority of America's youth today have little interest in the kind of work available in small business. They contend, and perhaps rightly so, the educational system hasn't prepared youth for the needs of small business. More shocking to many proprietors is the lack of knowledge of

the free enterprise system among recent graduates.

Educators, on the other hand, argue that they attempt to provide a framework of business education to help a person adjust to a changing world. Students today, they admit, have more options and more freedom in deciding the kind of specialized training they receive. "We can't guarantee motivated people, however. We believe we provide the most modern kind of training and educational pursuits. What students do with it is up to them," said one Eastern educator.

But when the petty bickering is put aside, proprietors and faculty can find solutions. And the results can be major contributions to an entire community. At Utica College where I teach, a business faculty is working with small business owners and managers to change the climate. The key, of course, is satisfying the two groups; students and proprietors. If the faculty can play an effective role in mediating the groups, conditions can improve for both. The name of the game in the education world is credit.

The proprietor, of course, can receive a number of benefits from such arrangements. An important consideration is free or inexpensive labor. Another is the involvement he has in screening and educating better trained personnel for his own establishment. Equally important to some businessmen is the opportunity to exchange ideas with faculty and students about ways to improve business methods.

At Utica College, business instructors have taken the initiative, in several instances, but most believe the first step can be taken by either party. Public relations majors, for example, receive 6 hours of credit for 15 to 20 hours work a week for a community agency or business. I work with small radio station and newspaper owners and editors placing carefully selected upperclass students (who have completed 15 basic hours in skill courses) in journalism field work for 9 to 10 hours a week. They receive 3 credit hours for 13 weeks. Personnel management, accounting and construction management faculty have similar internships.

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NEWS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS



The persistence of nine-year-old "Hoop Shoot" winner Johnny Creek was commended by (back row, from left) Michigan "Hoop Shoot" Chm. Gerald Lauer, SDGER James Dompierre, and PGERs E. Gene Fournace and Robert Pruitt during the state Elks' conclave at Clawson-Troy Lodge. A participant in the regional competition last year, Johnny went all the way to third place in this year's national contest.



Then-GER Willis McDonald (center) and PGER William Wall (right), honored guests at the Florida State Elks Association's annual convention, took a moment to chat with Grand Trustee Robert Grafton of North Palm Beach Lodge.

TUCUMCARI was the host lodge for the April 22-24 meeting of the New Mexico Elks Association. The 47th annual convention had as its theme the "Spirit of '76."

Grand Trustees Chm. Alton Thompson headed the list of attending dignitaries, which included PGER Robert Boney, GL Committeemen Eugene Costello and Jerry Gorman, and then-SPs Harry Cutshall of Utah and Arthur Cline of Colorado.

On the roster of newly elected state officers were SP Ray Camp, Carlsbad; Vice Presidents Ike Alarid, Santa Fe; Greeley Myers, Las Cruces; Secy. Howard Nunez, Albuquerque, and Treas. E. H. Jahraus, Albuquerque.

For the third consecutive year, Albuquerque won the state ritualistic contest, with Carlsbad finishing second and Clovis, third. A sportsmanship trophy was awarded to New Mexico's newest lodge, Rio Rancho, which took part in the competition for the first time.

Ticket sales for cerebral palsy netted a record \$95,000, with Santa Fe, Las Cruces, and Raton ranked first, second,

and third, respectively, in per capita sales. Brother Walter Kincaid, program director for the New Mexico Elks Cerebral Palsy Commission, was honored by being named Elk of the Year.

The state association's fall meeting will take place in October in Roswell.

CONTRIBUTIONS of \$7.067 from each member earned Lusk Lodge the Wyoming Elks State Association's National Foundation award. In the state's North District, Greybull Lodge recorded contributions of \$2.064 per capita.

Lander was the site of the April 30-May 2 convention, which was attended by approximately 300 people. SDGER Vincent Collura was among the distinguished guests.

Chosen to head the state association for the coming year were SP Edward Young, Riverton; Vice Presidents Gene Dunn, Laramie; Bill Kupper, Sheridan; Lee Beezley, Cheyenne, and Secy.-Treas. Jack Cash, Cody. Worland was designated as the meeting place for the autumn conference to be held September 10-12.

Membership gains of 70.66 percent for Gillette Lodge and 22.67 percent for Cheyenne Lodge earned special recognition awards from the state association. Major project award winners Tracy Tideman, sponsored by Worland Lodge, and Stanley Smith, sponsored by Lusk Lodge, received four-year scholarships of \$475 per year.

THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE in the history of the New York State Elks Association was recorded for the May 13-16 convention at Kiamesha Lake. PGER Ronald Dunn welcomed the 2,404 Elks and ladies to the 64th annual session.

Newly elected officers included SP Theodore LaVenture Jr., Vice Presidents James Finnegan, Edward Coyle, Peter Olsen, Michael Potter, Charles Bullaris, Jack Wheldon, Thomas Joseph, Joseph Piekarski, Raymond Gannon, Anthony Stravato, Maurice Ryan, Malcolm Neils, Michael Amrhein, Secy. Herman Wickel, and Treas. William Petzke. Huntington Lodge was judged the winner in the state ritualistic competition.

On display for delegates and guests were cerebral palsy ambulances. Contributions to the Cerebral Palsy Fund, one of the state association's major projects, totaled \$231,000.

The convention closed with a testimonial dinner honoring retiring SP Lucian Masur. New York Elks will gather in Syracuse September 9 for a fall conference, and will return to Kiamesha Lake for their 1977 meeting.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER for the 70th annual convention of the Florida Elks was outgoing SP C. Newt Jones. Kissimmee was the site of the May 7-8 meeting.

One hundred forty-five boys and girls were treated at the Elks' supported Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital in Eustis during the past year according to the report of Jim Oliver, administrator of the hospital. In addition, more than 2,000 youngsters were treated at several outpatient clinics throughout the state, bringing the year's total expenditure for the state association crippled children's program to \$689,500.

The sum of \$274,000 was contributed by members and the general public during 1975-1976 for the Harry-Anna Trust Fund. Contractors have advised that the new hospital being built in Umatilla should be completed in 1977. Since May, 1973, the Florida Elks have raised two million dollars to finance the construction.

A score of 96.212 earned first place in the ritualistic contest for the team from Tallahassee. A special eulogy was offered for PSP Marvin Kimmel during the memorial service.

Among the honored guests at the convention were then-GER Willis and Elizabeth McDonald and PGER William and Lois Wall. The President's banquet and ball highlighted the social activities of the gathering.

Charles Pride of Clearwater Lodge will lead the state association in 1976-1977. He will be assisted by Vice President-at-Large Robert Fluck, Pensacola; Vice Presidents Billy Maple, Perry; Donald Cameron Jr., Jacksonville; Harold Shelton, Cocoa Beach; Richard Shashy, Ocala; Richard Branham, Orlando; David Anderson, Largo; Arthur Smoth, Arcadia; Harry Curran, Stuart-Jensen; Steve Merena, Pompano Beach; Harold Mangus, South Miami; Secy. Ben Brown, and Treas. Frank Holt, Miami.

A fall conference will take place October 28-29. The next annual convention is slated for May in Miami Beach.

A TELEPHONE CALL from President Gerald Ford was one of the high points of the Michigan Elks Association's May 13-16 convention hosted by Clawson-Troy Lodge. A special electronic hook-up device allowed delegates and their wives to hear Brother Ford's message. Attendance at the 71st annual session was tallied at 1,240.

The Major Project Commission reported that 531 handicapped children were helped during the past year. Donations totaling \$228,713.38 were received. Midland led the other lodges in actual dollar contributions. The Midland Elks' ladies were also ranked first in their division. Collectively, the Elks' ladies throughout the state contributed nearly \$29,330 to the cause.

The National Foundation listed \$112,063 in donations, and 2,106 new pledges. Plymouth, Bay City, and Allen Park were recognized for having the most new subscriptions, the greatest dollar-amount contributions, and the highest per capita donations, respectively. Forty-six scholarship awards, valued at \$29,500, were presented.

The Americanism Committee presented its top award to Grand Haven Lodge. Marquette Lodge had the biggest net gain in membership. Two national "Hoop Shoot" winners, Tim Hunter, sponsored by Alma Lodge, and John Creek, sponsored by Kalamazoo Lodge, were among the 48,059 boys and girls throughout the state who participated in the free throw competition. Top honors in the state drill team and ritualistic contests went to Clawson-Troy Lodge and Ludington Lodge. Midland and Alma earned awards for their youth programs. During the convention banquet, outgoing SP Cal Bjorne lauded Midland Lodge for achieving the best overall performance in the President's program. He also



Offering congratulations to their colleague GL Ritualistic Committeeman Richard Moren (center), who was chosen State President at the Indiana convention, were several Grand Lodge officials. They included (from left) GL Committeemen George Stutzman, William Collisson, and Joe Stevens, then-GER Willis McDonald, PGER Glenn Miller, and Gerald Powell, national "Hoop Shoot" director.



New York SP Theodore LaVenture Jr. (center) received his gavel from Judge John Scileppi, Past Chief Justice of the Grand Forum. (From left) George Balbach, chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, Past Grand Chaplain Rev. Francis White, Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. James Gunn, outgoing SP Lucian Masur, and Grand Forum Justice William Steinbrecher witnessed the installation.

presented a trophy to the Marquette Elks' ladies for having made the highest per capita donation, in the ladies' division, to the state major project. The presentation was made in memory of the late Mrs. Bjorne.

Among the officers who will serve the state association for the coming year are SP Neil Sheriff, Hillsdale; Vice President-at-Large William Bailey, Midland; Secy. Albert Vernon, Detroit, and Treas. Howard Emerson, Jackson.

It was announced that Pontiac will be the site of next year's convention.

THE ELKS CAMP for Boys hosted 575 lads for a two-week period, it was announced at the North Carolina State Elks Association convention in Greensboro. Five hundred people, including PGER John and Kitty Walker, were present for the May 21-22 gathering.

One-year academic scholarships were awarded to 29 students, while five three-year nursing scholarships were presented. PGER Walker and outgoing SP John Nichols were honored with special gifts during the banquet and dance.

The slate of newly elected officers includes SP W. Ernest Bell, Durham; Vice President-at-Large Ralph Pitts, Newton; Secy. A. J. Crane, Kinston, and Treas. Herbert Finck, Brevard.

The North Carolina Elks will meet October 29-30 in New Bern, but no date was set for the 1977 convention.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS at the state convention of the Indiana Elks included then-GER Willis McDonald and PGER Glenn Miller, state sponsor. The June 3-6 meeting in French Lick attracted more than 1,000 Elks and their ladies.

Brother Thomas Burke, president of the Indiana Elks Charities, Inc., presented a \$50,000 check to the Indiana University School of Medicine and a \$35,000 check to Purdue University for cancer research during the coming year. In all, contributions of more than \$1,600,000 have been given to these universities by the state association over the years.

Jeffersonville Lodge earned the ritualistic trophy by outscoring the five other competing lodges. The names of 16 National Foundation scholarship winners, 16 alternates, and 12 state winners were announced. Scholarship awards ranged from \$600 to \$900. The late Grand Trustee Lewis Gerber was remembered along with 768 departed Indiana Brothers during the annual memorial service.

Elected and installed as State President was Richard Moren of Seymour Lodge. Other officers included Vice Presidents Joe Stevens, Elwood; Herbert Brautzsch, Fort Wayne; H. Eugene Milliron, Indianapolis; William Booher, Logansport; Robert Gillan, Linton; Secy. C. L. Shideler, Terre Haute, and Treas. George Vaughan, Logansport.

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tions saving the organization or firm between \$50 to several hundred dollars each in production costs. One student created a camera-ready layout for a community organization and saved \$75 or more in typesetting costs. Another student wrote, edited and prepared layouts for a health foods store newsletter and saved the owner several hundred dollars he would have paid to hire a professional to do such work.

But while it has solid benefits for the student, college and business, it can cause headaches. And it can fail, too. Unions have been cautious in their approach to such programs because of their distrust of management's need or use of student workers. There is also a possibility that student interns can create difficulties in meeting state or federal employment regulations and insurance company requirements in certain kinds of enterprises. A more common problem, though, are personality conflicts. There is always the possibility that the proprietor and student aren't prepared for one another's

attitudes, conception of the work and approach. These are the dangers that have to be dealt with before one plunges into such a venture.

The advantages far exceed the disadvantages, however. And the opportunities for small business owners and faculty to plan such arrangements frequently are a local phone call away. There are 3,038 two- and four-year campuses throughout the country in addition to hundreds of trade and vocational schools. The yellow pages of most urban telephone directories can provide listings. The majority of these institutions have business sequences or departments. Obtain a catalog and investigate course offerings. Then talk to the faculty member who teaches courses in your field.

Consider These Factors First

Here are 10 guidelines to consider in working out such an agreement for a field work/intern program between your establishment and a college or school.

1. Initiate the proposal in a business-like manner. Examine your business and determine what a student intern could do and learn for a specific period

of time (8 to 14 weeks depending upon the type of academic term the institution uses) and discuss it with the faculty member in your field.

2. Explain if compensation is possible or if the field work is to provide experience. Make sure all parties clearly understand what you can provide and what the student will have to finance.
3. While it's understood the faculty member will assist in handling administrative details on campus, determine with his help how you will supervise and evaluate the student's efforts.
4. Request authority to interview candidates and the option to select or reject students assigned to the field work at your business.
5. Clarify work hours and prepare a brief memo (with copies to the student and the faculty member) to record work arrangements after discussing it with the student. Insist that the student spend enough hours at work (regardless of whether he's paid or not) to make training worthwhile. A student who attempts to work two hours one day and two on another day may spend more time coming and going to work than learning or benefiting from such a program.

6. Make sure that supervision is consistent. If you can't be available at times another senior member should be briefed about supervising the intern. Don't allow the student to merely go off by himself to handle the tasks as he sees fit. Such efforts can quickly lose value for both the student and the employer.

7. Meet regularly with the intern to assess progress and answer questions. Check with other employees discreetly concerning student's work and attitude. Such cursory inquiries provide you with explanations and defense of your evaluations. Set realistic goals for the student periodically so the student can measure his own progress.

8. Talk with the faculty member occasionally to let him know about the student's performance and to deal with problems. To avoid confusion, let the faculty member handle questions and problems that involve campus administrative offices.

9. Make sure it's quite clear who submits the grade (in some instances, the faculty member has responsibility; in others, the outside agency supervisor makes the final decision). Tell the student periodically how he's doing in straight language. Don't inflate his confidence and then shock him with a lower grade.

10. Above all, be honest and straightforward with the student.

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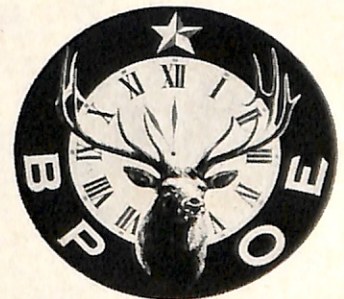
LOCAL DIGNITARIES and Elks officials attended the Chula Vista, CA, Lodge awards dinner for high school students. Scholarship Chm. Bob Kerney (right) congratulated Teenagers of the Year Kathleen Pickett (left) and Karl Bunker after presenting a \$50 savings bond to each of the Hilltop High School winners.



FOR ENLISTING more new members than any other Brother of Oxnard, CA, Lodge, Francis Gregory (center) received a commendatory plaque from Membership Chm. Ed Scott (left) and then-ER Roy Furr. Brother Gregory was hailed for his work from 1974 through 1976.



COACH CLARENCE KOOMS, Past Exalted Ruler, and ER Matthew McWane of Hemet, CA, Lodge joined their ritualistic team members for an exhibition of the trophy they won in the Southeast District contest. It was the first time that Hemet Lodge was honored with the District-level award.



THE THIRTEEN-STAR flag of 1776 and the 1976 fifty-star flag adorn the wall of Westchester, CA, Lodge where (from left) lodge Bicentennial Chm. Mowyer Quesenberry, ER Joe Sachen, Est. Lead. Kt. John McGah, and District Bicentennial Chm. Cy Mohler gathered to announce the celebration of "a proud heritage."



MAJOR PROJECT CHILD JASON was accompanied by ER Arthur Scholz for a ride in the Palo Alto, CA, Bicentennial parade recently. Other Palo Alto Lodge representatives formed an Honor Guard and marched with a "Happy Birthday America" banner.



THE CAMERON PIPE BAND from Sacramento, CA, recently entertained at a special luncheon hosted by Willows Lodge in honor of mothers from the community.



A NINE-MILE walk-a-thon by a group of Carson, CA, Lodge members' children raised the \$1,000 for cerebral palsy which Debbie Sheppard, group representative, presented to ER Grant Wegworth. The youngsters, who range in age from seven to 15, were organized under the guidance of Youth Chm. John Sheppard.



TOP ATHLETES from California's Calexico High School attended an awards dinner given in their honor by the local lodge. Trophies and certificates were displayed by (front row, from left) Ernie Meza, Elsa Medina, Jose Aguilar, Dave Zuniga, Terry Lopez, and (back row, from left) Onesimo Tellechea, Fernando Guerrero, George Alvarado, Louie Montano, and Carlos Chapa.



SEVEN FATHERS sponsored their sons and one son sponsored his father for initiation into Walla Walla, WA, Lodge. ER Rich Smiley (standing, left) congratulated Brothers from the Peterson, Hull, Lentz, Higginbotham, Walters, Swant, Tinker, and Morasch families.



HAILING from Indianapolis, IN, Lodge, PER Fred Gilmore (right) arrived at Oceanside, CA, Lodge for the installation of his brother, Jack Gilmore (center), as Exalted Ruler. PDD Mike Shipley participated in the installation ceremony along with Brother Fred.



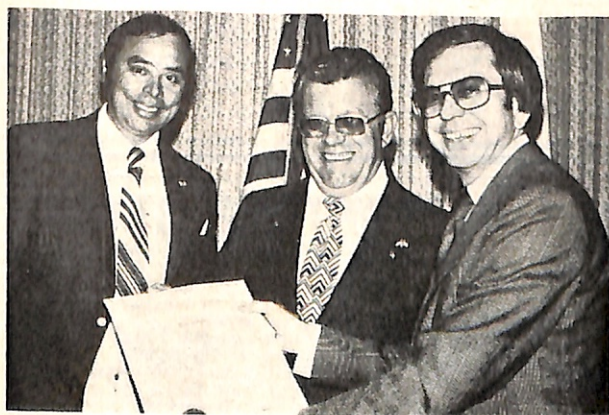
ROBED AND CROWNED, Canoga Park, CA, Lodge's Teenagers of the Year Susan Formaker and Alan Lai displayed their awards for ER Don Giovanini. The students received \$100 savings bonds, trophies, and certificates following a lodge-hosted dinner for the contestants, their parents, and the contest judges.



NOSTALGIA is the motif of Honolulu, HI, Lodge's exhibit celebrating its 75th anniversary and the U.S. Bicentennial. Chm. Arthur Lynch and his blue ribbon committee collected memorabilia for six years before presenting the gallery to the lodge for the Heritage Corner.



A PROGRAM sponsored by Whittier, CA, Lodge to initiate the town's 21-day Bicentennial observance featured a "Salute to Old Glory" at York Field. The El Rancho Marine Corps ROTC served as the Honor Guard and Color Guard for the occasion.



MAYOR WARREN HAVERKAMP (right) of Glendale, CA, presented to Richard Grzesiak (left) and ER Robert Ballou a copy of his proclamation setting aside a week in honor of the nation's flag. The mayor lauded the local Elks' patriotism and urged Glendale residents to join them in paying tribute to the flag.



FORREST RAMSEL (second from right) accepted from Sterling, CO, Lodge a GL Eagle Scout certificate, given in honor of his recent attainment of that rank. SP Arthur Cline, ER Howard Combs, and Mrs. Ramsel examined Forrest's newly acquired badge and offered their congratulations.

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You know that new cars and accessories are priced to sell this month. Besides all that, keep a watchful eye open for bargains at the coming Labor Day sales.

You'll find seasonal savings on fresh pears, plums, and prunes.

We hear from our Friendly Pharmacist that the usual bathroom medicine cabinet is actually a poor place to keep medicines. The high humidity in bathrooms causes drug deterioration, and the warmer temperatures in bathrooms also hasten drug breakdown. A cabinet in a hall or bedroom closet is a better place to store medicines. It makes cents.

Did you know that those blower-type hair dryers use as much electric energy as a toaster—and for a longer time? It's true, but you can save that electricity and some money by drying your hair the old-fashioned way with a towel. It'll save that cash, and as an extra bonus it happens to be good for your hair as well.

Speaking of electricity, get a free booklet called *104 Ways to Control Your Electric Bill*. Just drop a postcard

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Q. "Six months ago I bought a new freezer. It was erratic from the start and I told the dealer so. He said it was normal. Then the freezer quit and spoiled about \$50 worth of frozen food. I say the freezer company should pay for that food. Right?"—Mrs. Alice G.

A. You may have a case, since you advised the dealer of a suspected problem before the breakdown and he told you all was okay. You can't have been expected to do anything more. The Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel recently mediated a similar case and found in favor of the consumer. The freezer maker paid for the lost food and repaired the freezer for free since it was still under warranty. Generally you're entitled to reimbursement for food loss if (1) It relates directly to appliance failure and not to something you did; (2) You tried to salvage the food; (3) You sought help at once; (4) Service wasn't promptly provided; and (5) You can document the food loss.

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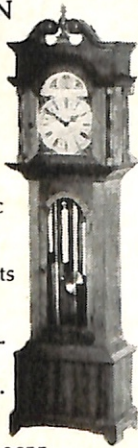
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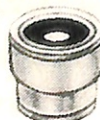
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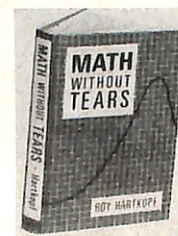
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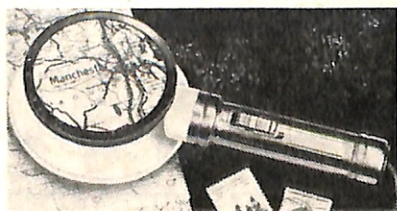
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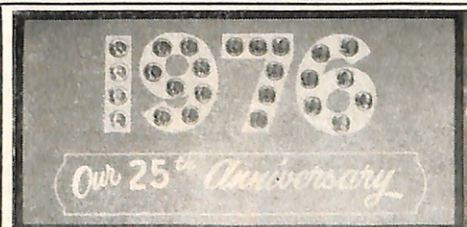
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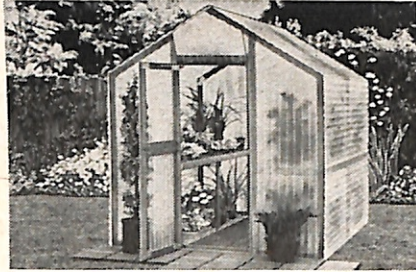


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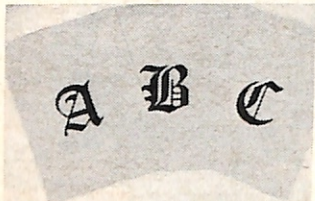
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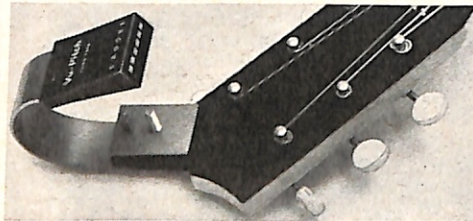
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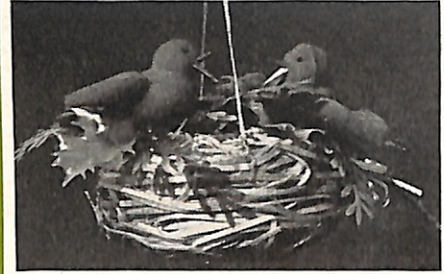
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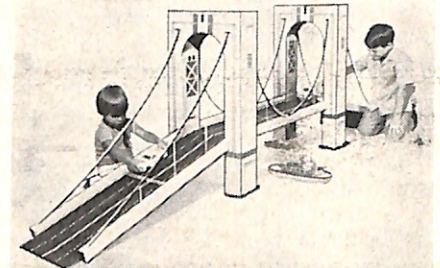
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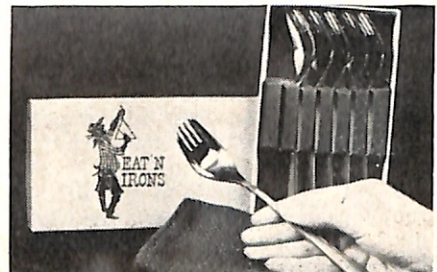
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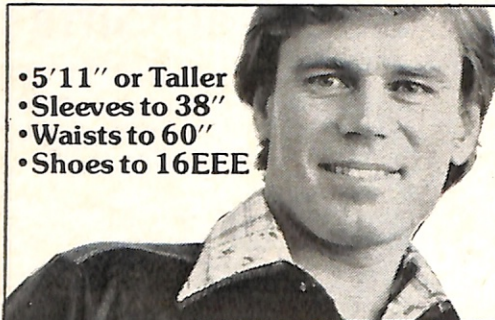
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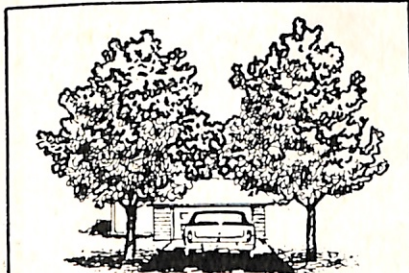
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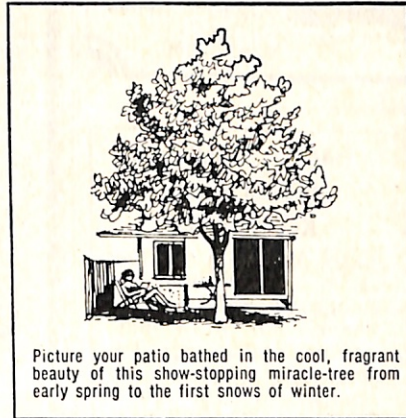
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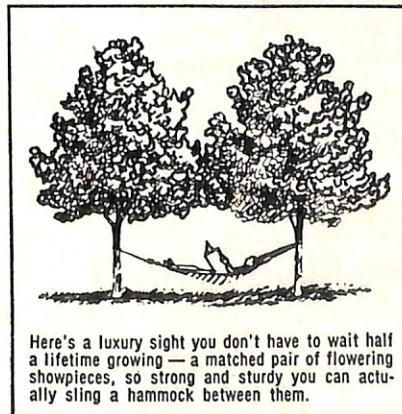
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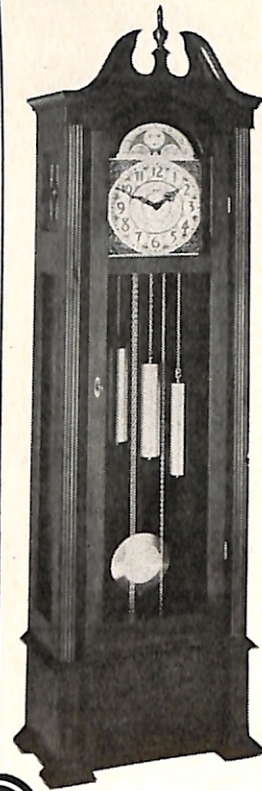
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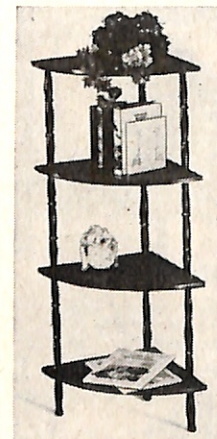
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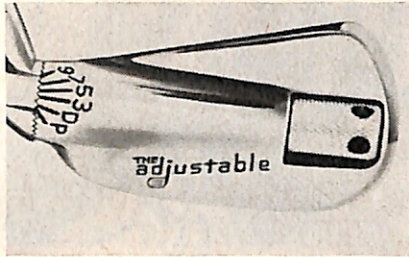
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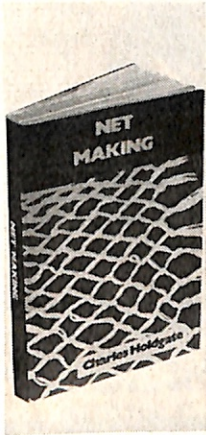
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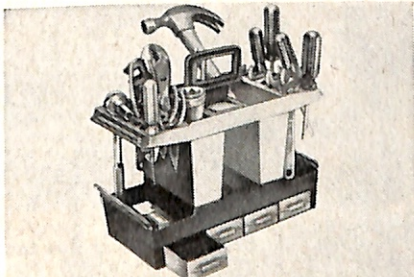
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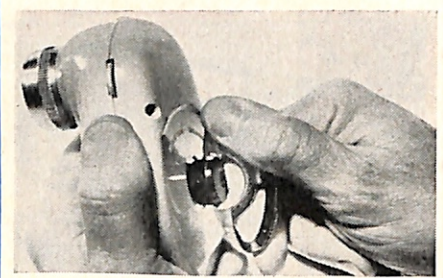


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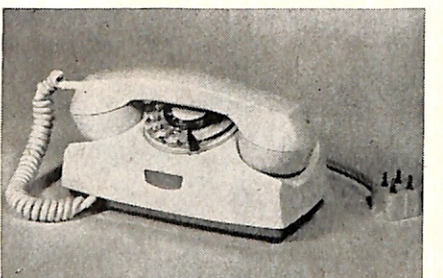
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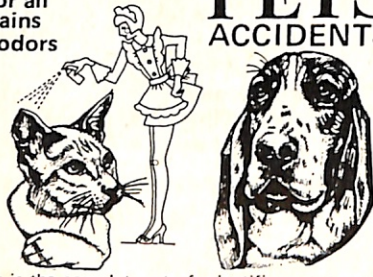


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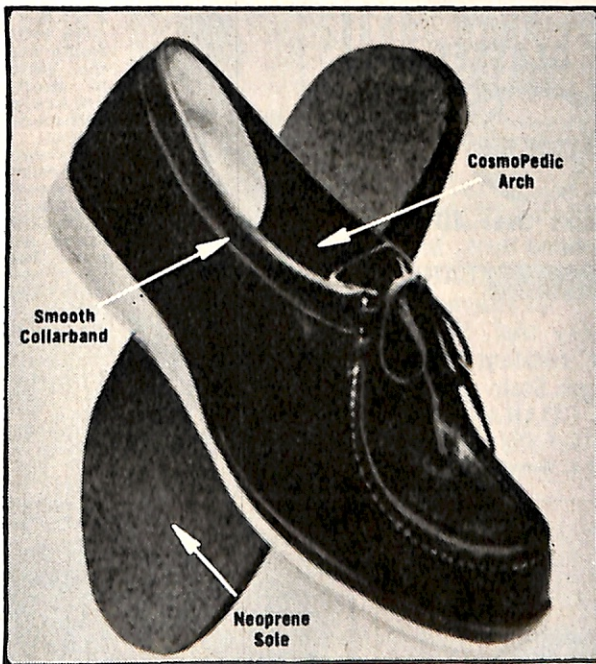
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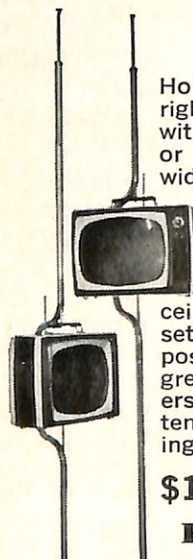
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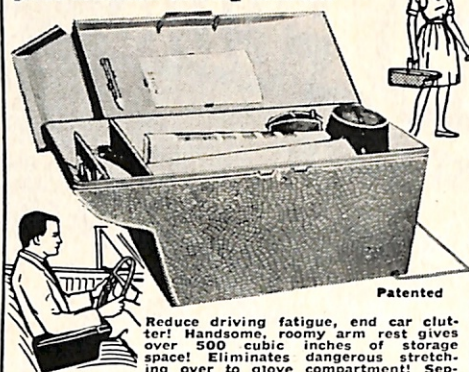
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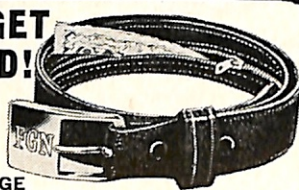
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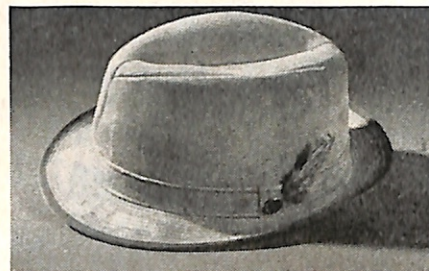
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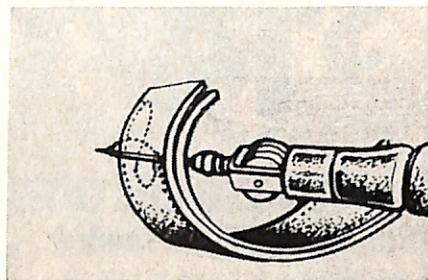
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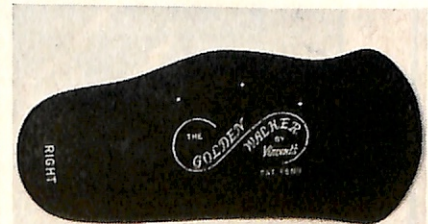
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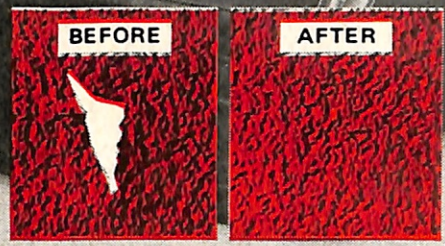
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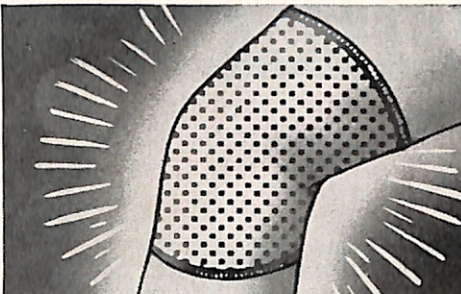
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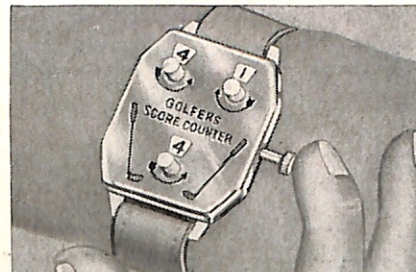
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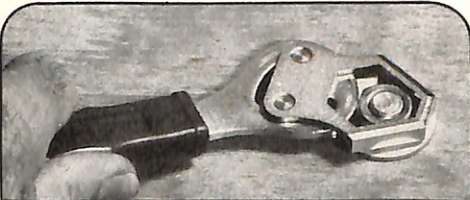
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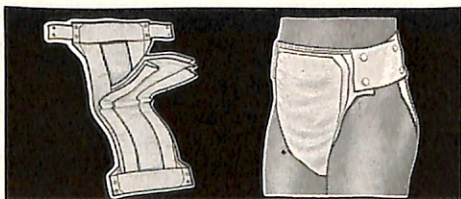


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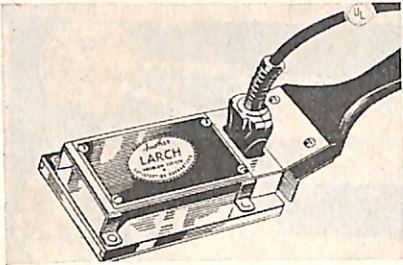
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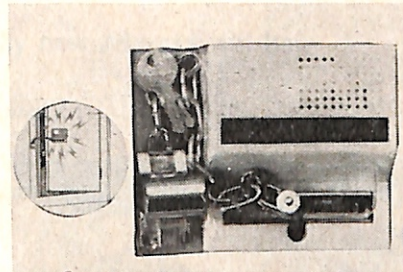
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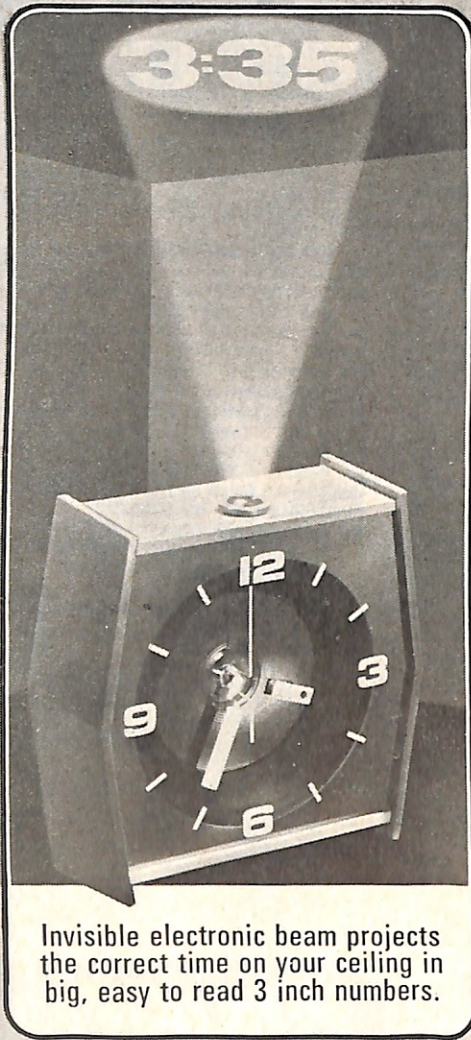
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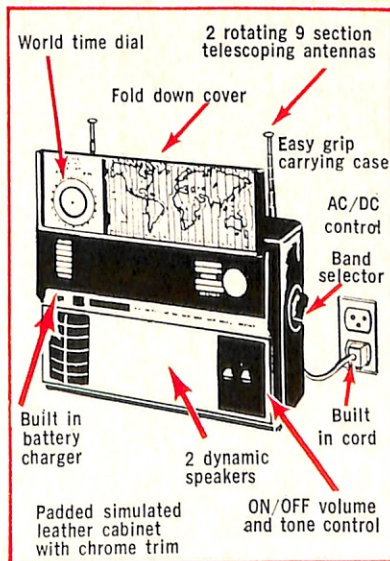
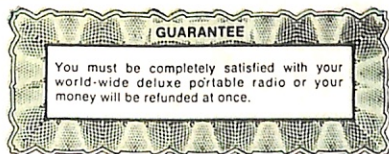


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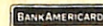


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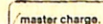
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