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# Elks National Essay Contest Winners



**First Award Winner—  
Grace Langley**  
Red Wing, Minn.



*Miss Langley's Winning Essay*

## "What Uncle Sam Means To Me"

**F**OR our convenience we talk in symbols. Sometimes we accept the symbol as the reality. Perhaps that is what we have done with Uncle Sam, symbol of 132,000,000 people, symbol of a past that is not dead, symbol of a future unknown. Who is he?—He is the sober-clad Pilgrim singing hymns on the after-deck; he is the patriot patiently mending a coat faded with salt water; he is the gaunt woodsman staring out of his study window as he hears the guns of division; he is the bearded miner sifting gravel through hard fingers; the dust-choked farmer watching his bony cattle die; he is the workman swinging his lunch pail down the lamplit street, the bindlestiff asking for a dime. His voice is the moan of the Negro congregation, "Hallelujah, Lord", the shout of the foreman above the blast furnace, the dowager's well-modulated tones as she gives her chauffeur his orders for the day, and the chauffeur's response. His voice is your voice as you read these words, and my voice as I sit in the classroom.

My grandparents needed no definition of Uncle Sam. Grandfather Pritchard left London to find a home for his gentle wife and a family of twelve in Ohio. My other grandfather fled Germany to escape service in a war of autocracy. For them Uncle Sam was real in terms of dark loam to plough, schools for the children, and friendly neighbors to cry the time of day over the garden wall. But to me, child of these men and women, what does Uncle Sam mean to

me?—Perhaps there are dangers in an inheritance of glory won too easily.

I recently entered a National Forensic meet. Little did I realize that in discussing our foreign policy,—the labor problem,—our defense program, I was exercising a right few people now have. Take the question for debate, "Resolved that the power of the federal government should be increased." Where else but in the United States would high school students be allowed to argue the worth of the administration? I have grown to accept freedom of speech, just as I have grown to accept the religious toleration which permits me to be a Presbyterian and my best friend an Orthodox Jew.

I am beginning to realize that such rights are not immutable and static. They were not won once by a war or by the scratching of quill on parchment. Ours is a heritage of adventure and promise, a heritage to be earned again and again. We are now required to believe stronger than ever in the American ideal, to believe buoyantly, and earnestly, and joyously.

Who is Uncle Sam? "Sing joy!" He is the sober-clad Pilgrim singing hymns on the after-deck; he is the workman swinging his lunch pail down the lamp-lit street; his language is that of all nations; his hope is that of all peoples—and ours the responsibility to share.



**Second Award Winner—  
Robert B. Gibson**  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



**Third Award Winner—  
Warren Bierman**  
Harrisburg, Penn.



**Fourth Award Winner—  
Victoria Eugenia Lopez**  
Puerto Rico



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## IN THIS ISSUE

### We Present—

MR. WILLIAM DE LISLE from his tropic Utopia in New Orleans has tossed off a delightful yarn which he swears by all that's holy is the truest of true tales. Still there is a doubt in our minds—considering the strange antics of the summer boarders in "Scandal at Seacrest". It seems that the Professor, completely unaware of what he was doing, walked in on the shy and maidenly Miss Dillicot at her morning bath. . . . You can readily see what shattering repercussions such an occurrence might cause—particularly when the culprit expresses not a whit of remorse. It behooves the rest of the guests to take steps. And take steps they do. Tragic true story or pure imagination—you'll enjoy it.

Mr. John Brushingham has been with us before with a short-short which appeared last year. "No More Frontiers", his latest contribution, is the timely story of an incident which took place on the border between Yugoslavia and what once was Austria. The same sort of thing Mr. Brushingham recounts has been happening all over Europe. It is frightening to think that it might be coming ever closer to us. Mr. Brushingham tells us that he got his idea for the yarn from an Austrian exile in this country who had himself experienced much the same thing.

On the lighter side of the ledger is Stanley Frank's article on the old men of sport. Mr. Frank undertakes to prove that age is no handicap to greatness in athletics. He cites examples of men from thirty-five to ninety-five who are tops in their own particular fields.

John Ransom goes on about Dude Ranches. They seem to be the last word in vacations for practically anyone, young or old, and we must say that the article made the seat of our pants fairly itch for the feel of that good old corral rail.

You should have seen the lobby of the Bellevue-Stratford in Philly when we arrived for the Convention. The noise of those western six-shooters just barely managed to drown out about eighteen assembled Glee Clubs from the country-wide. Every third Elk seemed to have a different kind of uniform and to be playing a different kind of instrument.

To those of you who missed this year's Convention we extend our heartfelt sympathy and the suggestion that you make your reservations early for next year. These yearly get-togethers are just too good to miss.

In this issue are the reports of the business meetings to the Grand Lodge of the various Committees, as well as the announcement of the winners of the Elks National Defense Commission Essay Contest.



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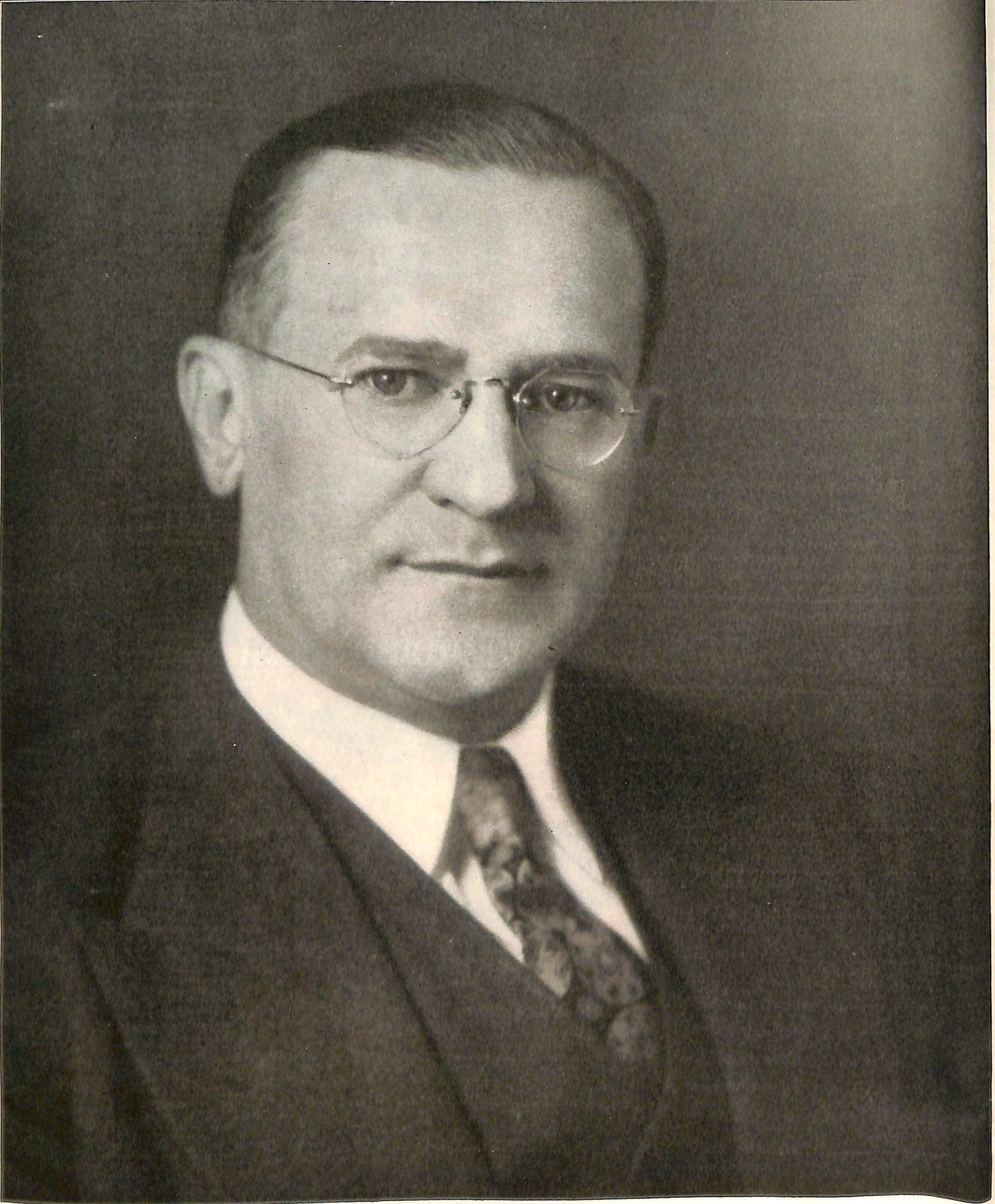
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**JOHN S. McCLELLAND**

**of Atlanta, Ga., Lodge No. 78, elected Grand Exalted Ruler  
at the Grand Lodge Meeting in Philadelphia, July 15, 1941**

# Speech of Acceptance

by Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland

before the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia

July 15, 1941

**G**RAND Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, and my Brothers of the Grand Lodge:

It is very hard for me to speak, after what has been said. I am deeply affected. Everything that has been said is most gratifying to me, because it is the assurance of friendship. That is the great thing. Memories of friends gather about me here today, and before me rises the memory of the faces and characters of those great Elks who have passed. I wish to make acknowledgment of the influence of these great leaders upon my own life during its formative period, and particularly Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews, who was a member of my lodge.

The friends I see:

Judge Jesse M. Wood, my associate on the bench, whose charitable appraisal of me has been over-generous. Our close association over a period of many years, climaxed by this intimate presentation, fills me with a sense of deep obligation to him, and appreciation of him. To my good friend, Judge Henry Lindsley, of Denver Lodge No. 17, hailing from the heart of the Rockies where rugged Americanism is a constant beacon to all liberty-loving patriots, and to Well-born Ellis, Exalted Ruler of Atlanta Lodge No. 78, my home lodge—to you, my Brothers, I am profoundly indebted for the kind manner in which you voiced your approval of one who at this time has a deep feeling of humility, and is wholly incapable of even approaching the virtues of the Brother that you have just described. There is nothing like having two judges and a lawyer on your side.

To the Elks of Georgia, and especially my home lodge, I express my love and appreciation for the many opportunities for service they have given me. This is their honor, for it was their devotion and encouragement that has been my vehicle.

To you, my Brothers of the Grand Lodge, in this my hour of great happiness, with a heart filled with gratitude, I pledge that during the coming year I will devote my full strength and ability to the leadership of this great American Fraternity. As I prepare to assume the duties of this office I express my admiration for the sacrificial and loyal service rendered by each of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers. I shall seek their help and counsel during the coming year. And here and now I call upon each and every member of the Order, whatever his rank may be, for his full and complete cooperation, that every link in the chain of Elkdom may carry its full responsibility. With your help only can our full ambitions be realized.

It is an appropriate coincidence that we, whose love for country is immeasurable, should assemble in Philadelphia in these days when the cause of human liberty trembles upon its throne. We have come to Philadelphia as Woodrow Wilson did, before the last World War, "to feed his spirit". There is much here to rekindle the love of freedom.

This City of Brotherly Love, founded in 1682, is truly the cradle of America. Here stands Independence Hall, America's greatest shrine. It was here on July 4th, 1776, that the Declaration of Independence was signed. It was here that General Washington was chosen Commander-in-Chief of the Continental army. Here stands Carpenter's Hall, where in the dark days of a young nation came its leaders to write the "greatest document ever struck off, by the mind and purpose of man at a single time"—the Constitution of

the United States. Here stands Congress Hall; for ten years it was the meeting place of the congress of the new nation. Here rests the Liberty Bell. Although it was cast many years before the war for America's independence, some strange insight foretold its purpose, for it carried the words from the 10th verse of the 25th chapter of Leviticus, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." With Raymond Pitcairn I say, "Walk proudly here, Americans, amid the symbols of your birthright! Greece in its glory, Rome in its grandeur, left no such heritage to the human spirit."

The influence of this great Order, dedicated to the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, the Golden Rule, the Protection of Womanhood, and American Patriotism, has immeasurably enhanced the moral, cultural and spiritual life of the American people. To become a part of an organization which had its origin in the fervor of great trial, the banding together of men who loved their country and their fellowman, and who sought to serve humanity unselfishly, is a fine thing, for boy or man, and a city is fortunate, however great it may be, to have in it a lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Time will not permit me to elaborate upon the outstanding accomplishments of this great Order during its useful and honored existence, but I would like to mention the excellence of the contribution made to the Order by *The Elks Magazine*, recognized as the most prominent fraternal organ of our country; the historic service of the Elks War Relief Commission, during and after the last World War; the Elks National Home, the heart-beat of a great Order, where we exemplify in the finest way our ideals by providing a home where our less fortunate Brothers may spend as our guests their declining years; the Elks National Memorial Building at Chicago, erected by the members of the Order as everlasting testimony of our appreciation and love of our members who answered the country's call in the great World War; the Elks National Foundation, our memorial built by the dollars of Elks and their friends, dedicated to the education of worthy young people, and a permanent contribution to all charitable work of whatever kind or nature administered through the State Associations of our Order.

To record many of the benevolences of the Elks it would be necessary to register the gratitude of the afflicted, the sick and the maimed who have been treated and cured—the young men and women who have been sustained in education—the civic progress that all units of our Order have fostered in every American community.

No organization in America is more representative of the ideals, the patriotism, the wholesome virtues and the humanity of the American people than the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. History justifies a pride in our past, as we struggle with the problems of the present and face the future with confidence and hope.

I know that you would like to know something of my program and ambitions for the ensuing year:

Only the works of the great continue to live after their creators have long since departed. That this great Order may exist, and continue to grow, it is necessary that each generation of its membership maintain the integrity of its ritual, the constitution and laws of the Order; that new members of the highest caliber of (Continued on page 42)

**P**REPARATIONS for the season at Opal Beach begin as early as April. The antiquated beach-gear is then given a fresh lick of paint and dragged from its winter quarters down to make a neat and orderly row on the sand. The beach officer also makes his appearance about the same time in his blue uniform. Fresh notices begin to spring up in unexpected places: "No parking, no spitting, no rubbish." The long winter sleep is over and there is already an air of expectancy about

their attention to the regulations. Mrs. Birdie, the proprietor of Seacrest, showed her disapproval of that type of person by refusing to open her establishment until the beginning of July; she had no use for any except what she called "her regulars". As a matter of fact, even the "Julys" were barely tolerated by her. They had no classiness. The fact that they only had a two-week vacation showed the kind of people they were; and there was that terrible upheaval in the middle of the

child she had liked—there being apparently a distinction between being fond of children and being able to endure any particular child. In any case August was a turmoil. There were children wanting this and children wanting that, children being sick, children fighting, children developing strange rashes which might be scarlet fever or chicken-pox, children breaking things, even children laying booby traps for her. The latter were summarily dealt with. Discipline was the keynote of Mrs.

# SCANDAL *at* SEACREST

By William De Lisle



the place—it is Spring and the sap is rising in the landladies' veins.

Opal Beach has never catered to the casual tourist. It doesn't want the sort of people who leave bottles and paper bags on the beach. It has its own clientele, a faithful following which knows what it has to offer and comes back year after year to find it. This doesn't apply so much to the earlier part of the season. Young men do sometimes appear then in gaudy blazers with no hats and ties, and young women in bathing-suits of such a description that the beach officer has to call

month when the "Earlies" made way for the "Lates". A rush it was: a tearing, eager, hectic rush; they seemed to have to enjoy every single moment of their two weeks. Mrs. Birdie preferred a quieter tempo.

The "Augusts" were an improvement; they at least did have a month's vacation. But here again there were disadvantages. There were children. Mrs. Birdie always explained that she was really very fond of children. No doubt she was, though if she had cared to look back through her life she would have discovered that she had never met a

Birdie's August, just as punctuality had been the watchword of her July.

Every year on the 31st of August, Mrs. Birdie heaved a sigh of relief, put on her best dress and had a glass of port wine with her solitary supper. The "Augusts" had gone and she could look forward to the "Septembers". They were quite different. They had all been faithful to her for years, and Mrs. Birdie regarded them as an eighteenth-century *marquise* might have regarded her salon. They were people of some standing, people of breeding, like herself. And above all they had no children.



Glancing down her table, Mrs. Birdie sipped her port wine and thought complacently of the pleasant refined conversation they would be having the next evening.

The major would be on her right and the professor on her left; then Mrs. Thomson and Mr. Thomson (he was an accountant and knew all about the gold standard), Mrs. Nichol (a widow and such a sad story), Mr. Turner at the end (such a dear old gentleman), then Miss Dillicot (Social Welfare and flat-chested, but so refined), Mr. and Mrs. Bossom (the printers), and so back to the major on her right. The major and the professor were really her favorites. Of course, the major wasn't strictly a major, though he certainly looked it. He was an Englishman and something with the Cunard Line in Boston, but he had been a lieutenant in the British army

were no longer fashionable.)

Here again she looked around complacently. Everything was ready. Tomorrow evening they would all be there. The Thomsons, Miss Dillicot and the professor would be having their quiet game of bridge. Perhaps Mrs. Bossom would be playing the piano, and perhaps her husband would oblige with a song. The major would be talking to her and Mrs. Nichol, and old Mr. Turner would be comfortable with a book. A pleasant scene after all those dratted children. A pleasant scene—and there was the possibility: the professor and Miss Dillicot! Mrs. Nichol had noticed them last year, and really it would be so suitable. Almost as suitable—Mrs. Birdie sighed—as if the dear major weren't quite such a confirmed bachelor and remembered that her husband had been dead a very reasonable time.

An hour later she was again on the doorstep after the four-thirty had arrived. "Well, Mrs. Thomson, so you're here. And Mr. Thomson. And Miss Dillicot. And Mrs. Nichol. How nice for you all to come by the same train. Oh, and the major. And Mr. Turner. Why, we're all here now except the professor. Well, well, there's no need for me to show you to your rooms. I'm sure everybody can find his way all right."

Finally, the professor had a reception all to himself. He came by the five-thirty-five. "Well, Professor, so you're here. We were almost afraid something had happened to you. Yes, you're the very last one. They're all here, every one of them,

**The men rushed into the living room in a body and discovered the two ladies scratching each other's eyes out on the sofa.**



**The true account of that shocking affair at Seacrest. We leave you to judge the Professor for yourselves.**

in the last war and took a great interest in the Boy Scouts. Again, the professor wasn't exactly a professor. He was a high-school teacher, but he was writing a book about Stanley. The explorer, you know—or was it the other Stanley in "Marmion"? Anyway, he was a very nice gentleman.

Mrs. Birdie, having finished her wine, moved majestically into the living room, examined the window sills carefully for dust, and then sat down on the narrow sofa by the fireplace, which was hidden by ferns. (She had heard that aspindistras

The next day at varying periods between three and six they all arrived. The Bossoms were the first, and Mrs. Birdie was on the doorstep to meet them—very different from the "Julys" who only saw her at meals or when one of her regulations had been infringed.

"Well, Mrs. Bossom, so you're here. And Mr. Bossom. How nice to see you both again. No, you're the very first. I expect the others'll be along by the four-thirty. And now I know you want to go right up to your room. The maid'll be right up to help you unpack."

and Miss Dillicot was looking so sweet in her pale blue. Well, well, there's no need for me to show you to your room. The maid'll be right in to help you unpack."

Dinner was at seven. Substantially, it was very much the same meal as was served to the "Julys" and "Augusts" half an hour earlier under the name of supper. It was the tone, the manner, the conversation, that graced it with the title of dinner rather than the cooking; for two hot meals a day was more than anyone could expect. Mrs. Birdie glanced at them all almost with

affection from the head of the table. The conversation was animated without being loud, and it was very pleasant to see good table manners again. "May I trouble you for the gravy, Mr. Bossom." . . . "No trouble at all. It's a pleasure, Miss Dillicot." That was the kind of thing that appealed to Mrs. Birdie. The great advantage about gentlefolk was that they knew how to behave. More important still, they never complained. You could charge them more and give them less without their noticing it.

WHEN they repaired to the living room, the party soon arranged itself exactly as Mrs. Birdie had anticipated. The Thomsons, Miss Dillicot and the professor to the bridge table, Mr. and Mrs. Bossom to the piano, Mr. Turner to his book (he seemed to have aged since last year, poor man) and Mrs. Nichol and the major and Mrs. Birdie chatting by themselves.

Mrs. Birdie noticed that the professor had cut with Miss Dillicot, and she made a gesture, which in less refined circles might have been a wink, to call Mrs. Nichol's attention to it. "He's been telling me about his book," she continued.

"Has he really, Mrs. Birdie?"

"Yes, Mrs. Nichol, he's almost through with it."

"Great man, the professor!" said the major suddenly.

"It's about Stanley, the explorer," Mrs. Birdie went on, "and he's almost through with it."

"Great man, Stanley!" said the major.

"What I think, Mrs. Birdie," Mrs. Nichol rejoined, "is that it's a great pity the Professor wasn't an explorer himself. Don't you agree with me?"

"Why, yes, Mrs. Nichol."

"A gentleman like that. So energetic, so enterprising, and above all, so intelligent. He might have done all those things himself, if things had been different."

"Smart man, the professor!" said the major.

"It isn't as if he were really a sedentary type of man," Mrs. Nichol persisted. "He has a touch of fire in him, an exploring, fearless nature. I can easily imagine him tackling a lion."

"'Deed yes," said the major. "And speaking of lions reminds me of an incident in France in Nineteen Seventeen."

Mrs. Birdie and Mrs. Nichol both had a strong suspicion that they had heard that incident before, both last year and the year before that. It turned out that their suspicion was correct. However, they listened attentively, glancing now and again to take in Miss Dillicot's heightened color and wondering what secret fires were burning under the professor's mild and gentle exterior.

It was a very pleasant evening.

The next morning something appeared to be wrong. Breakfast at Seacrest wasn't one of those casual

affairs where people would drift in at different times, grunt a good morning, help themselves to food, and then go into splendid isolation behind a newspaper. There it was a formal meal with a beginning and an end, and with Mrs. Birdie presiding at the head of the table. Also it began punctually at eight-thirty. At eight-twenty-nine they were all there waiting, with the exception of the professor and Miss Dillicot. Seeing as it was the first day, Mrs. Birdie gave the defaulters two minutes' grace before she began to pour out the coffee; but after two minutes they sat down to their grapefruits in spite of the two empty places. At eight-thirty-five the professor came in, looking sheepish and murmuring apologies. Miss Dillicot never appeared at all.

It was generally surmised that poor Miss Dillicot must be suffering from one of her headaches; her breakfast was sent up to her and much sympathy expressed. Nothing more happened until eleven-fifteen, when Mrs. Birdie could have been seen coming out of Miss Dillicot's room, looking very grim. At lunch all were in their places, but a shadow of some kind seemed to be hang-

Illustrated by HARRY BECKHOFF

It seems that while she was taking her bath, or rather drying herself, the professor walked in.



ing over the assembly. The bright talk about the morning's adventures fell flat and dead. Mrs. Birdie was stiff and spoke to nobody. Miss Dillicot hardly answered the kind inquiries about her health. She sat with her eyes downcast, looking unnaturally pale—except for one instant when she glanced toward Mrs. Birdie's end of the table, and then

she flushed a deep, unbecoming red. Miss Dillicot retired to her room again immediately after lunch; and while the others migrated to the living room, the major was seen stepping briskly into Mrs. Birdie's office.

He found the landlady waiting for him in a bristling attitude. "I've asked you to come and see me," she began portentously, "because I want your advice. A most regrettable thing has happened."

"'Pon my soul!" said the major. "It seems," Mrs. Birdie continued, "that Miss Dillicot forgot to lock the door when she took her bath this morning."

"'Pon my soul!" said the major. "Very careless of her."

"Exactly what I said, Major," Mrs. Birdie proceeded. "I always make it a point to have both a lock and a bolt on the bathroom door. It's something you can't be too careful about, and it was extremely careless not to have used at least one of them. However, to go on with the story, it seems that while she was taking her bath, or rather while she was drying herself after her bath, the professor walked in."

"'Pon my soul, Mrs. Birdie, 'pon my soul!"

"Now I'm ready to admit it wasn't entirely his fault if the door was un-

locked. On the other hand, instead of withdrawing immediately as he should have, it seems he waited long enough to make a remark."

"He made a remark, Mrs. Birdie, under those circumstances!"

"Apparently he did, Major."

"'Pon my soul! Well, what did he say, Mrs. Birdie?"

Mrs. Birdie's chest went out like a pouter pigeon's.

"That's just what I can't find out," she replied. "Miss Dillicot refuses to tell me. All she says is that it was an extremely offensive remark, Major."

"'Pon my soul! The professor! I'd never have thought it of him."

Mrs. Birdie proceeded to enlarge on the various aspects of the unfortunate occurrence and the way it would reflect on the good name of her establishment. The major listened, 'pon-my-souling at intervals, then when she had finished he thought it all over for a while with a very serious expression.

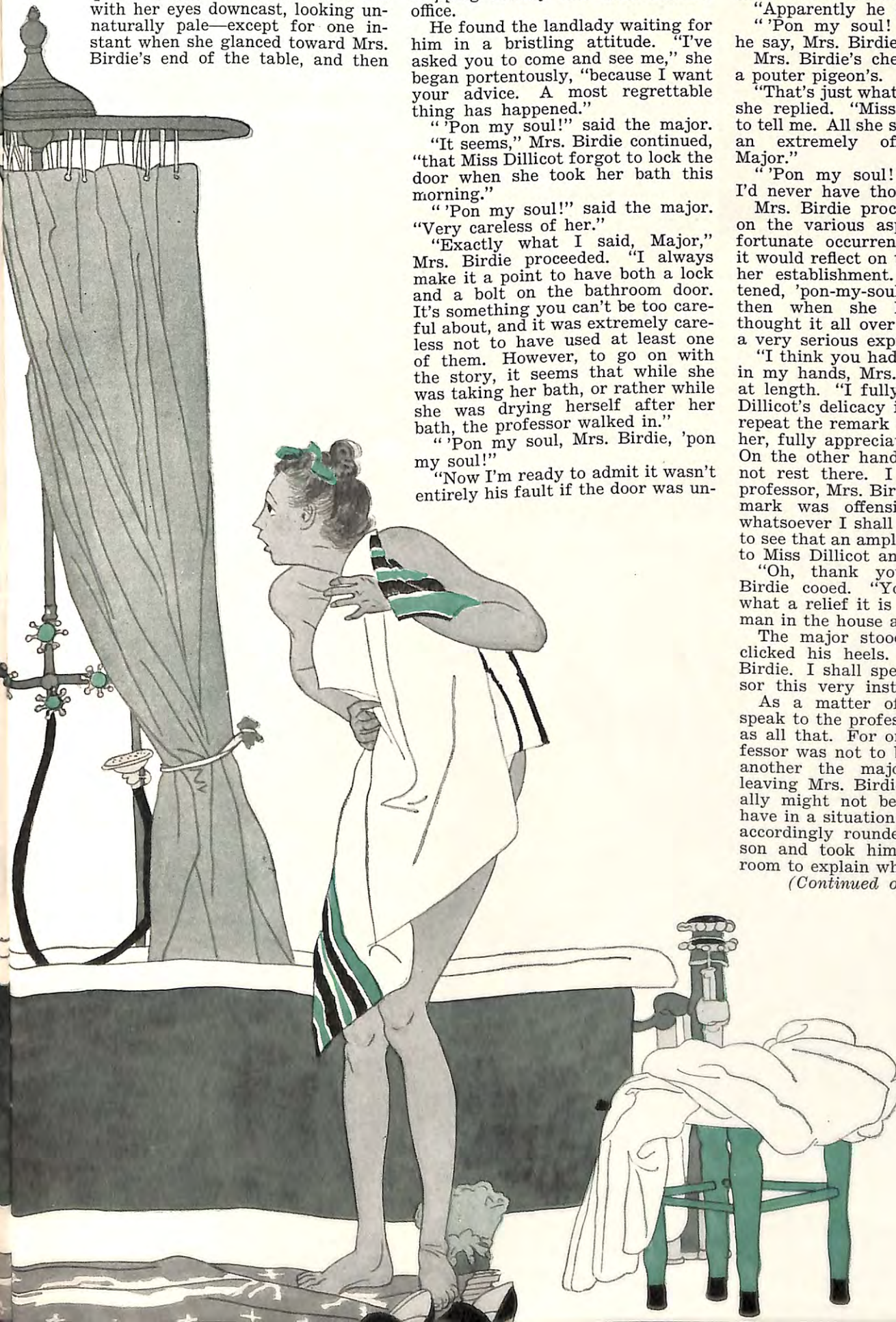
"I think you had better leave this in my hands, Mrs. Birdie," he said at length. "I fully appreciate Miss Dillicot's delicacy in not wishing to repeat the remark that was made to her, fully appreciate it, Mrs. Birdie. On the other hand the matter cannot rest there. I shall tackle the professor, Mrs. Birdie, and if the remark was offensive in any way whatsoever I shall make it my duty to see that an ample apology is made to Miss Dillicot and to you."

"Oh, thank you, Major," Mrs. Birdie cooed. "You have no idea what a relief it is to have an army man in the house at such a time."

The major stood up and almost clicked his heels. "Quite so, Mrs. Birdie. I shall speak to the professor this very instant."

As a matter of fact, he didn't speak to the professor quite as soon as all that. For one thing the professor was not to be found, and for another the major decided after leaving Mrs. Birdie's office that an ally might not be a bad thing to have in a situation of that kind. He accordingly rounded up Mr. Tromson and took him into the dining room to explain what had happened.

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John Dickson Carr, whose new mystery, "The Case of the Constant Suicides" will be published by Harper and Brothers.

of American leaders and places. For instance, if I were taking a cross-country trip tomorrow, I'd certainly consult one of the state guides of the American Guide Series—but I have written about these valuable books before, and everybody ought to have heard about them by this time. In recent months I have seen the guides for Los Angeles, Wisconsin, Michigan, Wyoming, Maryland and Missouri, and they are excellent; by the Fall the last of the 48 state books will be published.

Straight across the country we go to the southwest and to two new books—"Desert Country" by Edwin Corle, which describes the land of little rain—the Mojave land, Nevada, the Grand Canyon, Death Valley—and the people who have made history there, including the Mormons of the Deseret empire, the Indians, the prospectors and a few bandits. Supplementing this comes "Piñon Coun-

**A**MERICA is reading about Americans this summer. While enjoying vacations amid American scenery, on salt-water beaches and fresh-water lakes, in national parks and at mountain resorts, we can turn to the many new books dealing with life in the United States—novels, reminiscences, biographies

try" by Haniel Long, the land of the little pines that grow high up on the slopes of Arizona and New Mexico; another phase of southwestern life. Mr. Long is impressed by the Grand Canyon—who isn't?—"It reminds us of the great age of the earth and the brief span of life," says he, and he thinks every young American ought to see it in his impressionable years, for the good of his soul. (Duell, Sloan & Pearce, each \$3)

**E**VERY American writer is conscious today of the changes in American life, and wondering about them, especially when he harks back to his youth and recalls how things were done in the good old days. I suppose Rufus M. Jones is typical of the reminiscing writer in "A Small-Town Boy", for here he tells about the life of a small Maine village, a Quaker community. Especially keen are his memories of the old-time grocery store, with its fifteen regular "sitters", men who swapped yarns about fishing, argued about politics and kept up a running fire of banter. "Hello, John, had a hair cut, ain't ye? Did you take gas?" was an old-fashioned salutation. James G. Blaine lived only 12 miles away and everybody had a great admiration for him, including Mr. Jones, who, as a boy, once looked after his horses, replying to his request by saying, "It will give me great pleasure to bring water for thy horses, James G. Blaine." There was also the Quaker meeting, and sometimes the Town meeting became the big event. (Macmillan, \$2)

**A**PRETTY lively American is Roderick Peattie, whose younger brother, Donald Culross Peattie, seems to have taken the spotlight away from him and the rest of his family. Roderick Peattie grew up in a big town, Chicago, and became a geographer. His mother was Elia W. Peattie, conservative book reviewer for the Chicago *Tribune* for many years. Roderick has been writing about his youth and manhood in "The Incurable Romantic", Macmillan, \$3) in which he recalls, with amusement, how his mother didn't like the newer authors (30 or more years ago) and called Theodore Dreiser a "literary tomcat". Mr. Peattie's chronicle takes in college life, service in the A.E.F., and considerable teaching, and a lot about his interesting children. But interesting at this date is his reaction to the war. "Get this, you women, and get it well," says he. "If you are ever inclined to push men into a recruiting parade behind some band, at the same time sit ye down and weep. Remember that the first thing war does is to break down the feeling for the sanctity of life. After that everything goes." Yet the men were magnificent, "Some of the men who behaved like muckers while stationed

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At left: The jacket design for Sidney Meller's new book, "Home is Here." (Macmillan)

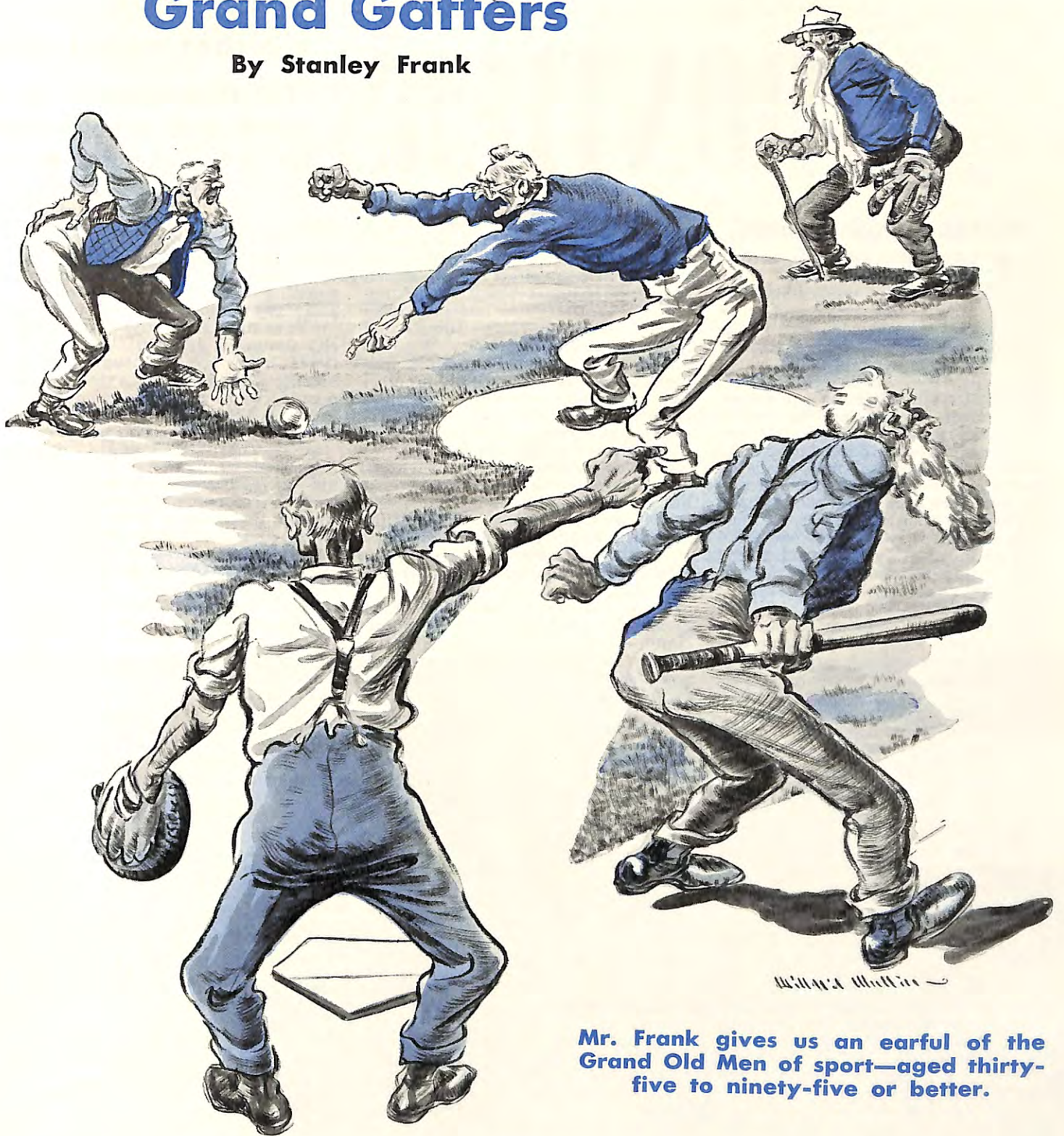
**WHAT  
AMERICA IS**

*Reading*

By Harry Hansen

# Grand Gaffers

By Stanley Frank



Mr. Frank gives us an earful of the Grand Old Men of sport—aged thirty-five to ninety-five or better.

SINCE most of the Brothers in the lodge are well beyond the age of consent—as evidenced by expanding waist-lines and receding hair-lines—maybe we have been mistaken in dwelling on the athletic achievements of whippersnappers young enough to be their pups. Maybe the constituents would like to hear, for a change of pace, about the celebrities they really appreciate and remember—the incredible, almost anachronistic figures who throw the calendar hopelessly out of whack.

Never before have there been so many old—but old—men in the sport

headlines and never before has there been such abundant proof that there are no rules or restrictions governing athletic longevity. Now, we don't mean the publicity-crazy coot who celebrates his seventieth birthday by performing a corresponding number of knee-bends for the newsreel camera or the physical culture nut who takes great delight in walking the legs off the father of his grandchild.

We mean the Connie Macks, the Bill Tildens, the Gene Sarazens, the Lefty Groves and the Dev Milburns who are active participants in big-league, competitive sport for the very

good reason that they prefer to earn their livelihood or find their recreation in that fashion.

"The race is to the swift, the battle to the sturdy, the game to the young." Forget it. Sport recognizes no age limits, just as it ignores all class distinctions. Once upon a time, and not so long ago, a man more than forty-five was believed to have passed his physical prime. That absurd concept, dangerous sociologically and economically, is as outmoded today as cloth-topped button shoes and no group has done more to

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# 100 More FRONTIERS

## A SHORT SHORT STORY

Bill Perkins fought in his way for the thing we're all fighting for — Freedom for Mankind.

by John Brushingham

HE LEANED against the broken fence, sheltering the small glow of his soggy cigarette from the rain. The occasional creak of the rusty gate was hardly distinguishable from the slow breaking-up of the ice moulds all around him. Far below, the rumble of the river, fighting its way through the gorge, was a deep accompaniment to the sighing of the spruce trees. He had a sense of standing at the top of the world, although he knew that behind him, blanketed by the mist and the darkness, the mountain surged still farther upward to a snow-capped peak. His eyes were wide and fixed with exhaustion as he stared at the blank, impenetrable mist behind which lay Austria, or Greater Germany, or what-have-you. Idly he speculated that the intangible border of Yugoslavia must pass within a few hundred yards of where he stood. They did things that way over here—one valley Austria, the next Yugoslavia, the next something else. There wasn't any real difference between them. It all depended on which way you thought. Now, he, Bill Perkins, had one view . . . the next man was pretty sure to have another. He was lucky to be waiting for three people who felt generally as he did.

The rain was cold on his neck, but he was too tired to do anything about it. He had done too much. What did it all matter? You blow up a bridge, here, railroad tracks there . . . such a little effort—and all too apt to fail. There were too many failures. He thought tiredly that something should be done about it.

Relief from the oppressive solitude made it easier for him to straighten. Three men were coming up the old cattle path which wound around the mountainside into the valley which was Austria.

"Grüss Gott."

There was a murmured acknowledgment of his greeting and he waited for the three to precede him through the hanging gate and into the dilapidated barn which would house cattle and herdsmen in the Spring, if it still stood here when the Spring came. He stooped to pass through the low doorway and as he did so a light sprang up.

Bill Perkins squatted on his heels and waited. He knew them all well. He had worked with them for seven months now.

Toni Ruger, innkeeper in the valley, a round, heavy barrel of a man, his face strong and powerful under its fat, like some 15th century Boniface . . . like his father, and his

father's father, and his father's father, and so on and on.

He let his eyes move to the next man because the effort of turning his head seemed unnecessary. Carl Jungwirt. Now, there was another kettle of fish. Even above the timber line Jungwirt had that indefinable air of a man bred to cities, motor cars, and night clubs—second-rate night clubs. The too small, too well-tended mustache filled Perkins with an unreasonable annoyance. And yet the man had sense. He had helped—oh, yes, he had helped. His position as a commercial traveler with a confectionary house enabled him to go places the rest of them must shun. Who could suspect a candy salesman?

"Sugar and spice and everything nice . . ." he couldn't remember the rest of it.

He let his eyes linger on the third man with fascination. Christian Hoffer—good old Christian, the damndest, best-natured cutthroat still unhung. Christian—what a name to go with that broad, heavy-browed face with its little, animal eyes which could blaze with anger as easily as they could twinkle with laughter—laughter at some poor devil getting his guts blown out. But only if the poor devil was on the other side—oh, no, Christian wouldn't laugh at his friends.

He shrugged, and quoted aloud in English, "Well, *the tools to him who can handle them. . .*" When they all looked up he lifted his hand in a slight gesture of negation.

He tried to think what else could bring these men together except hate, and decided there wasn't anything. He tried to think how it would feel to be hated by these men, by thousands of men like these, by thousands of men multiplied by more thousands. He tried to think how it would feel to be hated by himself, Bill Perkins, 'Vermont' Bill Perkins, who was fighting for—Freedom for himself, for these men, for everybody.

He wondered if the Man in Berlin would feel all these millions of little hates if they were rolled up into one big hate. . . .

"I think we blow the dam next." It was Jungwirt who spoke. There was silence, and then fat Toni Ruger said, "And what of the people in the valley? We blow the dam and there is one more power station gone—but there are two hundred peasants in the valley. Do they go too?"

Jungwirt spoke impatiently. "In two hours the word will be passed around to take to the hills at a certain time."

Ruger shook his head ponder-

ously. "You kill them either way," he said. "The authorities find there is no one in the villages when the dam goes, then they hunt out all they can find and shoot them anyway. Too many are lost—like my brother."

"Your brother, always your brother," Jungwirt snarled. "How many times have you told us of your brother . . . from the university, a man of great knowledge, an engineer. Bah! With all his learning he could not blow up one small bridge."

Again Toni shook his head. "Something went wrong there. They should not have been surprised by the troops. Too many things have gone wrong. Some day I know who is to blame, and I shall know what to do."

He eyed all three of them, until Perkins said, "What do you think, Christian?"

Hoffer laughed. "What do I think? Am I keeper of beds like fat Toni? Do I ride in motors like that—Jungwirt? No, I am an outlaw who sleeps in the same place but once, lest someone think too long of the price on my head. I don't think. A dam, a bridge, it is of no importance. I blow them all. One has but to tell me where and when."

Ruger spoke as if he had not heard them. "That place where my brother died is the place to blow, that trestle. If that is gone troops must go a hundred miles to pass the mountains. I am in favor of that place."

With a short stick he drew lines in the ooze of the barn floor.

"The valley curves thus," he went on, ignoring the agitated disapproval of Jungwirt. "Here at this point is the trestle. Dynamite should be placed under the uprights."

Wearily Perkins said, "I know."

Abruptly Jungwirt said, "Show me, on this, show me." From the pocket of his jacket he took a dog-eared map and spread it on the ground. All of them leaned forward to look. After a moment Toni Ruger's thick finger traced the outline of the river.

"It is here that the bridge stands. No more than three kilometers from this spot. That is where my brother died—there is where they will pay for one small part of his life." Steadily, evenly, and without apparent effort, he pressed down until the blunt end of the stick pierced the stiff paper and sank into the mud.

"We could blow it tonight," he said. "It is good in the rain. There are no troops."

Jungwirt straightened impatiently. "Are you a fool? Affairs of this kind need much planning. There must be time in which to arrange many details. I, myself, will attend to it."

Christian Hoffer shrugged. "What does it matter? Now, tomorrow, a week from today. It is all the same."

"Now," Ruger said.

Jungwirt appealed to Perkins. "This fat fool has lost his wits. He cares nothing for his life—or ours."

For just a moment, as he stared at the ground, Perkins' head felt fresh and clear and clean as a new field. He thought, "Shall I tell them, or shall I wait and handle this thing my own way?" And then the freshness and the brightness was gone as weariness closed down again on his mind.

"What the hell!" he thought. "Let them do it. Let George do it, let anybody do it—but not me."

He said to Jungwirt, "Where did you get that map?"

Jungwirt's eyes jerked to the map. "Why, I—what do you mean? There is something wrong?"

Perkins said tiredly, "Look at it, all of you. Maps are hard to get in this country. The military has them all—even the old ones. This one is too new. It has marked on it even the recently occupied territories—and a Munich dateline."

Jungwirt laughed and winked. "We all have our ways of getting these things. What does it matter, so long as the map is good?"

There was silence. Perkins could

hear, far in the back of his head, the rushing of the river below in the pass, and, close at hand, the more sibilant rushing of a man's breath. The silence grew interminable. He kept his eyes on the ground, and as Jungwirt's breathing grew louder and more uneven, he seemed to feel it in his own chest. He realized with a faint wonderment that he was sweating. The sweat rolled down his sides into the waistband of his trousers. He heard Jungwirt whisper, "Why do you look at me. . . I have done nothing. . . do you hear? Nothing! The map I got. . ."

Christian Hoffer said reasonably, "Who else then? Not Toni's brother—not Toni—not Perkins? Did I then walk in my sleep into the soldiers' barracks?"

Fat Toni Ruger shot Jungwirt through the body.

*“. . . and the rain comes down, all around, all around, and the rain comes down, all around. . ."* Strangely, he didn't feel anything except how tired he was. . . how terribly, terribly tired.

Christian Hoffer said, "That was not wise. The sound of a shot carries far in the mountains. There is always a time and place for these things." He shrugged then. "However, it was best to make sure."

"Nice Christian," thought Perkins.

"What a sentimental fellow—always ready to shed a tear for a pal. . ."

The three men sat still for a moment. "There," said the innkeeper, "there, as I have indicated on the map, on that spot where my brother died, he is avenged."

Christian Hoffer rose. "Come," he said. "There is no more to be done tonight. The bridge will keep."

As he walked down the hill he still felt nothing. It was true what Christian Hoffer said. It was best to make sure. The bridge would keep, and after that one there were other bridges in other mountains in other countries on other continents. There were thousands and millions of bridges and he knew he'd keep on blowing them up as long as the fight for freedom lasted. . . forever and forever, amen.

A sound that wasn't the rush of the river brought him to a stop. It grew louder; the unmistakable sound of a great many planes. He stood still while they roared overhead, not so very far away.

The time was 5 A. M., on April 6th, 1941. There was no longer any border between Yugoslavia and the Third Reich.

He turned and started down the mountain. He wasn't sweating any more, and the rain was cold and damp on his back.



"That is where my brother died. There is where they will pay for one small part of his life."

## How the Partnership Began

**T**O WALTER the bartender's experienced eye, the man who entered the door of the only life-saving station in our town had been places earlier in the evening. He wasn't exactly what you'd call—well he wasn't quite that, but Brother, he was on his way. Now, this would not have been considered original, unique nor an infraction of house rules. The stranger would scarcely have been noticed were it not that he was piloting a dog that looked like something he (the owner) might expect to see the morning after. It was big, biscuit-colored, shaggy and had long hound ears attached to an alligator-like skull that housed the saddest pair of eyes you ever saw. It was quite obvious that our slightly moistened

visitor was proud of his pooch and the impression it made. He would have been the more affected had he known that old Buck who practically lives in the place hurriedly switched his order from whiskey straight to a plain coca cola when he first saw the dog.

Now you can't expect to inflict novelties upon a community as small as ours without having questions asked and the man with the dog wasn't with us more than two minutes when he started explaining. It was not a mutt, he said with some indignation. Instead, it was one of the rarest of all blue-blooded pooches and one of the oldest breeds on earth. He was right. The dog was an Afghan hound, a breed known to and highly thought of by the ancient Egyptians, a full cousin to another old and equally rare breed, the

Saluki which it roughly resembles.

From there on, the conversation became general. With a renewal of self-confidence Buck went back to his original tippie and began speculating as to just when dogs and men joined up with each other. We might have contributed a vocal bit by relating the results of certain research we were obliged to make dealing with this very subject. But the hour was late. We had an article to write—and so, for those of you who may be interested, we'll pass along the information to you.

To begin with, nobody knows just when Fido first decided that two could live better than one and moved in on man. We do know this, however—that he is the only animal that voluntarily left all other animals to live with men. We find further that he's first cousin to the wolf, the jackal and the fox and such-like beasties. But his first association with men is one of the riddles of anthropology and it goes back a long, long time into geological ages past. The men who make it their business to back-track into the antecedents of the human race record the finding of skeletons of certain dog-like creatures along with the fossilized bones of men in caves and other burying places throughout Europe and Asia.

Now whether the dog was first attracted by the cave-dweller's fire or discovered that the presence of men meant food in the way of scraps tossed out by Mrs. Cave-Dweller is another mystery. Very likely it was a combination of both. Likely, too, at first the dog was feared as another wild animal and it probably took a long time before he won his place in the primitive family.

While we're in a speculative mood, we can assume that the discovery by both dog and man that they could hunt better together than separately, drew them close to each other. True, the man with his crude weapons of wood and stone could bring down bigger game than could the dog and do it at a safer distance, but Fido's infinitely keener nose enabled him to detect, track and locate game sooner than his master. Then too, he could penetrate into places impossible for the man to enter and in this way could rout out and hold the game at bay until the hunter arrived to make the kill.

As the human race progressed and came out of its caves to become herders, the dog followed to become assistant herdsmen and guardians of the herds and flocks. After centuries of such nomadic life—how many is a matter of rough guess-work—men began to settle down and many of them turned to agriculture. Again the dog went along with its master and in addition to guarding the home flocks took over the job of farmyard and household watchman. It's along about here that the basis of character that comes down to this day in certain breeds began to be formed. By this we mean the dis-

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# Your DOG

By Edward Faust



Press Pictures—Cy. La Tour



**Ole Grandad Trullinger tells about some mighty lucky breaks he's had, man and boy, in the woods and on the water.**

EVERY follower of rod and gun sports has had his share of thrills—big moments when Lady Luck showered down unexpectedly when all appeared lost, or cruelly snatched away the brass ring when that pretty bauble seemed within easy grasp.

We've all known victory and defeat on some windswept marsh, swirling river or quiet hardwood ridge; the sportsman tucks away such little incidents in his scrapbook of memories and time mellows them like wine as the years pass. Eventually, the defeats become less bitter and the victories perhaps less sweet.

With the above in mind, suppose, then, we backtrack some old, familiar trails. The scene of this little adventure is Harry's River, in Newfoundland, and the time is late June. . . .

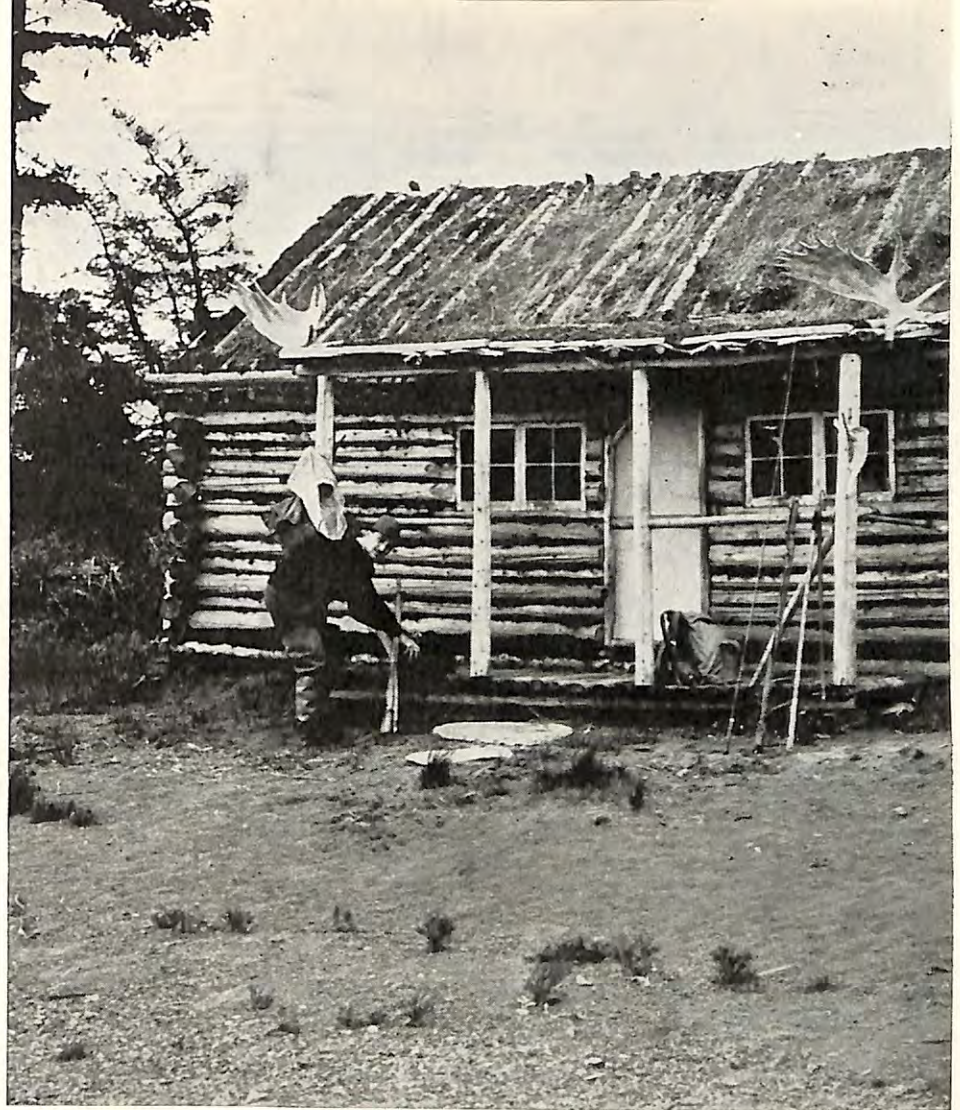
There was little doubt that salmon was a whopping big fish. It's easy to tell when you're fast to a large fish, even though you don't see it. A grilse or a medium-sized salmon invariably will go into a series of wild, aerial acrobatics at the prick of steel—larger fish to a lesser extent. A really big one sometimes won't jump at all. This particular gentleman was so big he perhaps considered jumping beneath his dignity. He just engulfed that little double-bitted Silver Gray, made a short, surging run when the hook nipped him, and then lost interest. He probably didn't even know he was hooked.

"That," observed my swarthy guide, "is wan helluva beeg feesh!" He wasn't telling me anything I didn't know.

Now, you don't get careless when you're playing a 30-pound salmon with a five-ounce trout rod and a 1-X tapered leader, and for the next 40 minutes your correspondent was all caution. All the pressure the frail gear would stand was applied, but the salmon didn't yield an inch. When the pressure became bothersome that big wallop just shook his head in annoyance like a terrier worrying a dead rat, and hung in the lee of a big rock with a strong current surging past on both sides.

"We gotta get that fish out of there," I remarked to the guide, "or we'll be here all night. Throw some rocks out there and see if you can drive him away from that spot, or at least stir him up."

The second splash did the trick. The salmon shot out into the current and raced across that pool with a surge of power that made me catch my breath. The fish stopped at the head of the pool, directly beneath a tumbling, four-foot fall of water, and right there disaster loomed. The leader fouled over some submerged obstruction and five minutes later it frayed and parted.



# Rod AND Gun

By Ray Trullinger



Two days later a visiting British officer killed a 32-pound salmon three miles above the scene of my defeat, and in the fish's jaw was imbedded a small, double-bitted Silver Gray. Two years later the British officer was killed at Dunkerque.

WE'D hunted that black duck rendezvous for a week up on Lake St. Jean, but couldn't find it. The guide wasn't any help; his specialty was moose and bear—not ducks. Besides, he wasn't familiar with that section of the country.

Nor could we get any worthwhile information from native farmers. Ducks? Ah, but yes. Plenty of ducks!

Where were they living? Ah, Monsieur, they lived everywhere. French-Canadian farmers, it might be remarked in passing, aren't much interested in ducks. At least not around Lake St. Jean. But we continued our search.

On the last day of my two-week hunting vacation we were standing beside the lake, still hoping for a break. It came along in the person of a muskrat trapper, paddling a diminutive canoe.

"Maybe that guy knows where those ducks are living," I remarked to Wilf, my French-Canadian guide. "See what you can get out of him

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Drawings by John J. Floherty, Jr.

# Editorial

## Our New Grand Exalted Ruler

THE Grand Lodge wisely listened to the voice of the great Southland and elected as Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland of Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78. He is a southern gentleman, a man of great ability and a typical Elk. No one who knows him can, for a moment, doubt that the affairs of the Order will be safe under his leadership.

He was born in Georgia where he received his primary and scholastic education. He graduated from the University of Georgia Law School and entered the practice of his profession in Atlanta where he has been eminently successful. For ten years, without opposition, he served as solicitor of the criminal court and recently he was elected Judge of that court for a six-year term. He was one of the founders of the Lawyers' Club of Atlanta and is a recognized leader among members of the bar. He is in the full vigor of life, being just past fifty years of age and has devoted his time and attention to many activities other than those of his profession and is recognized as one of the outstanding public-spirited citizens of Atlanta.

As an Elk, he is a recognized leader. He served Atlanta Lodge as Exalted Ruler four years. Fifteen years ago he reorganized the Georgia State Elks Association and served two years as its President, during which time he established it on a sound basis. He has served two terms as District Deputy and has maintained his interest in the affairs of his lodge. When the Grand Lodge decided to hold its Convention in Atlanta in 1923, Mr. McClelland was elected Chairman of the Convention Committee and his work in making that Convention an unqualified success was appreciated by the en-

tire Order. He served as a member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee and two years later in 1930 was elevated to the responsible position as a member of the Grand Forum, of which tribunal he was a member for three years. After having served as Chief Justice, he was elected a member of the Board of Grand Trustees for an unexpired term of three years.

By disposition, training and experience he comes to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler in every way qualified to discharge its duties. Like his predecessor, he has taken a great interest in the charitable activities of the Order. He was a leader in establishing the Crippled Children League of Georgia, composed exclusively of Elks, in which he has taken an active interest. He gave his time and effort to the establishment of a Convalescent Home for Crippled Children. In 1932, he was a leader in establishing the Elks Community Kitchen, which served nearly one hundred thousand free meals to the poor and needy. He has been a leader in all of these charitable activities and is recognized as a community welfare worker.

With a wider field now opened to him, we bespeak confidently his success as the Chief Executive of the greatest typically fraternal organization in America.

## Aid To Those Seeking Citizenship

FOR a number of years various Elks lodges have taken an active interest in the naturalization of foreigners who have come to this country with the intention of making it their home. They have shown this interest by attending court proceedings where citizenship papers are granted and by decorating the court room with flags and flowers. Thus, to show an interest in those about to become American citizens is most commendable and serves to demonstrate to them that they are welcome to the land of their adoption.

Toledo, Ohio, Lodge, No. 53 has gone a step farther and has set an example worthy of emulation by every lodge of our Order. It has arranged a school of instruction where the



principles of our form of government are taught and where special instructions are given with reference to the questions which each applicant must be able to answer. Those completing the course are given diplomas at a public graduation exercise. Recently such exercises were held in the club rooms of Toledo Lodge and diplomas given to a class of twenty-eight graduates. This school is conducted without expense to the students and includes instruction in speaking and writing the English language as well as in teaching the principles underlying our form of government. This is in keeping with the program outlined by the Elks National Defense Commission and makes for a sound, substantial and patriotic citizenship. The Toledo papers are giving support to this activity of the lodge in both news and editorial columns and the movement bears the endorsement of patriotic citizens.

We compliment the members of Toledo Lodge on what they are accomplishing and recommend to all lodges that they adopt and follow this plan.

### Charles Evans Hughes

**I**N THE retirement of Charles Evans Hughes, the Supreme Court lost one of its great Chief Justices and the country one of its most outstanding public servants. He brought to the bench a wealth of legal knowledge, sound judgment and an unimpeachable character. As outstanding as were his services in the judiciary, they were scarcely less marked than the many services rendered by him in other fields of endeavor.

In the practice of law, he was recognized as standing at the very head of the profession. As Governor of New York, he made an enviable record. As Secretary of State, following the first World War period, he steered the country on a safe course through troubled waters. He retired as a Justice of the Supreme Court to accept the nomination of one of the great political parties for the Presidency for which he truly was drafted. He conducted a forceful and dignified campaign in which he was defeated. We cannot refrain from commenting

that if he had been elected, he would have made a great President. His character, ability and knowledge of the law marked him for return to the Supreme Court, this time as Chief Justice in which capacity he served with distinction until he entered on his well-earned retirement as a public servant.

History will record Charles Evans Hughes as one of the truly great in this period of American History. Regardless of party, the citizens of this Republic will join in wishing for him many years of continued usefulness and contented happiness in his retirement.

### Watch for Toe Paths

**M**ANY graduates have recently come out of our institutions of learning and have received advice from teachers, public speakers and writers. It is true that they are entering upon the task of making for themselves a place in the world of today in circumstances which are less favorable than those which have obtained in recent years but this does not justify foreboding prophecy as to their future. Rather, it is an incentive to greater effort. They are better educated than those who have preceded them in facing the problems of life. Now, as formerly, success depends on the efforts of the individual. Now, as formerly, opportunities await the young man and the young woman. They will be met and embraced successfully and careers of usefulness as American citizens are sure to result in all walks of life.

Because world conditions are unsettled is no reason for discouragement. Wonderful opportunities are the outgrowth of these very conditions. They must be met with fortitude and courage and when so met, this generation will build for a better America and a broader way of life opening still wider the door of opportunity for useful endeavor in the years to come.

So, we say to this year's graduates everywhere, be of good cheer, face the world unafraid, keep your chin up and your eyes wide open for toe paths which lead to highways of useful and successful lives.



The Alameda, Calif., Lodge "Joy" Ritualistic Team, which has contributed considerable enjoyment to lodges throughout California.

# Under the ANTLERS

## News of Subordinate Lodges Throughout the Order

### Ground-Breaking Ceremonies Are Held by Elkins, W. Va., Lodge

In celebration of the initial steps in the construction of an addition to its present home, Elkins, W. Va., Lodge, No. 1135, held ground-breaking ceremonies on the evening of June 4. S. B. Haffner, the first Exalted Ruler of the lodge, removed the first shovelful of earth. The ceremonies were attended by 100 members and were followed by a social session.

The addition will be modern in every respect and will house a large lodge room and a beautiful grill. Construction is expected to be completed in the early Fall.

### Notice Regarding Applications For Residence At Elks National Home

The Board of Grand Trustees reports that there are several rooms at the Elks National Home awaiting applications from members qualified for admission. Applications will be considered in the order in which received.

For full information, write Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Va.



Above, left, is Captain Leslie V. Spinks of the Camp Edwards baseball team, receiving from E. R. John H. Howard of Boston, Mass., Lodge, a trophy for this championship team.



Left are officers of Covington, Ky., Lodge with State Pres. Paul J. Smith at the burning of the Lodge's \$20,000 mortgage.

Right are officers and committeemen of Corvallis, Ore., Lodge officiating at the Lodge home's mortgage burning.

Below, right, is the championship bowling team of East Chicago, Ind., Lodge.

**Class Initiation at Youngstown, O., Lodge Honors District Deputy**

Youngstown, O., Lodge, No. 55, initiated a class of candidates recently named for and honoring Charles F. Eberhart, Jr., District Deputy for Ohio, Northeast, and a life member and Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge. A banquet was held followed by a reception and entertainment.

Representatives of sister lodges, including Warren No. 295 and Alliance No. 467, attended. During his sixteen years of membership, Mr. Eberhart has served his lodge well in many capacities. His administration of the business of the Order in the district has been most effective.

**Elks of Quincy, Mass., Enjoy a Smoker Given by Their Officers**

The first smoker held under the auspices of the new officers of Quincy, Mass., Lodge, No. 943, was featured by a highclass entertainment program. No effort to make the affair either formal or elaborate was put forth by Chairman Samuel Craig and his committee; the idea was to get the members and their friends together in the lodge rooms for an evening of good fellowship.

E.R. Fred N. Krim gave a pleasant little talk but no set speeches were made. Chicken salad rolls and coffee were served after the show.

**Foreign Born Members of Troy, N. Y., Lodge Exemplify Ritual**

Troy, N. Y., Lodge, No. 141, devoted part of a regular meeting in May to the holding of a patriotic program. Fourteen members of the lodge, each of whom was born in a foreign country, were selected previously to be trained in the ritualistic work. After the lodge session had been opened, they were called before the altar, addressed briefly by the Exalted Ruler and escorted to the various stations. In the exemplification of the Ritual, each officer responded in the language of his native



country. Supreme Court Justice Pierce H. Russell, a member of No. 141, was a speaker. The program as planned impressed upon the foreign born the fact that they can attain high office in the Order and also that, as Elks, they emphasize their own Americanism, proving that men of all nations, by following the precepts of the Order, are capable of living at peace with one another. Ten countries were represented.

The lodge has voted to suspend the dues of members in military service, arranged to send shipments of reading matter to military camps, turned over one entire floor to the U. S. O. as local headquarters for a full month, and es-

tablished a Speakers' Bureau which has furnished approximately twenty-five speakers for community affairs since April 10.

Troy Lodge was awarded first prize for "best appearance" in the N. Y. State Elks Association convention parade at Albany in June. This was the 28th consecutive State Association parade in which No. 141 has won at least one prize.

**Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge Stages an Elaborate Reception for Mr. Buch**

On the occasion of the official visit of Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch to Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge, No. 46, a large class of candidates was initiated in the lodge room by the State championship ritualistic team of Appleton, Wis., Lodge, No. 337, led by P.E.R. J. Martin Van Rooy. Forty-three candidates joined Milwaukee Lodge, two were from Wau-

Below are those 540 members and their ladies who attended a dinner-dance and show celebrating the 51st anniversary of Oakland, Calif., Lodge.





Above are officers and trustees with a class of candidates which was initiated into Ventura, Calif., Lodge in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch.



Left is Past State Pres. Philip U. Gayaut and other distinguished southern Elks, greeting Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rush L. Holland at the annual P. E. R.'s Association dinner at Washington, D. C., Lodge.

kesha and one was from Green Bay. The Milwaukee Elks Chorus, directed by Otto Singenberger, rendered several beautiful selections during the ceremony, and the Elks Plugs, 50 in number, participated in the initiation.

E.R. Dr. Harry F. Peck, the Elks Plugs and a large delegation met the Grand Exalted Ruler and Colonel William H. Kelly, of East Orange, N. J., Lodge, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge,

upon their arrival in the city. The Grand Exalted Ruler's banquet was held in the Marine Dining Room at 6:30 p.m. All of the candidates and their sponsors were guests of the lodge at the banquet and scores of public officials and Elk dignitaries, including the officers of the State Elks Association, were present. After the banquet, adjournment was made to the lodge hall and Mr. Buch, the three Wisconsin District Deputies, Frank W. Fisher, Janesville, John F.

Kettenhofen, Green Bay, and William A. Uthmeier, Marshfield, and the President of the Wisconsin State Elks Association, Bert A. Thompson, Kenosha, a member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, were introduced.

The Grand Exalted Ruler spoke at some length after the initiatory ceremonies and expressed his deep appreciation of the wonderful welcome accorded him. Nearly 1,000 Milwaukee members and visiting Elks from all parts of Wisconsin gathered in the home of No. 46 to honor him. Thirty-seven Exalted Rulers and delegations took part in the celebration. On behalf of the Milwaukee membership, the Exalted Ruler, Dr. Peck, presented Mr. Buch with an electric chime clock. Several other speeches were made and John E. Kalupa spoke for the Class. After the lodge meeting, a big stag party was held in the Elks' auditorium, with a floor show, music and supper.

#### Glendale, Calif., Lodge Celebrates "Press Night" with Marked Success

Glendale, Calif., Lodge, No. 1289, held its annual "Press Night" on May 18, honoring members of the fourth estate from Glendale, Los Angeles and adjacent communities. Newspaper men and their associates, from office boys to publishers, enjoyed a fine speaking program, entertainment presented after the meeting and special refreshments served in the buffet.

The event took place on a regular meeting night. E.R. Arthur D. Timmons welcomed the guests and then turned the meeting over to Roy N. Clayton, Publicity Director of Glendale Lodge for the past eight years. Individuals from the various newspapers represented were introduced by Mr. Clayton who also made a brief talk ap-

Above, left, is a float, which won second place in the first division, which was entered by Orange, Calif., Lodge in the annual Orange Harvest Fiesta Parade.

Left are the officers of Elkins, W. Va., Lodge at the ground-breaking ceremonies for the addition to be built on their home.





Above are those who attended the annual dinner-dance and entertainment held by Washington, D. C., Lodge at the Mayflower Hotel.

Right are members of Lewistown, Pa., Lodge who made a "Good Will Tour" to the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va.



appropriate to the occasion. Professor M. M. Goodnow, a newspaper man of thirty years' practical experience, and at present a professor of journalism at the University of Southern California, was the principal speaker. John E. Michelmore was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. More than 300 members and guests were present in the lodge home. "Press Night" this year was one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever held by Glendale Lodge.

**Oakland, Calif., Elks Celebrate Their Lodge's 51st Anniversary**

More than 500 members of Oakland, Calif., Lodge, No. 171, and many ladies attended the celebration of the lodge's 51st anniversary on June 5. The festivities were held in the spacious Claremont Hotel overlooking San Francisco Bay. The main features of the program were a formal dinner, presentation of the "Elks Follies of 1941" and dancing.

P.E.R. Joseph Cianciarulo was Chairman of the Anniversary Committee. The Follies cast was made up of 35 members of the lodge, all of whom were coached professionally. The performances were smooth and the show was bright and tuneful, receiving well merited applause.

**Bellefontaine, Ohio, Elks Work For Betterment of Community**

Social service work carried on by Bellefontaine, O., Lodge, No. 132, is extensive. The lodge sponsors a nursery school where children not yet of school

age are taken in charge by nurses under government supervision. The children are placed in the school by mothers or fathers employed on WPA projects who are unable to pay for their care during working hours. More than 30 children were cared for this past year. The lodge provided medicine, linens, Christmas trees and other articles, and also arranged for seven tonsil operations at a cost of \$91.

Individual cases receive the special attention of the committee. One of many concerns a young girl, an inmate in the Children's Home, with ambition to make a place for herself in life in keeping with her unquestioned "background". As she is approaching the age which will make it necessary for her to leave the home, it has been decided to send her to a professional school in Cincinnati. Neither the State nor the County may pay for her maintenance, so the lodge is assuming her sponsorship. The Elks also furnished

a room completely when it came to their attention that the Children's Home was not equipped with hospital facilities, took the lead with a donation of \$100 in financing the purchase of a respirator for the local fire department, and aided a family suffering a double loss, the death of a child and the destruction of their home. All of the many cases brought before the membership are thoroughly investigated and expenditures approved "where they will do the most good". Bellefontaine Lodge holds membership in the Elks National Foundation and in numerous local organizations which exist for the betterment of the community.

**Elks of Lewistown, Pa., Enjoy a Visit to the Elks National Home**

"A Good Will Tour" was made to the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va., not long ago by a group of members of Lewistown, Pa., Lodge, No. 663. En route, the party stopped at Winchester, Va., where they were entertained by members of the local lodge, Winchester No. 867.

Included in the party were E.R. E. J. Miterko, Secy. Perry L. Powell, Est. Loyal Knight John W. Wilson, Trustee

Below are those who attended a banquet of the Missouri Northwest District held in Kansas City, Mo., Lodge. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell was the principal speaker.



Right are some of the distinguished guests who were present at a meeting held by Winston-Salem, N. C., Lodge. George Munford, Chairman of the State Elks National Defense Committee, and State Pres. Clyde E. Glenn were the principal speakers.



Rufus B. Owens, Steward Charles G. Crotty and Paul O. Klingler. During their stay at the Home, the visiting Elks presented M-G-M's "The Land of Liberty" in the Harper Memorial Theatre through the courtesy of Mr. Klingler and the Rialto Theatre at Lewistown of which he is manager. Mr. Wilson sang "Ballad for Americans" before the showing of the picture. During their stay at the Home, the Elks from Lewistown were hospitably entertained by Superintendent Robert A. Scott. As a final gesture of good will, the visitors gave to each resident of the Home a beautiful gift bearing the emblem of the Order.

### Ground Is Broken by Bloomsburg, Pa., Lodge for \$40,000 Addition

Work on the \$40,000 addition to the home of Bloomsburg, Pa., Lodge, No. 436, got underway immediately after ground-breaking ceremonies were held by the lodge in the early summer. Harry K. Gilmore, President for the past seven years of the Elks Home Association, turned the first shovelful of earth. At the end of the exercises, the contractor started work.

The Bloomsburg High School Band paraded to the building site and opened the program with two selections. Mr. Gilmore reviewed the progress made by the lodge in recent years and outlined the advantages that will be afforded by the completion of the addition.

### Albion, N. Y., Lodge Awards a Scholarship—Wins State Title

At a regular May meeting, Albion, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1006, voted the award of a \$200 scholarship with plans under way for the adoption of rules by which similar aid is expected to be given annually to the most deserving son or daughter of a member. Miss Joan

Right are the Exalted Ruler and Secretary of Milford, Conn., Lodge when they presented a wheel-chair to the officials of the Milford Hospital.

Swartz, an honor student at Denison University, Ohio, completing her junior year, was this year's recipient. She is a daughter of the late Maurice Swartz and a granddaughter of Marcus Swartz, a present member of No. 1006.

The ritualistic team of Albion Lodge, headed by last year's Exalted Ruler, Daniel M. Welton, won the ritualistic contest at the convention of the N. Y. State Elks Association at Albany in June. This is the second time in four years that the State title has been won by an Albion team.

### Initiation at Bellaire, Ohio, Lodge Honors Grand Trustee Wade Kepner

P.E.R. Wade H. Kepner of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28, Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees, was honored by Bellaire, O., Lodge, No. 419, on Sunday, May 25. The "Wade H. Kepner Grand Lodge Class", the members of

which were sponsored by Cambridge, Steubenville, Uhrichsville, Newcomers-town and Martins Ferry, O., and Sistersville, W. Va., Lodges, was initiated by the Bellaire Ritualistic Team, championship team of the State of Ohio. Two hundred and fifty Elks, representing 17 lodges, attended the meeting after which they were guests of Bellaire Lodge at a dinner. Among those present were Charles J. Schmidt, Tiffin, 1st Vice-Pres. of the O. State Elks Assn., D.D. Charles B. Clements, Cambridge, O., P.D.D. Charles B. Weaver, Coshoc-ton, O., and Roy C. Heinlein, Sistersville, and Adam Martin, Wheeling, Vice-Pres. and Past Pres., respectively, of the W. Va. State Elks Assn.

Acting for the Bellaire membership, E.R. Edmund A. Sargus presented Mr. Kepner with a set of goblets. P.E.R. John F. Sherry, Past Pres. of the O. State Elks Assn., was in charge of arrangements.



Below: Harry K. Gilmore, President of the Home Association of Bloomsburg, Pa., Lodge, turns the first shovelful of earth for the new addition to the Lodge home.







Left are those who attended a banquet given by Greybull, Wyo., Lodge in honor of out-of-town Elks.

**Special Deputy A. W. Jeffreys Speaks at Raton, N. M., Lodge**

Before one of the largest gatherings of Elks and their wives assembled in years at the home of Raton, N. M., Lodge, No. 865, Special District Deputy Albert W. Jeffreys, of Herrin, Ill., Lodge, delivered a patriotic address in which he endorsed the idea of deportation of undesirables. Pointing out that in the 73 years of its existence the Order has helped to make two million Elks "better Americans", Mr. Jeffreys stated that if the Elks were given power of deportation, they would soon rid the nation of undesirables. He also conveyed the best personal wishes of the Grand Exalted Ruler and thanked the lodge for its splendid turnout.

More than 100 members and ladies and several out-of-town Elks were served a delicious spaghetti supper. E.R. Glenn W. Barringer was Toastmaster. Joe DeLazzer's band played during the dinner and furnished dance music later in the evening. Several entertainment acts were presented.

**Building Bonds Are Burned in Ceremony at Corvallis, Ore., Lodge**

Corvallis, Ore., Lodge, No. 1413, held a bond-burning ceremony on May 15. Figuring prominently were Dr. W. T. Johnson, the lodge's first Exalted Ruler, Dr. R. L. Bosworth and Julian McFadden, members of the first Board of Trustees, and P.E.R. A. K. McMahan, of Albany, Ore., Lodge, No. 359, who acted as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight at the institution of Corvallis Lodge which was organized mainly by members of the Order who had belonged to Albany Lodge.

Dr. Bosworth was Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Johnson and Mr. McFadden gave interesting talks on the early development of No. 1413. Mr. McMahan

made a patriotic speech and also paid high tribute to the Corvallis membership. During the celebration, due credit was given the members, committees and officers who over a period of twenty years had made possible the retirement of all building association bonds. Most of the bonds were canceled during the past three years and the lodge home is now mortgage-free.

**Cut Bank, Montana's Youngest Lodge, Dedicates New Home**

Cut Bank, Mont., Lodge, No. 1632, dedicated its new home, built at a cost of \$55,000, on May 31. A two-day program of festivities brought visitors into the town from all parts of Montana and several neighboring States. Elaborate ceremonies marked the formal opening of the attractive edifice which is perfectly appointed throughout and furnished in excellent taste.

The dedication exercises were held in the lodge room with Jess L. Angstman of Havre, Pres. of the Mont. State Elks Assn., presiding. He was assisted by the State championship ritualistic team of Virginia City Lodge No. 390. First State Vice-Pres. Frank Venable, of Butte, was the principal speaker. K. D. Pardee served as General Chairman. Sightseeing tours on both days were provided for the visitors who were also given the courtesy of the Cut Bank Golf Club and the local trapshoot range. E.R. Richard A. Kullberg, his officers and committees were congratulated on all sides for the success of their program which also included a "Pageant of Progress", in which bands, floats, drum and bugle corps and marchers from various organizations participated, and a Saturday night dance.

Below are those who attended the 50th anniversary banquet of Topeka, Kans., Lodge.

**Ironton, O., Lodge Celebrates Its Golden Anniversary**

Ironton, O., Lodge, No. 177, celebrated its 50th anniversary in May with a week's program of public activities which attracted Elks and other visitors from three States. Grand Trustee Wade H. Kepner, of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, was the official representative of the Grand Exalted Ruler at the big meeting on Thursday evening, May 29, when the "Dean T. Bush Class" of 152 candidates was initiated. E.R. F. J. Moreland represented Ironton Lodge and E. B. LeSueur of Toledo, Pres. of the O. State Elks Assn., D.D. John W. Cloran, of Ironton, and Colonel C. W. Wallace, Secy. of Columbus, O., Lodge, a former member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, were among the distinguished Elks present.

The new members took a prominent part in all of the proceedings, participating in the several large and colorful parades held during the week. Marching with them were more than 400 Elks, uniformed in white and wearing purple overseas caps. The Degree Team from Charleston, W. Va., Lodge, No. 202, national championship winner at the Houston Convention in 1940, initiated the Class, and the famous Patrol of Columbus Lodge No. 37 assisted in the ceremonies. The meeting was held in the high school gymnasium. The balcony was filled, fully 700 seats being occupied by visiting Elks. Attendance increased rather than diminished as the week went on and on Saturday night more than 1,000 members of the Order, with their ladies, attended a dance and open house, the concluding event of the Golden Jubilee celebration. Generous hospitality was dispensed by the host lodge at all times.

The "Gay Ninety" period, in which the lodge was chartered, characterized the program. In the opening event on Tuesday evening, a two-mile street parade, the only living charter member, Dean T. Bush for whom the class of candidates was named, rode with his wife in the same carriage used by the late President William McKinley when he visited Ironton before his election. Almost every type of vehicle of the decade appeared in the parade, and all of them were horse drawn. Bands, drum corps, civic clubs and patriotic organizations, Elk units and floats were included in the several divisions. Cash prizes aggregating \$1,000 were awarded and prizes were also given at the "Gay





Above are the members of Raton, N. Mex., Lodge with a class of 17 candidates which was initiated at that time.



Left are distinguished Americans who were present at the commencement exercises of John Marshall College in New Jersey. Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch, third from left, received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law. Among those pictured is A. Harry Moore, former Governor of New Jersey.

Ninety Ball". Commemorating the celebration, the lodge distributed several hundred anniversary souvenir books of 100 pages, bound in purple and gold, in which was unfolded the history of No. 177 and its activities from Charter Night to Golden Jubilee. Forty-eight reinstatements and the new members of the Dean T. Bush Class gave the lodge a membership gain of 200.

### Elks' National Bowling Tournament Is Held at Des Moines, Iowa

When the Executive Committee and the delegates of the Elks' Bowling Association of America met in their annual session at the home of Des Moines, Iowa, Lodge, No. 98, last April, it was unanimously decided to award the Twenty-fifth Annual (Silver Jubilee)

Elks' National Bowling Tournament to Louisville Lodge No. 8, to be held at Louisville, Kentucky, next March and April. Madison, Wis., Lodge, No. 410, also bidding for the tournament, withdrew in favor of Louisville.

Rules of the Association were amended to authorize the closing of entries for future tournaments not later than February the 15th; also, the opening date of the tournament not to be later than March the 15th. Every effort will be made to complete the schedule for the Elks' National Tournament at Louisville before the running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May the 2nd, 1942.

In the election of officers, Charles K. Summersby of St. Louis, Missouri, who served as Vice-President of the Association for several years, was chosen President for the coming year. The Vice-Presidents were all promoted in their ranking order as follows: 1st Vice-Pres., J. William Kaster, Louisville, Ky.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Fred De Cair, Kalamazoo, Mich.; 3rd Vice-Pres., William C. Conway, Chicago, Ill.; 4th Vice-Pres., Urban Fremgen, Hamilton, O.; 5th Vice-Pres., Rodger Kenney, Oak Park, Ill.; 6th Vice-Pres., R. J. Stetter, Fort Wayne, Ind.; 7th Vice-Pres., William C. Zimmermann, Milwaukee, Wis. B. H. Montgomery of Terre Haute, Indiana, was elected Eighth Vice-President. Secretary-Treasurer John J. Gray, of Milwaukee, holds over until the year 1943.

In the Elks' National Tournament completed at Des Moines, the records show the Elks Kimball Room Team of Des Moines Lodge No. 98 winning the Elks National Championship in the



Above, left, are the officers who were recently elected by the Idaho State Elks Assn.



Left: The Jefferson High School Band of LaFayette, Ind., enjoys its annual Spring Dance, given by LaFayette Lodge. The Band accompanied the lodge to the Indiana State Assn. Convention at Bloomington.



Above is the "Dean T. Bush Class" awaiting initiation into Ironton, Ohio, Lodge during the Lodge's Golden Jubilee.

five-man team division, with a score of 3,003. Each member of the team was awarded a diamond medal, while Des Moines Lodge received a beautiful trophy.

A. Innes and T. Rooney copped the two-man event and Johnny Crimmins won his second title in the Individual contest, his first having been won in 1937 when he bowled a record score for three games, totaling 743 pins. To win this year's title he scored 706 pins. All three men are members of Detroit, Mich., Lodge, No. 34. Waukesha, Wis., Lodge, No. 400, was represented among the Elks National Champions. Joseph Merten won the All-Events crown by scoring 2,002 pins as a total for his nine games. Winners in these events were also awarded diamond medals.

The ten leaders in each division in the Elks National Tournament are as follows:

FIVE-MAN EVENT		
Lodge	Score	
Elks Kimball Room.....Des Moines, Ia.	3003	
Elks No. 2.....Steubenville, O.	2950	
Heck Ross Clothiers.....Des Moines, Ia.	2932	
Harris Paint.....Wooster, O.	2913	
Eckhardt & Becker Brg. Co.....Detroit, Mich.	2911	
Stroh Bohemian Beer.....Detroit, Mich.	2905	
Country Club Beer.....Des Moines, Ia.	2901	
Elks No. 2.....Des Moines, Ia.	2899	
Monarchs.....Grand Rapids, Mich.	2892	
Alloy Products Corp.....Waukesha, Wis.	2886	

TWO-MAN EVENT		
Lodge	Score	
A. Innes-T. Rooney.....Detroit, Mich.	1332	
H. Mertens-H. Allen.....Detroit, Mich.	1302	
T. Gibson-A. Wengler.....Grand Rapids, Mich.	1284	
H. Rainwater-J. Sonner.....Des Moines, Ia.	1260	
A. Spicuzza-R. Wabl.....Milwaukee, Wis.	1249	
R. Adams-F. Middaugh.....Fremont, O.	1248	
L. Anderson-B. Van Duren.....Grand Rapids, Mich.	1247	
P. Scribner-J. Scribner.....Detroit, Mich.	1246	
B. Van Trump-R. Brink.....Kalamazoo, Mich.	1242	
J. Vidro-W. Shackett.....Grand Rapids, Mich.	1239	

INDIVIDUAL EVENT		
Lodge	Score	
John Crimmins.....Detroit, Mich.	706	
Joe Norris.....Detroit, Mich.	691	
L. Sielaff.....Detroit, Mich.	686	
V. Shewman.....Ann Arbor, Mich.	686	
Joseph Merten.....Waukesha, Wis.	675	
E. Baker.....Eau Claire, Wis.	667	
T. Gibson.....Grand Rapids, Mich.	665	
H. Swanson.....Keokuk, Ia.	661	
S. Guilfre.....Oak Park, Ill.	658	
E. Ainsworth.....Steubenville, O.	657	

ALL-EVENTS		
Lodge	Score	
Joseph Merten.....Waukesha, Wis.	2002	
Five-man event.....	670 pins	
Two-man event.....	657 "	
Individual event.....	675 "	
Total.....	2002 "	

### Glendale, Calif., Lodge Home Is Open to British Flying Students

Members of the British Flying Training School, Squadron No. 2, quartered at the Glendale Airport, were guests of the Dance Committee of Glendale,

Above, right, is the Ritualistic Team of Albion, N. Y., Lodge which won the Ritualistic Contest at the New York State Elks Assn. Convention at Albany.

Right is the largest class of candidates ever initiated into Elwood, Ind., Lodge. The Degree Team of Alexandria, Ind., Lodge performed the Ritual.

Calif., Lodge, No. 1289, on Saturday night, June 14. The girls of the American Ambulance and Defense Corps, who are also in training at Glendale, were invited to act as hostesses.

Use of the recreation rooms of the lodge home has been given the young men for their evenings and time off during their stay in Southern California.

### Escanaba, Mich., Lodge Adopts Expansion Program

Escanaba, Mich., Lodge, No. 354, started off the summer with an expansion program, taking in 39 new members at an impressive initiation meeting and burning an old mortgage to launch a building remodeling plan which will include the construction of a modern set of bowling alleys. The "Bob O'Neill Class", as it was designated, was initiated in honor of E.R. Robert A. O'Neill who served as Exalted Ruler in 1940-41 and was reelected at the beginning of the new lodge year. The State championship Degree Team of Mar-

quette Lodge No. 405 performed the ritualistic work.

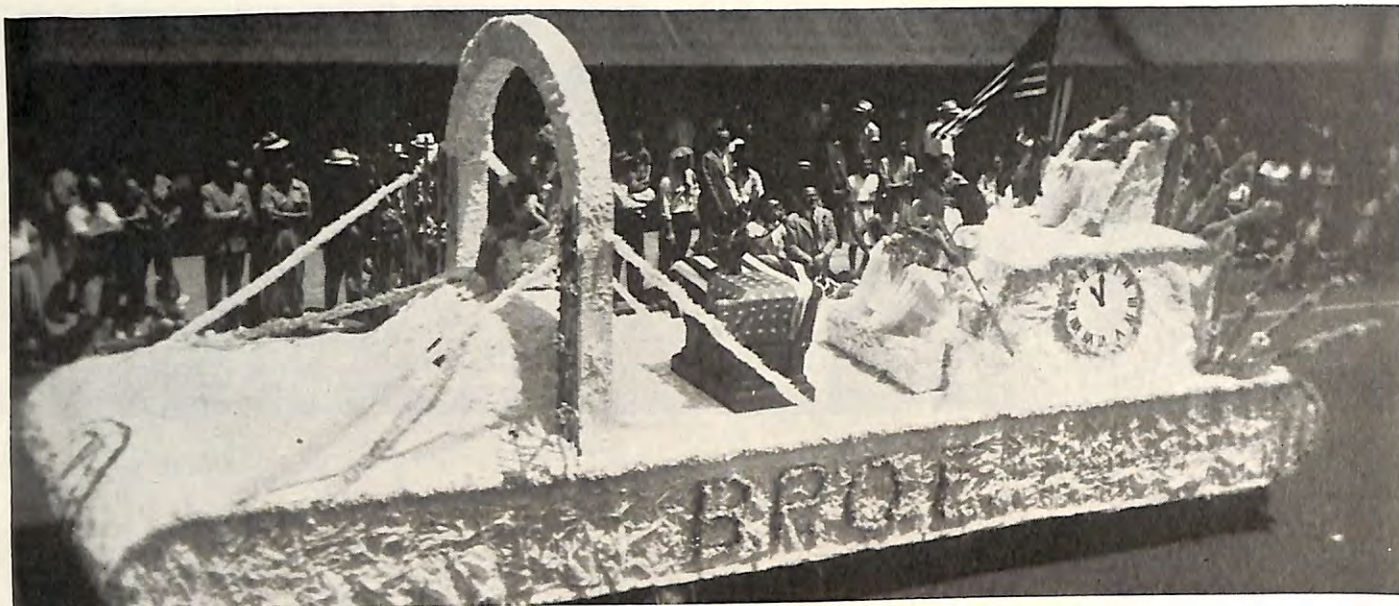
Coleman Nee, Herman Gessner and James R. Andrews, veteran trustees of the lodge, burned the mortgage with genuine satisfaction. They contracted the old mortgage back in 1927 to help the lodge out of financial difficulties.

### Altoona, Pa., Lodge Is Engaged In Constructive Activities

In accordance with the goodfellowship policy adopted by the new officers of Altoona, Pa., Lodge, No. 102, invitations to their first initiatory meeting were sent out to members of nearby lodges. Seventy visiting Elks from Bellefonte, Philipsburg, State College, Tyrone and Johnstown, Pa., Lodges attended. Entertainment and a luncheon followed the regular lodge session and ritualistic ceremonies.

Having set a new membership goal of one hundred for 1941-42, Altoona Lodge plans to hold monthly initiations followed by some special social feature. Plans were also laid for the presentation of two scholarships for crippled children as part of the June activities. The lodge has voted to unite with the Elks National Foundation.





Above is a float representing Elizabeth City, N. C., Lodge which that body entered in the annual Potato Festival.

**G**RAND EXALTED RULER Joseph G. Buch, of Trenton, N. J., returned to his home city on June 12 after a final swing around the Middle West, having traveled as far as the Grand Canyon. On the trip he visited many lodges and received enthusiastic welcomes. Mr. Buch left Trenton on May 22 for Gettysburg, Pa. He was met at Harrisburg by Henry Scharf and Paul L. Roy and escorted to the Hotel Penn Harris where he visited with Franklin Moore, President of the American Hotel Association. Upon his arrival at Gettysburg later in the afternoon, Mr. Buch con-

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ferred with Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of many lodges in the area and then attended, as guest of honor, the testimonial dinner held by Gettysburg Lodge No. 1045, marking the first anniversary of the dedication of the lodge home and serving as an occasion for the burning of the mortgage. The Grand Exalted Ruler was welcomed at the dinner by Howard R. Davis of Williamsport, a member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and

Senator John S. Rice, of Gettysburg. Among other prominent Pennsylvania Elks in attendance were D.D. Alex W. Port, Huntingdon, Wilbur G. Warner, Lehigh, Vice-Pres. of the Pa. State Elks Assn., State Trustee Herman A. Earley, Harrisburg, Past State Pres.'s Scott E. Drum, Hazleton, E. L. Davis, Berwick, and Edward D. Smith, Lewisport, State Inner Guard J. G. Thumm, Shenandoah, and P.D.D. Val D. Sheaffer, Carlisle.

After the banquet the Grand Exalted Ruler and Colonel William H. Kelly, of East Orange, N. J., Lodge, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, accompanied by Henry Scharf, Paul Loser and a police escort, returned to Harrisburg where they boarded a plane for Pittsburgh. There they were met by Wade H. Kepner, Secy. of the Board of Grand Trustees, accompanying him to Wheeling, W. Va., where they enjoyed a pleasant visit at Mr. Kepner's home.

On Friday, May 23, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Wheeling Lodge No. 28. His next visit, to Sistersville, W. Va., Lodge, No. 333, was reported in our last month's issue.

At Parkersburg, W. Va., Mr. Buch spoke at the meeting of the West Virginia State Elks Association. He was welcomed by State Pres. M. K. Hearne, of Charleston, and Mayor Earl C. Stephans. After the meeting, a banquet was held in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler at the Chancellor Hotel, and he was presented with a Revere Westminster Chime Telechron clock, a gift of the State Association, and a radio from Parkersburg Lodge No. 198. E.R. Dr. Eugene W. Beatty represented the local membership.

The party left by auto for Pittsburgh



Grand Exalted Ruler Buch is shown at right with Colonel William H. Kelly, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee; State Pres. Bert A. Thompson of Wisconsin, and E. R. Harry F. Peck when Mr. Buch visited Milwaukee Lodge.

Below: Mr. Buch is shown with prominent Elks of the East Central District when he visited Middletown, N. Y., Lodge.



Right: Mr. Buch is shown with a number of Father Flanagan's lads at Boys Town, Nebraska, when he paid a flying visit to that renowned institution.

Below, left, are Mr. Buch and Colonel Kelly with Grand Trustee Wade H. Kepner and E. R. Roy C. Heinlein, Vice-President of the West Virginia State Elk Assn., at Sistersville Lodge.

where the Grand Exalted Ruler and Colonel Kelly took a plane for Detroit. On Saturday, May 24, the two travelers were welcomed at the station by P.E.R.'s Irvine J. Unger, of Detroit Lodge No. 34, Pres. of the Mich. State Elks Assn., and L. M. Richard and Charles L. Stebbins, Lansing, Special District Deputy. After breakfast, the party was escorted to Lansing, Mich., being met just outside the city by E.R. August J. Sepanek and P.E.R.'s Harry D. Hubbard, Benjamin F. Watson, John Wilson, Jr., John Bohnet, Edwin W. Malloy and Edward L. Smith of Lansing Lodge No. 196, Tiler Gordon Van Burger and Trustee Michael R. Minno; D.D. Owen J. Gavigan, Ludington, and State Vice-Pres.-at-Large Albert J. Ott, Traverse City. The Grand Exalted Ruler was then taken on a tour of the grounds of the Michigan State College, meeting many friends who were attending a hotel men's meeting. A luncheon followed at the Ohls Hotel where Samuel S. Hughes, Mayor of Lansing, and Vernon J. Brown, Auditor General of Michigan, representing the Governor, gave him an official welcome. Visits were then paid to Louis E. Rowley, the oldest living charter member of the lodge and P.E.R. John Wilson, Sr., both of whom were ill. In the evening a banquet and an initiation were held. Among those who attended were John K. Burch, Grand Rapids, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, D.D. J. Murray Reed, Three Rivers, James G. Shirlaw, Battle Creek, Treas. of the Mich. State Elks Assn., State Secy. Joseph M. Leonard, Saginaw, Past State Pres. Frank G. Mitzel, Detroit, F. N. Rounsville, the oldest living Past Exalted Ruler of Lansing Lodge, P.E.R. Ray H. Gorsline, Pontiac, P.E.R. Edwin P. Breen, Grand Rapids, Supreme Court Justice Howard Wierst, Lansing, and County Sheriff Alan A. MacDonald.

During the evening the Grand Ex-

Right are the officers of Greybull, Wyo., Lodge, shown with Mr. Buch when he visited them.

At bottom is a picture taken at the noon-day luncheon held at York, Neb., Lodge at which Mr. Buch was a guest.



alted Ruler spoke briefly at a dinner given for the graduates of the hotel course at Michigan State and then left for Chicago, Ill. Upon his arrival on Sunday morning, Mr. Buch, accompanied by Colonel Kelly, proceeded to Danville, Ill., traveling by train. They were met at Danville by Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell of East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, and Floyd E. Thompson of Moline, Ill., Lodge, Daniel T. Cloud, Jacksonville, Pres. of the Ill. State Elks Assn., E.R. Clifford R. Klayer, Danville, and the Mayor of Danville, Frank P. Meyer. A largely attended banquet was tendered the Grand Exalted Ruler at the armory and his speech was broadcasted. Later in

the day the party returned to Chicago for conferences with Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

On Tuesday, May 27, Mr. Buch and Colonel Kelly left for Milwaukee, Wis. They were met at the railroad station by E.R. Harry F. Peck and a large delegation and escorted to the home of Milwaukee Lodge No. 46. A banquet was tendered the Grand Exalted Ruler followed by a meeting at which a class of candidates was initiated in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor. Two more days were spent in Chicago in conference with Grand Secretary Masters. Mr. Buch then left by plane for Minne-

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Above is one of the prize-winning floats entered in a parade held during the Convention of the North Dakota State Elks Assn. at Grand Forks.

# NEWS of the State Associations

## NEW JERSEY

More than 800 Elks and members of their families attended the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Elks Association on Sunday, June 8, which was held in the home of Elizabeth Lodge No. 289. A net membership increase in the State was reported of 1,215, the greatest gain in any single year since 1926. Special District Deputy William M. Frasor of the Grand Exalted Ruler's staff, P.E.R. of Blue Island, Ill., Lodge, was the principal speaker, delivering an informative address of special interest to New Jersey Elks.

Past State Pres. Francis P. Boland, Jersey City, Committee Chairman for the patriotic essay contest conducted among students of high school grade, announced that John S. Cullinan, who participated in the competition sponsored by Orange Lodge No. 135, was the State winner. The essay by Janet Brace, winner of the contest held under the auspices of Union Lodge No. 1583, was outstanding and Miss Brace was escorted to the rostrum and introduced to the convention. The State Association voted to make the school essay contest an annual event.

Elizabeth Lodge was the winner of the State Ritualistic Contest. The report by the Association's Crippled Children Committee, presented by Past Pres. John H. Cose, of Plainfield, in the absence of the Chairman, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch, showed that the New Jersey lodges had contributed \$114,000 for crippled children work during the past year. There are

62 lodges of the Order in the State. Ham-monton Lodge No. 1642, instituted last spring, was admitted to membership in the State Association. Tribute was paid State Pres. Richard F. Flood, Jr., of Bayonne Lodge, and the other retiring officers. Success in State activities reached a new high during Mr. Flood's administration.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: Pres., August F. Greiner, Perth Amboy; Vice-Pres.'s: N.W., Lambert C. Schoof, Bloomfield, N.E., Henry P. Klein, Rutherford, Cent., Claude E. Herbert, Asbury Park, South, John F. McHugh, Burlington; Secy., Francis J. Eagan, Weehawken; Treas., William H. Kelly, East Orange; Trustee, 5 years, George L. Hirtzel, Elizabeth; Chaplain, Dr. Warden L. Zane, Atlantic City; Chaplain Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Smith, Trenton; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jacob H.

Weitzen, Perth Amboy; Inner Guard, Harold W. Swallow, Bound Brook; Organist, Max Bernhardt, Bayonne. At the close of the session, all members, with their ladies and other visitors, enjoyed a full course dinner followed by an elaborate floor show.

## WEST VIRGINIA

The 33rd annual reunion of the West Virginia State Elks Association was held in Parkersburg on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 22-23-24. Taking part in the proceedings and aiding greatly in the success of the convention were Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch, of Trenton, N. J., Grand Trustee Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., and William H. Kelly, of East Orange, N. J., Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. At the Friday afternoon business session, the Grand Exalted Ruler delivered a fine address before a large assemblage of Elks and their wives, after which he was presented with an electric chime clock, a gift of the State Association, and a radio, the gift of the membership of Parkersburg Lodge No. 198. On Friday night, Mr. Buch, Mr. Kepner and Colonel Kelly were guests of honor at a dinner at the Chancellor Hotel at which the State officers, Exalted Rulers and Secretaries with other representatives of the West Virginia lodges and many guests were present. Mr. Buch made another splendid speech at the dinner.

Morgantown was selected as the place for the 1942 meeting and officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Pres., Donald P. Fleming, Parkersburg; 1st Vice-Pres., North District, Roy C. Heinlein, Sistersville, 2nd Vice-Pres., Dr. O. L. Cook, Grafton; 1st Vice-Pres., South District, Cecil Bond, Bluefield, 2nd Vice-Pres., Ross Irle, Beckley; Treas., George W. Osgood, Huntington. Charles C. McConnell, Parkersburg, was appointed Secretary by the new president. Beautiful memorial services were held on the final day, preceding the installation of the new officers at

### The State Associations Committee Reports the Following Annual Convention Dates for 1941

Association	City	Date
Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia	Salisbury	Aug. 3-4-5-6
Virginia	Harrisonburg	Aug. 17-18-19
Wisconsin	Sheboygan	Aug. 21-22-23
Oregon	Astoria	Aug. 21-22-23
Colorado	Boulder	Aug. 24-25-26
North Carolina	Asheville	Aug. 24-25-26
Ohio	Cedar Point (Sandusky)	Aug. 24-25-26-27-28
Pennsylvania	Pottsville	Aug. 24 to 30
California	Long Beach	Sept. 18-19-20
New Hampshire	Dover	Sept. 27-28
Vermont	White River Junction	October 12

Right are some of the distinguished Elks who were present during the Kansas State Elks Association Convention at Winfield. They include many of the most outstanding Elks of the State.

Below, right, are some of those who attended a banquet held at Washington, Mo., Lodge during the Missouri State Elks Association Convention.

which Mr. Kepner, Grand Trustee, officiated as the installing officer.

The parade on Saturday afternoon was more than three miles long. Thirty-six beautifully decorated floats were entered and 15 bands furnished music. Parkersburg Lodge provided a program for the convention that met with the hearty approval of all in attendance. One thousand names were registered.

### NORTH DAKOTA

With Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, of Chicago, as guest of honor, and a record registration, the North Dakota State Elks Association held its annual convention at Grand Forks on June 1-2-3. The high spot of the convention was the hour-long National Defense Parade in which 100 floats and 20 marching units from the ten lodges of the State participated. Three nearby Minnesota lodges, Thief River Falls, Bemidji and Crookston, were also represented.

Former Governor L. B. Hanna of Fargo Lodge, who has headed the Association for many years, was made President Emeritus at the business session and Sam Stern, also of Fargo, who has served many terms as Vice-President, was elevated to the Presidency. Past Pres. William G. Owens, of Williston, was elected Vice-President, and the other officers, E. A. Reed, Jamestown, Secretary, Alec Rawitscher, Williston, Treasurer, and William Hausmann, Devils Lake, Trustee, were all reelected. Fargo Lodge No. 260 was awarded the 1942 convention, dates for which will be selected later.

At an earlier business session, members heard reports from crippled children's committees, State Welfare officials, and the newly organized North Dakota Crippled Children Commission composed of three Elks—appointed by Governor John Moses—Sam Stern, Chairman, W. G. Owens and A. J. Rulon, Jamestown, and the report made by Mr. Rulon, who is the District Deputy for North Dakota. Records showed that the ten lodges spent \$12,000 on crippled children work during the twelve-month period. The money was spent for hospital treatment, eye-



glasses, crutches and in two cases treatment for infantile paralysis victims at Warm Springs, Ga. The largest clinic was reported by Devils Lake with 209 patients in attendance. The complete recovery of 35 per cent of the children attending the 1940 clinic was announced. The Association voted \$100 for the Camp Grassick camp.

At the annual banquet, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson gave an inspiring address on the history of the Order and its patriotic service both in peacetime and war. Governor John Moses, a member of the Order for 21 years, also spoke, and Miss Suzanne Stenerson, of Minot, read her prize winning essay on "What Uncle Sam Means to Me". At the conclusion of his talk, Judge Thompson was presented with a watch by E.R. M. Dave Miller acting on behalf of Grand Forks Lodge. M. M. Oppedard, publisher of the *Grand Forks*

*Herald*, was Toastmaster. While the convention ball was being held at the "Kent Club", a night spot installed on the third floor of the lodge home, a complimentary dance was in progress at the State Theatre. The dance was given by the lodge for the local citizens in appreciation of their cooperation in making the convention a success.

Grand Forks Lodge was awarded the Association's plaque for membership activity. It was presented by District Deputy Rulon to Frank L. Benson, last year's Exalted Ruler. A. F. Jones, of Thief River Falls, Minn., won both the trapshooting and skeet events, the former with a total of 288 out of 300, the latter with 44 birds out of 50. The team from Crookston, Minn., won in the team competition with 213 out of 250; Grand Forks Lodge was second with 202. Dr. Paul Cook of Valley City, N. D., five times State champion, won the golf tournament from a field of 34 with a score of 75, five over par. Other convention features included a stag night, a 72-hour smorgasbord, and special affairs for the ladies. The mem-

Below is a class of candidates initiated into the Order during the meeting of the New Mexico State Elk Association held at El Paso, Texas.



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# THE GRAND LODGE Convention

In Philadelphia, Pa., July, 1941



FRAMED in the prim portal of colonial Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell was silent. But in the hearts of the 50,000 members of the Order of Elks who were entertained by Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2, last month, the message it once rang echoed and reverberated. It was a note of loyalty to country, devotion to freedom, that pealed throughout the days of the Order's Seventy-seventh Grand Lodge Convention.

It was expected, of course, that a city in which the Continental Congress met, where George Washington was named Commander-in-Chief of the American forces, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, where the first American Flag and the Constitution were adopted, would focus the minds of the members on our American heritage of liberty. Yet, after dwelling on that thought, the interesting counterthought comes to mind: Elk Conventions always have had patriotism for a theme. With an Elk, the Flag is not a diurnal fad or a frenzied resort. It is saluted by him at every lodge meeting; it is displayed publicly in his formal lodge exercises on particular days of the year; it has waved proudly at his annual Conventions for seventy-three years. While newspaper streamer headlines have shrieked of "fifth columns" in our midst, while they have pointed only to groups devoted to sabotage and treachery, the Elk and his half-million Brothers have gone on calmly voicing allegiance to our Flag and the democracy for which it stands.

Blended with patriotic fervor was the familiar convention note of good cheer. A good time was had by all who came to Philadelphia. And when the convention days were done, the greetings that were so hearty at the beginning of the week turned into lingering farewells. We shall say more of the social side of the reunion in next month's issue of *The Elks Magazine*. Here we devote our space to the important business sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The sessions were held in the grand ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford, headquarters hotel. Grand Esquire Max Slepín called the first business meeting to order promptly at 10 o'clock

on Tuesday morning, July 15, and then escorted the Grand Lodge officers first to the stage of the ballroom and then to their respective stations in the Grand Lodge. With a rap of the gavel Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch declared the 77th Convention of the Grand Lodge in session and proceeded with the formal opening exercises. Grand Chaplain J. B. Dobbins led the Grand Lodge in prayer, and the members united in singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Auld Lang Syne".

The Grand Exalted Ruler introduced the officers who had served him so faithfully during the past year. Grand Esteemed Leading Knight John E. Drumme, Seattle, Wash., No. 92; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Stephen McGrath, Oneida, N. Y., No. 767; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami, Fla., No. 948; Grand Secretary J. E. Masters, Charleroi, Pa., No. 494; Grand Treasurer Robert South Barrett, Alexandria, Va., No. 758; Grand Tiler Jacob L. Sherman, Denver, Colo., No. 17; Grand Inner Guard Fred L. Sylvester, Lewiston, Me., No. 371; Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Dobbins, Temple, Tex., No. 138, and Grand Esquire Max Slepín, Philadelphia, Pa., No. 2, were all in attendance and presented to the Grand Lodge body.

Twenty Past Grand Exalted Rulers were in Philadelphia to attend the Convention. The Grand Exalted Ruler introduced these former chief executives of the Order with expressions of warm thanks and appreciation of their assistance to him and their work in behalf of the Order throughout the past year. Introduced in the order of their seniority, the Past Grand Exalted Rulers present were as follows: John K. Tener, Charleroi, Pa., No. 494; Rush L. Holland, Colorado Springs, Colo., No. 309; Raymond Benjamin, Napa, Calif., No. 832; James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., No. 61; Edward Rightor, New Orleans, La., No. 30; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., No. 664; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., No. 494; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., No. 838; William Hawley Atwell, Dallas, Tex., No. 71; Charles H. Grakelov, Philadelphia, Pa., No. 2; John F.

Malley, Springfield, Mass., No. 61; Murray Hulbert, New York, N. Y., No. 1; John R. Coen, Sterling, Colo., No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., No. 556; Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles, Calif., No. 99; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., No. 878; David Sholtz, Daytona Beach, Fla., No. 1141; Charles Spencer Hart, Mount Vernon, N. Y., No. 842; Edward James McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, No. 53, and Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., No. 779. The Grand Exalted Ruler mentioned that he had sent telegrams to Past Grand Exalted Rulers Frank L. Rain, of Fairbury, Neb., No. 1203, and William M. Abbott, of San Francisco, Calif., No. 3, who were prevented by illness from attending the Convention.

The Grand Exalted Ruler read the following letter which he had received from President Roosevelt:

"Dear Brother Buch:

The Seventy-Seventh National Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks meets at a time of grave crisis in our national life, when the strengthening of national defense is the paramount problem of the American people.

I am familiar with the splendid efforts put forward by the Elks to advance the interests of true Americanism in peace and in war, and I know this grand organization will not fail in this time of national emergency.

It has been a satisfaction to know of the constructive work done through the Elks National Defense Commission and, in full confidence that the members everywhere will do their duty whenever it calls them, I send the Convention at Philadelphia hearty felicitations and warmest personal greetings.

Fraternally yours,  
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

The President's letter evoked hearty applause, and as the applause subsided Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, who is serving as Chairman of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission, rose to pre-



sent a motion that the first action of the Grand Lodge be the authorization to the Board of Grand Trustees to subscribe to \$50,000 in National Defense Bonds of our country. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Bruce A. Campbell, of the National Memorial and Publication Commission, followed this motion with the statement that he was authorized by his Commission to report that the Publication Commission will buy, out of emergency working capital funds, the limit of \$50,000 in defense savings bonds in the name of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Chairman Malley, of the Elks National Foundation, reporting further on the Order's contribution to the defense effort, said that the Foundation Trustees had already invested \$50,000 in these bonds.

A telegram from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox was also read by the Grand Exalted Ruler. In his communication, Mr. Knox spoke of the defense effort and concluded with congratulations to the Order "for the assistance so willingly and intelligently given".

**T**HANKING the Board of Grand Trustees for their cooperation during his term, the Grand Exalted Ruler presented Chairman William T. Phillips, of New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1 and his associate members on the Board: Fred B. Mellmann, Vice-Chairman, Oakland, Cal., Lodge, No. 171; Wade H. Kepner, Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va., No. 28; J. Ford Zietlow, Approving Member, Aberdeen, S. D., No. 1046, and Joseph B. Kyle, Home Member, Gary, Ind., No. 1152.

Acting Chairman F. William Wolters, of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, made the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, which showed 1,714 officers and delegates registered to date.

Mr. Buch asked the members of lodges in our territories and possessions to introduce themselves. Members responded from two Alaska lodges, Ketchikan No. 1429 and Anchorage No. 1351, and from Cristobal, Canal Zone, Lodge, No. 1542, Manila, P. I., No. 761; San Juan, Puerto Rico, No. 972, and Honolulu, T. H., No. 616.

The Grand Exalted Ruler introduced the Grand Secretary's assistant, F. J. Schrader, of Allegheny, Pa., Lodge, No. 339, and also presented his own secretaries of the past year, Frank M. Travaline, Jr., of Camden, N. J., Lodge, No. 293, and William M. Frasor, of Blue Island, Ill., Lodge, No. 1331.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, which was held in Houston, Texas, were approved as printed.

At the end of several routine appointments, the Grand Exalted Ruler noticed former Postmaster James A. Farley, of Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge, No. 877, in the audience. He asked the Grand Esquire to escort Mr. Farley to the stage.

The Grand Lodge adopted the printed reports of the Auditing Committee, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Exalted Ruler. Mr. Buch introduced the members of the Auditing Committee who are as follows: M. F.

Thurston, Chairman, Columbia, Mo., No. 594; John Hickmott, Kalamazoo, Mich., No. 50, and Warren B. Hale, Cripple Creek, Colo., No. 316. In words of warm praise, he spoke of the assistance and cooperation he had received from Grand Secretary Masters, and then went on to comment on his own printed report, calling attention to the increase of 14,818 in membership and the increase of \$1,122,846.80 in cash assets of the subordinate lodges in the past year.

Chairman William T. Phillips submitted, on behalf of the Board of Grand Trustees, the preliminary budget of the Grand Lodge with the explanation that a final budget would be submitted at one of the later meetings of the Convention.

Mr. Buch then presented Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow as Chairman of the Philadelphia Convention Committee, and praised the efforts of Grand Esquire Max Slepik and Exalted Ruler Bernard F. Sweeney, of Philadelphia Lodge. Mr. Sweeney, in a gracious talk, welcomed the Grand Lodge delegates to the city.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Rush L. Holland to succeed himself as a member of the National Memorial and Publication Commission for the term of five years. The appointment was readily confirmed by the Grand Lodge. For membership on the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation for a period of seven years, the Grand Exalted Ruler, with Grand Lodge confirmation, reappointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow. The delegates also confirmed the Grand Exalted Ruler's appointment of George W. Bruce, of Montrose, Colo., Lodge, No. 1053, as a member of the Order's judicial body, the Grand Forum.

**M**R. BUCH appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. E. Masters to preside as Acting Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Memorial Services to be held at this Convention. On Mr. Masters' motion, the time of the Memorial Services was set for eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning. The exercises were open to the families and friends of the delegates.

Chairman Bruce A. Campbell of the National Memorial and Publication Commission offered a motion that the report of his Commission to the Grand Lodge be made a special order of business on Wednesday morning immediately after the convening of the Grand Lodge, and Chairman John F. Malley of the Elks National Foundation Trustees moved that the report of the Trustees be made the second order of business on Wednesday morning. Both motions were unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge body then turned to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Grand Exalted Ruler Buch called for nominations for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. Exalted Ruler Wellborn R. Ellis, of Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78, introduced Judge Jesse M. Wood of his lodge, and Judge Wood presented the name of his associate justice on the bench of the Criminal Court of Georgia, John S. McClelland, of Atlanta Lodge.

Judge Wood opened his nominating speech with a tribute to the Grand Exalted Rulers who had served the Order in the past, and pointed to Judge McClelland as a worthy successor to them for carrying on the work of the Order. "He loves his native State", Judge Wood declared, "and also his great Southland. Yet he is a man with a fine and proper sense of proportion. There is nothing narrow, bigoted or provincial about him. His mind and heart are big enough to make it possible for him to encompass with his great love and sympathetic concern Elks everywhere."

Judge Wood presented a biographical study of his candidate. He told of Judge McClelland's education, of his appointment to the Bar, and of his untiring service to his city, State and county in many positions of trust and importance, in all of which he has served with great satisfaction.

After commenting on Judge McClelland's family life, and telling how deeply loved Judge McClelland is in his home State, Judge Wood detailed his candidate's record of service to the Order, locally and nationally. He served Atlanta Lodge four times as Exalted Ruler. He reorganized the Georgia State Elks Association and was its President for two years. He devoted two years as District Deputy of Georgia North, and in 1923, when the Grand Lodge came to Atlanta, he was Chairman of the Convention Committee. He has served the Order in many other ways, notably by organizing ten new lodges in the past four years.

In the Grand Lodge, following service on the Auditing Committee, Judge McClelland, in 1930, was elected a member of the Grand Forum for a five-year term. The year 1936 found him serving on the Board of Grand Trustees for a three-year term begun by former Governor David Sholtz, who resigned from the Board to become Grand Exalted Ruler. For the past year, Judge McClelland has been Pardon Commissioner of the Grand Lodge.

Judge McClelland has found time to devote to public and private charities. "During the dark days of the depression," Judge Wood said, "he was a leader in the movement to make sure that the poor and underprivileged within the reach of every Elks lodge of his State should never want for the necessities of life." Judge McClelland is one of the founders of the Crippled Children's League, a statewide organization sponsored exclusively by the Elks of Georgia.

Judge Wood described his candidate as an eloquent and effective speaker, as one who, in view of his native ability, his indefatigable energy and his long experience in the Order, would make an ideal leader in these times when the Elks have a message of unity and loyalty to carry to the American people.

The address was received with enthusiastic applause. Judge Henry S. Lindsley, P.E.R. of Denver, Colo., No. 17, in a seconding speech, dwelt on Judge McClelland, the man of service. "No problem has been too small for him to give of his time and wholehearted attention," Judge Lindeley said. "Judge McClelland is big of body, big of mind and big of heart."

# THE GRAND LODGE Convention

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert rose to say a word in praise of Judge McClelland's service under him as District Deputy. "He has demonstrated to my satisfaction, as I am sure he has to yours, that he is made of the stuff that is required of a Grand Exalted Ruler in these perilous times of 1941." Judge Hulbert's remark called forth another burst of applause and Judge McClelland was elected to the chief executive post of the Order by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge.

Escorted to the stage, Judge McClelland stepped to the microphone at the speaker's desk and said, feelingly, "At the beginning of this eventful part of my life, I ask you to repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag." When the pledge had been recited, he began his acceptance address, which is printed elsewhere in this issue of *The Elks Magazine*. It was a wonderful address, ardently delivered, one that surely reached its twin objectives: the minds and hearts of his audience. The great applause that came from the delegates at its conclusion testified to the rapt interest with which they followed its every thought.

Each of the other Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year was elected unanimously. George D. Hastings, of Glendale, Calif., Lodge, No. 1289 was elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; Ed. D. Baird, of Boise, Idaho, No. 310, rose to the position of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Charles R. Logan, of Keokuk, Iowa, Lodge, No. 106, became Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Michael J. Gilday, of New Rochelle, N. Y., No. 756, is the new Grand Tiler, and Hugh Hicks, of Jackson, Tenn., No. 192, is now the Grand Inner Guard.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John K. Tener nominated for Grand Secretary to succeed himself in the office, J. E. Masters, of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge No. 494, "one of our most prominent and popular members, whose sure grasp on the affairs of our Order has been patent to all with whom he has come in contact." Mr. Masters was reelected with applause.

**IN NOMINATING** George M. McLean, of El Reno, Okla., No. 743, for the important position of Grand Treasurer, Governor Leon C. Phillips, P.E.R. of Bristow, Okla., Lodge, No. 1614, pointed to Mr. McLean's outstanding service to El Reno Lodge, where he was Exalted Ruler for five consecutive terms, and also his service to the Grand Lodge, notably his two consecutive years as Grand Esquire. Mr. McLean was unanimously elected.

With a speech that was a model for brevity, Elliott F. Hoffman, of Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758, nominated "your friend and my friend, Dr. Robert South Barrett, of Alexandria, Va.," for the office of Grand Trustee for a term of five years. Dr. Barrett's election was effected as speedily as his nomination.

The next interesting feature on the program of the opening session of the Grand Lodge was the selection of the 1942 Convention City. Henry J. Schneiders, Exalted Ruler of Omaha, Nebraska, Lodge, No. 39, presented the first invitation, asking the Grand Lodge to come to Omaha next year. He de-

scribed Omaha as being in the exact center of the country, accessible to all points, and told of an organization in the city known as "Aksarben", Nebraska spelled backward, which is trained in the handling of large conventions. He told of Omaha Lodge's excellent Home, with its air-conditioned rooms, and of the air-conditioned meeting, hotel and restaurant rooms in the city.

Frank M. Lonergan, of Portland, Ore., Lodge, No. 142, pleaded with the Grand Lodge to come out to the West Coast in 1942, to inspire Elkdom in the great Northwest. He promised that the delegates would receive the warm, rich, affectionate welcome that comes from Western hospitality. He painted a beautiful word picture of the northwestern countryside, and of its climate with an average summer temperature of 65.3°. Mr. Lonergan closed his invitation with an impassioned plea that our members on the Atlantic side of our country next year journey to the Pacific side, where they have waged such a relentless fight against subversive elements, "so that all may see and know that we are united, that we are joined together for the best interests of America, the land we love".

Mayor Marvin J. Tobin and Exalted Ruler John Howard, of Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10, extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to come to Boston in 1943.

The Grand Exalted Ruler thanked the representatives of Omaha and Portland for their invitations and instructed the Grand Lodge members to vote for the 1942 Convention City by placing their written vote in the ballot box at the rear of the hall.

Former Postmaster General Farley was invited to address the Convention. He spoke of his close friendship with Grand Exalted Ruler Buch, and then went on to say, "We are passing through a very important period in the nation's history and down through the years since the Order of Elks has been in operation, this Order has contributed much to the success of this country and to the well-being of its people, and in the period that lies ahead I am sure that this Order will do as it has done in the past." Mr. Farley urged the Grand Lodge to support President Roosevelt at the present time and to make his load as light as possible.

P.E.R. William J. Leslie, of Phillipsburg, N. J., No. 395, is yearly improving his record for attendance at consecutive sessions of the Grand Lodge. This convention was his 43rd. He has a close rival in Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers, of Montpelier, Vt., No. 924, whose attendance at Philadelphia made this his 40th consecutive Grand Lodge Convention. Both of these faithful members were introduced from the floor of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow read a letter from Mayor Robert E. Lamberton, in which the Mayor expressed his regret at being called away from Philadelphia on business, thanked the Grand Lodge for honoring his city with the Convention, and hoped that everyone would have a pleasant visit.

Grand Exalted Ruler Buch then asked

permission to present from the stage "a most unusual Elk family". It was the Peppin family of Norwich, Conn., consisting of the father and seven sons, all members of Norwich, Conn., Lodge, No. 430. They were received with enthusiasm.

With a final request to the members to vote for the next Convention City as they left the hall, the Grand Exalted Ruler closed the Monday session with an invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

## Second Business Session

**T**he Wednesday morning session was opened at 10 o'clock with a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and again this year, as it did at Houston, it developed into an unusually interesting session.

Grand Exalted Ruler Buch presented Chairman Bruce A. Campbell, of the National Memorial and Publication Commission, as "one of Elkdom's outstanding leaders", to submit the report of the Publication Commission. Chairman Campbell directed the attention of the delegates to the printed report which had been distributed to them, and explained the financial schedules, prepared by Certified Public Accountants, incorporated in the report. He called particular attention to the surplus of \$154,837.29 earned by *The Elks Magazine*, an increase of \$16,958.15 over the surplus earnings of the preceding year, notwithstanding an increase in special features and color pages.

Mr. Campbell explained to the delegates that the forms for the August issue of *The Elks Magazine* were being held so that a report of the business sessions of the Convention might be printed in that number, and he promised that in September, news of the social side of the Convention would be printed. He then read the following report of the Publication Commission which was prepared at Philadelphia as a supplement to the Commission's printed report:

## National Memorial and Publication Commission Supplementary Report

In the nineteen years of the existence of the Magazine, we have turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$2,843,551.63 out of total surplus earnings of \$8,268,723.21. As a result, the Grand Lodge budget has been balanced from year to year and instead of an increase of per capita tax, it was reduced to twenty cents, until increased appropriations at Houston last year necessitated its increase to thirty cents.

We are advised by the board of Grand Trustees that, if \$100,000 is likewise this year allocated for Grand Lodge purposes, the per capita tax can remain at thirty cents for the coming year instead of being increased, unless, of course, this Grand Lodge shall substantially increase its appropriations for the coming year.

The Commission, therefore, turns over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$100,000, which, together with the amount of \$26,054.94 paid for the maintenance of the Memorial Building, makes the total amount during the past fiscal year turned over out of earnings for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1941, the sum of \$126,054.94; and, when this amount of \$126,054.94 is paid, will make the total amount turned over to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings of the Magazine, \$2,969,606.57. The amount so turned over will make the per capita tax approximately 26 cents less than it otherwise would have been.

In accordance with the privilege that we have, we recommend to this Grand Lodge that the said amount of \$100,000 be placed in the general fund of the Grand Lodge, thereby accomplishing the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

Brother Grand Exalted Ruler, I move that the printed report and the supplementary report of the Commission be approved; that the sum of

\$100,000 be turned over to the Grand Lodge by the Commission from the earnings of the Magazine, and that said sum, when turned over to the Grand Lodge at such time or times as may be requested by the Grand Secretary, be placed to the credit of the general fund.

The Committee on Elections reported through its Chairman, John D. Shea, of Hartford, Conn., Lodge, No. 19, that of the votes cast for the 1942 Convention City, 657 were in favor of accepting the invitation of Portland, Oregon, Lodge, No. 142, and 323 were for Omaha, Neb., Lodge, No. 39. P.E.R. Charles C. Bradley, of Portland Lodge, thereupon presented a resolution fixing the date of the next Convention for the week of July 13, 1942, the opening public session to be held on Monday night, July 13th, at 8 o'clock, and the opening business session on Tuesday morning, July 14th, at 10 o'clock.

In presenting the report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, Chairman John F. Malley called the delegates' attention to the fact that no part of the principal of the Foundation fund can ever be expended for any purpose whatsoever. It must always remain intact in the fund, and furthermore, no part of the income from the fund can be used for administrative expenses. All income must be expended for the benevolent and philanthropic purposes for which the Foundation was instituted.

Chairman Malley explained that the Foundation's printed report this year was made up of two parts, the first being devoted to current events—what has happened in the last year—and the second part an historical review of the Foundation from its inception. "Read the report and know everything there is to know that can be put into print about the Elks National Foundation," he urged. Mr. Malley spoke briefly of several items in the report: the increase of \$40,000 in the principal fund since last year which brings the capital assets of the Foundation to \$600,000; the expenditure by the Foundation in the past eight years of \$130,000 for good works. "The Foundation is not dedicated to any one philanthropy", he said. "Its charter is as broad as the charter of Elkdom. It can foster and assist any group movement which the Order wishes to foster and assist."

Chairman Malley then proceeded to bring his report to the Grand Lodge up to date with mention of the checks received for the Foundation fund since his arrival in Philadelphia. He spoke first of Grand Exalted Ruler Buch's payment to complete his subscription for an Honorary Founder's Certificate, and of Mr. Henry Gund of Wisconsin whose check for \$900 completes his subscription. Corning, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1071, has completed its subscription and is now an Honorary Founder, and a number of other lodges and individuals have made additional payments, namely Globe, No. 489, and Clifton, No. 1174, in Arizona; Monterey, No. 1285, and San Fernando, No. 1539, in California; Tallahassee, Fla., No. 937; Idaho Falls, Ida., No. 1087; Trenton, No. 105, and Phillipsburg, No. 395, in New Jersey; Fremont, Ohio, Lodge, No. 169; Bradford, No. 234, Lewistown, No. 663, and Gettysburg, No. 1045, in

Pennsylvania; Madison, S. D., No. 1442; Price, Utah, No. 1550; Waukesha, Wis., No. 400; Peter Stephen Beck, of Freeport, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1253; Raymond B. Littlefield, of Pawtucket, R. I., Lodge, No. 920, and the Rhode Island State Elks Association.

At the conclusion of this recital, Mr. Malley was presented a subscription for \$1,000 from the Kansas State Elks Association, and a line began to form down the middle aisle of the ballroom. Perry, Ia., Lodge, No. 407, subscribed \$1,000; Corvallis, Ore., Lodge, No. 1413, also donated \$1,000; Stockton, Calif., Lodge, No. 218, paid \$600 to complete a \$1,000 subscription; Jamestown, N. D., No. 995, added \$500 to complete a \$1,000 subscription, and Kingman, Ariz., No. 468, completed its \$1,000 subscription with a payment of \$400. Charles City, Ia., No. 418, subscribed \$1,000 for a Founder's Certificate; Altoona, Pa., No. 102, also subscribed \$1,000 for a Certificate, as did Denver, Colo., No. 17. Topeka, Kans., No. 204, subscribed \$75. Somerville, Mass., No. 917, subscribed \$1,000 for a Founder's Certificate. For the same purpose Dallas, Tex., No. 71, and Brookings, S. D., No. 1490, subscribed \$1,000, and Lawrence W. Mangold, son of the late Charles A. Mangold of Dallas, also subscribed \$1,000. P.E.R. Claude H. Seaton, of Canton, Ill., No. 626, contributed a check for \$50; the Central District of Indiana subscribed \$100; the Idaho State Elks Association subscribed \$1,000. Portland, Ore., No. 142, pledged an additional \$200; Hendersonville, N. C., No. 1616, subscribed \$1,000; P.E.R. Louis J. Scaramelli, of Rutherford, N. J., No. 547, subscribed \$1,000 for a Founder's Certificate, and Professor W. A. James, P.E.R. of Galveston, Tex., No. 126, ended the procession with his check for \$1,000 for an Honorary Founder's Certificate.

Chairman Malley expressed his thanks for this evidence of the "deep interest in the work that you are carrying on through us—that we are guiding for you. The principal thing to remember is that a contribution to the Elks National Foundation puts you in partnership with everyone throughout the Order, throughout the Nation, who is helping to carry on this great work of caring for crippled children, for tubercular patients, educating students, and so many other worthwhile activities." It is superfluous to say that the Foundation's report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. Excerpts from it follow:

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

The favorable comments upon our report of last year and the responsiveness of the Grand Lodge membership and of the officers of State Associations and subordinate lodges, evidenced by contributions and cooperative effort, have prompted us to adopt the same method this year. Consequently we present to you a report in two parts: first, a recital of the events of the past year and, secondly, a comprehensive review of what has been done by the Foundation since its inception.

**CURRENT EVENTS**

In the fiscal year ending May 31, 1941, we have received additional contributions to our principal fund aggregating \$36,711, approximately the same as during the previous year, raising our capital fund to \$561,504.48. The additional contributions included new subscription payments from subordinate lodges to the amount of

\$7,575, from State Associations \$1,060, from individuals \$4,700, miscellaneous donations to the amount of \$925, and payments on account of existing subscriptions to the amount of \$22,451.

We have been assisted greatly in our promotional effort this year by the enthusiastic advocacy of our cause by Grand Exalted Ruler Buch and his well-informed staff of Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies and Committeemen. Our Board was represented at the District Deputy meetings held by the Grand Exalted Ruler and at many of the State Association Conventions. In this way, the story of the Foundation, its purposes and accomplishments, has been told to the membership. We believe that this dissemination of knowledge has resulted in increased contributions and we are grateful to all who have given assistance in this important branch of our work.

Our report shows 47 new subscriptions for Honorary Founders' Certificates during the year. To equal this record, we must go back to the year 1930-31 when 66 subscriptions were received, by virtue of the initial promotional effort. California tops the list with 7 new subscriptions, all from lodges in the South Central District of District Deputy Lloyd C. Leedom, who is entitled to special commendation.

The total income for the year was \$17,955.28 as compared with \$16,825.66 for the previous year.

The expenses of administration for the last fiscal period, paid out of Grand Lodge appropriation, amounted to \$3,085.13, the items of which were as follows:

Fiscal Agency Fees.....	\$ 854.03
Office Expense.....	2,231.10
	<b>\$3,085.13</b>

The balance sheet as of May 31, 1941, attached hereto, shows the details of our financial set-up. In addition to our principal fund of \$561,504.48, we have a Security Depreciation Offset Fund amounting to \$33,381.11. This fund is maintained as a precautionary measure to take care of possible losses in investment. All moneys accumulated in this fund are invested exclusively in government securities. When added to our principal fund it brings our capital assets to \$594,885.59. Our investment portfolio, inventoried at cost, amounts to \$525,875.50. The balance of our capital assets is represented by cash on deposit.

In order that we may have expert advice in the performance of our official duties as Foundation Trustees, we have continued the services of the Merchants National Bank of Boston as Investment Counsel, as well as Custodian and Fiscal Agent of our Fund. The contract with this institution calls for constant supervision and frequent analyses of our investment portfolio and advice with respect to changes of investment and new investments.

The distributions which have been made during the past year from the available income are detailed as follows:

*Arizona State Elks Association—\$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  
(The balance of \$200 will have been paid prior to the Grand Lodge Convention.)

*Vermont State Elks Association—\$200.00.*  
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.....\$ 200.00

*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 Association—\$1,000.00.*  
The Massachusetts State 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

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## New York State Elks Association—\$1,500.00.

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 New York State Elks Association to grant many additional scholarships \$1,500.00

## Maine State Elks Association—\$300.00.

The lodges of Maine are also interested in assisting young people to obtain the benefit of a college education. The donation of the Elks National Foundation made it possible for Maine State Elks Association to grant additional scholarships \$ 300.00

## Wisconsin State Elks Association—\$300.00.

The Wisconsin State Elks Association was granted a donation to assist it in its scholarship work of granting scholarships and scholarship loans to deserving young men and young women \$ 300.00

## New Hampshire State Elks Association—\$300.00.

The lodges of this State are also interested in assisting young people to obtain the benefit of higher education. The donation of the Foundation assisted this work \$ 300.00

## New Jersey State Elks Association—\$1,500.00.

It is not necessary 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 \$1,500.00

## Florida State Elks Association—\$1,000.00.

The lodges of Florida have dedicated their efforts to the rehabilitation of crippled children at the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children. To assist them in this good work, the Elks National Foundation made a substantial donation \$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. This donation will have been paid out prior to the Grand Lodge Convention but will not appear as an expenditure covered by this report.

### SCHOLARSHIPS.

Our Board offered for the year 1940-41 an Elks National Foundation Scholarship of \$300, 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 49 lodges must have 30% of the lodges subscribed and paid up.
- This offer was availed of as follows:

#### Pennsylvania

Elks National Foundation Scholarship for the Grand Lodge year 1939-40 was awarded to Mr. Milton Wilderman of Philadelphia, a student at the State College of Optometry. However, the money was not paid out until after the close of our fiscal year, and is therefore shown in this year's statement \$ 300.00

Mr. Wilderman was again selected by the Pennsylvania Elks Association as the beneficiary of Elks National Foundation Scholarship award of \$300 for the Grand Lodge year 1940-41. This scholarship of \$300 will have been paid out prior to the Grand Lodge Convention but will not appear as an expenditure covered by this report.

#### Rhode Island

Elks National Foundation Scholarship for the Grand Lodge year 1939-40 was awarded to Mr. Joseph Crane O'Neill of Pawtucket. However, the money was not paid out until after the close of our fiscal year, and is therefore shown in this year's statement \$ 300.00

By selection of the Rhode Island Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1940-41, Elks National Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Alfred L. Gibson, a student at De LaSalle Academy of Newport. This scholarship of \$300 will have been paid out prior to the Grand Lodge Convention but will not appear as an expenditure covered by this report.

#### California

By selection of the California State Elks Association, Mr. Jack Croxon McKee of Hollister was awarded Elks National Foundation Scholarship for the Grand Lodge year 1939-40. However, the money was not paid out until after the close of our fiscal year, and is therefore shown in this year's statement \$ 300.00

By selection of the California State Elks Association, Mr. Joseph Nicoletti of San Mateo, a student at San Mateo Junior College, was awarded Elks National Foundation Scholarship for 1940-41. This scholarship of \$300 will have been paid out prior to the Grand Lodge Convention but will not appear as an expenditure covered by this report.

#### Connecticut

By selection of the Connecticut Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1940-41, Elks National Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Miss Margaret Alice Monahan of Ansonia, a student at Albertus Magnus College. This scholarship of \$300 will have been paid out prior to the Grand Lodge Convention but will not appear as an expenditure covered by this report.

#### Wisconsin

By selection of the Wisconsin State Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1940-41, Elks National Foundation scholarship awarded to Miss Evelyn Rydel of Hudson \$ 300.00

#### Massachusetts

By selection of the Massachusetts Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1940-41, Elks National Foundation scholarship awarded to Mr. M. Arthur McCormick of Lawrence, a student at Dartmouth College \$ 300.00

#### New York

By selection of the New York State Elks Association during the Grand Lodge year 1940-41, Elks National Foundation scholarship awarded to Mr. Carmelo P. Cancellieri of Southampton, a student at Columbia University \$ 300.00

#### Vermont

The Vermont State Elks Association elected to use the scholarship money allocated to that State to assist in carrying on the Fresh-Air Camp for Crippled Children at Goshen, Vermont \$ 300.00

#### West Virginia

The West Virginia Elks Association elected to use the scholarship money allocated to that State to assist in the work of rehabilitation of crippled children. Check for \$300 will have been paid out prior to the Grand Lodge Convention but will not appear as an expenditure covered by this report.

### SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES (1940)

The Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student Prizes" were awarded at the session of the Grand Lodge held in Houston, Texas, last year. In accordance with the awards made at the Convention, the following moneys were distributed:

Edwin C. Smith, Iilon, N. Y.	\$ 600.00
Helen L. Tripp, Watertown, Mass.	400.00
R. Thornton Savage, Atlanta, Ga.	300.00
Jane Murphy, Birmingham, Ala.	200.00
	\$1,500.00

### Honorable Mention Prizes

James D. Donahue, Westerly, R. I.	\$ 150.00
Bill Morgan, Cookeville, Tenn.	150.00
Emma Verdurmen, Multnomah, Ore.	150.00
Ruth M. Kolthoff, Miami, Fla.	150.00
Elizabeth A. Casey, Alameda, Calif.	150.00
T. Rogness Johnson, Jr., Sioux Falls, S. D.	150.00
W. Barry Mallon, Jr., Malone, N. Y.	150.00
William L. Langbauer, Chicago, Ill.	150.00
	\$1,200.00

Total Scholarship Prizes.....\$ 2,700.00  
Total Distributions during Grand Lodge year 1940-41 .....\$14,100.00

### SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES (1941)

In the November, 1940, issue of *The Elks Magazine*, the Elks National Foundation Trustees announced an offer of \$2,000 in cash prizes to be awarded to the "Most Valuable Students" of the school year 1940-41 as follows:

First Prize.....	\$ 600.00
Second Prize .....	500.00
Third Prize .....	400.00
Fourth Prize .....	300.00
Fifth Prize .....	200.00
	\$2,000.00

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, and a resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, was eligible to become a candidate for these awards.

In pursuance of our new plan to obtain the widest geographical spread of applications for these prizes by clearing them through the respective State Associations, we requested the cooperation of the President and other officers of said Associations. We instructed the students to file their applications with the Secretary of the State Association of their resident State on or before February 1, 1941. Each State Association was permitted to endorse and submit at least one application and also permitted to endorse and submit additional applications up to the quota allotted to its State. This quota was determined by the subscriptions for Honorary Founders' Certificates in good standing as of January 1, 1941, made by the Association and the subordinate lodges of the State. Rules, regulations and detailed instructions were sent to the President and Secretary of each Association and to the District Deputies, who were requested to publicize the Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student Prize Contest" throughout their respective States.

The Scholarship Committee of the State Association was instructed to consider carefully all the applications filed with the Secretary of the State Association, to judge them on the basis of the merit standards adopted by the Foundation Trustees and set forth on a rating sheet furnished to the committee, to determine and forward to the Chairman of the Foundation the successful applications in number equal to the allotment in each State on or before March 1, 1941. This plan was experimental and required close attention to detail and prompt and intelligent action on the part of the officers and committeemen of the Associations to insure its success. The result is most satisfactory. We have obtained not only a wide geographical spread of applications submitted for the final judgment of our Board but also there has been created an enlivened interest in this contest on the part of the officers and members of the State Associations and the officers and members of the subordinate lodges.

The decision of our Board with respect to this contest will be announced in a supplemental report to this Convention by a member of our Board.

### ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS TRUSTEES.

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

Before the close of the Wednesday morning meeting, Past Grand Exalted

Ruler Hallinan, who is Vice-Chairman of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission, announced that Major General Henry C. Pratt, commanding the second army corps, of Wilmington, and Rear Admiral Adolphus C. Watson, Commandant of the 4th Naval District, would address the Grand Lodge and that their talks would be broadcast on a nationwide hookup.

### Third Business Session

Following an invocation by Grand Chaplain Dobbins, the first action of the delegates at the afternoon session on Wednesday was to adopt a resolution, offered by Grand Esteemed Leading Knight John E. Drummey, that the Grand Lodge appoint a committee of three members to provide a suitable form of memorial to the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter F. Meier, and that \$1,500 be appropriated for the memorial.

In view of the illness of Chairman Charles E. Broughton, who was unable to attend the Convention, the Grand Exalted Ruler called on William J. Jernick, of Nutley, N. J., No. 1290, who has been serving as the Executive Chairman of the State Associations Committee. Mr. Jernick introduced his fellow members: P. J. Garvey, of Holyoke, Mass., No. 902; Fred R. Dickson, of Kearney, Neb., No. 984, and Francis H. Marx, of Oneonta, N. Y., No. 1312, and then presented his report which was adopted and excerpts of which follow:

#### State Associations Committee

*Grand Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, and My Brother Elks:*

#### STATE ASSOCIATIONS

All Associations have been most cooperative in carrying forward the program of our Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Lodge, and we acknowledge with grateful appreciation their wholehearted assistance and support.

To cite any particular outstanding Association or any special outstanding successful activity would truly be a most difficult assignment.

The majority of our Associations are doing a really splendid job and their accomplishments are many varied.

We shall therefore not attempt to single out any one Association or commend any one activity. Instead we call to your attention the activities of all Associations as gleaned from the Questionnaire which our Committee submitted to the State Association Officers.

One extremely outstanding fact which we know will be of interest to you is that cumulatively these Associations as indicated by the reports filed, have expended over \$300,000.00 during the past year to carry forward their great humanitarian endeavors.

#### ORGANIZING OUR ASSOCIATION IN EACH STATE

Your Committee is pleased to report that its ambition to have an Association organized in each State has been fully realized through the reorganizations effected in Arkansas and Tennessee.

We are happy to welcome the Associations of these two States back into the fold and wish for them continued growth and all possible success.

Much credit is due those conscientious and interested Brothers through whose hard work and service this favorable report is made possible. With grateful appreciation we acknowledge their efforts and success.

#### MEMBERSHIP OF SUBORDINATE LODGES IN STATE ASSOCIATION

Through joint effort with the Presidents and officers of our Associations and the assistance of letters from our Grand Exalted Ruler, much progress was made in increasing the membership of subordinate lodges in State Associations.

At the present time, 34 Associations can boast of 100% subordinate Lodge membership. In five only one lodge in each prevents the Associations having 100% membership. Five are short the membership of two lodges, one is short three, one is short four and one is short six lodges for a 100% membership record.

The addenda incorporated in this report shows that 97.89 percent of all the subordinate lodges maintain membership in the State Associations.

For the good of the whole, all subordinate lodges should become members and actively share in the great work in which their Associations are engaged.

Where 100% membership is not now maintained, we urgently recommend the appointment of a special membership committee to make an earnest and continued effort to bring about this very desirable accomplishment.

#### RITUALISTIC PROGRAM

Ritualistic work continues to be one of the most paramount duties of this Committee. Since nationwide competition in the initiatory ritual of our Order was formally introduced in Atlantic City in 1930 by the Grand Lodge, steady and consistent progress has been made in bringing about a more proficient rendition of the ritual by the officers of our subordinate lodges.

Your Committee received 16 entrance applications for this the 12th consecutive National Ritualistic Contest which was conducted in the Philadelphia Elks' Lodge Room on Monday and Tuesday; one was obliged to withdraw. Letters from the balance indicated that the expenditure necessary for taking part would prevent competition by their respective teams. The work of these 15 teams was exemplary, and truly inspirational to the hundreds of delegates and visiting Brothers who remained throughout many hours of competition. In presenting the award we sincerely hope that the contestants will continue their interest in the program sponsored by their Association and thereby continue to inspire the membership to greater interest in all lodge activities. Only 2,3469 points separate the 1st and the 15th teams.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I award at this time five cash prizes in the total amount of \$1000, contributed equally by the Grand Lodge and the Elks National Convention Corporation in Philadelphia, Pa., to whom at this time we express our deep appreciation.

The first prize was awarded to Decatur, Ga., Lodge, No. 1602, with a score of 97.1913%, whose members have traveled 803 miles to compete.

The second award went to Niles, Mich., Lodge, No. 1322, with a score of 97.1872%. The mileage traveled by this team was 700.

The third prize was awarded to Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, No. 289, with a score of 97.1782%. Ninety miles were covered by this team.

The fourth prize of \$75.00 was awarded to Lincoln, Ill., Lodge, No. 914, with a score of 97.1726% whose members traveled 953 miles.

The fifth prize was won by Bellaire, Ohio, Lodge, No. 419, with a score of 97.0261%.

A tabulation of the other contestants follows:

Newton, Mass.	No. 1327	97.0215%
Wheeling, W. Va.	No. 23	96.8252%
Appleton, Wis.	No. 337	96.555%
Muscataine, Iowa	No. 304	96.5333%
Cumberland, Md.	No. 63	96.5326%
Deadwood, S. D.	No. 108	96.3921%
Johnstown, Pa.	No. 175	96.2904%
Virginia City, Mont.	No. 390	95.9130%
Albion, N. Y.	No. 1006	95.453%
Miami, Fla.	No. 948	94.844%

We are grateful, and congratulate the members of all teams participating in the contest. They have earned the gratitude of the Grand Lodge, their Association, and all Elks for the time and effort put forth in the promotion of better Ritualistic work. We trust they will continue to show the same spirit and interest.

**CHAIRMAN** James R. Nicholson, of the National Defense and Public Relations Commission, submitted an interesting report of the work of his Commission during the past year. He began by presenting his associates: Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, John R. Coen, Michael F. Shannon, David Sholtz, Edward J. McCormick and Henry C. Warner, and then asked the Grand Esquire to escort a color guard to the stage. Major General Henry C. Pratt and Rear Admiral Adolphus C. Watson, with their aides, were then escorted to the stage. Excerpts from Chairman Nicholson's ex-

cellent report, which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge Convention, follow:

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America:*—At the session of the Grand Lodge held in Houston, Texas, in July, 1940, there was adopted a resolution offered by Brother John S. McClelland of Atlanta, Ga., Lodge No. 78, a resolution to create the Elks National Defense Commission.

Following the adoption of this resolution, and his installation, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch announced the appointment of the members of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission as follows:—

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Chairman  
 Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Vice-Chairman  
 Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen  
 Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon  
 Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz  
 Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, M.D.  
 Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner

#### PRELIMINARY WORK

Immediately after the Grand Lodge Session Grand Exalted Ruler Buch at the request of the Commission sent a communication to the Exalted Rulers of all of the subordinate lodges asking each of them to appoint a National Defense Committee and to forward to the Commission the name and address of the Chairman.

It is gratifying to note that 1,340 Exalted Rulers complied with this request.

At the same time, the Commission sent a similar communication to the Presidents of the several State Associations asking for the appointment of State National Defense Committees. This request met with a 100% response.

The Commission communicated with President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Knox and Director Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation offering the service of the Order in the National Defense Program and asking for suggestions.

All responded most helpfully.

#### ORGANIZATION

On August 31, 1940, the Commission held its first meeting in Chicago.

At that meeting the Commission completed its organization by the selection of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, M.D., as Secretary.

At the same meeting the Chairman was authorized to secure and equip suitable headquarters, engage the necessary personnel to carry on the work of the Commission and to engage the services of a public relations counsel.

In accordance with this authorization the Chairman entered into an agreement with the Bureau of Public Relations, of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart is president, to act as public relations counsel, secured suitable quarters at 292 Madison Avenue, New York City and engaged the services of Robert C. Jackson as Executive Secretary.

#### THE ELKS MAGAZINE

At the time of the Chicago meeting a conference was held with the members of the Elks National Memorial and Publications Commission at which the members of that Commission very helpfully offered to devote a full page of *The Elks Magazine* each month to the Elks National Defense Program, the material for same to be provided by the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission.

Recently Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, having learned that copies of *The Elks Magazine* would be appreciated by some of the boys in the training camps, advised this Commission that the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission would be glad to furnish a limited number of copies of *The Elks Magazine* for the members of the several camps if this Commission desired this to be done.

The Commission has communicated with the Commanding Officers of the several camps throughout the country and is prepared to take advantage of this offer of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission to such extent as it meets with the approval of the Commanding Officers.

#### PROGRAM

At the Chicago meeting the Commission adopted a program designed to organize in sup-

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port of the National Defense Program the power and patriotism of the nearly one-half million Americans making up the membership of the subordinate lodges of which our Order is comprised.

The first act of this Commission was to communicate with President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of Navy Knox and Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Hoover, to learn how the Elks best could serve.

There follows reproductions of, or excerpts from the letters of inspiration and guidance that came from these leaders:

## Letter from President Roosevelt

August 15, 1940.

Dear Brother Nicholson:

I am indeed grateful for your letter of August thirteenth and am reassured to learn of the creation at the recent annual Grand Lodge Session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission.

Your declared purpose to formulate and supervise plans for the fullest cooperation by the Grand Lodge, the State Associations and the subordinate lodges and the members, with our national, state and local governments, in any eventuality or contingency that may arise, is most welcome news. This action on the part of the Elks is in keeping with their best traditions of service and patriotism.

The opportunity for service at the present time is very great. The superb organization which has made it possible for the Order to take a leading part in charitable and philanthropic enterprises, as well as in social service, will be equally useful when directed to national defense.

Patriotic impulses of the far-flung membership will inspire Elks everywhere to rise to the opportunity which is theirs.

Fraternally yours,

Signed: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

## Excerpt from letter of Secretary Stimson

I extend my sincerest wishes for the success of your Commission. I trust that you will never relax your efforts to encourage and maintain a high degree of interest of all concerned in your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: HENRY L. STIMSON  
Secretary of War

## Excerpt from letter of Secretary Knox

I believe your organization can render us valuable assistance by stressing in every possible way the outstanding benefits of this country as compared with those under the totalitarian régimes. We need a stiffening of morale in the face of the many "isms" that are attacking our fundamental freedom, and are attempting to sap our moral fiber as a great nation.

Again expressing my appreciation of your offer, I remain,

Most sincerely,

Signed: FRANK B. KNOX

## Excerpt from letter of F.B.I. Director Hoover

I wish to advise that your fellow members and you can be of very real assistance by promptly reporting to the nearest office of the FBI any and all information coming to your attention indicating a violation of our espionage, sabotage or related laws.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Signed: J. E. HOOVER

The members of the Commission feel that the most important activities to which the Elks should devote themselves in contributing to the development of our country's defense are the following:

1. Uphold and teach Americanism and our democratic form of government.
2. Discover and report treasonable, subversive and Fifth Column activities in America.
3. Assist in the physical development of the youth of our country.

It is gratifying and inspiring to the members of the Commission that the Secretary of War, the Secretary of Navy, and the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation each stressed the importance of these activities on the part of the Elks.

That is the three-point primary program to which Grand Exalted Ruler Buch and the members of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission ask all Elks to commit and apply themselves.

In response to the request of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Exalted Ruler of each subordinate lodge is appointing an Elks Defense Committee for his lodge.

Definite plans for carrying out Elksdom's Three-Point Program of patriotic service will be set up at once by the local lodge committees. This is work in which every Elk can do his part.

By cooperating with the Defense Committee of his lodge each member of the Order has an exceptional opportunity to serve his lodge and Order and to contribute materially to the preservation and defense of—

"The American Way of Life."

## Supplementary Program for Defense Activities of Subordinate Lodges

1. Campaign to expand vocational training in the public schools—having in mind the importance of mechanized units in modern warfare.
2. Exemption of dues of members called into the armed service of our country.
3. Offering the use of Elks lodge homes for patriotic purposes.
4. Promoting the more general and constant display of our country's flag.
5. Endeavoring to bring into our membership the leading citizens of the community, that they may join with us in our patriotic services.
6. Special affairs in honor of men being called into armed service.
7. Organizing the mothers, wives and daughters of the members for cooperation in the general defense program of the lodge and particularly to contribute to the comfort of the boys in army camps.
8. Organizing the members of the lodge for moderate physical culture activities to the end that the individual Elk may be physically fit to meet his responsibilities now and in the days ahead when our Order and Country need the best that each of us has to give.

We pledge ourselves to give our Order and our country now the best we have to give, and confidently we appeal to all Elks to give earnest, whole-hearted support to the ELKS' PROGRAM OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

## SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES

Later specific recommendations were sent to the State National Defense Committee Chairmen and/or the Subordinate Lodge National Defense Committee Chairmen as follows:—

To hold a public patriotic meeting during the week of Oct. 21, to be followed by other meetings of the same character.

To arrange for an entertainment and patriotic program for school children on Washington's Birthday.

To provide dinners and entertainment for men entering the United States Army under the Selective Service Act; to have a member sponsor each young man by corresponding with him while in service, remembering him on his birthday and at Christmas time; to supply medical and legal service gratis to the families of those boys needing same.

To give their support to the Schwert Bill in Congress, which bill provides for the Federal Government establishing a fund for distribution to the several State governments for the physical training of school children.

To secure the commitment of their lodges and the individual members of such lodges to the fullest measure of cooperation with such local organization as has been instituted in their respective communities for the prosecution of the campaign instituted by the United Service Organization.

To have the State Associations provide the Army Chaplains with Field Altars. To arrange for a pledge of allegiance by all lodges to the Flag at athletic games, contests and all outdoor meetings.

Shortly after the adoption by the Commission of the Elks National Defense Program, Brother Phelps Phelps, Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge No. 1, advised the Commission that he had made arrangements for a radio broadcast, in the program of which a representative of the Commission might participate.

Accordingly, on Sept. 12th, a 15-minute conversation between Brother Phelps and the Chairman of the Commission was broadcast over Station WABC and over 200 affiliated stations, designed to inform the listeners of the part that the Elks were prepared to play in the advancement of National Defense.

The value and importance of this opportunity thus early in its activities to carry its message to hundreds of thousands of Americans in this effective manner was fully appreciated by the members of the Commission.

## SUBORDINATE LODGE COOPERATION

A questionnaire was sent by the Commission to all Subordinate Lodges designed to secure information relative to the extent to which each lodge had participated in the National Defense

Program outlined by the Commission and to what extent the lodges had initiated and carried on related activities.

Prior to May 31st, 390 lodges returned their questionnaires, representing 28% of the Order. These reports evidence the following:—

1. % of lodges holding patriotic meetings.....79
2. % of lodges holding Washington Birthday parties .....35
3. % of lodges participating in Essay Contest.....77
4. % of lodges securing permission for the Elks to arrange for a group pledge of allegiance to the Flag at any public gatherings.....43
5. % of lodges offering use of lodge home for patriotic activities .....89
6. % of lodges rendering assistance to boys in Service .....83
7. % of lodges cooperating with Local Defense Councils .....56

The above figures fully indicate that with cooperation on the part of the lodges, millions of our fellow citizens were reached with inspiring patriotic messages designed to remind them of the seriousness of the present serious situation and the obligation and the opportunity of the individual to serve; that through our Essay Contest hundreds of thousands of school children were given a new conception of what Democracy—the American way of life means to them; that thousands of trainees are being entertained, supplied with equipment and comforts and made to feel that the Elks are deeply concerned in their welfare.

## PUBLICITY

In compliance with our request, many subordinate lodges have sent in publicity obtained relative to the various activities of their Defense Committees. Up to the writing of this report, this Commission has received 634,754 column lines of newspaper clippings, which, of course, is only a partial representation of such publicity as has been received.

Many subordinate lodges also have received generous radio station cooperation and millions of people have, by this means been reached with the Order's patriotic message.

## UNCLE SAM POSTER

Upon the recommendation of the public relations counsel of the Commission, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart, the service of the well-known artist C. C. Beall was engaged to paint a composite portrait of Uncle Sam.

The publishers of "Life Magazine" were so impressed by this portrait that they published it in January 13, 1941, issue of "Life Magazine" on a full page in two colors.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan, Vice Chairman of the Commission, arranged through U. S. Senator Robert Wagner, a member of New York Lodge No. 1, for President Roosevelt's personal acceptance of this portrait in behalf of the War Department.

Accordingly, on January 9, 1941, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch accompanied by the Chairman of the Commission, Vice-Chairman Hallinan, P.G.E.R. Hart and Brother Wagner presented the portrait to President Roosevelt at the White House.

The President was very gracious in his acceptance, spoke most appreciatively of the work that the Order was doing in National Defense and with pride in his membership in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Lodge No. 275.

## NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Commission decided to use the Uncle Sam portrait as the basis of a National Essay Contest to be participated in by pupils in high schools and schools of the same grade throughout the several states and our territories and possessions.

Plans were evolved for a contest on the following basis:—

1. Each subordinate lodge to grant 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards to contestants within the jurisdiction of such lodge.
2. The best essays of each lodge jurisdiction to be offered in a state, territory or possession contest with awards for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best.
3. The best essays of each state, territory or possession to compete in a national contest.

The subordinate lodges and the State Associations provided substantial cash prizes in most instances for 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice, and the Elks National Defense Commission, offered cash awards for the national prizes of \$1,000.00 \$500.00 and \$250.00 each.

The National Committee of Awards was Ex-Gov. Wilbur Cross of Connecticut, Chairman; Dr. Ralph B. Wagner of St. Louis University, and Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of Los Angeles.

In connection with this contest hundreds of

thousands of American boys and girls of high school age have given earnest thought and study to what Uncle Sam really means to each of them. That it had the desired result of developing among them a greater appreciation of the rights and privileges of American citizenship cannot be doubted.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

##### *Pershing Class*

Recognizing that the General John J. Pershing Class inaugurated by the Lodge Activities Committee had an important public relations value, the Commission cooperated with the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Lodge Activities Committee in promoting and publicizing that Class. The great success of the Pershing Class which added new membership to the number of 25,000 would appear fully to justify this cooperation with the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

#### CONCLUSION

The members of the Commission have been very much impressed by the enthusiasm and effectiveness with which the members of the Order have responded to their appeal to join in this patriotic service and deeply appreciative of the cooperation received.

We wish to make grateful acknowledgment of the deep interest that Grand Exalted Ruler Buch has taken in this work and the important contributions that he has made to its advancement. To those Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen who have so helpfully responded to such calls as we have made of them, we wish to express our thanks.

We are very appreciative of the splendid assistance rendered by the District Deputies in getting the subordinate lodges organized for the Defense Program.

To the Presidents of the State Associations and the Exalted Rulers of subordinate lodges and the Chairmen and members of the State and Subordinate Lodge National Defense Committees appointed by them, we desire to express our thanks and appreciation and to compliment and congratulate them on the enthusiasm with which they have entered into this work and the success that they have attained.

The love of country, the loyalty to our Order, the enthusiasm, the initiative and the untiring, unselfish efforts of those Brothers who have contributed to the advancement of the National Defense Program have given the members of the Commission an increased pride in our Order and strengthened confidence in its future success and glory, and the maintenance of its position of leadership among the patriotic organizations of our country.

It is hoped that all members of the Order had an opportunity to hear the radio program which went on the air at two-thirty. Chairman Nicholson briefly sketched the Order's record of service to our country, and then presented, in turn, Major General Pratt and Rear Admiral Watson. General Pratt spoke of the national defense effort and, while praising the work of the Defense Commission, appealed to all Elks to give the fullest cooperation to the rebuilding of an adequate national defense. "I speak not only of the extra energy needed for the production of materials of war," he said "but of the extra efforts that must be devoted to arouse the spirit of our people. This must be obtained by education, by example and by leadership, and in all three of these each of you can, as individuals, and I know you will, participate." Admiral Watson presented an informative study of the Navy, and stressed the importance of the Navy to this country, separated as it is from so many unfriendly lands by wide oceans. He spoke enthusiastically of the plans for our new Navy which will be the most powerful ever built.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution presented by P.E.R. Nicholas Albano, of Newark, N. J., Lodge, No. 21, voicing the Order's cooperation in the present emergency.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E.

Thompson, Secretary of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, was then called on to present the supplementary report of the Trustees to the Grand Lodge, which will be printed in the September issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Mr. Buch presented to the Grand Lodge delegates the winners of the first and second awards in the Most Valuable Student Contest: Paul Sanazaro of Berkeley, California, and Helen Delich, of Nevada. Each made a gracious speech of thanks for the opportunity to continue their studies that the awards represent. The students were received with enthusiastic applause and the Foundation's supplementary report was adopted.

The next report to be presented to the Grand Lodge was that of the Antlers Council, submitted by Chairman Homer F. Potter, of San Francisco, Cal., Lodge No. 3. He reported that at the present time there are thirty-five intensely interested lodges of Antlers with a total membership of 1,690. Chairman Potter introduced his fellow-members of the Antlers Council, H. Glenn Boyd, of Wichita, Kans., No. 427, and A. H. Borland, of Durham, N. C., No. 568. The report was adopted.

The Wednesday afternoon meeting closed with a benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

#### Fourth Business Session

On Thursday morning the Grand Lodge delegates were entertained by selections rendered by the Indiana Elks Chanters of Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge, No. 86, and directed by Carl C. Jones. An invocation by Grand Chaplain Dobbins opened the fourth and concluding business session of the Grand Lodge.

Chairman Martin J. Cunningham, of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, a member of Danbury, Conn., Lodge, No. 120, presented the report of his Committee. Excerpts from his report follow:

#### Committee on Judiciary

*Grand Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Officers and members of this Grand Lodge:*

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

During the past year, your Committee rendered two hundred and sixty-five opinions relating to the legality or revision of By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges and interpretations of the Constitution and Statutes of the Order. The Articles of incorporation of eleven lodges were examined and approved; the applications of seven lodges for permission to publish Lodge Bulletins were approved and one such application was disapproved and forty-nine applications for building and financing permits were examined and returned to the Board of Grand Trustees with comment and recommendation.

At the Grand Lodge Session of 1940, the then existing Committee on Judiciary received from New York Lodge No. 1 a proposed amendment to the Grand Lodge Statutes to permit establishment of building funds under state tax exemption laws. Since the amendment was presented after the convening of that Session, the Committee did not have sufficient time to adequately appraise the plan suggested as the basis for such amendment and the same was rejected, without prejudice to its renewal at this Grand Lodge Session. The proposal has been renewed and has been duly considered by the present Committee on Judiciary.

Briefly, the plan involves the organization of a fraternal corporation to be formed under Section 4, subdivision 6, of the Tax Law of the State of New York, separate and apart from the lodge proper, to be governed by its own officers and trustees, with capital derived from contributions, membership fees, testamentary bequests and proceeds of various functions or other sources. The plan further contemplates the investment of the capital and the use of the same, when it has increased to suitable proportions, for the purchase or erection of a building for the occupancy, upon a rental basis, of fraternal organizations.

The amendment seeks authority for the formation of the fraternal corporation upon and by the approval of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary and the issuance, by the Grand Lodge, of a charter to such special corporation.

Your Committee has carefully considered the amendment proposed and, believing the same to be in conflict with Section 19, Article 111, of the Constitution of our Order, recommends that the amendment be not adopted.

Your Committee has given due consideration to the resolution submitted by New York Lodge No. 1, petitioning this Grand Lodge to appoint a committee to devise ways and means to raise, through voluntary contributions from the membership of the Order, the sum of One Million Dollars for the purpose of erecting a suitable building on Manhattan Island, in the City of New York, to be known as the Elks National Foundation Building, supervised by the Foundation Trustees, containing suitable club facilities and lodge room for New York Lodge No. 1, for a fixed yearly rental to be paid; the building to be a memorial dedicated to the founders of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States.

THE Committee is of the opinion that, at the present time, when the individual American is being strongly urged to financially contribute, to the extent of his means, to National Defense and is confronted with the prospect of increased taxation, high costs of living and years of sacrifice and hardship, it would be unfair, unfair and embarrassing to solicit our membership for contributions for the purpose expressed in the resolution.

Your Committee recommends that the resolution be not adopted.

Several months ago Brother William H. Rennolds, Exalted Ruler of Manila, Philippine Islands, Lodge No. 761, communicated with your Committee and expressed the concern of the members of that Lodge as to the status of the Lodge in the event that the Philippine Commonwealth comes into full and complete independence in 1946.

Your Committee, fully appreciating the position of Manila Lodge and the concern of its membership, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas: The Congress of the United States has voted that independent governmental status be restored, in 1946, to the Philippine Islands and

"Whereas: Manila Lodge, No. 761, has been for forty years, is now and will continue to be a loyal and valuable subordinate lodge, the center of civic and patriotic activity in the Philippine Islands.

"Now Therefore Be it Resolved: That in event the governmental independence of the Philippine Islands shall occur in 1946, or at any subsequent time, the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks over Manila Lodge No. 761 and its members shall be deemed to continue undisturbed, and said Lodge and its members entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all of the laws of the Order as to requirements of citizenship of the United States and otherwise."

YOUR Committee concurs with the recommendation of Grand Exalted Ruler Buch that Section 4B, of the Grand Lodge Statutes, be amended by striking from line 4 of the fourth paragraph of said section, as printed in the current edition of said Statutes, the word and figure "February 1" and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figures "December 20" so that said paragraph, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the District Deputy to familiarize himself with all ritualistic work, and visit each Subordinate Lodge in his district at a regular or special session at least once before December 20 of the year for which he was appointed, and see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly in all said Lodges. He shall examine all books and records of each Lodge, including the books and records of any club established and maintained under the provisions of Chapter 14 of Title III to see that they are kept properly, and to ascertain the assets and liabilities of the Lodge and Club, the amount of insurance carried, and the other methods by which the property thereof is safeguarded. He shall make, on forms furnished by the Grand Secretary for such purpose, an official report of each visit made by him, and shall file the same with the Grand Exalted Ruler immediately after such visit. He shall investigate every complaint filed against an officer of a Lodge in his district under the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title II and shall file a certificate with the Secretary of the Lodge of the accused officer whenever he is of the opinion that there was reasonable cause for the filing of said complaint. He shall also file with the Grand Exalted Ruler, at least sixty days prior to the convening of the Grand Lodge, an annual report showing the condition of the various Lodges in his district, with such recommendation as he may desire to make."

The aggregate reports of the District Deputies are numerous and often extensive. Many of the reports contain matters necessitating action, or investigation, by the Grand Exalted Ruler and sufficient time should be allotted to him to properly dispose of those matters. The Grand Secretary, after having made a survey, has informed your Committee that the visitations of each of the District Deputies could be completed prior to December 20.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the

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Amendment as read and its enactment into statutory law.

Section 144a, of the Grand Lodge Statutes, relates to a situation when a person has been initiated into the Order upon representation of citizenship mistakenly made in the honest belief that he was an American citizen. A portion of said Section provides that he may make application, after receiving a final certificate of naturalization, for acceptance into full membership in the Order, and that such application must be in writing, set forth all the facts, and have attached thereto a certified copy of his certificate of naturalization.

Since the naturalization laws of the United States forbid, under penalty of fine or imprisonment, or both, the making of a certified copy of a certificate of naturalization, unless the original has become lost, mutilated or destroyed beyond recovery, your Committee recommends that said Section be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 144a. A person, otherwise qualified, who has been initiated as a member of the Order upon representation of citizenship mistakenly made in the honest belief that he was an American citizen and who subsequently has been issued a final certificate of naturalization under the laws of the United States, may make application for acceptance into full membership in the Order. Such application must be in writing, set forth all the facts and have attached thereto an affidavit of the Secretary of the Lodge, in which the applicant holds membership, that the applicant's certificate of naturalization has been exhibited to him. Said application shall be presented to the Lodge in which the applicant was enrolled as a member when the question of his citizenship arose. Upon a ballot, if three-fourths of the members of the Lodge present and voting vote in favor of the acceptance of the application, the complete record of the proceedings before the Lodge shall be referred to the Grand Exalted Ruler for approval. If the Grand Exalted Ruler approves, he shall return the application to the Lodge with his approval noted thereon. If the Grand Exalted Ruler disapproves the application, the person shall be denied membership in the Order. Upon receipt of the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Lodge shall notify the applicant to appear at a regular session of the Lodge and shall require him to again take the obligation of the Order; whereupon, without further initiation and without the payment of any fee for initiation, he shall be accepted as a member and shall be deemed to have all the rights and privileges of membership as of date of his original initiation."

Your Committee recommends that Section 186, of the Grand Lodge Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 186. A Lodge may, under such circumstances as may be fixed by its by-laws, remit the dues of any member who is sick or in distress, and may remit the dues of any member who is serving in any branch of the military, naval, hospital or marine forces of the United States during a period of war in which the United States is engaged, or during a period when such service is made compulsory by Act of Congress of the United States, or during a period of national emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States."

Your Committee recommends that Section 119, of the Grand Lodge Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 119. A Lodge shall have power, by majority vote, to vacate the position of any elective officer who is absent from duty during two consecutive months of his term without good cause; provided that absence in the military, naval, hospital or marine service of the United States during a period of war in which the United States is engaged, or during a period when such service is made compulsory by Act of the Congress of the United States, or during a period of national emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States, shall not be cause for vacating the position of any such officer."

"The lodge shall have power to impeach and remove from office, by a two-thirds vote, any officer guilty of immoral conduct or abuses in office or dishonorable practice of any kind. At least five days notice in writing, specifying the time when any proceeding under this Section is to be taken, shall be given, by the Secretary of the Lodge, to the officer concerned."

With the report adopted, Mr. Cunningham introduced his associate members of the Committee on Judiciary: Allen B. Hannay, Houston, Tex., No. 151; D. E. LaBelle, Minneapolis, Minn., No. 44; Clyde E. Jones, Ottumwa, Ia., No. 347, and Philip U. Gayaut, Washington, D. C., No. 15.

The final report of the Convention, that of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, was submitted by Chairman William H. Kelly, of East Orange, N. J., Lodge, No. 630. The other members of this Committee were presented to the Grand Lodge by the Chairman. They are Bert A. Thompson, Kenosha, Wis., No. 750; Sam Stern, Fargo, No. Dak., No. 260, Howard R. Davis, Wil-

liamsport, Pa., No. 173, and Milburn Easum, Jr., Amarillo, Tex., No. 923. Excerpts from the report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge body, follow:

It is my privilege to give you a report of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

The first and organization meeting of the Committee was held at the Elks' National Memorial Building in Chicago on September 2, 1940. At this meeting, which was attended by Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch, the program of the Committee was discussed and planned, with the helpful assistance of Judge Frank B. Leonard of Champaign, Illinois, Lodge, No. 398, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee for 1939-1940. This marked the beginning of some splendid achievements, all made possible by the unselfish service and cooperation of the entire membership of our Committee.

The work of the Committee took definite form from its very inception, under the guidance and inspiration of our Grand Exalted Ruler. His pronouncement at the District Deputy conference, that his was to be a business administration, won general commendation, and his well-planned and admirably expressed program was received with an enthusiasm that manifested itself throughout the year.

Out of the Grand Exalted Ruler's program arose several undertakings which were directed by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. First by the Grand Exalted Ruler was the "General John J. Pershing Class", through which the Order of Elks was largely instrumental in enjoying the greatest membership gain in many years. This class was one of the most popular undertakings of its kind in the history of the Order. Coming in these times, when the American public properly placed a high value upon the contributions of this great and honorable soldier, our own Brothers and thousands of new members joined hands to pay him a well-earned tribute with a record class of 21,872.

The work of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee in developing this class was amply compensated not only by the material gain in membership, but through numerous editorials which jointly praised General Pershing and the patriotic work of Elksdom. And, in this regard, I am pleased to report that no single endeavor of the Order ever drew the volume of favorable comment which this class enjoyed.

Your Committee has labored hard in an endeavor to stimulate lodge activities and to create a new interest in all the important phases of Elksdom. Realizing the advantage to America of an even stronger and more vigorous Elksdom the Committee pressed its work for new members. The General Pershing Class was followed by the "Grand Exalted Ruler and Subordinate Lodge Officers Class". This, too, produced some gratifying results, and, with a new and methodical approach on the problem of reinstatements and paid-up memberships, made possible through the five-year survey, the Order has shown a total net membership increase of 14,818.

Every service and activity prescribed by the Order was encouraged by the Committee and was faithfully observed. Reports to the Committee from subordinate lodges indicate that Flag Day exercises were a public feature in most communities, and that Memorial and Mothers' Day services were conducted with the impressiveness commensurate with the dignity of these important occasions.

Particularly with respect to Flag Day exercises, my Committee is under a great debt of gratitude to Brother Bert Thompson for the splendid Flag Day Program he developed, an outline of which was mailed by the committee to every lodge in the Order.

In addition to these activities, the Committee applied itself to the task of arousing in the officers of subordinate lodges, not only a higher appreciation of their obligation for the business conduct of their affairs, but a more practical interest in the social side of their official life, as well. As an aid to this end, the Committee arranged to re-issue the "Exalted Rulers' Hand Book", one of the most helpful works ever compiled by the Order, containing outlines and suggestions which, if followed, would insure the successful operation of a subordinate lodge, regardless of size or location, and it was also instrumental in the distribution of the "Manual for Officers and Committeemen of Subordinate Lodges."

To carry out its extensive program, it was necessary for the Committee to contact every Exalted Ruler, Secretary, District Deputy and associate member of the Grand Lodge Committee, four or five times, and one of the most pleasurable phases of the work of the Committee has been the responsiveness of these Brothers and the hearty cooperation they accorded us.

After careful deliberation, the Committee has

concluded that now is the appropriate time for the Order of Elks to adopt a uniform salute to the American Flag. The adoption of a definite standard would obviate a variety of salutes which now tend to confuse the members and audiences, and, to some extent, take away from the dignity and solemnity of the occasions.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends the adoption of the civilian salute, already submitted to some of the legislatures of our States, and described as follows:

"The official civilian salute to the flag of the United States shall be executed by standing erect and placing the right hand over the heart, the left arm being in relaxed downward position at side.

"The above salute shall be executed when the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States is recited, and in all other cases where proper respect is extended to the flag.

"A male civilian wearing a hat, shall stand erect, remove hat with right hand and hold it over his head.

"Similar respect shall be extended during the playing of the National Anthem of the United States, *The Star Spangled Banner*, when in the actual presence of the musical presentation."

It is also recommended that the lodges ask their respective state legislatures to memorialize this as the official civilian salute, thereby removing some of the confusion which we know prevails whenever good Americans gather.

A survey of the fiscal year, just ended, will disclose the highest increase in membership in nineteen years. We have also been able to see a keener interest in all charitable and humanitarian undertakings, a broader understanding of the new obligations of citizenship which the times have imposed, and an unselfish attempt at discharging every patriotic duty. All these, in addition to the institution of several new lodges, is a clear barometer of the progressive and successful, fraternal and patriotic program of our great American Order.

It was my personal pleasure and privilege to accompany our Grand Exalted Ruler to his District Deputy Conferences in Salt Lake City, Utah; Chicago, Illinois, and Bedford, Virginia, and to the many sectional conferences of Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries, Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees and other interested Brothers; also on his visits to the various State Associations and lodge meetings in many States of the Union, as well as in Alaska and Panama.

These visits permitted me, as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, to explain and define the prescribed activities of the Order, as well as the new and current undertakings being developed by the Committee, such as the campaign for new members and re-instatements, and for paid-up memberships. It also afforded me the opportunity to meet and fraternize with thousands of Elks, socially, and, in my humble way, to convey a message of good will to the members of the Order, thereby establishing, if possible, a more intimate relationship between the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge and its Committees.

The Grand Exalted Ruler, I know, has already expressed his appreciation of the warm, fraternal greeting extended to him on all his visits. I, too, at this time, as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, desire to express my deep thanks to all the Elks and friends who, in any manner, contributed to our comfort and pleasure. The generous good will and cordiality we enjoyed have left with me many pleasant and unforgettable memories.

Throughout the year, my Committee and I have been inspired by the leadership of our Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch. His untiring and unselfish work in what was indeed a most efficient and outstanding business administration, was the main factor in arousing our Committee, and, in fact, every member of our great Order, to their unprecedented efforts. His willingness to search into the smallest details to determine the needs of the Order, and to sacrifice his time and comfort, and to subordinate many of the pleasures that naturally flow from the high office of Grand Exalted Ruler, in order to produce a bigger and better Elksdom, has endeared him to the hearts of everyone of his 500,000 Brothers of the Order.

It is my sincere hope, and that of every member of the Committee, that the Grand Lodge will give every possible consideration to the recommendations of the Grand Exalted Ruler, particularly to the general policy of continuity, including the continuation of the important membership five-year survey which would, at all times, permit the lodges of the Order to determine their exact membership standing.

The members of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee are grateful for having been permitted to serve Elksdom in these most troublous times. We feel that a great privilege has been conferred upon us in having joined hands with the members of the Elks National Defense and Public

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# Excerpts from Annual Reports Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, in July

## Annual Report of the Grand Secretary

### Membership

During the year ended March 31, 1941, Subordinate Lodges added to their membership rolls 42,284 new names by initiation; 5,030 by dimit, and 12,892 by reinstatement. In this same period, they expelled 36; dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues 29,729; granted dimits to 6,980; and lost by death 8,643. Our membership as of March 31, 1941, shown by reports filed, is 490,417, showing an increase of 14,818 members.

### Grand Lodge Finances

The total income of the Grand Lodge for the year ended May 31, 1941, amounts to \$352,961.16; expenses amount to \$383,661.41, showing an excess of expenses over income of \$30,700.25.

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$454,202.88; other assets are (cash in closed bank) \$120,073.51; fixed assets are \$1,205,218.84, making the total assets of the Grand Lodge \$1,779,495.23.

### Subordinate 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 \$3,763,412.28. During the year, they received from all sources \$21,332,965.78, and expended \$20,210,119.13, leaving their cash balance as of March 31, 1941, \$4,886,258.93. Reports filed also show the total assets of Subordinate Lodges to be \$78,134,863.75.

It is gratifying to note that the cash balance of Subordinate Lodges is \$1,122,846.80 greater than at March 31, 1940.

The fact that the total assets of Subordinate Lodges are \$3,781,856.33 greater than last year is also worthy of mention.

### New Members and Reinstatements

It is pleasing to report that 42,284 new names were added to our rolls last year, and that the number dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, namely 29,729, was fewer than for many years.

Reinstatement work has been most effective, as shown by a total of 12,892 reinstated members.

The current Subordinate Lodge year will show still further gains in membership. At April 1, 1941, our Lodges had 5,847 candidates elected and awaiting initiation. Since that date, reports received in this office indicate that the great majority of Lodges have been initiating more candidates than is usual during the Spring months.

Membership gains were made by forty-three States and Special Jurisdictions, and 894 Lodges registered increases in membership.

### Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for same:

Activities	Amount
Relief of Members, their Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc. ....	\$340,142.92
Summer Camps, Outings, etc. ....	39,602.02
Milk, Ice and Fuel .....	38,791.77
Crippled Children .....	142,355.54
Medical Aid .....	42,221.88
Hospitals .....	67,764.34
Miscellaneous Charities .....	241,605.22
General Aid for Needy Families .....	84,591.31
Thanksgiving Baskets .....	25,255.51
Christmas Baskets .....	395,312.36
Boy Scouts .....	35,006.30
Girl Scouts .....	9,599.94
Big Brother Work .....	26,245.61
Play Grounds, including Prizes .....	28,229.11
Scholarships, Text Books, etc. ....	24,668.90
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. ....	99,414.20
Veterans Relief .....	11,536.34
Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc. ....	93,363.63
Elks National Foundation ....	32,368.36
	\$1,778,075.26

## From the Report of the Board of Grand Trustees

### The Elks National Home

An important part of the program of the Board of Grand Trustees is the supervision of the Elks National Home, located among the Blue Ridge Mountains, at Bedford, Virginia.

Previous annual reports have explained the origin of the Home and have traced the improvements made during the intervening years up until the present time. The Home is now twenty years old.

Every form of recreation for men of advanced years is to be found at the Home. An extensive acreage is landscaped into beautiful lawns dotted with shrubs and flower-beds. There is a well-kept nine-hole golf course and a most productive farm, both presenting beautiful surroundings for the well planned buildings housing the residents of the Home.

A fine herd of Holstein cattle graze the meadows and produce one hundred gallons of milk daily, all of which is consumed by the resident Brothers.

A complete hospital, with a full-time capable physician and full-time registered nurses, cares for the many ailments which affect the residents of the Home. In connection with the hospital may be found a special diet kitchen and diet dining room in order that those requiring a restricted diet may best be cared for.

The Fred Harper Memorial Auditorium, the gift of Brother Robert S. Barrett of Alexandria, Virginia, Lodge, No. 758, is the scene of two "First-Run Movies and News Reels" every week. Other entertainments are held in this beautiful auditorium, periodically.

All of the fine things enumerated in the foregoing paragraphs have been brought to your attention before, but they bear repeating. This year, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch has in-

spired a new interest in the National Home and each of its residents. In numerous cases, Brothers who are residents of the Home have been neglected by their lodge, their relatives or their friends back home. This leads to homesickness, loneliness and discontent. Brother Buch set out to erase this as much as possible by putting into practice the teachings of Elkdom, namely, "An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken." Each case was carefully investigated at the direction of Brother Buch. Each case of neglect was given prompt attention. In many cases the individual was given his spending money at regular monthly intervals by Brother Buch.

The long life of service of our Grand Exalted Ruler to the underprivileged, especially crippled children of the country, has been extended to the residents of the Elks National Home. Brother Buch has made the Home, and the health, comfort and happiness of each of the Brothers there, paramount in his year as Grand Exalted Ruler. In his many visits to the Home, he was never too much occupied to listen to the requests or suggestions of the aged Brothers. No little detail escaped his attention, whether it was a hand-rail to make the steps of the Brothers a little lighter or an elevator in the hospital which permitted the "Shut-Ins" to be lifted into a wheel chair and taken out into the sunshine. Space will not permit the enumeration of the many acts of kindness and the advantages credited to his friendly interest. Brother Buch is a living example of Elkdom's teachings, and by the Brothers of the Home he will be forever remembered, as the Brothers affectionately choose to call him, "Brother Joe, One of Elkdom's Greatest Noblemen."

The Board of Grand Trustees by resolution at its Spring meeting expressed its gratitude to Miss Mildred Masters of the Chicago office for the splendid article written by her for the February issue of *The Elks Magazine*. It is especially ably and well written and the effect of the article has been seen in an increase of new applications for admission to the Home. Superintendent Scott is having the article reprinted, and copies will soon be ready for distribution upon request.

Superintendent Robert A. Scott is deserving of much praise for his kindly cooperation in the program of Grand Exalted Ruler Buch and the Board of Grand Trustees. Each year Brother Scott proves his worth as a great humanitarian of the first rank through his care in ministering to the needs of the Brothers in the Home. His business ability, his integrity and his economical administration commend him highly to every member of the Order.

The Board of Grand Trustees invites every member of the Order to visit the Home and find renewed pride in his membership which manifests Brotherly Love in such a concrete manner as the maintenance of the beautiful Elks National Home.

### Maintenance of Home

The total amount paid by Grand Lodge for operating the Elks National Home during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1941, was as follows:

Operating Expenses .....	\$121,863.61	
Insurance .....	1,965.86	
		\$123,829.47
Add—Inventory at beginning ....	7,344.08	
		\$131,173.55
Deduct—Inventory at close .....	8,449.86	
		\$122,723.69
Less—Sale of Supplies .....	1,105.14	
Net Cost of Operating Home ....		\$121,618.55

To arrive at the figure upon which per capita cost of maintenance to be charged to Subordinate Lodges is based, the following expenses must be deducted:

Building Maintenance ....	\$ 5,266.51	
Equipment Maintenance ....	2,141.51	
Insurance .....	1,965.86	
		\$ 9,373.88
Balance to be used for Lodge apportionment ....		\$112,244.67

The average number of residents at the Home for the year ended May 31, 1941 was 265.

The average cost per resident during the year ended May 31, 1941, was \$423.56.

The following table shows the average number of residents for the past five years, with average maintenance cost per member:

Year ended May 31	Average No. of Residents	Average Cost per Resident
1937	297	\$360.00
1938	282	388.90
1939	282	377.15
1940	284	392.57
1941	265	423.56

## Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission

### The Elks National Memorial Building

The Elks National Memorial Building at Chicago was erected by the Order as a memorial to the Elks who served in the World War, and particularly to those who made the supreme sacrifice in that regrettable conflict. This building was prompted by the patriotic sentiments and principles of the Order, every member having contributed equally to the cost of its erection.

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago, it is one of the outstanding attractions of that City, and is said by many to be one of the finest, if not the finest, memorial buildings in the world. It is visited annually by thousands of Elks, as well as by others of the traveling public. From the time of its erection until July 1st of this year, more than a million persons have visited it and have acclaimed it as dignified and impressive. The Superintendent of the Memorial Building in his annual report to the Commission says, "The ma-

gestic beauty of the Memorial continues to be a source of amazement to our many visitors, and their expressions of admiration are gratifying to all those connected with the Building."

The Memorial Building has been maintained in perfect condition, and it is the aim and purpose of the Commission to maintain it so that it may endure forever and continue to serve the purpose for which it was erected.

By previous resolutions of the Grand Lodge, your Commission was authorized to pay from the surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine* the expense of the maintenance of the Building. The amount so paid by the Commission out of surplus earnings during the fiscal year, June 1, 1940, to May 31, 1941, is \$26,054.94.

### The Elks Magazine

With the May, 1941, issue, *The Elks Magazine* completed nineteen years of continuous publication. Long ago it became an established institution of the Order; and during the past year, as theretofore, it has continued faithfully to serve the objects and purposes for which it was founded. The Commission will consistently in the future endeavor to maintain, and if possible increase, its present high standard.

During the past year, with every issue containing sixty pages, we are able to report surplus earnings for the year of \$154,837.29. This amount is \$16,958.15 more than the surplus earnings for the previous fiscal year, and was attained notwithstanding added features and increase in color pages.

The Commission feels that the members of the Order expect it to publish the best magazine that can be published with proper economy, having in mind the fact that the Magazine itself is representative of our Order and that it must equal, and ought to excel, in literary standards and physical appearance, any other magazine of its class in the country.

We are pleased to report an increase of \$9,702.60 in net advertising receipts for the fiscal year over the previous fiscal year. This represents an increase for the year of approximately 12 per cent.

No one can tell what the coming year will bring forth. Unsettled conditions may affect our advertising and consequently affect the surplus income for the coming year. Furthermore, no one can tell what the price of paper will be during the coming year, and we are only able, under market conditions, to protect our prices for three months at a time. We have had to confront these same conditions to some extent during the past year. If our country becomes involved in the world conflict we may meet them to even a larger degree. Despite these circumstances, and the general situation as above outlined, we are able to report the surplus earnings above indicated. We believe, however, that unless even more extraordinary conditions change the picture, the current year will show another increase in our surplus income.

For some time there was a question as to whether the Commission was liable for Federal Social Security and Unemployment Insurance taxes upon its employees, both at the Memorial Building and at the Magazine office, and for Unemployment Insurance taxes in New York and Illinois.

It was determined at Washington that your Commission was an adjunct of the Grand Lodge and that our lia-

bility for Federal taxes must be determined as to the Order at large.

The Board of Grand Trustees therefore handled the matter for the entire Order, including the Building and the Magazine. During the year the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue held the Order liable for such taxes, and as a result the States of New York and Illinois denied us exemption from State Unemployment Insurance taxes. We cheerfully, and without appeal, acquiesced in these decisions and during the year paid taxes for these purposes (in addition to payments for which provision had previously been made and set up on our books for Federal Social Security tax) aggregating \$16,289.71, of which \$3,272.58 was for the last fiscal year and \$13,017.13 was for taxes accruing and assessed prior to June 1, 1940. We have charged such taxes for the last fiscal year to current expenses. The back taxes of \$13,017.13 are, however, properly chargeable to surplus earnings. With these back taxes of \$13,017.13 so charged, our surplus earnings for the eighteen years ending May 31, 1940, reported last year as \$3,126,903.05 must necessarily be reduced by that amount, making the total surplus to and including May 31, 1940, \$3,113,885.92. We are, therefore, using the latter figures of \$3,113,885.92 as our total surplus earnings to and including May 31, 1940, instead of the sum of \$3,126,903.05, as reported in our annual report at Houston last year. To this should be added our surplus earned for the present fiscal year in amount of \$154,837.29, making our total surplus earnings for 19 years \$3,268,723.21.

The Commission out of earnings has turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$2,817,496.69, and in addition has paid the maintenance of the Memorial Building for the last fiscal year, amounting to \$26,054.94, making \$2,843,551.63 already turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge, or an average of over \$150,000.00 per year. The money turned over to the Grand Lodge has been used for various purposes, such as the building of an addition to the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia; the decoration of the Memorial Building with murals, statues and other decorative features, and for general Grand Lodge purposes. If it had not been for the earnings of the Magazine, the per capita tax would, during the past few years, have been materially increased, but as a result of the amounts turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge out of earnings, the budget has been balanced and the per capita tax has been for each year at least 25c lower than it otherwise would have been.

The Commission will be able this year to place a substantial sum at the disposal of the Grand Lodge for application to such specific purposes as it may deem proper. We are of the opinion that a sufficient sum at least will be turned over, which, together with other available funds, will again balance the budget, provide an adequate working capital for the Grand Lodge, and avoid the necessity of increasing the per capita tax, unless the Grand Lodge should materially increase its appropriations.

At the Grand Lodge Session, after further consideration and after consultation with the Grand Secretary and the members of the Board of Grand Trustees as to the financial needs of the Order, we shall make a supplementary report relative to this subject, and at that time indicate the sum we will be able to turn over to the Grand Lodge,

after making proper reservations for working capital.

With this report, and as a part thereof, there is filed a financial statement to June 1, 1941, of the receipts and disbursements of the funds of the Commission, with detailed comparative balance sheets, statement of income and expenses, summary of cash receipts and disbursements and itemized statements of the expenses of the publication of the Magazine; all under the official audit of Ernst and Ernst, Accountants and Auditors, 19 Rector Street, New York, New York.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to our entire staff, both at the Memorial Building and at the Magazine, for the loyalty and ability with which they have discharged their duties. Without their fine work, we could not have accomplished what has been done during the past year.

The Grand Lodge Auditing Committee has also audited the accounts of the funds under the control of the Commission and has certified its approval in its report to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

Bruce A. Campbell, *Chairman*  
Frank L. Rain, *Secretary-Treasurer*

### Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, June 1, 1940, to May 31, 1941, Inclusive

Current balance, June 1, 1940.....		\$ 692,794.24
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Grand Lodge Subscriptions.....	\$487,071.60	
Advertising Receipts.....	91,382.55	
Realized from Closed Banks.....	621.46	
Dividends Received From and Applied Against Securities.....	875.00	
Sales of Dog Booklets.....	705.50	
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	271.94	590,929.05
Total Receipts and Opening Balance.....		\$1,283,723.29
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
Magazine Costs and Increased Inventories.....	\$450,933.62	
Less Payroll Taxes accrued but not due.....	841.64	\$450,091.98
Increased Accounts Receivable.....		6,033.89
Maintenance Memorial Building—Expenses of Commissioners and Transfers to Grand Lodge....	126,054.94	
		582,180.81
Current Balance, May 31, 1941.....		\$ 701,542.48

### Closing Balances, May 31, 1941

Cash—Current Bank Balances.....	\$699,242.48	
Office Working Funds.....	2,300.00	
Closed Banks.....	1,163.25	
Postal Funds.....	6,004.06	
Securities.....	21,987.50	
Accounts Receivable.....	0,033.89	
Inventories.....	86,445.18	
Wages, etc., Applicable to Future Issues.....	8,900.45	
Grand Lodge Subscriptions Applicable to Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1942.....		\$ 350,381.57
Advertising Receipts Applicable to Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1941.....		5,682.02
Payroll Taxes.....		841.64
Surplus.....		425,171.58
	<u>\$782,076.81</u>	<u>\$ 782,076.81</u>

## Excerpts from Annual Report to the Grand Lodge of Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch

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

### MY BROTHERS:

The statutes of our Order prescribe it as a duty, but it is likewise my pleasure to give you a general report of the work and progress of Elksdom during the past year.

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that I look back to that day in Houston when my fellow members did me the honor of elevating me to the position of Grand Exalted Ruler. The inspiration of that honor and the sincerity which prompted it has since been a source of great strength to me. As I review the many and various phases of the service and activities of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, I recall to mind the promise I made to myself and to the delegates at Houston that my administration, so far as I could make it, would be a business one. I have endeavored to adhere to that promise.

### Membership

The response of the lodges to our appeal for an intelligent approach upon their membership problem, as projected to them by the five-year survey, will always be a source of deep gratification to me, and the results have exceeded my fondest expectations.

I am proud to say that, by virtue of the efforts of the lodges and the cooperation of all those who gave their assistance to this most worthy undertaking, we enjoyed the remarkable gain of 14,818 in membership this year, the highest since 1923.

### Elks National Foundation

I make but brief and general comments on the Elks National Foundation, because a splendid report has already

been rendered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman, and the Trustees of this important body.

It is gratifying to note that the Foundation is being administered with a comprehensive understanding of the essential educational, social and humanitarian needs of various sections of our country, and that its timely assistance has won commendation and prestige for the entire Order.

The donations this year, by lodges, State Associations and individual members (no bequests having been made), are in excess of those of all other years since 1932. It is pleasing and encouraging to realize that there is a sustained interest among the lodges in the National Foundation.

I take this opportunity to thank the District Deputies for their part in having explained the high purposes of the Foundation, and, in my recommendations, I have suggested that Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, or some other member of the Elks National Foundation, be invited to the coming conference of District Deputies, to explain and define the purposes and plan of the Foundation, so that the District Deputies may in turn carry the message of the work and benefactions of the Foundation to the subordinate lodges throughout the coming year.

### The Elks Magazine

Our Magazine is one of the outstanding periodicals of the country. Reaching millions of people, it is now recognized as an institution of great interest. It serves not only a fraternal purpose, but is entertaining and educational as well. It is, perhaps, safe to say that *The Elks Magazine* has found a definite place in the heart of the reading public of America and it remains for us to give the National Memorial and Publication Commission and the staff every possible encouragement, so that

they may continue their high type of service in the publishing field.

In this regard it must be borne in mind that the Magazine cannot possibly give space to all the lodges of the Order in every one of its issues, as desirable as this might be. The very nature of the service of the Magazine requires a discriminating classification of news items so that they give a cross section of the activities of the Order and yet not be too voluminous. The expense of the Magazine is enormous and economy requires that its size be not unwieldy. These factors necessarily induce elimination of much interesting matter which could otherwise be used. It occurs to me that a series of articles could be written touching upon model plans of activities for the lodges which would be helpful in the first stages of the lodge year, and I have taken the liberty of including this suggestion in my recommendations.

### The Elks National Memorial

The great structure on the shores of Lake Michigan, dedicated to the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War, has come to be known as one of the world's famous monuments. Now that much of the architectural splendor of Europe is being destroyed through the ravages of war, our National Memorial Building assumes a greater value in the field of art and culture. Aside from its geographic splendors and magnificent works of nature, our country offers no greater inspiration than a visit to this imposing building which represents the highest achievement in painting, sculpture and architecture.

No more graphic means of expressing the beauty and stability of the cardinal principles of our Order could have been chosen than to create, through the genius and talent of man, such an inspiring work of his mind and his soul.

## Publicity

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart is to be commended for his splendid work in the field of publicity. As president of the Public Relations Bureau, he rendered invaluable service to the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission. His well-planned publicity campaign for Americanism and his service in promoting the school children essay contests have been outstanding achievements, as has been his general publicity work in every phase of my administration.

I advise the continuance of a general program on publicity which will have as its primary purpose the selling of Elkdom to Elks.

## New Lodges

During my administration I have had the pleasure of granting nine dispensations for new lodges, as follows:

BUCKHEAD, Georgia, Lodge, No. 1635  
STORM LAKE, Iowa, Lodge, No. 1636  
CARROLL, Iowa, Lodge, No. 1637  
PAHOKEE, Florida, Lodge, No. 1638  
COLUMBUS, Georgia, Lodge, No. 1639  
ADA, Oklahoma, Lodge, No. 1640  
ANNA-JONESBORO, Illinois Lodge, No. 1641  
HAMMONTON, New Jersey, Lodge, No. 1642  
INDIO, California, Lodge, No. 1643

I take this opportunity of congratulating not only the officers and members of these lodges, but the communities which they serve.

A true appraisal of the work of Elkdom during the past year will emphasize the need for Elks lodges wherever the conditions will warrant them. It should be the primary purpose of every State Association to survey carefully its State for the possibilities of new and active lodges, for no greater service could be rendered to America than to spread the influence of Elkdom wherever it is possible.

Needless to say, I am deeply indebted to all those who in any way assisted me in creating these new lodges.

## Conclusion

In this report, I have endeavored to outline the work of my administration, and to pay my respects to all those who have, in various capacities, made a contribution in promoting our many and diversified activities. Because words alone cannot define gratitude, I find myself unable to express adequately my thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies and kindnesses I have enjoyed. Needless to say, I truly and sincerely reciprocate the affectionate regard of all the Brothers who have helped to make my year as Grand Exalted Ruler such a memorable one.



# Grand Exalted Ruler's Speech of Acceptance

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American manhood be brought into the folds of the Order. Therefore, plans for inducting into our Order the right kind of new members will be sent to you, and to the lodges, by the Lodge Activities Committee within a short time. Further strengthening our Order that it may have the opportunity for service in every community in this great land, I will make the organization of new lodges a major objective during this Grand Lodge year.

Our Grand Exalted Ruler in his recommendations to this Grand Lodge has suggested that there be a continuity of purpose passing from one administration to the next, in order that the advantage obtained by the retiring administration be not lost by the next. I shall attempt in every way during the coming year to so harmonize my program as to take full advantage of the constructive, efficient and successful program initiated by him. He has very generously offered to continue to direct the work of compiling statistical information relating to our membership over a period of years, which he began. I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch for his helpful offer of assistance. I will, therefore, to borrow a good golfing term from him, "follow through" by selling the Order to our apathetic Brothers, by conducting an October roundup of delinquent members, and by carrying on with full momentum the Crippled Children's program, fostered by Grand Exalted Ruler Buch, as well as encouraging the great and varied humanitarian work of the several agencies of the

Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, with the ambition that every lodge shall become the civic center of its community.

The details of our program for the ensuing year will be explained more fully at a meeting of the Exalted Rulers and Lodge Representatives at a luncheon at the headquarters hotel immediately after adjournment.

Every meeting of the Order is opened by invoking the Divine blessing of Almighty God, and is dedicated to the cause of American patriotism. The challenge of Europe's dictators threatening the enslavement of the human race is the antithesis of all that we, as Elks, stand for. To better cope with this emergency the Grand Lodge created the National Defense and Public Relations Commission at Houston, Texas. Every Elk is familiar with the fine service this Commission gave to our country during the past year. You will hear from them often. Their programs, in the interest of national unity, I know will receive your active and wholehearted support. I pledge my whole effort and cooperation to the National Defense and Public Relations Commission in carrying out the full intentions of this Grand Lodge in creating it, that every resource of Elkdom be constantly in action to fulfill the destiny of our Order, which its founders linked with the destiny of our country, to serve whenever and wherever the opportunity arises.

Freedom and the free spirit of men lie crushed in other lands. We know that in America, freedom is once more

Elkdom, with its membership of 500,000 patriotic Americans, faces the future with courage and confidence. Our country is free and untrammelled. Our people are determined and resolute. Our youth, vigorous and courageous. For us, the world's dark horizon bears a silver lining, which only the eyes of a free, democratic people may see.

For the defense and security of our country, Elkdom is playing a part consistent with its sacred traditions. Our lodges are making valuable contributions to the welfare of the communities they serve, and, in this, many of our outstanding leaders have been spared to guide and to direct us.

For these many blessings, we are thankful.

I render this accounting of my stewardship with a feeling of gratitude for having been permitted to serve; proud in the knowledge that Elkdom is discharging its full duty in the service of mankind, and I conclude with the hope that my successor in this high and honored office, may enjoy vigorous health and the good will and full-hearted support of our entire membership, so that, in his year, he may see a realization of his fondest hopes and greatest expectations, and, with the help of the Divine Father, may he be permitted to guide our Order through one of its most successful administrations.

I remain, with sincere fraternal regards,

JOSEPH G. BUCH,  
Grand Exalted Ruler.

in jeopardy. The fruits of liberty do not grow in a garden of tyranny, and we must never permit the heavy hand of a tyrant to lay his burden upon this favored land.

So you and I, and all free citizens, if we would keep the weeds of slavery from our soil, must share our time, and generously contribute our part to the defense of the land and the life we love.

On the plains of Europe we hear the booming of big guns that are the death-rattle of western civilization. Across the Pacific we see a new China, being strangled almost before the infant child has drawn its first breath. To the north of us our good neighbor, Canada, is girded in battle tongs. Why? All because the peaceful people of the world were lulled to sleep by the fairy tales of unscrupulous madmen, through the aid of spies and "fifth columnists," who spread their venom among unsuspecting nations.

"America is a fortunate country," said Napoleon Bonaparte. "She learns by the follies of our European nations." We know the tactics of this insidious procedure, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been active in the exposure of many acts of disloyalty to our country.

"Fifth Columnist" is a new name for an old rat—we had them during the World War; they were German Reservists then. Prior to our entry in the World War Foreign Minister Zimmerman told United States Ambassador James W. Gerard that there were five hundred thousand German Reservists

in the United States who would rise in arms if the American government entered the war. Mr. Gerard called his attention to our excellent street lighting system. He said, "We have five hundred thousand lamp posts in America, and that is where the German Reservists will find themselves hanging if they try any uprising." And I say we have 500,000 loyal American citizens who belong to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, ever ready to exterminate the enemies of American democracy, both within and without. We put so-called "fifth columnists" and saboteurs on notice that the 1,800,000 men—the flower of our nation—the sons and brothers of America, in training in our army camps to defend our country, have our full support, and that we, as an Order, in conjunction with the American people, will brook no interference with this program to protect and defend America. We pledge that any man or group of men who attempt to sabotage the sacrificial services of these American defenders will be dealt with promptly and firmly. It shall fur-

ther be the purpose of this Order to render every possible assistance to the men in service and their families in every feasible way, that their health may be protected and their well-being guarded at all times while thus engaged.

**THESE** are times when the fiber of men is put to test. In the beginning of this joint undertaking of ours, I invite you to join me in pledging to the five hundred thousand loyal and patriotic members who look to us for guidance, that we will with fidelity, to our full capacity and ability, protect and defend American freedom, that we may pass it on to our heirs as a sacred trust, to be preserved by them, that we, as a people, may throughout all the years to come live as free men. With liberty to worship God in our own way; liberty to say what we believe; liberty to vote for whom we please; liberty to achieve whatsoever we are capable of achieving.

So-called prophets and statesmen, throughout all of the ages of the past, have declared that the world was hov-

ering upon the brink of destruction—it never topples into the abyss—it has always been saved by the force of the eternal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, the four cardinal principles of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and we, as an Order, look to the future with confidence and hope, with the declared purpose to take a leading part in this program of achievement.

Our great leaders of the past have prepared this Order, by their acts and deeds throughout its entire existence, to meet the crisis that now threatens the American way of life and liberty. It now falls upon us, the present membership, to keep faith with those great leaders, and we, as Elks, rededicate ourselves and the Order to the preservation and defense of American freedom. Let us, with Lincoln, have strength in the right, as God gives us to see the right. Let us, with Stephen Decatur, say, "Our country: In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right, but our country, right or wrong!"

## Grand Lodge Convention Report

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Relations Commission in the patriotic program it has developed, and, at this time, we wish to thank Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart, Chairman of the Bureau of Public Relations, for the special interest he has taken in the work of the Committee, and for his kind advice and wise counsel in the development of all our important undertakings. We likewise feel complimented in having been permitted to enjoy the close fraternal companionship and cooperation of the members and the associates of the Elks National Foundation, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edgar Masters, all the officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as the District Deputies, Special Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Secretaries, and other officers of the subordinate lodges, and last, but not least, every other member of the Order who, grasping the opportunity to make a lasting contribution to America and to Elksdom, played any part in the success of this year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
WILLIAM H. KELLY, Chairman  
Grand Lodge Activities Committee

Members of the Board of Grand Trustees: Chairman William T. Phillips, New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1; Fred B. Mellman, Oakland, Calif., Lodge, No. 171; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28; J. Ford Zietlow, Aberdeen, So. Dak., Lodge, No. 1046, and Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152, came before the Grand Lodge to conclude the business affairs of the Session with appropriate resolutions of thanks to ev-

eryone who had participated in making the Convention a success, and such other routine matters as the granting of new charters for lodges, reinstatement of lodges, adoption of the final budget and assessment of per capita tax.

**THE** Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials made the interesting report that 2,007 members of the Grand Lodge body had registered for the Convention.

As the moments of his year as chief executive of the Order drew to a close, Grand Exalted Ruler Buch took occasion to express his heartfelt appreciation to everyone who had assisted him in making his administration a success, and then introduced to the assembled delegates Dr. William Yandell Elliott, industrial consultant in the U. S. Office of Production Management, who traced the history of the European conflict and told of the stimulus that the devastating events abroad had been to the organization of the department with which he is connected.

It was now time for the new officers to be inducted and the impressive ceremony which installed them in the positions of leadership which they will oc-

cupy for their respective terms of office began.

The newly-elected Grand Lodge officers were escorted to the stage where Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz administered the oath of office. Vested with their new titles, they were then escorted to their stations, and Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland lifted the gavel, the emblem of his office, as he will lift it so many times in this coming Grand Lodge year.

Judge McClelland announced the names of the members who will serve on the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge for the 1941-1942 term. They are Bert A. Thompson, Chairman, Kenosha, Wis., Lodge, No. 750; Sam Stern, Fargo, N. Dak., Lodge, No. 260; Judge Charles G. Bruce, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78; Richard F. Flood, Jr., Bayonne, N. J., Lodge, No. 434, and Thomas Monroe Brisendine, East Point, Ga., Lodge, No. 1617.

After some very joyful moments on the stage, Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland formally closed the Grand Lodge meeting. A prayer offered by Grand Chaplain Dobbins ended the stimulating, inspiring 77th Grand Lodge Convention of the Order.

## The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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apolis. Another plane was boarded, en route, for Huron, S.D., with a stop at Watertown where the Grand Exalted Ruler was met by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland, of Watertown Lodge No. 838, heading a large delegation. Another large welcoming party was on hand at Huron, including Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow of Aberdeen, S.D., Lodge, E. C. McKenzie of Huron, Past Pres. of the S.D. State Elks Assn., and E.R. Judge Boyd M. Benson, Huron.

Traveling from Huron on May 31, the Grand Exalted Ruler made a stop at Pierre where he conferred with Dr. J. F. Cook, Superintendent of Health,

concerning the cooperation of the Elks with the State in the undertaking of work among crippled children. Continuing through the "Bad Lands", Mr. Buch and the members of his party came to Rapid City where they were met on the outskirts by cowboys, who staged a "holdup", and a welcoming delegation which included Dr. Frank H. Wormer, E.R. of Rapid City Lodge No. 1187, and P.E.R. C. L. Doherty, Pres. of the S.D. State Elks Assn. Mr. Buch was the guest of honor at a banquet at the Hotel Alex Johnson and later, at the lodge home, was presented with a trout fishing outfit. A ride in a small open railroad car, over 25 miles of what

is said to be the most crooked railroad in the world, followed. On Sunday, June 1, the Grand Exalted Ruler was met after church by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland and conducted on a tour of Rapid City. That afternoon he addressed a meeting of the South Dakota State Elks Association, receiving an excellent reception, and on Sunday evening he spoke before 10,000 people at the School of Mines Stadium. Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow, Mr. McFarland and Mr. Doherty also participated in the program. Having breakfast the next day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kepp, Mr. Buch visited P.E.R. Herbert N. Johnson, who

was ill, and then held a conference with officers of Lead and Deadwood, S.D., Lodges at the Rapid City Hotel. At noon he was a guest of the State Association at a banquet and took part in a street parade afterward. A fish fry was given in his honor that evening at Municipal Park.

ON JUNE 3, a large caravan escorted the Grand Exalted Ruler and Colonel Kelly through the Black Hills, a visit was made to Rushmore Memorial, and a barbecue luncheon was served. The party arrived at Deadwood in the early evening, being met by the Elks Band and a delegation of Deadwood Elks and presented with large cowboy hats. Mr. Buch and Colonel Kelly then mounted a stagecoach for a parade through the town. A dinner was given at the home of Deadwood Lodge No. 508, followed by the reenactment of a celebrated murder trial. E.R. Dr. L. A. Young and Judge Charles R. Hayes, P.E.R., were among those who acted as escort during the Grand Exalted Ruler's sojourn in the Deadwood vicinity. A visit was made also to Austin, Minn. A trip to Yellowstone Park was included in Grand Exalted Ruler Buch's itinerary. En route, he paid a visit to Sheridan, Wyo., Lodge, No. 520. His party was joined in Sheridan by a group of Elks from Cody, Wyo., including E.R. Glenn W. Trueblood, Mayor Stock, Meyer Rankin, and former Congressman Paul R. Greever, who accompanied the visitors to Greybull, Wyo., and on to Cody. Several Greybull Elks, among whom were E.R. J. R. Douglas and P.E.R.'s J. O. Spangler, C. H. Durkee and Edward Smart, met the Grand Exalted Ruler's caravan at Shell and escorted the party into Greybull. Mr. Buch was shown through the fine home of Greybull Lodge No. 1431, and though brief, the visit was most enjoyable.

Having crossed Big Horn Mountain, the party soon came to Cody, being met by cowboys and cowgirls and a band. A street parade ended at the Hotel Irma where a dinner was served in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler with fish caught in Yellowstone Park as the main course. Mr. Buch was presented with a large mounted trout. Afterward, at the home of Cody Lodge No. 1611, he received further honors in the initiation of a class of 27 candidates.

On June 5, the party motored through Shoshone Canyon to the Pahaska Teke lodge and then through Yellowstone Park, returning to the Cody Hotel for dinner. On the 6th, a fishing trip was made to Yellowstone Park. The next day the caravan continued the trip through the Park. The park tour was made through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cox. Grand Trustee Zietlow, Past Pres. McKenzie and Monty Johnes made the trip, having joined the party at Huron.

At Red Lodge, "Beartooth", Mont., Lodge, No. 534, a class was initiated in Mr. Buch's honor and a pleasant incident occurred when the Grand Exalted Ruler again met Noby Crane who had presented him with a gavel at the Texas State Elks Convention.

AT SILVER GATE the party was joined by E.R. Amos T. Peterson and a delegation from Billings, Mont., Lodge, No. 394. A stop was made at Cook City and then the party drove over the Bear Tooth Mountain, an elevation of 10,940 feet, to Billings, where they were met on the outskirts by a police escort and taken to the lodge home. While there, the Grand Exalted Ruler was presented with a cowboy jacket and souvenirs. Traveling East, Mr. Buch and Colonel Kelly made their next visit to Des Moines, Ia., Lodge, No. 98. They were welcomed upon their arrival at the Des Moines station by Past Grand Exalted

Ruler Henry C. Warner, of Dixon, Ill., Lodge, Lloyd Maxwell of Marshalltown, Ia., Lodge, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Past Grand Esquire George M. McLean, El Reno, Okla., and a large delegation and escorted first to the Hotel Savery and then to the lodge home where a dinner was given in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler, attended by officers of the Iowa State Elks Association. The next day, June 9, Mr. Buch spoke at a meeting of the State Association which was holding its annual convention at the time in Des Moines, and then left for Council Bluffs, Ia., where he was met by Judge James M. Fitzgerald of Omaha, Neb., a member of the Grand Forum, E.R. Henry J. Schneiders and P.D.D. J. C. Travis of Omaha, Past State Pres. F. R. Dickson, of Kearney, and August Schneider of York Lodge, Chairman of the Nebraska State Elks Crippled Children's Commission. After a visit with members of Council Bluffs Lodge No. 531, the Grand Exalted Ruler proceeded to Omaha where he was entertained at luncheon at the home of Omaha Lodge No. 39. Mayor Daniel B. Butler, P.E.R., welcomed the distinguished visitor and P.E.R. Ray Short acted as Toastmaster.

YORK LODGE No. 1024 was scheduled for Mr. Buch's next visitation. He was taken to the McCloud Hotel for a luncheon after which he left for a visit to Grand Island, Neb., Lodge, No. 604. E.R. Warren W. Connell headed the reception committee. A motor trip to Kearney, Neb., followed. E.R. M. J. Graham, of Kearney Lodge No. 984, and D.D. C. E. McCaffrey, of Hastings Lodge, headed the welcoming party and a dinner was given in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor at the Hotel Fort Kearney. Ending this group of visitations, Mr. Buch left for Chicago where he boarded a plane for Trenton.

## Grand Gaffers

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expose it than the vigorous gaffers who engage in games for profit or pleasure.

Superlatives are tossed around pretty carelessly in the sports business, but when you get down to cases Mr. William Tatem Tilden III must be regarded as the most remarkable athlete of our, or any other, time. Tilden won his first national championship 28 years ago, but the boys—Don Budge and Fred Perry among them—will tell you the 48-year-old wonder still is the best tennis player in the world for one set.

At that, Tilden still has a quarter of a century to go before he can match the exploits of Gustav V, King of Sweden, who was 74 when he won a doubles championship paired with Henri Cochet on the Riviera. The opposition observed rigid restraint in tapping the ball to His Majesty, of course, but the point is that the old gentleman had the courage and the spirit to get out there in the first place.

You say tennis is a sissy game? That, too, betrays your age, but we'll waive the argument and pass on to Pudge Heffelfinger, Yale '91. Heffelfinger's game was, and is, football.

Thirty-five years after graduation Pudge returned to New Haven the week of the Harvard game. He didn't like the way a varsity guard was charging in scrimmage. The old boy shed his coat, rolled up his sleeves and waded into action to demonstrate how it should be done. They had to get him out of there in a hurry before he ruined the team. Five years later Heffelfinger played in a charity game involving all-star college teams from Minneapolis and St. Paul. Outstanding players from the Big Ten and surrounding territory were enlisted, but old Pudge still was an All-American in prestige and performance. He is out of college a half century now, but Pudge still can throw you into the chandelier explaining a not-so-subtle point of football technique.

It's curious that the more strenuous the game the longer the old boys hang on. Rowing often has been condemned on the grounds that it is too taxing and leads to heart trouble, among other miseries too harrowing to mention. It can't be proved by Dr. Raymond C. Knox, chaplain of Columbia University. Dr. Knox, who is 65, decided he

would like to see the Poughkeepsie regatta a few weeks ago. Transportation offered no problem. He climbed into his single scull shell and rowed the 75 miles. For the last 35 years Dr. Knox has rowed at least 200 days a year and has averaged four miles a day in his workouts. Three years ago 88-year-old Fred Plaisted, champion sculler of other generations, and Dr. Knox offered to race any pair in the world whose ages total 150 years. The challenge was not accepted—possibly because it was not printed in type large enough to be seen with the naked eye. Then there was Jim Ten Eyck, Syracuse crew coach, who occasionally climbed into a shell to show the boys how to pull a heavy sweep until a year before his death at the ripe old age of 86.

This has been a grand season for the grand gaffers of baseball. It used to be that the heroes lied outrageously about their ages; some of them were studied in still life as they resolutely refused to admit they were in their thirties. You couldn't blame the boys, for thirty was the arbitrary deadline supposed to make the decline of a ball player's efficiency.

All that has been changed by an

increasing number of stars who have been around so long they cannot deny they are pushing forty. Jimmy Dykes, manager of the White Sox, was 44 when he finally took himself off the active list in May. A few days later Boston's Lefty Grove and Chicago's Ted Lyons hooked up in a stirring 10-inning pitching duel which saw these hardy perennials mastering the batters, as always, at the tender age of 41. The National League's leading pitcher last season was 39-year-old Freddy Fitzsimmons, still a winner for the Dodgers. The Tigers were by far the oldest team in the American League, but that didn't stop them from winning the pennant. And who was the star of the World Series? Nobody but 40-year-old Jimmy Wilson, who was forced to climb back into catcher's harness after three years of virtual inactivity. Wilson merely hit .353, got away with the only stolen base of the Series and handled flawlessly the resourceful pitching which won for Cincinnati.

THEY threw away the calendar a few months ago when Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics threw a con-niption fit into the American League by winning 14 out of 18 games and threatening to vault into the first division with a team made up of cast-offs and unknowns. Mack is the only manager the A's ever had; he is 78 years old, but the venerable gentleman still dreams of winning another pennant to go with the unequalled number of nine already in his bag.

The strain of big-league tournament golf is supposed to be too much for the old guys, but the present U. S. Open champion is Craig Wood, just beginning to feel his oats at 39. And last year Gene Sarazen, losing in the playoff to Lawson Little after tying for first place, barely missed winning the Open title in three different decades. Sarazen won it in 1922, repeated in 1932 and continues to fire away accurately and powerfully.

Devereaux Milburn has survived five brain concussions, a dislocated hip, a broken knee, a fractured collarbone, a mess of cracked ribs and, after 45 years in the game, still plays high-goal polo. Oscar L. Richard won his first prize for fancy skating in 1872 and his last in 1934. When the very flossy rink was opened

at Rockefeller Center, 82-year-old Richard gave an exhibition and was the hit of the show.

Dr. Graeme M. Hammond won the quarter- and half-mile intercollegiate championships and finished second in the mile in 1878 and was a member of the American Olympic fencing team 34 years later. On his eightieth birthday Dr. Hammond ran ten miles and confessed he was toying with the idea of taking up golf, "an old man's game".

Gus Sundstrom was swimming instructor at the New York A. C. when he was 78 and could perform, until his recent death, the very neat trick of diving into the tank with a lighted cigar in his mouth, swimming a full length underwater and emerging puffing the cigar.

You say these are isolated examples of lusty longevity and cannot be accepted as evidence of America's increasing zest for life? Then go to St. Petersburg, Florida, and watch the 3,000 members of the most exclusive club in the world. Dues are only a dollar a year—but every candidate for admission must submit definite proof that he or she is at least 75 years old.

This is the Three-Quarter Century Club, which sponsors the most amazing group of athletes known to incredulous man. Among the Club's activities are square-dancing, quilting parties, shuffle-board, horse-shoe pitching—and two softball teams, its pride and joy and astonishing show window.

All ball-playing members are divided between the Kids and the Kubs. The Kids range from 75 to 85 and the Kubs go on indefinitely. Charles V. Eldrige, a retired sailor from Worcester, Mass., played when he was 103. The Centenarians make only one concession to old age: the distance between the bases has been reduced to 45 feet. The pitching is fast and accurate, the base-running spry and the hitting surprisingly good. The fielding is well up to standard except that the "boys" sometimes have difficulty bending quickly enough for a sharp grounder.

Rivalry between the Kids and Kubs is explosively high and scarcely a game on the bi-weekly schedule passes without the genuine threat of a fight. A retired minister, embroiled in a technical dispute with another 80-year-old, was about to let the blighter have it when he checked

himself abruptly.

"Brother," he apologized, "for a moment I forgot I was a man of God. I thought I was a ball player."

Most of the players get a tremendous bang from the first ball game they have played in 60 years or more. New members have been known to run to third base instead of first in their excitement; others carry the bat around the bases with them as if they were reluctant to surrender the precious stick which made contact with the ball. L. H. Rummage, 81, of Cleveland, once hit a home run and had to scurry back to third before he scored to retrieve the false teeth he had dropped in the confusion. George Yesberger, of Lakewood, Ohio, was 80 and invariably celebrated his frequent homers by turning handsprings after crossing the plate. He suddenly stopped giving out with this fillip a few years ago. Said he had remarried and his wife thought such high-jinks were undignified at his age.

The most celebrated and colorful Centenarian was William Jubb, of Shirley, Mass., the youngest corporal in the Civil War. The Little Corporal—he weighed 90 pounds and was 4 feet, 10 inches tall—won a waltzing contest at 89 and in 1933, the year he died at 92, he won the "whisker-weight" championship of the world, boxing four one-minute rounds with George Washington Brown, 81, before 6,000 spectators.

Jubb was an iconoclast all his life. When he joined the Kubs, there was a rigid rule restraining the ball players to a sedate walk between the bases. The Little Corporal refused, flatly and unequivocally, to walk.

"I ain't a kid and I ain't gonna play by any damfool kid rules," he raged.

The Centenarians have been running, fast and furiously, ever since. A sweet, solicitous lady, 40 years Jubb's junior, once expressed great concern for him.

"Aren't you afraid you'll strain your heart?" she inquired anxiously.

"Madam," he replied stiffly, "people with weak hearts don't live to reach my age."

"But suppose your heart stopped while you were running?" the good woman insisted.

"Then I'd die happy," the Little Corporal snapped.

That seems to be the philosophy of the Centenarians.

## What America is Reading

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in the little manure town or in the larger cities became the most gallant at the front." But the pages devoted to the home life of the Peatties are the most entertaining in this book. Part of their lives they lived in Westhill, Vermont. Once Mr. Peattie was looking for a man in a village and asked a Vermonter:

"Do you know Underwood?"

"Yep."

"Do you know where he lives?"

"Yep."

"Do you think he's at home now?"

"Nope."

"Well, where can I find him?"

"Here. I'm Underwood."

Another book about American life is "Northwest Gateway", by Archie

Binns, the story of the port of Seattle. (Doubleday, Doran, \$3). This belongs to the Seaport Series. "Within the lifetime of one man Seattle went through the whole process of American history." This book deals chiefly with Seattle's beginnings, in which fights with the Indians, Chinese and the railroad were important events.

**W**HAT is the life of a foreign correspondent really like? We have seen the film, "Foreign Correspondent", which was spectacular, and we know that correspondents can't be climbing up into old windmills and tracking prisoners every day of their lives. We hear them on the air, read their dispatches in the newspapers, and wonder how they dare remain in the enemy's country. William L. Shirer, who has become widely known for his daily talks from Berlin over the air, throws some light on this subject by publishing "Berlin Diary", covering his jottings from 1934-1941. Here we get the informal, personal side of the business. Here we learn that while a correspondent sits in the press gallery above Hitler, watching his shoulder and leg jerk because he has a nervous tic, he is worrying because his wife is about to face a serious confinement. Here we see how the correspondent has to be on the alert every minute because of competition, although all correspondents are good friends. Mr. Shirer worries because the representative of the rival broadcasting company had such good social relations with the Nazi officials that he was able to rush into the Fuehrer's rooms in Munich to read the text of the agreement with Chamberlain over the air, one hour before Mr. Shirer could put it on his station—yet it was only the text, not the announcement, on which he was scooped, and his New York office took pains to tell him not to worry about it.

In reporting the pre-war mood of Germany, Mr. Shirer shows how little the man in the street wanted war, and how hopefully the Germans looked to peace moves. When the ration cards were given out Germans looked dejected and defeatism spread. Yet running through these daily entries is evidence that many Germans swallow Hitler's excuses whole, while others, more intelligent, analyze the German character unsympathetically and admit that the only hope for peace is breaking Ger-

many up into little states.

Mr. Shirer, closing his diary with December, 1940, says the Germans have no enthusiasm for the war but that the morale remains good. Up to that time the British air raids had not been very effective. Fear of defeat and its consequences keeps the Germans behind Hitler. I got the impression that Mr. Shirer has a fine understanding of the Germans, whose dual, contradictory natures, sentimental and cruel at the same time, could be studied both in officials and in the average citizens. His "Berlin Diary" is an able book, supplementing that of William E. Dodd. (Alfred A. Knopf, \$3)

**T**HE new novels tapered off late this Spring and the publishers seem to be holding their truly exciting books for late Summer and early Fall. Two novels expected to become best-sellers are A. J. Cronin's "The Keys of the Kingdom", which will be ready by August, and Edna Ferber's "Saratoga Trunk", which will come in November. Currently the new novels are not highly exciting, but there's a fat historical novel about pioneer days in California, "Christopher Strange", by Ruth Eleanor McKee (Doubleday, Doran, \$3) which ought to hold the interest. The movies have made good use of pioneer history on the Pacific coast, but the novelists have lagged behind. This book covers half a century, from 1854 to 1900, and describes the family of the Rev. Makepeace Strange, a preacher from Concord, Mass., who goes west, and whose son, Christopher, becomes a lawyer and has a hand in the growth of California. Crocker, Stanford and other pioneers get into the story. Katharine Brush has a new book, "You Go Your Way", a story about modern marriage and modern young people in New York, bright and entertaining and not very deep. (Farrar & Rinehart, \$2). Very little fiction is coming from England, but "The Golden Skylark and Other Stories" by Elizabeth Goudge will please the

readers who enjoyed her longer books, "A City of Bells" and "Towers in the Mist"—these short stories deal with characters in English history, and Miss Goudge has put them into romantic situations and spun stories around them in her admirable style, forgetting, for a while, the violence and horror of the life around her. (Coward, McCann, \$2.50)

**T**HESE books, on special subjects, are worth reading, if you are interested: "The A B C of Aviation", by Lieut. Col. Victor W. Page, of the U. S. Air Corps Reserve, is packed with information of a special, technical nature, for beginners and advanced students; one of the best manuals I have seen. (Norman W. Henley Co., \$2.50). . . . "Colombia: Gateway to South America", by Kathleen Romoli, is another book about a South American country, giving plenty of information to the prospective traveler, with some illustrations. (Doubleday, Doran, \$3.50) . . . "Defense of the Americas" by Andre Cheradame, is meant to scare you; the author fears Hitler's Pan-German schemes unless he is stopped and worked out ways for the United States to get in and stop him. He believes in many airplanes, thinks capital ships are out-moded. (Doubleday, Doran, \$3). . . . From war and fighting we jump to a peaceful sport—cooking outdoors. "Cook It Outdoors" by James Beard is a book of recipes for people with big appetites. The popularity of cooking in outdoor fireplaces, portable stoves or barbecue pits prompts this book, but I see that salads, baking and desserts get into the book, too. For me it is sufficient to broil a big, sizzling steak on a gridiron and bring the fancy stuff in a picnic basket. (M. Barrows & Co., \$1.75). . . . "Fundamentals of Play Directing", by Alexander Dean, formerly a producer on Broadway and a teacher of play production at Yale, an excellent book about acting and directing, for those who are serious about these arts. (Farrar & Rinehart, \$4)

## Scandal at Seacrest

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It isn't known what was actually said between them; but there was much serious gesturing as they conversed in a corner, and they came out of the dining room looking like two men on whom the whole future of civilization depended.

The professor was taken by a flank attack the moment he appeared and maneuvered into the living room.

There he found himself being stared at as a microbe might be scrutinized by two doctors.

"Is anything wrong?" he asked vaguely.

"A great deal is wrong," the major said. "We are given to understand that you walked into the bath-

room this morning when it—er—when it was occupied."

"By a lady," Mr. Thomson added.

The professor seemed confused. "Yes, yes, I'm afraid that's exactly right," he admitted. "I was very upset over it, so upset that I was late for breakfast."

"That is not the point," said the major.

"It was very annoying just the same," the professor persisted. "Miss Dillicot's bathroom-time is from seven-thirty to seven-fifty—she had no business to be in there at seven fifty-two. Quite aside from the shock, it upset me very much to be delayed."

Mr. Thomson waved that aside.

"We understand," he proceeded more gravely, "that you didn't step out right away when you found the bathroom occupied."

The professor looked aghast. "Oh, but I certainly did. That's the one thing I did do. Nobody could have got out of that bathroom any faster than I did."

"We also understand," the major boomed, "that you made a remark."

The professor blushed. "You mean about what I saw?"

"I mean you said, you spoke."

"Well, I . . ."

"Did you speak or did you not?"

"Well, yes, I believe I did say something."

"Ah, you said something, you



made a remark! Is that the case?"

"Ye-es."

"And it was an offensive remark, was it not?"

"Of course it wasn't." The professor became flustered again. "What makes you think it was? It was—er—a very polite remark."

"That is hardly what we are given to understand."

"Oh, dear, that's too bad if Miss Dillicot's taken offense. You see, I was considerably taken aback, and—er—I said the first thing that came into my head. It had no particular significance in any way—just an attempt to gloss over my awkward predicament."

The major took a step nearer. "What did you say?" he demanded.

"I—er—I hardly like to . . ."

"What was it you said?"

"I just—well, I just . . ."

"Come, come, there's no use shilly-shallying. What—did—you—say?"

THE professor was a law-abiding citizen, a peaceful man who could be relied upon to "go quietly" under any conditions. At the same time there was something noisy, blatant and Hitlerish about the major which was liable to arouse any latent sense of resistance. It did that now with the professor.

"I'm not going to tell you," he said flatly.

"What! You refuse to tell us?"

"Yes, I refuse. As far as I can see, it has nothing to do with you. If Miss Dillicot wishes to repeat what I said she's quite free to do so. I'll say nothing."

The major looked at Mr. Thomson and Mr. Thomson looked at the major. The professor was behaving with more spirit than was expected, and they were entirely taken aback.

"Ah, hum, haw," the major spluttered. "You can't really refuse to tell us, don't you know?"

"I do."

"But—ah, hum, haw—this may be a serious matter for you, Professor, a very serious matter."

"Oh, yes? I think you and Thomson are making a big fuss over nothing. In any case, she should have locked the door."

"You still decline to tell us what you said?"

"Absolutely . . . That is, I will tell you something."

"Ah!"

"It's all fiddlesticks—Miss Dillicot bragging about her cold baths in the mornings. There was plenty of steam in that room."

"Pon my soul, Professor!"

"Yes, steam! And if she thinks I got any kick out of seeing her. . ."

The major turned with great dignity to Mr. Thomson. "I think that's quite enough. He refuses."

What Mr. Thomson said in reply was drowned out by a sudden cackle of laughter behind them. They turned around and there was old Mr. Turner with his back toward them in a wing chair, vainly stuffing a handkerchief into his mouth. Such

a nice old gentleman they had always thought him. . .

The major eyed him sternly. "This is no laughing matter, Mr. Turner." Then he stalked to the door, followed by Mr. Thomson.

The professor, more from bewilderment than any active attempt at irony, politely held the door open and finally followed them out.

Mr. Turner was left rocking in the wing chair. "Te-he, te-he," he cackled. "So they're human after all."

The feud—for the situation now amounted to that—simmered all that evening and all the next day. The professor's refusal to repeat what he had said was taken to mean that it was even more scandalous than they suspected; and there was much coming and going at Mrs. Birdie's office. The outcome of that was that the major decided to provide himself with more allies and proceeded to enlist Mr. Bossom—the one remaining man except Mr. Turner, who was obviously weak in the head and of no importance. The ladies at the major's suggestion were to be kept out of the affair for reasons of delicacy.

Unfortunately, the intervention of Mr. Bossom only complicated the problem, for he sympathized with the professor. He did, it is true, take the latter aside and ask him what he had said; but when the professor declined to repeat it, he announced that he would have done the same thing himself. After all, they all knew the professor, and he certainly wasn't the man to say anything that even the most refined lady could resent.

AT THAT stage of the proceedings Mrs. Birdie mounted the stairs to Miss Dillicot's room and tried to wheedle the offending remark out of her. But Miss Dillicot merely burst into tears and said she had never been so insulted in her life. The major then came to the fore again and said that Mrs. Birdie must ask the professor to leave at once. Mrs. Birdie, however, didn't relish the prospect of having one of her rooms vacant a whole month, and she replied acidly that if he had approached the professor with any tact in the first place there wouldn't have been all this trouble now.

After dinner that night the ladies, who were still supposed to be too refined to know about the affair, were shepherded into the living room by Mrs. Birdie, while the gentlemen, including old Mr. Turner and the culprit professor, remained behind to thrash the matter out.

The major assumed a commanding position in front of the fireplace, while Mr. Turner pretended to go to sleep in an easy-chair. The discussion went round and round in circles, and after half an hour they were exactly where they were when they started, though decidedly more heated.

"Damn and blast it!" the major was shouting. "This has got to be cleared up."



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"And it won't be cleared up," Mr. Bossom rejoined hotly, "until you stop trying to bully us."

"I'm not trying to bully you . . . I'm . . . 'Pon my soul, don't you realize that a lady has been insulted?"

"You mean, a silly woman is imagining things."

"Really, Mr. Bossom," Mr. Thomson now intervened, "you have no right to refer to Miss Dillicot in those terms."

"You're a couple of pompous old fools, both of you!"

"Here, what d'you mean!"

"'Pon my word, sir!"

The professor, who had been sitting perfectly still and silent, now jumped up to stop the impending fight; but as quick as he was, something else happened to distract their attention before he could. The door opened and Mrs. Nichol, with one cheek much more flushed than the other, came rushing in. "Quick, quick, Mr. Thomson, they're fighting."

"What? Who? Who's fighting?"

"Your wife and Mrs. Bossom. They've come to blows over Miss Dillicot."

The men hurried into the living room in a body and discovered the two ladies scratching each other's eyes out on the sofa. When at last they were separated, it appeared

that Mrs. Bossom had had the worst of it, so Mr. Bossom immediately gave Mr. Thomson one on the nose to even it up. The professor, more from hysteria than any conscious malice, joined in by kicking the major hard on the backside, and the fun began.

Amid the crashing of ferns, the splintering of furniture and the agonized protests of Mrs. Birdie, various disconnected remarks emerged from the turmoil on the floor. . . "Ouch! . . . Umph! . . . Leggo my nose! . . . Umph! . . . Teach you. . . Own business! . . . Umph! . . . Umph! . . . My attorney. . ."

And higher still above all that came old Mr. Turner's insistent cackle as he danced up and down in the doorway.

"Te-he, te-he, so they're human after all."

**A**T VARIOUS times, privately, in the silent watches of the night the bruised inhabitants of Seacrest came, one and all, severally and jointly, to the same decision: to leave Opal Beach by the very first train the next morning. That train was at eight-ten, and their hurried and furtive preparations began at a very early hour. They were all so absorbed in their own secret plans that they overlooked what the others were doing, and nobody had any

idea what was afoot until, at a quarter to eight, no less than six dilapidated taxis appeared at the front door of Seacrest.

It was then too late to make any changes in their plans. They had to reconcile themselves to the prospect of spending still another two hours in close proximity on the same train. Inquiring heads were already appearing out of the windows of neighboring houses, for such a galaxy of transport generally denoted either a funeral or a wedding, and they naturally wanted to know which it was. Except for the absence of the hearse it might indeed have been a funeral. The expressions of the people who came out of Seacrest contrasted strangely with the bright September sunshine. Grim, mute, unbreakfasted, looking neither to right nor left, they packed themselves into their taxis and rode off in a dead and sinister silence. Mrs. Birdie was left on her doorstep, shrilly and vainly demanding her month's rent from an empty street, while old Mr. Turner kept waving jeering good-byes from his open bedroom window.

The taxi-drivers seemed to take a malicious joy in keeping together and the same demeanor graced their arrival at the station. Fortunately it was a long and empty train. They  
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## Rod and Gun

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when he paddles close enough."

Five minutes later, after a torrent of French patois, we had our information. We'd been within a mile of those ducks all the time!

Within thirty minutes we'd crossed a river in a leaky dugout with a few decoys and were paddling up a shallowing slough which wandered through a wide expanse of swampy oat fields. Black ducks were getting up on all sides, first by ones and twos, then in small flocks.

"Shoot, shoot!" urged Wilf, as several tempting shots were presented.

"Keep paddling," I replied, "we're not there yet."

We rounded a turn in the slough and at least 1000 blacks suddenly took to the air with a roar of wings.

"This," I remarked to Wilf, "is IT."

We hid the dugout in some reeds; threw out our decoys and crouched in a nearby clump of bushes. Even before we were hidden those ducks began to return. They whistled in from all angles and for the next hour we had the kind of shooting you read about, but seldom get. Big northern redlegs, fattened on a diet of oats.

In exactly one hour we had our limits and the birds still were pouring in. We just sat there and watched 'em pitch to the decoys, and brother, it was something to watch!



"That's the way it goes. First the National Guard, then the draft, then us."

**W**E'D hunted four days in a steady, drizzling rain back there in the deep timber of Oregon's Coast Range—four miserable days of wet clothing during the day and sodden blankets at night, and nary a buck could we jump.

Does? Brother, we kicked out a million! They popped out of huckleberry patches, blowdowns and burns; they watched us like stupid sheep from every rocky ledge on the ridges. They even ate our potato peelings around camp. But bucks? It didn't look as though there was anything in the whole county sporting horns.

We gave it up on the fifth day, and headed out of the woods over an elk and deer trail that serpented along the crest of the ridge. It was a nine-mile hike out to the head of an abandoned logging railroad, plus another six miles of bad walking over irregular ties to the nearest back road. And we had to get out by dark.

Pete was leading the weary, stumbling three-man procession along the slippery, blowdown-obstructed trail when the big chance presented itself. He stopped suddenly, muttered an un-

printable exclamation, jacked a cartridge into the chamber of his venerable lever action and fired at something I couldn't see. At the crack of the rifle a little doe tore away through the brush as Pete tried frantically to extract a jammed empty.

"Lay off, you big yap!" I yelled. "It's a little doe!"

"Not what I'm shootin' at!" he replied. "Get that big so and so!" And then I saw his target. "Oh my Gawd!"

**N**OW there are swivel-chair game experts who will tell you the Columbian blacktail buck is a little fellow, smaller than the Eastern whitetail. Maybe some of 'em are, although that's a debatable question, too. However the buck that arched over a six-foot fir blowdown about 20 yards from our astonished eyes hardly fell in that midget classification. He was midway in size between a mule deer and a bull elk, and was toting a rack of horns I'd give six months' pay to have decorating the wall over the fireplace at this writing.

"Omigod!" Jake whispered under his breath from behind me, and his Krag whammed. The shot missed and the buck, now thoroughly spooked, stepped up his speed and raced diagonally up the ridge from us in a series of plunging jumps, hell bent for election.

"Get going!" Pete shrilled, still frantically jiggling the lever of his balky carbine. "Don't let 'im get away!" Jake was having trouble with his rifle, too.

Right in that fleeing buck's path, perhaps 50 yards from where we stood, was a small opening in the forest of giant trees which afforded a clear shot. To make things even better, another big blowdown obstructed the deer's path. He had to jump that log and in so doing would present a last, beautiful opportunity I couldn't miss.

I recall the bead of my front sight centered on a flexed shoulder muscle as that critter reached the peak of his graceful jump, and in the split second before the hammer fell the thought flashed through my mind, "Mister, you've made your last jump." As far as I was concerned that buck was as good as dead.

Unfortunately, there was no reverberating crash when the hammer fell—just a harmless click. The rifle misfired. It never had misfired before, and it never has misfired since. But it did that rainy afternoon, and if I live to a full century I'll never forget it.

**T**HERE had been rumors of bluefish along Jersey's coast. Not those piddling little one-pound snappers, but really big six- and eight-pound fish, iron-jawed and ravenously hungry. So accompanied by two fugitives from the New York Stock Exchange, one of whom had been reduced to his last yacht, we churned out of Shark River Inlet late one

sultry July afternoon to see what we could see.

Just before dusk we were attracted by a number of commercial fishing boats, anchored about a mile off the Long Branch Pier. We joined these bobbing boats, dropped anchor and began to chum.

Before continuing, and for the benefit of those who might be puzzled, chumming is the smelly business of grinding a succession of oily, bony fish known as mossbunkers in a hotel-sized hamburger mill, and tossing the resulting fish hash overboard to drift away on the tide. This fish debris and its accompanying oily "slick" attracts all predatory salt water species, which fin up to find out what's going on. You then slip 'em a baited hook, which, from the fish's point of view, is a dirty doublecross. If you're rigged for bluefish and the bait is taken by, say, a 400-pound shark or a 600-pound tuna, why that's your hard luck.

**W**E HADN'T been chumming more than a few minutes when things began to happen. Our outfits were very light—bonefish rigs, as I recall—and when you begin hooking seven, eight and up to 11-pound blues

on such gear you've got your hands full. Particularly when three gents are fishing from a small cockpit, and all are fast to a husky blue at the same time—as frequently we were.

Commercial fishermen who surrounded us on all sides weren't doing anything, to their profane annoyance. We knew why they weren't, but we weren't telling. The reason was a difference in lines. The money boys were fishing with heavy handlines and that particular snarl of blue happened to be line shy. We were fishing with light, six-thread lines, and every bait tossed overboard was smacked.

In a little over an hour we took 57 of the biggest bluefish these eyes ever have seen. The smallest scaled seven pounds; the largest 11¼. We could have caught 'em all night, had we not run out of chum. As it was we took around 400 pounds of battling oceanic brain food, and if that isn't an evening's fishing, I'd like to know what is?

**M**OST wildfowlers are familiar with the dimwit optimist who shoots at sky-high birds and in so doing ruins his own chances and those of everybody else within a five-mile

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radius. Well, you ain't seen nothin', pals; three years ago I met the guy who wrote that particular book. Bend an ear to this one:

It was the third day after the southern zone season opened and, in the words of an old gunning partner, "one of them so and so Barnstable

days". Not a breath of wind. Clear sky. And nothing flying but buzzards, and mosquitos.

Suddenly, at about ten minutes to four, five Canadas picked up out on the lake and headed for my rig. At about 100 yards the big birds set their wings and a second later I

shoved off the safety and prepared to accept the day's first shot.

And guess what, pals? Well, from a blind 400 yards away—that's right, friends, 400 yards—came three pounding shots and the water around the decoys suddenly dimpled with spent No. 2 shot. Now you tell one!

## News of the State Associations

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bers of the local convention committee were Mr. Miller, E.R., Mr. Kent, Secy., and Trustee W. J. O'Grady. Registration totaled 1,017, a new record.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

The 27th Annual Meeting of the South Carolina State Elks Association was held at Florence on Wednesday and Thursday, May 21-22, with a representative delegation from each of the eight lodges in the State in attendance. Florence Lodge No. 1020 arranged and carried out an excellent two-day program which featured a Grand Ball held on the opening night.

More than 300 delegates were registered at the convention which got under way on Wednesday afternoon with the ritualistic contest which was won by Charleston Lodge No. 242. Greenville Lodge No. 858 was second and Columbia Lodge No. 1190 was third. The percentage score for each lodge was high. Charleston Lodge was presented with the ritualistic cup and Anderson Lodge No. 1206 with the attendance cup. The attendance award is based on the size of the lodge and the distance traveled.

At an enthusiastic business session, presided over by Pres. James A. McAlister, of Charleston Lodge, continued assistance for college students and work on the organization of new lodges were decided upon. An appropriation was voted with which to defray the expenses of Miss Mary Pritchard, of Sumter, who, as winner of the Defense Oratorical Contest, was sent to the Grand Lodge Convention at Philadelphia.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: Pres., Jesse B. Roddey, Columbia; 1st Vice-Pres., John C. Schweers, Charleston; 2nd Vice-Pres., Joe W. Phillips, Florence; 3rd Vice-Pres., Charles F. Dunham, Anderson; Trustee, R. A. Ward, Florence; Secy.-Treas., Cliff Langford, Orangeburg; Tiler, Mortimer M. Weinberg, Sumter; Inner Guard, R. P. Schultz, Rock Hill; Esquire, C. Victor Pyle, Greenville. E. M. Wharton, Greenville, was chosen to serve on the School Foundation Fund Committee.

### IDAHO

Lewiston Lodge No. 896 was host to the Idaho State Elks Association and to delegations from Spokane, Aberdeen and Walla Walla, Wash., Lodges at the annual Idaho State Elks Association Convention held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 5-6-7. Business sessions and the various contests were interspersed with an extensive sports and entertainment program. Past State Pres. Arthur L. Barnes, of Lewiston, served as Convention Chairman. Arrangements were planned under the guidance of E.R. E. Glenn Bauman. A total attendance of 848 was shown in registration, Idaho being represented

by 648, the State of Washington by 171, and other States by 29. Among the many distinguished Elks in attendance were Grand Esteemed Leading Knight John E. Drummey of Seattle, Wash., Past Grand Inner Guard Harrie O. Bohlke, Yakima, Wash., Ed. D. Baird, Boise, a former member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, D. D. Nicholas Ney, Caldwell, Ida., State Pres. Beecher Hitchcock, Sandpoint, Ida., J. E. Luckey of Eugene, Pres. of the Ore. State Elks Assn., Edwin J. Alexander, Aberdeen, Pres. of the Wash. State Elks Assn., the Hon. Chase A. Clark, Governor of Idaho, and Mayor R. R. McGregor, Lewiston.

Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Pres., A. H. Christiansen, Boise; 1st Vice-Pres., John A. Bever, Wallace; 2nd Vice-Pres., C. D. Purkhiser, Caldwell; 3rd Vice-Pres., W. S. Hawkins, Coeur D'Alene; 4th Vice-Pres., Carl Gilb, Twin Falls; 5th Vice-Pres., O. R. Baum, Pocatello; Trustees: A. L. Barnes, Lewiston, J. L. Downing, Pocatello, W. C. Rullman, Wallace, Ed. D. Baird, Boise, J. O. Malvin, Boise. John D. Case, of Boise Lodge, was appointed Secretary. E.R. E. L. Shattuck, Idaho Falls, installed the officers. Beautiful Boise was chosen as the 1942 convention city.

The convention received the report of W. W. Bolles, Moscow, in which as Chairman of the Social and Community Welfare Committee he outlined a program of aid for physically handicapped children. The delegates voted for appointment of a crippled children's commission of three to investigate the feasibility of the program and make further recommendations when officers of the Association hold their mid-winter meeting in December, probably at Caldwell. Members of the commission, under appointment by President Christiansen, are Chairman R. S. Overstreet, Boise, Nicholas Ney, Caldwell, and Earl E. Garrity, Nampa, Idaho.

At the annual banquet held at the Lewis-Clark Hotel, Governor Clark was the principal speaker and President Christiansen acted as Toastmaster. The Elks Quartette from Spokane, Wash., and the Lewiston Quartette participated in the musical program. Robert Gibson, of Coeur D'Alene, was presented by the Governor with an award of \$25 for winning the State Elks essay contest on the subject "What Uncle Sam Means to Me". Governor Clark also presented a trophy to Pocatello Lodge No. 674, winner of the ritualistic contest. It was accepted by P.E.R. Judge J. L. Downing. Other trophies were presented as follows: Bowling—All events, E. H. Kirks, Lewiston; five-man team, Lewiston team composed of Don Wolf, C. S. Keller, H. F. (Pinky) Bushman, Dave

Anderson and Glen Petty; doubles, Ernie Snider and Ed Wagner, of Lewiston; singles, E. H. Dirks, Lewiston. Golf—Four-man team, won by Lewiston team composed of Dr. J. R. Foster, Coy Barnes, Mark Mace and Mason Steel; 18-hole medal event, Bob White, Boise, runnerup, Buck Bailey and Bob Emerson, Moscow Lodge; handicap, Wendell E. McEwen, Lewiston, and runnerup, Mark Mace, Lewiston. Trapshooting—16-yard, Guy Chiesman, Spokane; handicap, Ed Patrick, Twin Falls; doubles, Henry Lobnitz, Idaho Falls; high-over-all, C. P. Kennedy, Moscow; five-man team, won by Caldwell team composed of T. A. Kiesler, Leland Hudgins, W. F. Johnston, O. A. McDaniel and Paul McDaniel; out-of-state 16-yard champion, Orman Ballew of Yakima.

A spectacular parade provided a suitable climax to the convention program. Governor Clark was the honor guest. The Boise, Twin Falls and Walla Walla bands, Lewiston Sea Scouts, St. Maries and Wallace drum and bugle corps, Coeur D'Alene Buccaneers and the Aberdeen Elks, in their purple and white traveling bus, were but a few of the units in the gigantic procession.

### KANSAS

The Kansas State Elks Association convened at Winfield on May 17-18-19 for its 36th annual meeting. The attendance approximated 300. The organization was honored by the presence of Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight H. Glenn Boyd of Wichita, a member of the Grand Lodge Antlers Council, Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Stanley J. Shook, Topeka, and D.D. George Wallerius, of Salina. The fine band from Junction City Lodge No. 1037 furnished music during the entire meeting.

The Ritualistic Contest was won by Great Bend Lodge No. 1127 with a rating of 99.16 per cent. Salina, McPherson, Topeka and Hutchinson Lodges also competed, finishing in the order named. Great Bend Lodge was awarded permanent possession of the Charles A. Wilson Trophy as winner of the contest for three successive years. P.D.D. Amos A. Belsley, of Wellington Lodge, has offered a new trophy for future competition. The first, second and third prize winners in the State Defense Committee's Patriotic Essay Contest, in which nineteen lodges participated, were sponsored by Hutchinson, Topeka and Winfield Lodges respectively.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., S. E. Patterson, Augusta; 1st Vice-Pres., George H. Stadel, Topeka; 2nd Vice-Pres., Rollo Laird, Ottawa; 3rd Vice-Pres., Leonard Wood, Salina; Secy., H. Glenn Boyd, Wichita; Treas., Clay E. Hedrick, New-

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Mr. Ransom has a few well chosen phrases on the subject of Dude Ranches and how and where to enjoy them.



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"Dude Ranch" is not an expression that carries a clear-cut meaning to everyone, for a dude ranch is neither a summer hotel nor a farm where dudes "ranch". In the West every farm is a ranch; they vary in size, too, from the small ranch to five or ten thousand acres, and, in the case of some of the stock and grain ranches, a lot larger.

Most of the ranches are in settings of appealing beauty with mountains, lakes and streams in their very yards. Their hospitality is far more genuine, spontaneous and personal than that of an ordinary summer resort. There is a heritage that is genuinely American. 1941 is a timely year in which to invest in a real red-blooded American vacation, for a change—on a dude ranch.

**M**ANY eastern families have for years been spending their vacations at these ranches, riding in western cowboy saddles, hiking, fishing and hunting in the real western outdoors. Visitors or guests at the ranches are honorably referred to as "dudes", hence "dude ranches"—a ranch where "dudes" are entertained. The rancher is a "dude wrangler". He, his cowboys, and the rest of his business associates are the "outfit".

Each ranch has its "brand" which is a letter, insignia or often the initials of the owner. It is a mark which is "branded" or burned into all the stock on the ranch. In the early days changing brands on stolen cattle developed into a fine art with cattle thieves who were dealt with on the spot if caught. Today the brand is not only to distinguish the stock of the ranch which roam the open ranges and often mix with stock from other ranches, but it serves as the trade mark of each particular dude ranch. It is used as a decoration on linen, chinaware and as a decorative motif.

In the western ranch regions may be found dude ranches of every description, with all degrees of comfort and accommodations. Some ranches are equipped with cabins having hot and cold running water and bathtubs, others with pitcher and basins and portable bathtubs. Some have large dining pavilions with white-coated colored waiters; others dine their guests or "dudes" in their own home at a large table, "family style".

Most of these "Dude Ranches"

offer simple comforts and a choice of rugged outdoor exercise or quiet relaxation in beautiful scenic country; not elaborate superfluities and country club social activities.

Here are some suggestions for a sample wardrobe: Felt hats, wool shirts, khaki trousers or riding breeches, puttees and heavy walking shoes are about right for ranch life. Those planning pack trips to higher altitudes should have warm underwear, sheepskin jackets, sweaters, gloves, etc. Keep in mind the cold nights, the warm mid-day sun, possible rain and snow, and outfit accordingly. Informal attire for evening dances or bridge is in vogue. Some ranches say "wear anything". The popular "Levis" (overall pants) and western boots may be purchased practically anywhere.

**O**NE has to make advance arrangements too, for the reason that guests return year after year and often make reservations for the next year before going back home. They feel that way after one dude ranch vacation. People find at their favorite ranch the ideal conditions for the sort of vacation they term perfect. Then, too, the ranch is the rancher's home—his guests become fast friends to a surprising degree.

Some mighty fine dude ranches are in Wyoming—in Jackson Hole and the adjacent territory, or in the southeast, near Laramie and Cheyenne. Jackson Hole, the old western name of the Snake River Valley, is just south of Yellowstone National Park and east of Grand Teton National Park. Once reputed to be the secluded refuge of outlaws and cattle "rustlers", it is now known as one of the best fishing and hunting regions, and one of the most beautiful, scenically, in the country. It is a strip of lovely semi-wilderness, 65 miles long and ten to twenty miles wide, fringed by huge forests and hemmed in by mountains. There are no poisonous snakes in Jackson Hole.

Drought is unknown in this sheltered and favored region of many lakes and streams. Regardless of conditions elsewhere in the West, dudes may rest assured that ideal conditions will be found in Jackson Hole. Some dudes arrive as early as June and many others extend their stay through September. In September the days are usually warm and sunny and the nights invigorating, the mountains are never more beautiful and the colorful aspens make this month a most enjoyable one.

Jackson, retaining much of the frontier atmosphere, yet equipped with all the essential conveniences of civilization, and Moran, on beautiful Jackson Lake, are the principal towns. There is an excellent hospital in Jackson, with X-Ray and operating rooms and a skilled surgeon and staff.

Genuine western rodeos are staged every summer at Jackson and Wilson. The Wilson rodeo and stock show, the third Friday and Saturday

in August, is non-professional, at which riders from the various ranches compete.

West Yellowstone, Montana, is also the gateway to several fine ranches in southwestern Montana.

There are many friendly ranches, too, on the great Laramie Plains, nestling at the base of the Medicine Bow Range and looking southward upon the blue mountains of Colorado, northward over the Continental Divide.

Other fine ranches are located in the wilder portions of the Colorado mountains; in the wild and rugged country of central Idaho; in the Blue and Wallowa Mountain regions of Oregon; near fabulous Reno, Nevada, in the picturesque desert and mountain regions of California, and in Arizona the home of the "Bad Man".

Montana is the "land of the shining mountains". Its broad bosom is ridged by titanic faults in the rocky strata; furrowed by deep valleys and canyons; watered by rushing streams. Here are the snow-capped peaks and wooded slopes of the Rockies, including the Crazy Mountains, the Absarokas, Belts and Bitter Roots, the Mission Range and the Continental Divide.

**A**ND within the mountains—wonderland. Sheltered valleys with a trout stream meandering through a green meadow. Timbered slopes reached only by the trail you ride. Rocky outcroppings indelibly marked by the scouring of glaciers. Deep, sapphire pools away up at timberline; pools that are the habitat of the rare Golden Trout, and that haven't been fished since your guide was there last year. Long, tortuous climbs that end on a peak commanding a breath-taking panorama that is the same today as it was when the world began.

Perhaps you will slip over a ridge and startle a herd of elk feeding in the valley, or an old she-bear who anxiously herds her cubs to shelter. The next turn in the stream may discover a white-tailed deer coming down to water. There are moose and porcupine and prairie dog. And at night, when the singing stops around the campfire, you will hear the eerie, answering serenade of the desert coyotes.

As for the ranches themselves, you can pick one to suit your taste. Do you favor wide, sunny verandas, luxurious bathrooms, plenty of service, and steam heat for cool evenings? They're there. Or you can choose simpler places where the guests gather informally at the big, family table and lounge around the fireplace at night.

There are ranches all over the West with swimming pools and with tennis courts; ranches on lakes and on mountains. And at every one of them you are certain of the right degree of restful comfort, of generous portions of good food, and of a brimming measure of true and unforgettable western hospitality.

## Your Dog

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like of strangers and undue familiarity, that marks many of the so-called working dogs such as the Collie, the German Shepherd etc. These are dogs whose ancestry goes back to a time when all strangers were regarded with suspicion, possibly as enemies, as most very likely were.

As the surplus of farms and pastures created markets, cities were founded and written history started and here we begin to unearth some facts about Fido. We see his image in ancient carvings, particularly in the tombs of some of the Egyptian royalty and on monuments and public buildings. Many of these resemble the dog that was chaperoned by our convivial visitor—the Afghan hound. Still others more nearly look like the Saluki.

TO THE Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City there was brought, stone by stone, the original of a structure taken from the valley of the Nile. It's the "Offering Chamber of the Prince Ra-em-ka" of a dynasty dated 2,481 B.C. On one of the walls is a scene of a huntsman with dogs in pursuit of fox and an antelope-like creature. The dogs very much resemble greyhounds of today although the tails are twisted something like a pug dog's and the ears are erect as those of a German shepherd.

We are told that in the court of Cleopatra, dogs held an honored position. No doubt they witnessed many of that gal's experiments in mayhem and matrimony.

That the dog was considered noble enough to accompany kings as seen in the representations of him in the tombs of these ancient people testifies to the high place he won in their affections. No race ever lived more convinced of the divinity of its rulers, and we may believe that Fido only achieved such preference after many centuries of demonstrations of his devotion and loyalty to men.

The Egyptians, no mean astronomers, discovered and named the star

Sirius—the dog star—and the explanation for this holds that they were impressed with the regularity with which it appeared. It is one of the brightest stars and its arrival each year was a forerunner of the overflowing of the Nile, an event of tremendous importance assuring a plentiful harvest.

ARCHEOLOGISTS delving into the ruins of ancient Assyrian cities have unearthed a considerable number of votive figurines depicting various animals. Among them are many excellent representations of dogs identical to the Afghan and Saluki as we know these dogs today. Similar representations are seen on bowls, vases and other pottery some of which go back as far as 3,000 B.C. So for nearly 5,000 years of recorded history, Fido has companioned men.

In nearly all representations found, the dog is depicted engaged in some useful work, hunting, herding, etc., and this was largely his lot down through the centuries until comparatively modern times. Only in the last few hundred years or so was he to any extent regarded solely as a companion and household pet.

This is the more strange when we consider all that a good dog has to offer in loyalty and affection. Certainly no other animal is his equal in this respect. None there are that will willingly lay down their lives in defense of their masters. This, dogs have done in countless instances as we have seen in so many newspaper stories authenticated by persons whose word is beyond doubt.

A lady of our acquaintance disputes this and claims that cats are just as loyal and affectionate. We should know about this but we don't. Our family cat running true to form seldom reveals her inner feelings as does the house dog. As a matter of truth, the only time she—the cat—tips her hand is when your reporter on several occasions would arrive home late, very late. Then she'll howl like a banshee—and you married men can guess the result.



"How to Know and Care for Your Dog" is the title of Edward Faust's booklet, published by the Kennel Department of The Elks Magazine. One canine authority says, "It is the most readable and understandable of all the books on this subject". This beautifully printed, well-illustrated 48-page book covers such subjects as feeding, bathing, common

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# News of the State Associations

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ton; Trustees: J. O. Kuhn, Garden City, D. Filizola, Fort Scott, and Karl Root, Atchison. The State officers accepted invitations to hold the 1942 Convention at Salina and the Fall Meeting at Lawrence. The State Association voted the purchase of a Founder's Certificate in the Elks National Foundation and a one hundred dollar defense bond. The Children's Welfare Committee reported that needy children had been supplied during the past year with two hundred and twenty pairs of eyeglasses through each of the individual lodges.

Excellent entertainment was provided by the host lodge, Winfield No. 732. One of the highlights of the convention was a barbecue at the Little Pirate Ranch, the beautiful ranch home of Fred Clark, a member of Winfield Lodge and former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National Baseball League. Nearly 300 Elks and their wives were entertained by Mr. Clark and his family. Visiting ladies were also guests at a tea at the Country Club and a bridge luncheon at the Bretton Hotel. The President's Ball was held at the lodge home.

## NEW MEXICO

With a large and enthusiastic attendance, the New Mexico State Elks Association convened at El Paso, Tex., on May 24-25. The meeting was successful in every respect and despite the fact that many Elks were forced to cancel their trips because of flood conditions existing in certain vicinities, the attendance record reached a new high. Tucumcari, Roswell, Raton, Santa Fe and Albuquerque Lodges sent large delegations. The fine hospitality for which all of the southwestern lodges are noted was reflected in the wholehearted efforts put forth by the host lodge, El Paso No. 187, now incorporated in the New Mexico jurisdiction.

Special District Deputy Albert W. Jeffreys, of Herrin Lodge No. 1146, was present at every session, giving freely of the knowledge derived from his experience as a President of the Illinois State Elks Association, which office he served so efficiently a few years ago. At a dinner and dance held on the evening of the 24th, Mr. Jeffreys addressed an audience of well over 300 Elks and ladies, and his inspiring talk met with frequent and prolonged applause.

Elected to conduct the affairs of the Association during the ensuing year were Don L. Dickason, Albuquerque, Pres.; John Pulice, Carlsbad, Vice-Pres.; Stephen Bowen, Tucumcari, Secy.; F. A. Vigil, Raton, Treas. In the selection of the trustees and appointive officers, care was exercised so that every lodge would have an officer in the State Association. Ground work has been laid for the organization of several new

lodges. Tucumcari Lodge No. 1172 was chosen as host lodge for the 1942 convention. Suitable and constructive resolutions were adopted and appropriations were made for the expenses of the President and Secretary.

## TEXAS

The Texas State Elks Association held its 17th Annual Meeting at Amarillo on the two last days of May. The convention was marked by full harmony from the moment it was called to order by President C. E. Smeltz, of San Antonio. Business was transacted successfully and plenty of time was allowed for enjoyment of the social side of the reunion.

Officers chosen to serve in 1941-42 are as follows: Pres., M. A. deBettencourt, Houston; Vice-Pres.'s: Southeast, R. E. L. Barnett, Galveston; Southwest, Joe L. Flint, San Antonio; North, Frank Holaday, Dallas; West, H. V. Tull, Jr., Plainview; East, Burnett Price, Tyler; Treas., T. A. Low, Brenham; Secy., H. R. Grobe, Houston; Trustee, Willis O. Moore, Fort Worth; Tiler, Herbert Peters, Beaumont; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. H. Mulvoy, Dallas; Chaplain, the Rev. J. W. E. Airey, Houston. Marshall No. 683 was selected as the host lodge for the 1942 convention.

## ALABAMA

Gadsden Lodge No. 1314 entertained the Alabama State Elks Association on May 18-19-20 at its Annual Convention. Elks and their wives began arriving on Sunday the 18th and by Monday morning nearly two hundred were reg-

istered. An elaborate dinner, followed by a dance, was given Monday evening for members of the Order, their families and friends.

Good work was accomplished at the business sessions during the meeting which wound up the most progressive year the Association has ever had. New By-Laws were adopted. The Crippled Children Committee reported that this branch of endeavor, so successfully carried on during the past twelve-month period, would be continued. The Committee on Essays on National Defense gave first, second and third prizes respectively to Mary Joyce Parks, Montgomery, Kyle Hindon, Gadsden, and George Bernard Paxton, Ensley.

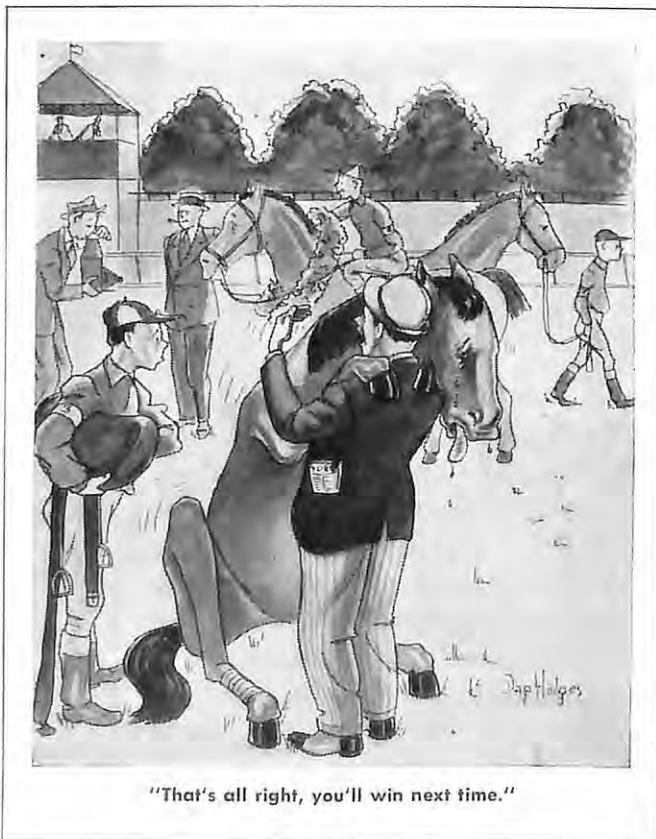
New officers were elected as follows: Pres., George A. Swim, Tuscaloosa; Executive Vice-Pres., Sam C. Brodie, Ensley; District Vice-Pres.'s: Gilbert R. Mayer, Sheffield, George Stiefelmeyer, Cullman, Irby Zeigler, Ensley, A. E. Trayler, Selma, Frank M. Raoul, Tuscaloosa, W. W. Sizemore, Mobile, Charles H. Echols, Gadsden; Trustees: T. Scott Howe, Montgomery, Dave Israel, Blocton, George Ross, Bessemer. The appointment of John F. Antwine, Birmingham, as Secretary-Treasurer was made by the President. The retiring officers were given a vote of thanks for their services during the past year.

## ILLINOIS

Dr. C. E. Duff, of Lawrenceville Lodge, was elected President of the Illinois State Elks Association at its annual convention which took place on May 23-24-25 at Danville. An attendance of 1,500 was reported. Secy. Albert W. Arnold, Lincoln, and Treas. Fred P. Hill, Danville, were reelected. Lincoln Lodge No. 914 was declared winner of the ritualistic contest and Springfield was selected as the meeting place for 1942.

Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch and Governor Dwight H. Green headed a list of distinguished guests. On Friday, the first day of the meeting, the golf tournament was held at the Danville Country Club and a luncheon was given for Grand Lodge and State officers, and Exalted Rulers, Esteemed Leading Knights and Secretaries of all the lodges. A men's stag was held that evening at the home of Danville Lodge No. 332. Beautiful Memorial Services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The Crippled Children's Commission met that afternoon. A crippled children clinic at 3:30 p.m. was followed by the Governor Green Banquet at the Armory and the President's Ball at the lodge home. The Grand Exalted Ruler's Banquet, on Sunday at 12:30 p.m., also at the lodge home, and the final business session, closed the convention.

Entertainment for the ladies included a luncheon and tour, a fashion show and buffet supper.





## UTAH

One of the most successful conventions ever held by the Utah State Elks Association took place on Friday and Saturday, June 6-7, at Eureka, Utah. Eureka, "Tintic", Lodge No. 711 entertained delegates and visiting Elks from all parts of the State. Prior to the convention, P.E.R. Stanley B. Wilson, Eureka, personally invited 120 Past Exalted Rulers of the Utah lodges, many of whom are living in other States, to attend a banquet at his home during the reunion, and 38 accepted. This brought members to the meeting who otherwise would not have attended, and brought into close touch those who could not make the trip but showed their appreciation with letters and telegrams.

P.D.D. Dean R. Daynes, of Salt Lake City Lodge, installed the officers chosen for 1941-42. They are as follows: Pres., W. L. Gray, Cedar City; Vice-Pres.'s: D. E. Lambourne, Salt Lake City, C. W. Sandstrom, Ogden, Silas W. Anderson, Price; Treas., James Cullen, Eureka; Secy., Ernest Greer, Cedar City. The Harry S. Joseph Trophy for the best presentation of the ritualistic work for the meeting in 1940 was presented to Price Lodge No. 1550. The cup for 1941 was won by "Tintic" Lodge and will be presented at the next annual convention. The race between "Tintic" and Salt Lake City Lodges was close. It was an outstanding honor for the winning team inasmuch as most of the officers are new members. A report of the Student Loan Fund was read, stating that 50 students had received aid and that the fund's capital amounted to \$1,500. Gordon Weggeland, of Salt Lake City Lodge, State Director for the F.H.A., spoke during ceremonies dedicating a monument and flagpole to the town of Eureka, the first of a series in which the State Association will present a monument and staff to the town

or city in which the annual convention is held. The exercises included the reading by Allan McCullough, Park City, of his prize winning essay entitled "What Uncle Sam Means to Me". P.E.R. John F. Rowe, of Eureka Lodge, was Toastmaster at the Saturday evening banquet held in the Little Theatre. Two hundred and fifty persons attended the affair which was followed by a dance at the lodge home.

## INDIANA

With an attendance of more than 1,500, the Indiana State Elks Association convened at Bloomington, beginning activities on June the 14th and bringing them to a close with a fifty-minute parade on the 18th. Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters of Chicago, Grand Trustee Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Joseph W. Fitzgerald, Canton, O., a former member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and Robert A. Scott, of Linton, Ind., Lodge, Superintendent of the Elks National Home, were honor guests.

Ritualistic awards in competition for the Scott-Masters Trophy and State honors went to Gary Lodge No. 1152, first, Richmond No. 649, second, and Brazil No. 762, third. Fort Wayne No. 155 was chosen host lodge for 1942 and new officers were elected as follows: Pres., Joseph B. Kyle, Gary; 1st Vice-Pres., Edwin Loewenthal, Evansville; 2nd Vice-Pres., Harry E. McClain, Shelbyville; 3rd Vice-Pres., C. T. Bartlett, Muncie; 4th Vice-Pres., Paul G. Jasper, Fort Wayne; Secy., C. L. Shideler, Terre Haute; Treas., L. E. Yoder, Goshen; Trustees, J. E. Armstrong, Washington, Lyman E. McGuire, Peru, Fred E. Hammond, Anderson, Edmond R. Strong, Bloomington, John Miller, East Chicago; Tiler, Dr. A. A. Pielemeier, Vincennes; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ira T. Pendry, Frankfort; Chaplain, Father J. O'Brien, Ligonier.



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Considered the highlight of the convention was the Musical and Flag Day program held in the auditorium of Indiana University on Sunday afternoon, attended by more than 3,500 persons. Presentation of the State Essay Contest awards was made by State President Glenn L. Miller, of Logansport. Vice-President Harry E. McClain delivered the address and Orin T. Turfingier, of the host lodge, Bloomington No. 446, the capable General Chairman of the Convention Planning Committee, officiated as Toastmaster. During the convention, the Planning Committee provided delightful entertainment for the visiting ladies which included bridge parties and local tours. A trip made to the Abe Martin Lodge, where a noon luncheon was served, was of special interest to those who were familiar with the humorist's sayings and characters. On the 17th, "Glenn Miller's Night", the President's Ball was given by Bloomington Lodge in honor of the retiring President and his wife. Daylight entertainment included golf and trapshooting. Reports on prize awards in the respective classes are as follows: Golf Tournament: First prize, high team trophy, Bedford Lodge; individual trophy award, Philip Talbot, E.R. of Bloomington Lodge; Bands: 1st, La-Fayette Lodge, 2nd, Newcastle, 3rd, Richmond, 4th, Sullivan; Floats: 1st, Indiana South, 2nd, Indiana North, 3rd, Indiana South Central.

### KENTUCKY

The 33rd annual meeting of the Kentucky State Elks Association was called to order on Monday, May 26, in the lodge room of Paducah Lodge No. 217 by President Phillip Stevens, of

Princeton. Mr. Stevens extended warm congratulations to the host lodge celebrating its 50th anniversary in conjunction with the holding of the State convention and requested P.E.R. Tom Rogers to introduce the lodge's surviving charter members. J. Q. Taylor, aged 87 years, W. Y. Noble, 80, J. M. Clements, 77, George Oehschlaeger, 76, and Fred Nagle, 74, were presented accordingly and all made short talks expressing appreciation of their Elk membership.

The presence of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, of East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, added pleasure and prestige to the anniversary celebration as well as the convention, both of which were highly successful. More than 500 visitors were included in the attendance. The Ladies Committee provided an enjoyable program of parties, shopping tours and drives to places of interest. Included on the main program were the golf tournaments, closely contested, and a trip to the new T.V.A. Dam at Gilbertsville where an old-time Kentucky chicken dinner delighted a large crowd of delegates and visitors. The closing feature, on Tuesday evening, was the Banquet and Roof Garden Dance at the Hotel Irvin Cobb. Past State Pres. Carl A. Wells, Paducah, presided at the banquet at which every available seat was taken. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Campbell was the principal speaker, delivering a splendid address on Americanism and the Order. Among the other speakers were the Exalted Rulers of all the Kentucky lodges. An elaborate floor show in the auditorium followed the dinner.

The convention was marked by harmony throughout. Reports of the past year's activities were received with great satisfaction. The report of the

Secretary-Treasurer, covering details for the year, with a large amount spent for charity and anti-tuberculosis work, showed all bills paid and a good balance on hand. Numerous talks were made on the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Committee, the chief activity of the State organization. During the presentation of the Committee's report, patients who had been sent to the hospital, and were seemingly cured permanently of tuberculosis, were introduced. Impressed by the evidence of the great good that is being accomplished in the work, the delegates rededicated their lodges to the anti-tuberculosis movement and decided upon a program of wider scope for the ensuing year. Introduced at this session was John P. Adkins, a member of Paducah Lodge. Mr. Adkins, approaching 80 years of age, is a resident of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va. He spoke with much feeling on the splendid way in which the Home is conducted and of what the Home means to him.

At a caucus of the two State Districts composed of representatives of each lodge in the State, the following officers for 1914-42 were elected: Pres., Paul Smith, Covington; 1st Vice-Pres., William E. Fellers, Paducah; 2nd Vice-Pres., Bernard Lipsitz, Ashland; 3rd Vice-Pres., H. H. Farmer, Henderson; Secy.-Treas., Richard H. Slack, Owensboro; Trustees: Sylvester H. Grove, Louisville, Kelly D. Harper, Catlettsburg, F. A. Hombra, Fulton. The new officers were installed by Mr. Wells, Past President. The Diskin Attendance Award was presented to Ashland Lodge No. 350 for having the largest membership representation at the convention. Ashland was selected as next year's meeting place. Dates for the 1942 convention will be chosen by the Trustees.



## Scandal at Seacrest

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were able to dispose themselves at decent intervals in different coaches, where they stared gloomily out of the windows, wondering what their attorneys would advise and how they were going to spend the rest of their vacations.

The professor had the smoking car to himself at the rear of the train. He had come out of the fracas almost intact. Except for a slight abrasion on his chin, he bore no outward sign of conflict. All the same he was considerably shattered in spirit, and he kept murmuring, "Terrible! Terrible!" as he munched a chocolate bar he had bought at the newsstand.

After the train had been going some fifteen minutes he suddenly noticed that Mr. Bossom was standing just inside the door, looking at him. He glanced away hurriedly; but when he looked again a minute later, Mr. Bossom was still there, staring now. Remembering then that Mr. Bossom had been a supporter of his, he smiled at him a trifle wanly.

But Mr. Bossom didn't smile back.

He straightened himself and came forward, moving with that slow, solemn, unhurried tread that policemen adopt when acting in the course of duty. What was more unnerving still was the sight of Mr. Thomson walking behind him in the same way.

The two men threw the back of a seat over and sat down, rather unpleasantly close, facing the professor, and for some time nothing was said.

The professor noticed that Mr. Bossom's left eye was discolored, while Mr. Thomson had a painfully swollen lip.

"Er—it's—er—a very nice morning," he said feebly.

"It's a beautiful morning!" Mr. Bossom replied. "Okay, Thomson, grab him!"

The professor soon became aware that both his arms were being seized in a businesslike grip.

"Here—what . . ." he protested.

"Get a good grip, Thomson."

"Okay, I got him."

"All right then." Mr. Bossom holding onto the other wrist now put his face very close to his vic-

tim's. "Now, Professor, what did you say to that damned woman?"

"I—er—I . . ."

"Come on, out with it."

"But you have no right to . . . Ow!"

"That's right, give it a twist, Thomson."

"I mean, I only . . ."

"Well?"

"Ow, ow, I'll tell you . . . You see, I was really thinking of the book I'm writing."

"Thinking of a book!"

"Yes, I was thinking of another rather unexpected meeting."

"Another unexpected meeting!"

"Yes, you see, I—I didn't mean to be personal . . ."

"Well, what did you say?"

"I—I only . . ."

"Well?"

"I—ow, ow—I only said . . ."

"You said what?"

"D-d-doctor Livingstone, I presume."

The pressure on the professor's wrists suddenly relaxed. There was complete silence in the car as the train plunged into a tunnel.



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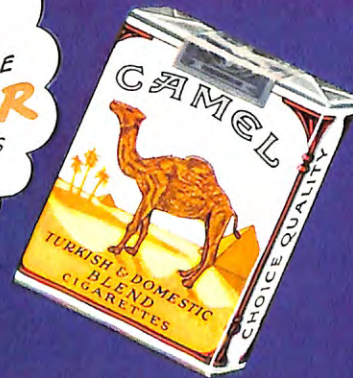
● She swims...she rides...she's typically modern in her zest for the active life. Typically modern, too, in wanting to know the scientific facts about the cigarette she smokes. In choosing Camels, Dorothy Van Nuys enjoys the scientific assurance of a *slower-burning* cigarette. That means more coolness, freedom from the harsh, irritating qualities of excess heat...extra mildness. And she knows, from independent laboratory reports, that in the smoke of extra-mild Camels, there is less nicotine. (See above, right.)



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CAMEL



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YES, DOROTHY VAN NUYS, and the important point is: Camel's extra coolness—all of Camel's advantages are *in the smoke*. After all, it's the *smoke* you smoke. And in the smoke of the slower-burning cigarette of costlier tobaccos there's more coolness, more flavor, extra mildness—with less nicotine.

Smoke out the facts about milder smoking yourself. For economy—convenience—get Camels by the carton.

BY BURNING 25% SLOWER than the average of the 4 other largest-selling brands tested—slower than any of them—Camels also give you a smoking *plus* equal, on the average, to

*5 Extra Smokes Per Pack!*

"I NEVER REALIZED, until I changed to Camels, that a cigarette could be so much milder and yet have all that wonderful flavor," adds Miss Van Nuys from the pool's edge (above). Yes, no matter how much you smoke, Camels always hit the spot—and they're *extra mild* with *less nicotine in the smoke*.