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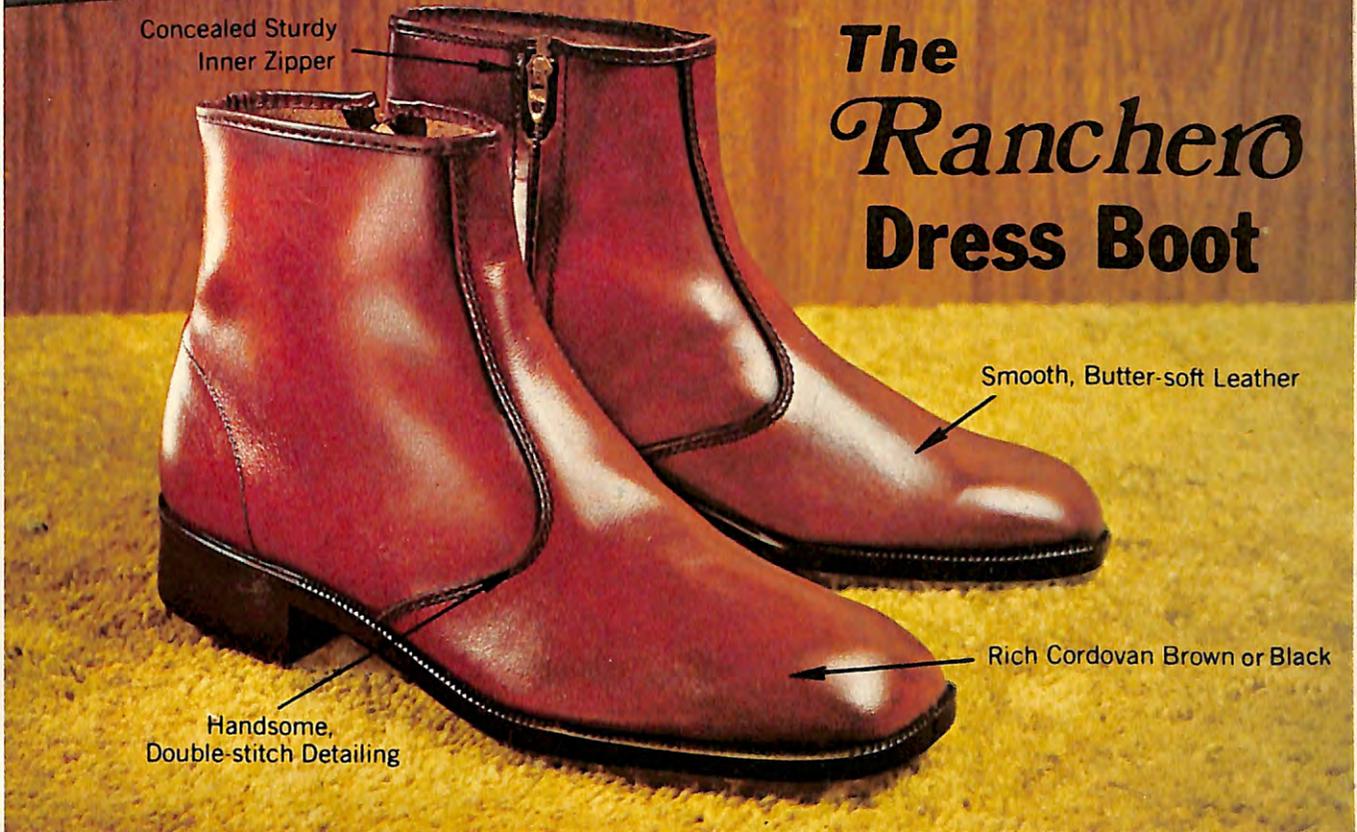
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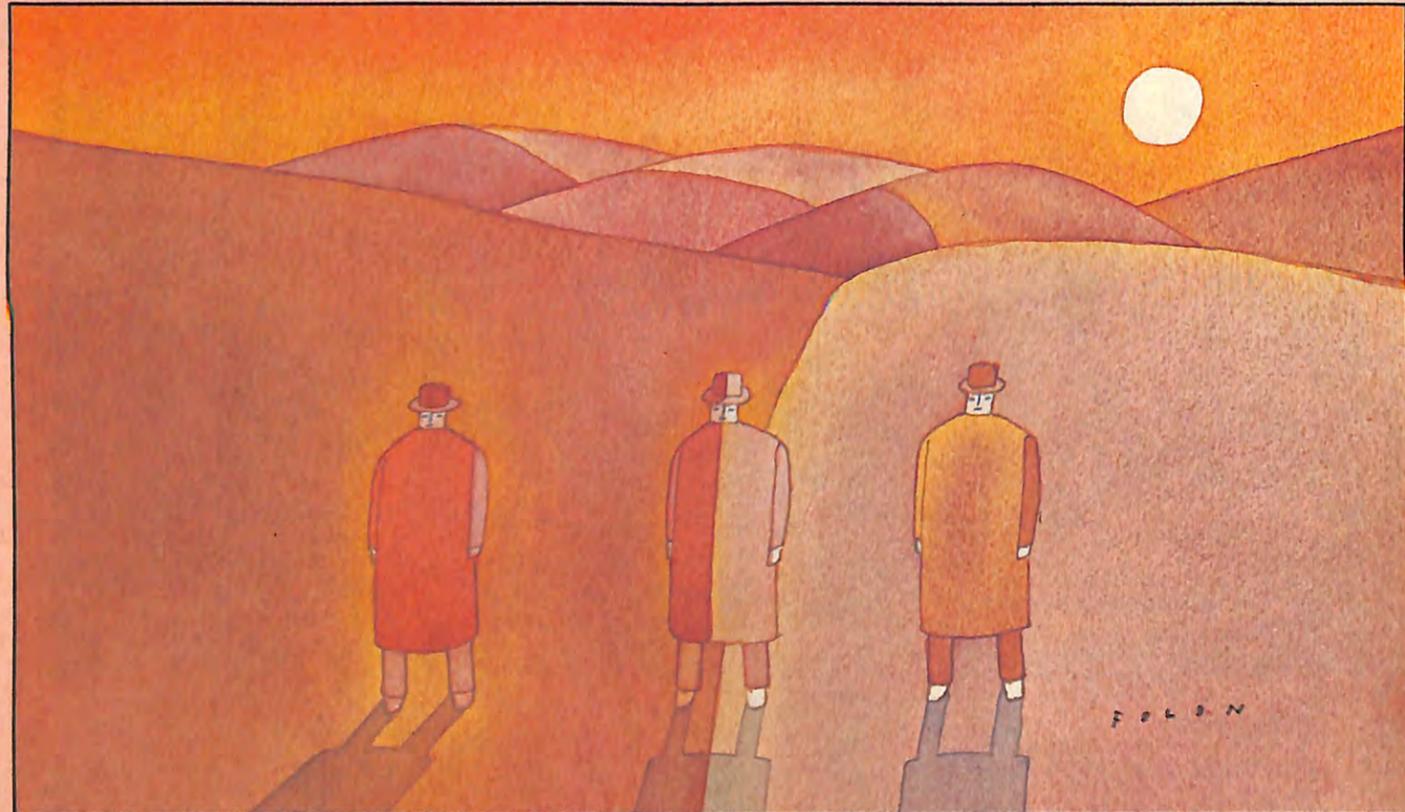
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NUCLEAR ELECTRICITY

Who Stands Where



At a time of intense criticism of nuclear-generated electricity, an independent academic study found surprisingly strong support among persons considered well informed on the subject.

The study was part of a large project directed by Professors Stanley Rothman and S. Robert Lichter and sponsored by the Research Institute of International Change at Columbia University, Smith College, and the Graduate Program in Science, Technology, and Public Policy at George Washington University.

A survey of scientists

In mid-1980, little more than a year after the accident at Three Mile Island, a detailed questionnaire on

energy issues was sent to a purely random sample of: (1) scientists listed in *American Men and Women of Science*, (2) scientists in energy-related disciplines, and (3) scientists in fields closely related to nuclear energy.

Asked how best to proceed with nuclear energy (see Table 1), an overwhelming majority from all groups felt that the nation should continue with the development of nuclear energy.

Table 1
VIEWS OF SCIENTISTS ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY

	Random Sample	Energy Experts	Nuclear Experts	
	53%	70%	92%	Proceed rapidly
	36	25	8	Proceed slowly
	7	4	0	Halt development
	3	1	0	Dismantle plants

Most felt we should proceed rapidly.

This high level of support is echoed in Table 2, which notes positive atti-

Table 2
SCIENTISTS' ATTITUDES ON NUCLEAR ENERGY ISSUES

	Random Sample	Energy Experts	Nuclear Experts	
	65%	75%	99%	Risks acceptable
	69	80	98	Willing to locate nuclear plants in their cities
	75	91	100	Enough knowledge to solve nuclear problems

tudes toward the acceptability of risk posed by nuclear plants; the scientists' personal willingness to have a nuclear plant located where they live; and the scientists' confidence that enough knowledge exists to solve the scien-

tific and technical problems posed by nuclear energy.

Expanding the study

Such positive results were somewhat surprising to the researchers. They decided to expand their study. This was a time when public concern was high and the nuclear regulatory environment was toughening considerably, so the researchers wondered whether decision makers in the nuclear field would be as wary of nuclear power plants as the man in the street.

To find out, the researchers mailed questionnaires to top decision makers in seven different categories:

- the nuclear power industry
- the financial community
- the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- other regulatory agencies involved with nuclear energy
- members of Congress who were involved with nuclear policy
- outside experts (scientists, social scientists and consultants involved with nuclear energy issues)
- groups with professed anti-nuclear views.

The results were again surprising. As Table 3 indicates, outside experts and financiers were as united in their

Table 3
POLICY PREFERENCES ON NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT

	Anti-Nuclear Groups	Industry	Financiers	NRC	Other Regulators	Congress	Outside Experts	
	0%	93%	94%	65%	54%	40%	69%	Proceed rapidly
	0	5	6	35	25	40	26	Proceed slowly
	33	2	0	0	8	20	5	Halt development
	67	0	0	0	13	0	0	Dismantle plants

support of nuclear energy development as were industry executives. The only significant opposition came from the heads of the anti-nuclear groups. A few members of Congress and some regulators also expressed opposition. (It should be noted that response from Congress was low in number.)

Table 4 reinforces the pattern. Majorities of all decision-making sectors except the anti-nuclear groups believed nuclear plants safe, the risks acceptable, the problems solvable, and they would be willing to live near a reactor.

The questionnaire also sought to learn what potential problems within the industry were considered most serious. Most of the anti-nuclear groups' leaders rated most of the problems as "very serious." None of the problems was considered that serious by a majority of the other decision makers. Only high-level waste disposal was considered very serious by a majority of persons within any of these seven groups.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 has addressed this problem by establishing a procedure and a timetable leading to the safe disposal of nuclear waste. The concept of bury-

Table 4
GENERAL ATTITUDES TOWARD NUCLEAR ENERGY

	Anti-Nuclear Groups	Industry	Financiers	NRC	Other Regulators	Congress	Outside Experts	
	100%	2%	0%	4%	37%	25%	12%	Risks unacceptable
	0	94	61	72	60	43	74	Very confident we can solve problems
	100	2	0	7	28	28	5	Plants unsafe
	0	97	83	94	60	53	88	Would live near reactors

ing the waste in stable geological formations deep in the earth has been endorsed by the National Academy of Sciences.

What sources can we count on today?

There was more agreement when the leaders were asked which energy sources would make the greatest contributions to our needs by the year 2000. The questionnaire listed 16 possible sources ranging alphabetically from biomass to wind power. As Table 5 illustrates, most groups viewed coal as the primary energy source, followed by oil and then either natural gas, nuclear fission, or conservation. The anti-nuclear groups are the only dissenters, rating conservation as their top choice, solar heat as a major contributor and dismissing nuclear fission altogether. No other group ranks conservation higher than

fourth, expects such a significant contribution from solar heat, or writes off nuclear energy altogether.

Table 5
RESOURCES THAT WILL MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ENERGY NEEDS

	Anti-Nuclear Groups	Industry	Financiers	NRC	Other Regulators	Congress	Outside Experts	
	58%	96%	78%	94%	75%	91%	95%	Coal
	50	57	50	63	84	67	79	Oil
	42	44	41	34	48	52	67	Natural gas
	0	52	24	28	52	25	33	Nuclear fission
	42	1	0	3	12	10	2	Solar heat
	100	16	29	19	50	52	38	Conservation

The researchers found it especially surprising that government agencies which frequently have been critical of nuclear energy were nevertheless looking to this resource for a large contribution. In fact, the other regulators' projection precisely matched that of the nuclear power industry.

An ongoing debate

The debate continues over the risks and rewards of nuclear electricity. In the heat of the debate, it's easy to get the impression that almost everyone has turned against nuclear electricity. This study shows that such an impression would be incorrect.

All energy sources have problems—environmental, safety, reliability, cost. Perhaps someday we'll find a perfect energy source, but until then we must provide for America's energy needs with sources we can count on today.

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THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



Working Together



In this, the first of my messages, let me express the sincere appreciation of the Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen for 1983-84 and myself for the honor and privilege to serve you and our great Order. A vote of thanks is extended to our immediate Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Marvin Lewis, for his fine year of leadership and for his aid to us in preparing for the year ahead.

As summer draws to a close across our great land, it is a time for the renewal of our activities in many new areas. Our school-children have put down the toys of summer and are picking up the books of learning. Families rekindle varying types of group and individual interests. We, in the Order of Elks, can get on with the duties and programs that may have been brushed aside during the fine outdoors weather.

Just as we spent the summer months enjoying the company of our families, the leaders of our lodges should plan to provide family projects in which the ladies and children are made to feel at home in our lodges on special occasions. At least one party a month, perhaps during the daytime, should be family oriented. Our ladies are vital to the betterment of our organization. Our youngsters should be comfortable at our "open house" functions. They are important to us now and will be vital to our future.

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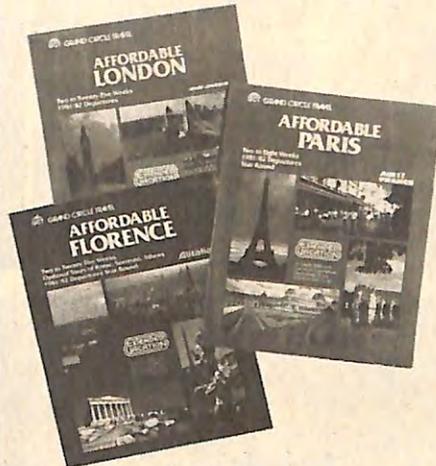
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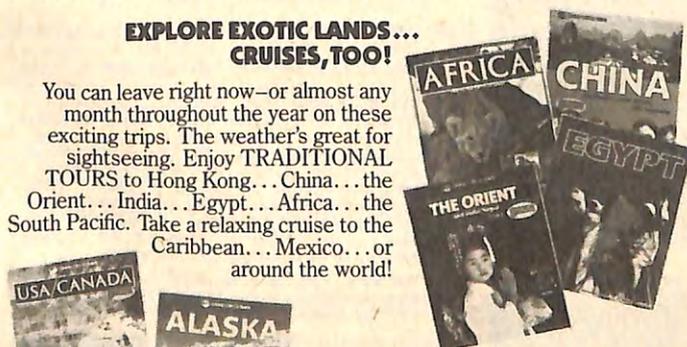
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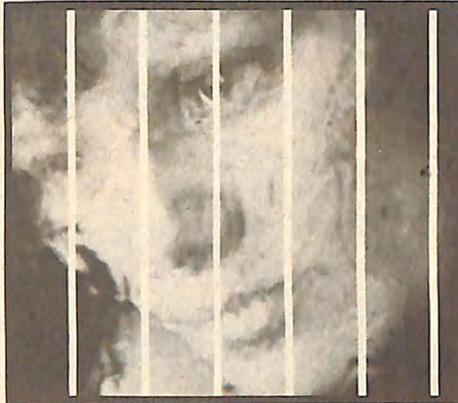
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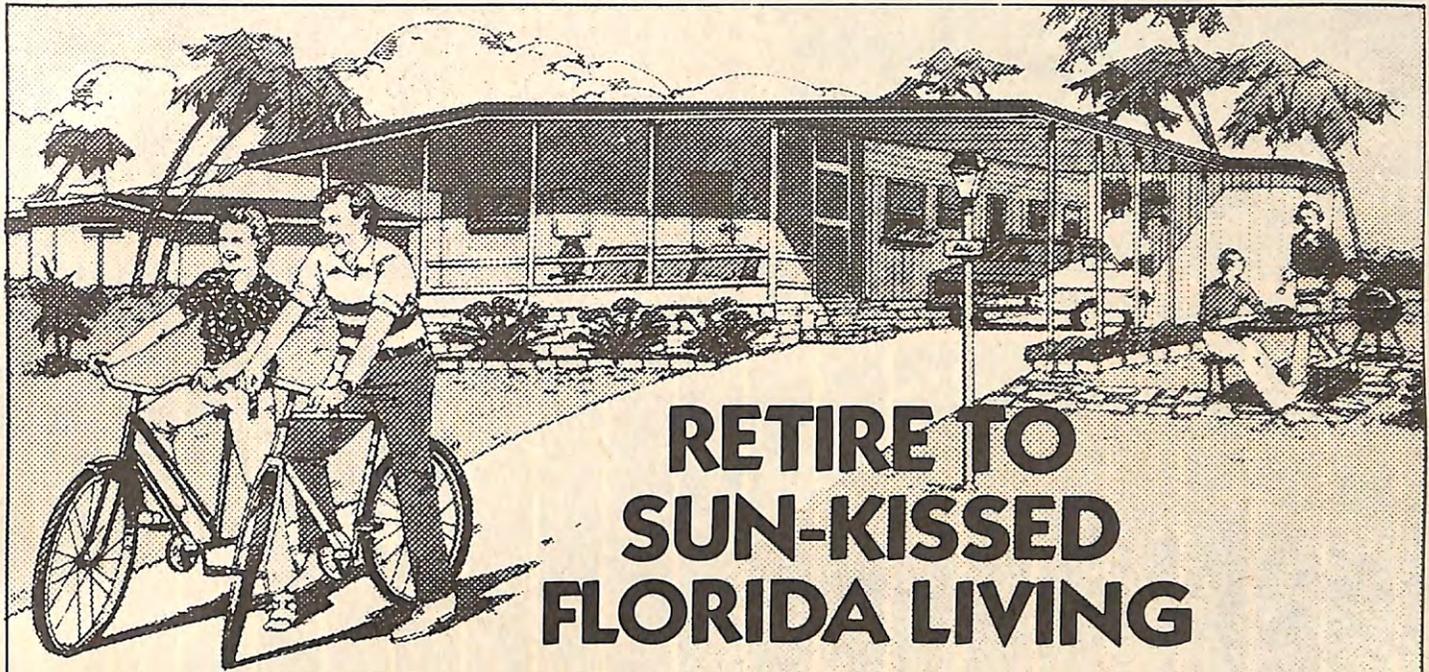
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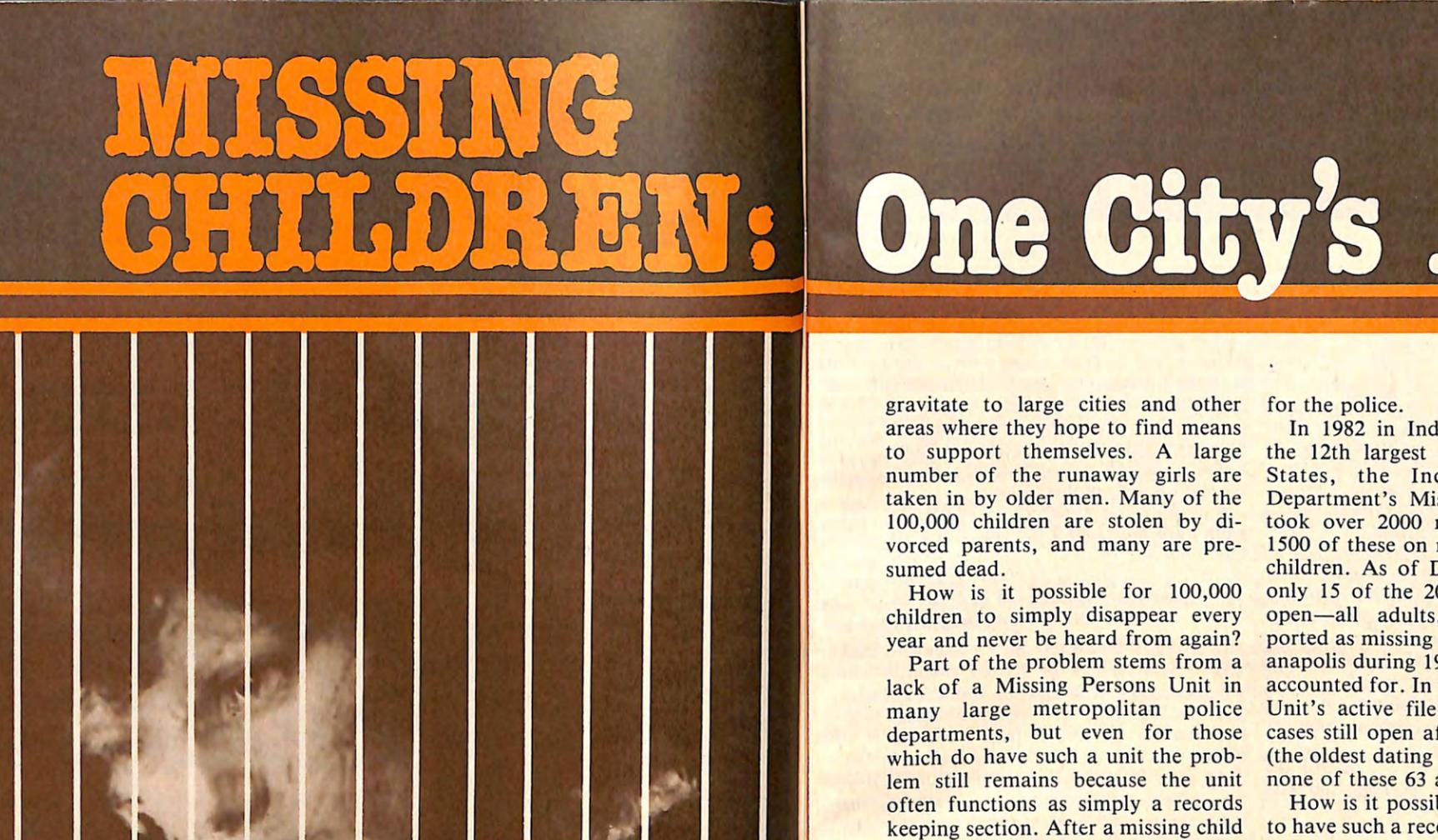
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MISSING CHILDREN:

One City's Answer

by Robert L. Snow



Every year in the United States a million children run away or disappear from their homes. Of this million, 900,000 are found or return home on their own within a week or two.

What happens to the other 100,000?

No one is really sure because few local and practically no state or federal law enforcement agencies are actively looking for these children. The police speculate that many of the runaways, especially those in their later teens,

gravitate to large cities and other areas where they hope to find means to support themselves. A large number of the runaway girls are taken in by older men. Many of the 100,000 children are stolen by divorced parents, and many are presumed dead.

How is it possible for 100,000 children to simply disappear every year and never be heard from again?

Part of the problem stems from a lack of a Missing Persons Unit in many large metropolitan police departments, but even for those which do have such a unit the problem still remains because the unit often functions as simply a records keeping section. After a missing child is reported to the police, the report is filed away, and that is that. Without clear evidence of foul play, seldom will most police departments initiate an investigation or conduct a search for a missing child.

Compounding the problem, most police departments require that a missing person, including all but the youngest children, be missing for twenty-four hours before a report will be taken. This requirement sprang from years of experience by which police departments discovered that a large number of missing people, especially runaways, returned home on their own within twenty-four hours.

This waiting period saves police departments a tremendous amount of paper work and time, but is often incomprehensible to the parents of a child who has never been a discipline problem and who suddenly turns up missing. For them the waiting period can become a heart-wrenching eternity. And in most cities, even after the twenty-four hour waiting period is over and a report has been taken, parents must live through months and sometimes years of wondering what has happened to their children, knowing that though a report is on file, finding their children is low priority

for the police.

In 1982 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the 12th largest city in the United States, the Indianapolis Police Department's Missing Persons Unit took over 2000 reports, more than 1500 of these on missing or runaway children. As of December 31, 1982, only 15 of the 2000 cases were still open—all adults. Every child reported as missing or runaway in Indianapolis during 1982 was located and accounted for. In the Missing Persons Unit's active file there are only 63 cases still open after a year or more (the oldest dating back to 1969)—and none of these 63 are children.

How is it possible for Indianapolis to have such a record when every year 100,000 children disappear from other cities and are never found?

Part of the reason for the success of the Indianapolis Police Department is that it has a fully staffed Missing Persons Unit. Headed by a twenty-year veteran investigator with a staff of four seasoned detectives, the unit investigates every report of missing or runaway children. The unit's detectives go out and talk to relatives and friends, canvass neighborhoods, check juvenile hangouts, contact other jurisdictions, and simply keep searching until they locate the missing or runaway children.

While a large part of its success comes from having a fully staffed Missing Persons Unit, there is something the Indianapolis Police Department does not have. It does not have a twenty-four hour waiting period for taking reports.

"Our philosophy is to find runaway or missing children before something can happen to them," says Sergeant Joe St. John, the head of the Missing Persons Unit. "We try to find them while the trail is still warm. If someone wants to call us five minutes after they realize their child is missing, we'll take the report and start looking."

He goes on to say that experience has shown the sooner missing or runaway children are reported to the police the easier it is to find them. Most runaways tend to stay, at least for a while, with someone they know, and who their parents and friends also know. If the missing person report is delayed a day or two, it gives the child time to find new friends, friends that no one else knows about, and only makes locating them just that much harder.

Justifying the 100,000 children missing every year, many police departments in other cities speak in terms of the number of investigators necessary to find all these children, and of their shortage of investigators. The parents of the 100,000 children, however, are often shocked at a police department's priorities when they discover that if their automobile, television, or stereo is stolen, the department will immediately send a police officer to the scene to take a report, assign a detective to the case, and expend considerable energy attempting to locate the missing property. Yet if their child is missing, a report will be taken (usually only after twenty-four hours), filed away, and that is it. The case will remain open, but with no one assigned to it. In many cities, only with pre-school age children or in obvious cases of foul play will an investigation and search be conducted, and in extreme cases fliers printed up and sent to other police departments.

Distraught parents who cannot get their police department to initiate an investigation, or who feel the police aren't doing enough, occasionally have their own fliers printed up and distributed. However, if the child has run away or been taken to another city, the fliers become near useless. Those sent to police departments in other cities usually end up on the Missing Persons bulletin board, and

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LETTERS

• Thanks! I was pleased to receive the May issue of your fine magazine and delighted to read the article, "The Path You Didn't Take." It takes a great deal of courage for anyone to question our lives as deeply as this author does, and, for that matter, it takes a bold magazine to put such an article into print.

The theme of the article put me in mind of my favorite author and lecturer, Vernon Howard who said, "To have the wisdom, courage and strength to question our present way of life makes room for intelligent and healthy change, and can, indeed, lead to happiness."

Again, my congratulations on your deep perception in publishing such an article.

Curt Pitts
Boulder City, NV

• We at the New Bern Lodge #764 enjoy and look forward to receiving *The Elks Magazine*, and wish to congratulate you on your choice of articles.

"Medical Myths that can Change Your Life," in the May issue was particularly interesting in addition to, of course, the "News of the Lodges."

Keep up the good work!

Henry G. Bennet, P E R
New Bern, NC

• I couldn't believe that you would print such an article as "Just Around the Corner."

If the author had bothered to obtain information about a larger cross-section of Coroners' Offices, I am sure that he would not have written the article—the odds of getting anyone to read it would have been exceedingly slim.

Of course, nobody's perfect; and coroners are not excluded. However, weighing the time invested and services rendered by the vast majority of conscientious coroners against the almost pitiful remuneration that they receive indicates that, for the most part, these are dedicated and competent men.

Why damn the majority for the sake of sensational copy?

James Carver
Coroner, Gordon County, GA
President, Georgia Coroners' Association

• I read "Be Your Own Boss" in your April issue with great interest. As a researcher on employee ownership, with some of my own work mentioned in your article, I would like to compliment you on the high quality of this report.

It is gratifying to see one's academic work translated into a popular format in this manner.

Michael A. Conte
Assistant Professor of Economics
University of New Hampshire

• I picked up your May issue with the intention of idly flipping through its pages. I ended up reading it from cover to cover.

As an editor and professional journalist, I don't usually write fan letters to magazines; this is an exception. Your publication is of far better quality than I would have expected from a fraternal organization. I just want to congratulate you on a job well done.

Marilyn C. Johnson
Muscatine, IA

• I want to thank John Behrens for his words of encouragement in his April, "It's Your Business" column.

As a fairly recent college graduate (May, 1976), I have spent only a short time in the job market. Yet, after being employed by two major corporations, I have decided that I want out and hope to start my own business.

Although the prospect of being my own boss and receiving a smaller paycheck (hopefully just to start), is a sobering one; Mr. Behrens' advice served as a reminder that the risk is one well worth taking.

Mary Ann Sanech
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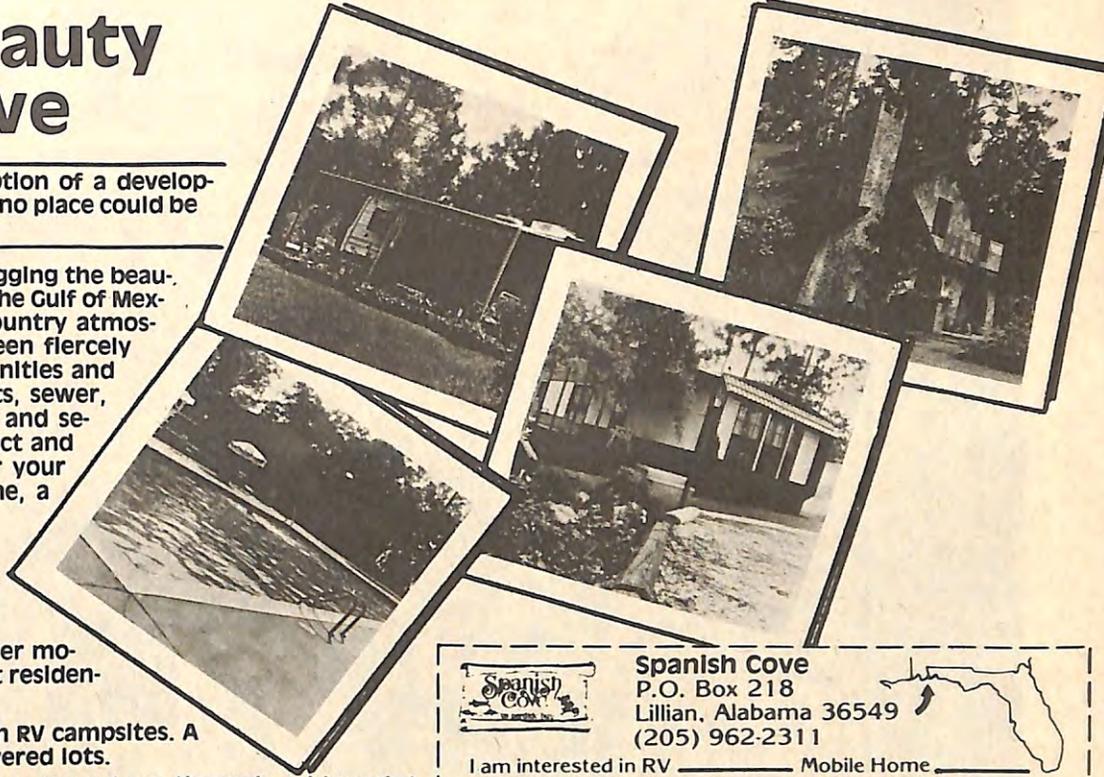
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Missing Children

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seldom, if ever, are they sent to the field officers or posted where people who might see the child will also see the flier. This is also true of the fliers police departments print up themselves when they suspect foul play.

Captain Lawrence Turner, head of the Indianapolis Police Department's Juvenile Branch, solved this problem locally after reading an article in a national magazine about the 100,000 children who disappear nationally each year. He says, "After reading the article, it disturbed me and I felt that something had to be done, that somewhere a cooperative effort among police departments to locate all these missing children had to be started."

His solution was the formation of the Inter-Agency Missing Juveniles Program. This association of juvenile officers from the cities surrounding Indianapolis not only provides a

forum for the exchange of information on missing children, but more importantly, prints and distributes a regular flier of missing children. The difference between this and other fliers is that these do not just go on the Missing Persons bulletin board. A copy is sent to every uniformed officer on the departments and several dozen copies go to the Crime Prevention Officers to be posted in supermarkets, all-night stores, video arcades, fast food restaurants, and anywhere a missing or runaway child might be seen. Copies are also sent to local newspapers who assist with the effort.

The Indianapolis Police Department is now in the process of bringing into the Inter-Agency Missing Juveniles Program all of the counties surrounding Indianapolis, but perhaps even more vital to the program, it is also in the process of making the Indianapolis Police Department's Missing Persons Unit a regional clearing house for information on missing persons from central Indiana, another major step toward skirting the many information roadblocks encountered when attempting to locate missing and runaway children.

In addition to these strategies for locating missing and runaway children, the Indianapolis Police Department, in conjunction with other central Indiana police agencies, has begun a voluntary program of juvenile fingerprinting, a program aimed at solving the problem of identifying missing or runaway children once they are located. The fingerprints, after being taken by the police, are retained by the parents and no police record of them is kept. If in the future the child should be reported as missing or runaway, the parents can then provide a means of positive identification to whatever police agency believes it has found their child.

The ability of the Indianapolis Police Department to locate missing and runaway children has not come about through some new advanced technological system, but simply through an ordering of priorities, through feeling that the youth of a community is its most valuable resource, a resource which must never take second place to property. A stolen automobile, a television, a stereo can always be replaced. A child — never. ■

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Westerly, RI.

WESTERLY, RI. It was a bit crowded at the start of the 25th Annual Westerly Elks Larry Hirsch Five-mile Road Race, as 69 runners got under way. Mark Galloway and Debbie Chapman were the men's and women's winners.

Elks and Elks' ladies assisted in all phases of the race. Also assisting were the Westerly Police Reserves, Westerly Ambulance Corps, and the Westerly Track Club.

SANTA BARBARA, CA. Lodge held its Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night, with over 350 law enforcement officers, local government officials, and Elks in attendance at the dinner and awards program. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Thomas Guerry Awards made to local law enforcement officers under sponsorship of the Santa Barbara Citizens' Council on Crime.

These awards are made in memory of H. Thomas Guerry, an officer of the Santa Barbara Police Department who was killed in the line of duty in 1969. This year the award for valor was given to Sergeant Gregory Stock of the Santa Barbara Police Department. Other awards for skill in conflict resolution and for overall outstanding performance of duty were given to members of other law enforcement agencies in the area.



SAN FERNANDO, CA. The local lodge presented to San Fernando Community Hospital a very critically needed respirator. The \$12,500 cost of the equipment was raised by the lodge's bingo program from the community, so it was felt that something should be given back to the community.

Five days before the official presentation of the equipment, one of the bingo players had a heart attack while playing bingo. She was rushed to the hospital and put on this same machine. Doctors say that it helped save her life and speed her recovery.

BUCKHORN, AZ. A welcoming address by PGER R. Leonard Bush highlighted the institution of Buckhorn, AZ, Lodge March 20. The institution and initiation rituals were enacted by the officers of Mesa, AZ, Lodge, assisted by dignitaries from other lodges in the state.

A total of 220 Brothers became

charter members. The lodge has since reached the 400 mark in membership.

GOUVERNEUR, NY. Over 300 Elks, ladies, and guests attended the 26th anniversary celebration of Gouverneur, NY, Lodge. During the course of the evening, more than \$3,500 was donated to the state Major Project, Cerebral Palsy.

LYONS, NY. A fire in Lyons, NY, left 11 persons homeless. These victims also lost all of their possessions. Lyons Lodge, through the local chapter of the American Red Cross, donated a total of \$700 to the fire victims.

WINTER GARDEN, FL. Brother Tom West won the Winter Garden, FL, Lodge's drawing for a 200-pound hog. Proceeds from the drawing were given to the Florida Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital in Umatilla. Brother West asked the lodge to donate the money for the hog to the hospital as well.

Immediate PER Stanley Roper presented the total proceeds of \$1,331 to Jim Oliver, administrator of the hospital. Winter Garden Lodge was the first lodge in the state to turn in its money to Harry-Anna Hospital, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

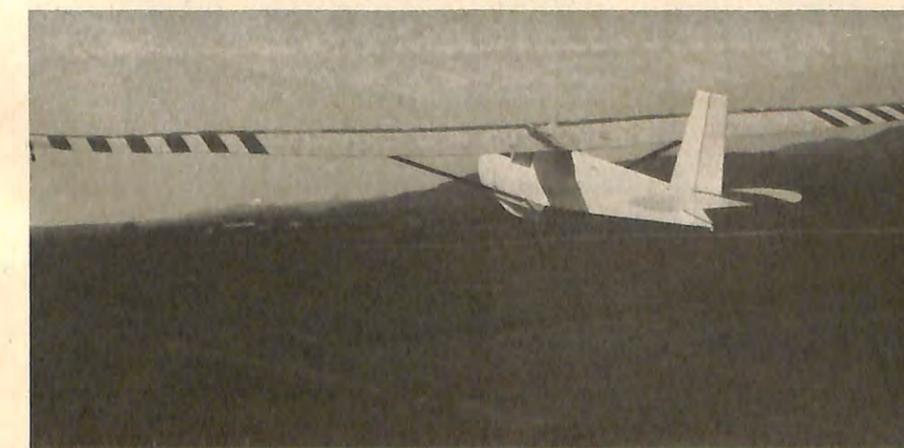
SAN JUAN, PR. ER Octavio Wys (third from left) of San Juan, PR, Lodge presents 90 gallons of paint to Brother Modesto Velazquez-Flores, vice-president of Boys Town. This donation, worth approximately \$1,000, will make it possible to paint the exteriors of buildings in the institution.

Also pictured are (from left) PERs Luis Rodriguez and Luis Salazar, and Juan Matos Cintron and Hector Velez, officers of Boys Town.

POMONA, CA. The 49th Annual Pomona Elks Lodge/Pomona High School Invitational Baseball Tournament was a huge success. The tournament, involving 30 teams and more than 600 players, concluded with Mountain View High School of El Monte, CA, being crowned champion before a sellout crowd.

CORVALLIS, OR. Thanks in part to the sponsorship of Corvallis, OR, Lodge, members of Explorer Post 233 enjoy the use of their glider at Corvallis Municipal Airport. In upper photo, Explorer Scout Carl Jahn (foreground) receives flight instruction from Post Advisor Herb Mortz

Corvallis, OR.



San Juan, PR.

in the post's Schweitzer 2-33 glider.

In lower photo, the glider becomes airborne. It will reach an altitude of 800 to 1,000 feet before beginning a two to five-minute glide back to the runway.

KONA, HI. Lodge has been sponsoring classes in life-saving CPR for the community of Kailu-Kona since February of this year. Originally initiated by Brother Ed Mays, these classes have graduated 24 students who have been certified by the American Red Cross. A majority of these students were citizens of the community, not affiliated with the Elks.

The monthly ongoing program has received widespread recognition from both private citizens and the business firms. The program has been going so well that the classes have been expanded to handle as many as 16 students per class, and there is a waiting list for the future monthly classes.

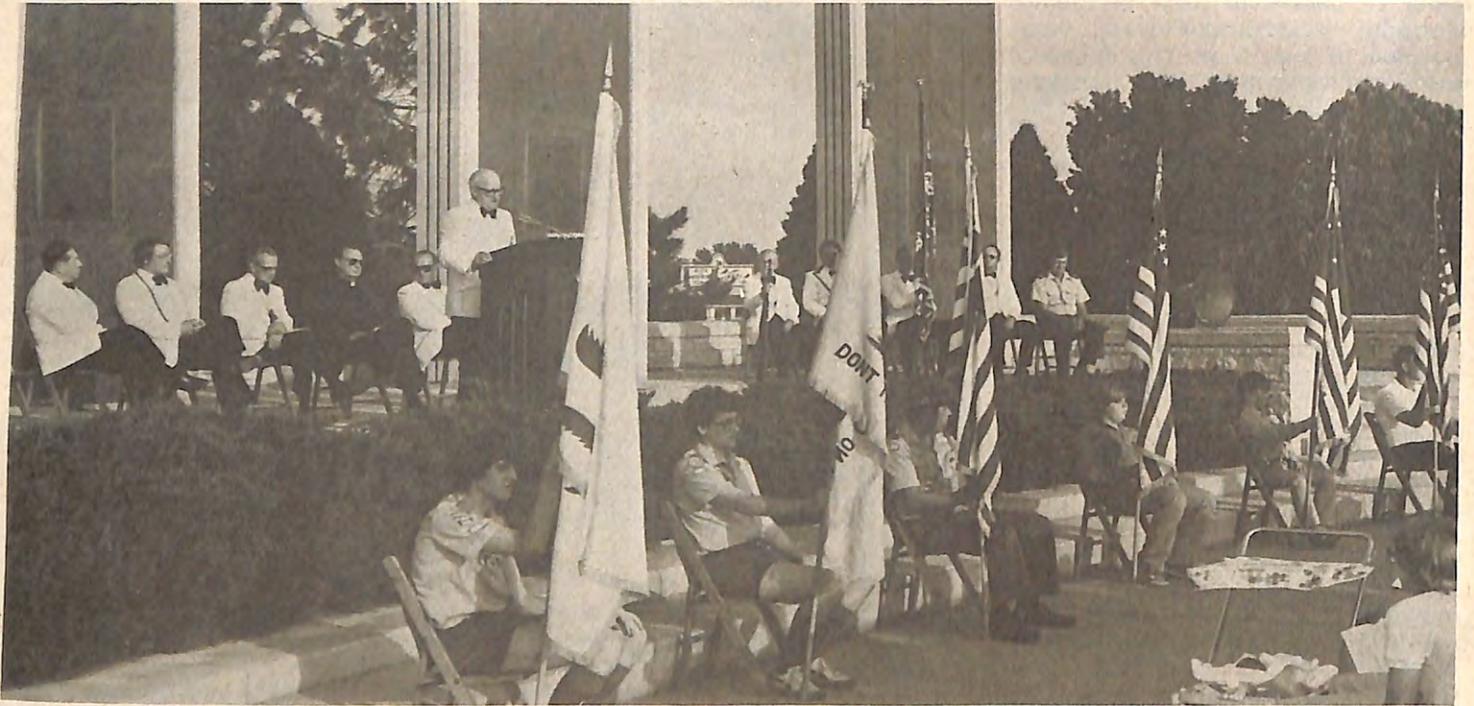
WAUSAU, WI. Lodge recently donated \$12,500 for patient care at the Neurodevelopment Clinic at Wausau Hospital Center. The funds came from a \$141,000 state Major Project fund, of which Wausau Elks contributed \$14,000.

"The grant will allow us to serve at least 50 children," said Carolyn Decker, clinic director. The clinic provides speech, occupational, and physical therapy to children from birth to age three who have neurodevelopmental handicaps.

SIoux CITY, IA. Lodge has been recognized for its contribution to the small business community in Siouxland. For many years the lodge has furnished, at no charge, an office for the local chapter of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), who do volunteer consulting work for small businesses.

Commendation of Sioux City Lodge was placed in the Congressional Record by Congressman Berkley Bedell, as official recognition of the lodge's public service contribution to its community.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Abilene, KS.

ABILENE, KS. For the 10th year, the official Flag Day Ceremony of the Kansas Elks Association was held at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene Saturday evening, June 11. Elks from throughout the state attended, and many Elk dignitaries participated in the ceremony.

In photo, PGER Edward McCabe delivers the Patriotic Address as participating Boy Scouts hold the colors.

MIDDLETOWN, CT. Laurie Wickland, chairperson of the Middlesex County Special Olympics, Middletown Area, presents an appreciation plaque to Middletown Lodge ER Donald Kremiski (left) and Bob Kelsey, chm. of the lodge Youth Activities Committee. The committee sends a group of Brothers dressed in Disneyland costumes to the Special Olympics each year to entertain the children as they compete during the day.



Middletown, CT.

CLIFTON, NJ, Lodge presented an American flag to the city of Clifton at a recent city council meeting. The flag was given in memory of the lodge's departed Brother Councilman George Bayeux.

SALINAS, CA. More than 300 Elks and their wives attended a reception and dinner in honor of then-GER Marvin M. Lewis at Salinas, CA, Lodge. A highlight of the visit was a flag ceremony by the Salinas Flag Honor Guard, who presented Brother Lewis with a large

American flag as the guests and visitors sang "God Bless America."

Brother Lewis noted with great pride the 50 American flags being flown all day on the lodge grounds in his honor by the Salinas Flag Honor Guard, and gave the group a special commendation.

WATERTOWN, MA. Four hundred youngsters and their families attended the 20th Annual Sports Night sponsored by Watertown, MA, Lodge.

Every child attending the function

received either a Boston Red Sox cap or a rain jacket, compliments of the Red Sox organization. Twenty-five cases of Coke were donated by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Needham, MA.

Six 10-speed bicycles were offered as door prizes, along with the many sports items that were raffled off. A roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all.

The New England Patriots film "Progress to Greatness" was shown, along with a humorous football film entitled "Fun-E-Tics."

SHELTON, WA. ER John Schwiesow and Brother Vern Tuttle presented to Jerry Michailov, Special Olympics coordinator, a check for \$100 to assist with the Special Olympics Program.

CARNEGIE, PA. When then-GER Marvin M. Lewis visited Carnegie, PA, Lodge, Brother Brian Graham, a caricaturist, did caricatures of Brother Lewis and many of the other persons who attended the affair.

During the past two years, Brother Graham has raised over \$300 for Cerebral Palsy.

PORTLAND, ME. Lodge held its Second Annual Junior High Track and Field Relay Carnival. Twenty-two teams comprised of more than 800 boys and girls competed in the various events, with Scarborough Junior High winning the boys championship trophy and Westbrook Junior High winning the girls title. A total of 482 individual ribbons were awarded.

LAKE WALES, FL. Initiated into Lake Wales, FL, Lodge was Medal of Honor recipient William Charette, Master Chief Hospital Corpsman, USN (Ret). Brother Charette received this honor for gallant action in the Korean War in 1953.

RACINE, WI. The PER Club of Racine, WI, Lodge presented a \$3,000 shrink-wrapping machine to the Racine Curative Workshop. The machine will be used for subcontract work by clients in work-training programs at the workshop. Lloyd Anderson (third from right), president of the PER Club, formally presented the machine to Lyle Zielke, Curative's executive director. Also pictured are (from left) Frances Finkler, Curative's subcontract manager; PERs H. Norman

Johnson and Wilfred Jacobi; and Arnold Hildensperger, Curative's sales representative.

HENDERSON, KY. Lodge raised \$18,000 for a scholarship fund. This money will be put into a trust fund, and the interest from it will be used to give four-year scholarships.

PEEKSKILL, NY. At recent Scouting ceremonies, Peekskill, NY, Lodge was honored by the Westchester-Putnam Boy Scout Council. Peekskill Lodge has the distinction of holding the oldest continuously chartered Boy Scout Troop (No. 1) in the United States.

VAN WERT, OH. Lodge assisted the Van Wert Police Department with its Second Annual Bicycle Rodeo. Over 60 boys and girls participated in the event.

Van Wert Elks again provided manpower to help and provided the trophies which were awarded to the first and second-place winners in each age group.

DALLAS, TX. Lodge celebrated the completion of its new lodge home Saturday, May 28, with PGERs Willis McDonald and Francis Smith participating in the Ritual of Dedication in the afternoon.

Saturday night a Dedication Banquet was held, honoring the two PGERs.

GALESBURG, IL. At the invitation of the Knox County Central Patriotic Committee, Galesburg, IL, Lodge participated in the Memorial Day Parade and in wreath-laying ceremonies held on the east lawn of the Knox County Courthouse.

Kenneth Saul, lodge Veterans Service Committee chm., and Francis McNamara, Americanism Committee chm., placed a wreath at the Monument

Dedicated to Veterans of All Wars.

EL CAJON, CA. For over two years, El Cajon, CA, Lodge had been working with the spunky disabled Girl Scout Troop 6050 toward accomplishing its goal—a trip to Washington, DC. It took much time and effort selling Girl Scout cookies and calendars from wheelchairs, with help from other community groups.

But half of the \$7,000 was still needed in order to make the trip. El Cajon Lodge stepped in and provided round-trip airplane tickets for the girls and Troop Leader Mary Lewis.

The troop had an impressive sendoff at the San Diego Airport, with then-GER Marvin M. Lewis present, as well as Elks from El Cajon Lodge.

El Cajon ER James Graybeal and his wife Jean joined the troop in Washington, helping the girls in and out of special handicapped touring vans, as the girls saw Arlington National Cemetery and ate lunch with their congressman, Rep. Duncan Hunter.

The scouts, the Graybeals, and other adults accompanying the troop ended their five-day visit to the nation's capital with a tour of the White House and a meeting with President Ronald Reagan.

After introductions and presentations from the scouts, ER Graybeal presented a letter to the President from then-GER Lewis on behalf of the 1.6 million Elks in the United States.

The President said, "I know about the outstanding accomplishments of the Elks—my father was an Elk."

The Girl Scouts had two cases of cookies left to sell when they got to Washington. They sold one to Congressman Hunter and the last one to the President of the United States.

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Racine, WI.



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Perhaps you'd like to retire overseas, on a permanent or temporary basis. Maybe you want to return to the country that your forebears left to come to America. Maybe you want a simpler way of life, lower taxes, a change of pace. Whatever your reasons for moving abroad, there are a number of things you should consider before you make a decision.

The cost of living is, of course, very important. It also varies, once you leave home base, with fluctuating exchange rates as well as with what may be galloping inflation. If you think the United States has suffered from inflation in recent years, take a look at some other countries. Between 1975 and 1980 consumer prices increased by 53.1 percent in the United States...and by 95.6 percent in Great Britain, 115.7 percent in Italy, and 134.3 percent in Spain, three popular places for American retirees. The rate of inflation has eased considerably in the last year, but who is sure enough on this score to predict the future? Before you make a move, get as much information as you can about costs. One good source: an annual cost of living survey, of major cities around the world, prepared by the Union Bank of Switzerland, 14 Wall St., New York, NY 10005.

Taxes make up a portion of your cost of living and are, in fact, one reason why many Americans move. Here again, however, be sure to look before you leap. If you retire abroad on a combination of Social Security, company pension, and private investment income, you may find all your income (including Social Security, which is at least partially exempt from taxes here) subject to tax. The Social Security benefits could be taxed in your country of residence, the rest of your income taxed by both countries. If you retire to a country that has a tax treaty with the U.S. (such as Great

Britain, Italy, or Greece), you won't have a problem with dual taxation; you will, however, have to pay the higher of the two taxes. In other countries (including Israel, Mexico, or Spain) you may well receive tax bills from both your host country and Uncle Sam. Hint: Most countries don't tax those who maintain residence for no more than six months a year. If you can stand the rootless feeling, you can avoid some taxes by moving about.

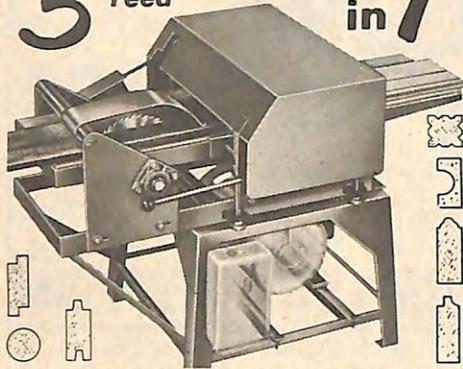
Housing is another key element. In most cases, you're probably better off renting in another country rather than buying. Owning does have some advantages: You gain some tax benefits, and have the potential of sizable appreciation. On the other hand, if you can buy what you want (many countries have restrictions on foreign ownership), you may have difficulty selling. It's a volatile world we live in and real estate is, at best, an illiquid investment. If your country of residence suffers political or economic troubles you may have difficulty selling. And, if you do sell, you may find it hard to get your money out. If you really will be happier owning your own home, at least rent before you buy and give yourself a chance to learn the territory.

You can also test the waters before you rent. Try one of these methods: (1) Try a "home-stay" vacation in another country, through one of the organizations that arrange reciprocal visits. Such stays are usually no more than a few days, but they will give you a chance to sample local life. (2) Take a learning vacation in another country. While you'll usually stay on-campus, rather than with a family, you'll have a chance to meet residents while studying their culture. A number of organizations, including Elderhostel (100 Boylston St., Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116) sponsor education vacations abroad. (3) Exchange your home for a home overseas for anywhere from a week to several months, and really get to see what living there is like. Several organizations (including the Vacation Exchange Club, 350 Broadway, New York, NY 10013) publish direc-

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

by John C. Behrens

TRIBUTE TO A WORKING PHILOSOPHER

This is a column about a businessman who quit when he was successful because he was afraid of what success would do to him.

It's a story about my favorite author, a man who remained a laborer years beyond the time when he could have retired. It's a story about a person who truly loved to live a spartan life in a rooming house close to a university just so he could be near the intellectuals he enjoyed arguing with. He wrote of his disdain for the elitism he found among them.

I'm talking about the passing of Eric Hoffer who died a few months ago. His death has taken from us a legendary figure, in my opinion. I found his generalizations so important during the turbulent 1960s. It was a period, you'll recall, when so many were clamoring to be heard.

His book, *The True Believer*, was a classic view of the convert to a mass movement. It was praised by scholars and renown literary critics. Yet it has been the comments and reflections of this longshoreman/philosopher that, to me, have been more important. He punched holes in elitism and unAmericanism and let people know that work is satisfying; being a common man is equally gratifying and being an American can encompass so many elements.

If you're not familiar with Hoffer, let me just give you a sampling from a book entitled *Eric Hoffer: An American Odyssey* by Calvin Tomkins.

"Of course, I know that now everything is changing here. The intellectuals are taking over, and the American masses are on the way out. There's been a new tilt to the social landscape in this country. Up until recently, most of the energy and ambition and talent in America found its main outlet in business. Lots of people who might have become intellectuals somewhere else went into mining, into engineering, into the struggle to pile up big fortunes. They set their hearts on toys, and that's always fine for the

masses. The best condition for the masses is when the country is being run by people who set their hearts on toys. But now that's changing here.

"... The cold war between the intellectual and the bourgeois, which began in the nineteenth century is coming to a climax in our time, and it's being won by the intellectual. Automation confirms it! But the solution is that society will become a school, and everyone will become an intellectual; and once everybody is an intellectual, we won't have to worry about the intellectuals any more!"

And this is pure Hoffer, too:

"They who lack talent expect things to happen without effort. They ascribe failure to lack of inspiration or of ability, or to misfortune, rather than insufficient application. At the core of every true talent there is an awareness of the difficulties inherent in any achievement and the confidence that by persistence and patience something worthwhile will be realized. Thus, talent is a species of vigor."

Many self-made people would undoubtedly agree. Alex Haley of *Roots* fame told me of the six long years he wrote hundreds of stories always hoping and dreaming that he would be published. It was the editor of the old *Coronet* who finally bought several of his pieces. And he told graduates of Utica College of Syracuse University in May that preserving the history of their families by sitting down and preserving what their elders say may uncover more respect for such vigor. There are countless stories of such persistence and patience in each family. It's being lost, however, on our preoccupation with the present and self.

Why, though, are Hoffer's comments so meaningful to businessmen today?

Because we're losing powerful voices of the past at a time when the cacophony of the present is to be new and different. The times are unsettling and the rich experiences of the past are, in my opinion, too often ignored or overshadowed by those who use the excuse

that change forces us to seek more changes... more rapidly.

I talked with the young president of a business late last year who had just taken over a medium-sized organization and he was looking for "fresh, new advice." What had he gained from talking with his predecessor?

"Are you kidding? I didn't phone him, look at his papers or anything! I don't even talk to the people who he hired here. Hey, how long would I survive with the board that hired me if I talked with guys it deposed?"

But the company was profitable, there was no hint of scandal or wrongdoing so why not talk with the man who, many conceded, built its success?

"Better to start fresh I'm told... establish my own image... eliminate what's preceded me," he said with a knowing look. It sounded like the changing of Russian premiers. His comments told me I didn't want to work with him.

But a similar attitude has penetrated and sapped the strength of our institutions. Elitism. At a time when unemployment is high, for example, there are still shortages and an educational system apparently unwilling to grasp the significance.

There has been a shortage of secretaries for years and we're likely to see it continue into the 1990s and beyond. To some, the work is menial and the pay is low. But the work continues to be vital. Wouldn't educators be interested in trying to reduce such a shortage and provide better trained office personnel?

In one area of the eastern seaboard there are six educational institutions with 30 miles of one another and only two offer a program in the subject. Yet the demand has continued to grow for a well-trained secretary.

Of equal concern are the comments of a consultant to small business in the midwest who talked to his peers in business. "Retailers had it good too long," he told The Associated Press not long ago. "Then all of a sudden it stopped. Once they hustled to get started. But they forgot. They forgot how to look for business to survive."

What have they forgotten? Sometimes when to open and close, I've discovered. Some business owners, for example, still open traditionally on Monday through Friday, 9 to 5. It probably worked years ago... it doesn't when your competition—discounters and shopping centers—are open seven days a week.

What can we learn from Eric Hoffer? Plenty.

We can re-examine the fundamentals of the past. We can re-examine the value and pride that work can bring. We can re-examine American ideals and dreams that built successes and success stories that should be re-read with the same

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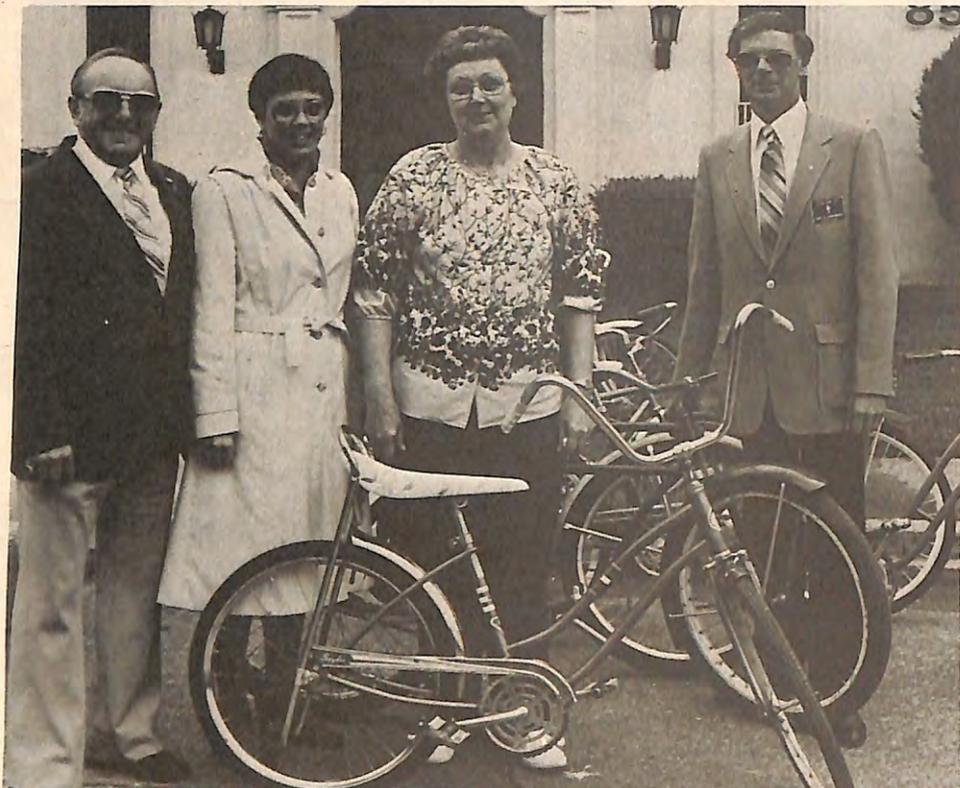
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ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

"So long as there are veterans in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



Tacoma, WA, Lodge donated six bicycles to the American Lake Veterans Hospital. From left are lodge Veterans Chm. Jerry Wamboldt; Barbara Hatred, chief of voluntary service at the hospital; Mozzelle Denson, RN; and ER Gary Underwood.



The Veterans Service Committee of Minot, ND, Lodge sponsored the United Voluntary Services 31st Annual Recognition Banquet. At the banquet, then-DDGER Eddie Olson presented a \$1,000 check to Air Force Col. Thomas Coolidge. The money was for the purchase of items for the crafts shop at the John Moses Air Force Hospital in Minot.

Gerry Shook, Elks VAVS deputy of Hudson, NY, Lodge, with Pete Connors, National Service chm. of Mechanicville, NY, Lodge, presents Al Washko, director of the Albany, NY, VA Medical Center, with a check to put the Elks over the top in their drive for \$2,600 to purchase a portable soft ice cream machine for the center. The lodges in the area served by the center contributed the funds for the machine.



Eugene, OR, Lodge held a bingo night with the proceeds earmarked for the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg, OR. In photo, Al Jessen (left), lodge National Service Committee member, and Wally Grove (right), committee chm., present the check for \$381 plus a \$25 check from a generous Elks' lady to Brother Gordon Hirschberger, the National Service officer at the hospital.



FLINT, MI, Lodge, in conjunction with the Flint Detachment of the Marine Corps League, hosted an evening of dinner and entertainment for 30 World War I veterans.

A patriotic theme was stressed throughout the evening. The colors were posted by an honor guard of four active-duty Marines from Flint. After dinner the veterans were treated to a songfest of World War I era songs by the Elks Glee Club and a magic show provided by the Marine Corps League.

INDIANA Elks sponsored the annual Arts and Crafts Contest for hospitalized veterans. Patients in four veterans hospitals in the state took part in the contest. The Elks made cash awards totaling \$1,898 in 10 categories of competition.

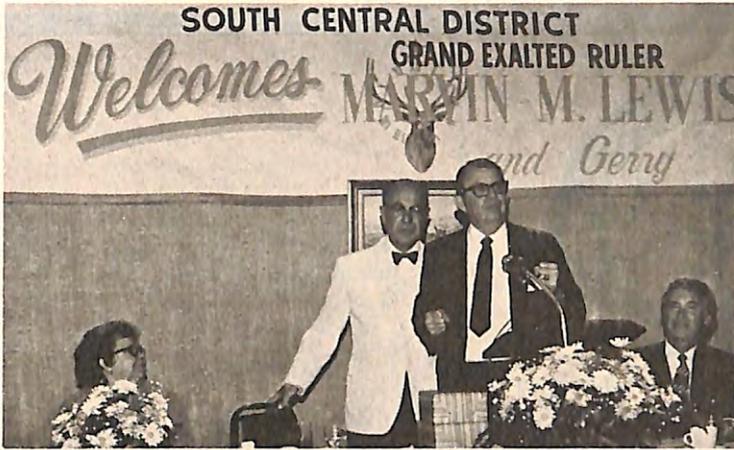
HAYWARD, CA, and SAN LEANDRO, CA, Lodges held a picnic at the Yountville Veterans Home. Co-chm. of the event were PER Virgil Strong, Hayward, and PER Gene Privette, San Leandro.

The lodges donated \$2,500 for food, and a \$500 donation was made to be distributed to needy veterans for the purchase of personal items. This year Napa, CA, Lodge also took part in some of the activity.

NATICK, MA. The Veterans Committee of Natick, MA, Lodge entertained 22 veterans from the VA Hospitals in West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. The veterans enjoyed a day of deep-sea fishing 35 miles off the coast of Maine.



ON TOUR WITH **MARVIN M. LEWIS**



Then-GER Marvin M. Lewis made his official visit to the South Central District of California at San Pedro Lodge. Approximately 300 persons were present for a reception and dinner. In photo, Brother Lewis (second from right) prepares to speak after being introduced by then-DDGER John DiMassa. Looking on are Gerry Lewis and then-SP Ken Moore.

During his visit to the Washington State Elks Association Convention in Yakima, then-GER Marvin M. Lewis (center) was photographed with (from left) Larry Bradley, state Public Relations Committee chm.; PGER Robert Yothers; GL Committeeman Leo Paquin; and then-Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Frank Garland.



At the Arizona Elks Association Convention in Phoenix, then-GER Marvin M. Lewis (center) was introduced to Joseph Gossen, Jr., his twin sons, and a third son, all members of Phoenix Lodge. From left are John Gossen, chaplain; Joseph, leading knight; Brother Lewis; Jerry, inner guard; and Jeffry. Another son, James, is also a member of Phoenix Lodge.



THE JOY OF GIVING



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Findlay, OH, Lodge made the largest donation of any lodge in Ohio (\$7,610) to the National Foundation in 1982-83. This was accomplished through a membership blitz held on the second lodge night of each month. Pictured are Robert Rudisill, lodge National Foundation chm., ER Richard Stanfield, and Co-chm. William Kirkwood, Jr., PER.

BUENA PARK, CA. Horst Jenkins, sponsored by Buena Park, CA, Lodge, received a state-allocated scholarship from the National Foundation.

DETROIT, MI. Fr Christopher Krymski, originally of Detroit, MI, was recently or-

dained a Servite priest and now serves at Seven Holy Founders Church in Affton, MO. He wrote a letter addressed to all his Brother Elks thanking them for the scholarship he received from Detroit Lodge several years ago. This scholarship enabled him to attend the University of Detroit and begin his preparation for the priesthood.



Ken Waisanen (right), representing Wadena, MN, Lodge, placed sixth nationally in the National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" competition. He was awarded a \$2,000-a-year scholarship for four academic years. Shown presenting Ken with his award is Wadena ER John Longie.

Kenneth V. Cantoli



Presented at the Grand Lodge Convention following his election to office of Grand Exalted Ruler on July 25, 1983

It is with a feeling of solemnity and a sense of responsibility that I accept the high honor of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

With this acceptance I deeply sense the great obligations of office and I shall regard it a duty and privilege to advance the goals of our Order with the greatest vigor I possess. With the help of Almighty God and the cooperation of this great fraternity, I shall devote myself unswervingly toward the attainment of our objectives.

I am indebted to the Honorable Edward W. Connolly, Justice of the Grand Forum, who nominated me for this office. Ed is a Past Exalted Ruler of Livingston Lodge No. 1855 and a practicing attorney in the State of New Jersey and a friend of many years. Ed's dedication and service to our Order has earned him the respect and recognition as an outstanding leader of our Order.

To my friend, Diron Avedisian, Past District Deputy from Point Pleasant, New Jersey, Lodge No. 1698 and the Director of the Elks National Service Commission, my thanks for graciously seconding my nomination.

To these illustrious leaders, the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, I want to extend my sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve our Order.

My gratitude and thanks go to the Past Exalted Rulers, the Officers and members of my Lodge, Hasbrouck Heights No. 1962 and to the Past Presidents, Officers and members of the New Jersey State Elks Association, and all of the fine Elks of New Jersey.

I would like to reflect for a moment on the memory of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, a man whose devotion and dedication to the Order is known to all of us. He was my friend, until his death, my sponsor. I will be forever indebted for his kindness and advice, and shall be eternally grateful.

Upon Bill's passing, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Homer Huhn, Jr. became sponsor for the State of New Jersey. Under his guidance and continued encouragement, I stand before you today. To Homer, I extend my appreciation for becoming my sponsor.

This year I succeed to this office a longtime friend, a great and inspiring leader.

I ask the Lord to grant me the enthusiasm of our Grand Exalted Ruler who, with his wife, Gerry, has carried his message to all Elks throughout our great country that "Elks Care."

I deem it a great honor to succeed in office this great Elk, the Honorable Marvin M. Lewis.

Without the support of my wife, Ruth, I would not be standing before you today accepting this great honor. Ruth has been very tolerant and understanding of my dedication to the Order, and anything I may have accom-

plished could only be through her devotion to me. Therefore, any honor bestowed on me today, I share and attribute to Ruth's love and loyalty. You can be sure that Ruth will be at my side as we travel throughout this great country serving our Order and you.

The slogan I have selected this year is "Charity—Cornerstone of Elksdom." I am sure you all know where it comes from. You will also agree it is the highest virtue of every Elk Creed. Charity is Elksdom's first concern, and the Lodges have evidenced a keen desire to participate in programs for the betterment of social conditions. They have interested themselves in every phase of humanitarian effort for the uplift, not only of the individual, but of the community of which that individual is an integral part.

Wherever hardship has struck, there have been the Elks of this nation, ready with their hands, their hearts and their purses to aid those afflicted and sorely distressed.

I shall carry the slogan during my travels and inject it into my messages. I welcome you to use this slogan in your publications and in your Lodges.

The great heart of Elksdom is the Elks National Foundation. Grand Exalted Ruler Marvin Lewis and the Elks National Foundation Commission Trustees are ecstatic over your generosity and participation by your contributions to the Foundation this past year. For the year ahead I have retained the per capita goal of \$2.00.

The combination of Charitable Expenditures of our Order has reached the sum of 47 million

dollars in 1982, which includes cash, travel and hours donated. The Foundation's share was over four and one-half million dollars.

I ask all of you to join me this year and be part of Elksdom's great heart, the Elks National Foundation, which is truly symbolized by our slogan, "CHARITY—CORNERSTONE OF ELKSDOM."

Of great importance is the initiation of new members into our Order. It is an absolute necessity for our continued growth. With the new members, our Lodges will benefit from the infusion of new ideas and fresh enthusiasm, enabling them to remain active and strong.

Every member should receive our attention by being thoroughly indoctrinated with the principles of our Order, our aims, purposes, and objectives, until he attains a pride of membership and becomes dedicated to the fulfillment of those principles. He will then wish to sponsor his friends and our Order will have a healthy growth.

Lapsation continues to be a membership problem. We know you are aware of it and your committees are working diligently all year to minimize it. You must never relinquish active pursuit of delinquent members.

Not only will lapsation affect your membership, but it can cause the Lodge some financial problems. Ask any businessman how important it is to pursue his accounts receivable and what can happen if they are not paid; immediately cash flow is affected and without cash reserve, financial problems develop, usually resulting in bankruptcy.

With the rising costs and the increased expenses in operating your facilities, it is imperative that you be aware of the financial status of your Lodge. Income and expenditures should be reviewed and a serious effort made to keep expenditures within your income. Your Business Practices Committee will provide counsel in establishing and maintaining proper accounting procedures. With the rising costs of construction, and the appreciation of properties, it is absolutely essential that you review your insurance requirements each and every year with competent advisors. With the skyrocketing judgements handed down by the courts relating to liability cases, your Lodges should exhaust all means to obtain the necessary insurance to cover your facility's exposure. As Exalted Rulers, these are areas of business management that you should make sure are attended to.

The Elks National Service Commission is actively serving America's veterans who sacrificed themselves to preserve our freedom. Through our contributions and our Lodges' volunteer participation, the Order of Elks will continue to assure the support of our nation's sick and disabled veterans. In recent years there has been a segment of society which has de-

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rided our veterans. We, as Elks, must see to it that veterans of all of our nation's wars are recognized and respected and that they are heard by the government which they served. We must renew our Order's pledge that, "So Long As There Are Veterans In Our Hospitals, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Will Never Forget Them."

As Americans and patriots we support the Constitution and its amendments and I would like to take a moment to remark about the First Amendment to our National Constitution. This guarantees our right to free speech. Too often we have seen an element of our society attempt to gag persons who speak in support of our national policy or on behalf of patriotic causes. They demand their rights, but want to deny those rights to what we call "Patriotic Americans." Our United Nation's Ambassador, Mrs. Jeane Kirkpatrick, has taken more heat from groups on U.S. college campuses than at the U.N. Her opposite numbers at the United Nations are open about being against our way of life, but at least they show her the courtesy due an Ambassador. Why is it then, that we allow speakers like Mrs. Kirkpatrick to be shouted down by our own citizens? Be steadfast in our support of reasonable dialogue and let us not condone groups who want to take, but refuse to allow others their lawful rights.

We can be proud that many of our leaders today, and those of tomorrow, have been participants in one of the many youth programs sponsored through Elkdom.

Your Lodge should continue to have strong Youth Committees, active in your community and providing programs which are beneficial to the young people of the area. Encourage Youth Leadership and Scholarship programs, continue sponsorship of Scouting, Little League and the many other programs available in your community.

Each year our "Hoop Shoot"® contest grows to major proportions and has received recognition throughout our country. Every year there is a significant increase in activity in this program and this year should be no different. If your Lodge is not a participant now, make arrangements this year to become active. No child should be denied the opportunity to take part in this contest.

This brings us to a subject of great importance to every Elk and to all of our Elk institutions. I speak of the topic of drug abuse in America today.

As part of my program for the coming Grand Lodge year, we will be instituting a nation-wide program against drug abuse. The program is in response to what many of you found last year in our survey of mayors. In that survey, the mayors of this country told us that drug abuse is the number one problem facing

their community and that currently there is little volunteer effort being provided to help fight the problem. You might expect that kind of response from mayors of major cities—New York, Los Angeles, Chicago. But in fact the mayors of small and mid-sized towns and cities believe drug abuse is just as severe a problem for them as it is for the larger communities. Over 70 percent of the mayors in the cities under 60,000 population rated drug abuse as the most critical problem facing their communities today.

With the undertaking of this program, we have an opportunity to make a significant contribution to society in an area of increasing concerns to parents, teachers, law enforcement officials, government officials, community leaders and children.

What can we do about drug abuse? Drug abuse is one of those insidious social diseases that people tend to ignore. You'll hear them say "That's a law enforcement problem—It's not my problem—We don't have that problem here."

Let's debunk some of the myths right here and now. It's not your problem? In a recent survey by Xerox of elementary school children, 25 percent of the 4th graders said children of their age feel some or a lot of pressure to try marijuana. That's 4th grade! By the time they reach 7th grade, 50 percent feel encouraged to use marijuana.

You say, "It couldn't happen to your kids?" Ask Mary Tyler Moore, Art Linkletter, Paul Newman and Michael Landon, all highly regarded parents. Peer pressure is one of the strongest psychological weapons that can be used on children. You should know. It has been used on you and you've used it on others. Twenty-five percent of the 4th graders in this country are feeling that pressure right now. Can a 10 year-old child withstand that pressure?

What can a few joints hurt? If you can restrict it to that, people have lost jobs over a "few joints." People have gone to jail over a "few joints."

But how many kids, if they manage the few joints without getting caught, can or will stop there? How many go on to Qualudes, Amphetamines, Cocaine, PCP and Heroin? We have created a whole new medical industry in this country in the last 20 years. It's called drug rehabilitation. They have centers or treatment units all over the United States—three thousand such units exist currently. We spend almost \$500,000,000 each year to fund these units. Thirty-six thousand people are employed in these units. And they don't have a good track record. Not because they haven't done their best—they have. Drugs are a very difficult habit to break. And all too frequently the break is only temporary. If you have never seen

a drug rehabilitation center, you should. You should see the suffering. You should see the kids in straight jackets during withdrawal. How many people do you know who, to stop smoking, had to wear straight jackets?

But in addition to their physical effects and their psychological effects drugs have another, equally insidious impact on the children. They negate all that you, as good parents, have done to teach your children the values that we consider important—the behavior that we in society deem acceptable. Drugs teach children to lie, cheat, and to steal.

These rehabilitation centers are important today. They are important because the disease is upon us and we must treat those who have the disease. But much more important than the treatment—we must stop the disease from spreading and then prevent it from recurring. If we can do that, there is no greater gift that we can give to this country and to our youth. You will be hearing more about this program in the weeks and months to come. I beg all of you to get involved.

With our geographic distribution and the commitment to the communities we serve, our long-standing association with neighborhood schools through our scholarship program, the "Hoop Shoot"®, Teenager of the Month and other youth programs, the Order is uniquely situated to address the problems of drug abuse. And we can zero in on the problem where the need is the greatest with a grass-roots campaign in communities throughout the country. Once again illustrating that "CHARITY is the CORNERSTONE of ELKDOM."

My Brothers, I do not claim to be a gourmet chef, but I do have a recipe for a new Grand Lodge Year to be digested well for the sake of Elkdom. It goes like this:

Take twelve brand new months starting with July and ending with June. Cleanse them thoroughly until they are completely free from hate, jealousy, spite and pettiness. Then divide each of these months into about thirty parts. Into each part put equal portions of faith, hope, courage, loyalty, work, kindness, prayer and meditation. To this add a dash of play, a sprinkle of fun and a goblet of good humor. Into this mixture pour a generous portion of love and devotion. Cook thoroughly and garnish with smiles and a sprig of joy, then serve with CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE and FIDELITY.

My Brothers, we are on the threshold of a new Grand Lodge year. I am very proud to be in the position of high service to our beloved Order. The Officers and Committeemen of Grand Lodge will work with me in the furtherance of our goals and I ask that all of you give wholehearted effort in support of our programs, bearing ever in mind that "CHARITY is the CORNERSTONE of ELKDOM." ■

THEY HELPED BUILD A BETTER AMERICA...



Near Jackson Lake in the Teton National Forest, C.C.C. workers clear dead timber.

by Robert J. Duhse

The year was 1933. The great depression had paralyzed America. Two million homeless citizens were roaming the land searching for non-existent jobs, among them a quarter-million teenage hobos. Millions more young Americans were idle and juvenile crime rates were rising. Extended droughts across the western states added to the misery as crops and fields blew away in dust storms. The ecology of the nation was being destroyed while jobless men watched helplessly, their future vanishing before their eyes.

Into this frightening chaos stepped a strong new President. Franklin Roosevelt had always been a dedicated environmentalist, and he was keenly aware of the hopeless apathy of young Americans. He quickly sketched out a plan to combine forest and soil conservation with the employment of hundreds of thousands of idle youths. On March 31, 1933 the new project, to be designated as the Civilian Conservation Corps, was created.

The goals of the new organization were tremendous. Reforestation and soil erosion control were drastic necessities. From an estimated one billion acres of virgin forest only 100 million acres remained, the rest recklessly squandered. Several seasons of drought and windstorms had caused billions of tons of irreplaceable top soil to be eroded and blown away from these cut-over lands. Controlling and reversing these huge losses to the ecology was to be the primary work assigned to the new Corps.

After an uncertain beginning it became apparent that only the Army's organizational capabilities could build and equip the needed camps, examine, outfit and provide orientation training for the enrollees.

Service in the Corps was of course voluntary and by personal application, and it was clearly understood that the new organization was to have no military training or involvement. Under this plan the Army ran the camps with regular or reserve officers. However, the Corps was under the immediate direction of a civilian, Robert Fechner, who reported to the Department of Labor. All assigned work was performed under his authority, and he correlated all projects

with the various Federal agencies desiring services of the Corps.

During the actual work day the engineers, foresters, or other specialists of each cooperating agency were responsible for assigning work projects and supervising of the crews. After working hours the men were under the authority of the Army officer in charge of their camp. This plan worked reasonably well through the entire 9 years of the Corps, and provided jobs for thousands of unemployed reserve officers.

President Roosevelt had demanded that 250,000 youths and 25,000 war veterans must be enrolled and in their camps by July 1st, 1933. This tremendous task required that thousands of enrollees must be selected, processed, and equipped each day, with 20 camps to be established daily, to meet this 90-day deadline. To everyone's surprise, this goal was reached, for by July 1st a total of 274,375 enrollees were in camps. By December 31 over 1500 camps were in full operation. The first camp, in Virginia, was named, quite appropriately, 'Camp Roosevelt.'

Although there were variations in the plan from year to year, basic requirements for applicants required

The Saga of The Civilian Conservation Corps

them to be between 17 and 23½ years old, American citizens, unmarried males, unemployed and not in school. They must be in good physical condition and from needy families. Enrollment terms averaged 6 months. There was to be no race discrimination. They were paid \$30 a month, but \$22 to \$25 per month was deducted from this sum and sent directly to their families. In addition, a percentage of the enrollees were selected as group leaders and paid \$45 per month, with an additional number as assistant leaders at \$36.

These low wage scales at first

foot barracks, with a mess hall, school building, officer's quarters and service buildings. Most of the men took pride in their camps and built rustic fences, fish ponds, swimming pools, gardens, recreational buildings and facilities for all types of outdoor sports.

A typical work day began with reveille at 6 AM. 15 minutes of calisthenics followed, with breakfast at 6:45. The food was plain but plentiful; for breakfast it would be prunes, cereal, eggs and ham, bread, coffee and milk. After breakfast the men made their beds and policed the



C.C.C. worker plants a pine seedling.

Today, half a century later, Americans still benefit from the labors of the Civilian Conservation Corps

caused alarm from some labor groups and organizations, who feared these wage scales would become a national minimum standard and affect union jobs. These fears were soon proved to be groundless. It was necessary to hire many thousands of unemployed civilians at normal pay to train and direct the men, including engineers, foresters, soil specialists, teachers, doctors, dentists, and clergymen. Some 40 thousand such specialists were required for these jobs.

The first step to becoming a member of the Corps was an application to a state welfare office, where the applicants were selected on a state-quota basis with family welfare status as the primary guide. Upon selection the enrollee was sent to a nearby Army camp where he was given physical and psychological exams and a brief indoctrination course. If he passed these tests he was given work and dress uniforms and assigned to a camp, if possible, near his home.

In the first years of the Corps many enrollees probably had to live in tent camps. By 1936 new pre-fab barracks capable of being relocated were in use. The average camp consisted of 200 enrollees living in four 20x100

camp until work call at 7:45. The crews were then taken to their work assignments. Lunch break was from noon to 1 PM with the food usually brought to the work site. Work resumed until 4 PM. The work week was Monday through Friday, eight hours daily but including lunch and travel time. All the national holidays were observed.

After 4 PM the men cleaned up and

donned their dress uniforms, which they were required to wear at 5 PM inspection and also at dinner. At first these uniforms were Army surplus drab but by 1938 Roosevelt insisted they be given distinctive bright green uniforms designed for the Corps. After dinner their time was their own until curfew at 11 PM, for sports, trips to town, or classes.

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Surveying for a new road in Snoqualmie National Forest.

"...The Cornerstone Of Elkdom"



**Idaho Elks
Rehabilitation
Hospital**

New Technologies Spell The Difference

Advancement into the age of computers most assuredly has brought about much change in techniques of rehabilitation. Those changes do not occur without prolonged investigation and research into the actual value of their concepts. In the age of CT scanners, with their instant reduction of information to a readable picture, rehabilitation is not without its newly developed instrumentation.

Not too long ago, the test for hearing in young children (say below the age of 3) consisted of making loud disruptive sounds near the child. This intrusion usually was met with some sort of expected response from the child. If hearing was present, the

child would respond by glaring at the perpetrator or resounding with wails of discomfort. Today, with the aid of computer averaging, tests like Brainstem Auditory Response can induce a sound in one ear and pick up the brainwave impulses on another channel and reduce the information to an oscilloscope or printout with information about the child's ability to conduct as well as perceive hearing. All of this latter testing can be done while the child sleeps or, as in the case of trauma, while the child remains in the comatose condition.

One of the recent patients, a head injured young lady, could not hold her head in an upright position. The difficulties in feeding, as well as her own dignity during conversation, made many simple tasks quite difficult. With the aid of the Hewlett Packard Corporation, individuals working at that industry in the com-

puter and micro-engineering department, made a micro-switching system that worked off of mercury relays. The switch controlled a Sony stereo headphone system so that when the girl dropped her head the music was turned off. If her head remained in an upright position, the music played.

Hewlett Packard played another important part in another recent development when they provided financial assistance in purchasing an ear oximeter for the cardiac and respiratory departments. The oximeter measures, by computer and light, the amount of oxygen your system is receiving during exercise. The information is continual and allows the therapists to advance or restrain the activities of the patients during monitored exercise.

With these and other improvements, the Hospital now contains some of the most up-to-date advance-

ments into the diagnostic and rehabilitative programs in the Northwest. Systems like complete environmental controls for quadraplegics to self-feeding mechanisms enhance the already progressive programs at Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital.

Elks Contributions Add Greatly

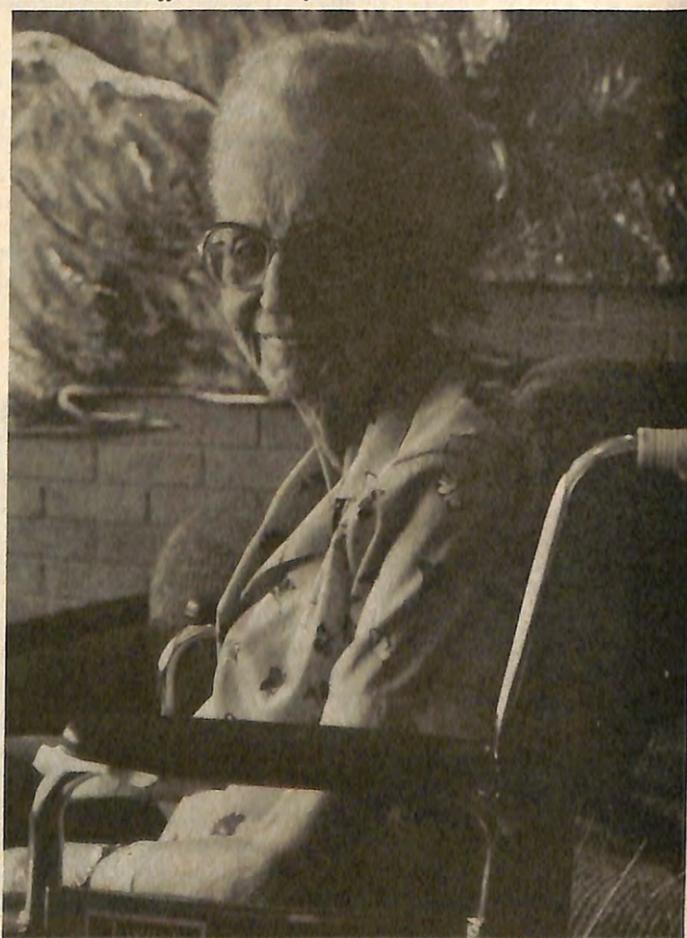
The advancement into the technological procedures is not without its costs. Gifts from the Idaho Elks Lodges, and individual members, contributed substantially towards the development of many of the most advanced programs.

Last year, the lodges gave gifts towards environmental control units, diagnostic testing of EMG, Brainstem testing and many related activities, both technical and patient related. The Idaho Elks' efforts are indelibly recorded in the memories and activities of the patients. ■

**"Wherever Hardship Has Struck, There
Have Been The Elks of This Nation, Ready With Their Hands,
Their Hearts and Their Purses to Aid Those Afflicted..."**

—from the acceptance speech of GER Kenneth V. Cantoli

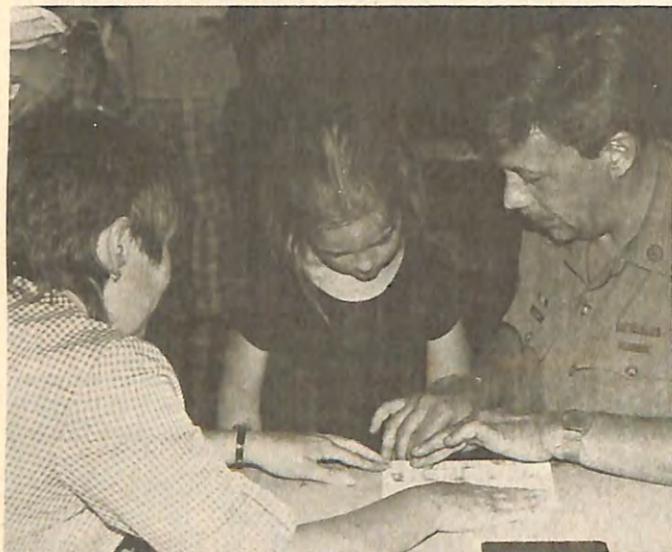
Thank you, Idaho Elks and Lady Elks... your contributions make a tremendous difference in many lives...



*(above)
Hewlett Packard... building the mercury switch for patient with inability to hold her head upright.*

*(above left)
Testing small children for hearing loss... brainstem test on very young child with a BAER test.*

*(left)
Cardiac Rehabilitation... Technologies use telemetry monitoring to record patient's activities (pulse and heart rate) during therapy.*



KINDERHOOK, NY. State Police Sgt. R.D. Wildey takes the fingerprints of Melissa Hallenbeck as Linda Moran assists. The Kinderhook, NY, Elks Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the program, in cooperation with the New York State Police. Three hundred seventy-five children, ranging in age from three months to 20 years, were fingerprinted at the lodge.



ROTTERDAM, NY. ER Leonard Pinkowski (left) of Rotterdam, NY, Lodge and Est. Lead. Kt. Vito Caruso present a \$1,000 check to PER Ray Slingerland, captain of the Rotterdam Volunteer Emergency Medical Corps. Brother Caruso doubles as the lodge Bingo chm. Through its weekly bingo games, Rotterdam Lodge has raised a total of \$3,000 for the local ambulance group.



NEW BERN, NC. ER D. Chester Wiggins of New Bern, NC, Lodge and Americanism Committee Chm. Henry Bennett present a \$50 check and certificate of award to Ashlea Paige. Ashlea was the local winner in the Elks State Americanism Essay Contest. This year's subject was "Only in America."



LYNBROOK, NY. Lodge held a Police Awards Night at which nine police officers of Nassau County received plaques for heroism and dedication beyond the call of duty. Guest speaker was Grand Forum Justice George Balbach. In photo are ER Anthony Kenny (front row, center) and the nine honored police officers.



COLONIE, NY. Lodge held a recognition dinner for the town's new Eagle Scouts. Each Scout received an Elks Eagle Scout certificate, an Eagle Scout plaque, and an American flag. Pictured are seven of the Eagle Scouts with then-ER Harold Anglin (left) and Americanism Committee member Bob Carr.



BLOOMFIELD, NJ. The Color Guard from Bloomfield, NJ, Lodge impressed residents with its flashy march in the town's Memorial Day Parade. From left are (front row) Carmine De Prisco, PER and PDD Charles Doherty, PER Jack Vizzone, Sr., and Bob Dodson; (back row) Thomas Moran, Allen Giannone, and Kevin Doherty. Not in picture is the group's leader, PER Joseph Testa, Sr.

News of the State Associations



Bergenfield, NJ. Lodge won the first-place trophy for its entry in the New Jersey State Elks Convention Parade. Shown are proud members of the lodge's Better Parades and Convention Committee with the coveted trophy. In front row are PER Joe Miller and Committee Chm. Dick Sedlacek. In back row are PER John Sansone, Ted Vetter, and Marty Lezette. Not in picture is ER Jay Westray, also a committee member.

The 70th Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Elks Association was held in Wildwood June 2-5. Attending the business sessions were 323 members and delegates.

Special guests were Grand Lodge Sponsor PGER Homer Huhn, PGER Frank Hise, PGER Willis McDonald, and incoming GER Kenneth V. Cantoli.

The officers for 1983-84 are President Earl Cornelius, Dover; Secretary Obert Stetter (15th term), Asbury Park; and Treasurer Fred Stevens (8th term), Colonia. Twelve district vice-presidents were also elected.

It was reported that a total of \$916,629.79 was expended by the association and lodges during the past year for work with crippled and handicapped children.

The dinner-dance on Friday night honoring the new state president was attended by over 800 persons, including all the dignitaries.

The annual parade on Saturday, June 4, had 127 lodges participating, 28 floats, 94 musical units, and over 10,000 in the line of march. It was witnessed by an estimated 100,000 people.

Bergenfield Lodge was judged best overall in the parade, and Asbury Park was declared the best lodge with music.

The schedule of meetings for 1983-84 is as follows; September Quarterly, Paramus Lodge, September 25; December Quarterly and Memorial Service, Toms River Lodge, Sunday, December 11; March Quarterly, Woodbridge Lodge, March 11, 1984; and the annual State Convention, June 7-10, 1984, at Wildwood.

It is notable that over 5,000 rooms were used for the weekend in housing the Elks of New Jersey, their ladies and families. In all, including those just attending for the day of the parade, over 20,000 Elks and their families attended.

The annual convention of the Florida State Elks Association was held in Tampa May 26-29, with 1,325 Elks and 1,181 ladies in attendance.

Special speakers were PGERs William Wall and Robert Grafton.

George Dominianni of Keystone Heights was elected president and Thomas Coker, Jr., of Plantation, vice-president-at-large. Ben Brown, Umatilla,

was renamed secretary, and Frank Holt, Miami, was renamed treasurer. Twelve district vice-presidents were also elected.

The association's midyear convention is scheduled for October 27-29 at Umatilla. Daytona Beach has been chosen as the site for the 1984 convention, May 24-27.

Among the highlights of the convention was the report of Jim Oliver, administrator of The Florida Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital at Umatilla, which is celebrating its Golden Anniversary. The state quota for 1983-84 is \$1 million in Harry-Anna Trust Fund Certificates.

A new color sound motion picture, "The Miracles of Harry-Anna," a gift to the state association by Miami Lodge, was given its premiere, as the feature of the program.

Three hundred thirty-seven youngsters were admitted to the hospital during the calendar year 1982, at a cost of \$1,728,529.90, amounting to a daily average of 47 in-patients.

In addition to the hospital care, five out-patient clinics operating in strategic Florida cities gave treatment to 2,200 children, at a cost of \$82,817.52 for the year.

The Rhode Island State Elks Association held its 47th Annual Convention May 20-21 in Hyannis, MA.

The state champion ritualistic team from Pawtucket Lodge conducted the Memorial Service Friday evening, attended by over 275 Elks and their ladies. Donald Danis was the soloist for this program.

Newly elected officers of the association are President Donald Rogers, West Warwick; Vice-President East Lewis Andrews, Woonsocket; Vice-President West Walter Kettelle, South Kingstown; Secretary Gerard Dion, West Warwick; and Treasurer William Darby, Pawtucket.

Raymond P. Woodcock Sr., PSP, was a unanimous selection for the State's Elk of the Year Award.

A new award from the state association this year, a public relations plaque, was presented to Woonsocket Lodge for its excellence in using the media to promote Elkdom.

The efforts of the 12 lodges of the association to support the Cerebral Palsy Telethon were evident when it was announced that a total of \$5,600 was raised for this project. The association also gave \$500 to the Providence Journal-Bulletin Christmas Fund for needy children.

Some BIG SUR Prizes

...and other
coastal highlights

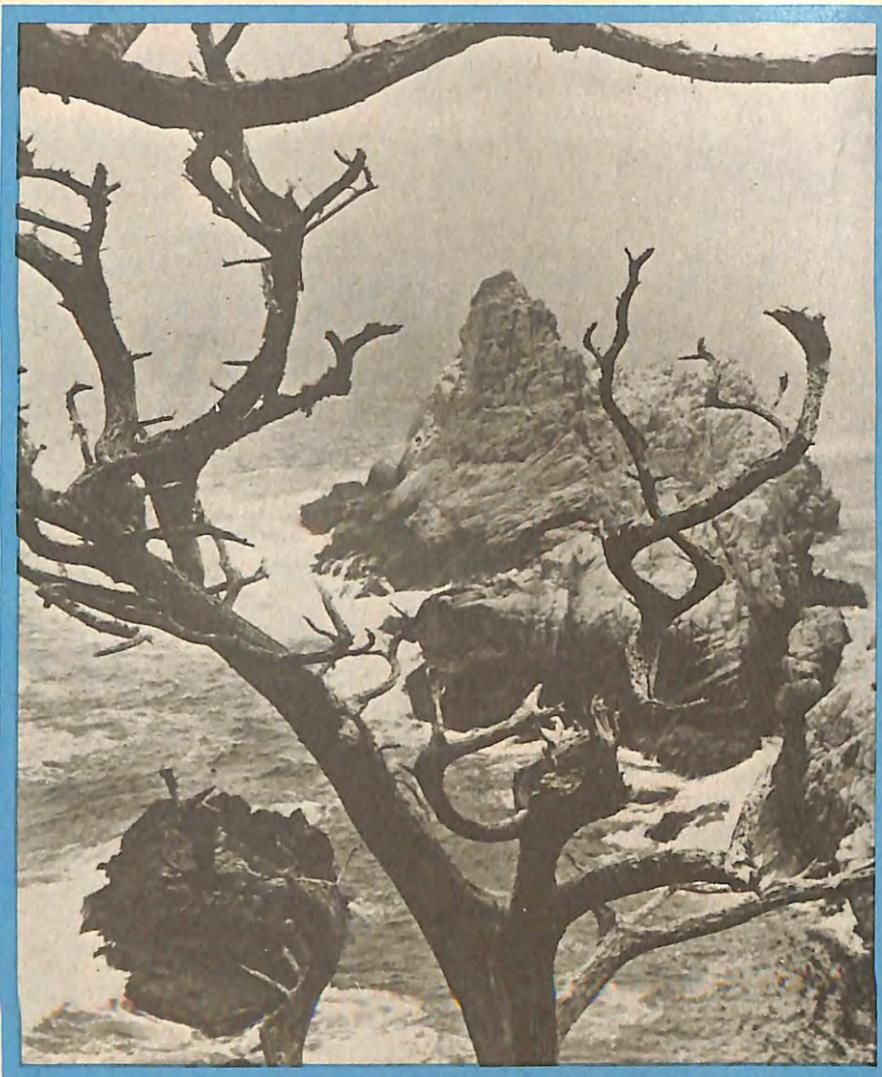
by Jerry Hulse

The sign appeared suddenly around a bend in the road along the lovely Big Sur coast, south of San Francisco. It said simply: Big Sur Inn. As it turned out, it was more than an inn; it was an experience. Guests describe it as a retreat from the troubles of the world, a place where one can rest the mind and feed both body and soul. "Even when fog hides the creek or catches in the tops of giant redwood trees," someone wrote in proprietor Ed Gardien's scrapbook.

Gardien, together with his Japanese wife, Kuniyo, are the innkeepers. Big Sur Inn is old and rustic and just a trifle ramshackle. The beds sag and sometimes the electricity goes out and shutters bang against the redwood siding. But those who love Big Sur Inn wouldn't trade it for Buckingham Palace. Not even the Taj Mahal. The trouble is, it's frequently difficult to get a reservation. It's that popular. Sometimes Ed Gardien won't take one over the phone. He feels Big Sur Inn should be a "spiritual discovery" for each person who drives by. A sign in the lounge reads: "All our visitors bring happiness—some by coming, others by going." So if Gardien takes a liking to you, perhaps you'll get a room. Maybe. No promises.

While he may be one of those coastal eccentrics, nearly everyone agrees that Ed Gardien operates one of California's more picturesque places. Cottages are scattered among the redwoods. A brook runs through the property, and sometimes deer peer from the forest, along with squirrels and raccoons and an occasional bobcat or mountain lion.

Big Sur Inn was built during the '20s by Helmut Deetjen, who found his peace in a setting strikingly fami-



liar to his native Norway. He put up the first cabin while California 1 was being cut through fir and redwoods alongside precipitous cliffs. At the same time, Grandpa Deetjen introduced culture to Big Sur that's reflected in his old inn even today.

Each evening, while guests dine on royal Stratfordshire china, classical melodies waft through the lodge, recalling Bach and Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin and other composers in a civilized setting of candlelight and very good wine. A Modigliani hangs in the kitchen and poems appear on the walls. One particular composition reads:

*It is not so much that men
should pass through here but once,
To rest their bones and fill
their souls,
But more to remember what
was felt within,
A place, a time, a memory
and over all of that,*

*A place where one returns,
returns again for lack of
finding anywhere else that is
quite the same.*

Grandpa Deetjen was a confidant of author Henry Miller and together they drank of the grape and filled their souls with the music that emanates nightly from Big Sur Inn. Attached to the walls are words that read: "Without music, life would be a mistake." Grandpa Deetjen needed Bach and Beethoven just as he needed companionship, nourishment and wine.

When Ed Gardien came to Big Sur from Alabama in 1964, he and grandpa got on well, so that when the old man died, Gardien carried on the ritual—good music, good food, fine wine. Grandpa Deetjen felt that the inn as well as Big Sur itself should be a spiritual discovery for those who travel California 1. And if he discriminated, well, it was only because of

some insensitive slob who'd failed to appreciate the music and the song of the wind that courses through the trees to the rocky shore below.

After Grandpa Deetjen died in '72 (his ashes were scattered with those of his wife and dog in a nearby forest) Gardien became the patriarch of Big Sur Inn. And so today Gardien carries on the drama, turning away the stranger he believes fails to feel the magic of the forest and the mood of the music. Staring soberly into the flawless Big Sur sky, Gardien said softly: "Grandpa wanted it this way." Gardien's dogs Yuki, Wrinkle Nose and Shanti greet guests, and starring in the kitchen is a sculptor who is also a student of history. Fans of his culinary artistry come from miles around for the thin light pancakes he turns out at breakfast, and he gets high points as well for his home-cooked oatmeal with brown sugar and raisins.

After taking their fill of music and nourishment, guests at Big Sur Inn return to books that are provided by the proprietor. Sometimes when the fog is heavy and the wetness drips from the eaves of the cabins, they curl up beside a fire and dig deeply into Hemingway or perhaps a classic by Keats.

If the weather is bright, that's something else. Guests stroll up to Nepenthe, the former home of Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth, for a Bloody Mary and they hike into the redwoods or find their way to a secluded beach, although getting to the shore is treacherous, what with precipitous cliffs that line the awesome Big Sur coastline.

A total of 16 rooms are up for grabs at Big Sur Inn and there's Grandpa's Room with its records and books and other memorabilia, reminders of a grand old man who left behind a legend in Big Sur. Grandpa Deetjen is remembered particularly at Christmastime when a tree is cut from the forest and decorated by the staff while carols are sung to the accompaniment of a harpsichord, a guitar, a flute or the old piano that occupies the corner of grandpa's quaint lodge.

With all its charms, though, Big Sur Inn is not for everyone. Certainly not the traveler who favors the luxury of, say, Ventana, an elegant shelter a few miles up the road. Ventana is one of those magnificent layouts that's almost too perfect. Handmade quilts

from Nova Scotia cover beds with hand-painted headboards; there are saunas and Japanese hot baths and private terraces that face both mountain and the fury of the ocean a thousand feet below this highbrow country inn.

Marble commodes from Denmark make do as night stands and thick carpets cover the floors. All in all, there's a feeling of well-being, with creature comforts at every turn. A continental breakfast is served and anyone arriving on a weekend must book for a minimum of two days. In some rooms there's the warmth of Franklin stoves, and Ventana transports guests in a Mercedes bus back and forth to the beach. The restaurant rises on a bluff a short distance away, alongside a redwood-lined

private road, and next door there is a country store and, below all this, a deli and campground that's set deep in a forest of fir and redwood trees.

As for Big Sur, it's been called 60 miles of psychodrama, white surf pouring into endless coves and a sea exploding against offshore rocks. Nowhere in the world is there a more dramatic coastline and so it waits, hauntingly real, refreshingly unspoiled, with filmy rainbows caught in ocean spray that spends itself along Big Sur's beaches.

Note: For more information about Big Sur Inn, drop a card to Ed Gardien, Big Sur 93920. For brochures on Ventana write to Ventana c/o Big Sur 93920.

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Big Sur Prizes

cisco and the Golden Gate, other vacationers find solace in the wonderful old coastal village of Mendocino. Every year a nagging urge sends me fleeing back to this community with its precipitous cliffs, its threatening sea and ancient salt boxes so reminiscent of Maine and Massachusetts. Although every inch California, the land is a haunting reminder of faraway New England with its tranquil villages and peaceful back roads.

Motoring north from San Francisco we ran head-on into afternoon thundershowers that sent streams rushing from hills green with clover and white with lambs. Gnarled oaks dripped with Spanish moss and the air was rich with the damp smell of eucalyptus. Raindrops glistened on the branches of maples, laurel and madrone trees, and somewhere in the distance a mourning dove made its voice heard as we made our way down a mountain road that wound past farmhouses, rural villages and colorful red barns set in fields of alfalfa. The motor trip from San Francisco was a joy, particularly after reaching the coast and the 19th-Century village of Mendocino.

Mendocino is a place of seasons, and so with summertime the fog swirls inland, turning the coast gray until the brightness of autumn comes with September's song. Mendocino draws visitors weary of congested cities. Poets and painters are inspired by the voice of the wind and the fury of the sea and the lonely notes of the foghorn and the whistling buoys that bob beyond the breaker line. Ancient water towers rise over the village of Mendocino, with more than one serving as an apartment to those who've escaped the frustrations of the cities.

No matter how often one returns to Mendocino, locals insist on retelling the story of how New England woodsmen came West to log the redwoods and, in the interim, built a New England-style village complete with white-spired churches and Maine salt boxes. Their descendants still cut trees, and logging trucks groan into the night. Here and there a fence sags and shutters bang against old Victorians with peeling paint. Carnations bloom in window boxes and the salty taste of the sea is carried by the wind.

Country lanes leading into Mendocino are littered with inns, including Heritage House. The Seafoam Lodge is operated by an Oregon lumberman. And there's Glendeven Inn with six guest rooms under the roof of a 19th-Century Victorian farmhouse—but only two with private baths. Antiques are scattered throughout this inn that's operated by Jan and Janet de Vries. And there's Kathy Casper's Headlands Inn, a peach of a place at Howard and Albion streets. Originally a private home, this magnificent old Victorian is one of Mendocino's slickest shelters. It features leaded windows from Kathy's grandmother's, wood-burning fireplaces, thick carpets and heavenly smells that drift up from the kitchen: home-baked bread, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee or whatever else stirs the imagination of young Kathy Casper. Room No. 2 has a front-row view of both the village and ocean; No. 3 features a raised hearth, and couples cuddle on a window seat in No. 7.

Once 16 hotels served the lumbermen and fishermen of Mendocino. These along with 17 saloons and more than a dozen bordellos. Now only the Mendocino Hotel is left—and its rooms can be classified as anything but remarkable. It's better known for its comfortable old lounge and Victorian restaurant. Scattered about the public rooms are antique tables and chairs and old-fashioned lamps. It's a place to sip sherry before a cheery fire, recalling days past when Mendocino played host to both logger and millionaire.

Close by, Cafe Beaujolais serves waffles, muffins, black bean chili, homemade soups, pastas and steaming cups of espresso. Proprietress Margaret Fox deserves five stars for her linguisa omelet. She gets similar raves over a sandwich created of grilled Italian sausage topped with green peppers, tomato sauce and melted cheese. And there's the homemade ice cream, the cappuccino, the cream cheese, the sour cream, the cashew granola. It's enough to drive our cardiac man to turn in his ticket. But why not forget him and the calories, the cholesterol, the starches, the spirits. You're on vacation, so enjoy.

DIGEST OF ANNUAL REPORTS



This digest consists of excerpts and summaries of the Annual Reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Elks National Service Commission, the Elks National Foundation, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, the Board of Grand Trustees, and the Grand Secretary.

Marvin M. Lewis



Grand Exalted Ruler

Representing the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America as the Grand Exalted Ruler was a challenge I willingly accepted. I promised to do everything within my power to make this a year of progress and continued growth for Elkdom. My wife, Gerry, and I have traveled across the United States for the past twelve months carrying out that promise.

My motto for the year was simple but so true, "Elks Care." Everything we do in our Lodges shows everyone that Elks care. We do care about our youth, about our veterans, about those less fortunate and about our own. This past year has been a great example, in every one of our travels, that all of you do care and our records prove it.

Again this year we will show a loss in Membership. We will lose in excess of 10,000 members.

Our continued success depends on new members. I have stressed the need for early committee work on Lapsation. I have also stressed more emphasis on Indoctination.

During the past year, we were saddened by the death of John L. Walker and Robert E. Boney, Past Grand Exalted Rulers and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Paul J. Sommer, Michigan East. The Grand Lodge mourns the death of these Brothers and other members of the Grand Lodge that passed away during the year. Certainly our Order was made richer by the achievements of these departed Brothers.

The Advisory Committee, a group of outstanding Elks, all Past Grand Exalted Rulers, has been an invaluable source of counselors for this entire year. The duties of the Grand Exalted Ruler would have been impossible to carry out without the willing support of all of these men. They have helped guide the course of our great Order to the tremendous successes we have had over the years.

I extend my sincerest thanks to the committee members for all of their encouragement and willing support during this past year.

The Board of Grand Trustees is responsible for the general fiscal authority of our Order. They prepare the budget for the Grand Lodge and supervise all of the expenditures. They control and invest our funds and perform other budgetary duties as needed.

The Board also supervises real estate transactions, building applications and loan applications for Subordinate Lodges and controls the functions of the Elks National Home.

I have served seven years on the Board and have served with some of their present members. I know of their untiring efforts and thank each of them for their devotion to Elkdom.

The Grand Forum, the Supreme Court of our Order, renders invaluable assistance. These men are very learned in the law profession as well as being well-versed in our Constitution and Statutes. They guarantee that justice is served in those cases where due process of our laws have not been followed.

This year we have been honored to have the Honorable Donald F. Nemitz serve as our Chief Justice. I offer my sincere thanks to him and all the members of the Grand Forum for their time and efforts on our behalf.

The Honorable Stanley F. Kocur, Grand Secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been a most valuable asset to our office this past year. His complete cooperation and guidance in all cases has been very much appreciated.

The programs of our Grand Lodge are administered by the various Grand Lodge Committees. Members of these committees are selected for their untiring efforts and past performances and interests in their respective areas. This year each committee has functioned well and I compliment and thank each of my committeemen for their untiring efforts.

I do not wish to slight any member of any committee as each performed his part well. However, I do want to specially thank those members that chaired the various committees so well and showed all that "Elks Care."

The District Deputy and Special Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers, a group of dedicated Elks, acted as my personal representatives to the Subordinate Lodges for this past year. They have been charged with the responsibility of assistance and service to the Lodges and members in their respective Districts. They have carried the 1982-83 Grand Lodge Program to their Districts and have performed their duties well.

I express a very sincere thank you to each of them for helping to show "Elks Care."

As Grand Exalted Ruler I set a per capita goal of \$2.00 for our National Foundation. This was an increase of .25 per capita from last year and was done knowing full well that we were in a very depressed economy.

My Brothers, you have proven again that "Elks Care." We reached a per capita of \$2.121 per member. Last year we broke a record and through your generosity and "caring" we set another new record increase of \$105,679.44 this year for a total donation of \$3,692,627.51.

The way the Foundation is administered, free of any administrative costs, and the good that we do through the Foundation has become a source of pride and challenge for us all and I foresee a continued growth in years ahead.

Much credit for the success of our National Foundation is due to the efforts of Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall and the other Past Grand Exalted Rulers who serve as Trustees of the Foundation. Their expertise and willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

James Varenhorst, the Executive Director, and his office staff are to be highly complimented for their efficiency in running the National Foundation Office.

My thanks to all of you for once again showing that "Elks Care."

This past year our National Service Commission expended \$286,364.00 as direct contributions to the various veterans hospitals. This does not include the thousands of dollars spent by our Subordinate Lodges and State Associations and the many thousands of volunteer hours to back up this statement.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Hise, Chairman, and other Past Grand Exalted Rulers who serve on this Commission and Diron Avedisian and members of his staff have my sincerest thanks and deep appreciation for a job well done.

Each year the National Convention Commission is charged with the duty of selecting the site and making the arrangements for the Grand Lodge Convention.

This year will be a first for this committee as they have programmed our convention outside the continental United States and designated Honolulu, Hawaii, for our convention site.

The hard work in planning, investigating proposed sites and contracting for usable facilities is a never ending task for this hard working committee. The behind the scenes problems they must contend with and iron out are endless.

The programs of the Grand Lodge are administered and monitored by our State Associations. Without their help, capable leadership and interest in all programs we could not administer the Grand Lodge Program.

As I traveled the country this past year I have marveled at the response and participation in our programs as I have listened to the reports given at State Conventions.

The major projects carried out by the various states made my heart swell with pride as I listened to the donations made and the results of the programs being carried out. Every Elk should have the opportunity to witness the good that these major projects are doing for those less fortunate.

The duties of the Grand Exalted Ruler cannot be carried out without an efficient and capable office staff.

The selection of the man for the position of secretary is of extreme importance. It takes a person knowledgeable and devoted to Elkdom; he must have the time and be willing to serve. For my selection I went to our neighboring State of Arizona and chose Brother Clair Culver of Yuma, Arizona, as my Secretary.

Clair is a Past Exalted Ruler of Yuma, Arizona, Lodge No. 476, a Past State Vice-President of Arizona and served two years on the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee. His knowledge of Elkdom and devotion to this job made him an ideal selection. I cannot thank him enough for the capable and efficient manner in which he has carried on the affairs of my office.

We were most fortunate in obtaining the help of a very capable and experienced secretary. Clair and I both are deeply indebted to Mrs.

Arlene Winfree for her untiring work in seeing that our office ran smoothly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Another overall net loss in membership demands a critical look at better and more active committees in the fields of Lapsation, Membership and Indoctrination.
- (2) We need to place more emphasis in our Subordinate Lodges on recognizing members of the news media and law enforcement personnel.
- (3) Each Subordinate Lodge should start some type of continuing program to give more recognition to active military servicemen.
- (4) The Washington Office of every Senator and Representative should be placed on our mailing list to receive *The Elks Magazine*.
- (5) An effort should be made to enlist more of our Senators and Representatives, both State and National, as members of our Order.
- (6) Some method or committee should be established on the Grand Lodge level to give support and guidance for better business practices for Subordinate Lodges. This should be done as an offer of help and guidance with no penalty if errors are found and with no threats if changes are not made.
- (7) We need to promote the good image of Elkdom and the benevolent work we are doing and put less emphasis of the social side of our activities.
- (8) Make a strong effort to encourage our members and especially the news media to stop referring to us as "Elks Clubs." It should be explained that there are no "Elks Clubs." We are *Elks Lodges* and some, but not all, have "Club" facilities.

As Gerry and I traveled over this great land of ours this past year, we have marveled at the achievements that have been made in all areas. Each of you, in your own way, have made this progress possible. Not all of us can have success in every aspect of Elkdom but each of us can do something to help those less fortunate.

I say to each of the one million six hundred thousand plus Elks of our great Order, my sincerest thanks to all of you; keep up your good work and continue to show that "Elks Care."

Raymond C. Dobson
Chairman



National Memorial and Publication Commission

During the past year, 55,755 people visited the Elks National Memorial Building. Since its erection in 1926, the total number of visitors to the Building is over 3,200,000.

The Fidelity Appraisal Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in its report of March 1, 1983, has appraised the Memorial and Magazine Buildings at a combined replacement value of \$25,625,395 and at a sound value of \$16,381,845. Appropriate insurance coverage is maintained at all times by the Commission, and a new appraisal is obtained every two (2) years.

Each year, the Magazine's Computer Department reviews the membership list of every Lodge. A computer print-out is sent to each Lodge Secretary with an urgent request to add new members, delete those dropped, and make necessary corrections in names and addresses.

This annual update saves the Magazine thousands of dollars in Postal Service change-of-address fees, and provides each Lodge with

a convenient control list of its membership.

The Memorial and Publication Commission greatly appreciates the efforts of each Lodge Secretary in this most important project.

THE ELKS MAGAZINE, in its constant efforts to service advertisers with information as to market characteristics of our membership, at times calls on the officers and members of subordinate lodges to supply such information. Their cooperation is of immeasurable value and has enabled the Magazine to maintain a healthy, competitive position in the publishing field through its ability to render such service to its advertisers.

A total of \$1,594,087 was realized from the sale of advertising space during the past fiscal year. Comparable advertising revenue for the preceding five (5) years was as follows:

1977-78:	\$1,181,169
1978-79:	\$1,269,600
1979-80:	\$1,427,816
1980-81:	\$1,292,060
1981-82:	\$1,369,222

THE ELKS MAGAZINE was established for three purposes: to publish news of the Order's activities on local, state, and Grand Lodge levels; to provide articles and features, both interesting and informative, for its readers so as to encourage their interest; and to maintain the best production standards in the interest of its advertisers by providing them with a suitable medium in which to display their messages to full advantage, thereby obtaining revenue over and above subscription income, to defray costs and produce a surplus.

"News of the Lodges," a regular monthly feature in picture-story style, presents news of local Lodge activities. Each issue carries several pages of this material. However, the growth of the Order has made it necessary for the editors to be selective in choosing material for these pages. During the months in which they convene, the State Associations are given special coverage. Three regional editions are published (Eastern, Central, Western) to allow use of more news items and pictures.

Coverage of the Grand Lodge news includes reports of the visits of the Grand Exalted Ruler, results of various Grand Lodge programs and competitions, such as the Lodge Bulletin Contest, Elks Memorial Sunday, the Elks National Foundation (published under the title, "The Joy of Giving"), and the activities of the Elks National Service Commission. In addition, a page presenting the Grand Exalted Ruler's Message is devoted to each issue.

During the early months of the year prior to the National Convention, the Magazine prints the official proclamation, the convention program, the nominating petitions for Grand Lodge offices, and general information on activities scheduled during the convention.

During the past year, *THE ELKS MAGAZINE* has continued to strive for the highest standards in its articles and feature material. Our editors, in reviewing scores of manuscripts during the year, seek material of the greatest appeal to Elks and their families.

Emphasis in articles during the past twelve months continued to be on such areas as business, human interest, medical technology, and current events. The cover article on "Drunk Driving" received national acclaim from governmental and law enforcement agencies as well as readers. Other cover articles featured the "Hospice" movement, "Anger," "Be Your Own Boss" and The Elks 1983 Rose Parade Float. Reader mail was heavy following these features and several publications requested reprint rights.

The June 1982 issue was the Magazine's 60th Anniversary issue and featured an overview of our first sixty years. In conjunction with this anniversary, we published a twenty page, souvenir copy of the original June 1922 issue. This was distributed at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago.

The monthly travel feature, "For Elks Who Travel," by Pulitzer Prize nominee Jerry Hulse, remains popular, while reader input

continues to make "It's Your Business" by John Behrens and "You and Retirement" by Grace Weinstein, responsive and informative monthly departments. "Medicine and You" by Larry Holden keeps the reader up-to-date on new developments in the medical field.

Top illustrators were selected to complement the work of nationally known writers. A great deal of thought and care was taken in selecting the front covers, often with a tie-in to a feature article to further attract reader interest.

In its 61 years of existence, *THE ELKS MAGAZINE* has earned an aggregate surplus amounting to \$14,951,432. Of this sum, the Commission has turned over to or paid out for the Grand Lodge a total of \$12,311,725, or an average of nearly \$200,000 per year.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to our entire staff of *THE ELKS MAGAZINE* and the Memorial Building for the loyalty, energy, and ability with which they have discharged their duties throughout the past year. They have given us the finest, most loyal and able assistance and cooperation that could be expected from anyone in their positions, and we are grateful to them for their contribution to the successful year we have had.

William A. Wall
Chairman



Elks National Foundation

To report five consecutive years in which we reached and surpassed a Three Million Dollar plateau is indeed a happy accomplishment and most especially, this past year was our best ever. A total of \$3,692,627.51 was received in contributions and we hasten to acknowledge the dedicated part our participants played in this endeavor. These 1982-83 donations together with year-long investment activity brought the principal fund of the Foundation to \$68,612,667.00.

The conservative policy of the Foundation Trustees over the years continues with satisfactory results as shown by the appraisal of our investment portfolio.

This report shows the sources from which our trust funds have been derived and the distributions which have been made over the past fifty-five years. We urge all members and, in particular those holding office and charged with the leadership of the Lodge, to study this National Foundation report.

Current year income from combined funds amounted to \$5,053,033.00 available to carry on the good works in the various fields of philanthropy to which the Foundation is dedicated.

The Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" awards were established for top-ranking students. During 1982-1983, \$1,176,200.00 in scholarships were offered to these outstanding students across the nation.

Emergency Educational Fund grants totaling \$336,100.94 were dispersed to children of Elks in good standing who had passed away or were totally incapacitated.

The Foundation made \$230,000.00 available to the Grand Lodge for its "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Competition for youngsters. This extremely popular youth program reaches boys and girls across the nation and brings favorable and extensive recognition to the work of our Order in its service to youth.

The Foundation Trust helped our retired Brothers living at our beautiful Elks Home in Bedford, Virginia with a special distribution

of \$550,000.00 to meet the ever-rising cost of living.

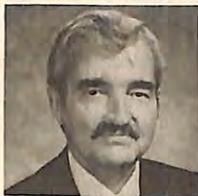
During the current year, grants for vocational training under the T.L. Bear Fund totaled \$8,800.00

During the same period \$11,600.00 in grants were distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Nathan O. Noah Scholarship Trust Fund.

We wish you to know that no part of the principal fund is distributed for any purpose; that the income earned by investment of the fund is used to carry on the good works to which the fund is dedicated, and that you and all who wish to assist in philanthropic endeavors may make gifts to the Foundation with confidence in the perpetuity of your benevolent act.

We trust your careful study of the Geographical Analysis of Distributions of Income of the Foundation, appearing in the complete Elks National Foundation Annual Report, will impress upon you that the Foundation Trustees are endeavoring conscientiously to carry out the purposes for which the Foundation was established.

John T. Traynor
Chairman



Board of Grand Trustees

After adjournment of the Grand Lodge Session and Installation of Officers in Chicago, Illinois, on July 22, 1982, the Board of Grand Trustees met to organize itself. The Board named John T. Traynor, Chairman; Robert L. Smith, Vice Chairman; Vern Huck, Approving Member; Peter Affatato, Secretary; Gerald L. Powell, Home Member; Kenneth V. Cantoli, Pension Member; Ted Callicott, Building Application Member-East; and Robert J. Tancredi, Building Application Member-West.

The Board has held the following meetings since its last report to you: October, 1982, Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia; February, 1983, Phoenix, Arizona; May, 1983, Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia; and July, 1983, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, with the latter meeting to adjourn at the conclusion of this Grand Lodge Session.

By direction of the Grand Lodge at its session in Chicago, Illinois, the Board procured and presented suitable testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond V. Arnold; retiring Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Alex M. Harman, Jr.; and retiring Vice Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Alfred J. Mattei.

The Board reviewed the Fidelity Bond covering all Officers, Officials and employees of the Grand Lodge and considers the limits to be adequate.

The Board made its annual review and adjustment of the coverage and amounts of insurance on the buildings and other property of the Elks National Home and its operations. **The Board deems this coverage to be adequate and in accordance with good business practice.**

The Bank of New England, N. A., formerly known as the New England Merchants National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, continues to act as investment counselor for the investments of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Employees' Pension Plan is funded by actuarially computed annual contributions by the Grand Lodge from its General Funds and by the National Memorial and Publication Commission.

There is set forth following a brief report of the Status of the Plan and the condition of the Trust as of May 31, 1983.

There were 55 former employees receiving pensions totaling \$7,333.50 monthly or \$88,002.00 per year.

TRUST:

Contributions:	
Grand Lodge.....	\$ 83,781.00
National Memorial and Publication Commission....	40,430.00
Total.....	\$ 124,211.00
Values of the trust including cash and equivalent:	
Market Value.....	\$2,425,305.00
Annual Income from Trust.....	144,697.00
Annual Return from Trust.....	6.00%

From May 1, 1982, to May 1, 1983, the Board received and reviewed 255 applications from Subordinate Lodges requesting approval to purchase, sell, erect new buildings, make alterations or additions to existing buildings, purchase new furnishings, and to place mortgages upon their property. Authorization was granted by the Board and concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler for all of said applications in an amount totalling \$48,873,944.66 of which \$20,299,310.57 was for capital expenditures.

The Board has continued its efforts to guide all Subordinate Lodges to prosper and to avoid the undesirable pitfalls of indebtedness.

Frank Hise
Chairman



Elks National Service Commission

In this report it is recorded that in the year 1982-1983 Elks made 44,298 visits to VA Medical Centers and gave 169,784 hours of volunteer service. These figures represent substantial increases over the previous year. Translated into daily service they record that every day of the year 121 Elks made their way into VA Medical Centers and gave 465 hours of voluntary service. It is estimated that these figures would double if visits to facilities other than those operated by the Veterans Administration were taken into account.

The National Service Commission is deeply indebted to Brother Marland Deen of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee who has supervised the Veterans' Remembrance program for the past three years and is directly responsible for the measure of success achieved.

District Deputies and State Chairmen recording 100 percent activity will be entered on a special Roll of Honor which will be published in *The Elks Magazine*.

One of the first official acts of Grand Exalted Ruler Marvin M. Lewis, was to proclaim November as Veterans Remembrance Month. As a consequence of this official call to action by the Grand Exalted Ruler, lodges scheduled special fund raising events in November, the proceeds of which were directed to Thanksgiving and Christmas programs in 172 VA Medical Centers.

A tabulation shows 1700 lodges (approx. 75%) participated and raised \$52,000. The money was used to bring a bit of home into the VA Medical Center Wards on Thanksgiving and during the Christmas Holidays. Ambulatory patients were invited into the lodges for additional holiday activity and good fellowship.

Once again, leather has proven to be extremely useful in occupational therapy, and trained therapists throughout the VA Hospital System depend on the Elks to fill their needs. In the year 1982-1983 the National Service Commission promptly filled all requests for leather at a cost of \$13,000.00. These expenses were primarily for a tanning and freight. The actual value of hides supplied is estimated to be in excess of \$150,000.00.

This program is administered by John Jordan, California National Service Chairman.

The Elks National Service Commission is proud of its reputation as the major source of this commodity which is in great demand at all times.

Revenues for the fiscal year 1982-1983 totaled \$406,581 from following sources: Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessments, \$325,965; Interest Income, \$79,616; Donations, \$1,000.

For the same period, Veterans Hospital service programs and office operations amounted to \$400,390. The difference between revenues and disbursements reflects a gain of \$6,191. Add this amount to assets of the Commission on April 1, 1982 (\$621,517) and it leaves a balance as of April 1, 1983, of \$627,708.

The Commission continued the policy of placing its surplus funds in federally insured certificates using Treasury Bills as the primary source of investment.

Total revenues for the year declined approximately 3 percent and the reason is attributable to falling interest rates. Disbursements increased \$6,000 over the previous year because of the non-recurring expenses of moving the office from New York and the updating of office equipment.

The members of the Elks National Service Commission are a select group of Past Grand Exalted Rulers. Sharing the common desire to serve the Nation's hospitalized veterans, they give generously of their time, experience, and energies without any form of remuneration.

Together they forge the benevolent policies of the Commission and keep careful and judicious watch over its finances. In the course of time they have directed millions of dollars into programs that brought comfort and cheer to countless thousands of veterans suffering the wounds of war.

The Order owes a deep debt of gratitude to Past Grand Exalted Rulers Hise, Strohm, Huhn, Dunn, Grafton, Sears, and Arnold. They have plotted the course which is making the Elks one of the dominant forces on the VA medical scene.

The members of the Elks National Service Commission wish to express their profound gratitude to those whose steadfast support made it possible to uphold the Order's solemn pledge to hospitalized veterans for the 37th consecutive year.

In his travels, Grand Exalted Ruler Marvin Lewis never failed to point out the splendid work of local hospital committees.

Brother Lewis has earned the abiding gratitude of this Commission for his efforts on its behalf.

The splendid and efficient aid of Grand Secretary Stanley F. Kocur and his capable staff has been of immeasurable value. All requests to his office received immediate response, and his enthusiastic cooperation contributed significantly to the Commission's overall success.

The State Associations, through their Presidents and Chairmen, rendered above and beyond support in making certain that the veteran patient was not forgotten.

In addition to its humanitarian activities in the VA Medical Centers, the Elks National Service Commission is charged with responsibility to implement any requests of our National Government in time of need. As the Nation's foremost patriotic fraternity, we pledge anew our desire to support any program that will contribute to the preservation of our Country and the principles on which it is built.

Stanley Kocur



Grand Secretary

During the year ended March 31, 1983, our Subordinate Lodges added to their membership rolls 98,324 by initiation, 20,873 by dimit and 13,538 by reinstatement. In the same period 87,705 were dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, 228 expelled, 29,389 granted dimits and 25,543 lost by death. The total membership of the Order as of March 31, 1983, is 1,621,378. The total number of Lodges on March 31, 1983, is 2271.

The Grand Lodge holds in its various investment accounts United States Government, other securities and cash in the following amounts, at cost: General Fund, \$4,527,881; Reserve Fund, \$986,665; Home Fund, \$846,462; Emergency Charity Fund, \$369,369;

Uninvested Cash, \$22,410.

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$7,470,530 and fixed assets are \$1,720,673 making the total assets of the Grand Lodge \$9,191,203.

This year we initiated 98,324 and added by dimit 20,873, and 13,538 by reinstatement. In the same period we lost 142,865 through deaths, dimits, expulsions and drops for non-payment of dues. We have instituted 19 new Lodges since the publication of the last Annual Report.

The net assets of the Subordinate Lodges have reached the total of \$927,289,100, and increase of more than \$65,545,600 over last year. The reports indicate that while some Lodges are experiencing financial difficulties many others are enjoying a healthy financial condition due to the establishment of good business practices.

The Lodges continue to pour forth their contributions in Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic Work. This year \$25,005,866 was expended in these worthwhile endeavors. Also, this year the Lodges have estimated the number of hours donated by members and their wives to these charitable activities. They amounted to 5,198,127 hours and figured at \$3.00 per hour it amounts to an additional \$15,567,381 for the benefit of humankind.

Once again, it is the sad duty of this office to tabulate and publish the figures which bear witness to a net loss in our membership. Yet, while we may be dismayed for the moment, we cannot permit ourselves to become so disheartened that we lose sight of the positive

side of Elksdom's ledger. Because Elks still number over a million and a half strong, and because Elks still carry the message of Benevolence and Fraternal Love, we continue to labor and trust that, beyond this cloudy time, there waits tomorrow's brighter day.

Unlike any other organization, the spirit of Elksdom lives and thrives solely due to the will and efforts of each and every Brother.

There are many who have taken up with renewed dedication the duties left by those who pass from our Order. In 1982, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, through the dedicated efforts of its members and Lodges, and in spite of a very difficult economic climate, contributed \$25,005,866 and 5,189,127 hours for Charity and Welfare. In the coming year, we must all continue to spread the message of Elksdom to worthy hearts and willing hands. By inviting new hands to share in our endeavors, we make ourselves ready for the triumphs of the future; and by giving our lives to Elksdom's noble pursuits we make ourselves worthy of its heritage of caring. As membership is the basic ingredient in the success of any of our endeavors, we must continue to introduce Elksdom into new communities.

We must by increasing patriotic endeavors and community service, maintain and enhance the public image of all our Lodges thus attracting new members and strengthening pride in membership which is so important a factor in keeping members off the delinquent rolls. Membership in its various places—Procurement, Indoctrination and Lapsation should be of paramount concern to all.

New Lodges

GRANTED DISPENSATION	NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE	INSTITUTED
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Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond V. Arnold

2-16-82	Vacaville, CA, No. 2638	6-26-82
3-12-82	Desert Hot Springs, CA, No. 2639	4-10-82
3-11-82	Santa Ynez Valley, CA, No. 2640	7-11-82
5-3-82	Decatur County, TN, No. 2641	6-13-82
6-25-82	Sequim, WA, No. 2642	
6-30-82	Taylorville, IL, No. 2643	

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Marvin M. Lewis

7-27-82	Sequim, WA, No. 2642	2-27-83
7-27-82	Eureka-Pacific, MO, No. 2644	10-17-82
7-27-82	Ocean City, MD, No. 2645	10-3-82
8-25-82	Hesperia, CA, No. 2646	2-26-83
9-9-82	Chamberlain, SD, No. 2647	5-22-83
9-22-82	Columbia, MD, No. 2648	10-12-82
9-24-82	Weatherford, OK, No. 2649	12-11-82
11-23-82	Merritt Island, FL, No. 2650	1-30-83
12-8-82	St. Clair, MO, No. 2651	1-29-83
12-23-82	Jackson, MO, No. 2652	2-27-83
2-11-83	Bates County, MO, No. 2653	
12-8-82	Collings Lakes, NJ, No. 2654	
12-27-82	Novato, CA, No. 2655	6-18-83
1-18-83	Buckhorn, AZ, No. 2656	3-20-83
1-19-83	Tyler, TX, No. 2657	3-26-83
2-22-83	Port St. Lucie, FL, No. 2658	3-27-83
2-24-83	Chisholm Trail, TX, No. 2659	3-6-83
3-1-83	Palm Desert, CA, No. 2660	3-19-83
4-12-83	Lake Placid, FL, No. 2661	
5-3-83	Warrenton, MO, No. 2662	
5-5-83	Casa Adobe, AZ, No. 2663	
5-12-83	Ellisville, MO, No. 2664	
5-24-83	Overland, MO, No. 2665	
5-18-83	Colonial Beach, VA, No. 2666	6-4-83
5-10-83	San Dimas, CA, No. 2668	

Benevolent Activities

Below is a list of Charitable, Educational, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with the total monies expended for the same during the Lodge year from April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983.

ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Handicapped children	\$ 2,331,777
Needy Family (includes Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets)	2,169,961
Youth Program	1,744,241
Hoop Shoot	600,595
Scholarships	1,814,101
Athletic teams	1,228,606
Scouting activities (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.)	519,955
Other	922,699
Major Project	5,292,065
Elks National Foundation	1,816,193
Veterans Programs	1,243,818
Support of hospitals and other charitable institutions	1,052,531

Camps and outings, etc.	442,698
Patriotic programs	576,626
Community projects	1,740,684
Miscellaneous	1,509,316
Total	\$25,005,866

Wisconsin	67	23,229
Wyoming	737	17,021
TOTALS	8,364	18,494
NET LOSS		10,130

Membership Gains And Losses By States

Lodge Year ended March 31, 1983

STATE	GAIN	LOSS	MEMBERSHIP
Alabama		1	8,464
Alaska	201		12,512
Arizona	159		31,600
Arkansas		9	8,298
California	1,190		167,172
Canal Zone		165	1,661
Colorado	729		53,611
Connecticut	153		32,685
Florida	2,210		77,033
Georgia		503	13,347
Hawaii (incl. Guam and Rep. of Philippines)	35		3,913
Idaho	1,223		21,282
Illinois	784		61,559
Indiana	436		49,195
Iowa	782		26,429
Kansas	400		23,560
Kentucky	65		8,339
Louisiana		81	4,610
Maine	179		12,509
Maryland, Delaware and Dist. of Columbia	472		24,422
Massachusetts	301		63,427
Michigan		1,607	61,174
Minnesota	302		19,761
Mississippi	223		4,982
Missouri	903		23,963
Montana		601	25,303
Nebraska		664	34,469
Nevada		330	7,738
New Hampshire		119	9,912
New Jersey		411	54,822
New Mexico	93		17,459
New York	83		86,682
North Carolina		338	14,680
North Dakota	58		32,221
Ohio		561	64,667
Oklahoma	857		24,338
Oregon		2,115	89,793
Pennsylvania		1,063	91,881
Puerto Rico		26	322
Rhode Island	41		7,433
South Carolina		575	7,578
South Dakota		554	17,749
Tennessee		456	16,209
Texas	331		28,254
Utah		342	12,429
Vermont		6	9,649
Virginia		129	13,756
Washington		2,700	82,175
West Virginia		488	16,091

Charitable Activities By States

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable work by each State and Special Jurisdiction, during the period from April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983 (including cash, travel and hours donated).

STATE	AMOUNT	STATE	AMOUNT
Alabama	\$ 410,755	Nebraska	\$ 377,901
Alaska	482,994	Nevada	318,731
Arizona	1,451,601	New Hampshire	461,270
Arkansas	153,370	New Jersey	4,161,486
California	7,258,460	New Mexico	599,627
Canal Zone	62,483	New York	2,880,148
Colorado	1,441,924	North Carolina	363,695
Connecticut	497,156	North Dakota	823,028
Florida	4,525,053	Ohio	1,073,794
Georgia	464,033	Oklahoma	955,015
Guam	5,236	Oregon	2,477,076
Hawaii	108,822	Pennsylvania	1,560,984
Idaho	902,508	Philippine Islands	15,745
Illinois	1,625,613	Puerto Rico	56,541
Indiana	725,331	Rhode Island	429,713
Iowa	385,339	South Carolina	254,704
Kansas	422,370	South Dakota	188,948
Kentucky	163,784	Tennessee	670,625
Louisiana	223,472	Texas	2,089,083
Maine	467,395	Utah	595,495
MD/DE/DC	1,255,292	Vermont	468,179
Massachusetts	3,181,895	Virginia	537,238
Michigan	1,271,178	Washington	1,694,099
Minnesota	503,824	West Virginia	270,435
Mississippi	90,519	Wisconsin	611,035
Missouri	990,456	Wyoming	170,066
Montana	300,263		
		Total	\$ 53,484,787

The foregoing Digest of Annual Reports was prepared by the staff of *The Elks Magazine* from texts of the official reports involved. Each of the reports was published separately in its entirety. In addition, The Grand Exalted Ruler, The Grand Secretary, and the several Chairmen presented supplementary remarks at the Grand Lodge Session held in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 24-28. These remarks appear in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session. ■

did you know.



Back in June we mentioned that Charles Weber of Decatur, Ind., Lodge No. 993, was 92 and had been a member of the Order for 70 years.

We wondered if he held the national record for longevity. Little did we know. We heard from Elks all over the country.

The champion at this point is Bro. R.R. Miles, 98, a charter member of Hanford, Calif., Lodge No. 1259. He was born March 6, 1885, in Grafton, Neb., where he joined the Order in 1906 and affiliated with Hanford Lodge in 1911. The lodge has recently received a plaque for presentation honoring him for 78 years as an Elk.

Then we heard from the secretary of Patterson, N.J., Lodge No. 60. Charles Villa has been a member for 75 years and will be 98 Sept. 7th. He was initiated June 16, 1908, at the age of 22 and continues to be active.

There are a couple of Elks who have been members for 73 years, or almost.

Carl Waters of Vallejo, Calif. No. 559 will turn 95 on Dec. 1st. He was initiated on July 20, 1910, does his own banking, shopping and yard work. Carl attends lodge on special functions.

Then J. Charles Petri has been a member since Dec. 2, 1910, and was born Dec. 16, 1888. That'll make him a 73-year Elk at age 95. He's a member of Brooklyn, N.Y., Lodge No. 22. Incidentally Brooklyn is now in its centennial year.

Jack DaSilva of Lake Worth, Fla., has been a member of Freeport, N.Y., Lodge No. 1253 for 72 years and was 95 April 27. He is member No. 1 and the oldest living member of his lodge. He drives his own car and goes fishing too.

On October 17, 1912, Dr. William J. Peyton was initiated into Fort Morgan, Colo., Lodge No. 1143, which will make him a 71-year Elk. He was Exalted Ruler in 1918-19 and attended the Grand Lodge Convention in 1919 at Atlantic City.

We thought for a while that Otto Heineman of Port Clinton, Ohio, Lodge No. 1718, might be the champion. Otto is working on his 102nd year. He was born Jan. 17, 1882, in Ehrenstetten, Baden, in the Black Forest region in Germany. He joined the Order at Sandusky, Ohio, Lodge No. 285 on Oct. 7, 1913, which makes him a 70-year Elk.

When Port Clinton Lodge was instituted Otto transferred and became its first Exalted Ruler.

Last but not least, David F. Katz of Hallandale, Fla., became an Elk in New York No. 1, also in 1913. Later he transferred to Kingston, N.Y., Lodge No. 550. He's proud of his 70 years as an Elk and he'll be 97 years young come next Feb. 6th. His first national convention was all the way across country in Los Angeles in 1915. The five New York City Borough Lodges had a chartered train for 26 days for that convention.

Those are quite some records. We add our congratulations to these super old-timers.

Elks pay a lot of attention to youth programs. For instance, lodges throughout the country today sponsor more than 1,000 Boy Scout troops and 3,000 Little League teams, as well as Boys' Clubs and Camp Fire.

Incidentally Michigan Elks have a new Golden Key Scholarship Award. The award is for students who have an impairment.

Kansas Elks have KETCH—Kansas Elks Training Center for Handicapped.

Five-year-old Dawn Brubaker of Lincoln, Neb., will be able to communicate more easily, thanks to the Elks and "Zygot."

Dawn is a cerebral palsy victim. "Zygot" is a communications board which Dawn simply bats with a handheld device which lights up pictures on the board.

The Nebraska Elks Benevolence Society bought the \$700 machine for Dawn. Similar machines are often used in the classroom but home use is rare.

Senior citizens are not left out of Elkdom, at least that's the way Lawrence, Mass., Lodge No. 65, feels about it.

They have an annual dinner-dance for members, their ladies and widows. They have a great time.

Talk about Elks Caring and Charity being the Cornerstone of Elkdom, the Elks at Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 693 are no doubt feeling mighty proud.

Not long ago a 78-year-old widow at Port Edwards, awoke to find that she was sitting in the middle of a flood.

Water was seeping into the basement of her home and slowly but surely climbing the steps and was ready to sprawl into the first-floor living quarters.

The sump pump installed in her home couldn't keep up with the volume of water.

Things didn't look good. That's when the Elks, along with the Wood County Emergency Government Office and Nekoosa Papers, Inc., came to her aid.

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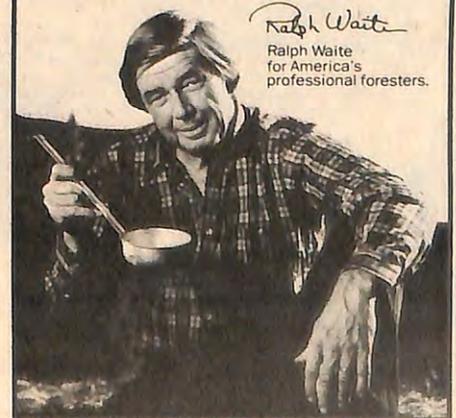
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All-American Lodge Contest D

The GL Lodge Activities Committee is once again proud to announce the "All-American Lodge" Awards, which will be based on statistics compiled during the 1983-1984 lodge year. The awards will be presented by GER Kenneth V. Cantoli at the Grand Lodge Convention in Houston in July, 1984.

Will yours be one of the "All-American Lodges"? It will take the dedicated effort of every member in your lodge to become the winner, but all lodges, regardless of size, have an equal chance.

Encourage your exalted ruler to participate in this contest and offer your assistance to him...get involved! Work on committees, bring in new members, participate in the Elks National Foundation, work with the lapsation list and PARTICIPATE...PARTICIPATE... PARTICIPATE!

The contest form, which will be provided later with additional information, must be completed and mailed by April 15, 1984. Each state association will select "All-State" winners in each membership category, and they, in turn, will be submitted for consideration as "All-American Lodges" in their respective categories.

There will be more information provided later, but let's all get involved now and cause your lodge to be known as one of Elksdom's "ALL-AMERICAN LODGES!"

John W. Heard, Member
GL Lodge Activities Committee

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Over half of the men took advantage of these many educational classes taught each night by teachers assigned to the camp. There were courses in motor vehicle maintenance, carpentry, metal work, electricity, wood-working and other vocational subjects that would aid them in finding work after their release. General classes included primary and advanced school subjects.

In an eight-year period more than one hundred thousand youths were taught to read and write, 5000 obtained high school diplomas, 270 received college degrees. To provide these courses required the services of more than 25,000 teachers, most of whom had been unemployed.

All was not work and study, however. Social contacts in the camp areas were encouraged by the Director. The men were free to visit the nearest town each evening if they were back by the 11 PM curfew. Weekend passes were allowed and frequent visits back home were encouraged. Sunday religious services were available for all faiths. Camp dances, often sponsored by local civilian groups such as the Y.W.C.A., were held regularly. The men were even taught to dance if they so desired and almost every camp had its own personal orchestra, glee club, or down-home band.

All sports were available and rivalry between the camps was keen. Many types of handicrafts were taught or practiced. Hobbies were en-

couraged. Most camps were equipped with movie projectors. 95% of the enrollees came from underprivileged families and benefitted greatly from these activities.

The Corps official newspaper was called 'Happy Days' and was very popular. However, almost every camp had its own newspaper, written and printed by the men. These papers were given distinctive titles, such as 'The Woods Rat', or 'Gopher News'. Another popular activity was the writing and production of plays and skits, often quite good. A few of the men were able to enter the legitimate theater as the result of this experience.

Of course, there were problems too. With this number of youths coming from all areas of American rural and city conditions, with ethnic, race, and religious differences, inevitable friction, rebellion against authority, and desertion was bound to occur.

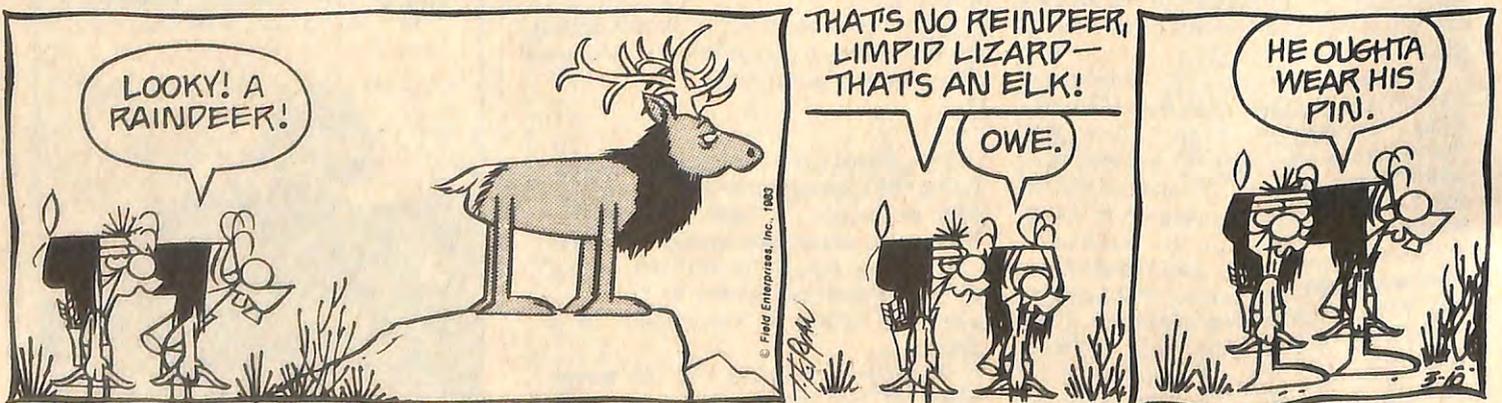
Discipline was not evenly administered in all the camps. Lack of proper indoctrination and homesickness among the younger enrollees caused desertion rates that ran as high as 20%.

Many northern recruits mistakenly believed they were being sent to a sort of 'rest camp' in the south or west, and rebelled at being kept in the cold northern areas. However, the great majority were happy in their work, thankful for employment and being able to help their families. Thousands of their letters sent home and to the Director demonstrated their regard for the Corps and the opportunities it offered for a better future.

Although the CCC Act required no discrimination on account of race,

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by TOM K. RYAN



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resistance at first to including blacks in the state quotas was considerable and not confined only to the southern states. Blacks, when enrolled, were placed in separate camps from whites and the location of these camps was the source of much contention. Residents of towns in even northern and western states protested the placing of these camps near residential areas, fearing the presence of such a large number of single black males. A careful survey of those claims failed to uncover even a single incident where the conduct of black CCC enrollees had disturbed community peace and quiet.

Despite this hostility, much of it politically motivated, of the more than 3 million enrollees almost 200,000 were blacks. More than 80% took advantage of the educational programs and received benefits often unavailable to their race at this period of American history. The situation improved in later years as more blacks were moved into supervisory positions in the Corps.

The severe droughts and soil erosion had damaged much of the western reservation lands of the Indians and they, too, faced a grim future. Accordingly, over 14,000 Indians were enrolled in the Corps as soon as possible. Many were married and most were permitted to live at home. The program proved a tremendous benefit to the more than 80,000 Indians who were employed during the life of the Corps.

Corps projects were eagerly sought in every state and territory. The number of camps ranged from 3 in Delaware to 155 in California. The
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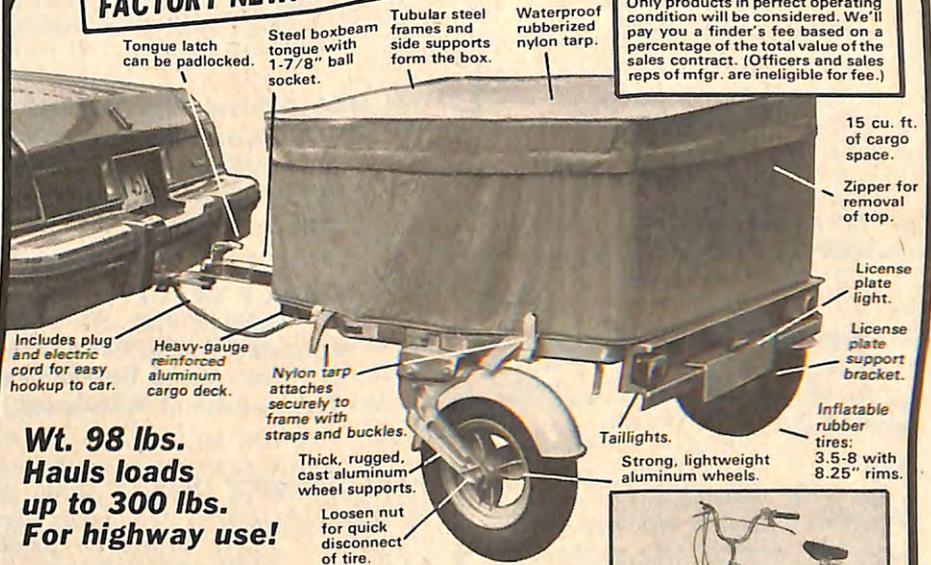
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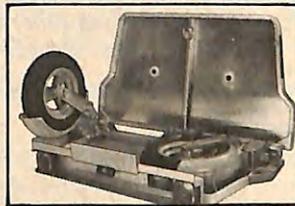
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Departed Brothers

PAST GRAND TRUSTEE Vincent Grocott of Santa Barbara, CA, Lodge died June 17, 1983. He was a Grand Trustee from 1965-69 and was Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees in 1968-69.

Brother Grocott served on several GL committees and was also a past president of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Bernard D. Ward of Fitchburg, MA, Lodge died recently. Brother Ward served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West Central District of Massachusetts in 1961-62.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY James E. Gross, Sr. of Palisades Park, NJ, Lodge died April 10, 1983. Brother Gross served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East District of New Jersey in 1978-79.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Glenn W. Barringer of Denver, CO, Lodge died recently. A former member of Raton, NM, Lodge, Brother Barringer served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the North District of New Mexico in 1942-43.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY John C. Fay of LaCrosse, WI, Lodge died March 14, 1983. Brother Fay served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the South District of Wisconsin in 1937-38. He was also a past president of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

PAST GRAND LODGE COMMITTEEMAN Edward J. Nelson of Portland, OR, Lodge died May 14, 1983. Brother Nelson was a member of the GL Ritualistic Committee from 1962-64.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Lewis W. Naylor of Alliance, OH, Lodge died June 21, 1983. Brother Naylor served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast South District of Ohio in 1960-61.

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millions of dollars spent by the Federal government in these areas often meant the difference between depression and prosperity for any nearby community, especially in the deep South and the western drought areas. To illustrate the benefits from these expenditures in a state, consider the 1937/38 annual report from Florida for Corps operations in that state. \$5 million in salaries and subsistence was dispensed that year, including enrollees' income returned to their needy families. Florida's total expenditure was only \$19,000. In addition, the projects contributed vast economic gains in reforestation, parks, drainage and reclamation which are of continuing inestimable value.

It would require too much space to catalogue all of the valuable projects completed by the Corps during its existence. The Department of Agriculture used the bulk of the work force under the supervision of its professional specialists, assisted by many thousands of local experienced men. More than half of those were employed in national, state and private forests, under the Forest Service. The rest were assigned to other agencies. It was the most successful example of real government cooperation between six federal departments or agencies in our history. The following is only a fractional listing of their activities.

The Forest Services the Corps seeded and planted billions of trees on cut-over lands or in new or established national, state, and private forests. For example, in the 9 North Central states area alone, 8 billion trees were planted on 800,000 acres of land left bare by timber-hungry pioneers. The Corps stopped soil erosion, cut thousands of miles of fire-breaks, fought forest fires, built fire towers, made truck roads and trails, cleared thousands of acres of downed timber, built campgrounds and dams, regrassed barren land, and hundreds of other projects.

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The Soil Conservation Service employed over 1½ million enrollees working in 500 camps during the 9 years. Each camp worked 25,000 acres of land. They established erosion control on more than 20 million acres of land that was being lost to erosion by wind and water. They taught farmers contour planting and tree farming, fence construction, slope terracing and proper drainage. On this restored land the Corps planted hundreds of millions of trees and saved countless billions of tons of fertile topsoil from future loss.

The nation's wildlife was being decimated with little legal restraint. The President's Wildlife Commission in 1934 devised a restoration program assigned to the Corps. Submarginal land was set aside as wildlife refuges. Fish-rearing ponds were built and lakes and streams were restocked with fish. Springs were opened for wildlife use, waterfowl refuge areas were developed and planted with foods. In only 4 years the wildlife situation had improved immensely.

National and state parks also reaped huge benefits from the work of the Corps. Hundreds of new parks and recreation areas were developed entirely through their labor. Roads, trails, dams, lakes, picnic areas, fireplaces, swimming pools, bridges, recreational buildings, campgrounds, and all the other improvements enjoyed by Americans today, were the result of their activities. Historic sites, monuments, old forts and buildings were restored by the Corps.

Other valuable projects included flood control projects in many states, involving ditching, drainage, and the construction of dams, some over 1000 feet long and 70 feet high. Subterranean coals fires in eastern and western states threatened valuable resources and these, too, were fought to a standstill by the men assigned to those areas.

The Grazing Service in the 10 western states included 142,000,000 acres on which more than 11 million head of livestock depended for food. The loss of these animals could have spelled disaster for ranchers and food shortages throughout America. Drought and erosion had taken their deadly toll. The Corps quickly drilled

wells, built water reservoirs, opened springs, made truck roads and corals, controlled rodents and weeds, and re-vegetated large areas with grass.

To assist federal plant services the Corps built greenhouses, horticultural field stations, pipe lines, irrigation ditches, planted seeds and shrubs, and assisted in improving the quality and quantity of fruits and other crops for the benefit of farmers and planters.

In Puerto Rico reforestation was badly required. The Corps employed 2100 natives for this and other work, in 12 camps. They planted millions of seedlings, including mahogany, teak, eucalyptus, and mesquite, established tree nurseries, and stocked streams with fish. The money spent in that area was vitally needed by the local economy.

To perform all these projects desired by the 6 participating agencies, the enrollees were offered training in one or more of 50 job skills. They became proficient operators of power shovels, stone crushers, graders, heavy trucks, and other heavy machines. Upon successful

completion of their training each man received a certificate of proficiency which proved his skill to a civilian employer. Over 60 thousand were thus trained, and these special skills were to prove an indispensable pool of badly-needed manpower when the nation was plunged into war with Japan.

The Corps had always been popular with more than 80% of the American public. Many groups had tried to make it a permanent training and fitness organization for America's youth.

Several factors led to the demise of the C.C.C. Its forceful Director, Robert Fechner, died suddenly in 1939, and the ensuing struggle for control lowered the morale and enthusiasm for the Corps and its supporters. Also, the Army was becoming deeply involved in the worsening European war news and wanted to be relieved of the responsibility for the organization.

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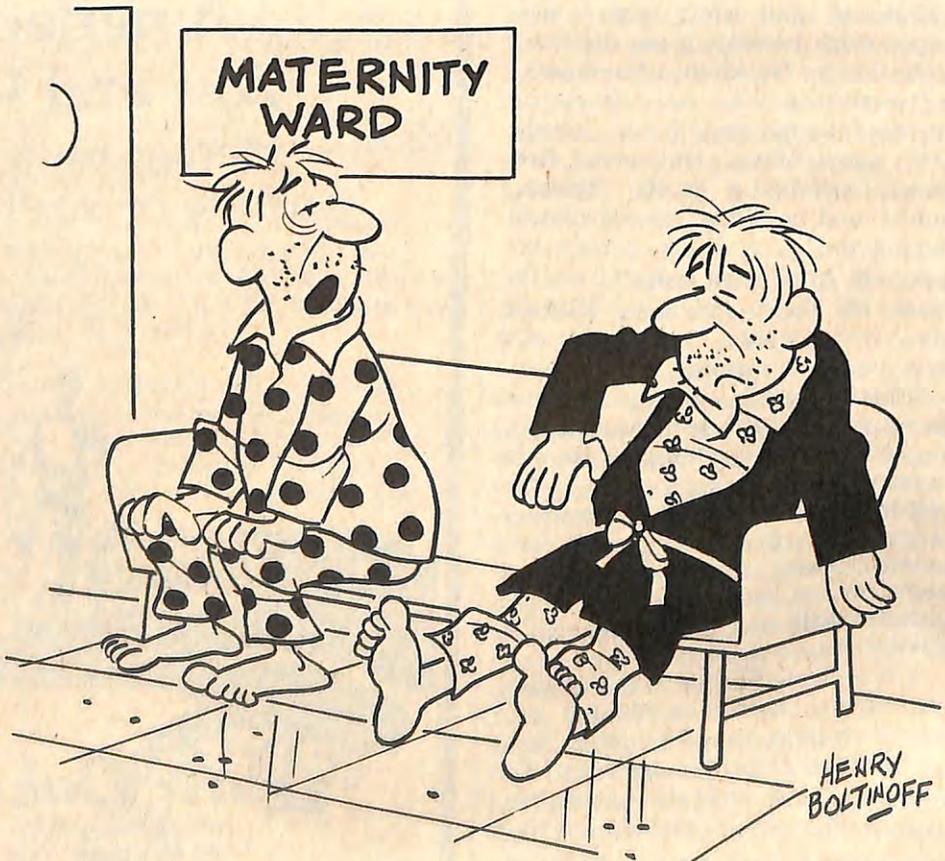
drill and training were begun. The men turned their skills to the building of army camps, airfields, artillery ranges, phone and power lines, air raid shelters, drill fields, roads and other defense projects. These skills and physical training probably did more than any other factor to prepare America for the wars on both fronts. The armed services relied heavily on the Corps to supply the trained men so urgently needed in the first critical years of the war.

Appropriations bills to continue the Corps were passed by Congress through 1941. However, the increasing employment opportunities at much higher pay in the war and defense industries resulted in a drastic drop in available new enrollees. From over 300,000 in January 1941 the Corps dropped to less than 150,000 by the fall of that year. The men were leaving at a rate of over 5000 per month. These factors and America's entry into the war resulted in the defeat of an appropriations bill by Congress. On June 30, 1942, the Corps was officially dead, although it

took some time to close out all its operations and dispose of the equipment and supplies on hand.

During its 9 years and 3 months the Corps had enrolled, fed, clothed, trained and educated more than 3 million underprivileged youths, and by its expenditures had financially helped millions of dependents, benefitted thousands of communities, and donated permanent improvements to every state. Several hundred thousand reserve officers, specialists, teachers, engineers, and craftsmen were given jobs during a period when national unemployment reached an alarming 25 percent.

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The next time you have a picnic in a national or state park, or hunt in a national forest or tramp along a blazed trail in the mountains, or build that dream house with lumber from 50-year-old trees, stop a moment and give silent thanks to those millions of unknown youths without whose hard work and pride you would not enjoy those benefits today. Let us hope this heritage is never squandered or destroyed.

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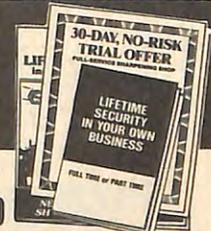
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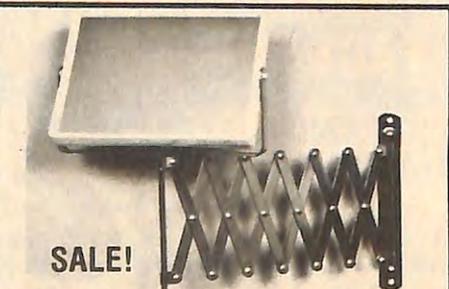
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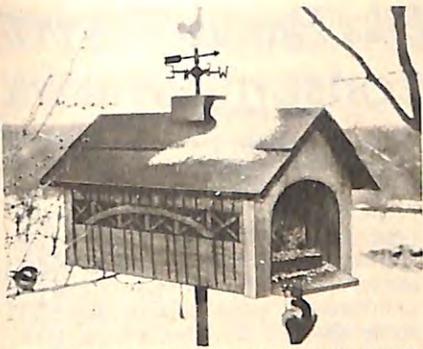
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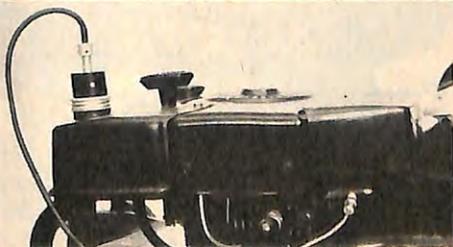
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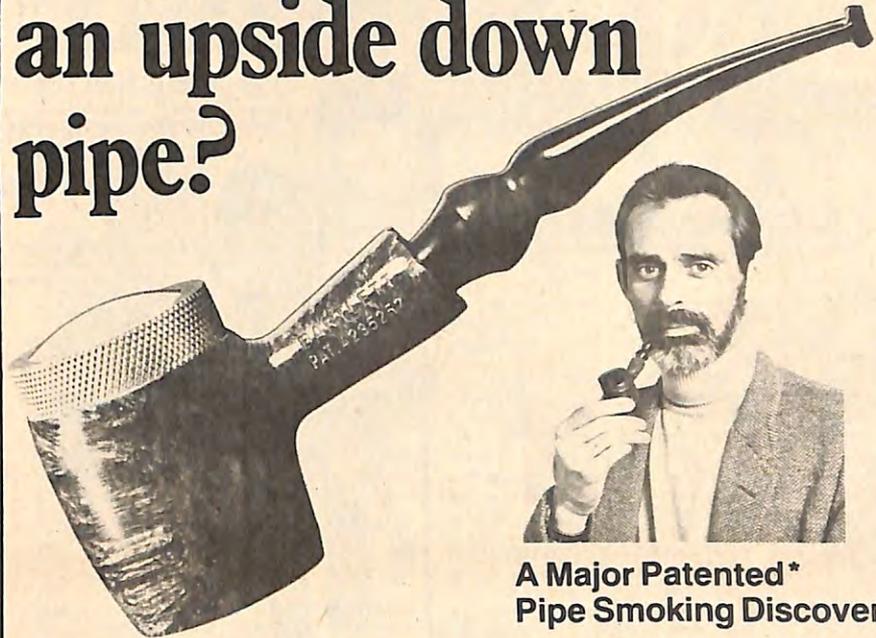
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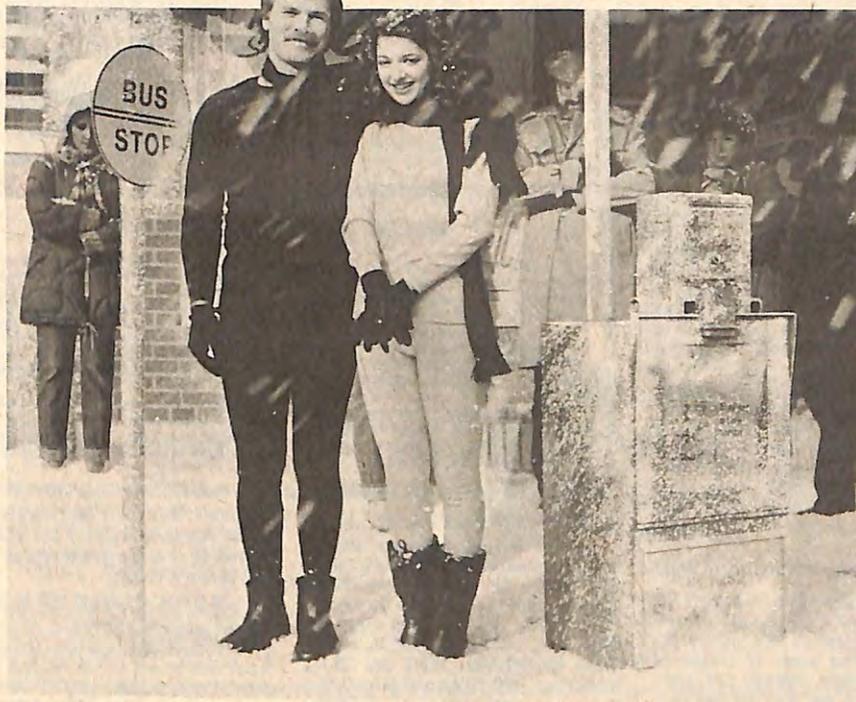
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After you tighten up your house, it should stay sealed. Unlike rodents, bats will not gnaw their way through building materials. Just make sure you have all the holes sealed. Even a hole the size of a dime is an entrance for a bat.

It's much better from a safety point of view to make your home batproof by sealing it up than to use chemicals. A number of chemicals for bat extermination are dangerous to humans as well.

And, an extra bonus of sealing up your house is that since it makes the house more energy efficient, you are probably eligible for federal energy tax credits on your income taxes.

The rest of the details on timing, as well as other information on how to batproof your house, are all discussed fully in a booklet from the U.S. Department of the Interior. For your copy of *House Bat Management*, send \$4.50 to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 229L, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

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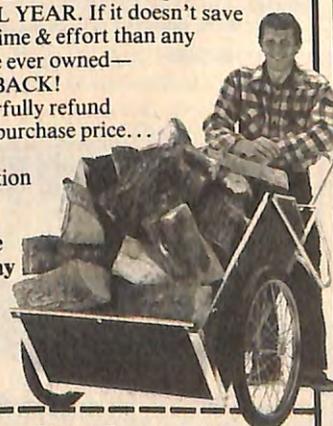
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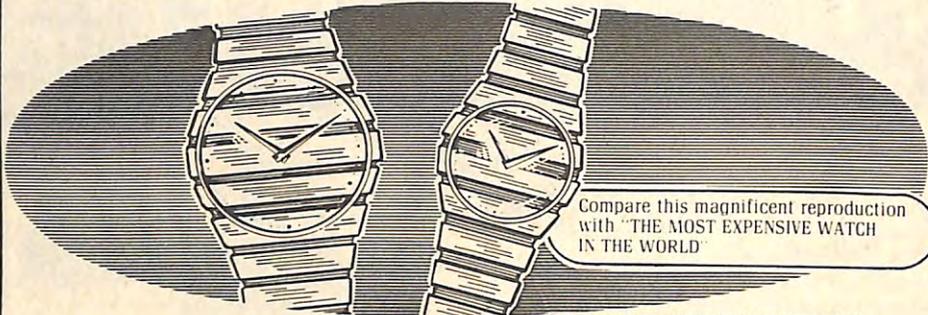
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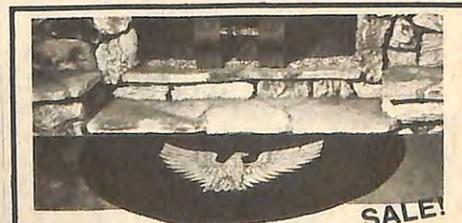
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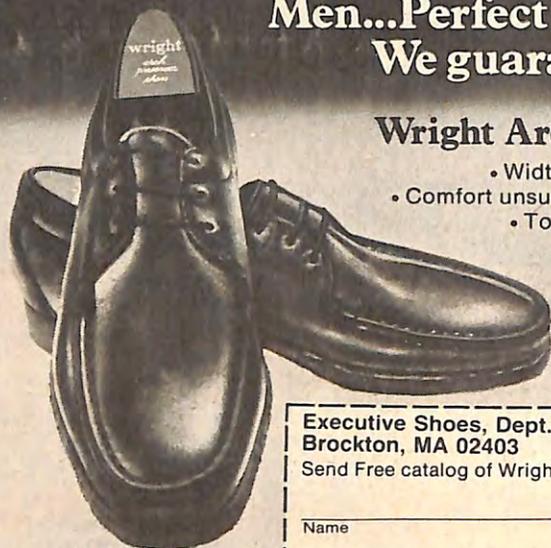
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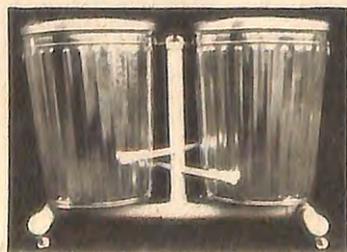
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PLASTIC SURGERY: A PATIENT PRIMER, PART 2

If you or a member of your family ever considers plastic surgery, how do you choose the surgeon whose scalpel will reshape a physical feature and, very possibly, your outlook on life? The best way to make your choice, according to the physicians themselves, is to apply a kind of "scientific method" for examining the field.

1. Take your time. The changes you want a surgeon to make will affect the rest of your life.

2. Even if you believe you have good word-of-mouth recommendations, consult at least three plastic surgeons who have been certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. Having three or more consultations will cost more money, but it may save you heartache and thousands of dollars in repairing a less-than-satisfactory operation.

Your family doctor and local hospitals will refer qualified physicians. So will county medical societies and the nearest university medical center. The American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, Inc., 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1900, Chicago, Illinois, 60601, has a nationwide referral service. By phoning (312) 856-1834, you can obtain the names of three board-certified plastic surgeons practicing in your area anywhere in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico. Another alternative is to check the *Directory of Medical Specialists Holding Certification by American Board*, a reference book available in many public libraries, for the names of specialists in your area.

3. During the consultations, ask every question related to surgery that comes to mind, even if they seem unimportant. And take notes. These are key questions to ask:

- a) Does the doctor specialize in the procedure you are considering?
- b) Does the doctor have board certification in the specialty? This means the doctor successfully completed an approved training program and passed a qualifying exam in the specialty.
- c) How many years has he or she been in the field?
- d) How many operations of this type

does he/she do annually?

- e) Exactly what is involved in the surgery and where will the scars be?
 - f) Will "before" and "after" photographs be taken?
 - g) Will the surgeon actually perform the operation or supervise others?
 - h) Who will provide all post-operative care?
 - i) Where will the surgery be performed? An increasing number of elective procedures are performed on an out-patient basis, either in a hospital or clinic or in a physician's office. This keeps costs considerably lower than a traditional hospital stay for surgery. Moreover, the fact that a local anesthetic generally is used for out-patient surgery does reduce the risk of any operation.
 - j) What are the fees? Obviously, this is a critical information area for the patient. Make sure you positively know: what the surgeon's total fee is; what the hospital or clinic charges are; the fees of any other specialists or consultants who may be involved; and what costs, if any, are covered by insurance.
- Costs for procedures can vary greatly, depending on the region and the particular physician. Many plastic surgeons expect to be paid in advance for cosmetic surgery. They say this assures that the patient can afford an elective procedure, and that the patient won't try to avoid payment after surgery by claiming there was a minor flaw in the results. Advance payment can most assuredly benefit the patient, too, because it establishes that there will be no additional charges.
4. Be aware that a good doctor will have questions for the patient, too. The surgeon will want to find out about your physical condition, but, often more importantly, he or she will want to determine your psychologic motivation. Answer the doctor's questions as openly and truthfully as you can. Only then will he be able to make an accurate appraisal of the situation. He will then be able to tell you if, in his opinion, you should have the procedure in question.

And he'll have the background data to detail the specific possibilities and limitations involved in the surgery.

Many physicians will refuse to operate on individuals who seek a cosmetic procedure because a spouse or friend thinks they need it. Or because they feel a single feature such as an over-large nose is marring their *entire* life. Or because they expect the surgery to save a deteriorating marriage. Surgery alone, without accompanying psychological counseling, almost never makes such people happy.

Plastic surgeons all across the country do generally agree that a patient's wanting to look better is reason enough for them to perform just about any cosmetic operation.

For more information, the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, Inc. (see address above), produces a series of patient education brochures that are free of charge. The booklets currently offered—others are in the developmental and printing stages—are: *Questions & Answers Regarding Plastic Surgery*; *How To Choose A Plastic Surgeon*; *Phytidoplasty (face-lifts)*; *Chemical Peel and Dermabrasion*; *Rhinoplasty (nose surgery)*; *Suction Lipectomy (body sculpting)*; *Blepharoplasty (eyelid surgery)*; *Scar Revision (for scars anywhere on the body)*.

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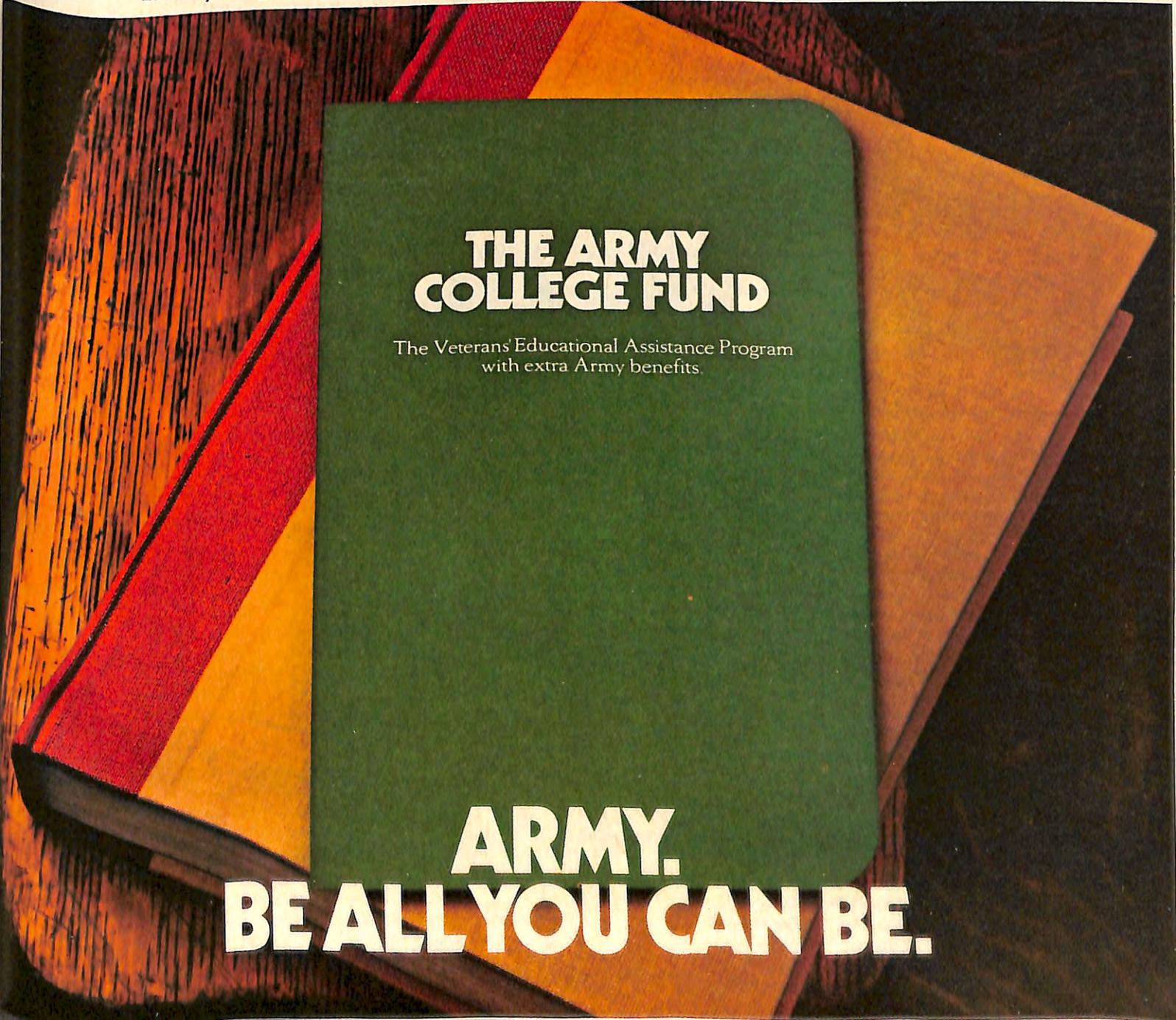
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Health, while not strictly a cost item, should be of paramount concern to every retiree. You may be in excellent health as you think about retirement abroad, but you've got to look to the future. Medicare does not follow you overseas (except in U.S.-related areas such as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and private health insurance may be hard to secure. (You won't need it everywhere; some countries, such as Great Britain and Sweden, have free national health care.) Beyond cost, however, is another important factor: medical care itself is better in some places than in others. Before you pick a retirement haven, be sure to check out the quality and availability of local medical care, as well as the distance you'll have to travel should specialized care be needed.

All of these tips are just a brief sampling of the wealth of information to be found in *Travel and Retirement Edens Abroad* (Dutton, 1983), a new book by Peter A. Dickinson. The book also contains detailed descriptions of retirement locales from Latin America to the South Pacific, highlighting the cost of living, medical facilities, housing availability and cost, climate and environment, recreation and culture, business and investment opportunities. A few places make the "best place" list in several categories. One country, Costa Rica, makes the list for every single category.

In talking about Costa Rica, just to take one example, Dickinson describes some of the reasons that this Latin American country "might be the retirement dream that's too good to be true." Along with a homogeneous society, Costa Rica boasts religious tolerance and friendly people. It has a temperate climate, high literacy rate, good health and good health care at moderate cost, varied housing at wide-ranging prices, a rich culture, and extensive tax, investment and business opportunities. If there's a problem, it stems from rising inflation and devaluing currency, spillover from neighboring revolutions and social discontent.

The lesson here is that things do not stay the same. El Salvador used to lure American retirees, but its current guerilla warfare scratches this formerly lovely spot off anyone's list of potential retirement residences. This is not to say that the same thing could happen in Costa Rica. But, when you take up residence in another country, you have to expect the unexpected. There may be currency troubles, inflation, political unrest...and you will have nothing to say

about what's going on.

Life may be a bit more predictable if you settle in a country like Canada, one with a long history of political stability and familiar culture. Canada is probably the most familiar of retirement locales. It offers high quality health care at little cost, good housing at good prices, and opportunities for high-yielding investments. It also offers great diversity, from French-speaking Quebec to British-dominated British Columbia, and the cost of living varies a good bit from place to place. A table in Dickinson's book sums up the important variables for each Canadian province, as a similar table compares Latin American or European countries.

The book, in fact, is chock-full of information for anyone contemplating residence abroad. It tells you how to make the most of currently favorable exchange rates, assigns personal ratings

to every aspect of overseas life, and lists numerous sources for detailed information on specific countries.

Travel and Retirement Edens Abroad sells for \$19.95 hardcover and \$12.95 in quality softcover. Look for it at your bookstore, or order postpaid direct from the author: Peter A. Dickinson, 47 Chestnut Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.

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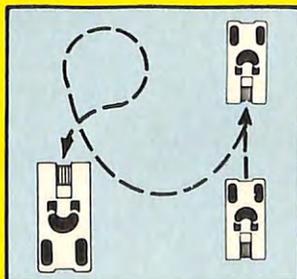
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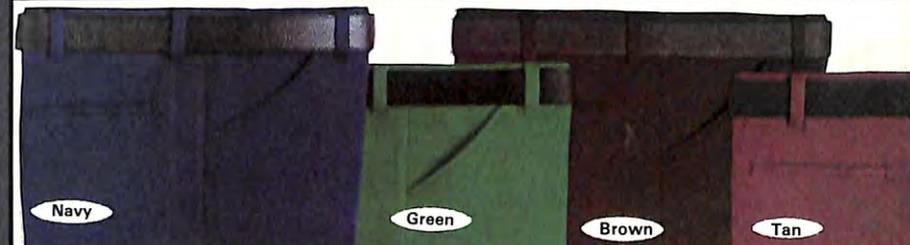
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