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# a call to service...



In Chicago, Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson posed with Brother Arnold J. Raven, Director of the Savings Bond Division of the U. S. Treasury Dept. for Illinois, before one of the fifty replicas of the Liberty Bell, displayed in connection with the Bond Drive, and presented as permanent gifts to every State in the Union, as well as Hawaii and Alaska.

★ We can make Flag Day 1950 the biggest and best in our history. June 14, 1950, marks the half-way point in the U. S. Savings Bonds Independence Drive. In planning their Flag Day ceremonies, all lodges are urged to contact their County Chairman for the Independence Savings Bonds Campaign and secure his cooperation. What better way for all lodges to celebrate Flag Day than to carry out the request of Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett Anderson and be able to announce to the world: "One million Elks have bought one million Savings Bonds in the Independence Drive."

★ Independence is the goal of every American worthy of the name. It's a part of our heritage of sound, common-sense principles which go to make up what has come to be known as the American Way of Life. The purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds is one of the best ways in which the citizen can achieve personal independence and, at the same time, help to finance the expansion of our free-enterprise system that will bring better living to all and help to guard the independence of America. There are over one million members of the Order of Elks, and I appeal to every one of them to take an active part in the Savings Bonds Independence Drive, not only by purchasing bonds, but also by encouraging others to buy them.

*Emmett T. Anderson*

EMMETT T. ANDERSON  
GRAND EXALTED RULER

# OUR GRAND EXALTED RULER

## TALKS SHOP

WITH only two and one-half months before Convention time, my thoughts are on the activities that will bring you much pleasure and happiness at Miami. Florida is a spectacular playground and offers all of us scenic attractions to be found nowhere else. The business affairs of the Convention are in competent hands and the many committees are functioning well. You will be entertained royally at Miami and I urge you to complete your plans to attend.

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A trip through the East, the New England States and then the Southern States following my tour through the rest of our great country, gave me complete assurance of the stability of our Order. The determination of lodge officers and members to go forward and sell Elkdom as Americanism gives hope and faith in our future. Our great patriotic Order is a bulwark for peace and security. Thousands of fine Americans are joining and we must be prepared to keep them active, interested and useful to our many communities.

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We can all take pride in the knowledge that our Treasury Department has asked our great Order to sponsor the Savings Bond Drive during May on a national basis. Of course, we have accepted, and I urge our million members to give active support to this effort and so justify the great faith the Treasury Department has in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We can be proud that the Government again looks to us for leadership.

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The growth of Boy Scout, Boys Clubs and other Youth Programs in our lodges is deserving of our attention and our full support. Hundreds of our subordinate lodges are turning their eyes to the voters and leaders of tomorrow and are developing programs for them that are proving of keen interest to the boys and girls. Our determination to direct to their attention their responsibilities will bring good results and will serve as an insurance policy for the security of our nation for tomorrow.

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The Elks National Service Commission has given all of us—every lodge in our Order and every one of our million members—a challenge! The Commission is sponsoring a "Wake Up, America" program for all Americans and I commend it to you and urge every Elk to make it his first order of business, to sponsor and promote it actively and enthusiastically! Lip service only will not do. We are accepting a challenge that our great Order, and all America, must declare itself and show the world that our freedoms mean something to us. Our splendid benevolent and patriotic Fraternity should take the lead in every community



and every city and ask every citizen to rally around us and give ample demonstration of their faith in America! Let's make this program for the month of May a credit to ourselves and prove that Elkdom is Americanism and that it truly is our heritage!

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It is time now to plan an effective program for Flag Day, and every lodge should arrange with pride a worthwhile presentation that will give actual proof of our devotion to the Flag and to all freedoms it represents.

May and June should be highlighted with programs of real meaning.

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This month sees the reorganization of the lodges under their new officers. I welcome this new group and offer my best wishes for a successful administration. To those whose term has just ended, I offer my sincere thanks. It was their cooperation, interest and the efficient handling of their many important duties that made our Order the strongest it has ever been, with one million members, a sound financial condition and great fraternal activity. To the men who are taking up their task now I say, follow the example your predecessors have given you, and the record of your term, too, will be an admirable one.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Emmett T. Anderson*

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GRAND EXALTED RULER

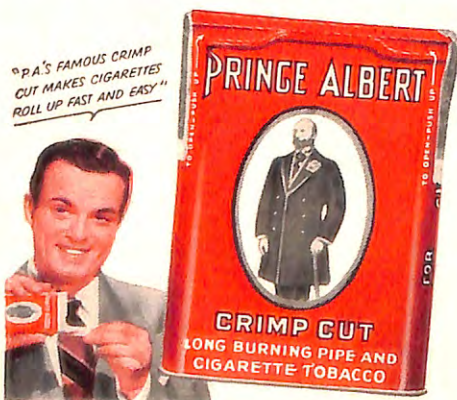


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## What Our Readers

### Have to Say



It is with pleasure that I comment on your Magazine. For years I have been receiving it and have enjoyed the various articles, as well as the news pertaining to the lodges. One of the things that have impressed me recently is the cover designs. There seems to be more attractiveness and life added to the Magazine, which certainly makes one have a greater desire to read it.

Dr. Joseph T. Pondolfino  
Oneonta, N. Y.

We feel that the article, "When You Lend Your Car", in the March issue, was one of the most timely and pertinent articles we have seen in a long time and would like to send a reprint to each member of our motor club who we know have children in the family.

George T. Dickson  
Atlanta, Ga.

As an insurance man, I want to say that I think the article, "When You Lend Your Car", is one of the best that I have read on this subject. I enjoy our Magazine a lot and would like to see more educational articles.

Alex H. Peak  
Herrin, Ill.

I visited a health resort recently and brought with me a few books and magazines, including my March issue. I read the issue from cover to cover and it had a lot of good reading. This letter would pack no value if it were not inspired by the article "In the Doghouse" by Ed Faust. "In the Doghouse" is what I call big-league writing.

B. A. Xavier  
New York City

### NEXT ISSUE

**MIAMI**— Dickson Hartwell writes about the city where the 1950 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in an article, "Miami—The Bubble That Didn't Burst".

**PHILIP WYLIE**— One of the most popular and colorful writers, Philip Wylie, has specially prepared for Miami visitors, and all fishermen as well, an account of a great adventure—salt-water fishing out of Miami. Readers of Mr. Wylie's famous "Crunch and Des" stories know that here is a writer who understands fishing and how to write about it.

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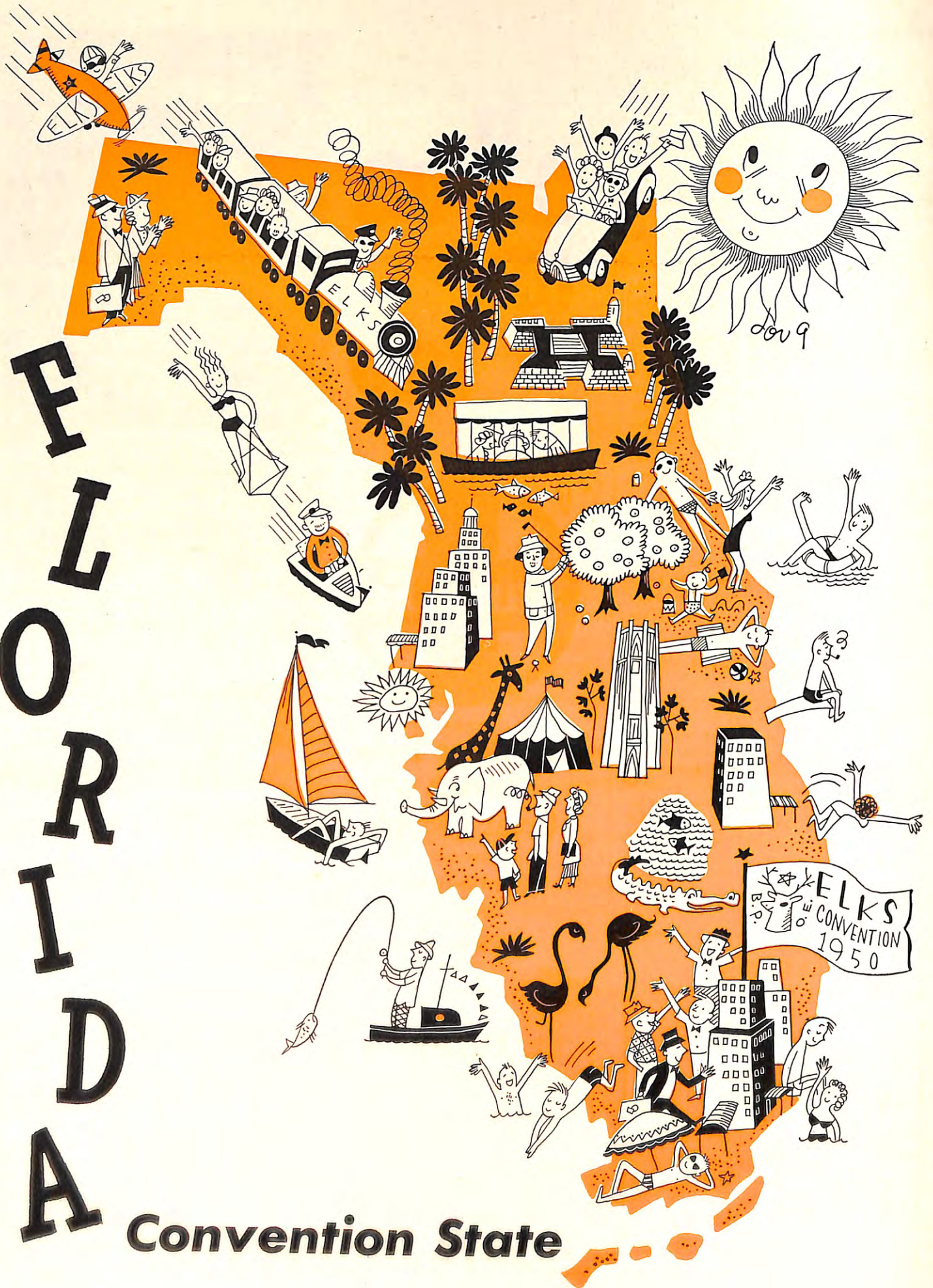
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# FLORIDA

Convention State



*Within the sea-washed borders of our national solarium, there's an ideal summer vacation-land.*

**F**LORIDA, the national solarium, once an upholstered winter resort for the rich and the decrepit, is now open to all comers on an around-the-calendar basis. On the palmy peninsula, most any season of the year, you can swim, fish, or flop on a beach. You can play golf, tennis, or outdoor checkers. Within the sea-washed borders of the simmering estate you can also eat hushpuppies, feed a porpoise, buy canned rattlesnake meat, watch catfish cavort in the deep, sleep in a cement tepee, see a man put an alligator to sleep, eat the "world's best fried shrimp", or get buzzed by a buzzard.

All this activity and more is contained within the 60,000 square miles of Florida, the Nation's southernmost piece of continental property. Should you be flying, driving, taking a train or a pogo stick to the Elks Convention in Miami this summer, you'll find a dozen different places en route or in the vicinity to entice you into dallying for a month when you planned to remain a week.

One of the prime Florida summer resorts is Ponte Vedra Beach, on the Atlantic, a short drive from Jacksonville. Although the hotel is open all year, the Ponte Vedra Bath Club doesn't unveil its outdoor dining and dancing terrace until June. Ponde Vedra's broad white beaches, which have attracted Georgia and Florida society for years, also proved an attraction for German saboteurs, some of whom landed on the sands during the war. The club is even more famous for its magnificent 18-hole golf course. The ninth green, you may be dismayed to hear, is actually on an island, a feature which has noticeably increased the sale of golf balls since the course first opened. There also are tennis courts on the grounds, and facilities are available to take you fishing for barracuda, dolphin, tarpon, and sail. You can have your choice of the Inn, a regular hotel; or the Inlet, a cottage court. Should you get hypnotized by the place, there is a permanent cottage colony on the reservation. Special summer excursion rates have been worked out from principal cities to Ponte Vedra via Eastern Airlines. A week's vacation, including room and board and roundtrip air transportation for one person in a double room, comes to \$179.90 from New York, \$193.85 from Chicago, \$183.95 from St. Louis, or \$162.05 should you live in Richmond.

St. Augustine, some 35 miles south of Jacksonville, is the oldest city in the country, advertises the oldest house, the oldest wooden schoolhouse, and, indeed, the world's best fried shrimp. The Spanish settled the city in 1565, while trying

to knock off a French Huguenot force farther up the mainland. The first thing the Castilians did, of course, was to establish a place of worship which has become the oldest Catholic mission in the U. S. Shrine of the Nuestra Señora de la Leche, it is called, and you'll find it in a pleasant tree-shaded arbor by the water. The Fountain of Youth, nearby, is attended by ladies wearing Spanish mantillas and Southern accents who will relieve you of 80 cents for the privilege of seeing a spring where Ponce de Leon may or may not have slaked his thirst. It has been established, however, that Indians are really buried in the Indian burial grounds which is also on the premises.

Castillo de San Marcos, nearby, is the oldest masonry fort in the country, if that's an attraction. Anyway, it was designed by Vauban, the famous French fortifications architect, and is considered one of the best engineering feats of its time.

Superlative-conscious St. Augustine also houses the world's largest ostrich and alligator farm, a unique establishment which puts on an ostrich sulky race around a one-eighth of a mile track every day. Some 8,000 alligators live on the farm, two miles north of a town, sharing residence with a collection of cranes, pelicans, flamingoes, pythons, turtles, and that celebrity of the crossword puzzles—the Australian emu. Alligator bags and belts, not to mention ostrich eggs—a gourmet's delight—are for sale.

**S**T. AUGUSTINE'S one large hotel, the Ponce de Leon, is, I am sorry to report, closed during the summer. It is as much of a sight as it is a hostelry. Built in 1888 by Henry Flagler, it is constructed of ornate brickwork and festooned with strings of red and white bulbs. The interior is the quintessence of the potted-palm school of decor. The rotunda has hand-carved pillars and frescoes, and the diningroom ceiling is covered with murals in a treatment that is known among interior decorators as Spanish Renaissance. The rest of the city's hotels are small, and you might do well to look in on the motor courts. You'll find an assortment on the northern limits, among them Courtesy Court, Travelodge, the Palms and the Normandy. They all charge about \$7 a night for two. St. Augustine's restaurants do specialize in seafood, particularly the widely advertised "World's best shrimp". Among the best places to indulge is the Neptune, Chimes or Rector's, all within a few steps of each other.

Making for Miami on Route A1A, you

are bound to run across Marineland, the world's only oceanarium, 18 miles south of St. Augustine. An oceanarium, by Marineland's own definition, is a place where all classes of fish swim together, unsegregated by species, as you will find them in the sea. Tarpon, porpoises, giant sharks, and turtles all meet socially in a pair of huge tanks. For two iron men you can watch the proceedings from the top of one of the tanks, or descend to one of the 200 portholes and peek inside the fishes' foyer. Attendants feed the porpoises by hand, from the top of the tanks, and several times a day divers descend into the depths to spoon-feed the rest of the fish. You can shoot the whole procedure on film, and Marine Studios offers a chart of suggested camera exposures. The remains of a shipwreck have been placed on the floor of one tank to provide a photographic backdrop and at the same time offer a sanctuary for small-fry fish.

Aside from fish fanciers, Marineland attracts professional movie companies and hordes of scientists. Among the recent feats of the microscope squad was the first successful milking of a mother porpoise. The boys also found out that certain fish yawn when they're tired. An open kisser is just an invitation for other fish to swim inside, which they often do, eating the parasites that stick to the roof of the big fishes' mouth.

The youngest and smallest incorporated community in Florida, Marineland now has a population of 26 registered voters and 50,000 resident fish, all politically unregistered. As if things weren't sufficiently piscatorial you'll find on hand a Dolphin Restaurant and a Penguin Bar. Should you want to spend the night in the fishery, the Marine Village Court has double rooms with bath at \$7 and \$8, and offers room service and free parking.

Daytona Beach, 35 miles south, has accumulated more sand than Sahara. Its broad, hard-packed beach runs along the edge of the Atlantic for 21 miles. The water is so shallow you can walk halfway to Spain without getting completely wet—then take the first passing wave for the surf-ride back to shore. You can also drive your automobile along Daytona Beach, a thoroughfare broader and less congested than Fifth Avenue or Michigan Boulevard. You can, as well, rent a red or green sail sand-scooter and play tag with the bathers, sun-tanners and automobiles.

Florida's most advertised attraction, bar none, is Silver Springs, located near the center of the state, west of Daytona. The Silver Springs tub-thumpers like to

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# *The Huskies from Washington*

## **Notre Dame for football, Yale**

**I**N THE land of the free and the home of the brave, it is generally believed that every small boy hopes to grow up to be President. But not out in the Evergreen Country—the state of Washington. There Junior devours his spinach so that he may grow strong and tall like the towering western fir and row in a University of Washington crew.

Notre Dame for football, Yale for swimming, Southern California for track and field, but the college on the shores of Lake Washington for the sleek, shiny eight-oared galleys and the lean and leathery men who send them to victory.

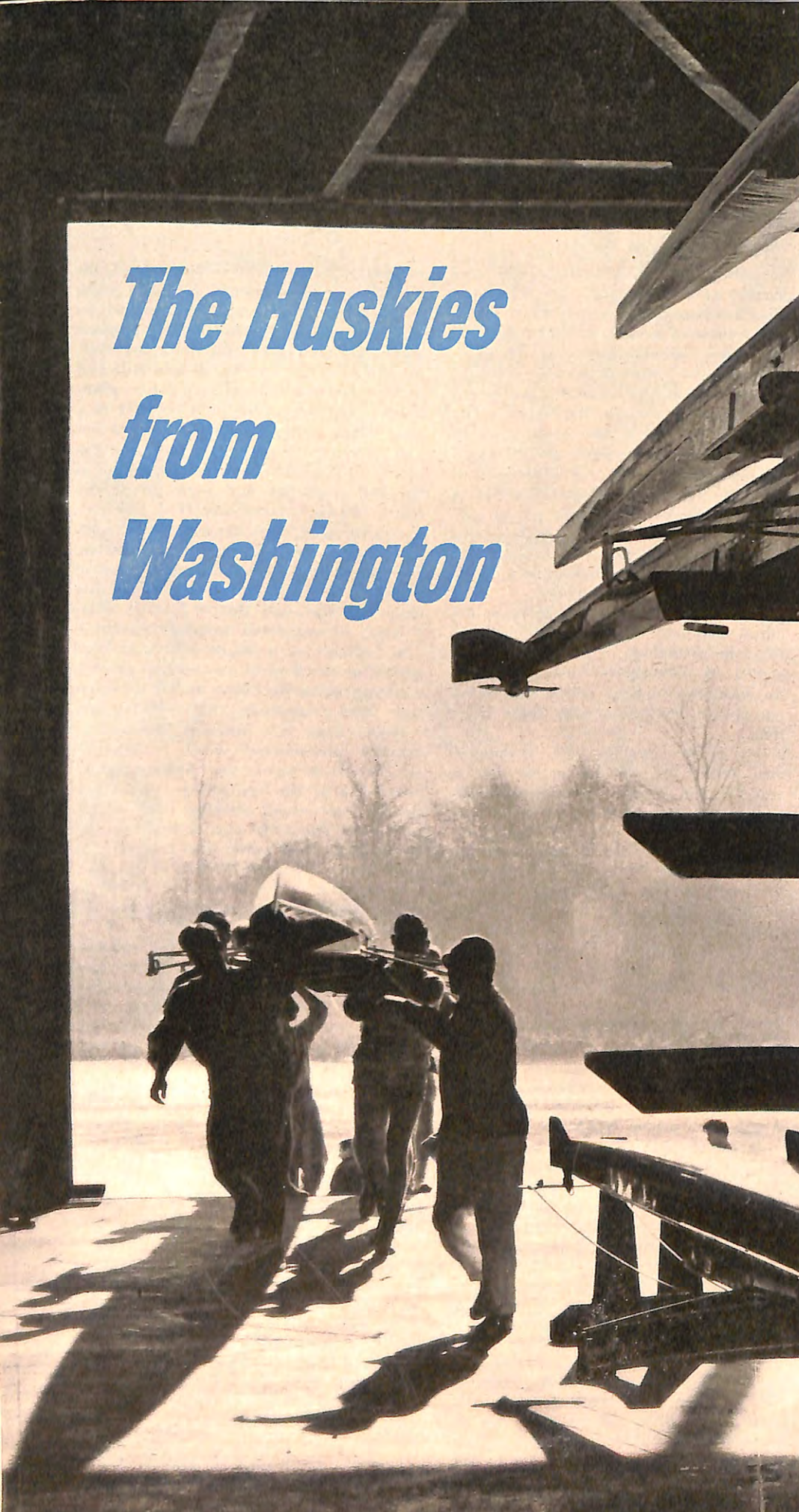
If you doubt it, listen to the sad plaint of an Old Blue of Columbia, where proud Glendon crews formerly ruled the waves: "Those fellows out west aren't satisfied to come east with giants nine feet tall and win our Poughkeepsie races; they also insist on building all the boats and producing all the coaches. Now they are trying to steal our regatta for the Coast."

He was referring to the suggestion that the traditional Poughkeepsie classic, which will be held at Marietta, Ohio, this year, be transferred to Seattle, where crew-racing is the major sport and where nearly three times as many people as ever saw a World Series game turned out to watch the U. W. Huskies row against the country's finest crews several years ago.


The old Grad had a kick coming, on all three counts, as the following figures will show:

Of the last 24 races on the Hudson—varsity, junior and freshman—the white-tipped blades of the Huskies won 15.

As to the Washington-trained coaches, the fellow wasn't exactly accurate, although nine of the 12 men with megaphones who rode the coaching launches at Poughkeepsie last year learned their



**Right: A graphic illustration of the tremendous power in the Hiram Conibear stroke used by the Washington crews. The oar is bending as the oarsman applies the power, finishing with a wallop.**





for swimming—but Washington for eight-oared crews.

trade in the school which even the prejudiced now admit is the cradle of modern rowing. The only head coaches at Poughkeepsie who weren't members of the "I-rowed-at-Washington" club were Buck Walsh, Navy; Ned Ten Eyck, Syracuse, and A.A. Ace Clark, Stanford.

However, the son of Columbia was absolutely right about the Seattle-made shells. Every one of the boats gliding down Hendrik Hudson's broad and swiftly flowing stream in the '49 regatta was fashioned of northwest spruce and cedar in the attic workshop of the picturesque old boatman, George Pocock.

It all started nearly 45 years ago, and partly responsible for this phenomenon was a human skeleton, leering grotesquely from its macabre perch in the seat of a rowing shell. But that is getting ahead of the story.

In 1906, the University of Washington was a brave little institution set in a clearing of stumps north of the thriving young metropolis of Seattle.

The school is the seat of learning in an area blessed with lakes and rivers and wide stretches of salt water, so the students took naturally to the sport of rowing. But there was no coach to teach the intricate and technical art of propelling a boat through the water fast enough to compete with the crews produced by Courtney, Jim Ten Eyck (Ned's father), Glendon and other masters of the rowing profession.

At the time the far western college faced this dilemma, a young man named Hiram Conibear was holding the post of trainer for the Chicago White Sox. The Chicago team was fighting for the pennant, but Conibear was an amateur at heart. One day while rubbing the pitching arm of Big Ed Walsh, he said, "The job I'd like is working with college kids.

I wish I could go out West to the new country."

Maybe the Gods of Rowing heard that prayer.

A former Washington football captain named Bill Spiedel met Conny and sold him on the opportunities at the struggling little university hard by the shores of beautiful Lake Washington. Conibear traveled west, but he never suspected the work that fate had in store. Shortly after his arrival in the bustling frontier city the graduate manager approached the new member of the athletic staff with this startling suggestion, "We need somebody to coach rowing. Will you take the job?"

Conibear, who had never been in a rowing shell in his life, took the job. His first act was to borrow from the library a book entitled "How to Row". Years later they were to find the well-worn volume, with Conny's pencilled notations on the margin.

Here's where the skeleton, borrowed from a friendly campus professor, entered the picture. The former baseball trainer was a keen student of the human anatomy. He rigged the bony remains of some forgotten pioneer in the seat of a rowing shell. There, far from prying eyes, he studied the bone structure and evolved the rowing stroke which was to revolutionize the sport in this country and have its effect on rowing throughout the world.

Stating it simply, this is the secret he discovered: A boat makes more progress when the oars are *out* of the water than when they are immersed. Conibear discarded the well-established theories of the game by eliminating the long layback practiced by eastern crews whereby the blade made a long sweep through the water. This was the style of the pioneers of intercollegiate rowing—Courtney of



By  
**Royal Brougham**

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Cornell, and Jim Ten Eyck of Syracuse.

The Conibear stroke, which was destined to make Washington the focal point of modern rowing, featured a hard, sharp catch, tremendous arm and leg drive, with a long run of the boat between strokes.

Even close friends of Conibear ridiculed this strange, unorthodox system and his employers threatened to eliminate rowing from the school program if he persisted. The ex-White Sox trainer had to beg and borrow to purchase equipment to continue his experiments.

It was only a few years later when his tall, sinewy oarsmen demonstrated the new stroke and proved to be the sensations of the greatest regatta of them all—the one held annually at Poughkeepsie.

It is cruelly ironic that Conibear was never destined to enjoy the fame he so

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# A FRIEND

*At a crucial hour in World War One,  
the Order of Elks and the Salvation  
Army united to perform an unforget-  
table service to the men overseas.*

Gen. Evangeline Booth, who, as Commander of the Salvation Army, addressed the 1919 Grand Lodge Session in Atlantic City. That was the only time in the history of the Order that a woman has addressed a Grand Lodge Convention.



# IN DEED



WHEN the war came, some of those who knew us well, knew our teachings and the nature of our activities, even they said, 'You are not wanted in the war; there is no place for you on the battlefield; stay at home and go on with your street preaching.' But again at this crucial hour, when we were in dire want of money and friends, all over this country, from sea to sea, the Order of Elks rushed to our aid. They very largely furnished the funds; they pleaded our cause; they saw to it that we had the opportunity, proving not only the strength and loyalty of the friendship of their Order, but its confidence in the Salvation Army to meet a great and deep need upon the battlefields of France."

The speaker was Evangeline Booth, Commander of the Salvation Army, and the scene was the Grand Lodge Session of 1919 in Atlantic City. It was the first—and only—time in the history of the Order that a woman addressed the Grand Lodge.

With these generous words, and more, Commander Booth poured from her heart the thanks of the Salvation Army to the Elks of America for the aid that had made it possible for the men and women of this great organization to perform their unforgettable service to the men of the Allied Armies.

This incident remains as a dramatic highlight of the close relations that have existed between the Order of Elks and the Salvation Army for nearly half a century and will no doubt go on so long as there is human suffering to unite their efforts in a common purpose. Commander Booth became General Booth in 1934, the head of the Army's world-wide forces. She retired several years ago and now lives quietly near New York City.

In March, Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, taking recognition of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Army in the United States, sent General Booth the message which appears in the box on this page.

The Order of Elks was already 12 years old and strongly established when, on

MINDFUL OF THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS LONG EXISTED BETWEEN THE ORDER OF ELKS AND THE SALVATION ARMY, AND THE MANY TIMES WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO ASSIST THE ARMY IN ITS HUMANITARIAN WORK, PERSONALLY AND ON BEHALF OF THE MILLION MEMBERS OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, I EXTEND OUR AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS TO YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SALVATION ARMY'S MISSION ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

March 10, 1880, seven "Hallelujah Lassies" from England landed at New York to launch the Army on these shores. Its selfless succor of the helpless and the down-and-out appealed to Elks and won support from lodges everywhere. This good will paid off handsomely when war struck in 1917 and found the Salvation Army still a struggling organization without the machinery for raising the large sums necessary to finance its role in the great conflict.

That's when the Elks stepped in. Throughout the early days of the war lodges throughout the country took up

the Army's cause, contributing funds and manpower to help it along. Despite this help, the Army found it necessary in the winter of 1917-18 to launch an appeal for public support, and that's when the Elks really went to work to raise funds for the Salvation Army.

In city after city, and in many states, Elks lodges assumed full charge of the Salvation Army's campaign, leaving the Army free to carry on its regular work. The campaign goal was one million dollars, and when the Elks got through, the drive had gone over the top by another million and a half.

This campaign set a pattern that was followed, on an even broader scale, in a second drive for five million dollars and a third for 13 million dollars to finance the Army's Home Service Program.

Not the least of the Order's contributions to the Salvation Army was the check for \$60,000 that the Elks War Relief Commission presented to Commander Booth in December, 1918, following the first drive for funds. In accepting this unsolicited donation, Commander Booth wrote Chairman Tener of the Commission: "We are not unmindful in this happy hour of the fact that early in the year just closing, when the exigencies of war relief work put the Salvation Army to desperate extremes of effort to try and maintain its work with our Army and Navy, it was your Order of Elks that stepped forward and, because we were undenominational and embraced all races and creeds alike in our work—and because you had confidence in our cause and our aims, you gallantly and with telling effect did combat for us and helped us through to success. In that great undertaking you took the task completely out of our hands in some instances . . ."

The friendship that was forged in the fire of war remains a strong bond today. Elks lodges are regular contributors to the Salvation Army's war chest in peace and in many other ways Elkdom helps the men and women in blue and red in bringing aid and comfort to the helpless and to the hopeless.



The Grand Exalted Ruler placed a wreath on the grave of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews during his visit to Atlanta, Ga., and nearby lodges. Accompanying him were Judge John S. McClelland, nearest monument, and other officials of Georgia Elksdom.

# The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

**G**RAND EXALTED RULER Emmett T. Anderson, continuing his New England visits, called on **PROVIDENCE, R. I., LODGE, NO. 14**, where the local Elks and over 450 others welcomed him with a banquet on Feb. 19th. Other distinguished guests at this dinner were Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley, E. Mark Sullivan and Henry C. Warner, John E. Mullen of the Grand Forum, State Pres. James Duffy and D.D. John L. Lynch, most of whom shared speaking honors with Mr. Anderson.

The following day, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Malley, Sullivan and Warner, were guests with Mr. Anderson at the handsome new home of **EVERETT, MASS., LODGE, NO. 642**, at an impromptu luncheon. The members of the city's Fire Dept. greeted the visitors on their arrival in Everett, and many distinguished civic officials were among the 150 men who attended the affair.

**PORTSMOUTH, N. H., LODGE, NO. 97**, was the next port of call for the Order's leader and the three men who carried that title in the past. State Association officers and D.D. Charles T. Durell were also among the 350 Elks who attended the banquet and District Meeting on the 20th.

Nearly 1,000 Massachusetts Elks attended the State meeting on Feb. 21st held under the auspices of **BOSTON LODGE NO. 10**. Among the dignitaries of the Order were Past Grand Exalted Rulers Malley, Sullivan and Warner, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers, D.D. James L. Kelleher and many State Assn. officers. Civil officials included Mayor John B. Hunes and Wilfred Paquet, representing Gov. Paul A. Dever.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Raymond Benjamin and James R. Nicholson, Wm. M. Frasar, Executive Secretary of the Elks National Service Commission, State Pres. Thomas F. O'Loughlin and Dist. Deputy Owen V. Cummings joined the Grand Exalted Ruler as a guest at a



At Greenville, S. C., Lodge, seated, Mr. Anderson and E.R. Paul Bogan; standing, left to right: State Pres. J. R. Abney, D.D. Wm. Elliott, Jr., P.D.D. W. H. Harth, former Grand Lodge Auditing Committeeman.



These representatives of the local Scout groups, the organization in which he is so very deeply interested, greeted Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson on his arrival at Palatka, Florida.

Right: Elk luminaries on hand for the splendid meeting held by Warrensburg, Mo., Lodge in honor of Mr. Anderson included the lodge officers, H. H. Russell of the Youth Activities Committee, State Pres. L. B. Pratt, State Vice-Pres. H. Chris Oltman, D.D. J. H. Hannah, and Past State Pres. H. R. Garrison.



Left: Mr. Anderson and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner, standing sixth and seventh from left respectively, join State Pres. J. M. White, Past Pres. Fred D. Straley, E.R. J. W. Graber and his officers, with a group of candidates initiated in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler at Topeka, Kans., Lodge.

Below: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are welcomed by E.R. Bruce A. Hood and a large crowd of Hollywood, Fla., Elks and their ladies.



gathering of the **CONNECTICUT STATE ELKS ASSN.** at **BRIDGEPORT** on Feb. 25th. One of the finest meetings of its kind, it drew a crowd of 350 enthusiastic Elks who gave the Order's leader a warm welcome. P.D.D. James T. Welch was Chairman of the Committee in charge of this program, at which Mr. Benjamin was Toastmaster.

On his way toward warmer climes, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, the Grand Exalted Ruler made several visits to lodges in the Carolinas. The first, on Feb. 27th, was **CHARLOTTE NO. 392**, where E.R. John L. Parker and his officers and a delegation of members and their ladies, enjoyed a short visit with our most important traveling Elk. That evening, a banquet for 300 was given by **SHELBY, N. C., LODGE, NO. 1709**, when Mr. Anderson delivered one of his interesting, but considerably brief, addresses. The visitors had been greeted by D.D. C. Vernon DeVault and E.R. H. E. Olsen of the host lodge for this important District and State meeting.

On the 28th, with E.R. A. F. Barber, Jr., as Toastmaster, and D.D. DeVault, civic officials and 125 others on hand, Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson was entertained at a luncheon given by the Elks of **HENDERSONVILLE LODGE NO. 1616**, prior to attending the dedication of an Elk-sponsored Boys Club there.

Feb. 28th found the distinguished group at the magnificent new \$500,000 home of **GREENVILLE, S. C., LODGE, NO. 858**, for a dinner attended by more than 850 Elks and their ladies, who enjoyed

dancing later to the music of Tony Pastor and his orchestra. E.R. Paul J. Bogan and his officers truly exemplified the famed Southern hospitality at this affair which was attended by many Elk officials, including State Pres. J. R. Abney and D.D. William Elliott, Jr.

The next morning Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were honored at a special breakfast by the local Elks and their ladies at which P.D.D. W. H. Harth and C. F. Lagerholm, who has been Chaplain of No. 858 for 38 years, missing only three



A pleasant conversation takes place at the home of Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge between, left to right, Chairman George L. Hirtzel of the lodge Trustees, Mr. Anderson and E.R. Milton A. Feller.



A companionable interlude at Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge. Left to right: The Order's leader, E.R. H. B. McGreal and Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and Charles E. Broughton.



Above: Pictured at the dinner given by Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge in honor of Mr. Anderson, left to right: E.R. Edward Dworken, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, State Pres. Thomas O'Loughlin, the guest of honor, and P.D.D. James T. Welch, Committee Chairman.



Wisconsin Elks greet their leader at the home of Racine Lodge. Left to right, foreground: Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson, E.R. A. E. LaFrance, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Broughton and Racine's only surviving Charter Member, P.E.R. Charles A. Armstrong; rear: Secy. Wm. H. Otto and Trustee Chairman Wm. R. Wadewitz.

Above: At the St. Louis Lodge banquet, the Order's leader accepts \$1,000 subscriptions to the Elks National Foundation from three Missouri lodges. Left to right: Mr. Anderson; E.R. E. I. Henderson, Festus-Crystal City; E.R. J. M. Word, Jr., Louisiana, and E.R. H. F. Chapman, DeSoto.

regular meetings in all that time, were also guests.

The next port of call was **BUCKHEAD, GA., LODGE, NO. 1635**, where 300 guests attended a banquet and a splendid meeting. The visitors were met at the airport in Atlanta by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland who accompanied the Order's present leader to the Buckhead affair at which D.D. R. G. Pruitt, State Pres. Heeth Varnedoe, the Exalted Rulers and officers of the four lodges in the Atlanta district, with E.R. John Ryan of the host lodge as Toastmaster, were present.

Breakfast the next morning was a pleasant interlude at the home of **ATLANTA LODGE NO. 78**. Mr. Anderson addressed the officers of the lodge, and Judge McClelland, E.R. Guy Tyler and Secy. Tom Brisendine also spoke. Luncheon for 150 persons, including D.D. Pruitt and State Pres. Varnedoe, took place at the home of **DECATUR LODGE NO. 1602**, when Mr. Anderson and Judge McClelland were speakers. The Decatur Elks, who own a fine home and 27 acres of ground, are strong supporters of the Boy Scouts, planning to build a Scout "hut" for their Troop soon. While in Atlanta, Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson, accompanied by Grand Chaplain Rev. Father James E. King, visited "Aidmore", the crippled children's hospital maintained by the Elks of Georgia, where the Order's leader and the "Aidmore"

youngsters charmed each other thoroughly.

Another feature of his Atlanta visit was a call on Gov. Herman Talmadge, a member of the Order, with Judge McClelland, Father King, Roderick M. McDuffie, a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, Edward A. Dutton, former Lodge Activities Committeeman, E.R. Tyler and Secy. Brisendine, and Rev. Harrison H. Black, former Chaplain of Mr. Anderson's home lodge of Tacoma, Wash., and now a member of Atlanta Lodge. The Governor conferred a Colonel's commission on the Grand Exalted Ruler on that occasion. During the afternoon, this distinguished group paid a visit to the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews, when Mr. Anderson placed a wreath there. The

members of **EAST POINT LODGE NO. 1617** received a call from Mr. Anderson too, during the later hours of the day.

The 1950 Grand Lodge Convention State of Florida was next on the itinerary of the Order's leader and his lady. On March 3rd, 550 Elks, including Grand Treas. Joseph B. Kyle, D.D. Andrew T. Healy, P.D.D.'s Chelsie J. Senerchia, who is Grand Esquire, and William A. Wall, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman, attended the banquet and public meeting which were part of the observance of the dedication of the handsome new home of **HOLLYWOOD, FLA., LODGE, NO. 1732**. Greeted by the uniformed band of the local high school and a large crowd of Elks and the general public, the party proceeded to the \$200,000 building for the ceremonies at which

Mr. Anderson was principal speaker, and whose words were broadcast over Station WINZ. E.R. Bruce Hood had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from all over the country who had arrived to participate in the dedication. Informal visits were made that day to **CORAL GABLES, MIAMI BEACH, FORT LAUDERDALE, WEST PALM BEACH and DAYTONA BEACH LODGES**, with breakfast at **MIAMI LODGE**, where Mr. Anderson conferred with Grand Lodge Convention Committeemen.

**DAYTONA BEACH LODGE NO. 1141** entertained the distinguished visitor at luncheon on the 7th and that evening, Mr. Anderson and his party

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Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson, pictured as he addressed the diners at the Golden Jubilee Dinner of Auburn, N. Y., Lodge. P.E.R. C. E. Cook, Toastmaster, is on his right, while E.R. John D. Daly and Past State President Harry R. Darling are on his left.

# A Message from the Governor of Florida

## To My Fellow Elks Everywhere:

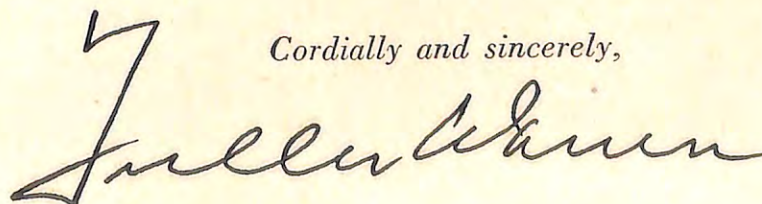
*As Governor of Florida, as a private citizen and as a member of the B.P.O.E., I want to invite you to spend your summer vacation in Florida and to attend our annual convention in Miami in July. It is my hope to meet many of you personally when you come to Florida.*

*It was in 1928 when the Elks last assembled in Miami, which has grown to such an extent that those of you who have not seen it in the intervening years will be amazed and thrilled. Miami today is a jewel among Florida's many shining cities. It has more than adequate convention facilities and an ideal year-round climate. I am told that Miamians still retain fond memories of your 1928 visit, and they are looking forward with anticipation to being your hosts again.*

*The same may be said on the part of other Floridians, who invite the 30,000 B.P.O.E. delegates to visit their cities and locales, each of which possesses attractions of its own. We invite you to join with us in the enjoyment of our sunshine, our citrus, our many interesting and historical regions, and the varied recreational opportunities offered throughout the year in this vacation wonderland.*

*With all good wishes for a pleasant vacation and successful convention, I am*

Cordially and sincerely,



**GOVERNOR FULLER WARREN**

At the age of 44, Governor Fuller Warren of Florida has had 25 years' veteran political experience that began when voters of his native Calhoun County sent him to the Legislature at the age of 20, while he was still a student at the University of Florida.

The son of a lawyer father and school-teacher mother, Governor Warren was born October 3, 1905. His father died a few years later and, as one of the eldest of a large family, young Fuller had to assume responsibility for a large share of the family budget. He did odd jobs to help pay his way through the University of Florida and still found time for campus activities.

Awarded a law degree from Cumberland University in 1929, Warren settled down to practice in Jacksonville; then politics beckoned. He served three terms as city councilman, from 1931 to 1937, and returned to the State Legislature in 1939. The following year he tried for the Governorship, taking third place in a field of eleven.

When all of our Armed Services rejected him because of a physical condition, he underwent several operations that corrected it and won him acceptance in the Navy. After 20 Atlantic crossings as a gunnery officer of the Navy's Armed Guard, Warren was discharged in November, 1945, with the rank of lieutenant and returned to his Jacksonville law practice. He was elected Governor three years later.

After his return from Naval service, Warren wrote a widely-published newspaper column, "Facts and Figures", and is the author of three books: "Eruptions of Eloquence", 1932; "Speaking of Speaking", 1944, and "How To Win in Politics", 1948.

Governor Warren is a director of a Jacksonville bank, and has been active as a member of the Baptist church, Jacksonville Elks Lodge No. 221, the Masons, Veterans organizations and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

# ROD AND GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

*Hunting with a camera is sport, too.*



ONE of my cousins Alvin's favorite expressions is, "Well, look what you can see when you ain't got a gun!" That is the way he usually greets me. I hope he is joking.

There is hardly a sportsman who has not made the same remark when he was hunting or fishing, except that he substituted *camera* for *gun*. The sportsman probably used better grammar, but he definitely wasn't joking. I have said it countless times myself.

One day when my brother Burt and I were fishing for trout, we stopped at noon in the shade of a big pine to eat our lunch. Dressing our fish first, we strung them on a willow at the edge of the water.

We had barely unwrapped our sandwiches when a couple of mink came slipping along the shore, pausing frequently to test the air with their sensitive noses. They obviously had smelled our trout. The fish were lying right at our feet, but the mink, after some hesitation and al-

ways keeping a suspicious eye on us, came directly to them. Each mink seized a trout, tugged until it slipped off the willow and then hurried away down the stream.

We didn't interfere. It was worth a couple of fish to watch them. In a few minutes, they came back. This time we shooed them away. One ten-inch trout, we decided, certainly should make a meal for an animal as small as a mink. One, probably the female, left. The little male, however, retreated only a few yards and stopped. Then, glaring defiance, he returned to get another trout. Once more we let him have it. When an animal smaller than a house-cat has the courage

to defy a couple of men, that is something to see.

When he bounded away the second time we thought it surely would be the last of him, but we were wrong. He was back in a flash for another fish. This time, when he came right on despite our shooting, I picked up a handful of sand and sprinkled him with it. He darted back a few yards and glowered at me and, if looks could kill, I'd have been a dead pigeon.

He seemed to think it over for a little while, then he jumped into the creek and swam across. He ran along the other shore until he was 25 feet upstream.

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Three typical examples of outdoor photography from Ted Trueblood's camera. At the left is a trophy picture of a tarpon that is not posed. Center: A whiskey jack, camp robber or Canada Jay. Right: A tired hound at the end of a deer hunt in North Carolina.





Right: These Martins Ferry, Ohio, Elks and entertainers put on a terrific show at the VA Hospital in Chillicothe and earned the deep gratitude of both patients and hospital staff.

Below: Some of the servicemen from the VA Hospital at Fort Thomas enjoy themselves during a fishing party provided by the Kentucky Elks at the country home of Brother A. Dobbings.



Below, reading left to right, E. H. Nyquist and Miss C. N. Potter, on behalf of the Veterans Hospital at Newington, accept a selection of hides for the occupational therapy department from the Conn. Elks, represented by State Pres. T. F. O'Loughlin, State Trustee L. P. Mangan and P.D.D. C. L. Chapin.

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Gene Holmes impersonates Jimmy Durante at Dwight Veterans Hospital during an Illinois Elk program.



The Bingo Game was a mighty popular pastime on Elks Night at the McCluskey Veterans Administration Center at Temple, Texas.



Elks Casino Night at the Whipple VA Hospital, a Prescott program in a series put on by Arizona North Elks.



# WRIGLEY WRITES

FROM WASHINGTON



## BY TOM WRIGLEY

With this issue, Tom Wrigley, Washington correspondent, inaugurates a monthly column of facts, figures and personalities in the Nation's capital.

THE view from the Washington window is one of good times for the rest of the spring and summer. Looks like 1950 may chalk up records as a banner year for industry and agriculture. Behind-the-scenes feeling in the Nation's capital is one of optimism—with a bit of caution.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder pointed out recently that the change-over from production scarcities to production plentitudes has been completed in practically all lines, with no convulsive upheaval. Folks now buy almost anything they want and take it home with them. Plenty to choose from all the way from autos to shirts. Housing is one big exception, but that scarcity is easing. Best sign of all is that folks are continuing to buy at fairly stable prices. Of course some spots are harder hit than others, but the over-all picture as seen here is good.

The labor situation is not disturbing. There are some 57,000,000 people working in civilian jobs and a lot of them are taking home good pay. That means buying power. If you're in television areas take a look at the poles and rods sticking up from houses; that's indication no Depression is in the offing.

Production power still is growing. Many homes and farms have no mortgages. War-talk warning that we will be in another conflict in three years is not getting much attention.

### OUR BEST SELLER

Uncle Sam's "best seller" book continues to make new records. It is called "Infant Care", costs 15 cents and 5,701,000 copies have been sold, which is a couple of million more than "Gone with the Wind". If Papa's interested, it is published by the U. S. Children's Bureau; Mama probably knows.

### THE FINAL BILL

At last they have been able to add up all expenses and strike a rough total of the cost of World War II. It was some-

thing more than 200 billion dollars. Before the whole bill is settled it will be more than three trillion. A trillion, Webster says, is a million times a million, or, if that's too confusing, a mere thousand billions. Budget Director Frank C. Pace, Jr., unloaded the figures at a news luncheon, but everybody is so hardened to figures around here that not a reporter choked. Showing how hard it is to balance the budget, Director Pace said that national defense, veterans, interest on the national debt and international obligations total 31 billions in this year's federal budget, throwing it pretty much out of whack.

### GOING UP

Elevators running to the National Press Club atop the Press Building carry signs saying they are "protected" by a well-known detective agency. The warning seems effective; no newspaperman has stolen one yet.

### NOT BY BOAT

White House newspaper correspondents always are happy when a Presidential tour by train—not boat—is announced. Therefore, the May trip of Mr. Truman is as welcome as the flowers.

Back in 1932, when Franklin D. Roosevelt, then New York State Governor, was nominated at Chicago as the Democratic candidate for President, he journeyed by special plane to appear personally before the Convention and accept the nomination. Little did the reporters realize then that big-wig travel was changing. Before that time a person in high public life was not supposed to travel by air; too dangerous. FDR's last big trip by train was in 1938. After that came special presidential planes, the "Sacred Cow", and the "Independence" used by President Truman. Train travel has been relegated to whistle-stop political campaigns.

Newspapermen do not object to plane travel, but they don't have as much fun as on a special train trip. When the President goes by plane the press tags along in another chartered plane. Train trips are more leisurely; there is plenty of time between stops to write stories; pal around in the lounge and diners and jot down expense-account items. In fact, there is a suspicion that White House newspapermen sometimes suggest cross-country tours and needle the secretarial staff to fix up a trip. Let it be under-

stood, however—they are not interested in boat rides, not after that trip down the Coast to Key West in March.

### MILLIONS FOR RADAR

To make flying safer, the Civil Aeronautics Administration has awarded its biggest contract, purchase of 450 radar-type radio pulse transmissions, at a total cost of \$4,210,750. They will keep pilots continuously informed of their distance from a radio range. Located at airports, the transmitters will register on a dial in the plane cockpit the exact distance of the plane from the airfield. Each transmitter can serve up to 50 airplanes simultaneously. First transmitters will be delivered this November.

### \$110,000 A YEAR

In case you want to settle an argument, the President's salary is \$100,000 per year, out of which he pays a tax of \$40,000, plus an added \$50,000, tax-free. Take-home pay, therefore, is \$110,000.

### REVENUE AGENTS STILL BUSY

Distilling of "white mule", or "moonshine", or whatever you call bootleg liquor, is increasing, according to the Treasury Department Alcohol Tax Unit reports. More stills were in operation in the last 12 months than during any similar period since sugar rationing was ended in June, 1947. Last year the "revenooers" knocked off 8,649 distilleries and nabbed 9,498 moonshiners. Mountain-dew makers have a tough time of it now, what with planes and helicopters spotting their stills and relaying the information to ground forces by short-wave radio. You have to find yourself a cave in which to set up shop.

### THREE UP

Quaint drinking regulations in the Nation's capital evidently aren't so good after all. Three times as much liquor is consumed here per capita as compared with the rest of the Nation. Way back when Prohibition was repealed, Congress thought the Nation's capital should set a good example to all imbibing citizens. So you can't stand at a bar and drink anything intoxicating here. If you sit on a stool you can drink beer. If you want to drink liquor, you sit at a table. Latest figures show an annual consumption here of about four gallons per person, as compared to a national average, of 1.17.

# THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION ENTERS A NEW FIELD

**A**LWAYS aware of the ever-changing needs of its fellow Americans, ever quick to act as soon as they see their way clear, the Elks National Foundation Trustees have once again proved their cognizance of a very specific and immediate necessity in their recent decision to give tangible aid to cerebral palsy victims in the only possible way these victims *can* be helped.

The Foundation has announced its decision to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for use in granting Fellowships for training doctors, therapists and other qualified personnel to treat cerebral palsy victims.

Very few of us know what cerebral palsy is; most of us think that a child afflicted with this debility is mentally incompetent and beyond help. This is not so; it is merely a condition brought about by damage to the cranial cavity which interferes with muscle control. It is possible to relieve the anguish of these unfortunates by teaching them, through close, constant care how to make use of those muscles. It is an arduous task; there is nothing comparable to use as an explanation of it, but it *can be done by trained personnel*. There are only a few such persons in the country today who are trained to do that job. There are 300,000 cerebral palsy victims in our country. There are only facilities for the treatment of a mere 2,500.

With its usual dexterity in putting its finger on the right spot, the Elks Na-



Better than words do these pictures demonstrate how the cerebral palsy victims must be helped. Here are therapists, two of the many the Foundation's Fellowship will train, actually at work with two young sufferers.

tional Foundation decided that it would see to it that more interested men and women were trained for this important work, and has made \$25,000 available for this purpose. Chairman John F. Malley has been authorized to make these Fellowship grants, if and when approved by the Board, the administrative details of which will be arranged from time to time as the program shapes up. In granting these Fellowships, the Foundation has requested the guidance of the United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc., an organization which is familiar with all

phases of this work, and which is launching a campaign for funds this month. The Foundation has invited this Association to give information regarding potential therapists, doctors and nurses for cerebral palsy training, and from this the Trustees will work to decide what individuals shall be granted the Fellowships.

Where just a few short years ago, these thousands of sufferers were considered objects of pity, to be ignored by many, disregarded as possible useful, happy citizens, the Foundation's prompt, decisive action has awakened interest. The Elks again are the instigators of a movement which will bring hope to thousands, put hope in place of despair, respect in place of scorn, to fulfill its destiny as a Benevolent and Protective Order.

## ONE MAN'S GENEROSITY

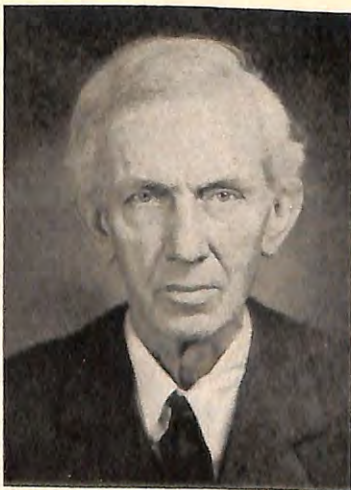
**B**YRON T. MILLS, a member of Las Vegas, N. M., Lodge has earned the heartfelt gratitude and enthusiastic respect of the entire Order—gratitude because of his magnificent generosity to our Fraternity; respect because of his sagacity in selecting the Elks National Foundation as the recipient of this munificence.

In 1946, Mr. Mills, an 82-year-old retired lawyer, desiring to make a contribution to some worthy cause and learning of the widespread benefits of the Foundation, donated \$1,000 to that group to become an Honorary Founder. At the 1948 Convention of his State Association, he presented to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen another \$2,000 Foundation donation, in memory of his wife, thereby becoming a Permanent Benefactor. At the 1949 Grand Lodge Convention in

Cleveland, Ohio, this generous Elk gave an additional \$1,000 to the Foundation.

Now, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley announces that the Foundation, of which he is Chairman, has received an additional gift of \$6,000 from Mr. Mills in memory of other relatives, and that Permanent Benefactor Certificates have been issued in accordance with the donor's wishes. This last donation was to have been made by Mr. Mills at the forthcoming Grand Lodge Convention in Miami. However, realizing the many calls the Foundation has on its funds, and the great work those funds are doing, Mr. Mills decided to put this large sum at its disposal now, so that no time would be wasted in putting it to work.

Mr. Mills' thoughtfulness, generosity and wisdom are characteristics deserving of both our admiration and emulation.



Byron T. Mills, the Las Vegas, N. M., Elk about whom this story is written.

# News of the Lodges



● **PITTSBURG, CALIF.**, Lodge, No. 1474, is in the big league as far as its recent Baseball Night is concerned. With particular attention on Vincent DiMaggio, brother of Joe and Dominic, the event honored a formidable list of diamond luminaries. Vincent was 1949's playing manager of the Pittsburg "Diamonds" in the Far West League and led his club to the Class D pennant; later the team won the cup in the play-offs. On hand, too, was the "Diamonds" owner, V. A. Davi. Dario Lodigiani, former Chicago White Sox and Philadelphia Athletics star, members of the honored team and several other leaders of the sports world, including Vincent's young cousin who is just breaking into the game.

● **FARGO, N. D.**, Lodge, No. 260, combined P.E.R.'s and Old Timers Nights this year, honoring all former leaders and members of 25 or more years' standing. As usual, the only surviving Charter Member, G. R. Merritt, now living in Minneapolis, made the trip to be on hand for the annual event.

Baseball Night at Pittsburg, Calif., Lodge honored Joe DiMaggio's brother Vincent and his baseball team, the Pittsburg "Diamonds", winners of the pennant pictured in the background.





## TRAPSHOOT TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Uniontown, Pa., Lodge invites all Elk trapshooters to participate in its Championship Tournament to be held May 14th at the Fayette Gun Club, in Oliver Heights, Uniontown.

Five handsome trophies will be presented—a large one to the high five-man team representing the same lodge, and individual trophies to high gun on 16-yard targets, handicap targets, double and high over-all targets. There will also be a Lewis class and high gun purses.

Secy. John R. Wright of Uniontown Lodge wants it known that everybody's welcome—Elks and the general public alike. The Uniontown Elks trapshooters will again take part in the National Trapshooting Contest which will be held in connection with the Grand Lodge Convention in Miami.



The officers of Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson's lodge, Tacoma, Wash., are the Washington State Elks Assn. Ritualistic Champions. Seated, left to right: Exalted Ruler J. H. Anderson, Lead. Knight L. L. Wynans, Loyal Knight H. L. Duncan and Lect. Knight J. S. Roberts; standing: Chaplain H. R. Johnson, Candidate Arthur Emery, Esquire B. B. Anderson, Inner Guard Jack Walters and Coach E. O. Johnson, lodge Secy.



Provo, Utah, Lodge turns over its \$5,520 check to build and completely furnish a 16-bed nursery for the new Utah Valley Hospital. Left to right: Exalted Ruler Sam Perlman, Hospital Board Chairman I. E. Brockbank, P.D.D. Seth Billings who is the Lodge Board Chairman, and S. W. Russell, Chairman of the Hospital's Finance Drive.



Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Lodge presents an ice machine to Rhinebeck General Hospital. Left to right: P.D.D. Joseph E. Vigeant, P.E.R. Charles Castellane, Est. Lead. Knight Joseph T. Russell and E.R. R. H. Martin.

Left: A view of the banquet held by Buffalo, N. Y., Lodge, marking the homecoming visit of State Vice-Pres. Joseph J. Bowen. Speakers included Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight J. Theodore Moses, D.D. T. L. Cusick, State President George A. Swalbach, E.R. F. L. Hackett, Hon. C. T. Yeager, Mr. Bowen and P.E.R. G. B. McKay, Toastmaster. Rev. Franklin Kelliher gave the invocation.

# NEWS OF THE LODGES

● **SCRANTON, PA.**, Lodge, No. 123, won high praise with its most recent charitable action.

Answering a long-standing community need, the lodge voted to sponsor a free, non-sectarian dental clinic for needy children, which will be known as the "Scranton Elks Free Dental Clinic", and will be established in the CYO Center in space donated by Bishop Wm. J. Hafey for his Diocese.

The Elks have authorized the spending of \$6,000 to equip the clinic with the most modern dental fixtures, and will approve an added \$1,000 in a sustaining fund for the project for the next two years. Entirely an Elk project, No. 123 will maintain the clinic as long as it exists. With plans calling for two dental chairs, E.R. A. C. F. Kenowski announced that the lodge intends to enlarge the clinic in the near future. Dental care will be supplied by volunteer members of the County Dental Society of that district.



Exalted Ruler A. C. F. Kenowski, left, presents Scranton, Pa., Lodge's \$6,000 check to Bishop Wm. J. Hafey to equip a free, nonsectarian dental clinic for the needy children of the community, as other interested leading civic officials look on.



State President's Night at Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge brought out these dignitaries of the Order, left to right: P.D.D. John M. Poole, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, State Pres. Wm. I. O'Neill, and E.R. Otto Stielow.



At the 1st Annual Ohio S.E. Dist. Elks Bowling Tournament in Barnesville, left to right: Tourney Manager Evan D. Lloyd, Dist. Committee Secy. Arthur Hunkler, E.R. J. W. Hardwick, Committee Pres. F. L. Kimmel and D.D. Lawrence Derry.



Left to right: Lead. Knight M. J. Cleary, E.R. J. J. Bulger and H. D. Carter, Westchester Cerebral Palsy Assn. Director, as Mr. Bulger presented White Plains, N. Y., Lodge's gift of a \$2,300 check to the Assn.



Lead. Knight A. R. Boire and Treas. J. A. Chabot hand Hudson, Mass., Lodge's contribution totaling \$2,000 for the installation of a blood typing and donor system in the local hospital to Nurse Supt. Garipey.

**STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
INFORMATION FOR 1950**

State	City	Date
Territorial Assn. (Alaska)	Seward	May 4, 5, 6
Kansas	Wichita	May 5, 6, 7
Missouri	Joplin	May 5, 6, 7
Alabama	Florence	May 14, 15, 16
Illinois	Springfield	May 19, 20, 21
Georgia	Savannah	May 19, 20, 21
Florida	West Palm Beach	May 20, 21, 22, 23
Nevada	Boulder City	May 25, 26, 27
Wyoming	Laramie	May 25, 26, 27
Arizona	Prescott	May 25, 26, 27
Kentucky	Richmond	May 25, 26, 27
West Virginia	Wheeling	May 25, 26, 27, 28
South Dakota	Huron	May 28, 29
Texas	Brownsville	June 1, 2, 3
North Carolina	Southern Pines	June 2, 3
Maine	Rumford	June 2, 3, 4
Utah	Price	June 2, 3, 4
Iowa	Des Moines	June 2, 3, 4
South Carolina	Charleston	June 3, 4
Washington	Olympia	June 8, 9, 10
Idaho	Lewiston	June 8, 9, 10
New York	Saratoga Springs	June 8, 9, 10
Minnesota	Bemidji	June 8, 9, 10, 11
Oregon	Corvallis	June 9, 10
Indiana	South Bend	June 9, 10, 11
Nebraska	Beatrice	June 10, 11, 12
North Dakota	Bismarck	June 11, 12, 13
Montana	Miles City	July 27, 28, 29
Md., Dela., D. C.	Cumberland, Md.	Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15
Wisconsin	Oshkosh	Aug. 17, 18, 19
Virginia	Richmond	Aug. 20, 21, 22
Pennsylvania	Scranton	Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
California	Sacramento	Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30
Vermont	St. Albans	(Not yet set)



Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell, E.R. Claude Phillips and F. W. Beckstead, President of the Texas State Elks Association, left to right, pictured at a special meeting of the Texas North District at the home of Dallas Lodge.

● **MARYLAND, DELAWARE and D. C. ELKS ASSN.** officials met at the home of Towson Lodge for its second regional meeting not long ago.

Several important reports were made by various committees, and special speakers included Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, a former District Deputy, and D.D. R. Edward Dove, who is Secretary of the Association.

The meeting was well attended, with several Past Presidents and former District Deputies on hand, as well as the Exalted Rulers of many lodges of this Tri-State Elks Association.

● **BELOIT, KANS.**, Lodge, No. 1779, began its life less than a year ago with 53 Charter Members. In that short time, this lodge has grown until now, with several initiatory ceremonies behind it, its membership list is well over three hundred.

The most recent group, and the largest, to become affiliated with No. 1779 was the class named in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson and in whose presence their initiation took place.

Beloit Lodge is really the hub of all activity in this community of 4,000 people. Several dinners, entertainments and other programs have been held, and recently the lodge secured the Clyde McCoy orchestra for a dance.

● **BRATTLEBORO, VT.**, Lodge, No. 1499, celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a gala dinner party at which hundreds of members, including many of the lodge's Charter Members, and out-of-town Elks, were present.

The owner of one of the finest and most complete lodge homes, the lodge received a Steinway grand piano as its birthday present purchased through individual donations. No. 1499 may well be proud of its 25-year history; it has made great progress in every field important to Elkdom—its many generous charity donations, patriotic activities and general civic-mindedness earning it the respect and cooperation of the entire community.



Here is a view of the guests who attended Washington, D. C., Lodge's Old Timer's Reunion Dinner not long ago.

# NEWS OF EASTERN LODGES

BALTIMORE, MD., Lodge has endorsed Supt. of Public Schools W. H. Lemmel in banning communist literature from public schools. Action was taken on a resolution introduced by Grand Est. Lect. Knight Charles G. Hawthorne . . . For the first time in years. PORT HURON, MICH., Lodge put on an entertainment for the public, the Elks-Schubert Club Minstrel, which was an enormous success both financially and socially . . . About 50 Elks in the 30-years-and-over bracket were honored by DETROIT, MICH., Lodge on Old Timers Night. Two 52-year-Elks, Ed Sovereign and E. F. Kirchgessner, and 50-year-member Wm. J. Pulte were the trio with the longest affiliations . . . SALINA, KANS., Elks put on a wonderful Minstrel Show for the benefit of the Institute of Logopedics. It ran two nights, to a full house each time. All local talent, the cast was nearly 100 per cent Elk . . . The Emmett Anderson Class of SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Lodge meant a ten-per cent increase in its membership for the year . . . Incidentally, one of the members of HAZELTON, PA., Lodge's Emmett T. Anderson Class is Victor F. Parente, 4' 6" tall, the shortest Elk in the State.



Laconia, N. H., Lodge honored Joseph T. Guay, standing center, its Inner Guard for 41 years, with the initiation of a class in the presence of 300 New Hampshire Elks. E.R. Wm. H. Nadon stands at Mr. Guay's right; State Pres. E. C. Theriault at his left, with other officials and new Elks.



Pottsville, Pa., Lodge recently honored these Old Timers—all thirty-year members.



Above: Woburn Elk officers, Mass. State Ritualistic Champions, seated, left to right: E.L.K. E. J. Cantillon, Jr., E.L.K. J. F. Brennan, E.R. C. M. Duran, E.L.K. W. A. Walsh; standing: Coach J. H. McMahon, Chaplain J. B. Mahoney, Esq. R. C. Metrano, Inner Guard J. G. Cuneo, Candidate C. G. Hansen, Lodge Secy.



Left: Miss Helen Coble takes a shot at a "polio bug", one of the unusual carnival-type stands in operation to collect funds for the March of Dimes in Winchester, Va. This program, planned and managed by the local Elks, brought in nearly \$1,500 for this worthy cause.





Left: E.R. Parker Obenour and P.D.D. Ivan R. Hesson, with the forty-year members of Kenton, Ohio, Lodge at its Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner.

Below: Ottawa, Kans., Lodge presents a modern \$700 life-saving machine to the city. Left to right: Fire Chief H. W. Gilliland, Mayor J. R. Cheney, P.E.R. R. C. Capron, Exalted Ruler W. L. Butler, Secretary G. D. Weillepp and P.E.R. Fred A. Doman.

## NEWS OF THE LODGES

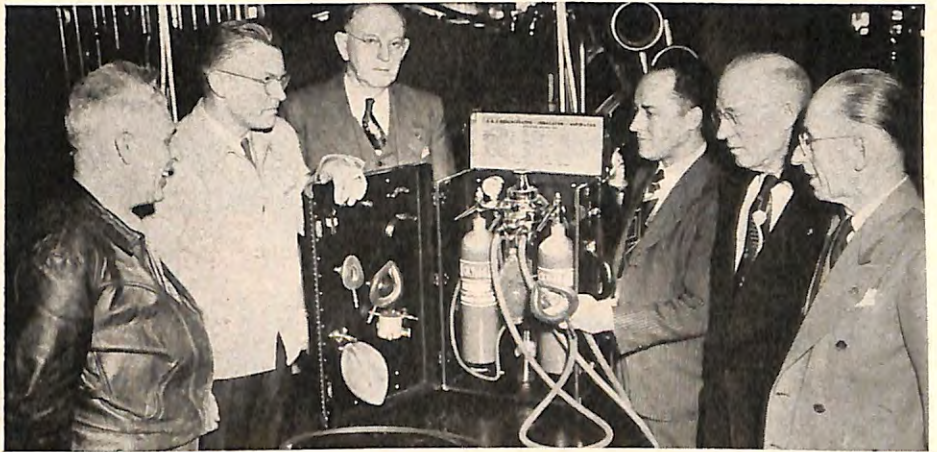
• **DANBURY, CONN.**, Lodge, No. 120, reports that its Ritualistic Team won the Conn. State Championship in a tight contest, presided over by State Ritualistic Committee Chairman H. J. Bergman, at the home of Norwalk Lodge. Middletown Lodge's team took second place. Judges were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin and P.D.D.'s Charles N. Carroll and John J. Nugent, both former members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials.

State Trustee James E. Bryan accompanied the Middletown team, and the Danbury rooters included Judge Martin J. Cunningham, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee. Among the many dignitaries on hand were former Chairman James L. McGovern of the Lodge Activities Committee and State Assn. Trustee James T. Welch, P.D.D.

### Notice Regarding Application 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: These boys, photographed with two of their Springfield Elk sponsors, are the 1949 Amateur Softball Champions of Vermont.



Left: Johnstown, Pa., Lodge honored 53 members of 25 or more years' standing and 11 of its P.E.R.'s, at a dinner meeting. The latter group initiated 14 men in the "Millionth Member Class". The honored guests are pictured here, including five 50-year Elks: Joseph D. Stackhouse, Tiler Charles A. Byers, Theodore Mainhart, Dr. Charles I. Shaffer and Dr. George A. Slick.



Left: When Ishpeming, Mich., Lodge celebrated P.E.R.'s Night, these 13 former leaders of the 16 still living were on hand. Senior P.E.R. Walter F. Gries, center foreground, took over the duties of the Exalted Ruler for the meeting.

Below: Here are Devils Lake Lodge officers who took first place in the North Dakota State Elks Association Ritualistic primaries.



Below: The 1950 Maine State Ritualistic Champions of Sanford Lodge. Left to right: Esq. H. S. MacDonald, Bath Lodge; Inner Guard W. F. Hanson, Loyal Knight A. A. Pownall, Lect. Knight R. K. Berry, E.R. J. G. Smith, Chaplain Charles Spendlove, Lead. Knight A. L. Gendron, Esq. Paul S. Emery, Lect. Knight H. W. Thebeau, Jr., Bath Lodge. Seven are individual trophy winners.

Portland Press Herald Photographer Bridson



Below: The 1949 prizes in Williamson, W. Va., Lodge's \$1,000 scholarship program are awarded. Left to right: Students Walter Oakes and Donald Bragg, recipients of \$250 awards; Lect. Knight Howard Lipps, Esq. James McNeer, Lead. Knight Sam Cantees, E.R. J. H. Shumate, Loyal Knight Edgar Hunt and Secy. R. M. Yeager.

Below: Some of the 150 school children entertained at an annual show and party by the Elks of Medford, Mass. Each grade presented to the lodge books of cartoons drawn by the children as a token of appreciation. One 15-page offering contained nothing but the well-phrased remark, "THE ELKS ARE GOOD PEOPLE".



Above: Here are some of the 450 children from Fairview and St. Coleman's Homes who are entertained at a luncheon party every year by the Elks of Watervliet, N. Y.

# NEWS OF THE LODGES

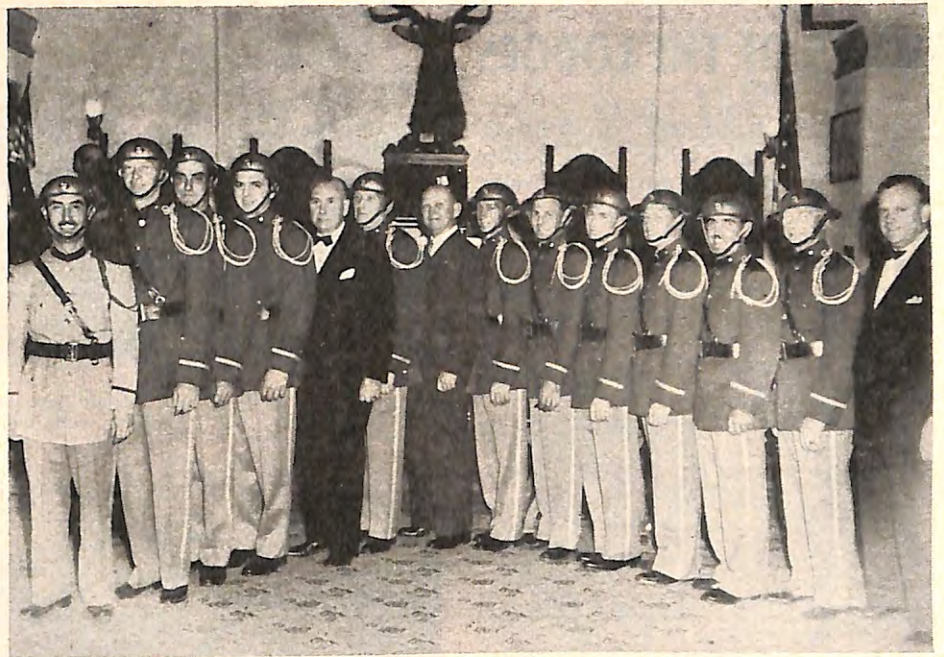
● **GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.**, Lodge, No. 48, suffered a severe blow not long ago, when a fire completely ruined its bowling alleys, and damaged the ladies lounge and the lodge rooms, at an estimated cost of \$70,000—fortunately covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered shortly after midnight while several members were still in the clubrooms. One of these was Robert P. Woltjer, a member of the Fire Department, who helped prevent greater spread of the fire by battling the flames single-handedly until fire apparatus arrived. The efficient handling of the blaze by the Department prevented greater loss. Fire Chief Frank R. Burns, an Elk, who directed the work, was given a rising vote of thanks at the next lodge meeting.

With admirable resilience, the Grand Rapids Elks have already planned and held several social events—no bowling however.

● **JUNEAU, ALASKA**, Lodge, No. 420, donated \$1,000 to the fund for a much-needed ambulance for the community. Learning later that only a small amount had been raised, No. 420 voted to assume full responsibility for its purchase, if earlier donations were withdrawn, and provided the city assume maintenance of a driver, with a further proviso that a member of the lodge form a three-man committee to administer operations.

These proposals were accepted by the city officials, and by this time, the ambulance is no doubt making its errands of mercy for the citizens of Juneau. A \$542 donation from the Emblem Club was accepted for equipment and supplies for the ambulance.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, seventh from left, pictured with the very fine Drill Team of San Fernando, Calif., Lodge, when that lodge honored him at a special meeting.

● **GREAT NECK, N. Y.**, Lodge, No. 1543, is proud of its Ritualistic Team, chosen as the best performers of initiation work of the 13 lodges competing for honors in the Southeast District. D.D. H. Alfred Vollmer announced this fact, and a plaque attesting to this accomplishment, presented to the lodge by State Vice-Pres. Walton S. Gagel, was accepted by P.E.R. Louis C. Weniger in behalf of his son, Louis F. Weniger, who was Exalted Ruler of the championship team, and died while in office.

Bringing its membership list to over 300, No. 1543 initiated the largest class in its history in memory of E.R. Weniger, whose father was given the pleasure of conducting the initiatory ceremony. Guests of honor on this occasion were Mr. Gagel and Mr. Vollmer.

● **INDEPENDENCE, KANS.**, Lodge, No. 780 is comprised of men who certainly haven't forgotten the joys of childhood. It seems that the merry-go-round in Riverside Park is no longer in any condition to do its job, after 30 years of circular service. Independence Lodge, agreeing in the opinion that the creaking, delapidated machine should be put to pasture and replaced with a brand, new shiny carousel, voted a donation of \$500 to the fund for that purpose and E.R. C. O. Dewey presented the check immediately to City Manager W. C. Cavert.

This unsolicited contribution raised the Elks another few notches in the opinion of the community, insuring the continued respect not only of the city's adult population, but of its future citizens as well.



More than 150 persons celebrated Duncan, Okla., Lodge's mortgage-burning, among them State Vice-Pres. Edgar L. Green, D.D. Edgar F.

Carter and 12 P.E.R.'s. The property, valued at \$200,000, includes a nine-hole golf course and a modern, air-conditioned clubhouse.

# NEWS OF THE LODGES

● **TYLER, TEX.**, Lodge, No. 215, welcomed Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell as the principal speaker at its recent cornerstone-laying ceremonies. Judge Atwell delivered a most impressive address on Brotherhood, of which a tape recording was made to be placed in the cornerstone of the new building which will cost slightly less than \$250,000 and will be a great asset to the entire Order.

Many other Elk luminaries were present, including State Pres. F. W. Berkestead, D.D. R. P. Willis and H. S. Rubenstein, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, J. H. Gibson, Floyd Ford, Carl Mann and J. A. Bergfeld, all former leaders of the Texas Elks Assn. E.R. M. E. Danbom presided at the ceremony which was attended by hundreds of local Elks, as well as many visitors from other lodges in the State.

During the afternoon a business meeting occupied the attention of the Texas East District Elk officials. Later a dinner and entertainment program was enjoyed, followed by a lodge session and initiation which had the largest attendance in many years.

● **SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**, Lodge, No. 85, received some of the best newspaper coverage we have ever seen. It should; its activities rate good publicity.

One of the finest programs was the 1950 Intermountain AAU three-division boxing tourney which took place in No. 85's lodge building.

Widespread interest and a heavy registration made the 1950 punchfest a bruising success. A three-day preliminary program of elimination contests was followed by a four-day rest, and a capacity-plus crowd jammed the hall for the finals. The fans weren't disappointed; they saw all the action they wanted, with several young men displaying terrific pugilistic technique. Nineteen young fighters won their crowns that night, and they, with the five earlier winners, brought 24 champions into the select circle of AAU fame.

The Salt Lake Elks give willingly of their services, time and finances in this healthy program which means so much to the youth of the State.

● **HARTFORD CITY, IND.**, Lodge, No. 625, threw open the doors to its striking new home recently in a "grand opening" which continued for two days and was climaxed by a dance for Elks and their ladies.

No detail was overlooked in making this building one of the finest of its kind. Tastefully decorated and furnished, with every room perfectly planned and fully equipped for its purpose, the home answers every possible need.



Laramie, Wyo., Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night honored these former leaders. Standing center, in top hat, is Charter Member F. J. Coolican, with Charter Member A. H. Cordiner standing at his left.



Grand Lodge dignitaries, State Assn. officers and lodge officials, pictured at ceremonies dedicating the new home of Grants Pass, Ore., Lodge.



P.D.D. C. Dwight Stevens, former Grand Lodge State Assns. Committeeman, standing at extreme right, was honored by Portland, Me., Lodge with the initiation of this class. At extreme left is E.R. J. H. Nugent.



Officers of Titusville, Pa., Lodge, standing before a John F. Mason photo-mural in their lodge home, turn over their \$10,000 subscription to the community's Elk-sponsored Recreation Park.

# WAKE UP, AMERICA!

**D**ID YOU ever stop to think that the United States is being undermined effectively by less than one per cent of the people of our country? Nearly every person in this tiny minority hates the basic truths on which our Nation was founded—that every human being is a child of God, created in His image and likeness; his fundamental rights are God-given—not derived from the State, the chief purpose of the State, as put forth repeatedly in the Declaration of Independence, being to *protect* these God-given rights.

Did you ever stop to think that for many decades, the month of May, the most promising time of the year—when Nature begins life anew with such apparent force that we, too, are revitalized—has been chosen by the undermining, evil groups of the world for their rallies? They have utilized the revitalizing spirit of that month to kindle the fire of hatred in the hearts of their followers, insidiously sowing the weeds of confusion to destroy the beauty of our freedoms.

Your Elks National Service Commission has decided to do something about it, and with deliberate, calculating con-

sideration, it has timed that action as a powerful counter-offensive.

Your lodge is called upon to hold "Wake Up, America" community rallies this month—between May 15th and the 31st. Appoint a strong active committee to arrange the meeting. Invite the public, secure the services of an outstanding speaker. Request the participation of all civic, fraternal, patriotic and church groups, including Boy and Girl Scouts and school children. Above all, make the program attractive, arranging for a stimulating musical background—a natural expedient to the quickening of the spirit. Make an immediate, sure decision as to the place and date of the meeting; select your speaker wisely and secure his acceptance at once; use every means at your disposal to publicize the program; plan well to insure its smooth passage.

Make your "Wake Up, America!" program a rousing demonstration of solidarity for our way of life. Counteract the falsehoods, confusion, hatred and fear inspired by all anti-American influences.

**JAMES T. HALLINAN, Chairman**  
Elks National Service Commission.

# WAKE UP, AMERICA!



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Charles Andres, one of our foremost artists, painted this interpretative picture of Uncle Sam, the official illustration of the "Wake Up, America!" Program of our National Service Commission. Reproductions of this poster, in color, are being sent to all subordinate lodges for use in connection with their programs.



Right: A view of the speaker's table at the banquet marking the institution of Holdenville, Okla., Lodge. Dignitaries included Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, State Assn. officials Pres. Kenneth Aldrich, Vice-Presidents Aubrey Kerr and Edward Green, D.D. James R. Meeks, Senator Paul Ballinger and many other high Elk officials. This lodge started life with 146 Charter Members, and a well-equipped lodge room, to which many gifts had been made by neighboring lodges. State Secy. H. B. Carson is speaking.



Exalted Ruler Howard Bush, left, accepts from Henry Troya, Vice-Consul for the area, a scroll of appreciation for aid given by Inglewood, Calif., Lodge to Ecuador after its disastrous earthquake last year. The lodge donated the use of its building as a central storage area to receive donations of food, clothing, etc., for people in the stricken area.



Bellevue, Ohio, Lodge's 43rd Annual Charity Ball bought a resuscitator, steam food-serving cart, centrifuge and thermatic pump for the local hospital. At the presentation, left to right: Committee Chairman Walter Stapf, Hospital Board Member Charles Dillon, Supt. Mabel Powell, Elk Welfare Committee Chairman Robert Williams, E.R. E. P. Anthony.

# THE WASHINGTON ELKS AND "OPERATION SAFETY"

WITH the assistance of the State Patrol, Elk lodges throughout Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson's home State of Washington have at their disposal the use of billboards in various sections for the posting of safe-driving advertisements and traffic warnings as their contribution toward decreasing the loss of lives in road accidents.

The job was tremendous, but the Elks realized the unlimited possibilities of such pioneer action; with the cooperation and support familiar in all Washington Elk undertakings, the plan is complete, the job well under way and 200 billboards broadcasting traffic safety messages have been set up.

Lt. Robert W. Denslow, Chairman of the Elks Assn.'s Traffic Safety Committee, reports that the Elks of Washington are the only fraternal group in the country that is the official State agency to sponsor "Operation Safety", the monthly program developed by the National Safety Council. Each lodge contributes \$12 a year for this service, and appoints a traffic chairman responsible for the efficacy of the program in his community and county; many lodges have established an enviable reputation in the success of these programs. Some include the sponsoring of a safety week, promoted by radio and the press, poster-contests, civic club meetings with special speakers, all climaxed by a parade demonstrating the cost of pedestrian and vehicular mistakes; another is the fostering of city and county programs for scotch lighting on all bicycles; then there's the erection of signs announcing the number of days



Lodge Activities Committee Chairman E. J. Alexander, State Pres. V. P. McNamara and R. W. Denslow of the State Patrol confer with Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson on the Washington Elks' Safety Program.

a city boasts without a traffic fatality, and, of course, the cooperation with the area safety council in larger cities. In spite of an increase in motor vehicle registration, the volume of traffic and the population, Washington reduced its traffic accident fatalities by 13 per cent in 1948, and the outstanding achievements of the Elks has had a direct bearing on the decrease in these fatalities during the past year.

The Washington State Elks Assn. and the various lodges renowned for their leadership in civic affairs, have received national recognition for their contributions to all branches of street and highway safety and safety education. Through such concentrated support and effort, the State will continue to lead the West in traffic safety.

## A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE ILLINOIS ELKS

FOR nearly 22 years and with phenomenal success, the Crippled Children's Commission of the Illinois Elks Assn., supported by the lodges of the State, has been taking care of indigent crippled children of Illinois. The primary objects are the holding of free clinics, principally in Elk centers, for such children of all races, creeds and color for diagnostic examination and consultation, to receive qualified advice and to secure necessary hospitalization. Patients are registered and examined by the orthopedist; where he recommends care without hospitalization, it is secured locally; where he advises hospitalization, the Commission's Executive Office endeavors to secure it and has been most fortunate in obtaining free hospitalization, including surgery and treat-

ment, paying only a small registration fee.

As part of this program, the Exalted Ruler of each lodge appoints a crippled children's committee who finds patients in the lodge's jurisdiction—a duty discharged efficiently through newspaper ads giving the date and place of each clinic, making personal contacts with schools, social service organizations, churches, etc. At the clinics a complete history of each case is recorded on forms furnished by the Commission, which are turned over to the clinician with each patient. The clinician's recommendations then go to a local committeeman who refers the histories to the Commission's Executive Office.

A small expense account is available to each clinician, but it in no way compensates him for the time taken from his

private practice for clinic purposes. This, coupled with the fact that these men give of their time and talent with no reservations, is evidence of their unqualified approbation of the Commission's fine work.

For the 21 years ending April, 1949, nearly 60,000 examinations were made, with about 3,600 cases hospitalized. In the one year ending April 30, 1949, 2,500 patients were examined, and 175 received over 11,000 days of free hospitalization. Without the Commission, few of these children would have had treatment; their families could not afford it.

The personnel of the Commission, an incorporated body whose work is handled efficiently and devotedly by Frank P. White, Executive Secretary, is a veritable list of "Who's Who in Illinois Elkdom". For the year just ended, two Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Bruce A. Campbell and Henry C. Warner, were Commissioners, together with Dr. N. H. Feder, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee; Dr. F. C. Winters, former Chairman of the same Committee; the following State Assn. officers, Pres. Willis G. Maltby, Vice-Pres.-at-Large John E. Giles, and Secy. Albert W. Arnold; Past State Presidents Walter J. Grant and Dr. J. C. Dallenbach, and P.D.D.'s Bryan Caffery, Enoch K. Carlson and Frank J. Horn. These men receive no compensation for their services in managing all the Commission's important activities.



Executive Secy. Frank P. White of the Illinois Elks Crippled Children's Commission, photographed at one of the clinics held in the home of Paris, Ill., Lodge, with children and their attendants.

## Florida— Convention State

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say that the East has Niagara Falls, the West, Grand Canyon, and the South—Silver Springs, of course. Silver Springs doesn't gush as much water as Niagara, nor is it as grand as the Grand Canyon, but the \$380,000 it spent on advertising its attractions last year drew a total of some 800,000 men, women and offspring. You'll find enough activity to keep you fascinated for four hours.

A ride in one of the fleet of glass-bottom boats will take you past such underwater points of interest as "Catfish Hangout", the "Florida Snowstorm"—where shells and limerock chips swirling in a spring makes a tableau like Buffalo in a blizzard. "Devil's Kitchen" is a sunken forest full of turtles, and also inhabited by the largest catfish in the springs, not to mention the petrified backbone of a dinosaur. The big attraction at "Sunken Gardens" is an acrobatic catfish which stands on his head at the mouth of a spring all year long. Your ticket also entitles you to a short ride in the Photo-Sub, a curious craft fitted with sub-water-level portholes through which you can photograph fish, flora, or fancy human swimmers who bubble through the crystal clear water at the pleasure of the picture-takers. The first underwater movie starring Johnny Weismuller was made at Silver Springs in 1929, an event for which the photo-subs were first designed. If you don't mind sharing the depths with the itinerant catfish, you can swim at Silver Springs most any time of the year. The water temperature remains a constant 72 degrees.

Ross Allen's Reptile Institute is part of Silver Springs, and worth a visit. Several times during the day you can watch Mr. Allen enter a compound crawling with rattlers, and see him milk the ugly monsters of their venom. Other employes enter alligator pits and put the creatures to sleep by throwing them on their backs and stroking their scaly tummies. Also in residence at Mr. Allen's sanatorium are wildcats, Florida bears, the largest crocodile in captivity (1,500 pounds) found in Biscayne Bay, and a 14-foot alligator known to his intimates as Big George. Alligator shoes and handbags are available at anywhere from \$9 to

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If you haven't lost your appetite there is an attractive restaurant at Silver Springs, and all manner of souvenir and camera shops. A wide assortment of overnight accommodations is available in nearby Ocala.

Most any road south from Ocala will lead you through roads bordered with deep green citrus groves, and laden with the heavy headiness of orange blossom. Here, and on the coast road, the highways are dotted with signs that offer all the orange juice you can drink for a dime—or sometimes "A Quart for a Quarter". Other orchard-growers rather patronizingly invite the canyon dwellers from up North to come in and pick an orange, a thrill nobody should miss. Tourist courts are often nestled among the orange and grapefruit trees, and anyone with a long stretch can almost reach out of bed in the morning and pick the first breakfast orange off the tree. At Wigwam Village in the Orlando citrus country, you can put up for the night in a tepee, made of cement, and equipped with such tribal appurtenances as twin beds, an electric heater, shower baths, and a desk which unfolds from the wall. The rate is seven Federal dollars, wampum being unacceptable.

From Lake Wales, virtually in the center of the state, you can plunk down \$1.95 for a Greyhound tour that includes both

the Bok Singing Tower and the Cypress Gardens. The Bok Tower is a carillon located in the Mountain Lakes Sanctuary on the highest point in Florida. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at noon, and Sundays at three, the Bok Tower sings—the music welling from its 71 bells and rolling across the 53 serene acres of the sanctuary. If the effect is too ethereal hop over to Cypress Gardens, a converted swamp in which a bevy of water-skiing sirens give a trick slat-riding exhibition every afternoon.

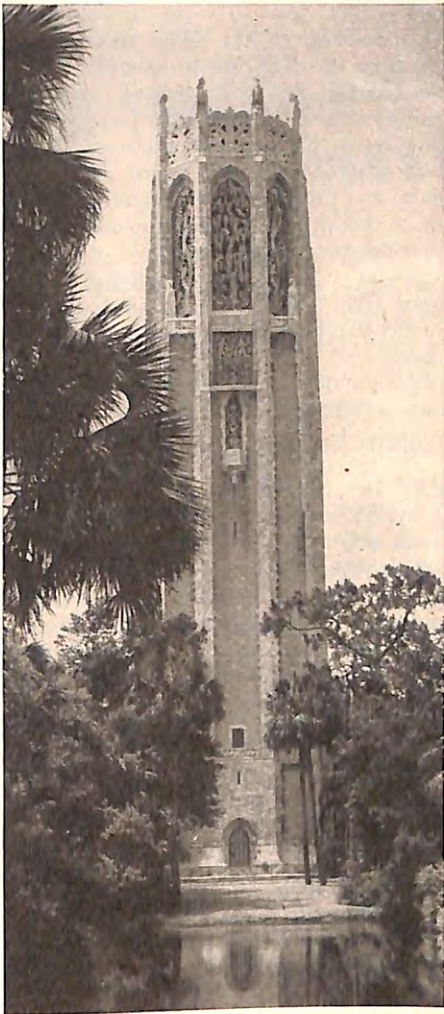
Over on the Atlantic, you can dawdle at Vero Beach for a look at Dodgertown, the springtime home of nobody else but the Brooklyn Bums. In the same territory have a look (\$1) at McKee's Jungle Gardens, where orchids and some 2,499 other plants grow naturally in the tropical atmosphere. Fort Pierce you will find a quiet, restful town, just beginning to attract both the tourist and the retired businessman. Once an army post, Fort Pierce can remember a hundred years ago when the barefooted local postman augmented his income by tending turtle traps in between mail routes. Today you can play shuffleboard on the open court, catch pompano from the city bridge, or rent the best double room for \$30 a summer week.

Stuart, just below, is the winter nest of the sailfish fleet, and it is also the tiny town New York's Mayor O'Dwyer turned upside down when he decided to get married there last winter. Palm Beach, a sort of Stork Club with palms, virtually folds up the sidewalks and locks up city hall during the socially improper summer season. You can have a look at some of the tropical estates along the gold coast, however, not to mention the magnificent row of shops along Worth Avenue—also closed, husbands will be happy to hear.



Miami Beach is world famous. In the background are several of the exclusive hotels that help make Miami a leading convention city.





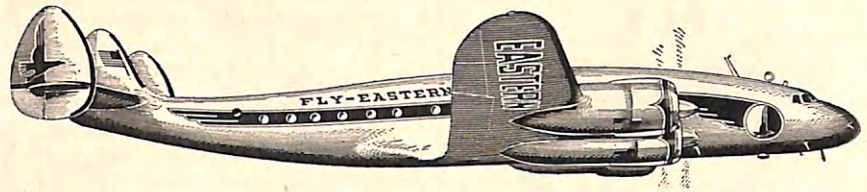
Bok Tower, the burial place of Edward C. Bok, noted journalist, is situated in the midst of the Mountain Lake Sanctuary near Lake Wales. The Sanctuary was founded by Mr. Bok. Bok Tower is noted for its carrillon, which is played three times a week and on Sundays throughout the season and also on special holidays.

South along the sea, the ocean road slips past Boca Raton, an immense winter luxury resort, and Fort Lauderdale, whose streets are laced with canals and whose citizens are equipped with yachts. Then in the horizon looms Miami where you can get a plane for South America or a pastrami sandwich with equal facility; where a night club comedian can demand \$10,000 for a week's work in winter and a hotel can charge \$50 a day for a room. But the comedian works elsewhere in the summer, and the same swank room that brought 50 dollars now brings five. Some of the great Miami Beach hotels like the Lord Tarleton close in the summer (when the owners shift their operation to the famous Lord Tarleton Club in Pike, New Hampshire). But others, like the fabulous new Saxony, a waterfront castle of glass, are open the year around. Next month, the fantastic story of fantastic Miami will be covered in these columns by Dickson Hartwell, who went through suntan and surf in the dead of winter to get the story.

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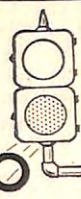
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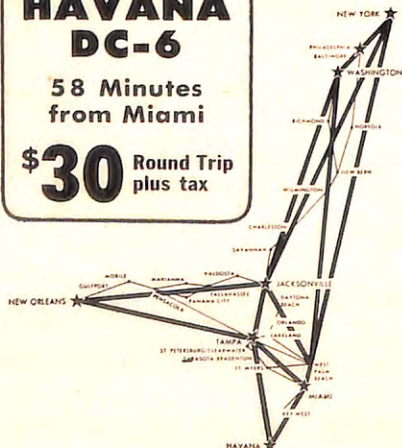
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But Miami is far from the last word on Florida. You can still head farther south, some hundred miles over the island highway that connects the Keys with the rest of the country. Key West, besides being President Truman's favorite winter hot-house, has also, within the last year, become one of the South's greatest shrimp ports. Bunyanesque tales have come up from the islands about shrimp so big that six make a pound. Although the avoirdupois is doubted in prominent piscatorial circles, there is no doubt that Key West is becoming one of the biggest shrimp centers on the coast. Even before shrimps and presidents, Key West became famous when Black Beard the pirate, and his Negro executive officer, Black Caesar, operated from the isle, scaring the daylights and the doubloons

out of the Spanish treasure ships and slave-bearing vessels. With that kind of heritage the Key Westers later made a flourishing business out of salvaging shipwrecks which seemed to happen with uncommon frequency in the area. There was much talk about setting false beacons, and the Government finally stepped in to build its own lighthouses. After that the Keys went broke.

Today at Key West tourists fish for big ones right off the city docks, visit the turtle slaughterhouse, and the sponge docks. As quaint as Quincy, Key West offers a native cuisine that includes turtle and conch steaks, ice cream covered with soursop, Key lime pie, and Cuban coffee.

Nearly all of the southern tip of Florida is an immense swamp called the Everglades, a pristine wilderness where buzzards will glide ominously over your car, white egrets scatter excitedly, and the land as far as you can see is a vast brown marsh. You can get some of the feel of the Everglades by heading north from Miami over Route 27 to Lake Okeechobee. Better still, drive down to Homestead where rangers of the National Park Service will give you a fast tour. The Audubon Society also conducts one- and two-day tours that penetrate Everglades National Park by boat and station wagon. Don't leave the swamplands without trying hushpuppies—a corn meal bread, and fried catfish, the local pompano.

Should you head for home via the West Coast, you'll find the circus gone from Sarasota, its winter headquarters; but the Circus Museum and John Ringling's home are open to snoopers. Ringling's mansion was copied from the Doge's Palace in Venice, and cost \$2,000,-



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000, a rather incongruous den for a man to come to after a tough day at the circus. Aside from nurturing the Boston Red Sox during the spring season, Sarasota also grows leschee nuts which presumably it exports to Chinatowns all over the world.

For those who want to sleep in the sun of St. Petersburg after the convention, some 200 hotels and 300 auto courts in the city will stay open this summer. The best hotels will get from \$28 to \$42 a week for double rooms, and the tariff at courts and inns will be about \$15 to \$18. Surrounded by Tampa Bay on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other, St. Petersburg likes to say it is "air-conditioned by Nature". Just to be on the safe side, some of the hotels will improve on nature by installing mechanical air-conditioning before the heat sets in.

Coming north on the Gulf Coast Highway (US 19), you can enjoy Weekiwahee Springs even if you can't pronounce it. From the world's only underwater theater—capacity 100—you can view an underwater ballet performed six times a day. You can also swim in the clear spring water, have your picture taken underwater, or look in at the aquatic zoo.

If you're a fisherman who has dreamed of a pool filled with hundreds of fish from eight inches to three and a half feet long, it will be worth your while to stop in at Nature's Fish Bowl in Homassa

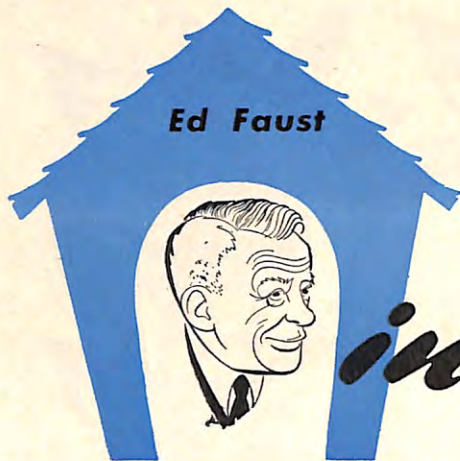
Springs. Thirty different species of fish, both salt and fresh water, swim in the bowl, and everybody gets along fine. Carnivorous salt water finnies like snook swim on their own water level, never nibbling on smaller fish as is their custom in the ocean. What's more, nobody knows how they got in the spring, because they have not been caught or, for

that matter, seen in the Homassa River which leads to the sea. There is no fishing in Nature's Fish Bowl, but you can watch the boys at play to a depth of 40 feet.

With all the fish to study, to catch, and to eat in Florida, you stand a fine chance of coming home an ichthyologist, not to say sunburned.



The ruins of Fort Jefferson, on Garden Key 60 miles west of Key West. A moat 60 feet wide, 30 feet deep and open to the sea surrounds the Fort. It was here that Dr. Samuel A. Mudd and three others charged with complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln were imprisoned. The battleship, *Maine*, sailed from here to Havana in 1898. The Fort is now a National Monument.



The dog is mankind's oldest companion among the animals and has followed him all over the earth.

## in the Doghouse

IT IS SAID that nothing is constant but change, and the old saw is well exemplified by our four-legged friend, the dog. Should you be interested in tracing his ancestry back to that far-away time before the dog as we know him, you'd discover that his prehistoric grandpa was an animal that resembled a cat more than it did a dog. Zoologists say he looked something like a civet—furry, short-legged, long-tailed—a slinky, murderous-looking character. He had a narrow head, and if you can imagine a long-muzzled cat, your picture won't be far from wrong. His ears were small, erect and bat-like and he must have had tremendous power in his hind quarters; we're told he was a runner and this is one of the things that distinguish him from the cat tribe. Cats stalk their prey and leap; dogs run theirs down.

Over the ages, Fido's legs grew longer; he became a better, more enduring runner. He developed a social attitude toward his own kind. He found greater efficiency hunting in groups, and packs, and here again he shows a difference between the feline and the canine; cats are solitary hunters and seldom will you find them in packs.

Because he dwelt more in the forest than did the horse, the dog became a proficient jumper and, to this day, pound for pound, is a better jumper than Dobbin. In his primitive forest, the dog had to jump over brush piles, fallen logs and similar obstacles seldom encountered by the horse of long-ago. Yes, the dog is a natural jumper and Sir Horse isn't, and Nature has provided the dog with a few items which help him along—soft footpads to light on, and fewer ribs than the horse has, which gives Fido a greater muscular area between the ribs and pelvis. When landing, after a jump, the horse's hard hooves jar the animal and he doesn't have the dog's take-off power, comparatively speaking, because his rear muscular leverage isn't as great.

Actually, the horse must be taught to jump by easy stages. Not so the dog;

give him enough incentive and he'll clear any reasonable barrier without preliminary practice or training. Probably it was his social inclination to team up with other dogs that resulted in his great intelligence; certainly this characteristic helped to develop it. Even today, wild dogs are known to hunt in relays; they map their courses and members of the pack distribute themselves to relay each other in running down their game, thus saving time and energy.

Getting back to Tom and Tabby, another great difference between cats and dogs that is recognized by zoologists is

the variety of dogs and the fixity among cats. There is much greater variety of surface characteristics—coat, color, and so on—in the dog tribe.

ANOTHER social habit possessed by the dog and still used by his wild brothers, the wolves, particularly, is that of leaving his "sign" on trees and shrubbery. Don't laugh; to the dog's ancestors this was mighty important. By scenting such "signs" the dog could learn if other dogs had passed that way—and how much more information this revealed to him we can only imagine. But the act definitely had significance. Your own dog is doing the same thing today, prompted by instinct, and would probably astonish you if he could let you know what he learns from those doggy signposts.

Considered in the light of science, the dog, even as we know him today, is simply a docile wolf, and we're told that the wolf, the dog's first cousin, is nothing but a wild dog. In that big family *Canidae* of which your dog is a member, his close



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relatives are the wolves, foxes, jackals and coyotes. Dogs will mate with wolves and this dog-wolf cross is frequently arranged by Eskimos seeking to increase the endurance and strength of their dogs for working and hunting purposes. Earlier, I mentioned the great variety among dogs; this is demonstrated in just one instance in the great surface difference between the mastiff and the spaniel. True, some of this variety is the result of the controlling influence of man, who developed breeds as we know them in domestic use, for his hunting or working needs.

Just when the dog abandoned wild life to join up with man is one of the riddles of antiquity, but it is certain that of all animals, dogs more readily submit to men. The primitive people, the Australian bushmen, readily tame the dingo, the wild dog of that country. Bones and other evidences of dog-life relating to man have been found in caves occupied by people of many ages ago. What attracted dogs to men we don't know: perhaps it was the warmth of the tribal fire, or the odor of food which dogs associated with men—but whatever it was, the dog has been man's partner for thousands of years. It isn't a far flight of fancy to imagine that both men and dogs learned that together they made a more effective hunting team. The dog can penetrate into places inaccessible to man; he is more swift than man and his keener nose can scent and trail the quarry with far greater accuracy. Perhaps, too, the dog learned that man, killing at a distance, was the better killer. The hurled stone, spear or club gave man this advantage, plus greater safety and certainty.

It is not hard to see why, in the passing of the years, dogs have developed a

protective attitude toward their human companions. The dog, one of the most possessive of all animals, very likely extended this possessiveness to include the place in which he lived, the people he lived with and the things that belonged there. It's a freak accident when any other animal comes to the aid of its master, yet we see where the dog has done this time after time—even to laying down his life. No other animal on earth does this. The cynics may scoff when they hear the dog referred to as man's best friend, but they can't scoff that fact away.

When Homo Sap found that it was a lot easier to raise his own meat than to hunt for it, he tamed it and became a herdsman. What better assistant herdsman and guardian of his livestock could he want than his dog? Fido, good, old, adaptable Fido, took to the business of bossing the other critters, a business he still carries on very efficiently all over the world. As a matter of fact, man would be handicapped very seriously in the raising of certain livestock if he was deprived of the dog's assistance. When man settled down and communities were established, the dog went along to become part of this kind of life.

Now we begin to get history recorded on monuments and on the walls of tombs, where you find many representations of the dog. Tombs from thousands of years before Christ, unearthed in the Valley of the Nile, carried wall carvings and paintings of dogs bearing a close resemblance to the Saluki of today—a fairly large, slender, hound-like pooch. These dogs were favored by Egyptian royalty and often were embalmed and deposited in the tombs. Among the gods of those ancient people, the Anubis, the jackal god was worshipped as the god that

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guided the dead into heavenly realms. The Egyptians, whose knowledge of the stars was amazing, named the brightest star of all Sirius, the dog star. The reason for this is said to be the regularity of the rising of this star, invariably coinciding exactly with the overflow of the Nile, an act of Nature vitally necessary to the growing of crops.

Near the site of Nineveh, the Babylonian city destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, archeologists have found figurines made of oven-baked clay and fashioned like the dog, as well as tablets showing pastoral scenes in which the dog is depicted in useful work. These dogs also resembled the Saluki of today. The sculptures show both greyhound and mastiff very much as these dogs are today. Zenophon refers in his writings to dogs of war and in those days the war dog was very much a warrior, differing from our war dogs which are not trained for active fighting, but only for guard, messenger, sentry and rescue work. The ancient war dog was placed in the ranks to fight, and so well did one of them serve at the battle of Marathon between the Persians and Athenians that its likeness was pictured on his master's tombstone.

**YES,** the dog is man's oldest companion among the animals. He follows man all over the earth, into every climate, and adapts himself to any use man

desires. Records show that the dog was known in Switzerland among the ancient lake-dwellers. We are told these were large dogs, differing very much from the wolf or jackal, but bearing some resemblance to today's hounds and setters. Crude pictures left by people of the Reindeer period show dogs used for hunting. These are rock pictures demonstrating the uses to which dogs were put. One giant quartz carving, five feet high and 12 feet long, made thousands of years ago in Central Europe shows a stirring scene of dogs in action.

To that same Egyptian god, Anubis, mentioned earlier, the Romans sacrificed dogs when they adopted Anubis as one of their many gods. Of Anubis, Plutarch writes, "The circle which touches and separates the two hemispheres and which on account of this division has received the name of Horizon, is called Anubis. It is represented under the form of a dog because this animal watches during the day and during the night."

**NOTE:** If you have any problems relating to your dog, do not hesitate to write to me about them; I'll be happy to answer. Incidentally, it will be mutually helpful if your letters carry your name and address clearly written or printed. Occasionally, letters asking for information cannot be answered because the senders' names and addresses are illegible.

**Rod and Gun**  
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Once more he plunged in and, swimming under water, headed for the trout. Of course, he thought we couldn't see him, but the water was clear as glass. Straight for the remaining trout he came, and his head popped out less than a foot away from them. He grabbed one quickly, tore it off the stick and swam away downstream. He didn't come back again. He had shown us and he was satisfied.

What an opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime movie that would have been if we had only had a camera! Still pictures taken of a wild mink at a distance of three or four feet would have been equally remarkable.

**T**HERE are two kinds of outdoor photographers. One is interested only in taking pictures. The other is the typical sportsman whose first love is hunting or fishing but who likes to make a photographic record of his trips. He's my boy. I've been through the mill in that game, and I can give him some ideas.

I've used just about every kind of still-camera there is, from 35mm. miniatures to 4x5 press and reflex cameras. If you're going to take pictures and do nothing else, you can carry a big camera. That's all right when you're fishing from a boat, too; then you don't have to carry it. The average man tramping through the woods or wading a trout stream, however, would

be just about as well off with no camera at all as with one of those big jobs. He won't carry it because he can't do that and fish or hunt, too, so it will stay in camp and he won't take any pictures. Admitting that the big camera might be capable of better results—it is in some work, but not in other—it still is no good to the average sportsman because he won't have it with him when the chance for an unusual shot comes up.

The easiest camera to carry, and one that is capable of professional results, is a good 35mm. miniature. It takes more pictures, either black and white or color, without reloading, than any other, and the film is the least expensive. It rides easily in its leather case suspended from a strap over your shoulder, or you can carry it, protected by a plastic or rubber bag, in the pocket of your hunting coat or fishing jacket.

The drawback of the miniature is that the black-and-white film has to be processed carefully to give good enlargements. Any photographic store or laboratory that does careful, fine-grain work can develop miniature negatives that make splendid prints. However, you can't toss a cartridge of 35mm. film on the drug-store counter for cut-rate developing and printing and expect to get the pictures you would from larger film. Color film, which is processed by the factory or in

factory-authorized laboratories, presents no more difficulty in 35mm. than it does in any other size.

Next to the miniature, a folding camera that uses roll film and takes pictures up to 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 inches is the easiest for a sportsman to carry. There probably is a greater price range in cameras of this type than any other. You can pay anything you want for one of them—from about \$20 to ten times that much. These cameras are flat, and one will ride snugly against your body in a case or it will slip into a pocket.

The 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 twin-lens reflex cameras that take 12 pictures on a roll of 120 film are awkward to carry, although some of them give marvelous results. They won't go into your pocket, and their square case causes them to roll and bounce against your ribs when you're wading or hiking.

**O**F COURSE, there are other considerations besides portability. Most sportsmen want to use flash bulbs occasionally to take pictures around camp at night. Nearly any camera can be used with flash, but some are better adapted to synchronization than others. Many of the newer ones have this feature built right into the shutter. All you have to do to take flash pictures with them is to attach the battery case and reflector. This feature is worth considering when you're choosing a camera.

Another factor that may affect your choice is whether you intend to use a telephoto lens. Sportsmen frequently see game or birds that are too far away to show up in a picture taken with the regular lens on the camera. The two types adapted to the widest variety of telephotos are the fine miniature and the large reflex cameras, such as the Graflex. I know of no folding camera or twin-lens reflex that can be used with a telephoto.

In this connection, I may save some readers a lot of disappointment by explaining that you shouldn't expect too much from a telephoto. If you have a miniature with a 50mm. lens (standard for this size camera), a 135mm. telephoto will give you the same size image on the negative from 2.7 times the distance. Thus, where the 50mm. lens will take a good picture of a grouse sitting on a limb from a distance of five feet, the telephoto will get the same thing from 13.5 feet. If you replace the six-inch regular lens on your 4x5 reflex with a 12-inch telephoto, a deer would be the same size on the film from 50 feet as from 25 feet with the regular lens. No matter how long a telephoto you may get—and the big ones are expensive—you still can't take good pictures at rifle ranges. You must be fairly close with a camera to obtain the best results.

Two other points for the sportsman to consider in selecting his camera are shutter speed and lens speed. They are confused frequently by occasional pho-

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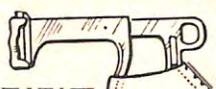
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ographers. The shutter is the device that opens and closes to admit light to the film. The faster the shutter speed, provided the lens opening is not changed—and we'll come to that in a minute—the less light reaches the film, and the faster the action that can be recorded without blurring. Most moderately-priced cameras provide shutter speeds up to 1/200 second. Some of the expensive ones have speeds from a full second up to 1/1000 or even 1/1250.

A speed of 1/100 is satisfactory for all-around picture-taking; 1/25 can be used in poor light and 1/200 will catch most movement. The high speeds are needed only for such fast action shots, such as jumping fish or flying birds at close range. A high-priced camera, like an expensive car, provides some extras that are seldom used.

**L**ENS speed, in its simplest sense, simply designates the area of the lens in relation to its focal length (distance from the film). A fast lens is a big one. It admits more light, during an exposure of equal duration, than a slow one. Lens speeds are designated by F numbers: f 16, f 11, f 8, f 5.6, f 4, f 2.8, f 2 and f 1.5. Each of these numbers is twice as fast (admits twice as much light) as the one preceding it. Fast lenses, those with a maximum opening larger than f 3.5, are needed only for action pictures in poor light.

Most cameras in the medium-price bracket have f 4.5 or f 5.6 lenses. They are fast enough for 99 out of the 100 pictures a sportsman wants to take. A fast lens adds greatly to the price of a camera, but doesn't make much additional return in the way of pictures.

Buying a camera is something like having a baby: it's not the initial cost but the "extras" that keep you broke. I've known several photographers who used miniatures they could carry in their shirt pockets, and then lugged along a bag of accessories heavy enough to anchor a barge. A sportsman doesn't want to weigh himself down with nonessentials.

One thing he should consider is an exposure meter. The outdoorsman takes pictures under all sorts of light conditions from deep shade to brilliant, sunlit snow. A good meter will prevent many of his pictures from being under- or

over-exposed. On the other hand, it means just that much more to carry.

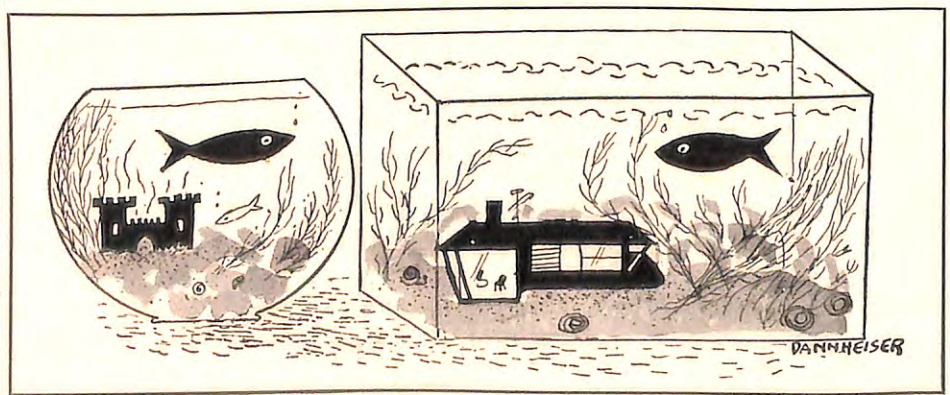
If he takes one shot at the exposure he thinks is right, closes the lens down one f number for another and then opens it up a stop from the original setting for the third—thereby giving the second half as much light and the last twice as much—one of the three usually will be all right. This method of insuring a good picture is used by many professionals even with a meter.

Next to a meter, a lens shade probably is the most important camera accessory. It enables you to take pictures angling into or across the light. Without it, the sun might hit the lens and fog the film. I believe it improves all pictures.

The only other accessory that the sportsman-photographer needs is a medium-yellow filter for use with black-and-white film. It should be on the camera for all outdoor shots in which the sky appears. It prevents a blank, white look in the print and reproduces the clouds.

Many amateurs make the error of trying first one film and then another. That's like shooting a different gun every day of the season. I have had my best luck by selecting one good film, preferably a medium-speed panchromatic such as Eastman Plus S or Ansco Supreme, and sticking to it. The same rule applies to color. Even if a man shoots both color and black and white, he soon becomes familiar with one of each and can guess the exposure quite well. In good sunlight, I have found that basic exposures of 1/50 second at f 5.6 with Ansco color, and 1/100 at f 11 with Plus X come very close most of the time.

The most remarkable wildlife pictures I have ever seen were taken by George Lowe, of Kooskia, Idaho. For many years he was a conservation officer and predatory-animal hunter for the Idaho Fish and Game Department. His camera wasn't an expensive one and he had no accessories for it, but it was small and he carried it hundreds, possibly thousands, of miles in the woods. Any sportsman can do the same and, while he may not be out enough to get the opportunities for unusual shots that George Lowe did, he can take home pictorial trophies that still will be giving him pleasure long after the fish he caught or the game he shot is forgotten.





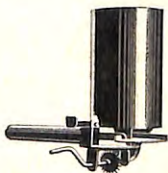
# Gadgets and Gimmicks



**T**HE trouble with water sprinklers is that most of them are designed for round lawns, and the number of people who have round lawns is surprisingly small these days. Most citizens in suburbs have the plain old, garden variety, square lawns—with corners. This fact came to the attention of a manufacturer we know and he designed a lawn sprinkler that waters a square area up to (1,000 square feet at once). Don't ask us how he did it but the hearty claim is that the thing gives you an even, square-pattern spray for your square lawn. It saves water, does not wet passersby, promotes even lawn growth and doesn't water the neighbor's lawn at your expense.



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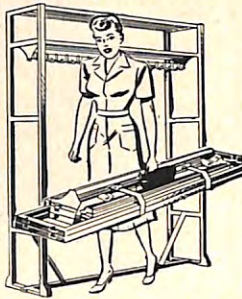


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Al Ulbrickson surveys the waters as his crews go swinging down the lake in a practice swing. Three times his crews swept the River at the Poughkeepsie Regatta.

## The Huskies from Washington

(Continued from page 7)

richly deserved. One spring morning in 1917 he fell to his death from a plum tree, at the very prime of his life, 46 years of age.

No wonder Washington's new \$250,000 crew house, dedicated within the past few months, was named after the gray, dour, persistent man who learned to row out of a book, with a skeleton as a working model.

**S**UCCESSING Conibear at the rapidly expanding university of the Northwest were three men who were to spread Washington's fame afar.

Ed Leader, a tireless giant who rowed in Conibear's crew, adopted the Old Master's technique and went on to establish it at Yale with glowing success.

Rusty Callow was the next famous product of the little shellhouse on the Washington campus. Succeeding Leader, the 1915 U. W. captain coached Washington to national championships in 1923, '24 and '26 and then accepted the coaching position at Pennsylvania which he has held so successfully ever since.

Coaches assumed command, served their time and moved on to new and richer fields, but the spirit of Hiram Conibear lived on.

Stroking Callow's Poughkeepsie champions in the Callow era was a wide-shouldered, slim-hipped, blond powerhouse named Al Ulbrickson. In colleges over America where strong young men send their flimsy racing shells slicing through the waves, there are heart-warming tales of courage and determination and sometimes of real heroism. One of the sagas of Washington rowing tells of Al Ulbrickson, his features twisted in pain, rowing the final quarter-mile of the memorable 1926 Poughkeepsie race with muscles literally torn from his arm from the strain. Callow often tells the story.

"Nine out of ten men would have quit rowing, or collapsed in a heap from the punishment. Al stuck gamely to his blade, pacing his crew across the finish line ahead of a pursuing Navy boat." Ulbrickson, a powerful, quiet, modest man with the blood of Norsemen flowing in his veins, became head coach after Callow departed.

With infinite patience and meticulous attention to detail, the young coach developed and improved on the Conibear system. He finally earned his reward in the Olympic Games of 1936. On a bright June day, the stoical, silent leader of the Huskies looked on from the bumpy railroad train which follows the Hudson River races, and saw what is regarded as a rowing miracle.

His freshman crew won from five opponents.

His junior varsity beat four other boats to the wire.

His magnificent varsity, coming from far behind, swept past California, Navy, Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Syracuse in the last half of the struggle and won in a driving finish.

It was a sweep of the river, the dream of all coaches, for the well-coached, beautifully coordinated crews from Washington. Old crewmen think that spine-curdling varsity race ranks with the most thrilling of all the Hudson River regattas.

Ulbrickson describes his sentiments as he looked on in total dismay as his rangy, satin-smooth crew trailed all the other shells at the end of the first mile.

"I couldn't understand it. We just weren't rowing our race. Stroke Don Hume kept the beat down to a ridiculously low 28 to the minute. We were creeping; the other boats were flying. I didn't think we had a ghost of a chance at the half-way mark." But he overlooked

the hidden power in the shell and the calm self-assurance of the men providing the motive power. The coxswain, Bob Moch, best describes the rest of the race, "I wasn't worrying any. Sure, we were behind, but the boat was moving so smoothly that I didn't want to spoil the rhythm by taking up the stroke. We timed our sprint by the railroad bridge. I remember calling, 'All right, give 'er the guns, boys.' They gave 'er the gun. We went by those crews like they were dragging their anchors. We caught Navy and California in the last quarter-mile and won going away." Thus another California crew made history at the regatta on the Hudson River.

As if that weren't enough honor for one coach and crew, the Huskies went on to win in the Olympic trials and then captured the championship of the world at Berlin as a scowling Hitler and members of his entourage watched their highly-touted German boat come in third behind Italy's entry.

Getting off to a slow start and trailing at the half-way mark, the Yankees initiated a thrilling stern chase. The 100,000 Nazis present went wild. It almost curdled your blood to hear their weird chant, booming in unison, keeping time with each stroke of the German crew—"Deutschland! Deutschland! Deutschland!"

The way Strokesman Hume and his mates whipped up the beat to a terrific 38-to-the-minute and caught the Italian and German shells with the last desperate



Remember? Rusty Callow, the young coach on the left, is pointing out a detail in the blade. Listening is one of Washington's most famous strokes and now the Huskies' winning coach—Al Ulbrickson.

sweep of their blades was a never-to-be-forgotten picture.

There is still another chapter in the Washington rowing story, and a glorious one. Its hero is George Pocock.

Shortly after Conibear laid aside his liniment and rubbing alcohol in the Chicago White Sox dressing room and cast his lot with the collegians, he met a soft-spoken Englishman in Vancouver, British Columbia. The two men had a common interest—racing shells, and the men who row them.

Pocock is a product of the Thames River, England, a world-famous boat-racing center. His father, and his grandfather before him, had built shells for the young Britishers of their day. George Pocock inherited their skill as well as their love of the sport.

IT TOOK some super-salesmanship for Conibear to coax the brilliant young boat-maker to Seattle where he was established in a cramped, drafty, ill-lighted attic above the Washington shellhouse.

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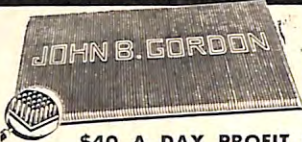


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Conibear is also a keen rowing student. Many a coach during the Poughkeepsie training grind will seek his advice. A half-dozen times during pre-regatta training, coaches from Cornell, Syracuse, Wisconsin or Penn will ask him, "George, come take a ride on my coaching launch, will you? My crew is doing something wrong and I can't find what's the matter."

Even though Pocock's heart is close to Washington (his son Stanley is now freshman coach there), the popular boatman is generous with his advice.

**A**ND that's about all of the Washington rowing story, except to point out the most sinister threat to the supremacy of the stalwart men from the land of the tall pine. Ky Ebright, a wiry, cagey little ex-coxswain, is Al Ulbrickson's keenest rival.

The present California coach coxed three Washington crews for Conibear. (There's that man again.) Ebright is the only U. S. coach to win two Olympic eight-oared championships, and last year he whipped his former school twice—once in Seattle and again on the Hudson River.

Ebright and Ulbrickson between them have practically owned the Poughkeepsie races—of the last 11 varsity contests, California and Washington have won nine. Twice during these years the Navy shell has finished first.

To the further humiliation of eastern coaches, the two invaders from the sunset side of the Rockies have dominated the junior varsity events as well—nine victories of the last ten.

Although this may seem like rubbing salt in the wound, the Pacific Coast crews carried off most of the silverware in the freshman races, too—nine wins in the last 11. No wonder colleges in other parts of the country have been reaching a long arm to the northwest corner of the land, beckoning U. W. oarsmen eastward.

Youngsters have been reversing the trek of the old covered-wagon days. This time it has been a steady migration to the big universities of the Atlantic seaboard for the sons of the pioneers. Here is the imposing list which followed Ed Leader and Rusty Callow: R. Harrison "Stork" Sanford took over at Cornell where Courtney formerly ruled the Big Red. Big Jim McMillin went to M.I.T. to replace another brilliant Washington man, Bob Moch. Delos C. "Dutch" Schoch is putting Princeton back on the rowing map. Norman Sonju is coaching at Wisconsin. Walter "Bud" Raney is reviving interest in the sport at Columbia, former home of the Glendons. Charley Logg is at Rutgers. Gus Eriksen is at Syracuse, and the highly successful Tom Bolles is making an enviable record at Harvard. Washington-made coaches teaching the Washington-made stroke in Washington-made shells.

Is it any wonder that the grumpy Old Blue of Columbia raises his voice against this scourge from the West, which has



Size does it. Washington oarsmen are slender, tall and leathery. This photograph shows a typical Husky sweepster, Bud Smalley, who is 6' 8 1/2". Standing beside Bud is another important member of the crew, Burt Lipshay, the coxswain, who is 5' 4".

upset all the old rowing traditions and trampled in the dust (or, more properly, doused in the rivers and lakes) the proud prestige of eastern rowing? And the end is not in sight.

The momentum generated by a thoroughly established program under incomparable water conditions in the warm, mild, even climate of the north Pacific playgrounds is speeding the broad-shouldered Huskies to further triumphs. There are three more splendid Washington crews in the making this spring and they are being pointed toward the intercollegiate regatta which will be held this year on the Ohio River at Marietta instead of the Hudson at Poughkeepsie.

Rowing writers are predicting that this year the Huskies and the California Bears again will battle for the national championships. So it is not strange that Hiram Conibear's rowing sons hold in deep reverence the memory of this intense, exacting, inscrutable man with the shaggy white mane and the foghorn voice.

# Business Outlook

For the Second Quarter



## BY DR. MARCUS NADLER

Dr. Nadler is Professor of Finance at New York University. This article is a follow-up of his forecast for business in 1950 which appeared in our January issue. In September, he will report on second quarter results and end-of-the-year prospects.

THE broad outlook for business which I discussed in the January issue of *The Elks Magazine* is developing as expected. However, certain unforeseen events have occurred which have had a temporarily adverse effect on business conditions, most important of which were the coal strike and the weakness in some of the soft-goods industries. The extent to which the coal strike adversely affected business activity and the index of industrial activity, as prepared by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, is best seen in the reported decline from 183 (1935-39=100) in January to 178 in February. However, with the settlement of the coal strike, an upsurge in business immediately set in and for March the index was estimated at 184.

The coal strike led to a decline in employment in the mines themselves and also affected car loadings adversely as well as the earnings of railroads in general; it also had a dampening effect on the volume of retail trade, not only in the mining centers, but in many other parts of the country. This was because many employes who felt some uncertainty about their jobs curtailed expenditures, thus depressing local business conditions. The coal strike also led to a decline in production of heavy goods, notably steel, but in doing so it created a new pent-up demand for this and allied commodities which it will take several months to meet. Thus, while the coal strike had a temporarily adverse effect on business activity, it laid the foundation for better business during the second quarter of the year.

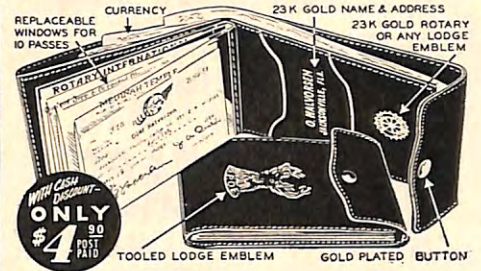
The strike at the Chrysler plant, while

of less importance than the coal strike, has played its part in decreased business activity. How long this strike will last is impossible to state, but, once settled, it will assure the workers a pension of \$100 a month, thus increasing their economic security and probably leading to increased spending.

The relative weakness in some of the soft-goods, as compared with the hard-goods or durable-goods industries, results primarily from the fact that many people are taking advantage of liberal installment terms to buy items such as automobiles, television sets and home furnishings. As a result, there has been a marked increase in the total volume of consumers' loans which amounts, roughly, to \$19 billion. Consumers' loans have not as yet reached a dangerous point, however, because the ratio of consumer credit to the total disposable income of individuals is about the same as it was in 1941, although the trend of consumer loans has to be watched rather carefully. A further material increase may cause difficulties later on. While individuals are borrowing, their spending increases; when this borrowing slows down, and individuals and families have to allot a considerable portion of their income to previously-incurred debts, their ability to spend currently is reduced.

### THE OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT QUARTER:

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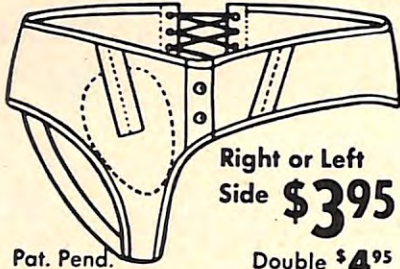
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One of the most important developments during the first quarter was the increase in unemployment, which, at the end of March, approached the 5,000,000 mark. The reason for this increase is partly seasonal and partly the inability of industry and trade to absorb the new workers which the growth in population makes available. This figure, too, deserves careful watching and study. During the next three months unemployment should decrease considerably. Should unemployment decrease rapidly and the number of unemployed not exceed 3-3,500,000 at the end of June, there need be no particular fear about the future. On the other hand, should the decline be sluggish and should the unemployed continue to number around 4,000,000 or more, then one may expect that the Congress will endeavor to take measures to remedy the situation. The measures that could be taken by the Administration would consist of shifting its buying to sectors of the country which show more than normal unemployment, or in accelerating the public works program.

In spite of the relative weakness in the soft-goods industries and the rather substantial increase in unemployment during the first quarter of the year, business conditions in the country for the time being are sound. The national income is increasing slowly, prices of commodities are tending to level off, the purchasing power in the hands of the people is considerable, hourly wages are tending to rise and the economic security of the people is broadening.

The second quarter of the year undoubtedly will witness a further broadening of pensions embracing many hourly wage-earners. This naturally will increase the cost of production. What effect it will ultimately have on prices of commodities will depend on whether the productivity of machinery, equipment and

labor increases. The large increase in orders of machine tools which occurred during the first quarter of the year indicates that management is fully aware of this problem and is taking the necessary measures to solve it.

During the second quarter the Congress is likely to pass a tax bill dealing primarily with excise taxes. A reduction in these taxes is bound to have a favorable effect on business in general because it will set in motion the buying of many luxury articles which had been postponed in anticipation of this reduction. The effect will be felt favorably by those soft-goods industries which have been hardest hit. It is not as yet known what other tax measures will be taken by the Congress. The Administration has suggested that, in order to counteract the decrease in revenue caused by the reduction in excise taxes, other taxes, notably corporate taxes, be raised. Such a measure, if taken by the Congress, could have an unfavorable effect on business activity because it will accelerate the decline in corporate capital expenditures which play an important role in the economy of the country.

### CONCLUSION:

The immediate after-effect of the coal strike was an upsurge in business which in all probability will carry through the second, and possibly the third, quarter of the year. The great uncertainty about business activity in the immediate future is the labor situation. Should the present negotiations that are under way in some of the important industries be successful without a strike, it is fairly certain that business activity in the immediate future will be higher than it was a year ago. The most important developments to be watched now are, briefly: 1—The movement of unemployment, which ought to decrease beginning with April, and continue to decline. 2—The volume of consumers' loans, which deserves the careful attention of the business community. Too rapid an increase in this type of loan is bound to have an adverse effect later. 3—Finally, while the immediate outlook for business is favorable, a word of caution concerning business activity later in the year is warranted, for a decline in private building construction as well as a moderate decline in the automobile industry at that time is expected. In spite of this, however, because of the inherent strength in many sectors of the economy, no sharp general decline in business activity should be expected during 1950.



# The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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were escorted by a Florida Highway Patrol car and a delegation of Elks to the home of **PALATKA LODGE NO. 1232**. Accompanied by D.D.'s Healy, James T. Lowe and Wm. P. Buning, and E.R. John Rosasco of Coral Gables Lodge, Mr. Anderson enjoyed a barbecue dinner on the patio of the lodge home with 300 guests. A pleasant evening session followed, during which E.R. C. S. Green, as a cordial representative of the host lodge, introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler to the large crowd of local and out-of-town Elks, including P.D.D. B. C. Pearce.

On the 8th, those Elk officials mentioned earlier were joined by Lloyd Maxwell, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees as luncheon guests of E.R. John P. Riordon and 200 members of **JACKSONVILLE LODGE NO. 221**, on the final Florida visit of this tour.

In Louisiana on the 9th to be the guest of **NEW ORLEANS LODGE NO. 30** at a banquet attended by over 300, Mr. Anderson was welcomed warmly by another former Grand Exalted Ruler, Judge Edward Rightor, who joined him as principal speaker, both addresses being heard over the radio. E.R. Benjamin Washastrom was Toastmaster at this dinner at which D.D. Willis C. McDonald and State Pres. George H. Himel of Louisiana, and D.D. J. B. Price of Mississippi were among the many officials of the Order present.

Judge Rightor, D.D. Price, and officers of other lodges from both Louisiana and Mississippi, were among the 150 luncheon guests of **PASCAGOULA, MISS., LODGE, NO. 1120**, on the 10th. Gulfport and Biloxi Lodges were represented by large delegations at this meeting, at which Mr. Anderson, Judge Rightor and D.D. Price spoke.

Swinging up to the North Central part of our country, the Andersons arrived in Wisconsin on the 13th, to be the guests of **MILWAUKEE LODGE NO. 46**. Approximately 350 Elks attended the banquet, at which Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner, Charles E. Broughton, Gov. Oscar Rennebohm, a member of the Order, and Mr. Anderson spoke. Present at this well-planned and thoroughly enjoyable affair were D.D.'s Raymond W. Piquette, Paul K. Hutchinson and E. H. Lattimer, Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, Andrew W. Parnell, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, Frank W. Fisher of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee, and the following State Assn. officers: Pres. William I. O'Neill, Vice-Pres. W. H. Jensen, Treas. Wm. H. Otto, Trustees A. J. Geniesse, L. M. Gerdes, Elmer J. Reese, and Sgt.-at-Arms F. E. Theilacker. Many former leaders of Wisconsin's State Assn.

## 1950 GRAND LODGE RITUALISTIC CONTEST

The 1950 Grand Lodge Ritualistic Contest will take place during the forthcoming Convention in the lodge room of Miami Beach Lodge No. 1601 on July 8, 9, 10 and 11.

In the light of the increased interest in Ritualistic activity throughout the Order, it is anticipated that the State Ritualistic entries in this National Contest will top the previous entry record of 26 teams, made in the 1949 Convention at Cleveland.

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were also present, with the complete roster of Milwaukee Lodge officers, led by E.R. Hugh B. McGreal. Mayor F. P. Zeidler, a member of the host lodge, was also on hand, and they were joined by Elks from Missouri, Illinois, Colorado and Michigan who brought the crowd to 750 to witness the initiation of a large class of candidates. The famous Elks Plugs put on their exhibition drill, and the Male Chorus of 60 voices entertained, while the lodge's 40-piece military band pleased their audience at the Stag Party following the lodge session.

A most enthusiastic welcome by 400 Elks was accorded the Order's leader on Mar. 14th, when he was the first Grand Exalted Ruler to be entertained by **RACINE, WIS., LODGE, NO. 252**. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Broughton accompanied Mr. Anderson to this affair, and shared speaking honors with him. E.R. Alfred LaFrance and his officers initiated a class of 21 as a tribute to Mr. Anderson, in a ceremony witnessed by Mr. Thompson, D.D. Lattimer, and many other visiting Grand Lodge and State Assn. officials.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner welcomed Mr. Anderson to his own home lodge, **DIXON, ILL., NO. 779**, on Mar. 15th, when 150 Elks, including D.D. Lyle Wilcox, laid aside their income tax reports to pay tribute to the Grand Exalted Ruler at a very pleasant reception.

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# The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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Grand Exalted Ruler's address was received with an understandably enthusiastic response.

A notable meeting took place that evening with MOLINE LODGE NO. 556 as a gracious host. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson joined the party here to participate in the lodge's gala Golden Jubilee banquet for 650 people. E.R. Don Lundeen and his officers initiated a class of 61 men in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler, as part of the lodge meeting which was one of the main events of this three-day celebration. Mr. Anderson delivered a 15-minute radio broadcast here, and was joined as speaker at the banquet by Mr. Warner and Judge Thompson.

E.R. Ray E. Brooke was Toastmaster at a luncheon given by OELWEIN, IA., LODGE, NO. 741, on the 17th, at which Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson, Mr. Warner, Chairman Arthur M. Umlandt of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, State Pres. Harry J. Schmidt and D.D. Lynn G. Swaney were guests.

This same group, with 600 others, was entertained at a banquet that evening at the home of DECORAH, IA., LODGE, NO. 443. E.R. R. B. McAllister introduced Mr. Anderson, who was the dinner's only speaker. A public meeting was held later in the high school auditorium, when the school's glee club entertained and the Boy Scouts presented a plaque to Mr. Anderson in grateful recognition of all he has done for their organization.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Warner were speakers at a luncheon attended by 250 guests, including State Pres. Schmidt, on the 18th, at the home of FORT DODGE, IA., LODGE, NO. 306, at which E.R. E. L. Berner was Toastmaster. Representatives of many lodges were present at this affair, which followed a brief visit to WEBSTER CITY LODGE NO. 302.

Mrs. Anderson's birthplace was the last

stop on this Iowa journey, and the Elks of SIOUX CITY LODGE NO. 112 turned out in full force to make the visitors welcome. E.R. Elmer T. Damme and Mayor Dan J. Conley accorded official greetings at a banquet on Mar. 18th, when nearly 400 persons, including D.D. Marvin J. Taylor, and many former Grand Lodge officers and State officials heard one of the Grand Exalted Ruler's most heartwarming talks, followed by Mr. Warner and P.E.R. A. R. Perasso. All were introduced by P.D.D. Frank Margolin, a most entertaining Master of Ceremonies.

Arriving in ST. PAUL, MINN., for a brief visit on the 19th with Mr. Warner, State Pres. Donald W. Nagle, D.D.'s Phillip T. Johnson, E. A. Currey and B. E. Stroup, the Grand Exalted Ruler spoke over radio station WMIN in a quarter-hour program, following a breakfast meeting with lodge officers and Trustees. Later, Mr. Anderson paid an unscheduled visit to the Lorence Recreation Alleys, where, for three week-ends, Elks from all over the State were competing in the Minn. Elks Bowling Tournament. Although he hadn't bowled for many years, Mr. Anderson couldn't pass up the chance to make use of the two alleys he found open and challenged E.R. C. L. Rafferty to a match in a surprise move which resulted in a team event, made up of other lodge officers on hand. The Order's leader, who has been bowling straight 300's in every one of his many lodge visitations, by virtue of his graciousness and sincerity, chalked up a very respectable 196, topping every one of his fellow keglers. The St. Paul Elks entertained their visitors at dinner later in the day, after which Mr. Anderson made one of his memorable addresses, prior to leaving to continue his visits which will be reported in subsequent issues.

Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, snapped as he rolled one of the balls that knocked down a 196 for him in a rare bowling appearance during his visit to St. Paul, Minn., Lodge. The official stopover coincided with the Minnesota State Elks Association Bowling Tournament and the top Elk official burned up the alleys in an unexpected but welcome appearance, as evidenced by the obvious interest of St. Paul Elk spectators Herman P. Prauke, Esteemed Leading Knight, left, and Exalted Ruler Charles L. Rafferty, center.





## LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE BULLETIN "INDEPENDENCE SALE"—FLAG DAY

Our one million members can once more take the patriotic lead. Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson has asked that every Elk aid the U. S. Treasury Department in making its "Independence Sale" of Savings Bonds a resounding success. The Sale will open on May 15th and will reach full strength on Flag Day, June 14th. Every lodge is asked to tie in their Flag Day program, promotional and advertising material, with the U. S. Savings Bonds Independence Drive. Let our motto be: "Every Brother Buy a Bond". All lodges have received our special Flag Day poster and mailing piece. Flag Day is Elksdom's greatest day. Make its 1950 observance the best.

### "WAKE UP, AMERICA!"

Your Lodge Activities Committee urges every lodge to cooperate with the Elks National Service Commission in its "WAKE UP, AMERICA" program. Judge James T. Hallinan, Chairman, and the Committee have taken the leadership in a movement to drive home to our fellow Americans a recognition of the privileges and benefits of our American Way of Life. We hope that each lodge has an active working committee on this worthwhile program. "Wake Up, America" followed by "Flag Day" should prove a terrific force in quickening the spirit of Americanism and patriotism in each of our 1540 Elk communities.

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### NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK AWARDS

At long last your Lodge Activities Committee has waded through the great mass of material submitted by the subordinate lodges in our National Newspaper Week Observance staged in October. Your Committee is convinced that Elksdom's observance was the finest goodwill and public relations program ever sponsored by the Order.

The Committee had not planned any awards or prizes for this program. However, because of its tremendous success we feel prompted to make the following Citations for "Excellency of Programming." Citations to be presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in Miami.

Group I		Under 500 Membership	
Barnesville, Ohio—Lodge No. 1699			1st Place
El Monte, California—Lodge No. 1739			2nd Place
Dover, New Hampshire—Lodge No. 184			3rd Place
Creede, Colorado—Lodge No. 506			4th Place
Westfield, Massachusetts—Lodge No. 1481			5th Place
Huntingdon, Pennsylvania—Lodge N. 976			6th Place
Group II		500 to 1,000 Membership	
Laconia, New Hampshire—Lodge No. 876			1st Place
Sheboygan, Wisconsin—Lodge No. 299			2nd Place
Ellwood City, Pennsylvania—Lodge No. 1356			3rd Place
San Juan, Puerto Rico—Lodge No. 972			4th Place
Hackensack, New Jersey—Lodge No. 658			5th Place
Woonsocket, Rhode Island—Lodge No. 850			6th Place
Group III		Over 1,000 Membership	
Spokane, Washington—Lodge No. 228			1st Place
Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Lodge No. 46			2nd Place
Los Angeles, California—Lodge No. 99			3rd Place
Kalamazoo, Michigan—Lodge No. 50			4th Place
San Pedro, California—Lodge No. 966			5th Place
Phoenix, Arizona—Lodge No. 335			6th Place

### MOTHER'S DAY

Your Committee hopes that plans are now nearing completion in each of our lodges for the annual "Mother's Day Services" set for May 14th. Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson asks that each lodge make special plans for commemorating this day in honor of Mother. Special citations will be given to the lodges conducting the finest and most impressive programs. Forward your programs at the earliest possible moment to Joseph M. Leonard, B.P.O. Elks, Saginaw, Michigan for judging.

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# editorial

*"Who ran to help me when I fell,  
And would some pretty story tell,  
Or kiss the place to make it well . . .*

## "MY MOTHER"

The last line of Ann Taylor's retrospective stanza, which serves as our heading, supplies the one possible answer to her rhetorical questions.

Beautiful in their simplicity, these thoughts of the tenderness and devotion lavished by a mother upon her child convey a reminder of the opportunity presented us on the second Sunday in May to offer a return installment of gratitude for the solicitous care, the watchful guidance, the character implantation bestowed upon us in so many anxious and loving moments throughout our childhood. The idealistic and reverent ceremonies in our Elk lodges on Mother's Day serve as a fitting medium for such expression.

Another timely thought for this day is that the miracle of motherhood is unending, that our own life partners represent mother reincarnate, that Mother's Day provides an opportunity for us to instill in our own children the virtue of gratitude. What better time to sew the seeds of gratefulness in young minds than during those years when the children are the recipients of such unparalleled largesse. An encouragement of expression of appreciation on this day will contribute measurably to the development of the children and the success of the home.

Mother has been honored in song and story, in proverb and verse, and it is not surprising that the strongest declarations in her behalf have been made by men. She it is who understands a man best. She rejoices in his triumphs, and she is his solace in his failures.

*"If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
I know whose love would follow me still,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine;  
If I were drowned in the deepest sea,  
I know whose tears would come down to me,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine;  
If I were damned, both body and soul,  
I know whose prayers would make me whole,  
Mother o' mine."*

## IT'S THE MEANING THAT COUNTS



he speaks them as though he had thought them".

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for he who delivers his lines as though he were uttering them for the first time—the pause to think, the change of tempo, the slight uncertainty—is living, not acting, a part and creates for the theater-goer the wonderful illusion of reality, in which the beauty and meaning of the drama are conveyed fully and richly.

How splendid it would be if every Elk participating in the ritual of our Order delivered his part in such a way as to merit the accolade given to Sir Cedric. Perhaps that is asking too much, but surely, with diligent effort, we can approach more nearly his high standard. To achieve perfection in his role, Sir Cedric has carefully studied the lines that Shaw wrote; he has absorbed their meaning; the thoughts that lie behind them he has made his; no longer a Twentieth Century actor, Sir Cedric has become Caesar.

So uplifting is its sentiment and so meaningful its thought-laden phrases that our Ritual's significance is not lost even with the most careless and routine delivery. Yet how much more impressive it is when it is delivered by one who has contemplated its message, who has discovered the profound truths of human relations that are contained in it and speaks them with the earnestness and conviction that come only from deep understanding.

Perhaps our Ritualistic Contests have placed too much emphasis upon the importance of word-for-word adherence to the Ritual, to the neglect of the meaning of the words. Without question, the Ritual must be adhered to in every particular, but might it not be well to place more stress on a team's ability to convey the thoughts that transform mere words into a beautiful and meaningful message?

## ELKDOM'S INFLUENCE



The influence of Elkdom is manifested daily by our Brothers in every walk of life, thus making it a living, vital force throughout our society. That this influence is not confined to the activities that go on within our lodge rooms but reaches out to the private affairs of our Brothers is frequently demonstrated.

We recently learned of an interesting case in point. In a large western city the voters elected a slate of municipal officials composed entirely of Elks. Speaking for himself and his Brothers, one of them said.

"I am sure that my colleagues will agree with me that we have a double responsibility in our elected positions—that of not only doing a good job as public servants but to uphold and maintain the dignity of the Order of Elks, and I am sure that we will work to that end."

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