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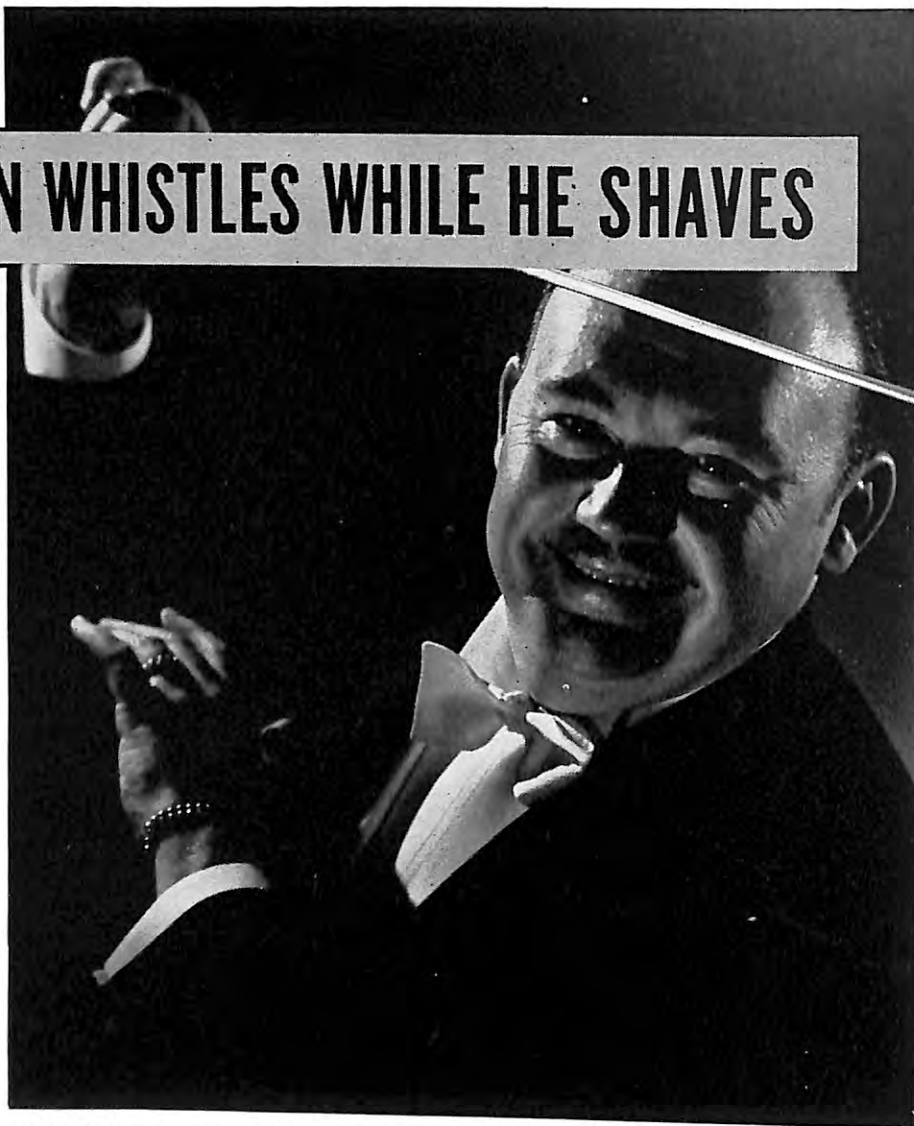


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Speech of Acceptance

by Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward James McCormick
Before the Grand Lodge at Atlantic City, July 12, 1938

I AM sincerely grateful to Doctor Ralph B. Wagner of St. Louis Lodge, No. 9, and to Past Exalted Ruler Judge John M. McCabe of Toledo Lodge, No. 53, for the fine tributes which they have paid me today. Both are possessed of oratorical and elocutionary fineness much above the average. That they are, in spite of many years of close association and mutual confidence, during which time they have undoubtedly appraised my many weaknesses, still willing to lend their talents to me on this occasion, is in itself a tremendous compliment.

To you, my Brother Elks from all parts of the United States, I express in all humility, from the soul and the heart, a million thanks. From your hands I receive one of the greatest honors available to an American citizen. You have placed me in the line of Elkdom's hierarchy composed of distinguished citizens and leaders from all parts of this great country and I am fearful that you shall expect from me the same record of accomplishment that has always been available when a Grand Exalted Ruler has handed the gavel to his successor. It has been a rare privilege to know, to love and respect these great Elks gathered on the rostrum here today. I shall strive to emulate them. My success will be dependent upon their help, advice and encouragement and upon your ever increasing endeavors in the cities from which you come. These things I ask of you here and now to the end that this great Order, founded upon the Holy Bible and the Constitution of the United States of America, may be strengthened and encouraged in its effort to preserve Democracy and help the less fortunate.

Twenty-five years ago, I was sponsored as a member of Toledo Lodge, No. 53, by my father, an enthusiastic member of our Order. I am sorry that the Divinity guiding our destinies saw fit to interrupt his span of life a year ago, because his cup of joy would be overflowing at this moment. He, it was, who, after my return from France, insisted that I accept the invitation to occupy an office in Toledo Lodge and who stimulated me to greater activity and continued interest in the work of our Fraternity. Whatever may have come to me in the past and the good that the future may hold must in all fairness be ascribed to the hopefulness and vision of a devoted father and a mother whose heart and soul have been inspired by continued sacrifice. Their interest in my association with Elkdom, shall always encourage me to greater effort in behalf of our Fraternity.

My Brothers of Toledo Lodge have been extremely thoughtful and kind to me through the years, as have the many lodges of the great State of Ohio. The honors which have come to me at your hands have been cherished by these many loyal Elks of the Buckeye State and I know their happiness at this time. They have anticipated this moment and I, knowing my limitations, have great doubt as to my ability to represent them. In making me your Grand Exalted Ruler, you have paid tribute to one of the finest lodges and one of the greatest Elk States in America—I realize that I am only an instrument by which your esteem may be conveyed to your good Brothers of the Middlewest.

The reference to my humanitarian activities by my good friends who have placed my name in nomination caused me joy and pleasure. My interest has been constantly stimulated because this great Order is fundamentally charitable and humanitarian in character. I take pride in the fact that I, as a member of a great profession, whose code of ethics was born with Hippocrates in 460 B.C., should be chosen as the first physician to hold the position of Grand Exalted Ruler of the greatest charitable, patriotic and fraternal group in existence today. The great works of the Order in war, in calamity and catastrophe and in behalf of crippled children, have always been closely interwoven with and dependent upon members of the medical profession who have been glad to serve without remuneration in most instances whether or not they were members of our Order. My election today is a tribute to those who, on cold winter nights and in out

of the way places, have fought and struggled to preserve human life and who, with unparalleled self-devotion continue to give of themselves that disease and suffering may eventually be brought to permanent Armistice.

The B. P. O. Elks is a great Order because of its teachings and its accomplishments. Few of our members are cognizant of the legion contributions of the Order. Our orators point with pride to the war work of the Order—its gifts in hospitals and funds to the service man. Word pictures of the beautiful Memorial building in Chicago and the National Home in Bedford are frequently painted. Much has been said of the crippled children endeavors in New Jersey, Florida and North Dakota. We hear of the care of tuberculosis sufferers in Arizona, of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, of the care of widows and children, and of the Americanization and traffic control work of the Order. The monies expended have long since extended into millions. During this Convention you will hear of the National Foundation which aids needy students, and perhaps see and meet the beneficiaries of the Foundation movement. My Brothers, there is no more impressive ceremony than the awarding each year in Grand Lodge of scholarships to deserving young men and women. The history of the Order is an unending pageant of good deeds and major accomplishments, so legion in number that many present day members have no idea of the vast scope of this Fraternity's activities. To serve such a body of men as Chief Executive is indeed a rare privilege.

History tells us that greatness and supremacy have frequently preceded decadence. During twenty-five years of Elkdom, I have had occasion, in conversation with others and as a result of observation, to ponder upon the present and the future of this great American Order. I have come to the conclusion that our shortcomings and our failures are the children of self-satisfaction and complacency which have developed as a result of greatness and upon which must follow failure. There is a tendency in subordinate lodges and among Elks to point to the past, to gloat upon our history and our traditions, singing the meantime, forgetting the present and the future. Like the rich man's son we have in some instances lived in temporary luxury upon our father's worldly goods making no effort of our own to contribute to our generation and dissipating the heritage which has come to us. The antidote against the insidious and creeping toxicity of inactivity is in the hands of every Exalted Ruler and every member of a subordinate lodge! It can be prescribed by our Grand Exalted Ruler but administration must be a function of subordinate lodge officers.

In each community where there is an Elks' Charter, we must strive to justify our existence to the extent that we may expect all outstanding citizens to join with us—not because our Order has been great, but because of present day constructive effort. There is no other solution to the problem of membership. Wherever you find trouble in an Elks lodge—membership dwindling, lack of *esprit de corps*, finances in bad shape, you may properly deduct that the lodge has gone far afield from Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity and that social dissipation has outgrown the lodge aspect and that social and community welfare have been forgotten. Subsequent to such deterioration in activities must come loss of memberships, of prestige, and of community leaders desiring to use their talents and support in fields where a worthwhile contribution can be made. Therefore we must, as Grand Lodge and subordinate lodge officers, endeavor to bring to consummation programs of our own, in accordance with the present day needs of our individual community, if we are to be successful. A failing lodge cannot hope to rehabilitate itself by pointing to the history of the Order while it continues to remain a detriment rather than an addition to the community in which it exists. And such a lodge is not a credit to the Order and from such a source there is germinated criticism that like a great cloud covers and conceals the good for (Continued on page 53)

FOR twenty-four hours the *Malignant* had been running like a driven stag. She heeled over, dipped her bow into green water and shattered it into seething white. She lifted like a duck on the heave of the bull-shouldered rollers that came roaring down from the north, and her flanks shed cascades of cold silver.

From his place aft by the wheel Angus MacInnis thrilled to the sheer grace and loveliness of her. There was something honest and fine built into her; something that men's hands and brains had put into her timbers that was essentially good and true. These scrapings of the seas, who had her now, hadn't been able to wipe that out when they painted out whatever name she had, and renamed her the *Malignant*. All the slovenly disorder of her decks and gear couldn't hide the orderly beauty of inner integrity. She was an honest ship; the product of honest men; built for honest sailors. A pirate's wench now, but she had kept her character and honesty.

When her bow dipped, Angus could see his Cape Breton coast like a dull fog bank on the stormy horizon. It lay dour and bleak afar in the thin, watery twilight. He watched it, and the agony that started in his thumbs rippled along the muscles of his big arms and settled dully and sickeningly in the pit of his stomach.

For twelve hours he had hung as he was hanging now, strung by the thumbs just aft of the mainmast. He was hung so that his toes just touched the deck. By straining the muscles of his legs he could ease the searing agony that turned his thumbs to liquid fire. Every roll and lift of the *Malignant* etched deeper the drawn lines of his weathered face. His lips were clamped so tightly that a circle had drawn around his mouth, a pallor that showed in sickly yellow through the hard bronze that wind and weather had burned into his face. His dark eyes smoldered with deep fires as he stared at the Cape Breton coast.

Forward he could see the bulk of the crew watching the land as it loomed up on the horizon. They were dressed in a motley collection of loot from a dozen ships. Their soiled finery, that they had put on in increasing layers as they moved to meet the northern autumn, was incongruous in these cold, green seas. It belonged, as did these scourings of the seas, with softer climes where trade winds and a tropic sun made allowance for such as these.

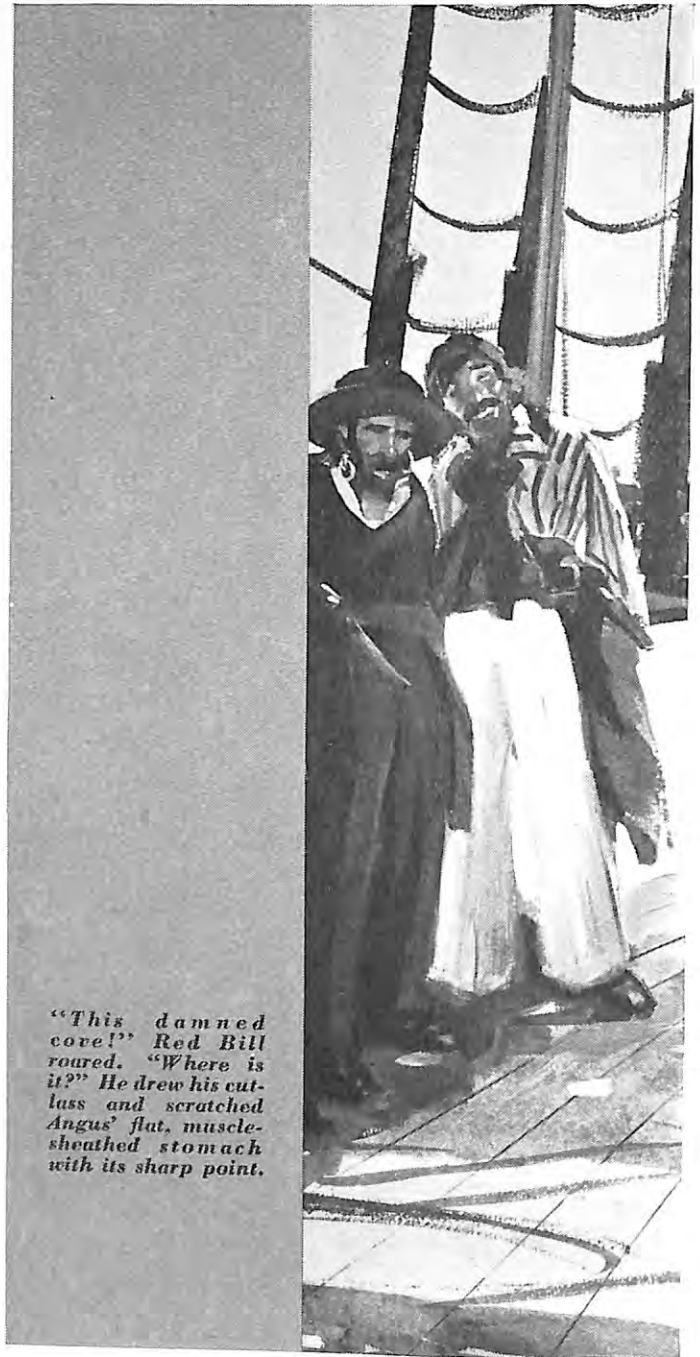
Looking at them, Angus remembered the men he had watched go down on his own scuttled ship. The *Isobel* had been an honest ship. She had not the grace and beauty of this lady, but she was an honest boat, manned by honest fishermen who were as hard and forthright as these green seas.

The *Malignant* had hailed them on the fishing grounds. When Red Bill came aboard with his ruffians at his back, Angus had known them for what they were, a pack of hunters who had become the hunted. The

The Safe Anchorage

By B. B. Fowler

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"This damned cove!" Red Bill roared. "Where is it?" He drew his cutlass and scratched Angus' flat, muscle-sheathed stomach with its sharp point.

Nova Scotian and Newfoundland coasts had known many of them these past years; these snarling packs who ran north when the Caribbean became too small to hold them; fleeing in sullen rage with their loot and their fear into the haven of these outports of civilization; to winter in some hidden cove after they had massacred the fishermen and their families and had taken over their homes.

The top of Angus' head seemed to lift and fall with the rise and dip of the *Malignant*. That was where Red Bill's mate had knocked him senseless with a pistol butt after they had learned he was the *Isobel's* skipper.

He had come back to consciousness on the deck of the *Malignant* in time to see the *Isobel* going down with the crew clinging to the rigging. He could make out young Roddy, his brother, aft, standing straight and unafraid, as a MacInnis should stand at such a moment. Roddy was a man at twenty. The same storms and biting cold had tempered him just as they had etched the lines of maturity on Angus at twenty-four.

He had carried that picture with him as they flung him down the companionway. He had struggled to his feet in the foul cabin of the *Malignant* and listened to the harsh boom of Red Bill's voice. "You're alive, my



buck, because we don't know these waters. Our navigator who knew them whimpered himself to death with a knife in his belly a week ago. So you'll pilot us into a safe anchorage in exchange for your life."

All the time he talked Red Bill's little green eyes had given the lie to his blustering words. There was only death in those eyes; death and deceit and cold ferocity.

While Red Bill had talked, his woman had stood with her back to the after bulkhead watching Angus somberly, speaking no word, but watching him, propounding unfathomable questions in her strange eyes.

Then for twelve hours he had hung by his thumbs, his grinding voice giving directions to the man at the wheel. It had been in his heart to bellow his forthright defiance at Red Bill. But there was something in the woman's eyes that stopped him, a look which enraged him even while he took its counsel. A pirate's wench should not have such eyes.

Surf was like unfurled banners against the dark bulk of land when Red Bill came aft with his woman. It was impossible to see the expression of Red Bill's face. Fiery red whiskers curtained his expression to the eyes. He walked with the shambling gait of a bear, heavy shoulders humped forward, his head with its tangled

mat of hair swaying from side to side as he approached. His little greenish eyes glittered and told Angus all he wished to know.

"Remember the bargain," his voice rasped. "Your life for a safe anchorage. You'd better see that we anchor safely in this cove of which you tell. Do we that and you have your life and a handful of gold."

Words began to well up, bitter in his throat. Then he looked at the woman and shut his teeth on the words.

She was standing behind Red Bill, her hands clasped behind her. The fingers of the wind caught her flowing, black dress and modelled its fabric against the strong length of limb. The tight bodice showed the proud lift of her breasts. She stood very straight. It was an incredible thing to Angus that such a wench should carry herself so like a queen. The tilt of her chin was high and sure. The white column of her throat rose out of the black dress with a grace that was almost disdainful.

But it was her face that started a slow pulse beating in his throat. It was like pale ivory, still and cold and immobile. Her nose was straight and fine. Strong cheekbones made flat hollows of her cheeks and threw lines of shadow along the firm jawline.

Her eyes met his and spoke in a language that stirred him strangely. He thought of a ship of flesh and blood, his ship, the *Isobel*. She had been named after another Isobel, a woman of lively legend as bitter and salty as his own rugged Cape Breton coast. To the cove where that Isobel lived had come another man like Red Bill. He had come ashore to the clattering accompaniment of his run-out anchor chain, to kill and pillage and destroy. Isobel he had seen and taken. She had submitted, pretended pleasure, plied them with good Demarara until the crew was sodden drunk. While they snored in their drunken sleep she had killed the captain and six of his crew and walked twenty miles with their blood drying on her hands to the next vilage. Isobel, Angus thought, must have such eyes as this woman. Then he pushed the idea from him in sullen anger. This was a pirate's wench.

She stood and gazed at Angus while the mutter of surf became a thunder in his ears and its pale flicker grew to a leaping glory of dazzling white against the black rocks.

"This cove! This damned cove!" Red Bill roared. "Where is it?" He drew his cutlass and scratched Angus' flat, muscle-sheathed stomach with its sharp point.

Angus did not quiver. He stared at Red Bill with his hard eyes that were so old in his strong, young face and said, "There before you. You can see the Head there. Round the Head and your cove runs back a full mile."

He felt the tense strain behind the cutlass point relax and he smiled deep inside. These men were such errant cowards; part and parcel of the womanish southern seas upon which they sailed and plundered the packs of the plodding merchantmen.

AS for himself, he watched death come to him through the gathering darkness and was not afraid. There was a time for death and a way to meet it. He had walked hand in hand with that death too many times upon these bitter waters to fear it now. He watched the eyes of the woman and saw that here, too, was no fear, only indomitable purpose, the hard drive of a strong will and an inner power the more terrific because of its rigid discipline. And, yet, she was a pirate's wench. That was another bitter thing in his mind.

Red Bill turned his head and roared, "Stand by, you scum! We're coming to safe anchorage. There'll be rum and song and the warmth of fires this night." His voice dropped a little, "God's blood, but I could do with a little fire in this accursed clime!"

The towering black bulk of the Head reared its might above them. The spray from the surf was whipped across the *Malignant*, and stung his naked skin like driven hail. Angus lifted his head and let the salt sting of it touch his lips. His nostrils flared as he drank in the cold, pungent smell of the rocks and the land. Spray plastered his black hair still more tightly to his head and exultation started to well up in his breast.

He turned his head and watched the girl. She, too, had lifted her face to the spray and the smell of the land. Her dark eyes rested on Angus, and there was deep triumph in them as if she had looked long for this land and exulted now in the finding of it.

Then the words that Angus need hold back no longer came strongly into his mouth. His lips were like a trumpet, crying destruction. "Aye!" he said contemptuously. "You'll have fire, you black-hearted bilge scum. You'll have fires. You'll warm your bones in hell where you belong. You'll peer into the dancing fires of hell. Look, you red dog! Look!"

The force of triumph in Angus' voice touched cold fingers on Red Bill's rage. He turned his head and looked. There was no cove. Beyond the Head was only a shallow indentation in the coast. The rim of jagged rocks were like the teeth of cold monsters waiting for this ship that sailed into them. The roar of the surf was the thunder of cold doom in his ears.

Red Bill's mouth sagged. Then wrath momentarily wiped away the fear. He swung back to Angus and

raised the cutlass. Angus looked, and smiled wolfishly, a thin grin of triumph.

Then another, sharper streak of silver cut across his vision as the woman stepped swiftly forward. Her sleek, black hair made her head look like the head of a panther as it shot forward. Her hand went up and down, the blade in her hand making a hard light.

Red Bill sobbed once, deep in his chest, and folded at all his joints. The cutlass made a small, dull thud in the enveloping roar of the surf as it hit the deck.

The woman stepped forward and slashed the cords that strung Angus up and he fell forward to the deck. He could hear her voice for the first time, rich and throaty with triumph; terrible in the fierce control of the passion that shone in her eyes. "A dog, and a son of a dog! I have waited long for this moment!"

Angus lurched to his feet as the man at the wheel leaped for the fallen cutlass. Angus swung his heavy sea boot into the man's face as he bent to reach the blade. The kick lifted him bodily from the deck and slammed him back against the wheel. He bounced from the wheel and fell flat on his face.

The yells from the crew forward became a high and frightened babble of screams. Angus smiled tightly and looked at the woman. She was straightening up from Red Bill's body, thrusting something in her bosom.

She put her hands to her shoulders and let her dress fall in a circle of black about her. She stood for a split second with her head uplifted to the stars. The triumph in her face shouted to Angus with a voice that was mightier than the thunder of the sea against black rocks. It was sweeter in his ears than the boom of winds in the jagged pinnacles of the Head.

He jerked his arm in a gesture toward the rail and watched her stride across the deck. She was wearing a short, close-fitting jacket and short silk breeches of black in which her legs shone like marble pillars. It came to Angus that she must have made herself ready for this. She stood on the rail, poised for an instant and went over in a clean, sharp dive.

Angus kicked his sea boots off as he stood by the rail. Forward, pistols made belated, ineffectual snaps against the grinding thunder of the mating of sea and rocks. Pistol balls slapped on the deck and rail as Angus went overboard.

HE came up out of the roaring green water and saw the girl's head, sleek as a seal's, a few yards to his right. He swam a dozen yards and rolled on his side to watch the *Malignant's* masts trace a wide arc against the sky. And in that instant a great lump came into his throat. This ship was lovelier than anything he had ever seen. She had been built to walk in beauty on the waters of the earth. She had been fashioned in loveliness to carry white sails like garments of rejoicing, and to lift to the rough carresses of vigorous winds.

These men who swarmed like ants upon her decks had painted out her name, and made of her a soiled and shamed thing. They had smeared her with their own obscenity. But they had never destroyed her grace and strength and pride. She lifted her bow in a smother of dazzling white, to meet the outer teeth of the rocks. There was something sublime in the gesture, something triumphant and joyous and splendid. It was as if she knew and welcomed this last passage with the sea. She seemed to fling herself forward. Having her revenge on those who had made a strumpet of her.

She leaped to the embrace of the rock that rose up to greet her. She struck and shivered in every lovely line. The tall masts that had soared in stately beauty came crashing down. The rocks seemed to rebuff her as they flung her back, but she rushed forward again as though she would not be denied this end.

The chill in Angus' heart was deeper and more biting than the icy embrace of the sea. And yet, he knew it should be so. She had reached an end. She had worked with him to wipe out old scars and right wrongs that could only be righted by hard violence and bitter disaster.

He turned his back to her and swam doggedly toward

the far angle of the cove. Over his shoulder he could see the sleek, black head of the woman, her face luminous in the blackness of the waters. He turned his back to her and swam, knowing that she would certainly and victoriously reach the land.

As he swam he became conscious of his own weakness. He had not eaten nor drunk for twenty-four hours. Through twelve of those hours he had hung in a torture that had strained sinews and nerves to the point of sheer exhaustion. He felt the muscles along his ribs quiver weakly. Feet and hands were dead weights. The agony in his thumbs sent waves of weakness along his arms.

The one bit of shore in the cove upon which anyone could land was far ahead. At no other place could a man get through. At any other point there were hungry rocks waiting for the surf to fling its victims to them.

The fingers of the undertow were strong and relentless, pulling him down, dragging at his weakened body. The agony from his thumbs seemed to have gotten into his jaw where the muscles were as hard as bone as he fought with the sea and the menace of the rocks and most of all with his own weakness.

Some blind instinct kept his course true. Conscious effort and direction had left him long before he reached the few yards of stony beach. He was not conscious of leaving the sea. He smashed through the last yards of smoother foam and fell flat on his face at the water's edge.

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He yelled, a watery bleat of fear and groped for the sheath knife on his hip. But it was too late then. She struck once



Old Rubbernose

By Paul Annixter

Illustrated by LYNN BOGUE HUNT

AS the black jaguar neared the lighter and more populous section of the jungle, a sort of intuitive warning seemed to run in advance of him. He was a huge beast, nearly six feet long and sooty black all over, like something that belonged in an evil dream. He had more than the bulk of a cougar, but such a master he was in aerial climbing that not a whisper of sound advertised his passing.

His way led along the interlaced branches and great hanging lianas of the middle jungle, some eighty feet from the ground, and as he paused from time to time to peer downward with pale yellow eyes, one saw that he had a blunt, lowering visage of unspeakable cruelty. His red jaws studded with long dog teeth gaped momentarily in silent snarls, suggesting the bottomless savagery of the beast as well as a startling voraciousness. One of the top tyrants of the deep jungle, he was, a duke in his own right.

He came out of the dark mysterious depths of the deep forest riverward, where he ruled and had his lair, and where, thanks to his deadly hunting efficiency, game had become increasingly scarce. He was moving northward toward the lighter and more populous section of the jungle, where the overarching canopy of the trees was thin enough for the sunlight to find its way through, making life more tenable for the lesser jungle folk.

A weird lot these were, most of them being forms of life forgotten elsewhere a million years ago, but still persisting in this lost and forgotten land of the upper Amazon. All of these creatures knew the black leopard well, and all save one of them took to panicky flight, or

hid and waited, hoping he would pass by. A jaguarondi, that fierce little blood-sucker of the jungle who seems to be a cross between a black cat and a black tree weasel, shot up the trunk of a mora tree with a speed that fairly made the rear of his snaky body snap like a whip as he popped into his hollow limb. An armadillo, all rattling plates and claws—a living tank—backed swiftly into the burrow from which he was just emerging, and a band of red howler monkeys who looked like hideous old men, took to the highest, slimmest branches where the jaguar could not follow, and waited, grimacing. Only Old Rubbernose, the giant anteater, or rather anteatress, who would have tipped the scales at even more than the leopard himself, seemed to feel no apprehension at the coming of the jungle footpad.

She was half dozing at the time, at the base of a great, ant-infested tree, and possibly did not even sense the leopard's approach. She was not given to nerves or brightness in any way, and though her long, mild, foolish-looking head was practically composed of a three-foot, curving, flexible nose, it was little or no good to her in the sensing of danger. It was really a patent pneumatic vacuum hose, made expressly for thrusting into holes and sucking up ants. As for her little eyes, they were purblind and dull, and her mouth was a mere toothless and tubular hole at the end of her snout.

Weirdest perhaps of all the weird forms that peopled this lost and buried land, she was, and, with the exception of the lowly sloth, the least common denominator in the entire scale of four-footed life. Her big body, nearly five feet long, was hairily, heavily clothed, like



a bear's, yet utterly shapeless and grotesque. Her snout was ludicrously reminiscent of a bird. She looked like one of Nature's unfinished sketches left over from some steamy prehistoric age, and that was exactly what she was. Hers was a losing million-year struggle for survival, for the mere right of a place among the other tribes of the jungle. For already Nature had discarded her from the changing scheme of things, as a form too crude, too imperfect to carry forward.

But a highly efficient and specialized citizen of the jungle she was for all that. She might have been the original model for this airflow, streamline age of ours. She had neither hips nor shoulder blades and her long, cucumber-shaped head hung down in front like another tail. And she was turret-topped, too—with numerous layers of interwoven hair, long outside and matted short beneath—protection against ants and the many dangers among which she dwelt.

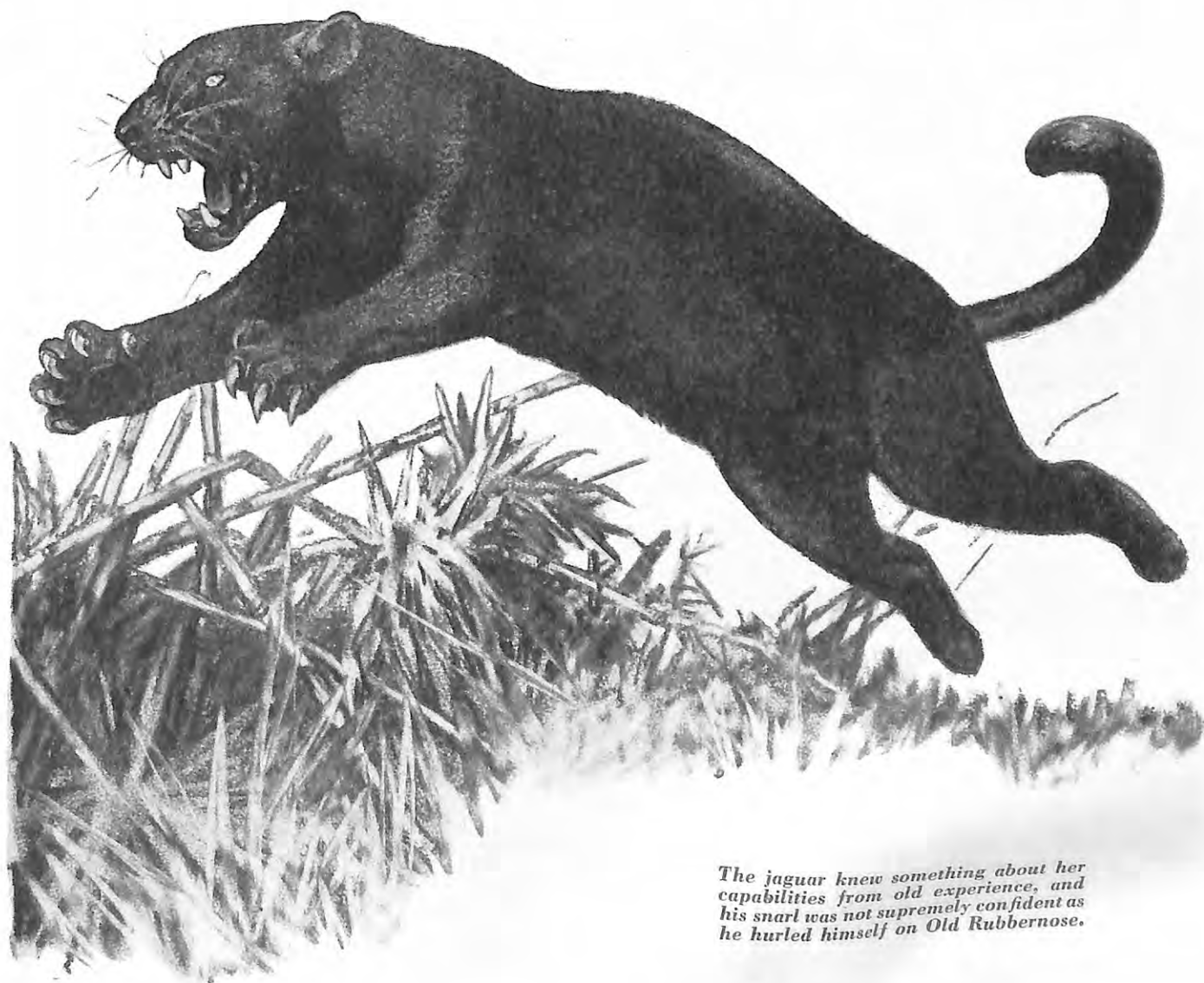
Not until the black jaguar came hitching and rasping down the tree trunk directly above her did Old Rubbernose rouse herself, and even then she showed no actual fear. She unfolded herself very slowly, as if tomorrow would do as well, and sat up on her haunches, her mild, long face wagging dully back and forth. Then she stood up and immediately a remarkable fact became apparent. The middle claw of each of her front feet was an enormous, saber-like trowel, larger than the whole foot, so cumbersome that it was too big to walk on and had to be turned back and under, so that the beast progressed on her wrists, so to speak. Also her vast umbrella-like tail which was as big as the whole beast,

was flung forward over her back, *a la* Pomeranian.

Very slowly then she started off, headed in the general direction of three great anthills she knew of, some four hundred yards away. Four hundred yards to safety, with one of the grimmest killers of all the jungle practically upon her, and still no hurry. Dull-witted and slow as she was, however, she knew her capabilities, that beast. The jaguar knew something about that, too, from old experience, and his snarl was not supremely confident as he hurled himself upon Old Rubbernose's back.

The ground suddenly gave way beneath the battlers—it wasn't ground really, but a cleverly camouflaged layer of branches covered over with earth and leaves—and down they pitched, nine sheer feet to the bottom of a freshly dug pit. As they fell they disengaged in mid-air and alighted separately, a blessed and timely relief for Old Rubbernose. The fall itself was nothing to her. Neither was this hole in the ground. A digger and delver in the earth by trade, she was used to holes in the ground. She removed to the opposite side of the pit from the jaguar and hunkered down, glad of a respite to regain her strength.

As for the jaguar, he had been transformed into a spitting, hissing, fiery-eyed demon, literally on end with horror, for the fear of pit-traps had been born in his blood. If there was one thing in the world he had no use for now it was tough, slab-sided, dull-witted Old Rubbernose whom a moment before he had been trying to slay. His pale eyes were fixed in an utterly demented fashion upon a single spot, the lighted hole above,



The jaguar knew something about her capabilities from old experience, and his snarl was not supremely confident as he hurled himself on Old Rubbernose.

through which he had fallen. From time to time he sprang upward, clawing wildly, only to slip back frustrated. For that pit was cleverly made, bigger at the bottom than the top, its sides slanting just the wrong way for a fellow to get a purchase anywhere.

The jaguar fell to padding back and forth in fury. He was rapidly losing what little control and sanity he had, that cat, as his kind swiftly do at the first hint of restraint and frustration. His eyes had become two mad, phosphorescent moons and each time he inadvertently brushed against Old Rubbernose and each time he struck out with a snarl, like water sucking down a drain-pipe. He thought, no doubt—insofar as his addle-pated brain was capable of thought—that Rubbernose was to blame for the whole sorry plight. Now and then he lifted up his voice and spoke about it in fury. It was the voice of a bad dream, a squally, coughing roar that even in that land of unearthly yells was congealing to the blood.

It was about an hour later that a white man in topee and khaki jungle kit, followed by two Indians, came quietly along the game trail on an afternoon inspection of his traps. He was Brinkmann, a Dutch naturalist and animal collector for the big Zoological Gardens of Hamburg and London. This pit trap of his had been finished by his Indian carrier only the day before, originally designed to catch a big boar tapir of phenomenal size, known to haunt this particular vicinity. When Brinkmann, hastening to the pit mouth, beheld the black jaguar glaring up at him with the malignancy of several fiends, his elation was boundless. A tapir can always be had, but here was one of the rarest prizes in all the jungle, the slyest and hardest to catch.

Having sent the Indians back to camp for accoutrement, Brinkmann stood at the pit mouth trying to puzzle out the phenomenon, for rarely does a beast so wily and agile as a black jaguar, used to hunting spider monkeys for food a hundred and fifty feet above ground, fall foul of a pit trap. Soon the natives returned with a powerful, silk-woven net and a cage made of strong, green jungle wood. In a short time by the dextrous use of hooked poles, the jungle tyrant was meshed and helpless in the heavy strands of the net, hoisted to the surface and dropped spitting and swearing into the cage. Presently the Indians had camouflaged the pit top again with earth, leaves and branches and the jaguar's cage was hoisted upon long poles and carried back to camp, the white man following. No one had dreamed that Old Rubbernose was lying quietly below in a shadowed corner of the pit, like a dingy flattened mass of fur.

WHEN all was quiet again the old ant-bear rose and began to cope with the situation. Apparently her many wounds had incapacitated her not a whit, for half sitting down she raised her great front claws and began to slice powerfully at the side of the pit. The earth fell away and showered down beneath and behind her. Old Rubbernose's tools were fashioned by Nature who recognizes no obstacles, to cope with earth far harder than this. The dirt fairly flew and masses of it fell upon her from above. She merely mounted upon it and continued carving her way on a long slant upward. In less than half an hour she emerged on the surface.

Then the amazing beast sat back upon her haunches again and began methodically to clean and groom her long, toothless and tubular snout, very much as a bird cleans its beak upon a branch, by rubbing it against her hairy and crooked knee. Perhaps that highly important organ had been injured somewhat in her ordeal with the jaguar, but now it seemed quite all right; so, too, did the beast herself. Quite right and fit again where any other creature in the jungle would have been killed several times over. For Nature having placed her for a purpose in a realm of constant danger, and tied her wit and body to the earth with slowness, had repaid her with a gift of slow, unyielding strength and a toughness that passed all understanding, lest her tribe be utterly wiped out.

Once more she turned in the direction of the distant anthills and continued her uninterrupted journey, trotting as always on the back of her wrists, knuckling as it were, while her hind feet progressed in the ordinary way, flat. Thus, making haste slowly, her amazing umbrella of a tail raised aloft in the rear and her long curved snout raised like a sandpiper's beak in front, she arrived at her goal, the first of the great anthills, all of which were situated in a natural cleared place in the forest.

It was close to eight feet high, that hill—there are none such in the northern world—and it was made of reddish earth, baked hard as granite. It was in fact the outpost, the farthest rampant of a great subterranean city of termites, or white ants. Old Rubbernose sat down beside it and once more brought her saber-like foreclaws to bear on the proposition. In a couple of minutes she had hacked a hole in that seemingly impregnable fortress and thrust her long and hose-like snout into the opening.



Now, it is termite law that wheresoever there appeareth a break in the city wall, thither the entire population shall hurry to stem the invasion and close up the breach, no matter what the strength or nature of the foe. One for all and all for one was white ant code; they were a machine and knew no fear. But Old Rubbernose was also a machine, and one which nothing in the termite's mechanical military code could circumvent.

At the end of her snout a weird gadget had now appeared, a tongue, like a long and lively whip-lash dipped in glue. The tongue darted here and there in the opening of the mound and withdrew, stuck as full of ants as beads on a string. It vanished with its load into the long tube of a mouth and in a moment was back again licking up more ants with the unwearying dispatch of a shuttle. Those millions of ants could have routed any other enemy or phalanx of enemies the jungle knew, but against Old Rubbernose they could do nothing but rush out with gnashing jaws—and be licked up.

Soon the onrush of defending ants lessened, for myriads strong though they were, there was a limit to their legions. Then Old Rubbernose tore away several slabs from the side of the hill and with a few powerful strokes of her great claws dug herself in and out of sight in the soft, honey-combed earth beneath the mound. There she curled up and actually went to sleep, filled with ants inside and covered with ants outside.

About thirty-six hours later when she again emerged in the light of a yellow tropical dawn, she was followed by a tiny, half-blind atom of life. Born almost with ants in his mouth, so to speak, the little new anteater was already heavily coated with protective hair and an almost perfect replica of his mother in every respect, as are most of the lower forms of life at birth. He looked, as he struggled along in his mother's wake, like some pitiful hair-covered slug.

Always a pregnable butt of attack for all the jungle carnivores, Old Rubbernose now found herself the cynosure of all eyes, as the copy books put it. Ahead of her were weeks of constant struggle against the fang, claw and talon of every meateater in the jungle, for the right of her little one to live and thrive.

The maned wolf of those parts, *Aguara-guazu*, as the Indians call him, was the first footpad to spy the little anteater out. He came quartering through the fern bush in the early morning light, with that furtive, slinking gait which belied the cruel courage of the beast, and sighted the youngster from the jungle edge. Here was another of Nature's experimental left-overs, a beast who was neither a wolf nor maned, but a wild dog really—the original rough sketch, no doubt, of the first wild dog. He had a dark, scowling, round-eared, bat-like head, as of something from the pit; his tawny coat had a startling black saddle across the back and his long, thin, three-toed legs were sooty black as any fiend's on cinders. With his *(Continued on page 46)*

From a deep hollow beneath the buttressed roots of a great tree, a loop of something mottled brown shot forth.



One a Minute

By Malvern Hall Tillitt

Illustrated by MARSHALL DAVIS



THE late lamented P. T. Barnum said it, and it has been said a thousand times since. It's still good.

Recent investigations of the activities of fake horse-race tipsters and other racketeers who prey upon the gullible—with multitudinous victims reported throughout the country—have proved it.

"A sucker is born in the United States every minute."

In these investigations it has also been established that the highest concentration of gullibility in suckerdom is among those who play the ponies.

The annual take of racketeering tipsters has been figured as amounting to millions of dollars, and the losses suffered by misled victims in betting on fake tips run to many millions more in yearly volume.

The sucker element that pays the freight on the fake-tip racket is scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and it includes vast numbers from practically all walks of life.

The lure of the fake tip is the promise of quick gold, but, as suckers could see if they used an atom of horse sense in the matter of horse races, quick gold of this sort is just as hard to pick up as quicksilver.

Not all tips on horse races are fakes. An honest tip on honest races may sometimes be obtained from owners or trainers who are con-

vinced by trials of a horse and its apparent physical condition that it is likely to win a certain race. Such inside information may, on occasion, be guardedly handed out from the stable to a few friends. It is not a "sure thing" tip, but those who play it may have more than a fair chance to cash in on their tickets.

Tips of this variety are not peddled. The information on which they are based is closely guarded, for it is to the stable's advantage to hold down outside betting as much as possible, so that top odds may be obtained. To conceal the fact that a stable is playing a horse, bets are frequently made through quietly operating betting commissioners or are placed in remote cities. Often they are kept back until the last minute before the race so that their effect on outside money may be held to a minimum.

Also, there may be really straight tips on dishonest or fixed races. These may not be dead sure but they approach certainty as nearly as is possible in forecasting track results. But fixed races are exceedingly rare, and expenditures in staging one—bribes paid to stablemen, jockeys and others—run to a large figure. So those who put up the money and are really in the know on such races do not hand out tips which would naturally result in a lessening of their take.

It is this last variety of tip that the fake operators in inside stuff

purport to offer. The low down on a fixed race is the bait they hold out to the suckers; "sure things"—names of horses that "can't lose".

These tipsters are practical psychologists. They know the weaknesses, the mental quirks, warps and twists of the gullible who are waiting to be taken in. They know just what touches to give the bait to make it irresistible—a morsel of false promise that a sucker simply can't help swallowing.

Among the notable peculiarities of the fake tip "suckers" is a craving to win bets on a fixed race. Many among the thousands of victims are undoubtedly honest and honorable in business and other life patterns. They would not play for stakes with marked cards or loaded dice. But they avidly attempt to win dishonest money by betting on a horse race they believe to be crooked.

The racketeering tipsters are deeply versed in these and other peculi-



arities of the "inside stuff" fans, and they know how to play on them to the shekel-yielding limit.

Fake tips and the gullibility that falls for them are not of recent origin, nor are they exclusively American products.

In ancient Rome there were records of the peddling of their dubious wares on the chariot races by touts. General Lew Wallace might have added an effective touch of antique realism to the description of the famous race in his great novel if he had pictured fake tipsters plying their trade around the circus at Antioch, in the first century of our era.

Through the ages fake horse-race tipsters have fleeced suckers. In the present time they are reported to be working the "inside stuff" racket at Longchamps, in France, at Ascot, Epsom, Lincoln, Newmarket, Doncaster and Liverpool, in England and in other countries.

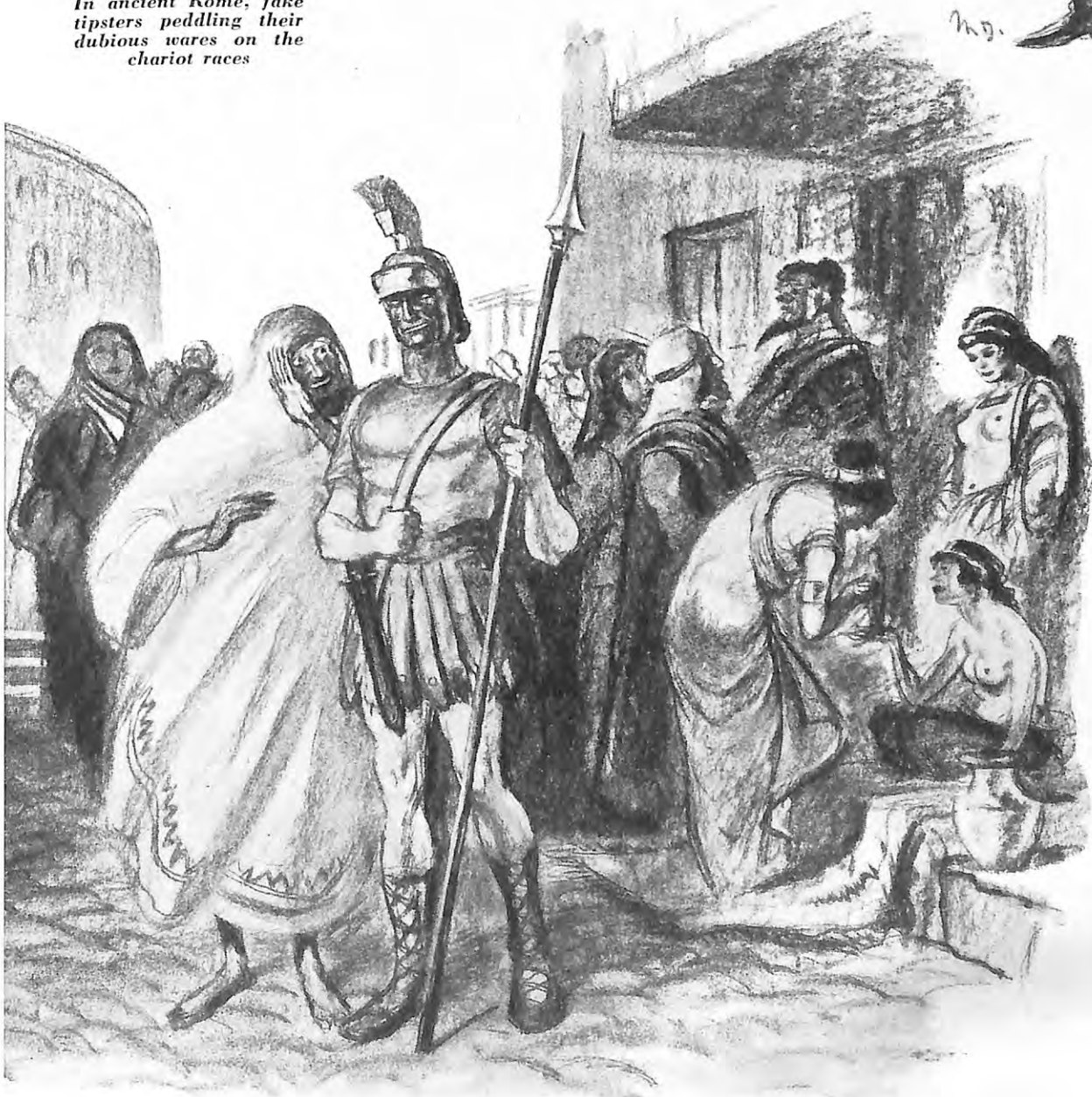
In most of these foreign fields, the tipster is generally a piker, and operates by whispering his "fixed race" or "sure thing" fictions into sucker ears, with an attached condition that a small bet be placed for him on the horses named.

In England the fake tip dispensers have carried their racket a bit further. According to the report of a Royal Commission which investigated lotteries and betting, there, in 1932-33, distribution of written or printed and sealed tips is practiced in the poor or low sections of London and other large cities.

But it is in this country—where almost everything is done in a big way—that the fake tip racket has been developed to its most stupendous proportions, with elaborately organized agencies for systematic exploitation of the gullible. It is here that the operations of tipsters are generally national in scope. Here the telegraph, the telephone, tempt-



In ancient Rome, fake tipsters peddling their dubious wares on the chariot races



ing communications sent through the mails, advertisements in a number of publications and ingeniously prepared printed matter serve as accessories to fake tip operations.

Here the suckers crave highly spiced inside information; the low-down on fixed races, or leaks from stables, or reports of clocker spies who sneak in at grey dawn on try-outs of horses to be entered in coming races, peeking and peering to get their running form and the time they make.

The fake tipsters know all this and profess to be able to dish out the stuff in demand.

A number of them openly claim that they are in position to give their clients advance information on fixed or framed races, otherwise "boat races". And they often have assumed the names of well known jockeys in putting across these frauds. The majority, however, in this division of the racket, base their bids for confidence on straight declarations or obvious innuendos and hints to the effect that they have mysteriously potent stable and track connections, through which they keep posted on dirty racing trickery as it is pulled.

Some months ago, a tipster sent out 16,000 letters to "prospects" in which he stated that he hailed from Chicago's Gold Coast and was connected with one of the swankiest stables in America. He had been barred by the Board of Pool Room Proprietors in Chicago, he said, because he had picked seventeen winners at long prices in twenty-one

selections. Also, he informed his prospective clients, he was under the ban of bookmakers in Detroit who had employed the notorious "Purple Gang" to keep him out of that city. He followed this narrative of his prowess with the statement that he controlled thirty-one stables at a great Eastern track, and that he had three fixed races which he was going to put over, through the assistance of jockeys in his employ. The price that he charged for the tip offered on the "fixed" race referred to in the letter was quite sizable—but in comparison to the promised winnings it showed small.

The investigator who reported this item added that the horse the tipster gave to his subscribers as a sure thing ran fifth in a field of six!

Equally as flagrant in worthlessness are the fixed race offerings put out by tipsters generally. Aside from all other considerations, the great rarity of framed races on American tracks—which is a well established fact—discounts the value of tips of this sort to a very low percentage. When their fraudulent origin is figured in, the reduction reaches zero.

Tipsters of another group in the racket do not profess to "deal" in fixed races. But they assure clients, already in hand and prospective, that they are equipped to deliver the goods. They claim they have "clocker spies" and that they have stable and track connections, including jockeys, exercise boys, course attendants and others so that they

are able to pick winners, basing their selections on secret inside information as to the form and condition of race entries obtained from such sources.

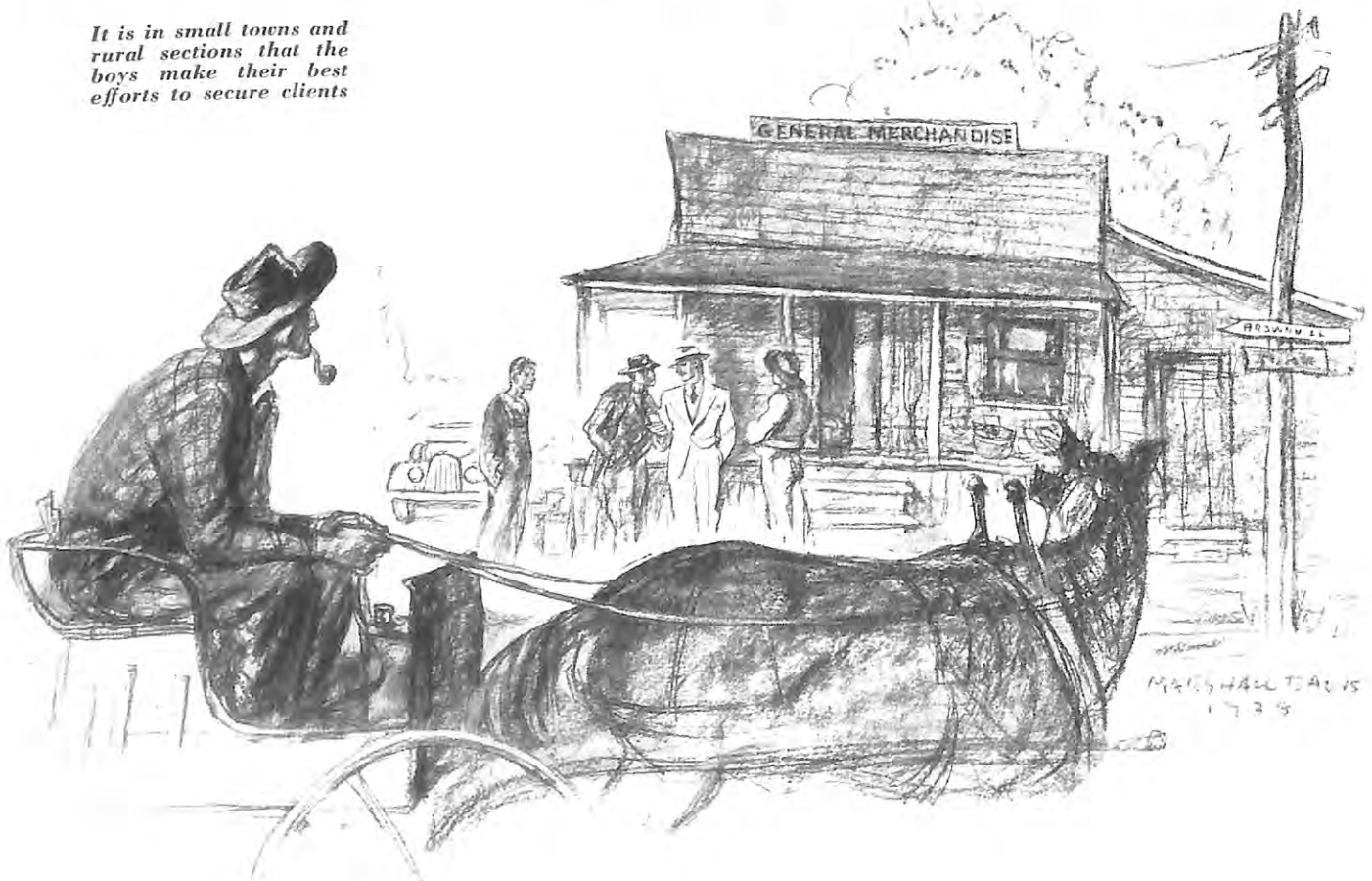
A few of them may have some meagre "clock spy" sources and left-handed inside connections from which they get a grain or two of information as to coming races. But, as the high percentage of losers in their selections shows, this is not enough of an aid to them in their "picking".

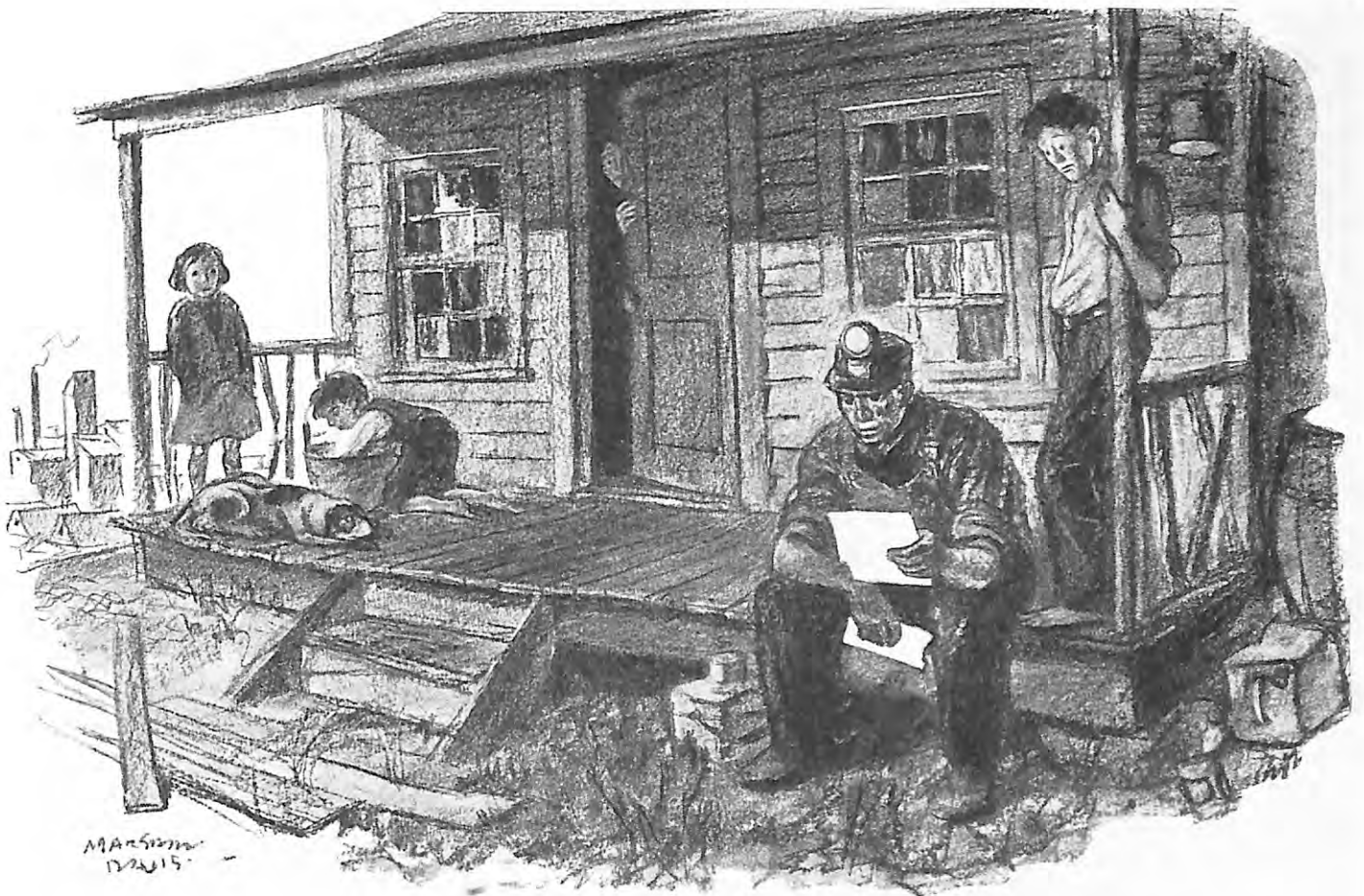
The fake tipsters cannot have any inside information of real value. If they did—they would not be broadcasting it. They would be keeping it on ice for their own use and enrichment.

Having nothing to offer their clients in reality, the tipsters feed them loads of pleasure in anticipation. Generally their selections are long shots. And they deal extensively in parlays—two-horse bets with the winnings of the first race going on the second—which would yield big money if they went through. But usually they don't.

In the intervals between the receipt of the tips and the running of the races in which almost invariably the horses named are among the losers—the suckers can revel in their imaginary winnings. They can go on a spending spree, buying luxuries and necessities with the money to be "won" through their bets. No fake tip buyers should fail to do this, for it is about all they are going to get for their money.

It is in small towns and rural sections that the boys make their best efforts to secure clients





Naturally—and as a matter of good business—the fake tip dispensers like to have their selections come through. But, when they hold to long shots in picking the horses, they have only a Chinaman's chance of hitting it right. So, on occasion, some of them try to decorate the record of their tip service with a few winners by doing a bit of straight handicapping, and that may mean the naming of horses that "sell at low prices", but such picking does not score much of a hit with the suckers who unceasingly yammer for long shots.

A basic task in the fake tip racket is the acquisition of "sucker lists". These may be purchased or otherwise obtained from certain sources, or they may be built up by the tipsters themselves. The building up of a sucker list is generally affected by letters through the mails or direct communication by telephone, by widespread distribution of literature, including prospectuses and by advertisements in racing newspapers and other publications.

In the communications and approaches put through in the execution of this task, the persons addressed are smoothly flattered. They are told that, as a result of careful investigation, they have been found worthy of place in a specially selected group which will be accorded the exceptional privilege of receiving "never-miss" inside racing information. Then, the high percentage of

"We are prepared to show you how to win all the money you will ever need."

long shot winners in the one-horse and parlay selections of the tipster is flamingly—and fictitiously—set forth. Next is a roseately colored statement that a very hot tip, indeed, is in the works and that a fee will bring the tip. If, the argument runs, the charges are high, so are the returns. The large expense required to put over "the play" is emphasized. There is no doubt that many times the amount of the required fee will be enjoyed by the fortunate recipient of this rare offer.

The fees run as high as \$500.00.

In another style of communication an air of mystery is maintained. The tipster writes as if he were whispering, behind his hand, into the telephone, or using nods and winks and significant pauses in conversation. Cryptic phrases, mystifying hints, veiled allusions, constitute this "come-on". It is, most of it, quite unintelligible, but that is its charm and many suckers fall for it.

Still another approach in the written word or through the telephone is that of treating the sucker as a wise guy, a person who speaks the language. In these communications the statements are couched in the rankest stable and track jargon and are larded with befuddling turf-sophisticated terms. It's just from one of the initiated to another, in the

horsiest possible way. This hooking play is often highly effective.

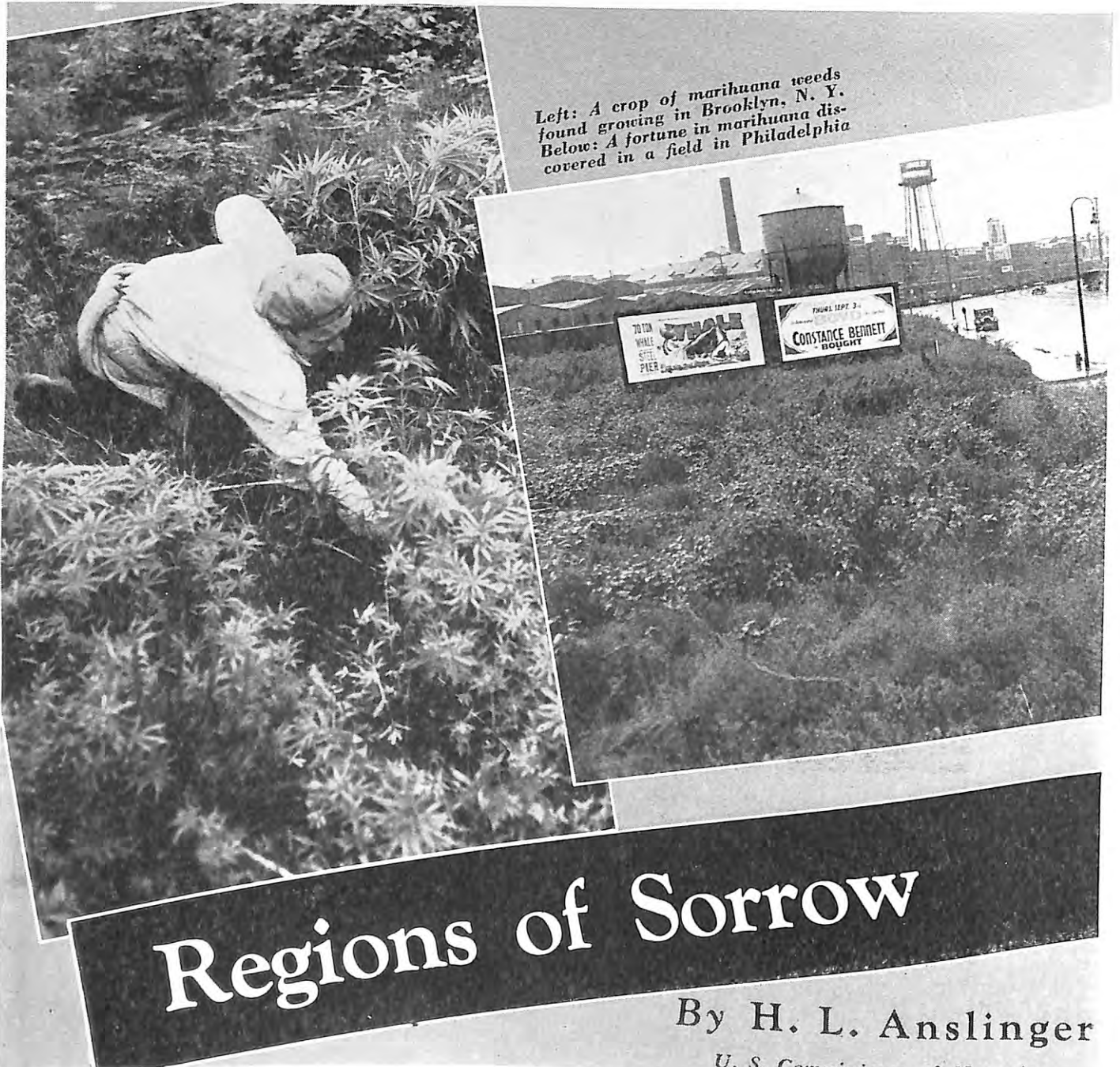
Nearly all of the "sucker-list buildups", as they are called, keep a tone of hearty good fellowship. The tipsters are well-meaning and big-hearted friends of all who play the races, and their chief aim in life is to help such persons by supplying them with inside information that will swell their bank accounts.

A stack of tipster communications are before the writer and from them are culled the following: "Let us help you to double your bankroll each week"; "We offer you inside information service for your own benefit"; "Here is a chance to get your vacation money"; "We are prepared to show you how to win all the money you will ever need"; "We have a service for you by which you can coin the dough". These illustrate the spirit of helpfulness that animates tipster literature.

The trouble with this is, that when the help is accepted and paid for, the "help" goes into reverse and the bettors lose their shirts.

It is in small towns and rural sections that the boys make their best efforts to acquire clients. They consider country people to be wide open to their get-rich-quick schemes; and in addition to this inviting belief there is the local difficulty of placing bets on the ponies. From these small towns many clients forward money directly to the tipster concerned,

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Left: A crop of marihuana weeds found growing in Brooklyn, N. Y.
Below: A fortune in marihuana discovered in a field in Philadelphia

Regions of Sorrow

By H. L. Anslinger

U. S. Commissioner of Narcotics

This article has been written at the request of the "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America," which is showing a sincere interest in the subject of Narcotic Drugs.

NARCOTIC drugs, like radium, have their indispensable place in medicine. Each performs its valuable functions when professionally prescribed or administered for genuine therapeutic purposes. When used contrary to or in violation of Federal and State Laws, these drugs can work irreparable harm, as can radium in inexperienced hands.

The Bureau of Narcotics of the United States Treasury Department is charged with the enforcement of all our Federal Narcotic Drug Laws, namely: the Harrison Narcotic Drug

Law; the Narcotic Drugs Import and Export Act; and the Marihuana Tax Act. The United States has drug-controlling international Treaties with all the civilized nations in the world. It is a party to the Limitation Convention of 1931 designed to limit the manufacture of narcotic drugs to medical needs. President Roosevelt proclaimed this Treaty, on July 10, 1933. We are also a party to The Hague Opium Convention of 1912. These conventions deal only with opium, cocaine and their derivatives. With the Federal Marihuana Tax Act now in force supplemented by "Marihuana Laws" in all the 48 States our Government now commands a strategic international position to take decisive action against the hazards of this drug.

There were 1260.66 pounds of all

narcotic drugs excluding marihuana seized by Treasury Agents in 1937, against 972.84 pounds for 1936, demonstrating the effectiveness of the team work of United States Treasury Enforcement Officers brought about by Secretary Morgenthau.

One of the most dangerous and depraving narcotics known has been resurrected from the limbo of forgotten drugs and has penetrated into our midst within a few years.

This drug has been an anathema to man since its narcotic potentialities were first discovered. Accounts of its peril may be found in the earliest forms of writing. The Orient and the Occident, the East and West, have suffered from the noxious aftermath of its malignant presence and effects. In the United States and Mexico it is called marihuana.



Right: Martinez Alvarado, a Mexican, arrested with \$3,000 worth of marihuana at Montebello, Calif., and with him, the arresting officers

Below: A W.P.A. worker uprooting a patch of marihuana (potential "reefer" cigarettes) near a county highway in Jersey City, N. J.

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The exact terminology is *Cannabis sativa L.*, as defined by statute and officially designated as Marihuana in the Federal Marihuana Tax Act.

There were 682 seizures of marihuana in 34 States, the District of Columbia and Hawaii for the calendar year 1937, as reported by State and Municipal Enforcement Officers for the entire year, and by Federal Enforcement Officers from October 1 (when Federal Marihuana Tax Act became operative) to December 31, 1937. Three more States than for 1936 were included in this list with an increase of 102 per cent more seizures. The greatest number were made in California, Ohio, Texas, Michigan, Colorado, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Hawaii. Among the largest amounts of marihuana destroyed and confiscated for

1937 were 53,460 pounds of growing plants, New York; 44,277 plants and 31,485 pounds, Michigan; 21,000 growing plants, Pennsylvania; 4,000 pounds of growing plants, Texas, and 5,000 pounds of growing plants in Maryland.

The consumption of one marihuana cigarette is sufficient to push the psycho-neurotic type of person from sanity to madness. To all continued users of marihuana comes eventual physical deterioration and insanity. Ten to twenty-five cents apiece is a paltry exchange for a lifetime of horrible bondage. The narcotic drug addict knows "...

Regions of sorrow where peace and rest can never dwell,
Hope never comes that comes to all,
but torture without end"

(Dante's "Inferno".)

Drug peddlers are the commonest source of supply to the hag-ridden addict. They can justly be said to be decoys for Satan. The members of international illicit drug syndicates, down through the varying grades of lesser drug rings to the sniveling, parasitic street peddler, all live on tainted money wrung from the abysmal frailties, gnawing cravings of their dupes or from instigated criminal acts of their fellow man.

Narcotic addiction can result from association with other addicts; from ignorant self-medication; from morbid curiosity or the search for adventure; from the consequences of strain by those who crumble under the exigencies of every-day competition and endeavor to fill the gap to keep up with the crowd. It is the crutch for the mentally unstable.

If these habits are unable to pay the local underworld price for their drug they often resort to criminal activities to provide the means. The Bureau of Narcotics has examined the records of 5,000 narcotic violators for a given year. They had an average of three convictions each for various crimes.

The thrill hunter who thinks he can take narcotic drugs or leave them alone at will is practicing self-deception. He is gambling against terrible odds. What human immunity exempts him from these treacherous drugs, that he, unlike others, can pass salamander-like through the searing, gnawing pangs of their withdrawal and emerge unscathed? Ample proof now and through the centuries refutes this fallacy.

Smooth-tongued charlatans, masked in the guise of up-lift, perfect a technique for bilking a sympathetic but sometimes gullible public out of their money to preach narcotic education. These quacks are a hindrance rather than a help for the cause which they deceptively espouse. Unfortunately they are not actuated by sincere motives to salvage the addict by scientific and official standards. Their interest seems to be pecuniary rather than altruistic.

The United States Government maintains hospitals for the treatment of addicts at Lexington, Kentucky, and Fort Worth, Texas.

The animal from which the Order of Elks took its name is timorous until attacked, when it becomes strong in defense of its own. The Elks seek to bring within their circle those who are imbued with the spirit of patriotic loyalty and devotion, and those who recognize the obligations of human brotherhood.

I invoke your support under the banner of your ideals to join the vanguard against this evil. Protection against this social enemy is not the exclusive business of the Government but the active concern of every person in this land.



Left: Featured in "Alexander's Ragtime Band" are Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche. "Alexander's Ragtime Band", as its title suggests, is a story of a band master, garnished with Irving Berlin's music. This is a conventional film story of the usual boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl, boy-gets-girl variety dressed up in swing music.



Above: Walter Pidgeon, Clark Gable and Leo Carrillo in a shot from M-G-M's "Too Hot to Handle", a film of love and ladies among the news-reel camera men. Mr. Gable is once more in the enviable position of playing his love scenes to Myrna Loy (this time a famous aviatrix).



Left are Janet Gaynor, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Billie Burke and Roland Young in "The Young in Heart" which promises to be one of the most heart-warming and amusing comedies of the year. Expertly cast, "The Young in Heart" is a story of the rehabilitation of a family of moochers by a dear little old lady (very rich).

SHOW-



Above: Rudy Vallee, photographed with America's current exponent of swing, Maxine Sullivan. Miss Sullivan will do her stuff early in the Fall at Manhattan's famous Onyx Club.



Right is one of the Mauch twins (it's anyone's guess which one) surrounded by a gang of stalwart young men in Warner Brothers' latest Penrod film, "Penrod's Double Trouble". Penrod once again is held by bandits and, also once again, his double, the other Mauch twin, takes Penrod's place at strategic moments.



Above are John Barrymore and Henry Fonda with other members of the cast of "Spawn of the North", a saga of romance and violence among the salmon fishers of the Northwest, featuring George Raft, Akim Tamiroff and Dorothy Lamour. Mr. Raft gets another chance to sacrifice his life for his buddies in a sinking ship.

Below are Edward G. Robinson and Gale Page in a scene from "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse", a clever mystery film presented by Warner Brothers. Mr. Robinson this time is a master criminal of the suave and fearless type, operating under the alias of a prominent surgeon. "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse" is a burlesqued comedy-crime film, but it maintains throughout the action and excitement which makes it one of the best crime pictures of the year.



BUSINESS

Thomas A. Edison, from the frontispiece of Alfred O. Tate's new book, "Edison's Open Door: The Life Story of Thomas A. Edison: A Great Individualist"

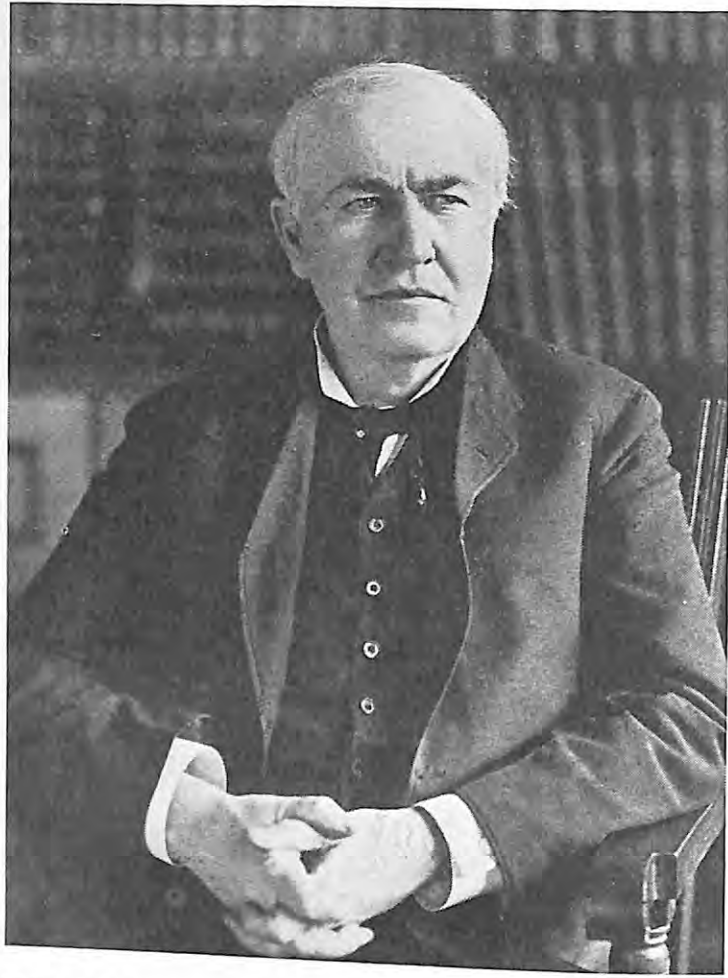
THOMAS A. EDISON was America's greatest inventor, but contrary to popular belief he did not have a rosy path all his life. There is a conviction that the original inventor usually gets cheated out of the earnings of his invention and that Edison became rich because he took advantage of a lot of little fellows. But Alfred O. Tate, who was Edison's private secretary from 1883 to 1894, and an officer in his corporations, tells a different story. In "Edison's Open Door", a book filled with anecdotes about the early days of the phonograph, the incandescent lamp and the kinoscope, he tells how Edison often miscalculated or lost huge sums where other men profited.

For instance—there was the phonograph. Edison didn't want it "treated as a toy", hence he objected to entertainment. He wanted it to serve for dictation in offices. He wanted it to run by storage batteries, because he didn't like a spring movement, which seemed too much like a music box. But when Emile Berliner invented the gramophone, the public went wild about entertainment, and the spring movement invented by the owner of a bicycle repair shop who took stock in Berliner's company brought "a fortune nearly ten times greater than the one accumulated by Edison during his whole career".

Edison invented the carbon button telephone transmitter, which made the telephone practical, and sold the patent to Jay Gould for \$150,000, payable quarterly over a period of fifteen years. The ownership thus passed to the Western Union. Mr. Tate used to call for the quarterly check and on one occasion was informed that the income for one year from the patent was nearly \$900,000. Edison did not regret his deal and later said to the author, "If you can avoid it don't take royalties. Sell outright. If your royalties rise to any substantial sum they will find some way to beat you out of them. They always will be able to spend more money over a lawsuit than you will."

A blow from which Edison never recovered was the merger of the Edison General Electric company and the Houston Thompson company. This was done by Charles Coffin and Henry Villard, who dropped the name of Edison to form the General Electric company. The company controlled the Edison incandescent light patents. Mr. Tate thinks that Edison's controlling ambition was to become a great industrialist and that this act abruptly terminated his direct association with the electrical industry.

Another great competitor was started when Edison rejected an engine turned out by George Westing-



What America Is Reading

Highlights in New Books

By Harry Hansen

Foreigners Are Always Funny

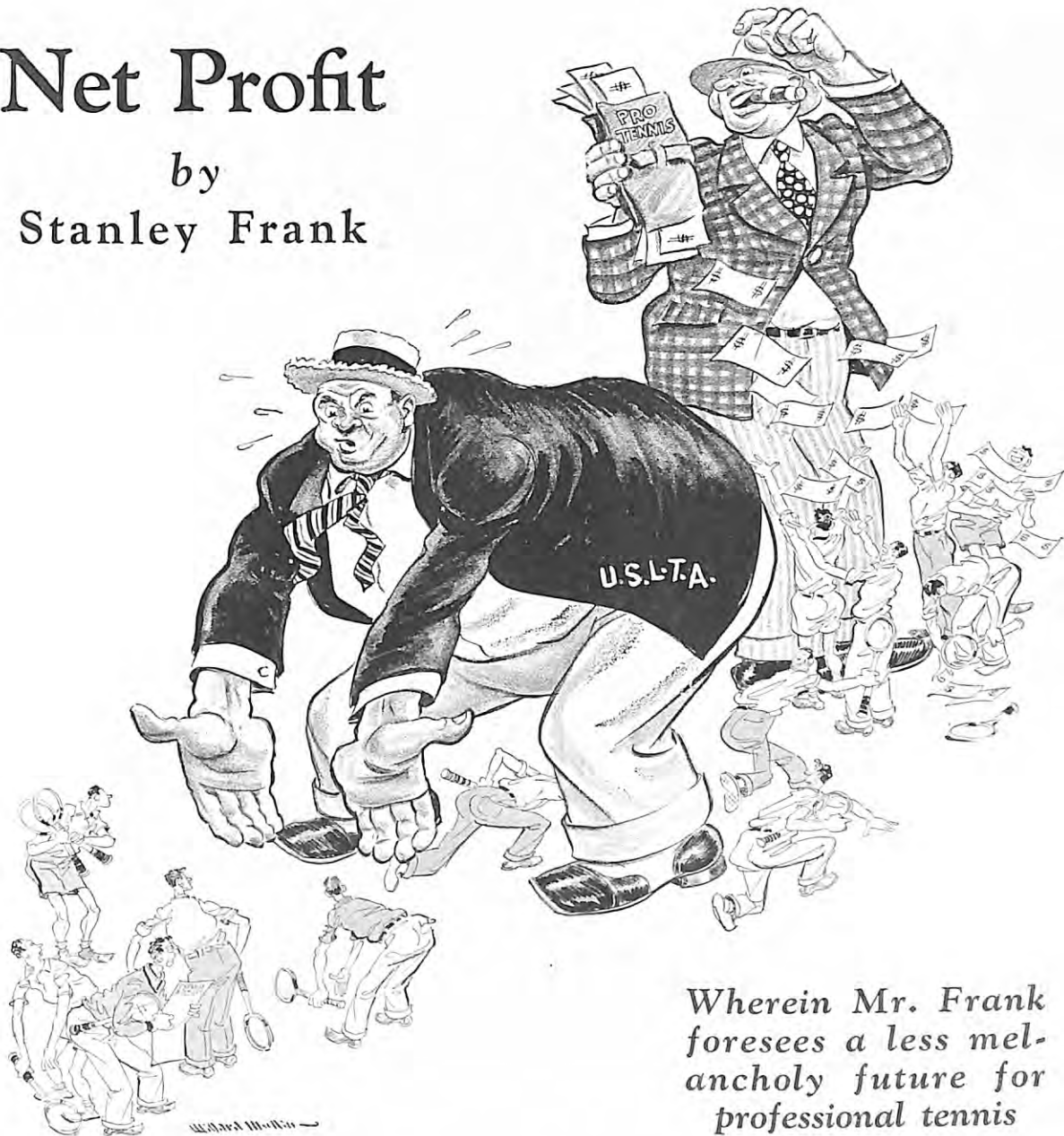
When it comes to reading travel books, some people read for information and some just to have a good time without having to exert themselves with bag and baggage. There is another kind of travel book, one that records the amusing experiences of a nimble-witted visitor to foreign shores. Pick up "With Malice Toward Some", by Margaret Halsey, and you will find how much fun Margaret had at the expense of her English friends. Her husband went to England on an exchange professorship at a small college in Devonshire and she went along, writing her impression of people and places in a travel diary. She found that the English have one blanket indictment against America—it isn't England; and she believes the English "seem totally unable to conceive of any pleasure beyond the ghostly" (Continued on page 50)

house, with the remark: "Tell Westinghouse to stick to air brakes. He doesn't know anything about engines." Whereupon Westinghouse remarked, "Well, if Edison won't use my engine perhaps I can build dynamos." Moreover Charles Batchelor, associated with Edison at this time, refused to grant pay raises to H. M. Byllesby and Nikola Tesla, with the result that they went to Westinghouse, where Tesla did his great work with the alternating current. Later Byllesby founded his own electrical contracting firm.

Mr. Tate, who succeeded Samuel Insull as Edison's private secretary, had a great deal of love and respect for Edison and gives intimate glimpses of him. It may be worth mentioning that Edison told him that he gave the United States Government more than fifty useful inventions during the war, but that none was used. The book is published by E. P. Dutton & Co.

Net Profit

by
Stanley Frank



*Wherein Mr. Frank
foresees a less mel-
ancholy future for
professional tennis*

THE very earnest and very young man was pretty insistent about the pencil and paper. Sure, he would give a statement to the palpitating press, but he wanted to write it himself to avoid any possibility of misquotation. Pencil and paper were thrust into the chubby fists of 22-year-old Wayne Sabin, a youth whose profound cerebration is important only because he happens to play tennis better than us common folk.

Frowning and talking to himself after the fashion of all great minds in deep thought, young Mr. Sabin retired to a corner. Many minutes later, after having taken a terrific wind-up at sentence structure, he produced a little literary gem which read exactly like this:

"Unless a boy has some source of income that will enable him to meet the many expenses that do not come under the heading of modest living and trivial incidentals, which are willingly taken care of at whatever tournament he is participating in, it is almost impossible to play tennis with serious intentions of becoming a Davis Cupper. If he tries, he finds he must get by on his wits—a very dangerous undertaking—not to jeopardize his reputation as a gentleman or compromise himself in a manner that will almost inevitably make people think less of him than he would like."

Having bared his soul and told all, young Mr. Sabin

confided in the next breath that he would dearly love to represent the United States in Davis Cup competition this summer. Now, it is an incontrovertible fact that our hero definitely does not have a source of income to pay his own way and pick up the tabs for "trivial incidentals" and the various items which certainly do not come under the heading of "modest living". But Sabin is playing tennis somewhere this very minute and he probably will continue to play as long as he can see the world on the white cuff of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. All of which means as long as he can advance to the upper brackets in the swanker tournaments.

With slight variations on an old theme, Sabin, who represents a type rather than the horrible example, is more to be pitied than censured. Messrs. Budge, Parker, Mako, Riggs and Grant, his high-ranking colleagues in the racket racket, come from families which are not too plentifully endowed with worldly goods. They, too, are vaguely and uncomfortably aware that the general public regards them as amateurs masquerading under false pretenses. But very little can be done about it because they are playing the game as the august U.S.L.T.A. wants them to play it. They are the result, not the cause, of the most autocratic of all sports today. For years earnest young men have been viewing their own activities with alarm. The (Continued on page 49)



EDITORIAL

OUR NEW LEADER

THE Order of Elks is favored in many respects, but in nothing more than in the unimpeachable character and outstanding qualifications of men willing to devote a year of their lives to serve as its Grand Exalted Ruler. It was never more fortunate than in its unanimous choice at the Atlantic City Grand Lodge Session of Dr. Edward James McCormick of Toledo, Ohio, Lodge No. 53, as its chief executive for the ensuing year.

Doctor McCormick is in the full vigor of manhood, still several years on the sunny side of fifty. He is devoted to his chosen profession and has come into prominence as a physician and as a skilled surgeon. His devotion to his profession has, however, not made him its slave. He has found time to devote to general welfare work and has established himself in the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen until he has come to be recognized as one of the leaders among the enterprising and forward-looking citizens of Toledo.

In 1917 he joined the colors and arrived overseas with the first contingent of American soldiers. He served in the trenches until the end of the war, was commissioned a Lieutenant, promoted to Major, and while in France was decorated with the Military Cross. Returning after the war, he for a time continued in the Government service as a surgeon in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., after which he resumed his practice in Toledo.

It is not strange that the Order of Elks was attracted to such a man or that the Order appealed to him as offering a wide field for useful endeavor. He served his lodge faith-

fully in various capacities and became its Exalted Ruler. His fame spread throughout the Ohio lodges. He is known to and loved by the entire membership, so that they enthusiastically and with one accord offered him for Grand Exalted Ruler. Many honors have come to him both in and out of his profession, but none does he prize more highly than the position of national leadership of five hundred thousand patriotic Americans enlisted under the banner of Elkdom. Under his inspiring guidance we may confidently turn our faces to the future, knowing that our splendid traditions will be upheld and that the Order will expand its sphere of usefulness to mankind.

BEWARE OF MARIHUANA

ELSEWHERE in this issue we are privileged to print an article by the United States Commissioner of Narcotics, Mr. H. J. Anslinger, written specially for our readers. He is recognized as a conscientious, energetic and most efficient public official. He has been head of the Narcotic Division of the Treasury Department since its organization in 1930. He is an entertaining conversationalist, sufficiently human to be sympathetic with the addict and sufficiently hard-boiled to be relentless and unceasing in apprehending and prosecuting the smuggler and peddler.

As worthy of special consideration the reader's attention is called to what Mr. Anslinger says about marihuana. There is general knowledge as to the harmful effect of opium and its various derivatives, but comparatively little is known of marihuana. It is a most dangerous narcotic. Peddlers have one of their best markets among children who, ignorant of its dangers, purchase and smoke the cigaret called a "roller", into which it is made, or a "reefer". It is also sold to them in candies. Unlike cocain and similar drugs, its effect cannot be judged in advance for its action is different on different individuals. Generally it has a buoyant effect, giving the hapless victim a sense of superiority and bravado. It is a known fact that young men, and young women too, under its influence are nerved to commit hold-ups and burglaries



which under normal conditions would never enter their minds. They lose all sense of fear of detection and punishment as well as all sense of danger. With utter abandon they enter on careers of crime, and frequently are unable to recall where they have been or what they have done while under the influence of this most dangerous of narcotics.

Elk lodges could engage in no activity more worthwhile than to spread propaganda warning all, especially the young, against experimenting or temporizing with this drug regardless of the form in which it may be presented to them. Impaired mentality and crime stalk in the wake of its use.

SELECTING DISTRICT DEPUTIES

EVERY Grand Exalted Ruler at the threshold of his administration is confronted with perplexing problems on the correct solution of which the success of his year in office depends.

Among such problems is the selection of his District Deputies who become his accredited representatives in the various jurisdictions. It is impossible for him personally to know and pass independent judgment on those whom he appoints to this highly important office in each district. He must rely largely, often wholly, on the judgment of those submitting recommendations. It follows, therefore, that all those making such recommendations should exercise the greatest care that they suggest the appointment of only such eligible members of the Order as are well qualified to discharge the duties of this office.

In some jurisdictions it is regarded as of controlling importance that District Deputies be selected in orderly rotation among the various lodges. This is a mistaken idea, and should not be adhered to except when the lodge whose "turn" it is has an eligible and qualified man who can devote the time to the office. Eligibility means that the Brother must have served his lodge as Exalted Ruler and must have attended at least one Session of the Grand Lodge as a member thereof. Qualification means that he must have the real spirit of the Order, that he is aggressive, tactful, energetic, firm, courageous, diplomatic, well versed

in the Ritual, and a good disciplinarian. It also means that he must be thoroughly posted as to the duties of the office and that he can devote the time necessary to their proper discharge. With such representatives in the field to keep him fully advised as to each subordinate lodge, the administration of the Grand Exalted Ruler is assured of success.

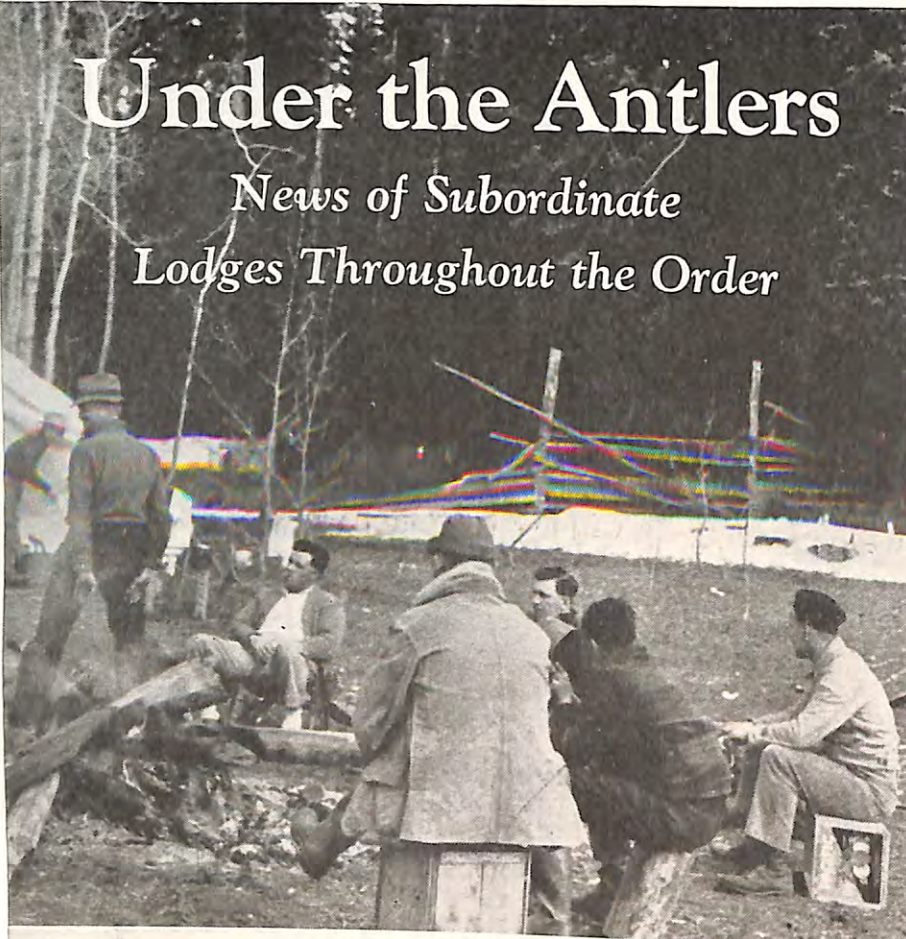
THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

INVESTIGATING committees of subordinate lodges have a most important duty to perform. This is equally important in large and in small cities but the work is much more difficult in the former. In the smaller, nearly everybody knows everybody else so that without much and frequently without any investigation the committee can decide as to the desirability of an applicant. In the larger cities, however, considerable time is necessarily involved in an investigation which will be fair alike to the lodge and to the applicant.

The investigating committee should realize that it is the front line of defense. When it makes its report the members have a right to rely on its accuracy and to be governed by it on casting their ballots. If a favorable report is made on an applicant and a member deems him unworthy, he must under his obligation vote in the negative, but if this member had fully discharged his duty he would have gone to the investigating committee and stated the facts within his knowledge. This merely brings us to the observation that every member should consider it his duty to assist the investigating committee in discharging its important and, at times, onerous and unpleasant duty. No Brother will knowingly propose an unworthy person for membership but on learning that he has unwittingly done so, he should hasten to withdraw the application. Every member should stand guard at the portal of the lodge. By so doing he will be rendering a distinct service to his lodge and lighten the burden placed on the shoulders of the members of the investigating committee. We are not telling members of the Order anything they do not already know. We are merely seeking to impress the importance of carefully choosing those who are to become our Brothers.

Under the Antlers

News of Subordinate
Lodges Throughout the Order



Above: Some of the members of Eugene, Ore., Lodge who are employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad photographed at the Railroad Night Celebration held by the lodge in their honor.

Cody, Wyo., Elks Hold Their Annual Fish Banquet and Dance

Elks and their wives from surrounding towns joined in the festivities on June 3 at the Irma Grill in Cody, Wyo., when Cody Lodge held its second annual fish banquet which was followed by a dance in the lodge hall. Practically all of the local members with their ladies were present at both affairs.

A few days before, a fishing party

of 35 Cody Elks returned from a three-day fishing trip to Dot Island, near the south side of Yellowstone Lake, with a catch of 300 native trout. The members of the party had taken with them ten motor boats, a dozen tents and the best of fishing tackle and camp equipment, and also an expert cameraman and two experienced cooks. The excursion was so successful that it will be made an annual event. The lodge in-

Left: Several members of Cody, Wyo., Lodge photographed at a fishing party at which 300 native trout were caught for Cody Lodge's annual fish banquet.

vites Elks from any part of the country to accompany the fishing party next year. Several days are spent in camp in beautiful surroundings and congenial company. Those who wish to make reservations can obtain information by writing to the Secretary of Cody, Wyo., Lodge, No. 1611.

Elizabeth, N. J., Elks Cruise to Nova Scotia, August 15-19

A four-day Elks Vacation Cruise to Nova Scotia on the Cunard White Star M. V. *Georgic*, under the auspices of P.E.R. Murray B. Sheldon, Past Pres. of the N. J. State Elks Assn., and of Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, No. 289, will get under way on Monday, August 15.

A cordial invitation to join the party is extended to every Elk and his family and friends. The rates, starting at \$45, are extremely low, inasmuch as the *Georgic* is a luxury liner and one of the safest in service, and amusements include all the features which, as a rule, are offered only on the highest priced trips. The ship will dock in the morning on August 17 at Halifax, where arrangements have been made for a day of sightseeing, departing at 6 P. M. the same day, and docking in New York on Friday, August 19.

Full information is available at the Secretary's office at 21 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, N. J., or the Majestic Travel Bureau, 14 West Grand St., Elizabeth, and will be furnished immediately upon request.

Grand Exalted Ruler Hart Delivers Flag Day Address at Kenosha, Wis.

Kenosha, Wis., Lodge, No. 750, sponsored the Flag Day Services staged at the Lake Front Stadium, Kenosha, at which 20,000 people were present. Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart, introduced by E.R. Arthur J. Schmitz, was the orator of the day. His address was spirited and patriotic, and received with acclamation. A huge parade, with bands, bugle corps and delegations of marchers, preceded the services, passing in review before the Grand Exalted Ruler who then led the local and visiting Elks, more than 500 in number, as a section of the procession. Among the leaders of the Order who attended were Grand Trustee Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lloyd Maxwell, Marshalltown, Ia., former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, D.D.'s John C. Fay, La Crosse, Wis., and Jacob F. Federer, Sheboygan, and P.D.D. Howard T. Ott, E.R. of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge. Greetings from the Wisconsin State Elks Association were brought by Pres. A. J. Geniesse of Green Bay. Many of the State officers attended.

The Ritual of the Order was performed by the officers of Kenosha Lodge. P.E.R. Bert A. Thompson, General Chairman of the Elks Flag Day Committee, presided. The Racine American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, three times champion in national contests, was brought as a surprise contribution to the program by Racine, Wis., Lodge, No. 252. Val W. Dittman, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of Kenosha Lodge, presented the \$75 scholarship award to Opal Hamilton, winner of first place in the Kenosha contest, and the second prize of \$25 to Orin Kindt. Both are recent graduates of the Kenosha High School. Racine Lodge presented its scholarship award to the winner, Dick Calkins, a graduate of the Washington Park High School, Racine. After the evening ceremonies at the Stadium, open house was held at the lodge home.

Elks National Bowling Tournament at Milwaukee a Great Success

The 21st Annual Elks National Bowling Tournament conducted under the auspices of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge, No. 46, was considered the greatest and most successful event in the history of the Elks Bowling Association of America. The Tournament Committee of the local lodge, headed by William Zimmerman as General Chairman, did a splendid job in conducting the Tournament and entertaining the visitors, making their stay pleasant and enjoyable throughout.

New entry records were established in each event, with the entry list showing 515 five-man teams, 657 two-man teams, and 1,310 individuals, registered in the meet. The prize list was the largest on record, showing a distribution of 875 prizes among the Elk bowlers amounting to \$10,613. Eighty-six lodges from 14 States were represented. The win-

Below: The "Mayor R. E. Overman" Class of candidates which was recently initiated into Little Rock, Ark., Lodge.



ners in each event were presented with diamond medals emblematic of the Elks National Championship. Detroit, Mich., Lodge, No. 34, was awarded the beautiful trophy presented each year to the lodge whose members win the five-man event.

At the annual meeting held in the Milwaukee lodge rooms, Toledo, O., Lodge, No. 53, was awarded the 1939 Tournament, which will be held next March and April. Phil Birkenhauer, Toledo, was elected President for the coming year, with Vice-Presidents being chosen, in the order named, as follows: Robert E. Rice, Cincinnati, O., Joseph F. Krizek, Cicero, Ill., Charles H. Summersby, St. Louis, Mo., J. W. Kaster, Louisville, Ky., Fred De Cair, Kalamazoo, Mich., William C. Conway, Chicago, Ill., F. Fremgen, Hamilton, O., and Roger

Below are the officers of Nutley, N. J., Lodge who, reflecting the improved economic outlook in New Jersey, have decided to begin immediate construction of a new lodge home.



Kenney, Oak Park, Ill. Secy-Treas. John J. Gray, Milwaukee, elected for a term of three years at the Annual Meeting at Kalamazoo, Mich., a year ago, holds over. Retiring Pres. S. A. Hanson, Oak Park, Ill., and Frank J. Jacobson, Chicago, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, were elected to Honorary Life Memberships.

Leaders in the final standings of the Tournament, were as follows:

FIVE-MAN EVENT		
Lodge		
Fife Electric Supply Co.	Detroit, Mich.	2964
Racine Journal Times	Racine, Wis.	2963
Ralph Bourgeois Undertakers	Detroit, Mich.	2961
Musgrave Sales	Detroit, Mich.	2960
Stroh Bohemian Beer	Detroit, Mich.	2939
Waldorf Lagers	Cleveland, O.	2912
Mendota Elks	Mendota, Ill.	2878
Gilbert Paper Co.	Menasha, Wis.	2852
Peter Pan Bread	Kalamazoo, Mich.	2847
Detroit Oldbru	Detroit, Mich.	2846

TWO-MAN EVENT		
H. Langlass-W. Gaw	Waukesha, Wis.	1289
C. Lausche-F. Franz	Cleveland, O.	1277
R. Langlass-J. Wright	Waukesha, Wis.	1252

Below, center, are the Elks National Bowling Champions, who won the five-man event. From Detroit, Mich., Lodge, No. 34, they also represented the Fife Electric Supply Company.

G. Sellers-F. Todd	Des Moines, Ia.	1246
F. Weissenborn-J. Hager	Lansing, Mich.	1244
C. Kersten-J. Norris	Detroit, Mich.	1233
B. Nadal-F. McCarthy	Louisville, Ky.	1227
C. Goralezk-L. Dettloff	Detroit, Mich.	1226
E. Hartke-F. Breckel	Detroit, Mich.	1225
R. Sonntag-G. Prescott	Mendota, Ill.	1223

INDIVIDUAL EVENT		
Leo H. Stumpf	Elgin, Ill.	694
C. Kersten	Detroit, Mich.	692
A. Chayken	Blue Island, Ill.	678
W. Spaulding	Detroit, Mich.	671
F. Wolf	Detroit, Mich.	670
E. Bland	Columbus, O.	662

H. Brook	Appleton, Wis.	660
J. Volley	Cicero, Ill.	656
L. Gua	Anderson, Ind.	655
L. Steinle	Sheboygan, Wis.	654

ALL-EVENTS		
Leonard Dettloff	Detroit, Mich.	1880

Below is the Iron Lung which was presented by Middletown, N. Y., Lodge to its community at a cost of \$1,345. A hospital orderly demonstrates the Iron Lung in the presence of E.R. Arthur H. Kimble and hospital officials.

Below, center: A photograph taken at the National A.A.U. Meet which was held at the Elks field as one of the activities of Norwich, Conn., Lodge. More than 10,000 spectators saw Victor Dyrvall win the 15-kilometer championship.

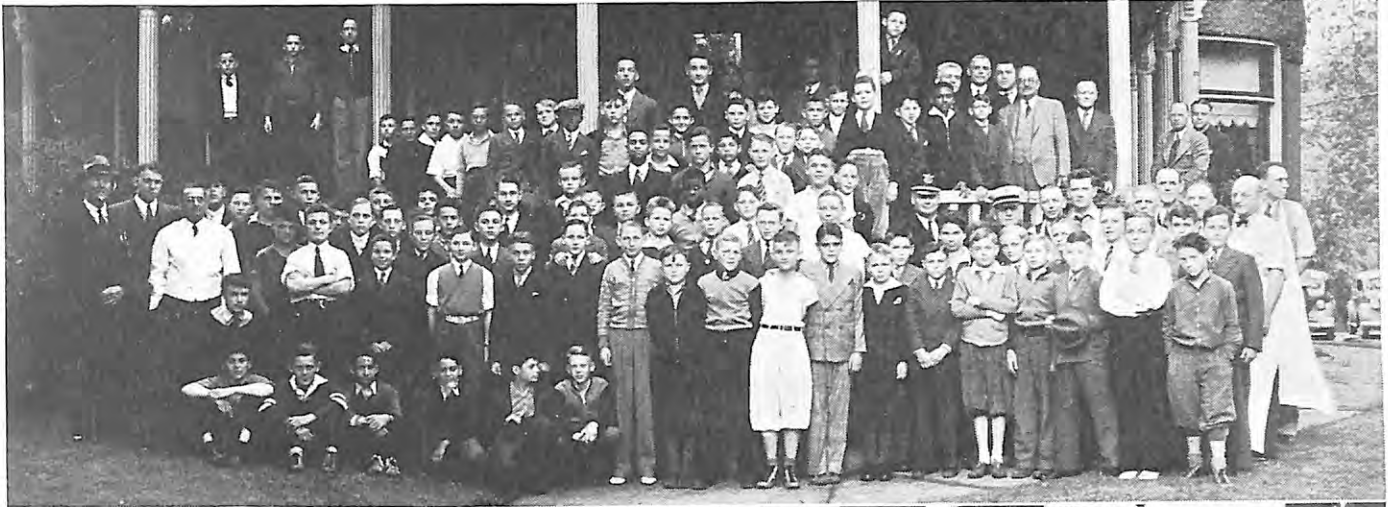
State Elks Father-Son Initiation Held at Newark, O., Lodge

The First Annual Father-Son Initiation sponsored by the Ohio State Elks Assn., was held at Newark, O., Lodge, No. 391, with 32 candidates joining various lodges of the State as members of the Class. State Trustee Charles J. Schmidt, of Tiffin, a member of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, was Chairman of the Committee in charge of the event, working with Past State Pres. James R. Cooper, Secy. of Newark Lodge, State Vice-Pres. Charles L. Haslop, Newark, and the local officers. Mr. Haslop's son was one of the initiates. Nearly 400 Elks were in attendance. The meeting was opened by the Newark officers who then turned over their stations to the officers of Columbus Lodge, State ritualistic champions, who performed the initiation ceremonies, assisted by the Delaware Glee Club. The candidates were conducted through the degree work by a uniformed patrol of 16 members of Columbus Lodge.

State Pres. John F. Fussinger, Cincinnati, spoke briefly, being introduced by Mr. Schmidt who presided over the short meeting held after the initiation. D.D.'s John H. Neate, Upper Sandusky, C. R. Francies, Ravenna, Dr. L. H. Whisler, Willard, and Glenn B. Rodgers, Washington C. H.; Past Pres.'s N. C. Parr, New Philadelphia, Ernst Von Bargen, Cincinnati, J. F. Sherry, Bellaire, A. B. Dawson, Columbus, Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville,

Below: The Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps of New Rochelle, N. Y., Lodge which won first prize in its class at the New York State Elks Assn. Convention. The musical unit participates in all patriotic and public lodge affairs.





Above: The Wooster State Patrol Boys and officials of Wooster, Ohio, who were feted by Wooster Lodge. The program was part of the Elks Traffic Safety Campaign.

and W. G. Lambert, Cleveland; State Vice-Pres.'s Walter Penry, Delaware, Robert W. Dunkle, Chillicothe, and Charles Haslop; Louis Jurgens, Cleveland, Pres. of the P.E.R.'s Assn., and State Secy. Harry D. Hale, Newark, were also introduced. The lodge meeting was preceded by a dinner, with entertainment, in the grill room at 1 P.M.

Superior, Wis., Elks Aid in Success of Children's Free Clinic

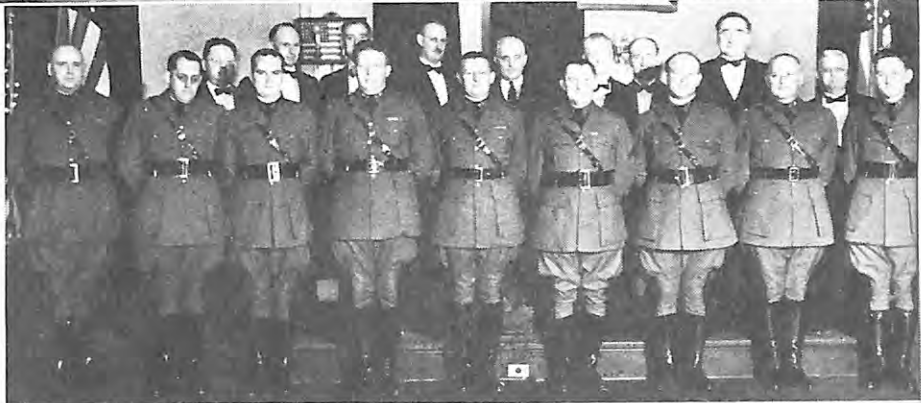
For the past twelve years, Superior, Wis., Lodge, No. 403, has taken an active part in clinics held in Northwestern Wisconsin. Requested by the Director of the Crippled Children's Division for the State to aid at the free clinic held at Superior on Saturday, May 14, the lodge supplied cots, blankets, pillows and wheel chairs. Fifteen members furnished cars for transportation of children and parents, in some cases driving over a hundred miles into the country.

Examinations of 175 children were made between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 8 P.M., and case histories, with recommendations to follow up, were given to the parents. Seven members of Superior Lodge assisted at the clinic, with A. W. Holland acting as Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

Bay City, Mich., Lodge Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee

During the three-day celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Bay City, Mich., Lodge, No. 88, one of the largest classes of recent years was initiated by Past Exalted Rulers of the lodge. The auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral which was also the scene of the Golden Anniversary Banquet attended by more than 500 members and their guests, was given over to the ceremonies.

The lodge was honored by the



Above, center: The State Police Degree Team photographed with the officers of Cohoes, N. Y., Lodge who initiated a class of 16 candidates into Cohoes Lodge recently.

Above: Photographed during the inter-lodge visitation of Los Angeles Elks to Taft, Calif., Lodge is D.D. J. O. Reavis, presenting the Founder's Certificate to Taft Lodge.

presence of a score of Grand Lodge and State Association officers besides leading Elks from other parts of Michigan. Grand Treasurer Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, O., who has since become Grand Exalted Ruler, was introduced at the banquet by former Mayor E. E. Evans, P.E.R. Dr. McCormick delivered a memorable address. Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Chicago, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight John K. Burch, Grand Rapids, and State Secretary Joseph M. Leonard, Saginaw, a member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, also spoke. P.E.R. E. P. Greenwald, P.D.D., in-

roduced the Toastmaster, P.E.R. James E. Duffy, Sr. Ovations were given two veterans—Number One Member John C. Weadock, the first Exalted Ruler of the local lodge, and James E. Davidson, whose name is second on the roll of Past Exalted Rulers. D.D.'s Irvine J. Unger, Detroit, C. L. Stebbins, Lansing, and Frank A. Small, St. Joseph, were present at the various functions.

Fun in the "1888 manner" was had in a lumberjack setting in the gymnasium of the lodge home. Reenactments of the First Lodge Session, under the direction of P.E.R. Otto M. Pierce, and the First Social

Session, in charge of the House Committee, were featured. E.R. Victor S. Pletzke and his officers together with the anniversary committees, planned the Jubilee far ahead and carried the program through to a successful close.

"Spring Class Day" Celebrated by Concordia, Kans., Lodge

Concordia, Kans., Lodge, No. 586, celebrated its "Spring Class Day" with a dinner and a lodge meeting featured by initiation ceremonies. The attractive home of the lodge was crowded from early afternoon when festivities began until long after the close of the meeting.

Idaho Springs, Colo., Lodge Holds its Annual "Ladies' Night"

Over 200 Elks and their friends were present at the annual "Ladies Night" held recently by Idaho Springs, Colo., Lodge, No. 607, in the newly decorated lodge quarters. Games, card playing, dancing and supper were the features of the evening. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Denver.

Norwich, Conn., Lodge Celebrates Its Fortieth Anniversary

The members of Norwich, Conn., Lodge, No. 430, were joined by Elks from all sections of New England in the celebration of their lodge's 40th birthday. Approximately 1,200 attended. The features of the elaborate program were a street parade headed by the local Elks' Boys Band, a luncheon, outstanding evening entertainment and the initiation of the anniversary class of 62 members. The original plan was to obtain one candidate for every year of the lodge's existence, but the zeal of the members resulted in the bringing in of 22 extra applications.

The speakers were E.R. James V. Pedace, who made the welcoming address, D.D. George W. Hickey, Wilimantic, and William S. Murray, Norwich, Pres. of the Conn. State Elks Assn. P.E.R. Louis E. Legare was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

Norfolk, Va., Lodge Honors Elias Codd for Excellent Service

Norfolk, Va., Lodge, No. 38, gave a banquet recently in honor of Elias Codd, a member who has sponsored over a hundred applications during the past few years. As no membership drives or special inducements are made, and a high standard of selection is adhered to, Mr. Codd's success was due to his earnest efforts in presenting the advantages of membership to men of the type acceptable to the lodge. E.R. W. M. Miller made a speech, praising and thanking him for his services. Many Past Exalted Rulers were present at the banquet which was also attended by D.D. Charles O. Thayer of Portsmouth, Va., Lodge.



At top: Candidates who were initiated into Prescott, Ariz., Lodge in the presence of Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight M. H. Starkweather and State Pres. Alex. W. Crane. The class was named in Mr. Starkweather's honor.

Above: The Ritualistic Team from Lewiston, Me., Lodge which in May won the New England Ritualistic Championship at Portsmouth, N. H., shown with the cup representing the Maine State Championship which they also won last January.

Independence, Kans., Lodge Increases Its Membership

Independence, Kansas, Lodge, No. 780, initiated 12 candidates at its regular meeting on June 9. The ceremonies were attended by 75 members. A Dutch Lunch was served in the grill.

When H. D. Cook was elected Exalted Ruler last Spring he pledged 10 new members. Besides the twelve initiated, eight applications were awaiting regular lodge action. These candidates will be initiated this month. There were also nine reinstatements.

Erasure of Debt on Home Celebrated by Anderson, Ind., Lodge

The members of Anderson, Ind., Lodge, No. 209, have enjoyed their \$100,000 home this summer all the more because it is absolutely free of debt. When the last debt was lifted some time ago, a two-day celebration was held. Grand Trustee Henry C. Warner of Dixon, Ill., was the principal speaker. The banquet was attended by local members and almost 500 guests including National and State officers and delegations from surrounding lodges. Judge Charles

E. Smith, P.E.R., was Toastmaster. A certified copy of the mortgage was officially burned by immediate Past Exalted Ruler Edward Campbell and Trustees Charles Weir, Edgar Jones and Paul Crouse.

Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge Suffers a Double Bereavement

Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge, No. 86, lost through death two of its Past Exalted Rulers within a short period of time. Both were members of the organization within the lodge, the "Old Boys of '86".

The lodge conducted funeral services at the residence for George A. Schaal, Exalted Ruler in 1907-08, who died on June 5. He was a native of Terre Haute and had occupied many positions of trust during his active career in public and business life. Mr. Schaal was Treasurer of Vigo County for two terms and at the time of his death was serving his 15th year as Secy.-Treas. of the Fort Harrison Savings Assn.

Services were held by the lodge on June 14 at the Ryan Funeral Home for Ora D. Davis, a prominent attorney and former Mayor of Terre Haute. Mr. Davis passed away in



Elks and their ladies of New Smyrna, Fla., Lodge photographed at the annual Charity Ball which took place on New Smyrna Lodge's ninth anniversary.

the Veterans' Hospital in Marion, where he had been taken a few days before, having suffered a stroke. He was Exalted Ruler in 1906-07. He

was twice Mayor of Terre Haute where he had resided since 1891, and had served as Representative in the Indiana Legislature.

Below: Photographed at the Golden Anniversary banquet of Toledo Lodge are distinguished Elks, who include Grand Secretary J. E. Masters, Dr. E. J. McCormick and Grand Esteemed Leading Knight J. K. Burch.

Below, center, is the Band of Medford, Ore., Lodge entertaining visitors before the Home of Klamath Falls Lodge during the recent visit of Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart.



Bartlesville, Okla., Lodge Reports Record Membership Gain

With the initiation of 24 new members on May 5, in addition to 101 initiated in its 70th Anniversary Class in February and the 70 members of the Grand Exalted Ruler's Class initiated in March, Bartlesville, Okla., Lodge, No. 1060, led all other lodges in the State to win the State Trophy for membership gain during the past year. The attendance at meetings is consistently large and the officers are young and capable. The lodge has received warm praise from Past State Pres. George M. McLean of El Reno, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee. The 70th Anniversary Class was the largest ever initiated at one time in Oklahoma.

Floyd H. Brown is giving valuable service as Assistant Secretary and Club Manager. He has had wide experience in this line, having been Secretary of Blackwell, Okla., Lodge for the past 10 years. He is a former Secretary of the Okla. State Elks Assn. and a present Trustee.

Lawrence, Mass., Lodge Presents an Oxygen Tent to the City of Lawrence

The city of Lawrence, Mass., has been presented with an oxygen tent of the latest type by Lawrence Lodge No. 65, for the use of all citizens of

Below: A remarkable class of 101 candidates which was initiated into Bartlesville, Okla., Lodge.





the community in emergency cases. Several times in the past year the medical center in Boston, 35 miles distant, had to be called upon for aid, but now there are no dangerous delays. The lodge also supplies the necessary oxygen.

The tent was accepted for the city by Alderman Thomas F. Galvin, Director of Public Safety. P.E.R. Fred C. Calnan was Chairman of the Charity Committee which raised the funds for its purchase. A local hospital has been granted an annual contribution fund of \$400 for the purpose of conducting an out-patient clinic. The charity and community work of Lawrence Lodge is being carried on under the leadership of E.R. John J. Darcy. The donation of a trophy to the school boy patrol of Lawrence has been arranged by Mr. Calnan. This is in line with the activities of the Lawrence Elks in connection with Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart's National traffic safety campaign.

Those who attended a banquet given in honor of the officers, charter members and Past Exalted Rulers of Greenville, S. C., Lodge on the occasion of the lodge's 35th anniversary.

Newark, O., Lodge Figures in Dedication of Scout Cabin

E.R. F. H. Guthrie, of Newark, O., Lodge, No. 391, delivered an address on the "American Flag" at the dedication recently of the Franklin Cabin at Camp Falling Rock on the Boy Scout Reservation. The Elks Band figured prominently in the ceremonies which were attended by more than 500 persons. The cabin, built for both summer and winter use, was named in memory of the Rev. Lewis P. Franklin, first local Scout Commissioner. Mr. Guthrie, acting for the Elks, with a representative of the Brick Masons' union, dedicated the huge chimneys at each end of the cabin, which were donated by the two organizations.

Canon City — Salida, Colo., Elks Picnic a Big Success

The first annual joint picnic given by Canon City, Colo., Lodge, No. 610, and Salida, Colo., Lodge, No. 808, at Rosedale Grove, Salida, proved to be the largest affair of the kind ever held in the community. Over 100 cars from Florence, Leadville, Pueblo, Grand Junction, Salida and Canon City, were parked on the grounds, and more than 800 Elks and their families and friends enjoyed the races, outdoor games and contests. A big barbecue was the feature of the day. The baseball game played by the Canon City and Salida Elks in the afternoon was won by Canon City. After the game, most of the crowd repaired to the home of Salida Lodge where dancing was indulged in and entertainment presented.

Far-off Skagway, Alaska, Lodge Sends Some Interesting News

Skagway, Alaska, Lodge, No. 431, has two "Sourdough" officers who have served long and faithfully. P.E.R. George G. Miller, Deputy Collector of Customs for Skagway, joined the lodge in 1902, worked



Left: Candidates and guests of Albany, N. Y., Lodge who on the occasion of the initiation of the "Stephen McGrath Class." State Pres. McGrath and D.D. R.P. Madden were among those present.

At bottom: The officers of Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, the State Ritualistic Champions, and 27 candidates who were initiated into Newton, N. J., Lodge, with Newton officers and Past Exalted Rulers.





through all the Chairs, and then became Treasurer. He has held office for 32 consecutive years. Fred J. Vandewall, Deputy Collector in Charge of U. S. Customs in Skagway, has been Secretary for 23 years.

The lodge home is a social center in Skagway. The stage of the auditorium is frequently used for amateur theatrical performances and the floor for bazaars and dances. The bowling alley is put to continuous use by both men and women bowlers. The home, built and furnished during boom times, is kept to standard by frequent renovations and repairs.

Annual Father and Son Banquet Held by Muskegon, Mich., Lodge

Baseballs autographed by big league stars were distributed as special prizes at the seventh annual Father and Son Banquet given recently by Muskegon, Mich., Lodge, No. 274. About 300 of the 500 persons present were boys. They were entertained with movies and games in the club rooms. E. W. Bitzer was Toastmaster at the banquet, and P.E.R. John O. Vegter was Chairman of the Banquet Committee. Willard G. Turner made the principal address. Jack Olsen, Jr., son of P.E.R. John Olsen, Vice-Pres. of the Mich. State Elks Assn., responded for the boys.

After the banquet 68 baseballs were distributed. They were autographed by all the members of the Detroit Tigers, the Washington Senators, Philadelphia Athletics, New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians, and by Jimmy Dykes of the Chicago White Sox and Leo "Gabby" Hartnett of the Chicago Cubs.

Crippled Children's Clinic at Chadron, Neb., Sponsored by Elks

One hundred and forty-two crippled children went through the Crippled Children's Clinic at Chadron, Neb., on June 2, held under the direction of the Nebraska Medical Commission and sponsored by the Nebraska State Elks Assn., Chadron Lodge No. 1399, and the Neb. State Child Welfare Bureau. The children were brought from miles around to receive attention. Several hundred Elks and other Chadron citizens worked with the large staff of surgeons and nurses.

The success of the clinic was attributed mainly to two persons—

Above: The speakers' table, photographed at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge. Among those present were Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank L. Rain and Governor Henry H. Blood of Utah.

August Schneider of Benedict, Neb., Chairman of the Nebraska State Elks Benevolence Committee, and Mrs. Catherine Gehrman, orthopedic nurse, loaned to the Elks Committee, to aid in the organization and management of the various State clinics. Mr. Schneider has devoted a great deal of his time and his own finances to aid in this worthy work.

State Ritualistic Contests Are Held at Boise, Ida., Lodge

Boise, Ida., Lodge, No. 310, was host recently to the Ritualistic Teams of Pocatello, Caldwell and Twin Falls Lodges in a contest to decide the State Championship. State Pres. Jay L. Downing, Pocatello, and Vice-Pres. J. O. Malvin, Boise, presided. A. I. Myers of Caldwell Lodge, a former member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, and Past State Pres. E. D. Baird, Boise, were present. The visiting ladies were entertained during the contest by a committee headed by Merrill Strong and Art Kornahrens, assisted by their wives. A Satur-

day Night Dance was given in the lodge home the preceding evening and the guests were invited to return the next day for breakfast.

Another enjoyable event on the lodge calendar was the dinner given for those members who had joined Boise Lodge either by initiation or dimitt during the past year. P.E.R. M. A. Thometz, during whose term they had been admitted, was the principal speaker.

A Bridge Item of Interest from Eau Claire, Wis., Lodge

Last Spring Eau Claire, Wis., Lodge, No. 402, conducted one of the sectional World Bridge Olympics. According to information received by the lodge, a member of Chippewa Falls, Wis., Lodge, No. 1326, W. H. Garrity, and his wife, won the United States Championship among North-South pairs. In winning the American title, Mr. and Mrs. Garrity were awarded four national masters points, each, by the American Contract Bridge League for winning the American Olympic.

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Below: The two bowling teams sponsored by Decatur, Ill., Lodge. At top, the Social League Champions, and at bottom, the Commercial League Champions. Decatur Lodge feels that its bowling activities have helped increase lodge membership appreciably.



MASSACHUSETTS

THE 24th Annual Convention and Outing of the Massachusetts State Elks Association was held in Fitchburg on Saturday and Sunday, June 4-5. Fitchburg, Mass., Lodge, No. 847, entertained the delegates and visitors in splendid style. The ladies were taken on sightseeing tours and Saturday Night Dances were held at the lodge home and at the Oak Hill Country Club.

Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart was a guest of the Association which was honored by the presence of Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson and John F. Malley of Springfield, Mass., Lodge; E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, a member of the Grand Forum; John F. Burke, Boston, a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee; Grand Esquire Thomas J. Brady, Boston; the four District Deputies of Massachusetts, George Steele, Gloucester, Francis J. O'Neil, Attleboro, Francis S. O'Connor, Hudson, and George Connors, Clinton, and other leading Elks from all parts of the State.

P.E.R. James A. Bresnahan, Chairman of the Convention Committee of Fitchburg Lodge, called the Convention to order at the Sunday morning business session and introduced E.R. Richard D. Roberts who made the welcoming address. Mayor Alfred Woollacott welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city. Pres. William B. Jackson, Sr., Brookline, presided. Reports were made by the various committees. Mason S. McEwan, Executive Chairman, reported on the Ritualistic Contests held in each district and announced that Clinton Lodge No. 1306 was the winner, having the highest percentage, and had been presented with the Nicholson Trophy by Joseph B. Kyle of Gary, Ind., Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee.

GRAND Exalted Ruler Hart spoke for about twenty minutes, taking for his subject, "Elkdom". He was presented with a beautiful watch by P.E.R. John B. Hayes of the local lodge. Mr. Bresnahan was given a set of golf clubs. The report of State Secy. J. J. Hourin showed that 59 of the 60 lodges of the State were members of the Association, that the member lodges had expended for charity work during the year ending April 1, 1938, more than \$90,000, and that post-war work had been carried on in the various veterans hospitals in the State under the direction of the Association with the member lodges furnishing funds and entertainment. The invitation of Newburyport Lodge No. 909 to hold the 1939 Convention in Newburyport was accepted.

The officers elected to serve during the coming year are as follows: Pres., William J. Durocher, North Adams; 1st Vice-Pres., William F. Hogan, Everett; 2nd Vice-Pres.,

News of the State Associations



At top: The Ritualistic Team of Houston, Tex., Lodge which won first prize at the Texas State Elks Assn. Convention in Denison.

Above: Photographed at the Michigan State Elks Assn. Convention at Alpena are State Pres. T. P. Gillette, E.R. H. A. Kurrasch and Grand Treasurer Dr. Edward J. McCormick.

Daniel J. Honan, Winthrop; 3rd Vice-Pres., Arthur J. Harty, Winchester; Treas., Bernard E. Carbin, Lynn, (19th consecutive year); Secy., Jeremiah J. Hourin, Framingham, (21st consecutive year); Trustees: Dr. Louis N. Chapman, Brockton, and Charles J. Murphy, Taunton. The Trustees whose terms had not expired are: Robert E. Comiskey, Fitchburg, Dr. L. J. Pereira, Holyoke, Michael J. Cuneo, Woburn, Ivan D. Servais, Concord, Leslie W. Sims, Maynard, and John J. Ward, Medford. The officers were installed by Past Pres. William J. Moore of Milford. The Convention was voted one of the most successful ever held, and Fitchburg Lodge was given a rising vote of thanks for its splendid hospitality. About 1,000 persons

attended the monster clam bake and lobster dinner at Saima Park in Fitchburg on Sunday afternoon.

SOUTH DAKOTA

MITCHELL Lodge No. 1059 was host to the South Dakota State Elks Association at its annual convention Sunday and Monday, June 5-6. Public opening exercises on Sunday evening were preceded by a concert by the band of Sioux City Lodge, champion band at the Denver Grand Lodge Convention. They were presided over by P.E.R. Chester L. Morgan of Mitchell Lodge. The exercises were held in the amphitheatre on the shore of Lake Mitchell, with an attendance of 5,000. A number by the Huron Elks



Above: A group of distinguished Kentucky Elks who attended the Kentucky State Elks Assn. Convention, which was held at Middlesboro Lodge.



Above: The officers and Degree Team of Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge, winners of the Ritualistic Contest at the Michigan Elks Convention.

Chorus was followed by addresses of welcome by Mayor George Fredericks, a member of Mitchell Lodge, and E.R. Carl Fowler, to which State Pres. E. B. Peterson, Sioux Falls, responded. After a selection by the Aberdeen Chorus, D.D. H. G. Tarbell of Watertown introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland of Watertown Lodge, who represented the Grand Exalted Ruler and was the principal speaker.

Pres. Peterson presided over the Monday business session. Reports of the Activities Committee showed that the lodges had engaged in an increased number of activities during the past year and that they had accomplished a great deal of good in traffic safety work. It was also brought out that over \$14,000 had

been spent for charitable purposes by the Association and the subordinate lodges. A class of candidates was initiated that afternoon by the officers of Brookings Lodge, champion ritualistic team. P.E.R. Leo Temmey of Huron Lodge presided at the Memorial Services. The Aberdeen Elks Chorus rendered several selections and the Memorial Address was made by Past State Pres. Casper G. Aaberg, Brookings. The invitation of Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow, on behalf of Aberdeen Lodge, to

The American Legion Band of Muncie, Ind., photographed in front of the Muncie Lodge Home just prior to its departure for Richmond, Ind., to participate in the Indiana State Elks Assn. Convention.

hold the 1939 convention in Aberdeen, was accepted. The North Dakota State Elks Association was invited to convene in Aberdeen at the same time to participate in a joint celebration of an important event. The 50th Anniversary of the division of Dakota Territory into separate Statehoods takes place in 1939 and will be observed by the South Dakota Elks during their annual meeting.

The new State officers who were elected and installed are: Pres., Paul F. Weisser, Mitchell; 1st Vice-Pres., E. B. Peterson, Sioux Falls; 2nd Vice-Pres., C. R. Hayes, Deadwood; 3rd Vice-Pres., Leo Temmey, Huron; Secy., Carl H. Nelles, Madison; Asst. Secy., Don Douthit, Sioux Falls; Treas., M. M. Korte, Aberdeen; Trustee, A. A. Harris, Brookings.

At the close of the Convention Parade, the guests were entertained at the home of Mitchell Lodge. During the evening the trophies were presented to the winners of the various contests which were as follows: Ritualistic, Brookings Lodge; Golf, in which 12 teams were entered, Sioux Falls Lodge; Trapshooting, Mitchell Lodge; Kitten Ball, in which three teams entered, Mitchell; Chorus, Aberdeen Lodge first, Huron second; Band, Sioux Falls and Aberdeen Lodges given a superior rating;

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The Grand Lodge

CONVENTION

In Atlantic City, July, 1938

EQUALLING and even exceeding the splendid manner in which it has acted as host at eight previous Grand Lodge Reunions, Atlantic City Lodge No. 276 entertained the throng of Elks who assembled in New Jersey's famed seashore resort the week of July eleventh for the Seventy-Fourth Grand Lodge Convention of the Order. Both in its social and business aspects, the Convention was a success. A brief account of the deliberations of the Grand Lodge is given in these columns. Because of space limitations, a report of the general social activities is being held over for the September number of the Magazine.

While some of the delegates were seated waiting for the Grand Lodge body to assemble in the Ball Room of Atlantic City's great Auditorium for the opening business session on Tuesday, July 12, the Elks Symphonic Band of Columbus Lodge No. 37, under the direction of E. M. Whelpley, entertained with selections such as "Broadcaster", "On to Atlantic City" and "Rosalie".

Grand Esquire Thomas J. Brady, of Brookline, Mass., Lodge, No. 886, mounted the rostrum at 10:30 A. M. to testify to the qualifications of the members present, whereupon the Grand Lodge officers were escorted by the Drill Team of Columbus Lodge to their respective places and Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart immediately proceeded with the formal opening of the Grand Lodge.

After a moving invocation delivered by Grand Chaplain J. B. Dobbins, of Temple, Tex., Lodge, No. 138, the Columbus band played the National Anthem, followed by "Auld Lang Syne".

The Grand Exalted Ruler then asked the Grand Esquire to conduct the eighteen Past Grand Exalted Rulers, in attendance at the Convention, to chairs on the platform. After they had been seated, the Grand Exalted Ruler introduced them individually, in the order of their seniority, as follows: Past Grand Exalted Rulers John K. Tener, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; Rush L. Holland, Colorado Springs, Colo., No. 309; James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., No. 61; Edward Rightor, New Orleans, La., No. 30; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., No. 664; Frank L. Rain, Fairbury, Neb., No. 1203; William M.

Abbott, San Francisco, Calif., No. 3; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa.; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S.D., No. 838; William H. Atwell, Dallas, Tex., No. 71; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., No. 2; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass.; Murray Hulbert, New York, N. Y., No. 1; John R. Coen, Sterling, Colo., No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., No. 556; Walter F. Meier, Seattle, Wash., No. 92; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., No. 878, and David Sholtz, Daytona Beach, Fla., No. 1141.

When the applause accompanying the introduction of these gentlemen had subsided, Major Hart presented to the Grand Lodge body the members of the Board of Grand Trustees: Chairman Henry A. Guenther, Newark, N. J., Lodge, No. 21; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., No. 78; William T. Phillips, New York, N. Y., No. 1; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., No. 779, and J. Ford Zietlow, Aberdeen, S. D., No. 1046. He also called upon, for a bow, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight John K. Burch, Grand Rapids, Mich., No. 48; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Milton L. Anfenger, Denver, Colo., No. 17; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight M. H. Starkweather, Tucson, Ariz., No. 385; Grand Tiler Arnold Westermann, Louisville, Ky., No. 8, and Grand Inner Guard George W. Munford, Durham, N. C., No. 568.

John E. Drummey, of Seattle Lodge, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, submitted a preliminary report of Grand Lodge members registered to date. He gave the total number as 1,450. The other members of the Credentials Committee were: William A. Wolff, Rome, N. Y., Lodge, No. 96; H. D. Ingalls, Boulder, Colo., No. 566; J. Lindley Coon, Newton, Iowa, No. 1270, and William Elliott, Jr., Columbia, S. C., No. 1190.

The Grand Exalted Ruler introduced F. J. Schrader, of Allegheny, Pa., Lodge, No. 339, as the "able assistant of Grand Secretary Masters", and he also presented his own capable secretary, Richard F. Flood, of Bayonne, N. J., Lodge, No. 434.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Convention in Denver last year were approved as printed.

Following several routine appointments made by the Grand Exalted

Ruler, the printed report of the Auditing Committee was approved and filed. Chairman George M. McLean, of El Reno, Okla., Lodge, No. 743; Charles J. Schmidt, Tiffin, O., No. 94, and Roy M. Bradley, Jamestown, N. Y., No. 263, were the members of this Committee.

The printed report of the Grand Treasurer, Dr. Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo, Ohio, Lodge, No. 53, was likewise received, approved and ordered filed.

Coming to the report of Grand Secretary J. E. Masters, Major Hart said, "We have the usual conscientious, painstaking report of this officer of the Grand Lodge. It is worth your reading and study." It also was approved and filed, as was the report of the Board of Grand Trustees.

The Grand Exalted Ruler stated that he had nothing to add to his own printed report, but that he did desire to read, as an iteration of "appreciation and gratitude to every member of this Order," the concluding paragraph, which was greeted with applause.

Chairman Guenther formally presented a preliminary budget prepared by the Board of Grand Trustees and was granted permission to submit a final budget at a later session.

E. R. Stephen A. Damico, of Atlantic City Lodge, came forward to extend a welcome to the Grand Lodge members and to urge them to enjoy their stay in his city.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler William M. Abbott was reelected to membership on the National Memorial and Publication Commission, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor was reelected as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation.

The Grand Exalted Ruler appointed Daniel J. Kelly, of Knoxville, Tenn., Lodge, No. 160, present Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, as a member of the Grand Forum. On receiving the Grand Lodge's confirmation of this appointment, the Grand Exalted Ruler asked Mr. Kelly to stand up for a brief appearance before his five-year retirement into the judicial chambers of the Order.

For Pardon Commissioner at this session, the Grand Exalted Ruler appointed J. C. Dallenbach, of Champaign, Ill., Lodge, No. 398.

To act as Grand Exalted Ruler at

the Grand Lodge Memorial Exercises, Major Hart appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell, who moved that the hour of eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning be set aside for these exercises.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell requested that the report of the National Memorial and Publication Commission be made a special order of business of the following day's session immediately upon the convening of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as might be convenient.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley asked that the report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees be made a special order of business at the Wednesday morning session following the report of the National Memorial and Publication Commission. Both suggestions were adopted.

The next order of business was the selection of officers for the ensuing year, and it was voted that the nominating and seconding speeches for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler be unlimited, and that nominating speeches for other offices be limited to three minutes, with no seconding speeches.

Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann, Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, of St. Louis, Mo., Lodge, No. 9, arose to request the Grand Lodge to grant Dr. Ralph B. Wagner, of St. Louis Lodge, the privilege of addressing the Grand Lodge body, since he was not a Grand Lodge member. The permission was readily given and Mayor Dickman was asked to escort Dr. Wagner to the platform.

In glowing terms, Dr. Wagner nominated for Grand Exalted Ruler, Dr. Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo, Ohio, Lodge. He dwelt upon Dr. McCormick's personal qualifications for the highest position in the Order. "In such an important time as this," he said, "we want and need for our next Grand Exalted Ruler a man of tenacity, who can and is determined to carry on with courage and constancy the noble work that has been done by our gallant leaders of the past, a man of foresight who can and is determined to attack with vigor and vision the tasks involved in supervising the expansion of our fraternal structure, a man of earnestness who can and is determined to promote with fortitude and zeal the aims and objectives of our deserving Order." Dr. McCormick, he said, "is recognized and revered throughout our Order as an Elk whose magnificent obsession in thought and heart and speech and act is Elkdom."

He gave a biographical account which detailed Dr. McCormick's achievements: his graduation from the Medical School of St. Louis University; his election, at the age of thirty-five, as President of the Academy of Medicine of his community, city and county; his appointment, later, as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and his initiation into the National Honor

Medical Society. Dr. McCormick's excellent record in the World War was then described, as well as his many years of service to Toledo Lodge and to the Grand Lodge.

In seconding the nomination of Dr. McCormick, P.E.R. Judge John M. McCabe, of Toledo Lodge, read a message from P.E.R. John C. Cochrane who, injured recently in an automobile accident, was prevented from attending the Convention. "It is my happy and proud privilege," Mr. Cochrane said in part, "on behalf of the eighty-eight lodges in Ohio, to second the nomination of Dr. McCormick."

Following the election of Dr. McCormick, which was enthusiastic and unanimous, Major Hart named Judge McCabe and Dr. Wagner as a committee of two to escort the newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler to the platform.

In his opening comment, Dr. McCormick humorously said that as he listened to the nominating speeches in his behalf, he thought for a moment he was present at a meeting where scientists were attempting to transform a rose into a lily. His address of acceptance, however, was marked for its note of sincerity and fervor. It is reprinted in full elsewhere in this issue.

Elected to the other Grand Lodge offices were men whose past services have evidenced their devotion to Elkdom, and in all cases elections were unanimous. Those elected were: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, J. Edward Galileo, of Troy, N. Y., Lodge, No. 141, nominated by E.R. Charles F. Schermerhorn, Troy Lodge; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, D. E. LaBelle, Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge, No. 44, nominated by P.E.R. John J. Ruff, Minneapolis Lodge; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, I. Walter Hawkins, De Land, Fla., Lodge, No. 1463, nominated by P.E.R. M. Frank O'Brien, Jacksonville, Fla., Lodge, No. 221; Grand Tiler, Charles M. Barrett, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Lodge, No. 461, nominated by E.R. Edward W. Griffith, Albuquerque Lodge, and Grand Inner Guard, Harrie O. Bohlke, Yakima, Wash., Lodge, No. 318, nominated by E.R. C. Norman Dickison, Seattle, Wash., Lodge, No. 92.

In nominating Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters for Grand Secretary, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Tener said, "Charleroi, Pa., Lodge has assigned to me the very pleasant duty of presenting to this Grand Lodge the name of one of its most beloved Brothers for this very important office of Grand Secretary. I am glad indeed to perform that duty and my words may be very brief because I propose to nominate the present incumbent of the office, and so without any further statement I give you the name of J. E. Masters to succeed himself in the office of Grand Secretary."

Considerable applause accompanied the reelection of Mr. Masters to the post.

In an address that was brief and

pointed, P.E.R. Harry F. Kennedy nominated Dr. Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758, to the responsible position of Grand Treasurer. Dr. Barrett's election was prompt and unanimous.

For the prominent office of Grand Trustee for five years, P.E.R. Frank M. Ogden nominated Fred B. Mellmann, of Oakland, Calif., Lodge, No. 171. Mr. Mellmann's election was unanimous.

When it came to the selection of a city where the Grand Lodge Convention might be held next year, it was found that two lodges desired to entertain the deliberating body in 1939. E.R. Thomas F. Muldoon, of St. Louis, Mo., Lodge, extended the first invitation to the Grand Lodge to accept his city's hospitality next July. P.E.R. W. W. Short, of Houston, Texas, Lodge, No. 151, President of the Texas State Elks Association, came forward to second the awarding of the Convention to St. Louis next year, but more particularly to urge the Grand Lodge to think seriously of voting the Convention to Houston in 1940. The contest loomed when P.E.R. J. C. Travis, of Omaha, Neb., Lodge, No. 39, expressed the hope that the Grand Lodge would select his city for its Reunion in 1939.

After Bernard Dickmann, speaking in his official capacity as Mayor of St. Louis, extended a sincere invitation on behalf of his city, Grand Exalted Ruler Hart summoned the Inspectors of Election to the platform and called for a rising vote. Sentiment was shown to be preponderantly in favor of awarding the Convention to St. Louis in 1939.

Major Hart took occasion to voice the thanks of the Grand Lodge to George M. Cohan for his participation in the Public Session on Monday evening. He also called upon the delegates to express their appreciation to P.E.R. Bert Feibleman, of Indianapolis, Ind., Lodge, No. 13, for his part in making the famous actor's appearance possible.

The Tuesday morning session came to a close with a benediction pronounced by Grand Chaplain Dobbins.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE

PREVIOUS to the formal opening of the second business session on Wednesday morning, the Elks Boys Band, sponsored by Washington, D. C., Lodge, No. 15, of which James Kidwell is the Director, marched through the Ball Room of the Auditorium playing the lively tune, "Whistle While You Work".

Grand Exalted Ruler Hart, calling the meeting to order at ten o'clock, asked the Grand Chaplain to lead in prayer, after which he recognized Jacob L. Sherman, of Denver, Colo., Lodge, No. 17, who presented the report of the Committee on Distribution. The other members appointed to this Committee were Lloyd Maxwell, Marshalltown, Iowa, Lodge, No. 312, former Chairman of the Board of Grand



Trustees, and P.D.D. Richard F. Flood, Bayonne, N. J., Lodge, No. 434.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell arose to submit the report of the National Memorial and Publication Commission. He asked the Grand Lodge to accept, without his reading it, the annual printed report of the Commission, published elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Campbell introduced the other members of this Commission, which has charge of the publication of *The Elks Magazine* and the maintenance of the Order's stately Memorial Building in Chicago: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Rush L. Holland, Frank L. Rain, William M. Abbott and John K. Tener, and then made the following informative supplementary report:

"In our annual report to the Grand Lodge, the Commission reported surplus earnings from the operations of *The Elks Magazine* for the last fiscal year of \$212,237.71. Already, by previous authorization of the Grand Lodge, out of such surplus earnings, the Commission has paid the expenses of the maintenance, repairs, improvements, insurance, taxes, etc., of the Memorial Building at Chicago for the last year, amounting to \$31,373.14.

At the end of the fiscal year on May 31, 1938, the Commission had a surplus of \$497,015.01. We are of the opinion that safe and conservative business judgment requires a surplus and working capital of approximately \$325,000.

Last year we turned over to the Grand Lodge \$200,000, of which amount \$175,000 was allocated by the Grand Lodge for Grand Lodge expenses and \$25,000 was turned over to the Elks National Foundation Trustees to be added to the corpus of their fund. As a result, the Grand Lodge was enabled to reduce the per capita tax from thirty-five cents to twenty cents, instead of increasing it to fifty-five cents.

We are advised by the Grand Secretary and the Board of Grand Trustees that if \$175,000 is likewise allocated this year for Grand Lodge expenses, the per capita tax can remain at twenty cents for the coming year. We believe that our lodges and our members do not desire at this time to have the per capita tax increased above twenty cents.

The Commission, therefore, hereby turns over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$175,000, and in accordance with the privilege that we have, we recommend to the Grand Lodge that said amount be placed in the general funds of the Grand Lodge, thereby fully balancing the budget, providing an adequate working capital, and obviating the necessity of increasing the per capita tax above twenty cents.

When this \$175,000 is turned over to the Grand Lodge, the Commission will have turned over this year, including the amounts expended for the maintenance of the Memorial Building at Chicago, the sum of \$206,373.14, and the total amount turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge from the surplus earnings during the sixteen years of its existence will amount to \$2,534,978.93."

The delegates received and approved both reports of the National Memorial and Publication Commission with a rising vote and applause.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman, pursuant to the mo-

tion adopted on Tuesday, then came forward for the annual report of the National Foundation Trustees. The other members of the Foundation Trustees are Past Grand Exalted Rulers Raymond Benjamin, of Napa, Calif., Lodge, No. 832, Vice-Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; James G. McFarland, Treasurer; Edward Rightor, Charles H. Grakelow, and Murray Hulbert.

IN a few introductory remarks, Mr. Malley informed the delegates that the Foundation had prepared a printed report for distribution at this Convention which contained a résumé of activities from the date of inception a decade ago. A copy of this report will be sent to each subordinate lodge and to the incoming District Deputies, and other copies will be kept available for those interested. Extracts from this interesting report follow:

To the Officers and Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America:

Since May 31, 1937, additional contributions to our principal fund have been received to the amount of \$51,330. Of this \$25,000 was donated by the Grand Lodge. The fund has been further increased by profit actually taken in changes in investment to the amount of \$952.01, making a total increase in capital of \$52,280.01 and bringing our total capital account to \$456,047.82. The additional contributions, exclusive of the Grand Lodge donation, were principally from subordinate lodge subscription payments. These were approximately \$6,000 more than the preceding year. We attribute this not only to the better financial condition of the subordinate lodges but also to the splendid cooperation which we have received from the District Deputies. We appreciate the interest which they have shown and the effective promotional effort which they have made in response to our request.

The total income for the year was \$16,412.09 as compared with \$13,982.83 for the previous year, an increase of \$2,429.26.

The expenses of administration for the fiscal year paid out of Grand Lodge appropriation amounted to \$2,337.87, the items of which were as follows:

Office Expense	\$1,156.04
Travel	983.40
Fiscal Agency Fees	198.43
	<u>\$2,337.87</u>

The details of our financial set-up are shown in a comparative balance sheet as of May 31, 1938, attached hereto.

In our report of last year we appealed to the lodges and members, not heretofore responsive, to rally to the support of the Elks National Foundation, to subscribe in accordance with their financial ability and to advocate our cause with those of philanthropic mind who have ample means. We urged not only present money contributions but also provision by will or by insurance, appointing the Foundation as the agency through which a portion of the wealth of individuals might be diverted to philanthropic uses. It was our opinion then, as it is now, that it is the comparative few who realize the potentialities of the Elks

National Foundation. We believe that the story of the Elks National Foundation and its accomplishments which is carried in this Tenth Anniversary Report will serve to enlighten the members of the Order and to stir them to active support of this project which is the creation of the members and should be regarded by them as the agency of national scope which enables them to send their generous impulse into every field of service to their fellow men. We know that the District Deputies will find in this book the material which they need to assist them in carrying our message to the Elks in their respective districts.

While we have already given a summary of the distributions which have been made during the last ten years, we know you will be interested in the details of our distributions for this last year. They were as follows:

Arizona State Elks Assn.—\$2,400.00.

This donation supplemented the money raised by Arizona lodges to carry on a tubercular hospital at Tucson, at which a substantial number of Elks afflicted with tuberculosis were given the benefits of modern hospital facilities and scientific treatment. While a majority of the patients were members of Arizona lodges, a substantial number were indigent members of the Order from lodges outside of Arizona\$2,400.00

Vermont State Elks Assn.—\$500.00.

This donation augmented the funds raised by the Subordinate lodges of Vermont and made possible the successful carrying on of a Fresh Air Camp for Crippled Children at Goshen, Vermont.....\$ 500.00

Pennsylvania State Elks Association—\$1,000.00.

The lodges of Pennsylvania are interested in assisting young people who are eager to obtain advanced education and each year raise a substantial sum for this purpose. The Elks National Foundation donation enabled the Pennsylvania Elks Association to grant many additional scholarships\$1,000.00

Massachusetts State Elks Assn.—\$1,000.00.

The Massachusetts Elks Association has a Scholarship Fund from which scholarship loans are made to deserving young men and young women, to enable them to have the benefit of a college education. Our donation has made it possible for the Elks of Massachusetts to broaden the scope of their work and to assist with scholarship loans an additional number of deserving and ambitious young people.....\$1,000.00

New York Elks Association—\$1,000.00.

The lodges of New York State are likewise interested in assisting young people who are seeking advanced education and each year raise a substantial sum for this purpose. The donation of the Elks National Foundation has enabled the Scholarship Committee of the New York State Elks Association to grant many additional scholarships.\$1,000.00

Ohio State Elks Association—\$500.00.

The lodges of Ohio are also interested in assisting young people who are seeking advanced education and have raised a substantial

sum for this purpose. The donation of the Elks National Foundation made it possible for the Ohio Elks Association to grant additional scholarships\$ 500.00
 Iowa State Elks Association—\$500.00
 The lodges of Iowa are interested in assisting young people to obtain the benefit of a college education. Our donation has made it possible for the Elks of Iowa to broaden the scope of their work\$ 500.00
 Maine State Elks Assn.—\$500.00
 This year the subordinate lodges of Maine raised a substantial fund for scholarship purposes. The Elks National Foundation donation was made to encourage this new endeavor of the State Association....\$ 500.00
 Minnesota Elks Association—\$300.00
 This gift to the Minnesota Elks Association was for use in welfare work at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota\$ 300.00
 New Jersey State Elks Association—\$1,000.00.

It is unnecessary to recount the splendid work of rehabilitation of crippled children which is being carried on by the lodges of New Jersey through the State Elks Crippled Children Committee of the State Association. The very substantial sums raised by the subordinate lodges of New Jersey have been insufficient to cover the cost of this great philanthropic work. We have responded to the appeal of the New Jersey State Elks Association by a donation to assist in providing money for special care and treatment of crippled children at the Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children at Atlantic City..\$1,000.00
 South Dakota State Elks Association—\$300.00.

This gift to the South Dakota State Elks Association was for use in rehabilitation of crippled children through the Department of Child Hygiene in South Dakota...\$ 300.00
SCHOLARSHIPS.

Our Board offered for the year 1937-38 an Elks National Foundation Scholarship, or its equivalent in money for use in a philanthropy selected by the State Association of such State, to each State in which the lodges were enrolled and paid up to date as subscribers for Honorary Founders' Certificates, according to the following table of eligibility:

- States with under 10 lodges must have 50% of the lodges subscribed and paid up.
- States with 10-20 lodges must have 45% of the lodges subscribed and paid up.
- States with 20-35 lodges must have 40% of the lodges subscribed and paid up.
- States with 35-50 lodges must have 35% of the lodges subscribed and paid up.
- States with over 50 lodges must have 30% of the lodges subscribed and paid up.

This offer was availed of as follows:
Connecticut

By selection of the Connecticut Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1937-38, scholarship awarded to Joseph P. Cummings, Jr., who is attending Notre Dame University\$300.00
Massachusetts

By selection of the Massachusetts State Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1937-38, scholarship awarded to John Anthony Parodi, a student at the University of

New Hampshire\$300.00
Rhode Island

Elks National Foundation Scholarship for the Grand Lodge year 1936-37 was awarded to Miss Helen Teresa Edmonds of Rhode Island State College. However, the money was not paid out until June, 1937, and is therefore shown in this year's statement.\$300.00

By selection of the Rhode Island Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1937-38, Elks National Foundation scholarship awarded to James O'Connell of Pascoay, Rhode Island, who will enter Brown University this fall. This scholarship of \$300 will have been paid out prior to the Grand Lodge Convention.

Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student Prizes" were awarded at the session of the Grand Lodge held in Denver, Colorado, last year. The Major Prize and Honorable Mention Prizes were awarded to students who had competed successfully. In accordance with the awards made at the Convention, the following monies were distributed:
 John Christopher Finegan,
 Gloucester, Mass.\$1,000.00
 Edwin Weinheimer, Parkersburg, West Virginia.... 600.00
 Sylvia Karjalainen, Aberdeen, Washington 300.00

Total Scholarship Prizes...\$1,900.00
 Total Distributions During Grand Lodge Year 1937-38.....\$11,800.00

We take pleasure in announcing that John Christopher Finegan, winner of our 1937 "Most Valuable Student Prize," has been awarded a fellowship by Harvard University as the result of a nation-wide examination held last April. He will enter Harvard University this fall.

In the November issue of *The Elks Magazine*, the Elks National Foundation Trustees announced an offer of \$1,500 in cash prizes to be awarded to the "Most Valuable Students" of the school year 1937-38, as follows:

First Prize	\$ 600.00
Second Prize	400.00
Third Prize	300.00
Fourth Prize	200.00
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	\$1,500.00

These prizes were offered to the students of the country who are outstanding in scholarship attainment, in character, in citizenship and in extra curriculum activities. Any student in the senior or graduating class of a high or preparatory school, or in any undergraduate class of a recognized college, who is a resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, was eligible to become a candidate for these awards.

The decision of our Board with respect to these prizes will be announced in a supplemental report to this Convention by Vice-Chairman Raymond Benjamin.

We appreciate the loyal and generous support and cooperation which has been given us by the members of the Order, the District Deputies and the officers of the Grand Lodge, the State Associations and the subordinate lodges. We are grateful to Grand Exalted Ruler Hart for his interest in our work and the enthusiasm with which he has promoted the Foundation. We are especially indebted to the Executive Director and Editor of *The Elks Magazine* for the splendid advocacy of the Foundation in the news and editorial columns of our national journal.

The Elks National Foundation is a great permanent institution standing upon the all enduring principles of Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love and rising in the strength and to the grandeur of height and proportion which fidelity to Elk ideals makes possible. Under its fostering influence, the noble thought and tender, generous impulse of this great American Fraternity can be translated into deeds beneficial to our fellowmen. It is not the work of a day, of a year, of a decade,—it is an all time endeavor. There must be patient, persistent and untiring effort in its building. There must be adherence at all times to the noble purpose of its conception.

Respectfully submitted,

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES,

- JOHN F. MALLEY, *Chairman,*
- RAYMOND BENJAMIN, *Vice-Chairman,*
- FLOYD E. THOMPSON, *Secretary*
- JAMES G. MCFARLAND, *Treasurer,*
- EDWARD RIGHTOR,
- CHARLES H. GRAKELOW,
- MURRAY HULBERT.

At eleven o'clock, Grand Exalted Ruler Hart turned over the gavel to Judge William H. Atwell, who, as Acting Grand Exalted Ruler, conducted the Grand Lodge of Sorrow. A report of these impressive Memorial Exercises will be published in the September issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Just before he closed the morning meeting, Grand Exalted Ruler Hart complimented the Grand Lodge members on their consistently good attendance at each of the various sessions.

THIRD SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE

FOLLOWING the invocation by the Grand Chaplain which marked the opening of the afternoon session on Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock, the Grand Lodge adopted Major Hart's suggestion that a telegram be sent to Joseph G. Buch at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton. A member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, Mr. Buch, who was prevented by illness from attending the Convention, is well known for his leadership in New Jersey's commendable work of rehabilitating crippled children.

The Chairman of the Antlers Council, C. Fenton Nichols, San Francisco, Cal., Lodge, submitted to the Grand Lodge the annual report of his Committee. He reported a net gain of one Antlers Lodge over last year and stated that the total membership of the sixty-one active junior organizations is 4,276. He estimated that more than two thousand Antlers have become Elks. George H. Llewellyn, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85, and Randolph H. Perry, Charlottesville, Va., No. 389, were the other members of the Council.

The report of the State Associations Committee, presented by Chairman Joseph B. Kyle, of Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152, was then heard. The other members of the Committee were Frank Winters, Monmouth, Ill., No. 397; C. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., No. 173; John F. Burke, Boston, Mass.,



No. 10; and William H. Kelly, East Orange, N. J., No. 630.

Herewith are given excerpts from the Committee's report:

Grand Exalted Rulers, Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

In the year 1900 the State Association idea came into existence as a step-child of the Grand Lodge. From year to year these new organizations sought recognition but it was not until 1907 that full parental blessing was given the movement. Each succeeding year, State Associations are becoming increasingly more important. A study of their many accomplishments will convince the most critical observer that they represent a dynamic force for good in our great Fraternity.

I would fall in my duty if I did not call to your attention the contributions made toward State Associations' progress by former State Associations Committees, by many of our great leaders, but more particularly by Past Grand Exalted Rulers Campbell, Thompson and Sholtz.

With but two or three exceptions, we have strong active State Associations in every State. As to the several weaker Associations, we recommend a mild stimulant, but a leadership sincere and strong enough to get the vision of helpfulness that a good State Association can be to the subordinate lodges of those particular States and to Elksdom generally in that State. Our Committee this year has met with great success in this undertaking.

Our Committee has been unusually active this past year in support of the program of the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Lodge. To us has been assigned by Grand Exalted Ruler Hart, a very heavy program of work. I hastily recite a few of our accomplishments:

Under date of December 1, 1937, we inaugurated our ritualistic program and sent forward rules governing ritualistic contests to all Grand Lodge officers, District Deputies, all State Association officials and to every Exalted Ruler. Brother Winters, Committee Member from Monmouth, Illinois, personally directed this work during the year. Local and district contests were held in almost every State, leading up to the State Championship Contests, and then on to the National Contest held here in Atlantic City on Sunday afternoon and all day Monday. Eleven teams from as many different States participated.

The highest score was made by Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, No. 289, with a score of 93.73, but owing to a substitution of the Lecturing Knight, a penalty of 1.5 was charged against the team, making their score 92.23 and putting the team in fourth place.

The final standing of the teams is as follows:

Place	Lodge	Score
1st	Lincoln, Ill.	93.21
2nd	Daytona Beach, Fla.	92.89
3rd	Clinton, Mass.	92.79
4th	Elizabeth, N. J.	92.23
5th	Oneida, N. Y.	91.99
6th	Columbus, Ohio	91.93
7th	Muscataine, Iowa	91.72
8th	Pocatello, Idaho	91.69
9th	Sistersville, W. Va.	91.48
10th	Greenville, S. C.	89.17
11th	Ellwood City, Pa.	84.46

Of the 77 officers competing, 51 were letter-perfect. All seven officers of the winning team, Lincoln, Ill., were letter-perfect, and Daytona Beach, Fla., and Clinton, Mass., who finished second and third respectively, each had six officers letter-perfect.

According to the individual percentages the "All American Ritualistic Team" is as follows:

	Score
Exalted Ruler Murray Sheldon,	
Elizabeth, N. J.	96.10
Est. Lect. Knight Victor H. Biehnorn,	
Elizabeth, N. J.	94.25
Est. Loyal Knight John A. Korywick, Jr.,	
Elizabeth, N. J.	93.42
Acting Est. Lect. Knight	
John G. Sawyerwein, Elizabeth, N. J.	94.34
Esquire Walter Spatz, Lincoln, Ill.	93.87
Chaplain Ralph Knapp,	
Pocatello, Idaho	93.54
Inner Guard, Guy Hubert,	
Columbus, Ohio	94.67

We have endeavored, during the year, to keep constantly before the minds of the officers this

important fact: The paramount purpose of the ritualistic contests is not the gratification of the team which may be so fortunate as to win the contest but rather to stimulate better rendition of the Ritual in the subordinate lodges throughout the year.

Our Committee expresses appreciation for the interest shown in this most important work. The real value of good ritualistic work, may best be expressed by quoting from a letter giving the experience of Owosso, Mich., Lodge, No. 753.

"Prior to my induction as Exalted Ruler, the Ritual had been sadly neglected. Before taking the chair, I made a resolution that I would do my best in making the Ritual an important part in our proceedings.

"Heretofore, our club rooms had been left open during the lodge meetings. At my first meeting, we dispensed with all activities of the club rooms, and had fourteen people, including officers, in the lodge room. At our second meeting we had twenty-two, our third meeting we had thirty-five in attendance, exclusive of officers. At our fourth meeting just before our State Convention, we had one hundred and forty-two in our lodge room. To my knowledge, it is the largest attendance at a lodge meeting that I have ever seen in our lodge. The attendance is attributed to the fact that the officers have put in a lot of time in perfecting their parts, and the fact that the lodge meetings are held promptly and with the utmost decorum."

Even though the better minds of our Order have written into our Laws that it is mandatory for lodge officers to memorize their ritualistic work within thirty days, there are some who fail to see the advantage and wonder why it is difficult to get a quorum. All good Elks believe that an Elks' lodge properly organized cannot neglect ritualistic work and to any Exalted Rulers assembled here, if your attendance is down and if you are dead-heading through your year as leader of your lodge, try the Owosso, Mich., plan.

When Grand Exalted Ruler Hart launched his safety program nationally, our Committee called to action the officers of the forty-eight State Associations for a similar drive in each State. Press releases from the Grand Exalted Ruler's office, as well as referring to the scrap book of the Grand Exalted Ruler, will convey to you the splendid cooperation given the 135 District Deputies in making this great humanitarian movement one of the most successful undertakings ever fostered by our Order.

We quote from "A Farewell Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler" found on page one of the July issue of our Magazine:

"The selective membership campaign under the direction of our Grand Lodge State Associations Committee was particularly effective. Our membership shows the largest gain in fifteen years despite adverse economic conditions."

Reports show that the net increase was 74.31. Brother Howard Davis, Committeeman from Williamsport, Pa., directed this work and deserves great credit.

A roster of the Presidents and Secretaries of all our State Associations was furnished for an exchange of bulletins and periodicals and with a thought of encouraging correspondence among State Associations and a discussion of their problems.

Major Hart entrusted to our Committee, and the assignment was given to Brother John F. Burke, Committeeman from Boston, Mass., the organization of the program of Inter-Lodge Visitation. This work did not reach the perfection which Brother Burke had planned but a ground work was laid for future years. Reports coming in daily to Brother Burke tell us that we can expect even greater results next year.

Brother William H. Kelly, Committeeman from our host State, was assigned the task of organizing "On to Atlantic City Clubs" and also State Representation in the Parade. Brother Kelly has performed with great credit to our host State and to our Committee. He has constantly been at the call of the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Convention Chairman, Charles Grakelov, in organizing the Convention. I am sure I voice the sentiment of all who are in attendance by extending thanks to Brother Kelly for his participation as a member of our Committee.

Our Committee has forwarded to the subordinate lodges, District Deputies, Grand Lodge officers, and to State Association officers, more than 7,000 letters and bulletins. From responses received, I am sure that this work has proven to be inspirational and helpful.

Our Committee has aided, through suggestion, through visitation and many other ways, many of our State Associations in organizing their State Conventions. Business sessions have proven to be a great help to the delegates attending from subordinate lodges. Such topics as ritualistic work, budget making and balancing, Grand Lodge and the Grand Exalted Ruler's program, Membership Gain, Entertainment, Social and Community Welfare, Charity, etc., have engaged their attention. The high plane reached by our State Conventions may be seen in quoting from a letter from the hotel manager in the host city to the Michigan State Elks Convention, which I quote as follows.

"I have never been host to a finer lot of gentlemen, than the members of the Michigan State Elks Association, attending the 33rd Annual Convention held at Alpena, Mich., June 10, 11, 12, 1938.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) THEO. R. NIELSON, Manager,

Alpena Hotel." On display at our Headquarters you will find Convention literature of the Michigan Convention on which you will find the following: "Remember an Elk is always a gentleman." A fine slogan for all Elk Conventions to adopt. Let's keep it that way.

Our Committee encourages every worth while activity in all State Associations. Because of the voluntary character of its membership and because there is no assurance of income, we suggest that no State Association should create fixed financial obligations beyond the current year.

In conclusion, may I impress upon you, the elected delegates to this Convention, that the purpose of this report is to better inform you as to the importance of State Association work. If your State is not equipped with a strong State organization, the best evidence of your leadership is for you to become active in seeing that you are properly organized in your State.

We are grateful to Grand Exalted Ruler Hart for the confidence he has shown in our Committee by entrusting so many important objectives of his administration to our Committee. State Associations have become the practical mechanism for the transmitting of the ideals of the Exalted Ruler so that they be better programmed and reach every distant integral unit of our great Order. It has been a real pleasure to work with such an able, sincere and genial leader as he. His cooperations with our Committee and the State Associations of the country has won for him a minds of all which will endure forever.

The work of our Committee has necessitated close association with the Grand Secretary's office. Brother Masters has always been kind, great cooperation from every one and assure of us to serve on this important Committee.

We indulge the hope that future Grand Lodge State Associations Committees and paramount purpose of a well-organized association is:

"To unite all Elks into closer bonds of fraternity; to further good fellowship among our Order in the State; to exchange ideas beneficial to the lodges of the State."

Our Committee is not unmindful that we are guests in the great State of New Jersey where you will find one of the best State Associations in the country. President Murray Sheldon, one of the most efficient State Presidents, with a splendid corp of officers, has aided very materially in perfecting the program of the National Reunion here, and we paid tribute to that leadership.

When Grand Exalted Ruler-elect McCormick delivered his splendid speech of acceptance yesterday in extolling the virtues of our great Order he read chapter after chapter of the history from State Associations all over our country.

Grand Exalted Ruler Hart made sev-

eral awards of handsome cups in connection with the membership gain last year. To Pennsylvania, through State President Grover Shoemaker, of Bloomsburg, he presented a cup for that State's contribution of more than one-third of the total national increase of members. To Arkansas, through District Deputy A. L. Justin, of Little Rock, he presented a cup for the greatest percentage increase, Arkansas having enjoyed a fifty-seven percent increase in membership last year. To Wyoming, through P.E.R. E. S. Vaught, of Greybull, he awarded a cup for the greatest percentage district increase.

The report of the Lodge Activities Committee was submitted by Chairman Dr. J. Edward Gallico, Troy, N. Y. In outlining the work done by his Committee, Dr. Gallico stressed the good results which had been obtained through the distribution of an Exalted Ruler's portfolio. "Seven hundred lodges filed with the office of the Grand Exalted Ruler their program of activity, in chart form, for the entire year," he said. "Comments assure us that lodges profited considerably." The other members of the Lodge Activities Committee were: Joseph M. Leonard, Saginaw, Mich., No. 47; Arthur G. Barrett, Baltimore, Md., No. 7; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., No. 28, and Joseph G. Buch, Trenton, N. J., No. 105.

Grand Exalted Ruler Hart introduced to the delegates Honorary Life Member No. 1 of New York Lodge No. 1, John A. Thompson, who has been an Elk for sixty-four years. Mr. Thompson is 89 years old. Major Hart stated that he believed him to be, in point of membership, the oldest living Elk in America. Mr. Thompson's father was a member of the "Jolly Corks".

The newly-appointed member of the Grand Forum, Daniel J. Kelly, Knoxville, Tenn., read the report of the Judiciary Committee, of which he was Chairman. L. A. Lewis, Anaheim, Calif., No. 1345; Martin J. Cunningham, Danbury, Conn., No. 120; Guy T. Tou Velle, Lincoln, Neb., No. 80, and Herbert B. Frederick, Daytona Beach, Fla., No. 1141, served on this Committee. The report follows:

The Committee on Judiciary respectfully submits to the Grand Lodge the following report:

All matters submitted to the Chairman of this Committee during the current Grand Lodge year, under the provision of Section 42, G.L.S. have been acted upon promptly. He has given 225 opinions concerning the legality of amendments and revisions of Subordinate Lodge By-laws submitted to him for approval, and has rendered 222 opinions interpretive of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge and the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges. He has approved the application of six Lodges for permission to publish Lodge Bulletins, and has examined and approved House Rules for 11 Lodges, and Articles of Incorporation submitted by four Lodges.

In addition to the foregoing, the Chairman of this Committee has approved 21 building or financing applications submitted to him by the Board of Grand Trustees.

The Committee has performed all other miscellaneous duties assigned to it.

Before amending or revising Lodge By-laws, officers and committeemen are urged to ex-

amine the most recent issue of the Guide By-laws prepared by the Committee on Judiciary, in compliance with the provisions of Section 173 G.L.S. Copies of the Guide By-laws may always be obtained from the Grand Secretary. The Guide By-laws are revised annually by each Judiciary Committee so as to be always entirely in keeping with the current provisions of the Grand Lodge Statutes. When an obsolete issue of the Guide By-laws is used as a form in the preparation of Subordinate By-laws, there are always corrections to be made and the approval of the By-laws is thereby delayed. All By-laws should be submitted for approval in duplicate.

Subordinate Lodge By-laws must contain every provision that appears in the Guide By-laws. In addition to the provisions of the Guide By-laws there may be added to the Subordinate Lodge By-laws any provisions deemed necessary for local government which are not contrary to the Constitution and Statutes of the Order. Officers and committeemen should bear in mind that the Guide By-laws are prepared by the Judiciary Committee after a great deal of careful study, and any attempt to change the provisions of the Guide By-laws usually results in By-laws which conflict with the Grand Lodge Statutes and therefore cannot be approved. Representatives of the various Subordinate Lodges are requested to advise their Secretaries to keep in their files at all times a copy of the current Guide By-laws to be followed when amendments to, or revisions of, By-laws are being prepared.

There is obviously a misunderstanding by the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges of the provisions of Sec. 172 G.L.S. which authorizes the granting of life memberships. Said section authorizes but two classes of life memberships, namely, one to be granted for a cash consideration and the other, the honorary life membership, to be granted for distinguished services rendered to the Lodge or to the Order. Therefore Subordinate Lodges may provide in their By-laws for the granting of only these two authorized classes of life memberships.

The practice by a few Subordinate Lodges of granting automatically to every outgoing Exalted Ruler an honorary life membership is utterly illegal. Nor may honorary life memberships be granted legally for mere length of membership or service in the Lodge or the Order.

"Distinguished services", within the meaning of Sec. 172, G.L.S., are such as are outstandingly unusual and extraordinary and which result in conspicuously great accomplishment for the Lodge or for the Order. The granting of life memberships for services which are only such as would be expected from any faithful Elk who holds office tends to cheapen the honor which is intended by the Statute to be conferred only for notable and invaluable service. Therefore the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges are admonished to follow carefully, in the granting of life memberships, the provisions of Section 172, G.L.S., as they are interpreted and construed in Opinions and Decisions.

Your Committee on Judiciary has considered the request of Tampa, Florida, Lodge, No. 708, that the Grand Lodge assist Subordinate Lodges in an attempt to obtain a Departmental ruling that all of the officers of Subordinate Lodges be not considered employees within the meaning of the Federal Social Security Act and the cooperative Acts of the various States. Your Committee respectfully recommends that this matter be referred for action to the Judiciary Committee, to be appointed by the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Resolution submitted by Bro. Charles J. Conklin, Past Exalted Ruler, of New York Lodge, No. 1, that a Committee of the Grand Lodge be appointed for the purpose of devising ways and means to erect, in the city of New York, a suitable memorial to the founders of the Order, has been carefully considered and your Committee respectfully recommends that the same be not adopted.

Your Committee has carefully considered the Resolution of Miami, Florida, Lodge, No. 948, to amend Sections 62 to 69A, inclusive, of the Grand Lodge Statutes so as to provide, for the care and support of dependent wives of members of the Order who may be entitled to admission to the Elks National Home. Your Committee respectfully recommends that the

same be not adopted.

Your Committee has carefully considered the Resolution of the Florida State Elks Association requesting the Grand Lodge to urge the Federal Government to establish in all High Schools of the United States voluntary R.O.T.C. units; and respectfully recommends that the same be not adopted.

Your Committee on Judiciary has carefully considered the Resolution submitted by Hempstead, New York, Lodge, No. 1485, that the Grand Lodge foster the enactment of legislation prohibiting members of the Communist Party from holding public office. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has always definitely and vigorously opposed Communism and all other forces seeking to destroy or undermine the American Democratic Government; but it is not deemed necessary that the Grand Lodge undertake the task of endeavoring to obtain legislation upon this subject by the Congress of the United States and the legislative bodies of the various States. Therefore your Committee respectfully recommends that the aforesaid Resolution be not adopted.

Your Committee on Judiciary has considered the Resolution of Brother George J. Riedler, Exalted Ruler of Brooklyn, N. Y., Lodge, No. 22, opposing discrimination against employees of certain ages, and respectfully recommends that the same be not adopted.

Your Committee on Judiciary recommends that Section 180 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 180. An unaffiliated member whose name has been stricken from the roll of membership of his Lodge for non-payment of dues, may, on his application, be reinstated as a member in good standing in such Lodge only after a secret ballot is taken which results in the applicant receiving fewer than six black balls. Before reinstatement the applicant shall pay to the Lodge such amount as may be fixed by the By-laws of such Lodge, which shall not exceed the amount of one year's dues, and in addition thereto, the proportionate share of the current dues, prorated in the same manner as the dues of a new member.

If, however, such unaffiliated member be a bona fide resident within the jurisdiction of another Lodge he may apply to such other Lodge to become affiliated therewith, provided he first obtain a written release from the Lodge that dropped him from its rolls; and such release shall be granted to him upon paying to that Lodge the sum of Five Dollars. The Lodge granting such release shall have the right to make such recommendation as it sees fit as to the reinstatement of such unaffiliated member. Such applications for membership shall be received and acted upon in the same manner as original applications for membership in the Order and the applicant shall pay such affiliation fee as may be provided in the By-laws of the Lodge, to which application is made.

Your Committee on Judiciary recommends that Section 16, of Chapter 3 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, pertaining to the powers and duties of the Grand Exalted Ruler, be amended to read as follows:

Section 16. He shall have supervision and discretionary authority over Subordinate Lodges.

He shall have the power to remove any Subordinate Lodge officer who neglects the duties of his office or is guilty of conduct injurious to his Lodge or the Order. Such removal shall be effected only by the issuance of an executive order specifying in writing the grounds of removal. Such order shall be issued in triplicate and one copy thereof shall be served by registered mail upon the officer removed, one copy shall be filed with the Lodge, and one copy with the Grand Secretary. Such officer may appeal to the Grand Forum from the order of removal by mailing by registered mail, a notice of appeal to the Grand Secretary within ten days after receipt of the order, and thereupon the Grand Secretary shall send a copy of the order of removal and notice of appeal to the Chief Justice of the Grand Forum and the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. The Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary shall set the Chief Justice of the Grand Forum shall set the appeal for hearing before some Grand Justice or other member of the Grand Lodge, designated by him within thirty days from the filing of the notice of appeal, to take and report the evidence. The appeal shall be determined by the Grand Forum within thirty days after said hearing. The Grand Forum shall have power



to determine both the law and the facts and its judgment shall be final. The executive order of removal shall continue in effect until reversed on appeal.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Grand Trustees, your Committee on Judiciary respectfully recommends that the 2nd paragraph of Section 69 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended so as to provide for the payment of Subordinate Lodges of one-third, instead of one-half, of the per capita expense of maintaining their members in the Elks National Home, and so as to make said 2nd paragraph of Section 69 read as follows:

The Subordinate Lodge of a resident member shall pay in quarterly installments one-third of the per capita expense sustained by the Grand Lodge for the maintenance of such member. In computing such cost of maintenance, the Board of Grand Trustees shall determine same upon the basis of the cost of maintenance per capita for the previous year, excluding the items of cost which must be borne separately by the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodge as hereinbefore stated.

Your Committee on Judiciary has carefully considered the petition of the Supreme Emblem Club of the United States. This is a duly incorporated organization which has for its purpose the establishment and maintenance nationally of subordinate clubs in connection with Subordinate Lodges of our Order, membership in which will be limited to the female relatives of living and deceased members of the Order. Without sanction from the Grand Lodge, this organization has already become incorporated and has instituted a number of subordinate clubs in connection with Subordinate Lodges of the Order. The purport of the petition is to obtain from the Grand Lodge the necessary authority to establish the Supreme Emblem Club as an auxiliary of the Order.

This is not the first application of this nature which has been made to the Grand Lodge. A considerable number of organizations of both men and women have sought in the past to become auxiliaries of our Order, but the Grand Lodge has never varied from the policy, established early in the life of the Order, of establishing our Fraternity as an independent organization composed exclusively of American men.

As a single unit the Order has been able to control and definitely fix its policies and principles. This advantage has been a great factor in attaining the position of great strength and prestige that is ours today in the Nation.

Your Committee believes that the wisdom of our Constitutional inhibition of auxiliaries has been definitely proven; and therefore could recommend no change in our laws to permit recognition of any auxiliary by the Grand Lodge or the Subordinate Lodges.

The ladies who compose the Supreme Emblem Club, and who are the relatives of members of the Order, are of course of the highest character, and their aims and purposes are no doubt laudable. However, the petition of this organization must be regarded just as the petition of any other similar organization seeking to become an auxiliary of our Order.

Your Committee on Judiciary respectfully recommends that the request contained in the petition of the Supreme Emblem Club be denied.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL J. KELLY,

Chairman

L. A. LEWIS

MARTIN J. CUNNINGHAM

GUY TOU VELLE

HERBERT B. FREDERICK

Committee on Judiciary.

The report was adopted except for the recommendation relative to the Supreme Emblem Club.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler McFarland, presiding for a short period, recognized P.E.R. Daniel J. Honan, of Winthrop, Mass., Lodge, No. 1078, who spoke in behalf of that Club. After some debate, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert, with the evident purpose of forestalling any misunderstanding of the Judiciary Committee's recommendation, based as it was on Grand Lodge Con-

stitutional grounds, offered this motion: "Moved that we amend the report of the Judiciary Committee and authorize the Grand Exalted Ruler to appoint a Committee of three to confer with the petitioner in this matter and report back to the Grand Lodge session." Mr. Honan seconded that motion, as did P.E.R. Philip U. Gayaut of Washington, D. C., Lodge, No. 15, and the motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Kelly, in view of his appointment to the Grand Forum, took occasion to tender his formal resignation as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Major Hart, who had returned to the meeting, appointed Guy T. Tou Velle as temporary Chairman.

Major Hart spoke briefly on the national safety campaign of his administration in which more than nine hundred lodges participated. Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85, won the Goodrich trophy for outstanding work in the Traffic Safety Campaign.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson was recognized for a supplemental report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees. The report, concerning scholarship awards, appears elsewhere in this issue.

Judge Thompson obtained the permission of the Grand Lodge to present the winners of the first and second awards. Young Mr. Gordon Stanley Bowker, of Malone, N. Y., winner of the first award, in his expression of thanks, told how the scholarship would help to further his education. Miss Mary Sue De Vol, of Parkersburg, W. Va., who received the second award, voiced her appreciation to a hushed audience in words of quiet sincerity that touched the hearts of all.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow then submitted the final report of the Committee on Memorial to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lawrence H. Rupp. He said that a magnificent shaft, erected by the Grand Lodge at the grave of Mr. Rupp in Allentown, Pa., had been unveiled recently with appropriate ceremonies which were attended by Elks of many surrounding communities.

In like manner, P.E.R. Sidney A. Freudenstein, of New Orleans, La., Lodge, No. 30, read the final report of the Committee on Memorial to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan. A picture of the memorial was reproduced not long ago in *The Elks Magazine*. Mr. Freudenstein described it as a beautiful granite tomb erected in Metairie Cemetery, New Orleans.

No further business appearing, the extended Wednesday afternoon session of the Grand Lodge was brought to a close.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE

PRELIMINARY to the opening of the fourth business session on Thursday morning, the Columbus Band en-

tertained with several selections. The session began with a prayer by Grand Chaplain Dobbins.

Chairman Guenther of the Board of Grand Trustees came to the speaker's desk with a final report on the budget. Estimated receipts for 1938-39 he put at \$316,798, and estimated expenses, \$308,744.07. The action of the National Memorial and Publication Commission in turning over \$175,000 for the general purposes of the Grand Lodge, he said, had enabled the Board of Grand Trustees to do three things: (1) balance the budget; (2) lower the subordinate lodge's cost of maintaining a member at the National Home from one-half to one-third, and (3) not increase the per capita tax.

District Deputy George I. Hall, of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515, then read a resolution proposing Grand Lodge endorsement of the American Flag Association's desire to promulgate the week in which Flag Day occurs each year as "Flag Week", to the end that the subordinate lodges, and their members as individuals, may be actuated, in addition to their patriotic observance of Flag Day, to observe also Flag Week. The resolution was adopted.

Chairman Harry Bacharach of the Atlantic City Convention Committee was introduced from the platform and Major Hart told him of the Grand Lodge's appreciation of his part in making the Convention a success. Applause from the delegates confirmed Major Hart's statement.

On motion of District Deputy Martin Purtell, of Elmira, N. Y., Lodge, No. 62, the Grand Lodge voted to set the date of its meeting in St. Louis next year as the week beginning July 9, 1939, formal public exercises to be held the evening of July 10, and the first business session on Tuesday morning, July 11.

The final report of Chairman John E. Drummey for the Credentials Committee showed the excellent attendance of 1,875 Grand Lodge members at the Convention.

Major Hart then presented another trophy in connection with the membership campaign, this one to E.R. C. C. Armstrong of Bartlesville, Okla., Lodge, No. 1060. Last year Bartlesville Lodge increased its membership 257%.

Grand Trustee John S. McClelland called for an expression of appreciation to the newly-elected Grand Treasurer, Robert S. Barrett, and to Mrs. Barrett, for their generous gift of an air-conditioned moving picture theatre, equipped with a stage and dressing rooms, built on the Elks National Home grounds for the use of the aged residents. The theatre was erected by the Barretts as a memorial to their beloved friend, Fred Harper, who was a member of Lynchburg, Va., Lodge, No. 321, and served as Grand Exalted

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The Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees

Brother Grand Exalted Ruler, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge—

Earlier in the year the Trustees of the Elks National Foundation announced through *The Elks Magazine* and otherwise that four scholarship awards would be made to students graduated from high schools or other preparatory schools who excelled in scholarship, citizenship, perseverance, resourcefulness, special achievement and extra curricular activities. This offer was not confined to children of members of the Order, but was made available to all boys and girls who qualified and competed for the awards. This year the awards are—first, \$600; second, \$400; third, \$300, and fourth, \$200.

The Trustees have found that each year the task of judging the applicants and making the awards becomes more difficult because of the increased number of applicants and the keener competition. The importance of our decision to these fine young men and women has caused us to study with extreme care all of the elements which must be considered in determining the most valuable of these students. A few so far excel the others that the selection of the top group is comparatively easy, but when we undertake to make the final choice from the five or six highest we are faced with a difficult task.

We find among the applicants many having the worthy ambition to receive higher education who face the problem of paying their own way. The time necessarily devoted to earning a living and meeting other expenses often prevents these applicants meeting the high scholastic standing necessary to place among the winners. Your Trustees confess they are swayed in their judgment by the perseverance and resourcefulness shown by some of these young students and that we favor them when their scholastic standing permits their receiving the award. While the awards are offered in a scholarship contest certainly all will agree that special consideration should be given worthy boys and girls who must struggle for their education.

This year the first prize of \$600 has been awarded to Gordon Stanley Bowker, of Malone, New York, the son of Brother Leighton Bowker of Malone Lodge, No. 1303. Gordon is 17 years old and graduated from high school with an average of 94.66%. He is now at the head of the honor students in Franklin Academy with an average of 98.7%. He is preparing for chemical engineering. In high school he participated in athletics and earned a reputation for fine sportsmanship. He has been active in the Boy Scouts and has won the rank of Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm. He was counsellor at Scout Camp in 1935 and 1936, and has been certified as equipped to do life saving service. He was secretary of his Freshman Class and president of his Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes in high school. He was active in the student organizations in high school and has continued those activities in Franklin Academy, being now on the Student Council and Secretary of the Varsity Club. His teachers and others certify to his worth as a student and a citizen.

Our second award of \$400 goes to Mary Sue De Vol, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, a young woman who received honorable mention last year and was given a special scholarship by Parkersburg Lodge No. 198 because of her unusual record as a student under most difficult circumstances. She helped to pay her way through high school by tending lawns, raising and selling vegetables, working in homes and stores and doing other odd jobs. She is now working part time to maintain herself at Marietta College. In junior high school she had an average grade above 90. In senior high school she

ranked sixth in a class of 255 with superior grades in all subjects. She was granted an honor scholarship by Marietta College and has maintained her record of excellent grades in the two years she has attended there. Throughout her high school and college life she has sung in the glee club, taken prominent parts in the class plays, and worked in student organizations. She has been active in Girl Scout and Girl Reserve work and has certificates from the American Red Cross that she is qualified in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick and in Life Saving Service. She was selected by her fellow students and teachers for the Good Citizenship Medal offered by the Sons of the American Revolution. She teaches a Sunday School Class, sings in the church choir and is otherwise active in church work. People in all walks of life certify to her fine qualities of character and pleasing personality.

The winner of the third award of \$300 is Harry Rodin, of El Paso, Texas, where he is attending the College of Mines and Metallurgy. He took his high school work in Philadelphia public schools. In his three years in junior high school he ranked first in his class of more than 200 and in his three years in senior high school he ranked among the first three on the distinguished honor list. During this time he helped pay his way by working in different mercantile establishments, but still found time for athletics and other student activities. He was captain of the championship basketball team and class president during his Senior year. He graduated valedictorian of his class and was presented the Student Senate award for all around value as a student. While he lived in Philadelphia he was an active member of the Antlers. After graduation from high school he worked to get money to go to college, joined the National Guard, won the Governor's nomination to West Point by competitive examination, lost the opportunity to go because of an automobile accident, and then enrolled as a student at El Paso. There he has worked as assistant janitor and at other odd jobs. He has also done Boys' Club work at the Y. M. C. A. and is now employed as play supervisor, gym instructor and athletic coach of more than 400 boys and girls at Alta Vista School in El Paso. Notwithstanding all this outside work, he keeps on the honor roll at the College of Mines and Metallurgy. He is now competing for an honor scholarship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His application is accompanied by strong testimonials of his worth as a student and a citizen.

The fourth award of \$200 is made to Joseph Sondheimer, of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He graduated from high school at the head of his class of 253 students, made an A average for a year at Washington University, St. Louis, and is now an honor student at the University of Chicago. During his high school life he was a contributor to student publications, a winner in essay contests, a debator of note and editor of the weekly student newspaper. He is now debating in the Big Ten Circuit. He has been active in Boy Scout work and participated creditably in athletic contests. In 1935 he was awarded the Distinguished Rifleman's Medal. He was an expert rifleman at 14, the youngest in Oklahoma.

In conclusion, we urge the Exalted Rulers here assembled to take a more active interest in bringing these awards for most valuable students to the attention of the Seniors in their high schools. There are many outstanding boys and girls graduating from our secondary schools and in the undergraduate classes of our colleges who would rank well with those who are winners.

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Gordon Stanley Bowker, of Malone, N. Y., who won the National Foundation's first prize of \$600



Mary Sue De Vol, of Parkersburg, W. Va., received the second award of \$400



The third award of \$300 went to Harry Rodin of El Paso, Tex., shown above



Joseph Sondheimer, of Muskogee, Okla., won the Foundation's fourth award of \$200

Excerpts from Annual Reports

Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Atlantic City, in July

Annual Report of Grand Secretary

Membership

During the year, subordinate lodges added to their membership rolls 42,085 new names by initiation, 4,446 by dimit, and 17,319 by reinstatement. In the same period they expelled 49, dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues 39,375, granted dimitts to 8,506, and lost by death 8,759. Our membership as of March 31, 1938, shown by reports filed, is 479,494.

Grand Lodge Finances

The total income of the Grand Lodge for the year ended May 31, 1938, amounts to \$411,612.87; expenses amount to \$356,402.77, showing an excess of income over expenses of \$55,210.10.

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$371,308.90; other assets are (cash in closed bank) \$205,388.87; fixed assets are \$1,201,358.84, making the total assets of the Grand Lodge \$1,778,056.61.

Subordinate Lodge Finances

Reports filed in this office show that subordinate lodges of our Order had, at the beginning of the year just closed, cash on hand in the amount of \$2,887,896.76. During the year, they received from all sources \$17,578,531.17, and expended \$17,341,491.78, leaving their cash balance as of March 31, 1938, \$3,124,936.15. This cash balance of subordinate lodges is \$237,039.39 greater than that at March 31, 1937. The total assets of subordinate lodges amount to \$71,447,782.83.

New Members and Reinstatements

An analysis of the membership tables appended to this report shows that, when systematic and aggressive effort is put forth, results can be obtained. For the second successive year, our Order shows a substantial gain in membership. From April 1, 1937 to March 31, 1938, subordinate lodges elected and initiated 42,085 candidates. During the same period, 17,319 former members were reinstated. The exact figures of gain are 7,341.

This good work is being continued, for reports filed in this office show that on April 1, 1938, 6,607 applicants had been elected to membership and were awaiting initiation into our subordinate lodges.

It is interesting to note that membership gains were made by thirty-four States, Alaska, Hawaii, Philippine Islands, and Puerto Rico, and that 745 lodges registered membership gains.

Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of charitable, welfare and patriotic activities in which subordinate lodges are engaged, together with total monies expended for same:

Relief of Members, their Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.	\$ 326,315.18
Summer Camps, Outings, etc.	35,760.41

Milk, Ice and Fuel	31,765.74
Crippled Children	127,953.39
Medical Aid	27,143.95
Hospitals	35,193.62
Miscellaneous Charities	162,782.05
General Aid for Needy Families	68,084.99
Thanksgiving Baskets	30,438.71
Christmas Baskets	359,462.07
Boy Scouts	23,806.11
Girl Scouts	6,854.08
Big Brother Work	11,817.86
Playgrounds, including prizes	13,504.83
Scholarships, Text Books, etc.	12,519.50
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	58,226.54
Veterans' Relief	6,875.92
Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc.	54,987.52
Elks National Foundation	23,745.00
	\$1,417,237.47

From the Report of the Board of Grand Trustees

The Elks National Home

For many years the Board of Grand Trustees has had in charge the care of a number of Brothers of the Order who, through adverse conditions, found it necessary to apply to the Grand Lodge for a refuge in which to pass their declining years, and it is to the credit of a group of outstanding Elks of long ago that through their foresight and wisdom there was established a Home at Bedford, Virginia. There the Grand Lodge owns 120 acres of delightful rolling country at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where climatic conditions made the location very desirable for the older members who have sought residence at the Home. The buildings erected upon this land have a capacity of over 400 rooms, together with spacious dining and reception rooms and various recreation quarters. Here our members may spend their declining years in ease and comfort. All members residing in the Home are the guests of the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge, and the members of the Board of Grand Trustees make every effort to make the stay of the residents comfortable and happy.

Brother Robert A. Scott, Superintendent in charge of the Home, gives his personal attention to all of the details of management and special attention to the needs of all the resident members, provides them with wholesome food, suitable entertainment and recreation facilities. The number of residents in the Home, namely 282, is the same as at the close of last year.

During the past year there has been added to the beauty of the surrounding grounds of the Elks National Home a stately bronze elk which has been placed in a suitable location in front of the Administration Building. It was presented as a gift to the Home and to the Order by Brother John J. Schmitt of New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1. On May 22, 1938, there was dedicated to the memory of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Fred Harper, a theatre,

the gift of Brother Robert S. Barrett, member of Alexandria, Virginia, Lodge, No. 758. This beautiful building has a seating capacity of 350 and fills a long-felt want of the resident members of the Home. The Board of Grand Trustees is very grateful to Brother John J. Schmitt and Brother Robert S. Barrett for these wonderful gifts and wishes through this medium to express its thanks and appreciation.

Our National Home is regarded with pride by every member of the Order who has visited it, or who knows of the splendid fraternal service which is there being performed—a service in which he is happy to know that he has a share.

Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission

The Elks National Memorial Building

For fifteen years the Elks National Memorial Building has stood as a monument to the patriotic sentiment of our Order which prompted its erection.

It is recognized as one of the outstanding attractions in the city of Chicago and is visited annually by thousands of Elks, as well as by others of the traveling public. It is generally acclaimed as one of the outstanding memorials, not only of America, but of the world.

It is the aim and purpose of the Commission to maintain it in perfect condition, that it may continue to serve the purpose for which it was erected and endure as a testimonial of the Order's tribute to those of our Brothers who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War as well as to those who served under the colors in that regrettable conflict.

The Elks Magazine

With the May issue, *The Elks Magazine* completed sixteen years of continuous publication. It has now become an established institution of the Order and during the past year, as in previous years, has continued to serve the objects and purposes for which it was called into existence by the Grand Lodge. The Commission will consistently in the future endeavor to maintain, and if possible increase, the present high standard of the Magazine.

During the past year every issue of the Magazine contained sixty pages. Notwithstanding extra costs of publication, we are able to report surplus earnings for the year of \$212,237.71, an increase of more than \$50,000 over last year.

Last year the Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge at Denver the sum of \$200,000 from the surplus earnings of the Magazine. Also, during the past year the maintenance expenses of the Memorial Building have been paid from the surplus earnings. These amounts, with the amounts previously paid over to the Grand Lodge since the establishment of the Magazine, make an aggregate of \$2,359,978.93 which

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Excerpts from the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge of Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America:

My BROTHERS:

This is a résumé of my activities, as Grand Exalted Ruler, made in accordance with the Grand Lodge Statutes.

Membership

I have always been of the opinion that our Order, founded upon the principles in which we believe, could accomplish any objective if enough determined effort were made to attain that end. In the face of one of the most serious economic crises the world has known, many subordinate lodges have grown, prospered and proved their importance in our American system.

During the past year, 38 States and Special Jurisdictions report an increase in membership. Subordinate lodges, responding to the appeal to strengthen our ranks, report a net gain in membership of 7,341. We may safely assume that new members and those awaiting initiation since the close of the fiscal year will add another 10,000 to this figure. This report is most gratifying to me because it is the *greatest net increase in our Order in 15 years*. In the face of conditions it is a clear indication that we are prepared to assume our responsibilities, discharge our civic duties, and carry out the purposes for which we are organized.

The Traffic Safety Program

After my election last July, I gave particular thought and study to a program which might appeal to subordinate lodges; one which would embody the underlying principle of service to the Nation at large and to the individual community. I had long considered traffic safety an important subject, particularly when I found that 1,500 Elks were killed by automobiles in the previous year.

Accordingly, I suggested the Elks' Traffic Safety Program as one of the activities for the year. Two definite objectives were given each lodge: the elimination of at least one traffic hazard and a campaign against the all too prevalent "ticket-fixing" evil. I requested each lodge to name one meeting night as "Traffic Night".

Supplementing the establishment of local safety committees in the subordinate lodges, each lodge was offered a set of electrical transcriptions for use over a period of 13 weeks on the radio station in its community. These transcriptions, made through the wholehearted cooperation of the Los Angeles Chanters, the Los Angeles Civic Choir and the Los Angeles 99 Band, were prepared under the able supervision of Dick Connor of Los Angeles Lodge.

The transcription program has proven eminently successful, thanks to the efforts of our District Deputies and to the Exalted Rulers throughout the country who arranged the time with their local radio stations. A traffic safety message was carried by 227 stations to listeners in 48 States. The geographical location of these stations shows that the total of actual listeners has been estimated to be as high as 10,-

000,000 persons weekly. If the entire time given by independent stations to the Elks' Traffic Safety Program were translated into a block figure, it would represent 81 solid 8-hour working days of traffic safety material.

In addition to broadcasts over the principal systems and over independent stations made possible through the effective efforts of the District Deputies and the Exalted Rulers of the subordinate lodges, many local stations extended me the courtesy of their facilities. The participation in many of these discussions by Exalted Rulers and public officials added much local interest to such programs.

Visible evidence of actual accomplishment by subordinate lodges must not pass without notice. Approaching a problem which was distinctly *local* rather than *national*, they have brought about the signing of anti-ticket-fixing pledges, introduced the use of Elks Safety license plates, posters, windshield stickers, outdoor advertising displays, and have organized junior safety patrols for the protection of school children. Lodges in other cities have shown their generous cooperation by the presentation of traffic safety patrol cars to the municipal authorities. In all sections of the country, prominent Elks were appointed on State and municipal safety committees and rendered signal service to State and municipal governments in the cause of traffic safety.

Letters of congratulation on our program have been received from President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia, Cardinal Hayes, Bishop Manning, Rabbi Wise, the Governors of more than 30 States, as well as from other prominent officials.

Needless to say, this National Safety Program has given no little prestige to our Order in the minds of the general public. Thousands of newspaper and magazine articles, numerous laudatory editorials and public tributes on the part of officials attest the added esteem in which our Fraternity is held because of this program. It should be continued.

I should be negligent if I were not at this time to express my appreciation of the wholehearted cooperation and assistance of the Automotive Safety Foundation with whom I have closely worked during the past year. The helpful counsel of its President, Paul G. Hoffman, of its Director, Norman Damon, and its Public Relations Counsel, C. C. McGill, has been invaluable and of material assistance to our Order in the furtherance of our mutual objectives. The participation in our radio broadcasts of its President and Director has also greatly added to their interest and public appeal.

Elks' National Foundation

I want to compliment the Chairman, Brother John F. Malley, and the Elks National Foundation Trustees on their unselfish efforts and efficient business management. This being the Tenth Anniversary of the Foundation, the Trustees have prepared an attractive booklet which will give complete information about the inception, purposes and accomplishments of this great institution.

In these times of financial stress, it is a source of great satisfaction to know that the present fund of approximately half a million dollars is invested in sound securities which yield about \$16,000 annually. The extent of its influence can be best understood when we realize that the total distribution for charitable, benevolent and philanthropic purposes already exceeds \$90,000.

Since the responsibility for the future success and power of the Foundation rests squarely on the shoulders of every subordinate lodge and State Association, it is hoped that many members will see fit to make some donation, no matter how small, to increase this worthy fund. If an individual member feels that he is personally unable to render financial assistance through the Foundation, it may be that through his personal or business connections he will be able to bring its purposes and accomplishments to the attention of some wealthy friend as a donor.

The Elks Magazine

I have received the greatest possible cooperation during the year from *The Elks Magazine*. The members of the National Memorial and Publication Commission have been helpful in every way, not only in promoting the program laid out by this administration, but also in giving wise counsel in connection with every activity that I have undertaken.

The Executive Director, John K. Tener, has given more than a generous allotment of space to our National Safety Program in the way of articles, photographs of lodges participating and news items. The Circulation Department has been of great assistance to this office in its direct mail communications to subordinate lodges.

The visits of the Grand Exalted Ruler have been published in detail with many accompanying photographs. This has been a consistent policy of *The Elks Magazine* since its inception sixteen years ago, and I cannot commend it too highly as a policy to be continued in the future. Not because it deals with the personal activities of the Grand Exalted Ruler, whoever he may be, but because his visitations are the occasion for the assembling of many lodges at the place he visits. This promotes interlodge relationship which strengthens the Order. A news item covering a meeting of this character obviously covers more ground than one concerning an individual lodge.

It is an axiom of successful publishing that people are more interested in the publication of their own activities than in any other phase of the news. This holds good in fraternal publications as well. The success of *The Elks Magazine* has been due, in a large measure, to an intelligent adherence to this principle.

Our Magazine is the outstanding fraternal publication in America. It is the one medium of communication between the 500,000 members of our Order and the executives elected by them to administer the policies of this Fraternity. It is a necessary instrument in a far-flung national organization reaching 1400 communities in America. The maintenance of its high standard

of editorials, fraternal news and mechanical excellence is of paramount importance if it is to continue as a source of revenue and as an effective medium of communication to our membership. Its financial reserve is substantial. Its editorial policies are commended on all sides. Its management is in the hands of five Past Grand Exalted Rulers who have for many years demonstrated their fitness and ability to carry on this highly important enterprise of our Order.

The Antlers

It is interesting to note the progress made each year in our junior organization, the Antlers. Brother C. Fenton Nichols, Chairman of this Committee of the Grand Lodge, reports: "Active interest and a membership gain in all of the 61 lodges."

Permits during the year were issued for the following:

DEFIANCE, *Ohio Lodge No. 147*
VALPARAISO, *Indiana Lodge No. 500*
ALEXANDRIA, *Louisiana Lodge No. 546*
CARLSBAD, *New Mexico Lodge No. 1558*
RAHWAY, *New Jersey Lodge No. 1075*
WASHINGTON, *Missouri Lodge No. 1559*

New Lodges

During the year dispensations were

granted for six new lodges. I appreciate the work and the interest of all those responsible for the organizing of these new subordinate lodges. I welcome them into the fold and wish them every success. I recommend herewith the granting of these new charters be approved by the Grand Lodge.

MEMPHIS, *Tennessee Lodge No. 1612*
DAYTON, *Ohio Lodge No. 58*
ROME, *Georgia Lodge No. 694*
COALINGA, *Oklahoma Lodge No. 1613*
BRISTOW, *Oklahoma Lodge No. 1614*
JEFFERSON CITY, *Missouri Lodge No. 513*

Conclusion

It would be impossible for me to conclude this report without an expression of profound gratitude to every member of this Order.

It has been an adventure in human relations which is given but to few men, and I have striven to the best of my ability to repay you for that priceless privilege in terms of service.

Traveling in forty-three States of the Union, meeting with tens of thousands of our members in more than two hundred cities, has given me an unforgettable conception of the power and influence of this Fraternity in America. Everywhere I have been met with hos-

pitality and kindness. Everywhere I saw the controlling part played by subordinate lodges in the civic life of their respective communities.

The militant insistence on the maintenance of our republican institutions and the patriotism and love of country which emanates from every lodge is convincing evidence that we are one of the strong fibres which will continue to hold together the loose-knit fabric of our democracy.

Our gain in membership this year and the increased public regard in which we are held indicates the acceptance of our principles and purposes on the part of the American public. All of this could not have been accomplished without the enthusiastic support of the various Committees, Past Grand Exalted Rulers and officers and members of the Grand Lodge. But little could they have done without the free and generous cooperation of our entire membership.

You Brothers have made this a great year in Elksdom. To you my gratitude and high esteem.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
CHARLES SPENCER HART,

Grand Exalted Ruler

NEW YORK, N. Y.
JULY 1, 1938

The Grand Lodge Convention at Atlantic City, N. J. July, 1938

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Ruler in 1917-18. The delegates responded with a rising vote of thanks.

Another expression of thanks was given when Grand Trustee William T. Phillips told of the gift of a bronze elk by John J. Schmitt, of New York Lodge, No. 1, to the Elks National Home. Mr. Schmitt donated this elk for the symbolic embellishment of the Home grounds.

The cup which the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning had awarded to stimulate interest in ritualistic work in New Jersey was presented to P.E.R. Murray B. Sheldon, of Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, No. 289. By winning the State Ritualistic Contests three years in succession, Elizabeth Lodge comes into permanent possession of the coveted trophy.

Grand Trustees Henry C. Warner and J. Ford Zietlow came forward with several routine matters concerning resolutions adopted by the Board of Grand Trustees which required, and received, Grand Lodge confirmation. Judge Warner then had adopted a resolution of thanks to the retiring Chairman, Henry A. Guenther, for faithful and efficient service throughout his term as a member of the Board.

Grand Trustee-elect Fred B. Mellmann, in a resolution, pronounced the gratitude of the Grand Lodge to the officers and members of Atlantic City Lodge, No. 276, to the chairman and members of its Convention Committee, to the Governor of New Jersey and the Mayor of Atlantic City, to the officials and citizens of the city, and to all those who assisted in making the 1938 Convention a pleasurable experience.

At this point, Major Hart turned over the gavel to Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson. In a few valedictory remarks, Major Hart thanked the Grand Lodge members for the support they had given him during his administration. The delegates rose in salute and applauded warmly in appreciation of his service.

Before proceeding with the induction of the new officers of the Grand Lodge, Mr. Nicholson recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan who came forward to submit the report of the Committee on Memorial to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning. Judge Hallinan explained that the Chairman of the Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, was not in attendance at the Convention because of the recent passing of Mrs. Benjamin. The contract for the memorial has been awarded and the Committee will make a final report at the next Grand Lodge session, Judge Hallinan said.

Proceeding with the installation ceremonies, Acting Grand Exalted Ruler Nicholson appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rain to serve as Acting Grand Secretary, and then requested Grand Esquire Brady to conduct the officers-elect to the platform. As they marched down the center aisle behind the Drill Teams of Toledo and Columbus Lodges, the Symphonic Band of Columbus Lodge played as a tribute to Dr. McCormick the selection, "Beautiful Ohio".

Once again the new officers were introduced as they were escorted to their respective stations: Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo,

Ohio, Lodge, No. 53; Grand Esteemed Leading Knight J. Edward Gallico of Troy, N. Y., No. 141; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight D. E. LaBelle, Minneapolis, Minn., No. 44; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight I. Walter Hawkins, De Land, Fla., No. 463; Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., No. 494; Grand Treasurer Robert S. Barrett, Alexandria, Va., 758; Grand Tiler Charles M. Barrett; Albuquerque, New Mex., 461; Grand Inner Guard Harrie O. Bohlke, Yakima, Wash., No. 318; Grand Trustee Fred B. Mellmann, Oakland, Cal., 171, and Justice of the Grand Forum, Daniel J. Kelly, Knoxville, Tenn., No. 160.

Dr. McCormick's first act on taking the gavel, which, incidentally, was fashioned from a railroad tie of the first railroad in the Panama Canal Zone, was to extend thanks to the band of Columbus Lodge, No. 37. He then presented the Drill Team of Toledo Lodge, No. 53, which he organized when he was Exalted Ruler of Toledo Lodge.

Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick spent little time in bringing the session to an end. He accepted with thanks a handsome jewel of office presented by E.R. Fred T. Head on behalf of Mount Vernon, N. Y., Lodge. The Grand Exalted Ruler smiled happily when a motion came from the floor that all "veterans of all wars" present in the hall testify to their support of his program of Americanism.

After a few well chosen words of further thanks, Dr. McCormick presided over the closing Ritual, and the 1938 Grand Lodge Convention adjourned.

The Safe Anchorage

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The woman came out of the sea beside him. She stood for a second erect and unconquerable, palely lovely against the dour land. Then she bent and placed her hands underneath Angus' armpits and dragged him foot by foot up out of the water.

When she had him on the beach she let him lie on his back, heavy arms outflung, his stern, strong features facing the pale glimmer of the stars. She knelt beside him until she saw that this was but exhaustion. There was nothing she could do for him now but let him rest until strength and consciousness returned. In the meantime there might be other things she might be called upon to do.

She reached down and slid the knife from its sheath on her thigh and crouched above him with her eyes on the sea, like a tigress over her cub.

She gazed for a long moment at the *Malignant* out on the edge of the rocks. She was dead now. A hungry sea was playing with her dead hulk. It smothered her in white fury, lifted her and smashed her against the rocks. It retreated and left her stark and bare on their jagged teeth, her dead flanks streaming, her broken masts at a pitiful angle. Then it came raging back to smother and lift her again.

It was a long time before she saw the swimmer coming. At first she thought it was an outcropping of the rock. Then she saw the way it rode the water and inched toward the beach. She rose slowly and walked down to the water's edge with the tigress look again in her eyes.

The swimmer came up out of the water, long-armed, huge, shaking his head, with the breath panting hoarsely from his open mouth. The woman crouched a little as she watched him flounder through the shallows toward her. Then she straightened and stepped into the water to meet him.

Exhaustion and salt had blinded the swimmer. He did not see her until she was almost touching him. He yelled, a watery bleat of fear, and groped for the sheath knife on his hip. But it was too late then. She struck sharply once and watched him fall back down into the water.

She remained motionless as she watched him roll in the water sog-gily, water that turned darker as it rolled over him. Then she went slowly back to crouch over Angus as she continued her watch. No more swimmers came out of the sea.

Two hours passed before Angus moved. Then he rolled over and rested his face on his arms and his shoulders heaved as he drew deep breaths of air into his lungs. As she watched him, the woman withdrew

slowly and seated herself a yard away.

After awhile he sat up. He put his elbows on his knees and gazed at the sea. "Not one of them must come ashore," he said harshly. "We want none of them here."

She pointed to the body in the shallows. "Only one found this beach." She hesitated. "I met him as he tried to come ashore."

Angus said, "Good!" in a heavy voice.

Then he stared at the *Malignant*. His eyes were darkly sombre. Finally he said, "She had a good end. They made a strumpet out of her. She is better dead."

The woman nodded. Her voice was thin and bleak. "They did that to me, too. They made a strumpet out of me."

Angus shook his head slowly. "Not a strumpet. Oh, no. Not you,"

He raised his head and looked fixedly at her. "You knew—back there—what I was going to do? You knew I wasn't going to pilot them to a safe anchorage?"

The faintest smile, the first Angus had seen on her face, twitched at the corners of her lips. "I saw it in your eyes. It was very plain. Red Bill was a fool that he didn't see."

Angus said nothing. He was waiting for her to go on. He knew that she wanted to talk.

"I was a sailor's daughter," she said. "My father was from Cornwall. I sailed with him on his ship. Red Bill took us off Tortuga. He killed my father and all hands aboard. He killed everyone but me. He'd better have killed me. I'd rather have had it that way."

Her voice grew more bleak and bitter. "All I could do was wait till my moment came. Today when they brought you aboard, I knew it was at hand." Her voice rose exultantly. "I knew Red Bill was desperate in these unknown waters. I saw in your eyes what you would do. And I knew my moment had come."

She stood up slowly and stared out to sea. Angus felt the pulse in his throat beginning to pound again. She was lovely, as the *Malignant* was lovely. There was that in her that was beyond all change and ruin. She was stronger than any man who would attempt her hurt. She was of the sea, with the strength and flexibility of the sea.

She lifted her hand that still gripped the knife, and stared at the blade, then at the hulk of the *Malignant* on the rocks. Her voice was low. "She had a clean end. She found a way to make herself clean again."

Angus could see the deep purpose stirring in her eyes. He got slowly to his feet and took two strides

toward her. His face was like granite. In that moment the last vestige of his youth fell from him and left him with wisdom and deep understanding and an unswerving purpose. "You are the get of a sailor," he said. His voice rose to a harsh command. "Throw that knife away. You have no more need of that now."

She straightened proudly and met his leveled gaze. They stood so for a full minute. Something inside her seemed to melt. The deep glow in her eyes changed, became softer and warmer. She tossed the knife into the water as she said with a lift to her voice, "No. There is no more need of it now."

He came and stood beside her. Their shoulders touched as they gazed out to sea and Angus knew that she was like the sea. She was like the sea who could love a man, take him unto herself and never fail him.

She put a hand to her breast and handed Angus a small leather sack. "Open it," she said.

He opened it and spilled living fire into his hand. "That was Red Bill's treasure," she told him. "I took it today when I knew the moment had come. He sank your ship. It is right that he should pay for it."

Angus lifted his eyes from the jewels and rested them on her questioningly. She went on. "There are the families of the men who went down with your boat. It is right that Red Bill should pay them."

He nodded. "Yes, it is right." And slipped the sack into his pocket.

He put a hand on her arm and together they climbed the sloping beach toward the land where sparse and wiry grass crept toward the sand. At the top of the rise they stopped again and stared down over the false cove.

She asked him his name then and repeated it slowly, "Angus. Angus." Her voice made it sound warm and durable.

"My name is Katherine," she said. "Father always called me Kate."

As she had repeated his name, so Angus now said, "Kate." He brought his gaze back from the *Malignant* to rest on her. "You are the daughter of a sailor," he said steadily. "It is right that you should be the wife of a sailor and a mother of sailors."

She nodded. "It is a good end," she said simply.

He took her hand and turned her landwards. "The true cove is a few miles beyond the Head. The village is there. Come, I want to show you to my people."

"To our people," she said, and walked beside him with strong, swinging strides.

Old Rubbernose

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phosphor-lit eyes he favored the baby anteater for a space with a mad, demoniacal regard, then sank from sight, to reappear at another spot directly at the mother's back. She was making a breakfast at the time by licking up a few thousand ants that remained in that citadel, also the red howlers were "drumming in" the day on the distant jungle roof with their ringing, mellifluous whooping. So it was that Old Rubbernose sensed, rather than heard Aguara-guazu as he came lancing in with the awful chopping stroke of all the wild dogs. Had that stroke landed right, the little anteater's life would have ended on his first day, and Aguara-guazu would simply have waited till the mother left, to polish off the kill. But slow, foolish Old Rubbernose was around on her haunches quick as a lightning stroke, her two great foreclaws flashing out like steel shears. One of them caught the maned wolf in the side and laid him open to the bone.

It was a wound that would have stopped a real wolf, but Aguara-guazu was possessed of a grim ferocity that harked back to an age when his kind, just as they are today, had harried the cave lion and the giant ground sloth. He skirmished and fainted, dashing in chopping and dashing out again. But Old Rubbernose had scooped her youngster behind her with a sweep of a bearlike paw and sat upon her haunches, also like a bear, her head swaying back and forth in anger.

With snapping jaws the maned wolf parried her razor-edged claws, getting in slash after slash on the anteater's hide. He might as well have chopped at a plaster cast, however, for all the damage he did. And finally Rubbernose caught him just as she had been waiting to do, held him and hugged him to her fiercely, those terrible meathook claws working and working as she did so. Aguara-guazu sent up a howl that set the jungle on edge for a mile and a half around, and when finally he wriggled, kicked and tore himself clear, he fled with all his remaining strength, leaving a spatter of bright red drops to mark his trail.

Her head still wagging back and forth, Old Rubbernose sat up on her haunches and watched him out of sight. In a short time the incident was but an uneasy memory. The idea had now come into her head to change her diet from white ants to the sharper racier fare of red ants, so herding her son and heir before, and sometimes beneath her, she sought the swart shadows of the jungle. She had not gone far, however, before a strange and sinister form began to shadow her from the branches a hundred feet from the ground.

It was a coati mundi, that weird arboreal killer of the middle jungle, less than three feet long, yet a grimmer foe by far than any pair of maned wolves. In the fashioning of this beast Nature's hand, it would seem, had trembled and her very concept flagged. A most startling hybrid he was, evincing the bodily characteristics of a raccoon and an opossum, combined with the speed, agility and blood lust of a tree marten. The thick, powerful tail of the beast was prehensile, and such a master he was of arboreal climbing that he came swarming down the trunk of a tree like a squirrel, head foremost, his claws making only the faintest whisper on the bark.

For all his silence, however, the mother ant-eater was forewarned by several saving seconds and clapped her little one to safety beneath her hairy body. With the hissing squall that is the battle cry of his kind, the coati mundi launched himself upon her back, wrapping his sinuous body about her neck like some deadly hood, while his trap-like jaws sank in and in, seeking her life stream.

Silently, stoically, the harried ant-bear plodded forward under the killer's weight, somehow keeping her youngster close beneath her. Far down in the scale of life though she was, she yet was ready to die in slow torment if need be, in defense of her young—that deathless courage of parent love that has made the mammal ruler of this earth for untold ages.

Agile as quicksilver, the coati mundi worried her, now on her back, or neck, now from behind, rending and tearing with his crocodile jaws and both sets of recurved claws. He knew better than to come within the stroke of her razor-edged hooks, yet he was relentless as his distant weaselly kinsmen in his persistence.

Four hours passed and during that time the coati mundi had sent forth a squalling cry for help and been joined by his mate. With a grim team-work the two of them goaded the prey from opposite sides. At last the mother found what she had been seeking, a deep recess beneath the root of a great tree in which she could hide her youngster while she turned about to meet the foe direct. But there was nothing gained. There was nothing direct about the attack of these pirates. She could not leave the hole because of the little one. And being two, the killers could easily wear her out, departing one at a time to feed and then return. But finally her attackers themselves were challenged by an enemy more to be dreaded than half a dozen of their pirate kind.

From out of the fern thickets, roused from some secret lair by the sounds of conflict, came creeping a

spotted jaguar, the real master and undisputed lord of all the jungle world. Giant of all the American cats, he was, over six feet long, and mainly yellow, painted all over with vivid black rosettes. He was the terror of the deep forest, for the jaguar is to South America quite what the lion is to Africa, his reign even more sinister because his aerial prowess makes him master of the lower, middle and upper jungle alike.

One fiendish, slithering rush on three legs, the fourth raised to kill, was enough to send the coati mundi swarming up a tree in full flight toward the jungle roof. The jaguar did not deign to give chase. For a few moments he stood gazing after the pair, his gaunt body drawn up to its full height, tail lashing, while he vented a series of short husking roars, unutterably harsh. Then he turned about to finish off the anteater for himself.

Old Rubbernose met him, upreared before the hole in which her youngster hid, her forepaws dangling ready, her great, bushy tail thrown round her like a cloak. It was a desperate thing to do. The jaguar was invincible, a law unto himself in the jungle, and murder with him was more than a trade; it was an obsession, the mad fury of which made his ferocity a by-word in the region. Yet not for an instant did she hesitate.

The jaguar lanced in, backed by all the nickel-steel strength and fierce, cruel agility of the cats. And Old Rubbernose, brave as any suicide, met it squarely, open-armed and bear-fashion, hugging that trained and taloned death, that last word of Nature's in the hunting mammal line, to her breast in a grip like love. All silently, sleepily undramatic it looked, yet no lioness ever battled for her own with more flaming courage than did the mother anteater.

The impact bowled her over and over, but she clung like a great leech, not passively either, for her own great front hooks were at work—gouging, chiseling, hacking, holding, cutting—till the bold, yellow-black coat of the killer was laced with red. It was bootless, she could never hope to win; yet she was a tough old number. She would last out—quite a long time, and do considerable damage along the way—and all of it meant respite, a degree of hope at least, for her youngster.

And then once more behind the scenes of things, something shifted; came a final diversion. For one has spoken all too quickly about jungle lords who reckon without the anaconda, the world's largest snake, the horrible Master when all is said and done, of all the jungle world. He is so cold and still and sluggish-slow at

most times that one is apt to forget him entirely in the summing up of forces. But none ever forgets him who has felt the deathly weight of even a single coil, or looked close into his terrible, jeweled eye.

From a deep hollow beneath the buttressed roots of a great tree, a loop of something mottled-brown shot forth, encircling both the fighters like a living riata. With a speed too swift to follow, another length of marbled might whipped forth, then slowly the bulk of the great serpent came boiling out of the deep dark recess beneath the root. Supremely confident in his power, the Master was, with more than a hundred years of wisdom and forty-odd feet of length and strength behind him. He would take on both beasts if need be.

But the jaguar was not to be had. He had dropped from king to kitten all in a little instant. Bending backward in a frenzied bow, he lifted his voice in a squall of sheer terror. Like a clawed, fanged and electrified devil he ripped and tore at ant-bear and anaconda alike—not to kill but to get away—for like all cats, great snakes were his abiding nightmare. He writhed and fought like a lambent flame and in the end won free, as only a cat miraculously could—just in time to escape the tightening of the Master's coil—the second coil from whose grip no victim ever breaks.

But what of Old Rubbernose? Death, the supreme referee, had apparently called the game of the valiant mother off. Slowly and dumbly as ever, she tore away at those tightening folds, but presently even her armed forepaws were fettered, hopelessly meshed, and she lay gasping under the death-like leaden weight of that double coil—still silent. And the little anteater, true offspring of a harried race, was likewise still as death in his hiding place beneath the root.

The Master seemed in no hurry at all; seemed at times to have quite forgotten the thing in hand. He did not deign to look at the prey; his

flat, ill-omened head lay upon a root, the impenetrable ground-glass eyes seemed dwelling upon the gathering shadows. But the double coil was at its work. From time to time there came a faint quiver of tensile strain, as the prey was squeezed a bit smaller—dark mystery of peristaltics. Perhaps the Master was over-particular about the dressing of this kill, this meal that would not be repeated for another month, or perhaps Old Rubbernose was proving a tough problem even for him.

Once only during the ordeal did she make an outcry—a weird, high sound, it was, strange as the beast herself—like the inarticulate cry a deaf mute sometimes makes.

There were numerous other sounds all round in the vaulted gloom, of forest wild folk "changing guard" from day to night duty, faint sputterings from sleepy sapajou monkeys, whisper of bats aloft as if ghosts were shuffling cards. But they were all regular. There was another sound that was different—a microscopic snickering and ticking low down on the jungle floor, steady as falling rain or the lapping of tiny flames. It was quite dark by now and you couldn't see a thing. But in the gloom the Master stirred uneasily for the first time—as if he had gotten sudden warning, as if, almost—he guessed.

Then, catching one over the heart as in a grip of ice, there came that sudden, stupendous threshing in the underwood, those mighty thumpings, lashings, crackling of undergrowth, and above all a prolonged and furious hissing as of escaping steam. It would have been terrible at any time, but in that place at that hour—But quickly all tumult died. There was the sense of some vast thing racing, with the speed of a train, along the jungle floor. Then silence, except for that infinitesimal ticking that continued as before.

Presently a young and prying moon began to pick out things below in the pitchy dark. It showed up Old Rubbernose lying there on her

side, her fantastic head tucked down between her forelegs, her gray plume of a tail covering her like a robe. And something else. A seething, moving ribbon of life that flowed, quite as the Master flowed, along the jungle floor. But it was not he. It was the terrible driver ants of the tropics, that red, voracious army of inch-long warriors whose name is legion, who are the abiding terror of every living thing in the jungle world—and particularly of the great snakes who have no defense against their myriad savage jaws. Millions strong, traveling in a compact army two feet wide and a mile and half in length, at the incredible speed of some fifteen miles an hour, the drivers sweep through the forest like a consuming flame, devouring every leaf and tendril in their path, as well as every living creature that cannot flee. Had they come upon the Master in the sluggish torpor that followed a feeding, the horde would have devoured him alive. As it was, he escaped only by flight, leaving his prey behind. Dead surely—crushed beyond all semblance of life—food for the many-jawed ribbon of death.

But there has been a mandate since the beginning, making the ant-bear immune to even the jaws of the dread driver ant. Old Rubbernose had been sorely tested, but strong in the power of mother love, she had won respite. For when the dawn light came, it showed up several things; the grim trail of the drivers, winding through the forest, shorn clean of every living or edible thing, every leaf, twig and tendril, and the lashing trail of the anaconda leading away riverward. It showed up also the fresh tracks of the ant-bear mother and her youngster, following along the highway of the ants. That amazing plaster-cast of a beast had pulled herself together sometime toward dawn, apparently little the worse for her ordeal, and with the little one in tow, had followed in the wake of the fearsome host that had saved her—undoubtedly with ideas of breakfast aforethought!

One A Minute

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with the request that it be put on the horses selected. These sums are simply gifts to the tip racket men, since the horses chosen have about as much chance of coming in first as an ice cream cone would have of surviving in an oven. When those entries are losers a note is put in the mail to the sendees, breaking the sad news, with expressions of regret and wishes for "better luck for us all next time".

An official investigator attached to one of the State Departments in New York recently told the writer that complaints are now coming in from Southern women who have been losing money to tipsters in New York.

The tipsters prefer for clients the gullible of other cities to local suckers.

New York operators like to have Chicagoans on their lists. And Chicago tip dispensers hold New Yorkers in corresponding favor. Distance apparently lends enchantment to the fake tip as well as to the view and the racketeers are not passing this up.

To contact the so desirable remote clients various schemes are used.

An example is supplied by the experience of a friend of mine. He, a New Yorker, received a telegram (collect) from a Chicago fake tip concern, telling him that if he would

call long distance at a designated day and hour, for a certain Chicago number, he would find an opportunity which he could not afford to miss. My friend called at the appointed hour and got an earful of the highest powered sales talk that can be imagined. He was told that something "sizzling hot" was just on the point of being taken "off the fire" and that he was being given a rare chance to participate in it. My gullible friend fell for it. He sent, by telegraph, the large sum asked as a fee and received a telegram, in return, in which he was given the name of a horse, scheduled to run the following day at one of the Mid-

Western tracks. The horse lost.

The tipsters, in telegraphing to another city, select someone whose name has come in on one of their lists. Evidently, my friend had bitten before, sometime. If he made the long distance call they knew that they had him hooked, no matter what he said at first. Had he not telephoned, he would have received a high pressure sales letter; perhaps several.

In the unrestricted advertising of these fake tipsters, they continually claim to have selected winning horses, when, as a matter of fact, they are nearly always able to pick only the laggards and also-rans. They offer their prospective clients a weekly service of one or more selections at a more or less moderate price. Then seek to work their clients up to "specials" and "super-specials" at higher and higher prices, pointing out that these will bring exceptionally high winnings. The fees may be anything, up to hundreds of dollars. Some of the concerns put out their selections in code, which necessitates the purchase of a weekly publication containing a decoding key, which they also issue. The charge for the key publication is not high, but the total of sales from all over the country is enchanting.

Subscribers to the ordinary weekly service are fed, usually by mail, the regular tips as they are issued. These inspire great hopes in the gullible recipients—at first. But after the horses picked in the selections have repeatedly come in losers, the subscribers start to lose faith.

All the time, of course, the campaign for new suckers goes on. It is impossible that some of the old clients who have been stung should not see this literature and be moved to call upon the tipster to explain.

In reply, the wily tipsters offer the explanation that the winning selections referred to in their claims are based on "last minute" information which comes in too late for general distribution. If the sucker refuses to accept this and other excuses and goes to the tipster's office to demand a return of the money he has paid out, he may do so at the risk of losing his ears. The fake tip boys deal with such an unwelcome visitor by calling in the strong-arm men, who rapidly and systematically take the plaintiff apart.

The higher value services and all forms of "specials" put out by the racketeers are given impressiveness by last minute telegrams, or by breathless, long distance telephone calls or special delivery letters. Usually, the client pays for these.

In both the small and the large tip service, the tipsters are bold as brass, refusing to accept blame for any failure to make good on their promises and calmly insisting that the way to make up for losses is to keep on putting up money. The number of people who will be thus played on the hook is amazing. A sidelight

on this is the divorce suit brought in a Western city by a woman who charged that her husband had failed properly to support his family, through an extended period, because he continually spent all his income in playing fake horse racing tips and refused to stop, although he had already lost a small fortune.

Another report of official investigators is that all through the Northwest there are families who are impoverished because of this strange tendency of the head of the house to keep on throwing good money after bad.

The operators have two methods of



Two gorillas put in an appearance before breakfast

taking money from the public.

In one, lump sums are charged for "inside information" both in regular service and in "specials".

In the other, certain "inside stuff" is distributed on condition that the recipient put down a bet in a named sum (\$2, \$3, \$5, and up) for the benefit of the tipster and, if the horse designated in the tip wins, remit the winnings accordingly. This is known as the "subscriber-bettor" or "participation-in-winnings" method. Both styles are used everywhere.

When the tipster is to get his "reward" out of the winnings, he puts on an old, but smooth trick. He divides the number of his sucker-clients by the number of horses scheduled to run in a selected race and distributes the names of every entry—one to each division-group. So, a determinable percentage of the racket's patrons receives tips on the winner of the race and he himself is assured of a profitable return in his share of the winnings. In working this trick, the tip artists try to deal with races having a small number of entries rather than with big fields, for the smaller the field, the

larger the number of "pleased clients" and the bigger the participation in the winnings.

Should a client fail to remit the tipster's part of the winnings, he may find himself in a bad way. The collection schemes of the tipsters are many, and some are drastic. Letters in which threats of injury, veiled in such a way as to evade the law but still terrifying, are written. Phone calls and disturbing telegrams are sent and delivered. In one case in New York City, when a race was run in the afternoon, and a client was due to remit winnings to the tipster, two gorillas put in an appearance at the client's house before breakfast on the next morning. The client found it discreet to go to his bank, get the money and hand it over.

In a recent interview, Mr. Harry Seivers, a member of the New York State Attorney General's staff, who participated in the above-referred-to drive against the tipsters at Saratoga, told the writer that many of the cases of fake tip victimization were truly pathetic.

Among the victims examined, he said, were housewives who had diverted family budget funds to "inside tip" play in efforts to raise money for payment of mortgages on homes or taxes or insurance or for purchases of furniture or clothes.

An especially touching case cited by Mr. Seivers was one in which a wife disclosed that her husband had played their entire life's savings, \$1,600, on a "sure thing" parlay—and, of course, had lost.

In many cases, victims of the racket have been led to misappropriate trust funds or to raid tills of employers—under the delusion that they could quickly replace the money out of their winnings. Prison has frequently been the reward for such misplaced confidence in the fake tip.

Homes have been wrecked, reputations and high ambitions scorched by this strange, mad fever which apparently does not react to the antidote of cold reason.

Legal protection of these gullibles is difficult. The problem reduces to the protection of individuals against their own folly. And that is always difficult. In some sections of the country there are no laws that are specially directed against the fake tipsters. In other areas they are subject to a measure of legal interference, which partially modifies some of their "sucker playing" methods.

When Attorney General Bennett made his drive against the Saratoga fake tipsters, general laws imposing penalties for false advertising, for conspiracy to defraud and for petit larceny were resorted to with some effect.

Since that drive operations of New York tipsters have been less in the open and the advertising feature in "sucker-list building" activities has been much toned down.

But the tipsters are resourceful—and they are still going strong.

Net Profit

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popular term, coined by George Lott, is "tennis bum". Vincent Richards denounced the sham and hypocrisy of amateur tennis a dozen years ago, but he, at least, became an out-and-out professional immediately. Sabin's statement was old stuff; Form 63B fresh out of the files. Virtually every amateur player of note in recent years has taken a left-handed slap at the vicious system which has made him what he is today, but there is a long step between denunciation and renunciation. Most of the players are decent kids who would prefer to be strictly on the level, yet they must play ball with the Master Minds of the game or they will wind up playing just for exercise at fifty cents an hour, even as you and I.

It is entirely possible for a tennis player to participate in international competition and accept no favors, but it's not very probable. Remember the old Moran and Mack gag to the effect that black horses eat more than white horses because there are more black horses? Pursuing the same line of pure logic, there are more poor boys who are good tennis players than rich boys who are etc., because, unfortunately, there are very many more poor people in the world. Once upon a time the aloof rich monopolized the sport, but the great unwashed muscled into their territory and took charge of all departments of tennis except the executive.

Virtually every American player of prominence today is a young gent who should be working for a living instead of following the sun, which never sets on a major tournament, all over the face of the earth. The only ranking performers in recent years with independent means are Sydney Wood, who is reputed to own a gold mine, no less, and Gregory Mangin, who made a killing in Wall Street.

Everything connected with top-flight, international tennis has changed in recent years, except the attitude of the men who govern the game. They still demand the undivided attention of the youths who would play on the Davis Cup team, never giving a random thought to the generally accepted theory that sometime, sooner or later, a kid who plays for fun will be a man who must go to work to make a living.

At that, big-time tennis is not fun. It's hard work twelve months during the year and big business for all those involved, with the possible exception of the players, who merely bring the customers through the gates. The ordinary itinerary of the extraordinary player goes like this: January, the tournament circuit opens in Florida, California, sometimes Bermuda, lasts until March.

Comes April, comes time for bearing down and winning a place on the Davis Cup team and a trip to Europe. A warm-up tournament or two in the East, maybe a side-junket to Mexico. By June, business is brisk on all fronts; Wimbledon, Paris, other Continental hot-spots are just around the corner. Sails for Europe. Plays his head off at historic Wimbledon, then more of same in the Davis Cup interzone finals. Exhibits, perhaps, his supreme artistry in Middle Europe or Scandinavia, by courtesy of the U.S.L.T.A., to reciprocate for the presence of European stars who will help swell the gate at Forest Hills in the American championships. By this time it's August; big doings back home. Seabright, Brookline, Germantown, any number of tournaments at the snootier country clubs along the Atlantic seaboard, all leading up to Forest Hills. It's mid-September now; the weather is lovely on the West Coast. Whips out to California. Now it's October and Spring in Australia. Goes there in a hands-across-the-sea gesture. The Aussies played at Forest Hills, you know. December, hurry for the boat; just in time to make the indoor championships in New York. Did a Japanese player bring the romance of far-off places to Forest Hills? Forget the indoor stuff this year. Entertain our Nipponese friends. Nice people and isn't it terrible, the bad press they've been getting lately? January again. Commence the routine all over again. Maybe go to a sanatorium and have a nice, quiet nervous breakdown for yourself. Too bad. Always somebody to take your place, though. The jolly good show must go on, by all means.

Speaking of means, how do the kids manage to live? Even the most naive parishioner in the audience appreciates that the beneficent U.S.L.T.A. pays traveling expenses and provides tip money. The club sponsoring the tournament enlisting the services of our hero puts him up for the duration of the matches. But a boy in his twenties needs pocket money for cigarettes, an occasional round of drinks, tennis togs, fetching sports clothes and dinner coats, for he mingles with the very best people and he must keep up appearances. How does he do it? He is an amateur, remember. He is not paid a salary or a fee for entertaining the customers; perish the thought.

There is an old gadget, technically known as the expense account—probably the invention of a Phoenician traveling salesman—that is the answer to it all. And in answer to the snide remarks of the cynics, a tennis ambassador of good will would finish the year with more

ready money in his pocket if he worked for the W.P.A. Berkeley Bell finished the tournament circuit one year with \$1,000 in actual cash and his colleagues are still trying to figure out how he managed to keep out of jail. The usual amount of net profit is no more than two or three hundred dollars, which is not a magnificent sum to show for a year of exhausting work, even taking into consideration the enriching experiences travel and high society are supposed to exert on an impressionable youth.

It is an indisputable fact that nobody takes the youngsters by the back of the neck and drags them, kicking and screaming, into the arena to play tennis. They can take it or leave it and those who have been taking it in recent seasons have had their eye on rewards far more tangible than the fleeting adulation of their countrymen or a few years of living on the fat of the land. They are looking ahead to a career in professional tennis, a new and vigorous development in the sport.

The tennis fathers look upon the rapid rise of the play-for-pay boys with well-bred misgivings, as well they may. Professional promoters can offer the amateur stars important money and as every citizen of perspicacity knows, appeals to the higher emotions never stand the ghost of a chance within the sight and sound of rustling bills.

In the short span of a dozen years every outstanding amateur champion who has continued to play has turned professional. Vincent Richards led the parade in 1926 when he, Suzanne Lenglen, Mary K. Browne, Paul Feret, Howard Kinsey and Harvey Snodgrass toured with C. C. Pyle's tennis troupe which cleaned up a young fortune in three months. There were other converts in succeeding years but pro tennis really began to challenge the domination of the amateur game in 1931 when Bill Tilden and Frank Hunter hopped on the band wagon. Henri Cochet, Ellsworth Vines, George Lott and Lester Stoefen followed in rapid succession and not a single amateur of reputable ability was left when Fred Perry, the mainstay of England's Davis Cup team, traded in his card for a guarantee of \$50,000 two years ago. Perry went on an extensive barnstorming tour with Vines and realized a net profit in the neighborhood of \$113,000 for his first year. And that, as the horse said when he was turned out to graze in the quarry, ain't hay.

Since the desertion of Perry, Donald Budge has been the only meal-ticket of amateur tennis. And it is currently rumored that Budge intends to go into the market place and accept one of the intriguing offers—

at least \$50,000 for one year—after this last fling at Wimbledon, Forest Hills and the Davis Cup.

The brass hats among the very superior amateur tennis people once gave the vulgar professionals the cold shoulder, but they ultimately will be forced to go to the pros, brass hats in hand, and agree to sanction open tournaments. The idea of permitting the simon-pures and the pros to engage in common competition, after the manner of golf, was proposed ten years ago, but it was snubbed by the defenders of the good, pure faith. There were pious, orotund statements proclaiming that the grand, old amateur game was too

precious to risk defilement by the sordid professionals, but profits rather than piety was the motivating factor. All the box-office attractions were amateurs. They would draw the money at the gate. Why cut in the pros?

France led the fight against open tournaments and, once again, for reasons not entirely disassociated from money. The patriotic Frenchmen were not afraid of losing Cochet, Lacoste, Borotra and Brugnon, who were winning the Davis Cup regularly. They were scared to death, though, that somebody in the government would remember that federal taxes on professional sports

were very high and might get the bright idea of taking a larger assessment from the amateur body's profit if it was made in conjunction with the pros.

The men who controlled the amateurs then could afford to ignore the upstarts, and they still can—but not for long. The amateurs have tradition and prestige behind them. The pros, who are grabbing the glamour boys as fast as they are being developed, are building for the future on the firm foundation of better tennis. Open tournaments are inevitable, for prejudice flies out of the window when profits come in through the front door.



What America Is Reading

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satisfactions of 'doing one's duty'. In fact the phrase, "sense of duty", seems to take the place of the American "sense of humor" one hears so much about. Although the Halseys were supposed to be anchored to a little provincial town they managed to see something of the rest of England, Scandinavia and Paris. "London, with its alleys and areaways and juttings and recessions and general brownish tone is Dickensian, but Paris is suave and Thackerayan. The wide boulevards and grey, uniform, impersonal house fronts make Paris look like a well-shaven jaw". Peggy Bacon helps Margaret Halsey's bright remarks with some sketches in her best manner. (Simon & Shuster)

Mary Roberts Rinehart's "The Wall"

Mary Roberts Rinehart's mystery novels differ from the ordinary mystery story because she packs them full of life. The characters are human beings and they do things in a natural way. Their emotions, what they feel and think, enter into the development. You feel that Mrs. Rinehart knows intimately the group that meets the reader in "The Wall", her first full length mystery novel since "The Album". Her setting is a smart summer colony on the New England seacoast, and her storyteller is Marcia Lloyd, whose house, Sunset, has always been pointed out to visitors. Miss Lloyd's brother, Arthur, is distressed by the heavy alimony he has to pay his first wife, Juliette; badly hurt by the depression and the high taxes, he tells Juliette that he will have to cut her alimony. Arthur's wife, too, hates Juliette. So when Juliette's body is found . . . well, there is the begin-

ning of a tense story, in which the tangle of human relationships complicates the solution. It ends logically and provides excellent entertainment. (Farrar & Rinehart)

Francis Stuart's "Julie"

You wouldn't expect to get fun out of a novel dealing with a girl who comes to London from South Africa to have her head examined and a man who makes his living by setting fire to stores. But these characters are the reason for Francis Stuart's "Julie", and they are real. I haven't met any woman exactly like Julie in novels, she is so matter of fact; nor have I met a fire assessor and a man like Goldberg who looks on his occupation as an adventure and a way of getting rich. But Julie is the real character and the book explains why so many women stick to men with shady occupations who seem to have little capacity for romantic behavior. It's a study in adaptation and Julie adapts herself so well that you can practically see the two fade into the great mass of respectable citizens at the end. (Alfred A. Knopf)

Useful Books

Amateur photographers get plenty of advice from experts these days. Two new books in their field are packed with it. "Miniature Camera Work", by Willard D. Morgan and Henry M. Lester, together with articles by many well known photographers, offers a great deal of information, as well as technical comment. Many pictures. (Simon & Schuster). "The Fun of Photography", by Mario and Mabel Scacheri is invaluable. It describes the experiences of these well known photographers and opens the door to

the newcomer, telling what makes a picture. (Harcourt, Brace & Co.)

For yachtsmen—"Sailing Made Easy Told in Pictures", by Rufus G. Smith, with photographs by Walter Civardi. An excellent, step-by-step demonstration of how to sail—as fine a one as we have seen. (Kennedy Bros).

If you're going on a ranch—Don't miss "The Diary of a Dude Wrangler", full of entertainment as well as advice on how to have a good time on a dude ranch. First published in 1924 and popular ever since, it is Struthers Burt's contribution to the lore of the west. A new edition, illustrated, has been issued by Scribner's for this season. It contains a very helpful list of recommended ranches.

For those who don't play bridge: The question and answer craze has been helped materially by the radio. Irving D. Tressler is famous for his type of brain food, and "The Tressler Quiz" offers a vast variety of questions and tests. (Stackpole Sons). Just the thing to carry on a voyage.

Canada for Summer Travel

The Brinleys have a new travel book—you've met them before. Gordon Brinley wrote, and Putnam Brinley illustrated, "Away to the Gaspé", and "Away to Quebec", and materially helped to send many Americans with their motor cars to Canada. Now they publish "Away to the Canadian Rockies and British Columbia". The Brinleys make a personal experience out of their travels; the book really tells how the Duchess and Dan did the Great Divide, Banff, Mount Assiniboine, and the land of the salmon. (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

Under the Antlers

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Bowling and Other Activities of Ligonier, Ind., Lodge

Ligonier, Ind., Lodge, No. 451, has purchased a lot, adjoining its home property, which has long been used for parking. The members preferred to own the lot and reserve it for the lodge's exclusive use. Plans were made immediately to level and re-surface the ground.

The local Elks Class A Bowling Team defeated the Gary league, runner-up in the Indiana North Bowling League, on the local alleys, thereby winning a handsome bronze trophy. The metal part of the statue of a bowler in the act of rolling a ball down an alley, is attached to an oak base which can be hung on the wall.

P.E.R. Sol Henoch, P.D.D., was honored recently for 39 years of valuable service by being presented with a life membership card in a gold case. It was largely through his efforts that Ligonier Lodge was organized. He is one of the few remaining charter members.

Johnstown, Pa., Lodge Assists in Franklin Borough Celebration

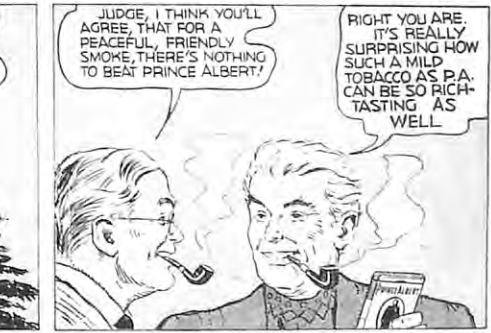
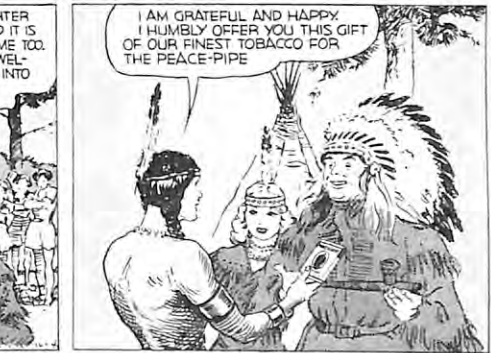
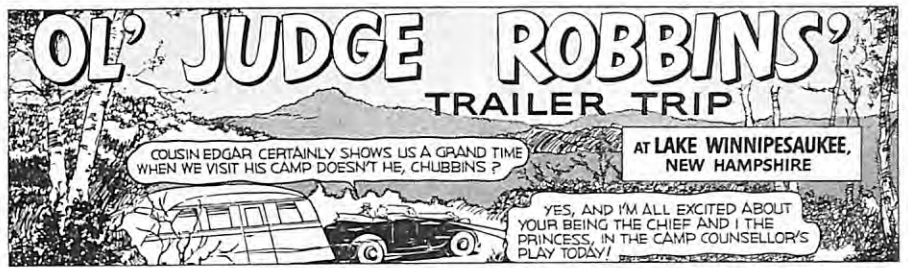
One of the highlights of the Franklin Borough Ratification Day program on June 21 was the exemplification of the Elks Flag Day Ritual by Johnstown, Pa., Lodge, No. 175, directed by E.R. William H. Weaver. The ceremonies were impressively carried out with the aid of the Menoher Post Band and a color guard of the Johnstown Blue Devils in charge of City Controller Robert L. Brunner. A crowd estimated at 9,000 attended the patriotic celebration, held at the athletic field.

Ellwood City, Pa., Lodge Gives Charity Ball to Aid Hospital

Ellwood City Lodge, No. 1356, is one of the most active organizations in civic and fraternal activities in Pennsylvania. An instance of its willingness and ability to help in a crisis was demonstrated recently when the city was faced with the loss of its hospital due to a threatened foreclosure for a building debt. The local Elks gave a Charity Ball in the lodge home which drew a large crowd and furnished the \$300 needed to put the drive over the top. The members were also generous in individual contributions.

Oceanside, Calif., Lodge Eliminates Long Standing Traffic Hazard

Oceanside, Calif., Lodge, No. 1561, has eliminated a traffic hazard of long standing. The entire length of Oceanside is divided by Highway No. 101, one of the longest three and



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Above: An assemblage of Kenosha, Wis., Elks at a banquet given in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart during the notable Flag Day celebration annually held by Kenosha Lodge.

four lane highways in the world. The schools are all on the west side and children make several dangerous crossings a day. After a study of the situation, the lodge decided to establish a Junior Safety Patrol.

The Patrol is under the guidance of the city police department, and in direct charge of two officers, members of the Order. With the cooperation of the schools, three patrols of eight boys each are in charge of as many crossings. Four boys, stationed on the curbs, slant long-handled stop signs out over the roadway at a whistle signal from one of their own officers. Two others guard the sidewalks, preventing the children from crossing until traffic is stopped in both directions. They are permitted to cross only upon the signal of the patrol officers. Members of the Patrol must merit the distinction of maintaining a high standard of scholarship before they can serve. Bright red jackets, yellow caps and arm bands have been furnished by Oceanside Lodge, with additional equipment for inclement weather.

Safety Program Activities of Visalia, California, Lodge

In conjunction with the other lodges of the Order in Tulare and Kings Counties, Visalia, Calif., Lodge, No. 1298, sponsored a radio program for 17 weeks over Station KTKC in the work of carrying out the Grand Exalted Ruler's Safety Program. E.R. H. W. Kelly, Superintendent of Coordinating Activities for the Tulare County Schools, conferred for several months with the Traffic Safety Commission of California and with Tulare and Porterville Lodges, and a cooperative program was worked out with the Tulare County Division of the California Highway Patrol, resulting in the establishment of the first county-wide traffic school in the State. The school, set up as a part of the Visalia evening high school program, was used by the County Judges and Justices of the Peace for the greater part of the year.

When he retired from office as Exalted Ruler this past Spring, Mr. Kelly had the satisfaction of knowing that his work had been completely successful. Because of his great ability, John G. Terry, a member of

the Order, and Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance in the Tulare County Schools, was selected to handle the traffic school.

Brief Membership Campaign of Augusta, Ga., Lodge a Big Success

A 30-day membership campaign was carried out recently by Augusta, Ga., Lodge, No. 205. A list of 339 names of leading citizens as "prospects" was selected, and as a result, 82 applications were secured during the month and 45 former members came back for reinstatement. The campaign was led by Dr. Eugene E. Murphey, one of the oldest Elks in the section and one of the most popular.

The Class was initiated at the Julian Smith Park Pavilion. The Ritual was impressively exemplified by the newly installed officers headed by E.R. C. Wesley Killebrew. Short talks were given by Grand Trustee John S. McClelland and State Pres. Charles G. Bruce of Atlanta; J. Clayton Burke, Atlanta, Chairman of the New Lodge Committee; P.D.D. J. Bush, Athens, State Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee; E.R. Ernest W. Rackley, Secy. Carlton Stevens and P.E.R. W. E. Mobley, Macon; P.E.R. P. S. Johnson, Athens, and Rabbi Block. A buffet supper was served. Augusta Lodge has leased a beautiful residence which it will use as a home for the next three years.

Annual Conference of State and Lodge Officers at De Land, Fla.

Officers of the Fla. State Elks Assn. and representatives from approximately 75 lodges attended the annual conference of Exalted Rulers and Secretaries held recently at De Land, Fla. The Executive Committee held an evening meeting. The general business session was held the next morning. State Pres. M. Frank O'Brien of Jacksonville presided.

Past State Pres. J. Edwin Baker, Superintendent of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home at Umattilla, announced in his annual report

that 15 more beds were to be added during the summer and that plans had been made to care for more children. Among the other speakers were Past Pres.'s L. F. Chapman, De Land Lodge, and Frank E. Thompson, Lake City, and P.D.D. W. A. Wall, West Palm Beach. Visiting Elks and their ladies were entertained by the members of De Land Lodge, No. 1463 with a Saturday Night dance, and a dinner after the business session at which 150 were present.

Greybull, Wyo., Lodge Gives Benefit Ball and Children's Party

Boys and girls from 10 to 14 years old had a wonderful time at a party sponsored recently by Greybull, Wyo., Lodge, No. 1431. Secy. Fred H. Koschel was Master of Ceremonies. Games and dancing began at 7 P. M. Ice cream and cake were served at nine and balloons given out as souvenirs. In the middle of the summer the lodge entertains the youngsters with a watermelon party at the city park.

A benefit ball was given at the Community Hall by Greybull Lodge in June. The net sum realized was used to defray the expenses of the Girl Scouts' annual summer camp at Holm Lodge near Cody.

Juvenile Delinquents Are Aided by Cedar City, Utah, Lodge

E.R. R. J. Shay has inaugurated a campaign to curb juvenile delinquency as a major project of Cedar City, Utah, Lodge, No. 1556. P.E.R. Dr. John Beal was appointed by Mr. Shay to head the special committee whose duties include frequent contacts with peace officers and school officials. Individual members of the lodge are assigned by the committeemen, as cases come up, to sponsor the rehabilitation of at least one delinquent.

The aid of other Utah lodges has been enlisted and the interest manifested promises a State-wide participation in this estimable "big brother" movement. Upon his return from Washington, where he attended the special Federal Bureau of Investigation school for peace officers, Sheriff Hal Christensen delivered an interesting address to the lodge on juvenile problems.

Speech of Acceptance

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which we stand.

When an Elk is elected Exalted Ruler of his lodge, opportunity is given him to become an outstanding contributor to his community welfare, to make his name and the name of Elk known favorably in every home. If he fails, his lack of success must and will influence unfavorably the future of his lodge and community, and likewise cast a shadow upon his own ascendancy.

Our goal must be not existence upon the interest of the investments and good deeds of our predecessors, but the building of a similar estate of our own which we may pass on as a stimulus to those to come.

Because America needs Elldom this course of action is more necessary now than ever before. To evaluate the situation coldly—it is evident that if we are to exist, satisfied with a glorious past, with no thought of contributing to the good of the Order and to humanity except through social intercourse, we must face strong competition from clubs and organizations which are purely social in character. If, on the other hand, we cling with tenacity to the course and fundamentals pointed out by our founders and great leaders, we stand alone—supreme and unchallenged in 1400 communities. I choose the latter course because it is the only safe course for Elldom—Elldom pledged so frequently to the preservation of the American Flag and the democratic form of government that it represents.

It is my desire to chart a course during the coming year, with the help of my Grand Lodge associates and subordinate lodge officers, that will make the Elks' organization in every community a necessary and respected part of the city in which it exists. I shall ask you to so live and so act that your fellow citizens will petition you for membership.

Finally, my Brothers, my sincere gratitude to all of you for the honor which is mine and for the confidence which you have placed in me. I appreciate not alone the honor but I recognize the responsibility. I look forward to a year of co-ordination and cooperation. I recognize the fact that whatever may be accomplished for and in the name of the Order must come through the efforts of the Exalted Rulers and officers of the subordinate lodges. I recognize the inter-dependency of the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge. There can be no separation of thought and action. The individual lodge and the State Association are the "doers" and Grand Lodge is the co-ordinator. There is no limit to the possibilities of growth if we work untiringly and live as real Elks. I charge you here and now that our future is one of mutual responsibility and action.

Now this is the law of the jungle—
As old and as true as the sky;
And the wolf that shall keep it may prosper,
But the wolf that shall break it must die.

As the creeper that girdles the tree trunk,

The law runneth forward and back—
For the strength of the pack is the wolf,
And the strength of the wolf is the pack.

Rudyard Kipling

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News of the State Associations

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Bridge, Huron Lodge for east and west, represented by A. B. Blake and M. F. Broe—Mitchell Lodge for north and south, represented by Mrs. William Danforth and Mrs. B. Johnson; Tennis, Sioux Falls Lodge; Bowling, both the 5-man event, and the 2-man event, Yankton Lodge.

ALABAMA

This year's annual convention of the Alabama State Elks Association at Montgomery, on May 29-30-31, was declared to be the most successful ever held, with an attendance far in excess of the four or five hundred expected. The big outdoor event of the social program, a barbecue at the Narrow Lane Inn, with a bathing beauty contest, dancing, and an exhibition drill by the Birmingham Lodge Patrol, attracted a crowd of more than 500. The Convention Ball, held in the home of the host lodge, Montgomery No. 596, was featured by a floor show presented by the Elks from Ensley Lodge. The Gold Room, where many of the functions took place, had been redecorated and re-furnished. The ladies were entertained with bridge and bingo parties and teas and taken on automobile tours to points of historical interest.

State Pres. Sam Lefkovits of Ensley Lodge, who presided over the business sessions, reported in his address that the general condition of the Association was most pleasing and the financial status excellent. Among the speakers were D.D.'s George Ross, Bessemer, and C. L. DeBardeleben, Selma, State Vice-Pres.; State Trustee Harry Meyers, Mobile; P.D.D. Thomas E. Martin, Montgomery; E.R. Harry Marks, Montgomery; Attorney W. M. McCollough, Birmingham, and Lucien V. LaTaste, who helped to organize Montgomery Lodge and was its first Exalted Ruler. Mr. LaTaste, who is 83 years old and resides in Dallas, Tex., was making his first visit to Montgomery in 40 years. The Ritualistic Contest, marked by keen competition, was won by Birmingham Lodge, and the Birmingham Elks Patrol carried off first honors in the exhibition drill. Mobile Lodge was awarded the 1939 Convention.

Past State Pres. C. M. Tardy, Birmingham, was elected President. Serving with him are: Vice-Pres.'s C. A. Pierson, Birmingham, Harry Meyers, Mobile, Harry Marks, Montgomery, Frank Raoul, Tuscaloosa, E. A. Williams, Sheffield, and George Stiefelmeyer, Cullman; Trustees W. M. Fex, Birmingham, Peter R. Conway, Ensley, C. W. Anderson, Florence, A. R. Oxford, Bessemer, and T. E. Martin, Montgomery; Secy.-Treas., P. G. Buchanan, Birmingham; Chaplain, M. Malone, Ensley; Tiler, A. B. Bromley, Birmingham,

and Sergeant-at-Arms, W. B. Harris, Birmingham. P.D.D. Harry W. English, Birmingham, was again placed in charge of Publicity as Chairman.

GEORGIA

The Annual Convention of the Georgia State Elks Association was held at Valdosta on May 22-23-24. The city was decorated in the Elk colors and the largest attendance in recent years was recorded. Pres. Charles G. Bruce and Secy.-Treas. R. E. Lee Reynolds, both of Atlanta Lodge, were reelected to their respective offices. District Vice-Presidents were elected as follows: H. O. Hubert, Jr., Decatur, Aaron Cohen, Athens, W. F. Crute, Macon, O. T. Spies, Albany, and Bert Glisson, Valdosta. The welcoming address, made by Mayor J. D. Ashley, P.E.R. of the host lodge, Valdosta No. 728, was responded to by Grand Trustee John S. McClelland, Atlanta. D.D.'s Frank M. Robertson, Ga., North, and Thomas L. Moss, Jr., Ga. South, gave talks on the progress of the Order in the State. C. M. Tardy of Birmingham, a Past Pres. of the Alabama State Elks Assn., was among the distinguished visitors.

The Convention Committee, under the able leadership of Chairman Bert Glisson, arranged an elaborate program of entertainment for both Elks and their ladies. The ball at the Country Club was preceded by a banquet at the Woman's Club where the various trophies were awarded. Both programs were featured by vaudeville, the quartette of Valdosta Lodge being the outstanding attraction. The Convention was brought to a close by a Fish Fry at Twin Lakes, a beautiful resort near Valdosta.

First prize money of \$105 and the J. Bush trophy went to Albany Lodge No. 713 as the winner in the Ritualistic Contest. The Albany officers won with a difference of only 1.176% over the team of Atlanta Lodge. A new feature of the Convention was the Golf Tournament which will be conducted annually for the Charles G. Bruce Golf Trophy. William Goodloe of Valdosta Lodge was this year's winner. Encouraging reports were made by the lodges. Augusta Lodge No. 205 reported 82 applications in its recent membership campaign, and 45 reinstatements. The Association voted to donate a generous sum to the Crippled Children League of Georgia, and a resolution was unanimously passed requesting each lodge to appoint its own crippled children's committee. An important feature of the work planned is the procuring of homes for the partly restored cripples of the State.

MISSOURI

Over 500 Elks registered at the home of St. Joseph, Mo., Lodge, No. 40, located in the Robidoux Hotel, for the 28th Annual Convention of the Missouri State Elks Association, held May 27-28-29. Among the distinguished guests present were Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Bernard F. Dickmann, Mayor of St. Louis, who was the principal speaker at the opening business session; George M. McLean, El Reno, Okla., Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee; D.D.'s B. L. Ellis, Mo. East, Trenton Lodge, and W. S. Aldrich, Mo. West, St. Joseph Lodge; Dr. M. E. Gouge, Sedalia, H. R. Garrison, Warrensburg, E. J. Martt, St. Louis, and Dwight Roberts, Kansas City, Past Pres.'s of the Mo. State Elks Assn., and Dr. William D. Reilly, Leavenworth, Past Pres. of the Kansas State Elks Assn.

Pres. J. Harry Dickbrader, of Washington Lodge, presided over the business sessions. It was decided that the furnishing of eye glasses to indigent children would be kept up as a major activity again this year. The Grand Exalted Ruler's Safety Program was endorsed, with the hope that it would be continued. As the winner in the Ritualistic Contest, Warrensburg Lodge No. 673 was presented with the Bruce A. Campbell Trophy. Washington Lodge No. 1559 was second. The Dr. Don H. Silsby Trophy for the "most outstanding lodge" was awarded to St. Joseph Lodge. The many social activities included wrestling matches, buffet luncheons, races, bridge parties, a tour through the Goetz Brewing Co. plant, golf, the Convention Banquet and the Grand Ball and floor show.

Sedalia, Mo., was decided upon as the meeting place for the 1939 Convention, with a fall meeting in 1938 to be held at Jefferson City. The new State officers are: Pres., Dr. Don H. Silsby, Springfield; District Vice-Pres.'s: S.E., C. Lew Gallant, St. Louis; N.E., G. D. Bartram, Hannibal; N.W., Joseph Miniace, Kansas City; S.W., Dr. Carl J. Benning, Springfield; Secy., Ernest W. Baker, Washington; Treas., M. F. Thurston, Columbia; Trustees: Walter Meierhoffer, St. Joseph, B. F. Dickmann, St. Louis, and A. O. Nilles, Kansas City.

NEW YORK

The 26th Annual Convention of the New York State Elks Association was held at Binghamton on June 5-6-7-8. The attendance of officers, delegates and members exceeded any number heretofore registered. The program was under the direction of

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Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation

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ning these awards offered by your National Foundation. To prevent disappointment, you should select your nominees with care. A student with less than a 95% average and without superior attainments in extra curricular activities and who has not shown unusual qualities of good citizenship and perseverance in the struggle for a higher education has no chance to place in the distribution of these awards. The Trustees should not be burdened with applications of average students. Only those who are truly outstanding should be certified by a subordinate lodge. A neat and orderly presentation is helpful to both the applicant and the

judges. We ask your cooperation in this worthy undertaking of our great American Order.

This supplemental report is respectfully submitted and we move its adoption.

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Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission

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has been made so available to the Grand Lodge from the earnings of its official journal. As a result of last year's action, not only was the necessity of increasing the per capita tax obviated, but it was actually reduced from thirty-five cents to twenty cents.

The Commission will be able again this year to place a substantial sum at the

disposal of this Grand Lodge for application to such specific purposes as it may deem proper. A sufficient sum, at least, will be turned over to balance the budget, avoid the necessity of increased per capita taxes, and provide an adequate working capital for the Grand Lodge.

Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, June 1, 1937, Closing Balances, May 31, 1938

Current balances, June 1, 1937—Exhibit "A".....		\$ 726,021.31
RECEIPTS:		
Grand Lodge subscriptions—Schedule No. 1.....	\$530,590.11	
Advertising receipts—Exhibit "C".....	134,321.20	
Interest on investments.....	494.77	
Miscellaneous subscriptions and receipts.....	87.40	
Realization of balances in closed banks.....	6,466.78	
Employees' contributions—Social Security.....	667.24	
Realization of investments.....	363.43	672,990.93
Total receipts and opening balances.....		\$1,399,012.24
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Publication costs—Schedule No. 2.....	\$417,705.72	
Deduct net decrease in inventories—		
Inventory, June 1, 1937—Exhibit "A".....	\$34,706.19	
Inventory, May 31, 1938—Exhibit "A".....	23,988.65	10,717.54
	\$406,988.18	
Deduct employer's contribution to Social Security Fund—		
Not expended.....	667.24	
	\$406,320.94	
Goodwill Tours—Exhibit "C".....	4,231.35	
Other expenditures—Exhibit "C".....	246,215.28	
Total disbursements.....		656,767.57
Current balances, May 31, 1938—Exhibit "A".....		\$ 742,244.67

Closing Balances, May 31, 1938

Cash—Current bank balances, petty cash and postal funds—		
Exhibit "B".....	\$742,244.67	
Cash—Closed banks.....	8,108.74	
Investments.....	24,375.00	
Inventory, etc.—Exhibit "B".....		
Paper.....	\$ 6,079.46	
Fiction, illustrations, postage, etc.....	10,406.45	
Wages, advances, etc.—Future Issues.....	7,502.74	23,988.65
Grand Lodge subscriptions applicable to fiscal year ending May 31, 1939—Schedule No. 1.....		\$290,084.42
Advertising receipts applicable to fiscal year ending May 31, 1939—Exhibit "C".....		3,684.23
Surplus—Exhibit "C".....		497,015.01
Reserve for Social Security Fund.....		1,933.40
	\$798,717.06	\$798,717.06

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News of the State Associations

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Past Pres. Howard A. Swartwood, Binghamton. Among the speakers at the opening ceremonies were Past Grand Exalted Rulers Murray Hulbert, New York, and James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough Lodge, Pres. Stephen McGrath, Oneida, and Postmaster General James A. Farley of Haverstraw Lodge, a Past State President.

At the opening session the report of the Scholarship Committee, headed by Chairman Frank R. Wassung, Norwich, was received. Mr. Wassung presented scholarship awards to Mary E. Brundage, Vincent P. Brennan, J. Bert Curley, Wolford H. Weiner and John E. Walsh. As the young people were introduced, each expressed appreciation for the honor conferred. While this program was being presented, Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart arrived and was immediately presented to the assemblage. He delivered a most inspiring and instructive address which indicated that the Order was on the road to even greater achievement than in the past. Grover C. Shoemaker of Bloomsburg, Pres. of the Pa. State Elks Assn., who was a guest of Pres. McGrath, made an interesting talk. The report of Frank L. Armstrong, Chairman of the Social and Community Welfare Committee, disclosed the fact that the lodges of the State had expended a greater amount of money this year on welfare activities, which included, in many instances, care for members of the Order who had suffered reverses.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Henry G. Wenzel, Jr., Queens Borough Lodge; Secy., Philip Clancy, Niagara Falls; Treas., John T. Osowski, Elmira; Vice-Pres.'s: S.E., John J. King, Huntington; East, Frank H. Wells, Mount Vernon; E. Cent., Willard N. Lyman, Middletown; S. Cent., Arden E. Page, Hornell; N. E., Edgar D. De La Mater, Amsterdam; W. Cent., Charles J. Calkins, Watertown; West, Frank M. Hughes, Wellsville; N. Cent., Ford Trask, Little Falls; Trustees: Dr. Francis H. Marx, Chairman, Oneonta; Peter A. Buchheim, Albany, Secretary; William F. Edelmuth, Kingston, Approving Member; Martin J. Mulligan, Buffalo; Herman Engel, Peekskill; John B. Keane, Newark; Charles L. Jones, Jr., Iliion; John P. O'Connor, Glen Cove.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., was selected as the meeting place for the 1939 Convention. The parade, which was the closing feature, held on the afternoon of June 8, was one of the most colorful and largely attended ever held by the Association. A number of floats and mounted troops were in line, and many musical organiza-

tions led the various units in the procession.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Annual Convention of the North Dakota State Elks Association was held on June 5-6-7 in Mandan with a record registration of 686. The 10 lodges of the State were represented by 63 delegates. The business sessions, presided over by Pres. L. B. Hanna, Fargo, former Governor of the State, were devoted largely to reports from secretaries and chairmen of the crippled children's committees of the lodges. A crippled children's clinic, lasting all day, was conducted on June 6 and 97 children were examined. A summation of reports showed that during the year,

for the lodges. Pres. Hanna and Peter Garberg, of Fargo, were the principal speakers. After the dinner a circus performance was given in the auditorium. The State golf championship was won by Ralph Thomas, Mandan Lodge, with Walter Dennis, Bismarck, runner-up.

For the third consecutive year, honors were conferred upon Jamestown Lodge for outstanding membership activities, and a plaque was officially presented to the lodge by Father McGeough. The same officers were reelected and Valley City was chosen as the 1939 convention city. Serving with Mr. Hanna are Sam Stern, Fargo, Vice-Pres., E. A. Reed, Jamestown, Secy., Alex Rawitscher, Williston, Treas., and Frank Kent, Grand Forks, A. C. Pagenkopf, Dickinson, and W. A. Hausmann, Devils Lake, Trustees.

LOUISIANA

The Second Annual Convention of the Louisiana State Elks Association, held at Houma, La., on June 19, was officially opened by Pres. George J. Ginsberg of Alexandria. Mayor Elward Wright, E.R. of Houma Lodge, No. 1193, welcomed the State officers and visiting Elks to the city and outlined the schedule of entertainment and activities for the day. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor, of New Orleans Lodge, No. 30, was among the prominent members of the Order in attendance.

An appeal from the Crippled Children's Aid Association was read by Mr. Ginsberg who explained its need of funds. P.E.R. J. C. Abel of Shreveport outlined the work being carried on by the organization. A collection was taken up and at Mr. Rightor's suggestion, given into the care of Chris R. Valley of New Orleans Lodge. Mr. Valley is an ardent worker for this worthy cause. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Pres., Sidney A. Harp, Donaldsonville; Vice-Pres., J. C. Abel, Shreveport; Secy., D. T. Lenhard, Baton Rouge; Treas., Abe Burglass, New Orleans. The meeting place and date of next year's convention will be chosen by the State officers.

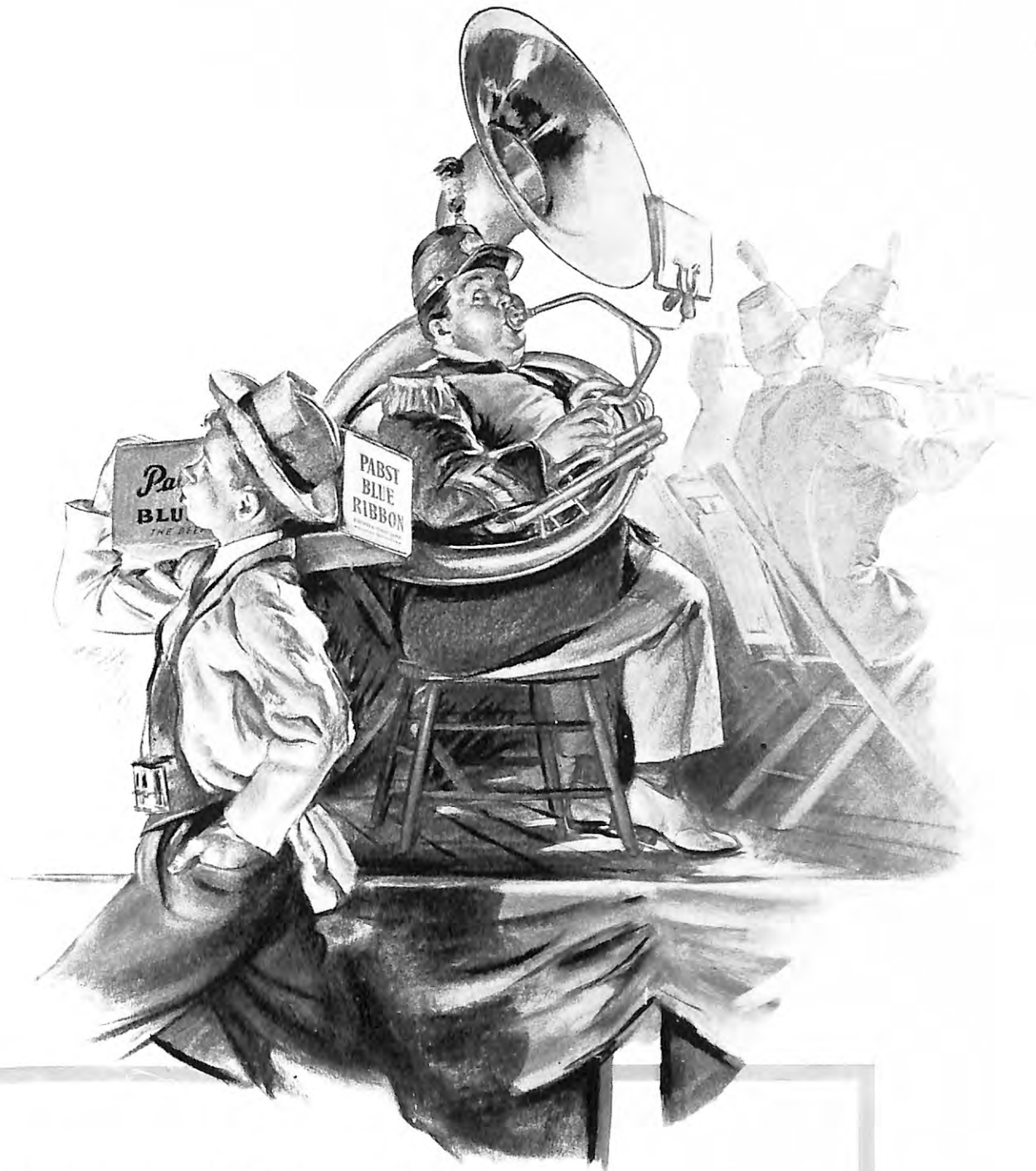
At the close of the meeting, a delicious lunch was served by the host lodge, after which all present formed in line and marched to the Terrebonne High School where everything was in readiness for public Flag Day exercises. The ceremonies, held in the auditorium, were conducted by officers of New Orleans, Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge, Houma and Jennings Lodges. Eugene Stanley of New Orleans Lodge delivered the principal address, speaking on "Citizenship."

State Association Convention Dates for 1938

Maryland	Hagerstown, Md.	August 7-8-9-10
Delaware and District of Columbia	Ouray	August 19-20
Colorado	Newport News	August 21-22-23
Virginia	New Castle	Aug. 22-23-24-25
Pennsylvania	La Crosse	August 25-26-27
Wisconsin	Cedar Point (Sandusky)	Aug. 28 to Sept. 2
Ohio	Monterey	Sept. 21-22-23-24
California	Tillamook	Sept. 23-24
Oregon	St. Albans	October 1-2
Vermont	Reno	October 20-21-22
Nevada		

194 crippled children were given assistance, and that \$11,755.13 was spent in this work which the Association voted to continue along the same lines. It was also voted to rotate convention cities in the future, beginning with Valley City followed by meetings at Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Williston, Bismarck, Devils Lake, Minot and Jamestown, bringing the Association back to Mandan in 1948.

Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow of Aberdeen, S.D., was an honored guest at the Convention. There was no lack of entertainment. Mandan Lodge, No. 1256, held open house and food was available at the club rooms at all hours. The Little German Band, led by Curt Dirlam, Bismarck, and Elks Bands from Jamestown, Fargo and Bismarck, gave daily concerts and participated in the parade on Monday which was well over two miles long. The Minot Drum and Bugle Corps, the local high school band, and several night club orchestras were also in line. The annual banquet, attended by more than 500, was served in the World War Memorial Building. C. F. Kelsch, Mandan, was Toastmaster. E.R. A. C. Rausch made the welcoming address, with the Rev. Father P. McGeough of Valley City Lodge, District Deputy for North Dakota, responding



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