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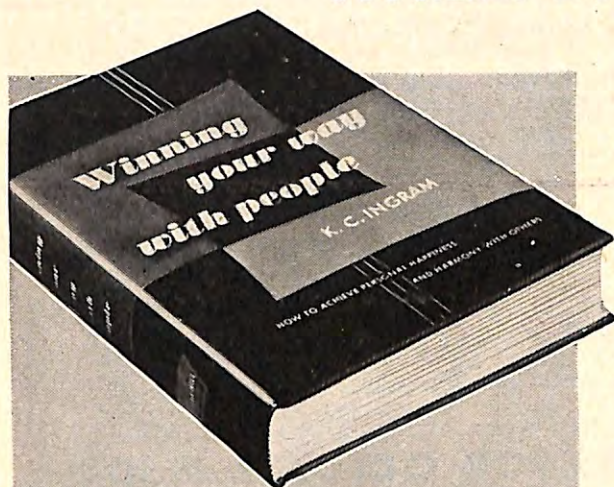
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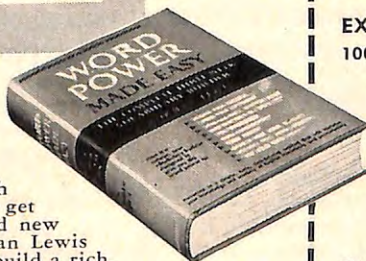
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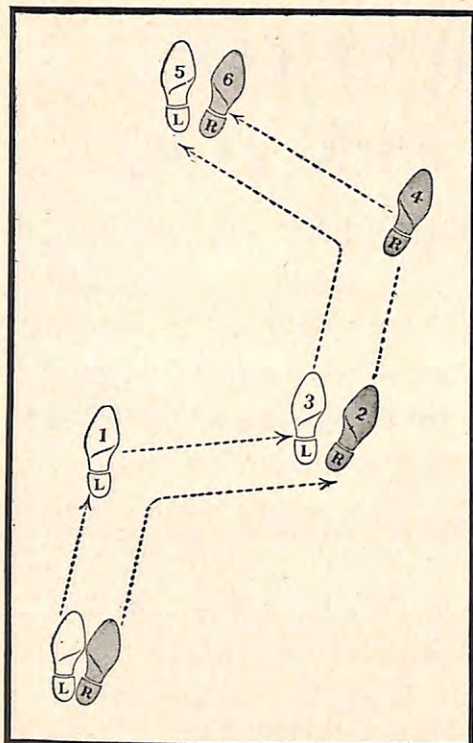
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MY BROTHERS: The first District Clinics have been held. Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of 1,573 lodges—throughout the length and breadth of our America—have sat down with their Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers to map plans for greater Lodge Community Service Programs.

As reports of these clinics pour into my office, telling me how Elksdom's leaders have grasped the ideal of concrete, practical service to the people of the communities in which their lodges are neighbors, I know that our beloved Order is moving ahead to a year of tremendous accomplishment.

America has grown great because we, the people, did the needful in our communities. America will remain great so long as we retain that feeling of community responsibility and the will to solve our local problems by ourselves in the sturdy, American fashion. That's why I have asked each Elk lodge to take the lead, to study its community, find out what its needs are, how the lodge can best serve its community to make it a better American town, and then to adopt a plan of action.

I repeat what I said at the Grand Lodge Convention in Miami. Elksdom has entered a new era,

with more than a million members, and with these eager, enthusiastic, able men working together there is no limit to what we can accomplish. These first clinics are just a start; the real work gets under way when you, my Brothers, begin to act. I am confident that when the second clinics are held in December, your Exalted Ruler will report that your lodge is engaged in new projects for community betterment.

I wish you could have been present on September 1st when my son, John, became a Brother Elk. It made me very happy when he and 18 others were initiated into my home lodge of Gary, Ind., first of what I earnestly hope will be many, many Father and Son Classes this year. Because it was the first Father and Son Class, we of Gary Lodge were signally honored when 25 of our 26 Past Grand Exalted Rulers conducted the initiation ritual. I wish that every Elk could have been there to see and hear these faithful servants of Elksdom present our Ritual in all its richness and impressiveness. It served to underscore the wealth of Elksdom's legacy, the abundance of which grows greater rather than less when we share it. I earnestly urge you to bring into our Order your son, or your brother or some other member of your family. It is a wonderfully rewarding experience.

We Americans are called on to perform what is probably the basic responsibility of free men on November 7th; that is election day. My Brothers, I suggest that you read the editorial on this subject in this issue of *The Elks Magazine*. Let no Elk be among those who value their American citizenship so cheaply that they failed to vote.

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TO FREEDOM

BY

J. Edgar Hoover

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THE world, in this mid-Twentieth Century year, lies ajar as vast ideological streams cut deep furrows through the hearts of men and souls of nations. In fact, modern day society presents a paradox, a tragic paradox: at the very time when the world should be more unified, more able, through enlightened knowledge and reason, to live in peace and harmony, it is in reality more deeply divided and hostile than ever before. While the airplane has shrunk mileages from months and days to hours and minutes, the distance from Moscow to London, from Peiping to Washington grows longer and longer. The vile brew of Communism, stirred by evil men, is repealing the progress of history and steering large areas of humanity onto the shoals of slavery and death.

This fact, horrible but true, emerges: Communism, a brutal, godless, materialistic way of life which would ruthlessly destroy the values and ideals we cherish, has made appalling advances. Within a generation Communism has catapulted from a small, militant underground coterie into a world-wide conspiracy, already embracing one-third of the earth's population, and knocking, in most literal terms, on countless other doors. Communism is a deadly menace; a scourge which threatens the very existence of Western civilization. It has altered the orderly progress of history, deflected men's hopes for a better world—whether permanently or temporarily depends, in large measure, upon the people of America, upon you and me. We must win this battle, for the alternative to victory is the erasure of freedom, perhaps forever, from the parchment of time.

Just what does Communism mean? Some individuals, unfortunately, would lead us to believe that Communism is a bewildering fantasia, a glittering masterpiece of human ingenuity and talent which should not be analyzed, but accepted; not criticized, but admired. Communism, they say, is a doctrine of salvation, propelled by destiny and given human manifestation only through specially designated prophets, Lenin, Stalin, Marx. "Enlightened people," they reason, will adhere to its tenets. To do otherwise is to fight the inevitable.

This philosophy is symptomatic of some

of the intellectual confusion which exists today in America concerning Communism. Communism is not "intellectually untouchable", or "a philosophy to be admired only". Rather, to understand Communism fully, it must be most carefully analyzed and dissected, studied and examined. The dupe of Communism lies in its ideological glitter, its faraway allure. The very moment Communism is observed at close hand, the "radiant skin" changes and the wrinkles of hate, hypocrisy, and terror appear. And the more closely we observe the actual workings of Communism—the zigs and zags, the retreats and maneuvers, the bitter discrepancy between word and deed—the more quickly we will learn its true meaning. Communism viewed under the microscope of free inquiry is a frightening picture of moral depravity, intellectual sterility and spiritual futility.

COMMUNISM, most simply defined, is terror—brutal terror over the minds, souls and bodies of men and women. The individual is but a petal to be plucked from the stem of life and then tossed aside to wither and die. The state is omnipotent, defining the opinions, conduct and actions of the people. Behind the state stands a ruling clique, all-powerful, responsible only to itself. Communism is age-old tyranny, painted with Twentieth Century slogans and catchwords. Individuals subjected to the treadmill of Communism have lost the inherent glories of freedom: the right of free speech, a free press, the free exercise of religious convictions. These are the sinews of strength in a free society, molding the personalities of independent thinking men and women. But not under Communism, destroyer of these democratic freedoms. The secret police, the concentration camp, the blood purges—these are the flags of Communism, flags which are waving on high today in many places in the world.

Communist society has room for but one thing—Communism. Everything else is suppressed. Free thought, independent reasoning, the free interplay of ideas—these cannot be tolerated. The people must think what the dominant minority wants them to think. Not only that, but everybody must think the same thing. To allow for honest differences of opinion,



various shades of belief, or disbelief itself, is to toll the bell of rebellion. The dissenter, even though the dissent be small, is brought to task. "Why," he is asked, "can you believe that when the Party says the truth is this?" The answer can only be, "I was wrong. I recant. The Party is right." To do otherwise results in drastic action, ending in the stench of an underground prison cell or on the bleak tundra of the Siberian steppes. Dissent, the lifeblood of Western democracy, is an odious outcast in the Communist world.

To be always "right", that is, to be doing exactly what the Party approves of at that moment, is an extremely difficult—and hazardous—job. The party line shifts, day by day, according to the prevailing wind. Today East is East; tomorrow East is West; the day after tomorrow East is South. Why? Because the Party says so. If the citizen happens to say something today, unaware that the Party line has shifted during the night, he will find himself, most embarrassingly, out upon an ideological limb. Then he must either, most humbly and obediently, climb back on the main trunk or find the limb sawed off underneath him by the "protectors of the state"—the very men who yesterday, were his bosom friends.

Communism makes for standardized personalities, intellectual robots dancing the current party tunes. Independent and creative thinking is too great a risk;

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News of the Lodges



● **WILLOWS, CALIF.**, Lodge, No. 1786, stakes a claim to being the first Elks group to boast a Mounted Patrol, whose first public appearance was an outstanding success.

The group numbers 22 horses and their expert riders, the latter garbed in brown riding trousers, Stetsons, white satin shirts and purple ties. The horses, among them Palominos, whites, bays, pintos and sorrels, followed their riders' leads perfectly, through intricate drills performed before an enthusiastic and admiring

crowd. The occasion was the wind-up of Willows' Cardinals' 11-day ticket-selling contest, won by Miss Jeannette Kaiser who rode off on the first prize—a pony from the Roy Rogers Ranch, equipped with a genuine Rogers saddle.

The Elks Mounted Patrol shared entertainment honors with the Chico Shrine Club's Oriental band.

The horsemen have received wide publicity and already have been invited to participate in many public events throughout the State.

● **PROVO, UTAH**, Lodge, No. 849, presented over \$1,000 to the local Swimming Pool Fund recently, in its initial gesture of a greater youth-benefit program. P.D.D. Seth Billings, Chairman of the Social and Community Welfare Committee, reports that No. 849 has launched a program for the year which will have its accent on youth.

For the past three years the Provo Elks have made a driver-trainer car available to the youth of the city, for their supervised driving training; this car was abandoned when national car manufacturers and dealers started a program to serve young people of all communities.

The swimming pool contribution of the 550 Provo Elks was accompanied by their request that the pool be available to the young people of the city by next summer.

● **HOUSTON, TEX.**, Lodge, No. 151, isn't one to overlook any of its members who boast high achievement. The latest of these is M. A. deBettencourt who was elected Grand Est. Loyal Knight of the Order in Miami. His fellow members honored him with an unusual testimonial dinner during which he received a solid gold pen and pencil set. The unique side of the affair was the fact that the usual platitudes were omitted from all speeches, heard by over 200 persons. While they toasted this hard-working popular member, they also roasted him. The butt of a series of well-produced skits, the Grand Est. Loyal Knight took it all with a grin, and even seemed to enjoy the affectionate lampooning he received that evening.

● **COLUMBUS, OHIO**, Lodge, No. 37, has purchased approximately 12 acres of land which will be the site of a recreation center for needy children, and the location of the lodge's new home.

There is every indication that the recreational center will be ready for use by the coming spring.

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Charter Night, the 42nd Anniversary of Glens Falls, N. Y., Lodge, honored the seven living Charter Members with the presentation of Life Memberships and the initiation of this fine group.



These Defiance, Ohio, P.E.R.'s meet monthly to give of their experience in solving



Left: At the Charity Baseball Game sponsored by the Mass. Elks, State Vice-Pres. Andrew A. Biggio, second from left, presented the Assn.'s \$1,000 check to Elks National Foundation Chairman John F. Malley, right. Left is Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, while second from right is Steve O'Neil, Manager of the Boston Red Sox who played the New York Yankees in this exciting and well-attended game.

Right: Oxnard, Calif., Lodge's \$5,000 check goes to the St. John's Hospital Building Fund. Left to right: Loyal Knight Carl Dwire, Fund Chairman John Maulhardt, Lead. Knight Peter Fox, E.R. W. E. Dieher.



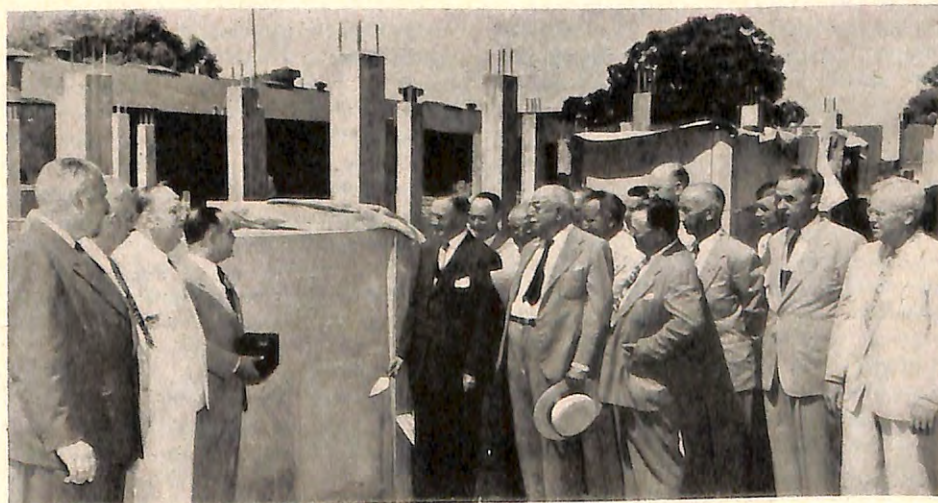
Board of Supervisors Chairman T. F. Bagshaw, left, and E.R. J. M. Lewis present gifts from the community to departing Marines of Co. C, represented by CO Lt. H. O. Swaney, when the group departed for active duty. This project was sponsored by San Rafael, Calif., Elks.



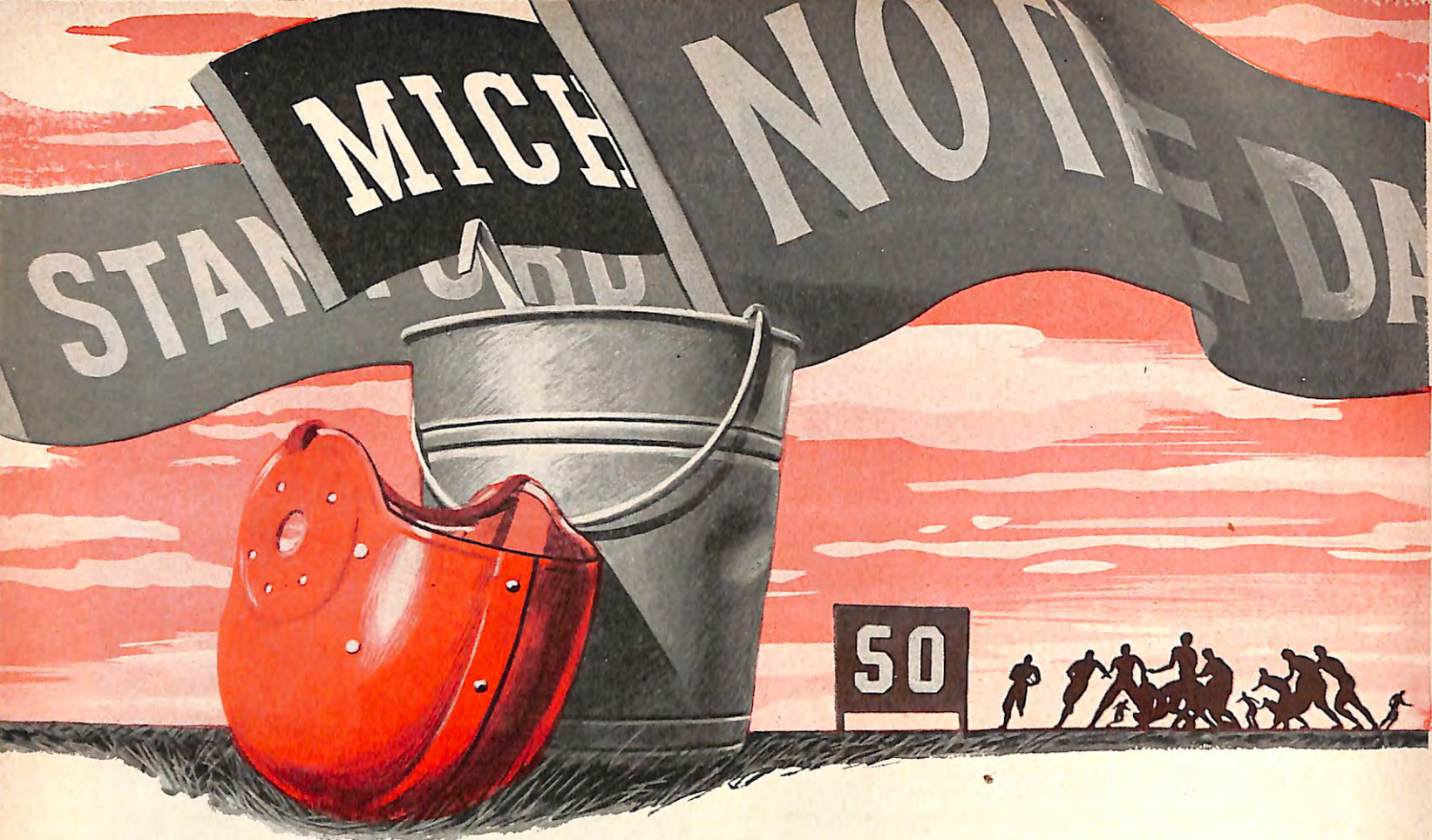
This team of sharpshooters represented Uniontown, Pa., Lodge in the Elks National Trapshooting Tournament for 1950, held in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Convention. The team proved its prowess and won the National Elk title by breaking 932 out of 1,000 targets.



Lodge problems. E.R. Darwood Weaner, standing, right, represents the members.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, right of stone, dedicates the \$350,000 addition to Atlanta, Ga., Lodge's home in the presence of E.R. J. E. McCorvey and other Elk officials.



FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Here are the college teams and players likely to make the headlines this fall.

BY STANLEY WOODWARD

AT THIS season of the year, the professional football coach views darkly his own team and sees outstanding merit in those of his rivals. The prognosticator, therefore, must proceed with caution, always bearing in mind the unreliability of coaches in discussing their chances for a successful season, and scanning the college rosters for the names of veterans with known ability and sophomores who may have it.

We have just completed a football survey for the editors of *The Elks Magazine* and we can report that the G.I.'s are gone from the scene and college ball is back to pre-war normalcy; more coaches have changed jobs than in any one year we can remember; the T formation is the vehicle of attack in 80 per cent of the colleges, and there are more good football teams across the country than at any time since 1941.

The best evidence prompts the conjecture that Notre Dame will again be the

nation's top team when all the returns are in.

A whole generation has come and gone since Rockne first put the Irish on the football map. Their current streak dates back to November, 1945, when Army, then fortified with the great backs, Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard, won lopsidedly in Yankee Stadium. Since then the only non-victories in the Notre Dame record have been a tie with Army in 1946 and another with Southern California in 1948. They had a close call at Dallas last December, when Southern Methodist sprang a special offense and turned loose against them a great back in Kyle Rote.

Therefore, habit, supported by logic, prompts this observer to rank Notre Dame at the top despite the deep pessimism of coach Frank Leahy and the loss by graduation of a flock of great players. Among the departed are Red Sitko, fullback; Leon Hart, All-American end; Jim Martin and Ralph McGeehee, tackles,

and quite a flock of first-class halfbacks.

The top asset surviving is Bobby Williams, the quarterback, who took over as a junior last year, guided the team with intelligence and fire and completed damaging passes against each opponent. The present supporting cast includes about half of last year's regulars and a reputedly powerful sophomore delegation. This is by no means a made-to-order football team, but Leahy's coaching. Williams' quarterbacking and a comparatively easy schedule appear to assure its future.

There are plenty of other first-class football teams: Army, for instance, which can make a championship claim if it should beat Michigan and Stanford, its chief extra-sectional opponents. Conversely, Michigan and Stanford appear unduly powerful and are favorites respectively for the Big Ten and Pacific Coast championships.

Oklahoma, a little thinner than last year when it topped off an unbeaten season with a 40 to 0 victory over Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl, still is a factor in the national ranking. So are Texas, favorite for the Southwestern Championship, and Tennessee, which seems ready to resume her old place at the top of the Southeastern Conference after a period of post-war rebuilding. General Bob Neyland, coach of the Volunteers, is celebrating his 25th anniversary as mahout of the



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DONALD F. MOSS

Knoxville forces this year and a rise in Tennessee fortunes would be most appropriate.

Though the T formation is the principal vehicle of attack this year, as it has been since the war, there are some good teams which will move from the single-wing formation and other direct passing alignments. Among them are Michigan, Tennessee, Duke, North Carolina, University of California at Los Angeles and Southern Methodist, where Rusty Russell has replaced Matty Bell as coach.

Another post-war development, the two-platoon system, under which different sets of players are employed for offense and defense, now appears to be generally accepted in principle if not in practice. Many coaches who used it last fall now say they will go back to the one-team plan on the theory that it is desirable to keep the best men in the game as much as possible. Only those who have a couple of dozen top performers, such as Army, will go all the way with it.

There have been great changes in the coaching lineup since a year ago. University of Pittsburgh, under the athletic directorship of Capt. Tom Hamilton, U.S. Navy retired, has supplanted Mike Milligan with Len Casanova who, as coach at Santa Clara, turned out a string of great football teams. Forest Evashevski, who won fame as quarterback and chief blocker at Michigan in the Tom Harmon era, has taken over at Washington State.

Navy has replaced George Sauer with Eddie Erdelatz, assistant at Annapolis during the second regime of Capt. Hamilton. Sauer has gone to Baylor, replacing

Bob Woodruff, who has undertaken the job of reviving Florida. Rip Engle has moved to Penn State and the spot he vacated at Brown has been given to Gus Zitrides, his line coach.

Art Valpey left Harvard for a smaller job at Connecticut and has been succeeded by Lloyd Jordon, long-time coach and athletic director at Amherst. Arkansas has a new coach in Otis Douglas and Holy Cross has brought back Dr. Eddie Anderson, who was succeeded at Iowa by Leonard Rafensperger.

VIEWING the nation sectionally, the Middle West seems to be the strongest over all even when you consider only the Big Ten Conference and do not sweeten the situation by talking about Notre Dame. At this stage Michigan and Ohio State are regarded as the top contenders for the championship, with Illinois as the "show horse" in the early line, and the rest regarded as dangerous but definite underdogs.

Indiana may turn out to be a spoiler of some virulence, for the Bloomington force, building in 1949, is the youngest team in the Conference and has one of its most lethal backs in Bob Robertson.

Michigan has a ready-made backfield with Chuck Ortman at tailback, Don Dufek at full and Leo Koceski on the wing. Bill Putich, who spent most of last season sitting on the bench and rushing in at critical times to call the play which the board of strategy considered apropos, should make a first-class quarterback.

The line material is not as plenteous as it was in the G.I. era, a condition

which Coach Bennie Oosterbaan thinks may force him to modify the two-platoon system. Nevertheless, there are some top-bottle linemen, including Capt. Allen (Brick) Wahl, who could be the country's outstanding tackle.

Michigan's style, which has been copied here and there through the country by less distinguished teams, is the unique device of Fritz Crisler, coach emeritus. The team lines up in an unbalanced T and shifts 90 per cent of the time into variations of the single wing. Only enough T plays are run to keep the defense honest.

Ohio State, which rival Conference coaches believe has an equal chance with Michigan for the title, is a young and developing team so full of ability that it is difficult to single operatives out for special mention. This is perhaps the deepest team in the Middle West, with strength in all positions, and a potential two-platoon front. Bill Trautwein, 240-pound tackle, and Vic Janowicz, a rapid halfback, are the ranking stars.

Illinois has the best running back in the Conference in John Karsas. This team also has fair balance and depth but, being a T team, appears handicapped by lack of a mature quarterback to replace the graduated Bernie Krueger.

Northwestern seems to have been badly cut up by graduation, and Minnesota has lost a good many of the men who held the fort last year. Purdue has lost Harry Szulborski, its great open-field runner, but still has John Kerestes, fullback, who some consider the best back in the Big

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JOHNNY APPLESEED goes to town

—with community reforestation projects for fun, health and profit.

BY DICKSON HARTWELL

UP-AND-COMING cities and towns are planting municipal forests for fun and profit. Waste lands, abandoned or worn-out farms that can't be sold for taxes and ugly, scarred industrial dumps are being converted to woodland idylls, ideal for recreation and game preserves, that often pay a handsome dividend.

In 1938 the city fathers of Troy, Maine, were worried. In the wake of the de-

pression, worn-out farms were being abandoned. The land was worthless and couldn't be sold. Instead of providing taxes to support the town, these farms were a liability. Then someone suggested, since they couldn't do anything else with the land, they might as well plant some trees on it. So Troy started a town forest on 1,000 eroded acres. To date the town has received a net income of 89 cents an acre, compared with an average tax of 33 cents an acre. In six years this civic forest venture produced

a fund of \$4,000 toward a new school building.

Tiny Newington, New Hampshire, the first community in this country to own its own woodland, has a miniature forest of only 110 acres. Yet this tract has supplied materials to help build the village church, town hall, parsonage, school and library. It has provided planks and timbers for bridges and as much as 30 cords of wood annually for heating public buildings.

Sometimes profits are large. Nearby

Manchester has a 5,200-acre municipal watershed forest that brings in from \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year from timber sales. Oneonta, New York, has taken in more than \$15,000 from 1,200 acres. Springfield, Illinois, has a municipal forest of 4,300 acres which provides the city with water, electric power and a revenue of more than \$50,000 a year from residential and recreational use.

Their value for conservation is enormous. The floor of a forest sops up rain water like a sponge. Tests made in Ohio showed the top inch absorbed 50 times as much as a neighboring farm pasture. Most people are aware of the costly loss of valuable, irreplaceable top soil through erosion, but few know that the direct cost of silted reservoirs can be very great and could be reduced to insignificance by properly forested watersheds.

LACKING proper forest protection, a municipal reservoir near Spartanburg, South Carolina, costing \$470,000, lost 17 per cent of its original storage capacity in eight years. A \$2,000,000 reservoir near Waco, Texas, filled one-fifth with silt six years after it was built. The Gibraltar reservoir near Santa Barbara, California, was one-third full of silt 16 years after it was built. In one area in the South 13 dams, averaging 30 feet in height, have completely filled with eroded material.

The high cost of the damage by erosion to clogged stream channels and highways sparked the citizens of Allegany County, New York, to establish a 2,500-acre, county-wide forest system. It is now one of a series of forests that has from two to five million trees in each of the state's 52 counties. This year most of these new stands will yield their first major income through pulp wood, fuel wood and Christmas trees.

Though their economic value is quickly evident, the worth of community forests is demonstrated in other ways, too. Of utmost importance is the growing need nearly everywhere for larger supplies of pure water. A town may need it for drinking, but the farmer needs it for growing his crops. The alarming rate at which our underground water supplies are diminishing in many parts of the country is one of the most serious depletions of a natural resource ever faced by any nation. With more forests this essential supply could be renewed.

A forest can become an important community asset by providing a fascinating recreational area. Many of our great state and national forests are hundreds of miles from people who would like to enjoy them. But with a community woodland nearby, the simple fun of picnicking and tramping through the woods can be realized by nearly everyone.

The city of Frederick, Maryland, offers an excellent example of intelligent overall planning. Its watershed forest covers 6,200 acres and serves as effective protection for its vital water supply. The

stream feeding its reservoir has been stocked with trout and the woods harbor rapidly increasing stocks of game such as rabbits, wild turkeys, pheasant and deer. Thousands of cords of wood have been cut and, through proper management, a steady supply always will be available. In certain areas where there is no danger of contaminating the water supply, camping and picnicking are permitted. Instead of erosion threatening its water, Frederick has provided its people with a source of great pleasure and cash revenue.

The effect of forest growth on fishing is known to every sportsman. Not only does it encourage cold water lovers like trout, but warm-water fish as well. In Missouri, two adjacent streams were studied. The valley slopes of the first had virtually no trees and the muddied waters carried only a few desirable bass, but many carp and suckers. The second stream had fair tree protection and the stream was practically clear. The bass abounded.

The growing importance of woodland preserves for relaxation also is indicated in the development by Champaign County in Illinois of the Lake of the Woods, a 260-acre tract bordering the Sangamon River. Lake of the Woods is one of ten similar projects developed by as many counties in heavily populated Illinois. This recently organized forest preserve district doubtless will become one of the great recreational areas of the country, as well as a valuable source of timber. It now includes an 18-acre, spring-fed lake for swimming, boating and fishing; a huge athletic field; picnic grounds; camping areas and horse and hiking trails through the deep woodland. So they may learn its value, the public school children participate in the forest conservation program and the woods are used for nature study classrooms.

As a new kind of classroom, school superintendents find town forests invaluable. They provide outdoor and living laboratories for study of botany, geology, entomology, forestry and allied sciences.

They also are effective for other subjects. One music teacher gathered her class at the foot of tall pines, held up her hand for silence and then let the children listen to the music of the wind as it sighed through the tops of the great trees. Entranced, the children called it the song of the pines and endeavored to catch its mood and meter while the teacher played the song on a violin. By thus bringing them to the music of nature—pure music—the children learned a lesson they would not soon forget.

AN INSTRUCTOR in manual arts and mathematics led his class in surveying a site for a shelter cabin in the school forest. Then the class designed and erected the structure. Such practical class work greatly stirred the imagination of the pupils. When the boys in another school devoted a day to planting seedlings, the girls in the domestic science class

worked out a menu which they could prepare and serve to the workers on the job.

Spreading appreciation of the forest, planted and maintained by students, as a valuable adjunct to school life, has resulted in the establishment of 1,300 school forests throughout the country.

Fraternal and social welfare organizations also are recognizing their merit. The Al Sihah Boy Scout Forest near Macon, Georgia, is an example. It was started for the scouts by a Masonic lodge on a 236-acre tract of cut-over woodland. For the last ten years this planting has provided 100,000 board feet of timber and income to the scouts has reached \$2,000 a year. Profit from these sales is appropriately used to improve a similar forest of 500 acres for Negro scouts, Camp Benjamin Hawkins.

Though community forests are relatively novel in the United States—there are 3,000 of them covering 4,500,000 acres—they are as much a part of municipal life in some sections of Europe as the city hall. In Switzerland nearly two-thirds of all forests are owned by communities, and in pre-war France and Germany at least a fifth of all forests belonged to towns. They range in size from 100 acres up to 62,000 and many of them produce a revenue of \$5.00 an acre a year. In one year just before the war the forest owned by the city of Baden-Baden produced a gross income of \$340,000. The operating expenses (172 employees worked in its 13,000 acres) were \$222,210, leaving a handsome profit of \$117,790.

THE famous Grunewald forest of Berlin produced an average net profit for 12 pre-war years of \$152,000 and provided the metropolis with all the advantages of a city park. One village in Bavaria has only 139 people but its forest of 63 acres has averaged an annual income of \$1,608 for ten years. The woodlands owned by five small villages in another area produce more income for each family than the amount of their tax bills. Another village of only 1,000 population was able in seven years to build a \$6,400 kindergarten home and a \$40,000 reservoir pipe line from the income produced by its small forest.

Such concentrated forest farming would greatly benefit the U. S. Except for a few desert areas, practically every county in the country needs a community or organization forest. Hundreds of thousands of idle acres—land that nobody wants—are available. Cut over land, abandoned farms, swamps, eroding mountain slopes, gorges, gullies and even sand dunes, which no private owner can afford to keep and which become a burden to the taxpayer, can be turned to profitable use. The cost of development is infinitesimal. Usually the state forestry department provides seedlings free and under most conditions an experienced man can plant 1,000 of them a day.

Hand planted seedlings now cover mil-

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The Grand Exalted Ruler Launches Father-Son Classes

Right: Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, fifth from left, front row, with the Past Grand Exalted Rulers who conducted the initiation of the Father and Son Class of Gary, Ind., Lodge. At the Grand Exalted Ruler's right is his son, John M. Kyle, who was one of the candidates.



Below: Olympia, Wash., Lodge introduces the Baker family group. Left to right, foreground: Richard, Kenneth and A. C. Baker, the father, all P.E.R.'s, and Esquire Frank Baker. Also shown are Edwin J. Alexander of the Lodge Activities Committee, D.D. George Warren and Exalted Ruler William Bennett.



Right: E.R. Vern R. Huck of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge congratulates John Kelly, Sr., on the initiation of his three World War II veteran sons. Left to right, background: P.E.R. Dr. W. H. Cookson, John Kelly, Jr., and Olin Kelly. Foreground: John Kelly, Sr., Wilbur Kelly and Exalted Ruler Huck.



THE first Father and Son Class in Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle's program to share Elksdom's legacy was initiated by Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152, September 1st with 25 of the Order's 26 Past Grand Exalted Rulers participating in the Ritual. John M. Kyle, son of the Grand Exalted Ruler was one of the 19 Elk sons who composed the class.

At the close of the unusual and impressive ceremony, Mr. Kyle expressed the hope that, "The example of devotion set by these Brothers who have served our Order so long and so faithfully will inspire every lodge to form a Father and Son Class."

The Past Grand Exalted Rulers and the

positions they filled were: E. Mark Sullivan, Exalted Ruler, assisted by Raymond Benjamin; John F. Malley, Esteemed Leading Knight, assisted by John S. McClelland; Henry C. Warner, Esteemed Loyal Knight, assisted by Emmett T. Anderson; L. A. Lewis, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, assisted by Floyd E. Thompson; George I. Hall, Esquire, assisted by Dr. Edward J. McCormick; Wade H. Kepner, Inner Guard, assisted by Frank J. Lonergan; David Sholtz, Chaplain, assisted by Bruce A. Campbell; Grand Secretary J. E. Masters, Secretary, assisted by Charles S. Hart; Charles H. Grakelow, Treasurer, assisted by James G. McFarland. John R. Coen assisted

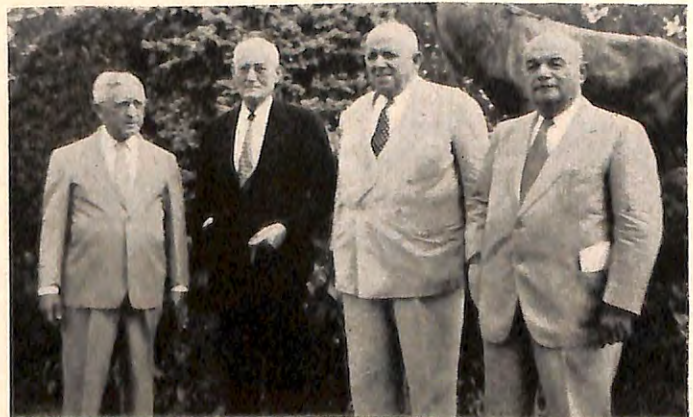
P.E.R. Frank J. McMichael of Gary Lodge in rendering the Thanatopsis, and Judge James T. Hallinan, James R. Nicholson, William H. Atwell, Michael F. Shannon, Robert S. Barrett and Charles E. Broughton made welcoming addresses.

South Bend, Ind., Lodge's Ritualistic Team, State Champion and winner of second place in the 1950 National Ritualistic Contest, opened and closed the lodge session, assisted by Niles, Mich., Lodge's Drill Team. The Elks of South Bend Lodge entertained with vocal selections.

E.R. T. T. Thews of Gary Lodge introduced Robert L. DeHority, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, who served as Master of Ceremonies.



The Grand Exalted Ruler, third from left, foreground, with Mrs. Kyle and welcoming local Elk officials, pictured at the Billings, Mont., airport.



At the Elks National Home, left to right: Home Supt. Robert Scott, Home Lodge E.R. D. F. Edgington, Mr. Kyle, Grand Trustee Howard R. Davis.

in the Doghouse

Ed Faust



The Gay Nineties were far from that for pups.

I DON'T know who originated the phrase "The Gay Nineties", but I do know that I'm a little weary of it. As a matter of fact, I'm willing to lay eight to five that I can't spare, that the folks who sentimentalize about those dear dead days either never lived through them or—if they did—they've forgotten what they really were like. I'll go further and ask, "What in-a-censored-word was so gay about them?" Now, don't take this as the fulminations of a graduate of the Terrible Twenties, because I can do some harking back to the time I smoked my first cigarette, when the only tailor-mades were Sweet Caps, and I think I got two for a cent. All right, if you're old enough, you put a date on it.

The writers of nostalgic literature and the conversational do-you-remember-when clique would have us believe that with the turn of the Century the lights went out and with them better times and better living. Did they? Let's see, just for the sake of argument, how gay those so-called Naughty Nineties were. Even conceding that they may have been frolicsome to a privileged few, here's what plain John Citizen, circa 1950, missed: There were no automobiles, so if you wanted to take the family for a breather in the country you either boarded a trolley that gave your liver a workout or, if you were in the chips (and you had to be to keep a horse in the city), you'd harness Dobbin for an adventurous all-day journey of some ten miles into God's country. As I gather, those jaunts were only taken on Sundays, or the more infrequent holidays of that period. There were no movies; if you lacked the urge for the outdoors, or didn't have a horse, come Sunday you stayed home and looked at stereopticons of Niagara Falls or made fudge. Radio? It wasn't even a gleam in the eyes of Arthur Godfrey's father.

Now, for today—shorter working hours, more time and facilities for recreation, better food and, if the insurance tables aren't kidding us, better all-around health

and longer life expectancy for most of us, regardless of our bankrolls. True, the halcyon Nineties were free of that boring institution, the cocktail hour—and, it must be admitted, it didn't know the terror of the atom bomb and the aerial blitz that promises to make the fighting front a comparatively safe place today. But, men, if you remember, the gals hadn't yet elbowed us out of our cigar stores and barbershops.

The Gay Nineties weren't much fun for Fido either. There were far fewer humane societies, and in those days our four-legged friend ate the scraps from his master's plate and was lucky to get them. Today the pooch commands the services of hundreds of nutritional experts to devise more wholesome diets for him.

It isn't so long since quite a few

folks thought a "vet" was a survivor of Bull Run. A doctor for a dog—come off your perch! Today, it's a rare city that doesn't boast quite a few veterinarians, and you'll find hundreds of them throughout the country in smaller communities. What's more, if you're situated where a vet is unavailable, the nearest drug store offers a variety of advertised medicines for your pup's more simple sicknesses. It seems only yesterday that the traveler accompanied by his pooch was regarded as a social outcast by hotel owners. Not today; scores of hotels and motor courts welcome them, and if you don't believe me I can get you a whole list of them. Yes, in these times Fido is in luck; in the Gay Nineties he was lucky to be alive.

While for thousands of years the dog was valued by certain races as a working

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Dogs on Parade



Meet the English Setter

Friend to anyone who likes an intelligent, affectionate dog—and the English setter is that. Breed is at least 400 years old. Weight ranges from 50 to 70 pounds. Coat should be flat, not curly. Tail and legs "feathered". Height (at shoulder) 22 to 25 ins. Muzzle, long and square. Colors for English variety are black, white and tan; black and white; blue and white; lemon and

white; orange and white; solid white; liver and white. Blue, lemon, orange or liver beltons (flecks of color on white). Llewellyn type not a distinct breed; merely a family strain. Name derived from dogs' taught to crouch—or "set"—to avoid entanglement in nets cast for game. This is the second of our "Dogs on Parade" Series by Ed Faust, with illustration by Edwin Megargee.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN THIS ENGLISH SETTER DRAWING? SEE PAGE 47.

Scout Sponsorship Bulletin



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JANESVILLE, WIS.

INTEREST in Scout activities is continuing to grow throughout Elksdom. From time to time, the Magazine publicizes these activities and on these pages we include photographic evidence of Elk-Scout cooperation about which we have heard recently.

The familiar Candlelight Services of the Scouts are delineated in the Billings, Mont., and Laredo, Tex., photographs here. Relative to the latter ceremony, it is interesting to note that this was the first service of its kind held outside the Scout's District Court Room in Laredo. The local Elks have since purchased a special clubhouse for the boys.

The Newport News, Va., boys are a Sea Scout group, one of the hundreds which are sponsored by various lodges, while The Dalles-Hood River, Ore., photograph represents cooperation of two lodges in the sponsorship of the Scouts in a widespread area. Each of these lodges is donating \$3,000 to this project, over a 12-month period, a major step in assisting the Portland Area Council. In 1946, that area had only 35 Scout units with about 485 boys; at the end of 1949 it had 61 units, 1149 members. Realizing the need for a second Field Executive to handle the program, the Elks' contributed this money to make that possible, in order to increase the benefits of Scouting throughout this area.

Incidentally, while on the subject of Elk interest in the Scouts, it is worth noting the fact that such interest seems to be hereditary in the families of real Elks. Miss Catherine Tindale, whose father was an active member of New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1, for many years, and whose grandfather, John J. Tindale, Sr., was Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order in 1882-83, is devoting a great deal of her time and efforts to working with Sea Scout Ship No. 282 in Broad Channel, Long Island, N. Y. This is the group which recently originated, and presented, the World Friendship Flag as its contribution toward the establishment of better understanding and more friendly relations with all nations. The boys recognized its possibilities after their correspondence with the Scouts in 13 foreign lands and, as a gesture of brotherhood, made up a banner representing the flags of each of these countries surrounding our own National Emblem. This unique

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Medieval Mail

The knights of the Middle Ages were really rugged—and had to be for their tournaments.

BY PHILIP HARKINS

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A FEW years ago, some bright young brain contributing ideas to the national horse show in an atmosphere of hay, alfalfa and other props, came up with the proposal that two horsemen become knights for the night.

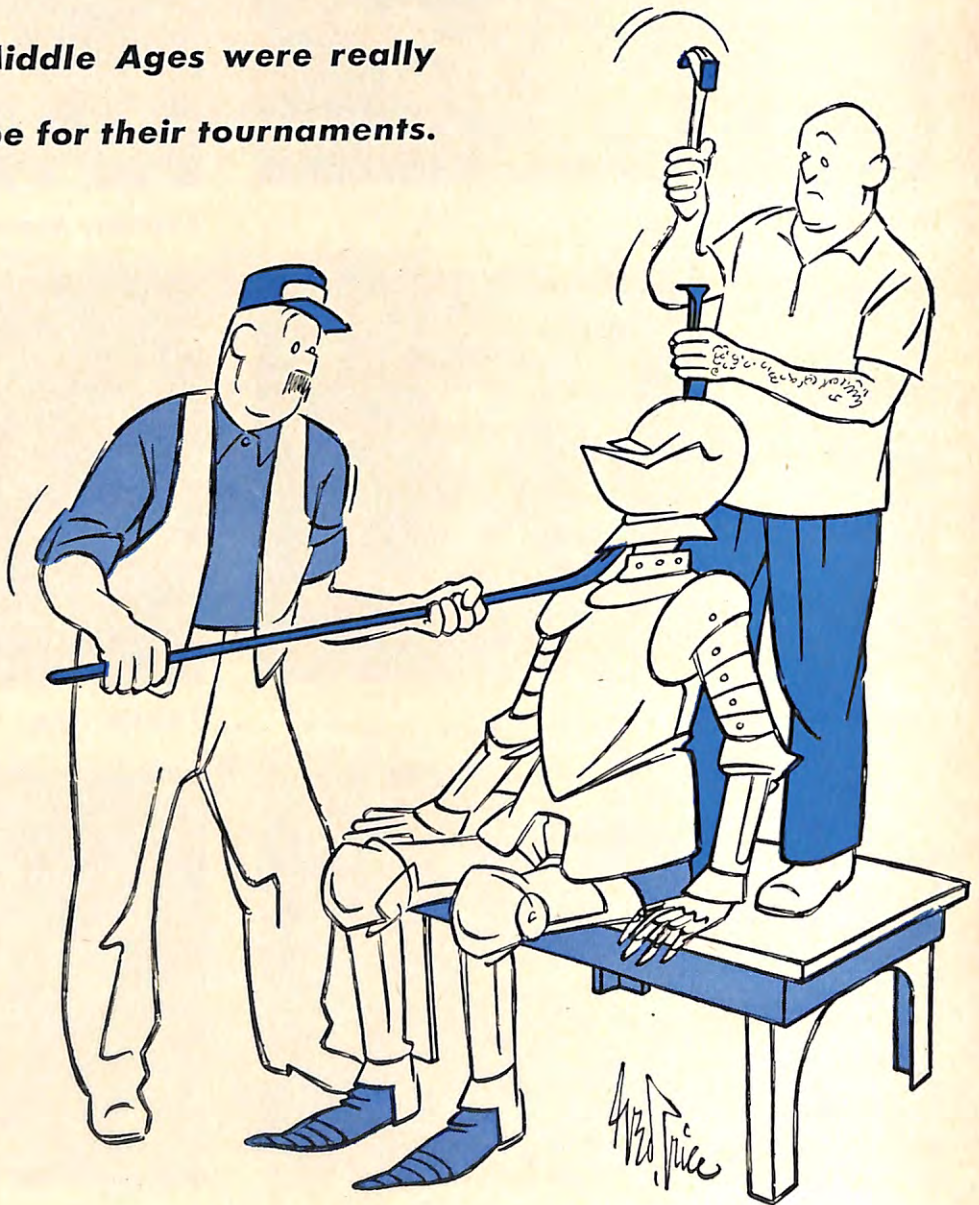
This project was greeted with great enthusiasm. Armor was forged by a farrier; breastplates and helmets were rented from a theatrical costumer; two innocent horsemen were prevailed upon; two nags requisitioned. Even a "dill" was erected. In jousting, a "dill" is a barrier that prevents equine collisions as well as low blows from the lances.

It was something of a spectacle. The arena was darkened. Then two spotlights, straying over the sawdust, picked up the two refugees from the bridle paths of the metropolis. Their armor glowed under the strong lights, their lances dipped, their horses pranced.

Drinking its beer, munching its peanuts, the crowd conjured up images of King Arthur and the Round Table, Merlin the Magician, Richard the Lionhearted and Laurence the Olivier. It was a stirring sight. The beer gurgled, the peanuts crunched, the trumpets blew, the knights galloped.

Unfortunately, the lances of the knights had been treated with turpentine. As the horses pounded up to the "dill", they sniffed the turpentine with their flaring nostrils, suspected a glue factory and shied away. The crowd guffawed; several varlets ran out; the horses were once more persuaded to charge.

This time the knights came to blows. There was a crunch, a clank and one knight soared out of his saddle onto the sawdust. Touché! Tilted! The crowd cheered, the lights came on, the varlets ran out and helped the unhorsed knight out of the arena. With a burst of applause, a few laughs and a giggle, the audience returned to the pleasures of the



20th Century and the graceful accomplishments of the jumping team from the Irish Free State, under the leadership of Captain Sean O'Glomorra.

But what of the victorious knight and his valiant steed? Where had they ridden off to? Back to the crenellated castle up the Thames? No. The victorious knight eventually was discovered in a dank room under section E, helmet in hand, gasping and crying, "Gemme outta here; I can't breathe!"

What caused all this painful panic was the poor knight's helmet, which had become stuck, threatening the unlucky horseman with carbon dioxide and claustrophobia. Well, there was "quite a do",

as they say back in Buckingham Palace. The varlets had to run for wrenches and hammers, chisels and screwdrivers. Finally, with much straining and grunting and cursing, the knight was exhumed. As he clanked away, his face a delicate Gainsborough blue, he was heard to say, "Jes lemme get my hands on the guy who dreamed up that act! And lissen, don' let anyone ever tell ya that those knights had it easy. Gor almighty, I don' see how they stood it in that straitjacket. Why, I almost suffocated!"

Suffocated? He almost suffocated? Why, the varlet! Listen, my fellow nobles, in a tournament near Cologne in the year 1240, 60 knights—not six, 60—

died in a frenzied clash of horse and armor and most of the deaths were caused by suffocation! The poor chaps were choked by the huge thick clouds of dust hoofed up by the horses in the violence and speed of the combat.

Let us go back, not just for a minute like the crowd in the darkened arena, but for a more leisurely and even somewhat scholarly interval, back over the centuries to the Middle Ages, and see how the real knights fought their battles on horseback in some of the liveliest scenes from a lusty and romantic and extremely bruising period in the history of France and England.

Jousting was the football of the Middle Ages. It was a thrilling, bloody and sometimes fatal substitute for war. It was performed simply on the village green between a handful of knights, and elaborately on royal terrain, like the Field of the Cloth of Gold, a title given to a fantastically sumptuous meeting between Henry VIII of England and Francois I of France in 1520. It was done for love, for fun and for money. It was a super-spectacle with its silks and satins, minstrels and troubadors, or it was just a quick dash and a jounce in front of the local pub.

Jousting was a very rough-and-tumble sport. The men of the Middle Ages were really rugged, although they were a full foot shorter and half a hundred pounds lighter than some of our gridiron gladiators. In the Middle Ages, men ruled the roost not only with an iron fist but with small iron spikes on each knuckle—brass knuckles were something to be used when you were just kidding. Sons were wrenched from mothers at the age of seven, to be toughened up for the rigorous life to come. At the age of 14, every young noble who survived became an esquire at a religious ceremony and followed his knight to the particular war in progress at the time, or to a tournament. The esquire helped the knight get his armor on, pried him loose when the contest was over and dressed his wounds with the Band-Aids of the day. At the age of 21, the esquire became a knight at another ceremony, at which he knelt while the royal sword touched his gallant shoulder. Now he was ready to grunt his way into a suit of heavy and costly armor with its hauberk or iron jacket, its chaussees or shinguards, its iron gauntlets with pretty iron ruffles which made them pliable. Clamping on his iron helmet with its grilled visor and its four round holes for hearing and airing, the knight

was ready to do battle, in the words of Chaucer, "wel cowde" (covered), he "sitte" (sit) on "hors" (horse) and "faire ryde" (giddyap).

War was the sport of kings and jousting the sport of knights. "Youth must have seen the blood flow," wrote a chronicler of the day, "felt his teeth crack under the blow of the adversary and been thrown to the ground twenty times if, when he faced real war, he hoped to emerge victorious."

It might seem that jousting was a little rough on the horses, like bullfights on the bulls, but it was part of the knight's code to avoid cruelty to animals. At the Field of the Cloth of Gold, one of the rules read, "Who so striketh a horse shall have no prize." Paradoxically, it was the custom to cut off the tail of the horse of the defeated knight and if this doth seem hard on the horse, think how much harder it might have been on the knight—for example when jousting was part of the judicial system.

For a while, jousting was used as a means of settling disputes—it did away with all this nonsense about lawyers and juries—and a knight might not only be rammed off his steed and clanked on the terrain but then, to his disgrace and dismay, he could be carted off to the executioner.

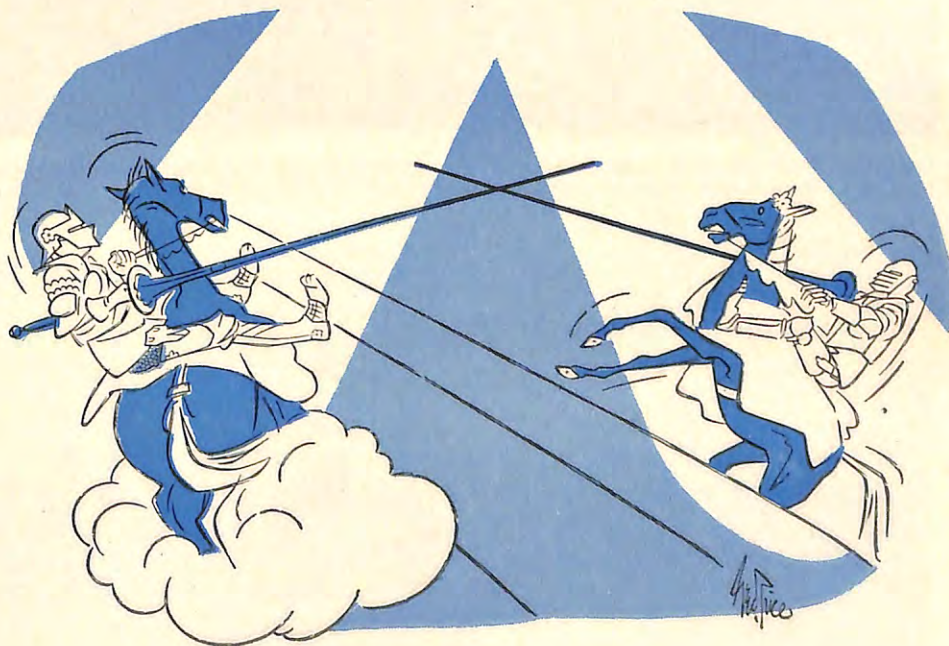
Consider the terrible fate of a knight named Jacques le Gris (Jack Graypuss) who fought a knight named Jean de Carogne (Jean de Carogne). This joust was to serve as a trial, for the fair wife of Jean de Carogne had accused Jacques le Gris of making a pass at her, and the issue was to be settled by combat on horseback. So Jean de Carogne rode to battle with the fire of vengeance glinting behind his slotted visor, while Jack Graypuss had no such incentive. There was

the rhythmic thud of hoofs, the crack of the lance against armor, the bump of the armored butt against the ground, and Mme. de Carogne's sensational charge was adjudged by this contest as true and valid—for Jacques le Gris had been tilted. Still sore and shaken, Graypuss was carted off to the executioner.

FRONTIER justice was child's play compared to the crude legal processes of the knights, for if in this joust Jean de Carogne had been tilted, then this would have indicated that Mme. de Carogne had lied and she would have paid for that lie by being burned at the stake. In those days before judges and juries, prospective litigants were well repaid for the practice they put into their lance-work.

Jitters before the joust was dealt with very sternly. The Earl of Carlisle disgraced himself by refusing to gallop forth against a sturdy opponent. The earl got the works. First of all, the officials in charge of the tournament broke the earl's own sword over his own head—fortunately, he had his helmet on at the time or it might have been just like opening a can of vegetable soup. Then the chairman of the committee on iron equipment picked up an ordinary cook's meat cleaver, or a cook's ordinary meat cleaver, and forthwith chopped off the rest of the earl's uniform, plate by plate, right down to the spurs. Finally, the tournament officials, carried away by their own indignation, chopped the tail off the earl's horse. Ah, where was the Animal Rescue League that fateful day? To top it all off, the officials then ordered that the local church toll its deathbell. All in all, they really changed the earl's oil—and it was a bad day for his horse, too.

The same thing happened in France
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War was the sport of kings and jousting the sport of knights.

Right: Here is one of the largest classes ever initiated in the history of Grinnell, Ia., Lodge, photographed with the initiating officers.

Below: Police and Elk officials of Newton, Mass., with some of the youngsters who were instructed during the Elk-sponsored Bicycle Safety Program, conducted by P.E.R. Thomas L. McEnaney, Chairman of the Mass. Elks Assn. Safety Committee. After passing a field test, the children received a gold-lettered blue ribbon; outstanding cyclists received special awards, all donated by the Newton membership.



NEWS OF THE LODGES

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● **NEW JERSEY ELKS** Crippled Children's Committee Reports are always interesting to read. The 28th Annual Report is no exception, listing as it does not only the Committee's work but that of the individual lodges as well.

One item is the \$1,000,000 Building Program of the famed Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children. The campaign will be completed as soon as additional funds have been made available; at present the project has reached the half-way mark.

Wishing to establish a medium to bring added funds for the sponsorship of crippled children work, the New Jersey group adopted the Easter Shield Campaign—a project similar to the Tuberculosis Christmas Seals. This year the lodges, as well as individual Elks, contributed, resulting in the realization of about \$13,000, which, added to previously contributed funds, made a total of \$35,000 for the conduct of a drive in 17 counties, which brought in \$78,980.21.

The Committee's work includes finding and registering cripples, examination, hospitalization, physical therapy, providing artificial appliances, rehabilitation of amputees, vocational training, employment placement and many other important points.



State Assn. Pres. Jack A. C. Johansen, seated second from left with his fellow lodge officers, was honored by the initiation of 27 men, standing, who became members of Mount Holly, N. J., Lodge.



This is how the Elks Mounted Patrol of Willows, Calif., Lodge appeared in its first public performance.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, right, and E.R. L. L. Wynans, center, present Tacoma, Wash., Lodge's \$100 gift reward to 15-year-old Bonnie Mae Brown, who rescued five young children from their burning home. This award is one of the lodge's Youth Activities.



Some of the children from seven orphanages who enjoyed the Picnic given by Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge. Each child received gifts; prizes were awarded in games. As usual, Secy. Adam Martin, former President of the West Virginia State Elks Association, managed the event.



Chairman J. A. Cosgrove of the Mercy Hospital Replacement Fund Clubs Division, second from left, receives Davenport, Ia., Lodge's \$10,000 contribution from E.R. Frank Palmer. Treas. F. L. Woodward, left, and Edw. Thoensen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, right, look on.



Alameda, Calif., Lodge's \$1,000 baseball game proceeds go to the Children's Home Society. Pictured are P.E.R. Robt. Smale, ex-Giants star John Vergez, Winifred Cobbledick, E.R. J. E. Bertrand, Manuel Duarte, originator of the annual Major-Minor All-Star Game idea.

● **GRIFFIN, GA.**, Lodge, No. 1207, is accepting best wishes on its 40th Anniversary. The celebration of this memorable event had two of the lodge's Charter Members on hand for a picnic-style dinner on the lodge's clubhouse lawn, and later members and their ladies gathered in the lodge hall to hear an inspired address by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland. P.E.R. C. J. Williams was General Chairman for this well-planned program, at which State Pres. Clay Davis, State Secy. Robert E. Lee Reynolds, Roderick M. McDuffie, former Grand Lodge State Assns. Committeeman, and many other local and visiting dignitaries were present. P.E.R. Williams presented lapel buttons to Charter Members Lucien Goodrich and Lewis Beck.

● **DANVILLE, ILL.**, Lodge, No. 332, is the recipient of the finest evidence of appreciation for its generosity it could expect. The Danville members made possible the annual 4th of July Carnival for the VA Hospital in that city, and recently received a well-phrased article written by the editor of the hospital's weekly newspaper. This script not only reported the

affair, but gave credit for it where credit was due. It seems it was a wonderful party—with 28 game booths, many operated by the Boy Scouts—with prizes—with ice-cold watermelon and lemonade—all to continuous musical accompaniment. Yes, these veterans feel No. 332's \$500 was well spent—and so do the Elks.

● **WHEELING, W. VA.**, Lodge, No. 28, needs no advice on how to put on a minstrel show—it's been producing one annually for 42 years, to the great benefit of its Charity Fund. This year's affair was a terrific success, presented three evenings to packed houses, under the Chairmanship of Lee J. Bonenberger. All proceeds from the actual show program go to charity; the proceeds from the sale of tickets pay the show's expenses.

One of the benefits derived from this profit is the outing for local orphans. Hundreds attended this year's 26th annual event, and a glorious time was enjoyed by every one of them. Served good wholesome food by the Elk membership, the youngsters had a glorious time enjoying games for a whole exhausting day.

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LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE 1949-50 EVENTS WINNERS

Standing	Lodge
EMMETT T. ANDERSON CLASS	
1st	Tacoma, Wash.
2nd	Miami, Fla.
3rd	Ketchikan, Alaska
4th	Queens Borough, N. Y.
5th	Palo Alto, Calif.
MILLIONTH MEMBER CLASS	
1st	Detroit, Mich.
2nd	Lewiston, Ida.
3rd	Ogallala, Neb.
4th	Everett, Wash.
5th	Great Falls, Mont.
STRAY ELKS ROUNDUP	
1st	Allegheny, Pa.
2nd	Athens, Ga.
3rd	Port Angeles, Wash.



This 14-year-old Bayonne, N. J., girl, paralyzed from the waist down, must use a Striker frame, provided by local Elks. With her, left, the late P.E.R. Frank Bukow; E.R. L. A. Hill; Committee Chairman J. A. Flood.



Here is the handsome float entered by Greenfield, Mass., Lodge in recent patriotic parades. The entry received great acclaim in both Greenfield and Turners Falls, where it appeared in the Fourth of July Parade.

NEWS OF EASTERN LODGES



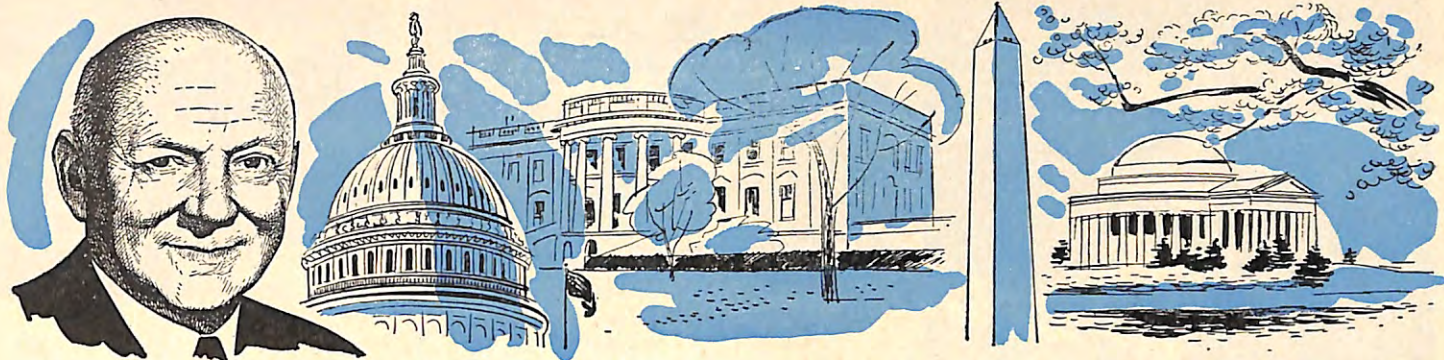
Above: The Elks Singers of Sheraden, Pa., Lodge, directed by H. R. Hughes, recently presented their annual concert to an enthusiastic audience. In existence since 1933, the group enjoys a fine reputation.



Above: Bangor, Maine, Elks were hosts to these youngsters at a dinner party honoring the Antlers Club, a neighborhood boys' group. Standing are E.R. B. A. Wilbur and other Elks.



Right: D.D. Andrew J. Kessinger, extreme left, rear, with Elks of Silver Spring, Md., and the 31 boys the lodge sent to Camp Barrett this year.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

YOU'RE just wasting time if you hire a "five per cent" Washington agent to get a government contract. Under the new defense program, billions of dollars will be spent on orders which will cover more than two and a half million items. Bulk of the contracts will be made entirely on a business basis—no pull and no strings attached. A few will go to certain companies exceptionally qualified to turn out the goods according to particular government specifications. Businessmen who want to do business with Uncle Sam should get copies of three booklets which list the 55 military procurement offices in the country and tell what each buys. These three booklets are: "Follow Me—A Guide for Selling through the United Air Force"; "Selling to the Navy" and the army booklet, "Purchased Items and Purchasing Locations". Businessmen can arrange by mail with proper procurement officers to be notified whenever that office is buying various products. Also is available a consolidated list of all items for which the military is asking for bids. Write to the Commerce Department, Washington 25, D. C., and ask for the "New Contract Award List". It goes to 2,100 government offices. Your local Chamber of Commerce may have a copy.

HERE COME THE BRIDES

Births have been falling off this year, about four per cent below last year, and the number of marriage licenses is down about one per cent; but an upturn will soon be noted. Recruits for the Armed Services and departure of troops for overseas duty always boom the marriage market. There goes the soldier; here comes the bride.

A-BOMB PROTECTION

If an Atom Bomb explodes without warning in your vicinity, drop to the ground and curl up. That is the advice of the Atomic Energy Commission in its first report on the effects of atomic weapons. First evidence of an atomic explosion would be a sudden increase in illumination. Do not turn in the direction of the explosion but drop down and cover your face, neck and arms with your

clothing. It will help to reduce the terrible flash burns. If there is shelter within two or three steps, but no farther away, take advantage of it. The first three seconds are the most dangerous. After ten seconds you can get up and determine what is next best to do. If you are inside a building, drop to the floor near an interior wall. The main idea is to get something between you and the explosion, even if it is only your clothing. The report shows that the danger of radiation injury has been exaggerated. The acute danger is confined to the first ten seconds and the first 500 yards from the center of the blast. Radiation waves move in straight lines; therefore, within the fatality area, an ordinary slit trench affords protection.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE PLANS

Throughout the land, cities and even towns are perfecting programs for civilian defense. Washington, which in an all-out war will be a prime target, has made elaborate plans covering police and fire departments, public utilities and many of other government agencies. The National Security Resources Board has asked all cities to take stock of their resources so that in case of an emergency every person will know exactly what to do. In all cities certain installations regarded as critical will have special protective arrangements. In Washington, these include the government departments, the White House and the Capitol.

SCORE CARD ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

Here's the double-distilled reason why the United States is re-arming on a big scale: Russia has 2,000,000 men under arms in Europe. Allies have 200,000 in Germany. Britain has 718,000 men in uniform, mostly overseas. France has 150,000 troops in Indo-China, but they are poorly equipped. Italy has seven divisions, 200 combat planes, no bombers. Sweden, Turkey and Greece are best armed countries in Europe because they are on Russia's borders and need strong forces for home defense. Britain is the

only country now building important war machines: jet and turbo engines, radar, planes and tanks. What have we got? Atom bombs, the greatest industrial plants in the world and the know-how to produce the best planes, tanks, guns and missiles in quantities and of a quality that cannot be equalled by anything behind the Iron Curtain.

NO PETS FROM RUSSIA

The custom of giving pets as tokens of friendship is spreading among nations. It almost keeps Director William Mann of the Washington zoo working overtime sending out thank-you letters. He's received elephants, bears, llamas, strange birds and what-not as expressions of good will. Latest to arrive is a Kri Kri—a wild, rare, funny looking goat from the Isle of Crete, found high in the mountains there. In appreciation of aid sent under the Marshall plan the Cretians raised a million drachmas (\$66) to send the goat to Washington. As yet, no pet has been received from Russia or Red Korea.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES STILL RISE

Americans sure had a good vacation this summer. Labor Force reports show that 5,500,000 employed persons were on vacation during July, more during August. Unemployment figures are around the 3,000,000 mark. Over 61,000,000 people are working, 1,500,000 more than last year. This does not include those who entered the services because of the Korean war. Non-agricultural employment continues to soar, maintaining a 2,500,000 lead over last year. It's over the 52,000,000 mark.

WILL THE FLIES STAY FOOLED?

Since reported in this column in August, the stunt of putting little dabs of cotton on screen doors to keep flies away has spread over the country and even into Canada. Seems like it works, but how long the flies will stay fooled is a question. Flies, the scientists declare, are near-sighted and think the dabs are spiders or moths waiting to eat them.



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able rates.



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ONE of the few places around where
you can get a federal *sitzbath* is
Hot Springs, Arkansas, which happens to
be a National Park. Hot Springs Na-
tional Park is not at all like those endless
tracts of wilderness in Yellowstone or
Yosemite, being—curiously enough—al-
most completely surrounded by the city
of Hot Springs. All told, the park area
only measures 1,019 acres, a pleasantly
wooded chunk of real estate in the
Ouachita (they call it Wash-i-taw) Moun-
tains. Hot Springs, the city and park, is
located some 50 miles southwest of Little
Rock, a town which gave the world such
famous military figures as General Doug-
las MacArthur and Nurse Nellie Forbush
—both, one way or another, of South
Pacific renown.

FOR HISTORIANS

Hot Springs gets its name from 47
subterranean geysers that bubble up in-
side the park at a natural temperature
of 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Nobody seems
to know exactly what is activating Na-
ture's own hot water heating apparatus,
but among the theories are these: a—
the heat comes from chemical reactions
taking place near the water; b—from
the friction of rock masses sliding against
each other; c—it is the heat of compres-
sion resulting from overlying rock bur-
den, or d—the temperature is being gen-
erated by radioactive minerals.

Sick Indians were the first humans to
swish around in the hot springs, but De
Soto and the Spaniards get official his-
torical credit for the discovery. The

government set aside the area in 1832
to prevent commercialization of the
1,000,000 gallons of mineral water that
gurgle to the surface every day. Ameri-
cans with a *malaise* have been coming to
bathe ever since. Doctors say that the
waters are helpful in cases of arthritis,
high blood pressure, heart disorders, ar-
teriosclerosis (they mean hardening of
the arteries), paralysis following polio,
and I *sweah!*—Charley horse.

Although they will let you take a bath
without the advice of a physician, you are
warned that the waters may prove in-
jurious in the cases of certain maladies.
A list of registered medicos is available
and, although the government does not
regulate their fees, an examination for a
bath will cost you no more than \$5 to
\$10. Since some practitioners have
slipped into the habit of sending around
their own tub thumpers, the government
denies the right to use the baths to any-
one stopping at a hotel or boarding house
in which the not-very-nice practice of
"doctor drumming" is countenanced.

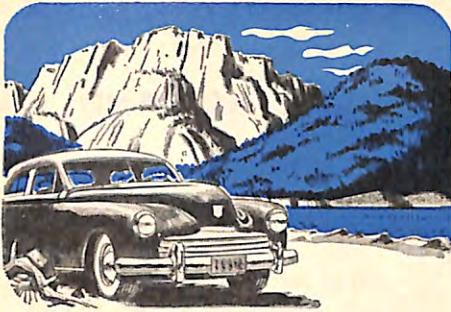
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Bar service—bowling alleys—television.

*Meals served members in clubroom also.



Now, then, there are 16 establishments where you can dunk yourself—eight in town and eight on the reservation. Charges vary according to accommodations. The Pythian Baths, for example, charge \$1.20 for a single dunking, or \$17.90 for a series of 18. Fordyce gets as high as \$1.50 for one attempt and \$24.80 for the series. Rates for massage or for the services of a physiotherapist are standard in all the baths. For those who swear that they are unable to pay for treatment, the government operates free baths, but all applicants must pay for their own board, lodging and railroad fare.

On the other hand, the plushiest place in town is the 560-room Arlington Hotel which has its own baths built into an entire floor in the central wing. The convenience of shuffling from your room to your medicinal bath will cost you a trifle more. Baths are \$1.60 individually and \$24.80 for 18. Single-room rates run from \$4 to \$10 a day European plan (no meals). You couldn't spend more than \$3 for a *table d'hôte* dinner this summer, and for that price you could have a club steak. A deuce would take you from Consommé Printanière, past Hearts of Celery, through Baked Filet of Halibut Duglire, candied yams and broccoli hollandaise, lettuce, peach and pear salad, and corn bread sticks to Karo Pecan Pie and coffee.

Hot Springs also has devised something new in lodgings which it calls a "courtel". I don't rightly know where the court part comes in, but you probably will have a hard time finding anything more comfortable in any motel or hotel, both of which are second cousins to this arrangement. The courtel is a series of private duplex suites strung out in a row, ranch-style. Each apartment has its own entrance which opens into a spacious living room and an efficiency kitchen.

PLANNING A TRIP? Travel information is available to *Elks Magazine* readers. Just write to the Travel Department, *Elks Magazine*, 50 East 42nd St., N. Y., stating where you want to go and by what mode of travel. Please print name and address. Every effort will be made to provide the information you require. Because of seasonal changes in road conditions, if you are traveling by car be sure to state the exact date that you plan to start your trip.

A rustic stairway leads to a balcony which holds the bedroom and bath. Nobody says you have to keep house, of course, but the facilities are there. The cost will run two people about \$30 a week.

FOR BARGAIN-HUNTERS

There are a number of reasons, aside from the baths, why Arkansas travelers make their way to Hot Springs. For one thing there is a 30-day racing season every February-March. There is also a year-around divorcing season because the state laws are notably lenient for unhitching. I won't bother describing the courts, but you really should know more about the race track. It has a nine-hole golf course built inside the oval. Should you prefer to shoot your golf without the hazard of the galloping thoroughbreds, there are two other 18-hole courses in the environs. Nearby, there are also such inevitable tourist traps around as an alligator farm and an ostrich farm, both of which are on the itinerary of the sight-seeing buses. The tour also takes in the site where Jesse James relieved the Wells Fargo Express of \$2,000,000, and then there's the house where a latter-day picaroon named Owney Madden once caught 40 winks.

I think I also ought to tell you that the official slogan of the town is "We Bathe the World", and the local radio station spreads the gospel under the call letters KTHS, which, as any fool can see, means Kome to Hot Springs. Honestly, the whole think couldn't be kuter!

How to Get There

Those coming by rail can take the Missouri Pacific which operates through sleeping cars daily between St. Louis and Hot Springs and between Chicago and Hot Springs via the Chicago and Alton. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific has through sleeping cars daily between Memphis and Hot Springs and between Chicago and Hot Springs via Illinois Central. By air, American flies from both coasts to Little Rock, and Chicago and Southern makes daily stops right in Hot Springs.

When in Brainerd

Stop at

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" Bath	3.00	4.00
" Private Bath	3.25	4.25

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• 50 outside rooms with bath. Luncheon served Monday through Saturday. Fine food, modest prices. Evening dinner, cafeteria style in Stag Bar in clubrooms.

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BY DAN HOLLAND

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WILLIAM VON RIEGEN

THE arrival of another duck season brings to mind some of the strange hunting methods developed through the years in the pursuit of wildfowl. Many of these practices are outlawed at present because of a somewhat less abundant supply of birds and a far greater number of hunters in the field than in the days when they were in common use and so they have passed into the realm of history of this great American pastime of duck shooting.

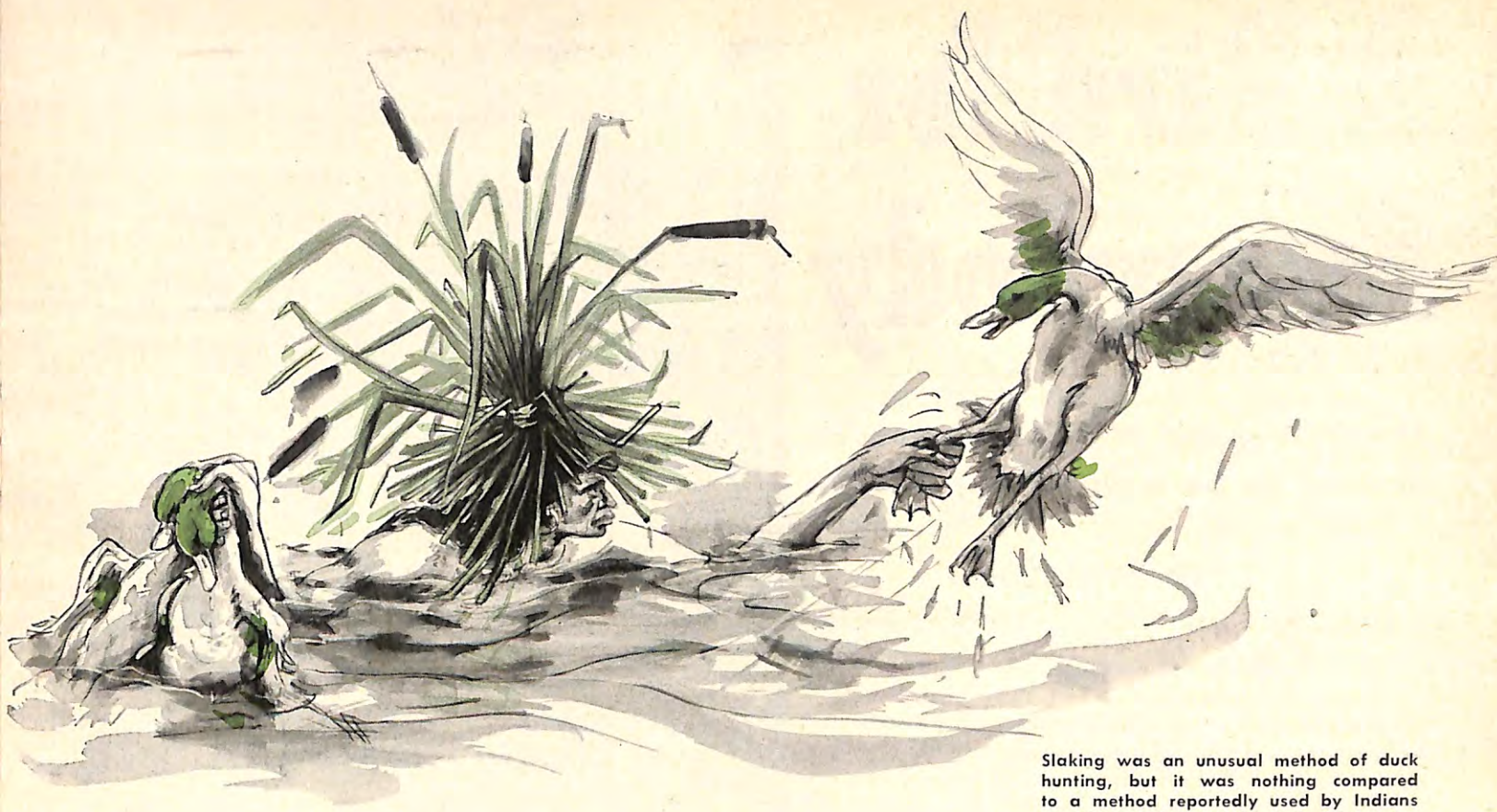
One of the most unique methods—still in limited practice today in Nova Scotia—was known as toling. It employed perhaps the most specialized of working dogs, the toling dog. The following, written more than a hundred years ago by Dr. Sharpless for Audubon's "Birds of America", describes how birds were toled in the Chesapeake Bay area at that time: "Toling, as it is strangely termed, (is)

ROD AND GUN

Our ancestors' duck hunting tactics were original, effective and lethal.

Flying live decoys actually were used on Massachusetts goose-shooting lakes a number of years ago and it must have been a wise old bird that could resist them.





Slaking was an unusual method of duck hunting, but it was nothing compared to a method reportedly used by Indians on the wild-rice lakes of Minnesota.

an operation by which ducks are sometimes induced to approach within a few feet of the shore, often from a distance of several hundred yards. Most persons on these waters have a race of small white or liver-colored dogs, which they familiarly call the toler breed, but which appear to be ordinary poodle. These dogs are extremely playful, and are taught to run up and down the shore, in sight of the ducks, either by the motion of the hand, or by throwing chips from side to side. They soon become perfectly acquainted with their business, and as they discover the ducks approaching them, make their jumps less high till they almost crawl upon the ground, to prevent the birds' discovering what the object of their curiosity may be. This disposition to examine rarities has been taken advantage of by using a red or black handkerchief by day and a white one by night in toling, or even by gently splashing the water on shore. The nearest ducks soon notice the strange appearance, raise their heads, gaze intently for a moment, and then push for shore, followed by the rest. On many occasions I have seen thousands of them swimming in a solid mass direct for the object; and by removing the dogs farther into the grass, they have been brought within 15 feet of the bank."

Another writer of the day, Giraud, in his "Birds of Long Island", had this to say about toling broadbills: "(The broadbill) is frequently decoyed within gunshot from the shore by having a dog trained for the purpose of swimming be-

tween it and the shore, as also by moving a red handkerchief every few seconds, keeping your person concealed. This maneuver either charms or irritates it—I am inclined to think the latter, from the impetuous manner in which it approaches. The scene is truly ludicrous."

A MUCH more common method of luring ducks within range until outlawed in comparatively recent years was the use of live decoys, and these domesticated birds appeared to cooperate with the hunter just as enthusiastically as the toling dogs. Often just a single caller was used among a set of wooden decoys. The caller was a duck rather than a drake, since the female habitually talks louder and faster than a male. As soon as a flock of flying ducks appeared anywhere on the horizon, little Susie would spot them and commence hollering in high gear, calling as enticingly and vigorously as she could to the wild birds. If she succeeded in bringing them in and some of them chanced to fall around her, she paid them as little attention as falling rain. She sat there calmly preening her feathers waiting for the next bunch of suckers to fall for her line of chatter.

Flying, live decoys were actually used on Massachusetts goose-shooting lakes a number of years ago, and it must have been a wise old bird that could resist them. The decoy set included numerous live geese tethered both in the water and on the beach in front of the blind; and in addition several other tame geese,

known as "flyers", were held in readiness on a hill on shore behind the blind. When a flock of wild birds showed up, the flyers were tossed one by one into the air, whereupon they would fly down, circle and land with their mates on the water amid much honking, calling and splashing. Naturally, the wild flock swung right into join the party. This was live-decoy shooting at its highest state of perfection.

Back in the days when no holds were barred and a man was entitled to get a duck any way he was able, no conceivable method was left untried. Even set-guns and traps were used, encouraged by the fact that wild ducks and geese were very salable merchandise. The most destructive of all duck-killing devices ever assembled was the punt-gun, or swivel-gun. This was a veritable cannon mounted in the bow of a low-lying skiff in which the operator lay on his belly and inched his craft up to a raft of ducks, usually at night, navigating through small ports in the bow. The following is a first-hand description of a punt-gun from Grinnell's "American Duck Shooting": "These guns are huge single-barrel shotguns, patterned after an ordinary shotgun, but weighing sometimes 150 pounds, with a bore considerably over an inch in diameter. Such a gun was mounted on a pivot in the bow of a small skiff, to be paddled through the water, or which might be mounted on runners and pushed over the ice. The stock of the gun was

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A Bird for Everybody

The best game bird?—the one you happen to be hunting at the time.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

I ALWAYS AM amused when a couple of the boys start to argue over which is our best game bird, or which one is the hardest to hit with a shotgun. I'm a little like the Alaskan bush pilot who was coming in to land at one of the new fields there during the war. It was foggy, so he opened up on his radio and asked for help to get down, even though the Army had ordered radio silence. The field said, "Do you declare this an emergency?"

"Hell, yes," he answered. "Any time I'm in the air it's an emergency!"

All birds are hard for me to hit. I may like to hunt some of them better than I do others, but as to which is best—who knows? It all depends.

One day a couple of years ago, my brother Burt and I chased about 50 pheasants from a cornfield into a swale that was grown up with willows thicker than women at a basement clearance. There were little willows, just right to slap us in the face, and others 30 feet high.

I had always contended that the ruffed grouse is just about the hardest bird to shoot there is. He gets away fast and his skill at disappearing behind a tree or bush truly is wonderful.

Those pheasants were just as tough. They boiled out all around us like angry bees and in an instant the air was full of dodging, twisting, swerving cocks and hens. You would be surprised at what we did. On second thought, if you've (Continued on page 51)

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LEMUEL PALMER



How many of these game birds
Can you identify? See page 52.



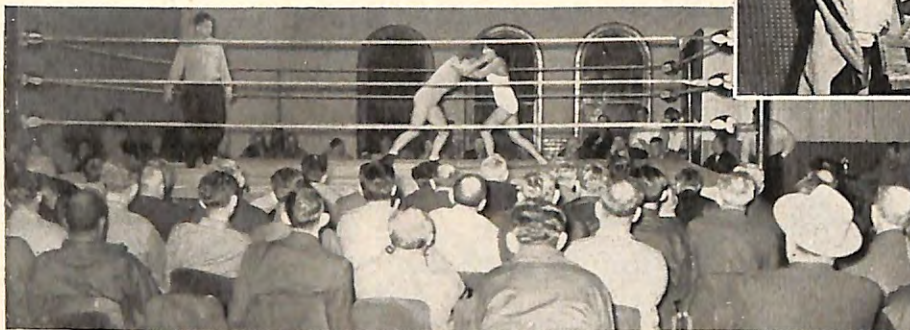
James
Palmer

ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE ELKS

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION



Above: Marion Elks sponsor a game party for the enjoyment of convalescent servicemen as one of the regular programs of the Illinois Elks.



Left: Hospitalized veterans at Fort Thomas, Ky., watch one of the wrestling matches put on by Newport, Ky., Lodge. Boxing and judo exhibitions were also on the entertainment agenda.



Left: Papago Park Veterans Hospital authorities have reserved Father's Day for the Arizona Elks. This photograph shows Co-Chairman Don Browing and Bill Barnhard and some of the entertainers provided by Phoenix Lodge for the enjoyment of the veterans at this year's event.

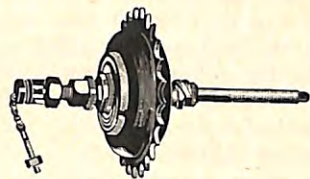


Left: Memphis, Tenn., Elks with hospitalized servicemen guests on a Mississippi boat trip.

Below: These veterans were entertained by Oregon Elks under the aegis of Grants Pass Lodge.



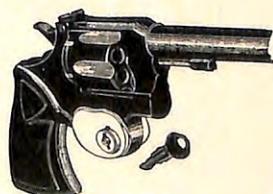
Gadgets and Gimmicks



YOU may soon be hearing your bike-riding son or daughter say casually, "Well, I stripped the gears on the old bus today." That is, you'll be hearing it if you get them this newly developed set of gears for their bikes. The gears will fit any bike, have three speeds, are shifted by means of a handlebar lever and can be installed at any bike shop in a matter of minutes. They certainly should be a boon to kids living in hilly areas—where half the bike-riding consists of pushing the cycle up one hill to roll down the next.



PERHAPS it was the printer who, in his zeal and enthusiasm, couldn't wait for the proper time to run the illustration of this item. In any case, it was included in the September issue and here it is again, this time properly placed with the correct information regarding it. Certainly no one is the loser for seeing a picture of this device more than once. It is an automatic, car-borne cigarette dispenser. Attached to the steering post and plugged into your lighter plug, it can deliver a lighted smoke without making you take your eyes from the road. By pressing the lever, a cigarette falls to the trough underneath, is held against a lighted filament, gets lit, and waits patiently to be picked up. As a practical safety device for drivers it has no peer.



ONE of the most unpleasant aspects of having a revolver around the house is that it goes off occasionally when no one really wants it to. Somehow, no matter where you hide the pistol, some kid,

or other curious person, locates it and makes it a potential hazard that is hard to ignore. Here is the solution to the problem: It is a small device that fits in the trigger guard and literally locks the trigger in place; no one except the person having the key can make the gun go off. If you want this unique safety device, you have to tell the manufacturer the make, model, caliber and frame style of your revolver.

PEOPLE spend hundreds of dollars in order to have a guest room in their house and then they lose any potential overnight guests by not having any toothbrushes around. Somehow, when an unexpected visitor drops in and is asked to stay overnight, the final straw that keeps them from accepting is that they don't have a toothbrush. Perhaps you'll be able to trap more guests if you have this interesting little packet of toothbrushes with capsules of tooth powder. They come six to the packet.



THERE is always something nice about the phrase "lasts a lifetime". Buy anything today, and what have you got? Something you must refill twice a week, wind every four hours, have reconditioned every three months. But not this item, and a good one it is too. Built to last a lifetime, this small faucet-attached home filter will take all the bits of flotsam and jetsam from the water and, in the process, remove objectionable tastes and odors, too. A combination of fine meshed screens and chemicals do the trick. Another trick: Simply turn the filter around, attach the other end of it to the faucet and it flushes itself. It's exceptionally good for a home darkroom.

IF YOU were asked how well you were doing hydroponically, could you give an immediate clean, straightforward answer? Don't worry; not many people can. Hydroponics means the science of soilless growing. In other words, you simply use chemicals. It seems that with a little effort, like writing for one and enclosing the proper amounts of money, you can get a small hydroponic garden to keep and use for growing herbs, tomatoes, lettuce—any old thing you want to—right in your house. Stuff grows faster and much closer together in this

unique set-up than the stuff would grow in plain, everyday earth. Maybe there is something to that old dodge about growing a fortune in mushrooms in your cellar.



REMEMBER the huge pipe-organs they have in churches and some theatres about the country? Well, now they've gone to the opposite extreme and produced a tiny organ no larger than a table radio that can, within limits, give you the same effect. The limits are two full chromatic octaves from low C to middle C to high C. It is a small, plastic-enclosed electric organ that needs only to be plugged in to 110-115 volt a.c. outlet to begin working for you. With the machine comes a book of simple piano instructions for beginners. Sounds like an excellent thing to help the kids get their practicing done without buying a concert grand piano.

CHRISTMAS, weddings and big parties often leave hosts with a strange taste in their mouths. We have discovered what that taste is and, more to the point, what can be done to eliminate it from the national scene. The taste comes from licking the flaps of envelopes for Christmas cards, wedding invitations or party invitations. The way to eliminate it is to get this handy envelope sealer which goes across the glued flap, leaving just the right amount of water to moisten the glue.



WHO ever heard of a complete small home water system so compact that it can fit under a kitchen sink? Well, we have. It is reasonable enough and good enough for small homes, cabins, lodges, etc. The ten-gallon pressure tank completely encases and conceals the close-coupled jet pump and $\frac{1}{3}$ horsepower, slow-speed motor. The pump will deliver 250 gallons an hour from depths as great as 22 feet. If you need more than that you must be trying to fill a swimming pool, and if you can afford a swimming pool . . . well, you get the point.

News of the State Associations

OHIO

Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle delivered the principal address at the banquet held during the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Elks Association, the oldest group of its kind in the Order. Other distinguished Elks in attendance included Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, and Pres. John E. Giles of the Illinois State organization.

The event took place at the traditional site, Cedar Point (Sandusky), and one of the leading Ohio Elks, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, informed the Convention delegates of plans to put the Assn's Cerebral Palsy Program at the top of the list, requesting a definite plan to finance the project on an expanding, long-range basis. Dr. McCormick is Honorary Chairman of the Committee in charge which is headed by Norman C. Parr of New Philadelphia. Chairman Parr reported that plans are under way for the establishment of the first of several cerebral palsy treatment centers to be located in strategic spots all over Ohio.

Nelson E. W. Stuart of Cleveland was installed as President of the Association on August 30th at the meeting's closing session. His fellow officers for the year are: Pres.-elect: Gerald C. Nau, Elyria, who, incidentally, was named Coordinator of Assn. Activities, a new office; 1st Vice-Pres., Walter J. Beer, Lima; 2nd Vice-Pres., Joseph E. Hurst, New Philadelphia; 3rd Vice-Pres., Willard J. Schwartz, Springfield; Secy., (reelected), L. E. Strong, Canton; Treas., (reelected), C. W. Wallace, Columbus; Trustee (three years), Walter R. Bowsher, Sr., Wapakoneta; Chaplain-Emeritus, Rev. C. A. Dowell, Ashtabula; Chaplain, Father Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster; Sgt.-at-Arms, F. A. Binns, Ravenna; Inner Guard, A. E. Socin, Bucyrus; Tiler, N. E. Heil, Bellaire.

Various Committee Chairmen were appointed to head groups of active Ohio Elks in many important programs.

MONTANA

Over 1600 Elks and guests were registered at Miles City for the July 27, 28 and 29 meeting of the Montana Elks Assn. On hand were Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Vice-Chairman Sam Stern of the Board of Grand Trustees, and Judge S. D. McKinnon, a member of the Grand Forum.

The report of the State Committee on the Foundation's "Most Valuable Student" Contest, delivered by Chairman Henry L. Zahn, was one of the highlights

of the meeting and led to a decision to place continued emphasis on the furtherance of the State's part in this Scholarship Program.

Nine musical organizations entertained formally and informally during this Convention, with evening dances and the President's Ball climaxing the social side of the affair. The presence of the State Championship Ritualistic Team of Havre provided this group the opportunity to conduct the initiatory ceremony for a number of candidates. A "Musical Festival Extraordinary" was presented before a jammed grandstand and bleachers during the Convention.

In addition to deciding that Billings would be host to the 1951 meeting, the delegates elected the following: Pres., F. A. Nelson, Helena; 1st Vice-Pres., J. P. Wegesser, Glendive; 2nd Vice-Pres., DeWitt C. O'Neil, Kalispell; Secy.-Treas. (reelected), Art Trenerry, Billings.

Although not exactly part of Convention business, a decision was made that greater attention be given to the fine efforts of the Bucks Club, a group of Elks who are doing great charitable work. Of course, continued support will be given the established charitable activities, as well as aid to veterans.

PENNSYLVANIA

The 44th Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Elks Assn. was held in Scranton August 20-24, with nearly 500 officers, committeemen and delegates reg-

istered, and over 10,000 Elks and their friends on hand to witness the gigantic parade which closed the conclave.

Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle was guest of honor, addressing the opening session. Other Grand Lodge dignitaries present included Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, Charles H. Grakelow and George I. Hall, and Howard R. Davis, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of 24 scholarship awards of \$300 each to young men and women of the State. In addition, more than 12 District Assn. awards of \$200 apiece went to other students.

The public opening of the Convention found 5,000 persons enjoying a musical program given by bands and male choruses, and applauding a stirring address by Mr. Hall. Another event open to the public was the Memorial Service at which the speaker was Vice-Pres. Francis T. Benson of Kittanning, who is the new President of the Assn. The men who will head this organization with him are: Vice-Pres., H. Earl Pitzer, Gettysburg; Secy., (reelected), Wm. S. Gould, Scranton; Treas., Charles S. Brown, Allegheny; Trustee, Otto R. Grotefend, New Kensington. Selected to fill the unexpired one-year term on the Board of Trustees which resulted from the resignation of Mr. Pitzer was Marvin A. Swagert of Red Lion.

The annual "Scrap Heap" dinner of the



Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, center, congratulates Nelson E. W. Stuart on his election as President of the Ohio State Elks Assn. At left, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis; right, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick; second from right, retiring Pres. E. G. Fournace.

Assn.'s former Presidents was held on the 20th, and many other special banquets took place during the conclave, while the Assn.'s annual picnic drew more than 3,000 Elks and their ladies. The Ritualistic Contest was won by the officers of Charleroi Lodge, and group Lancaster Lodge took the Drill Team Honors.

The 1951 Convention of this Association will take place in Williamsport August 26-30.

WISCONSIN

Over 1,000 Elks and their wives converged on Oshkosh August 17, 18 and 19 for the 1950 meeting of the Wisconsin State Elks Assn. Convention. A special guest on this occasion was Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle in whose honor a dinner was held the first evening, when Associate Justice Henry Hughes of the Wisconsin Supreme Court was Toastmaster. Other speakers included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton who introduced Mr. Kyle, and Circuit Judge William I. O'Neill, President of the Association, who extended a welcome to the assemblage, as did E.R. O. R. Jones of the host lodge.

Great stress was placed upon the continuation of entertainment for veterans at various VA Hospitals during this session, and plans were made to entertain Armed Forces personnel in the event of another large-scale war. The Children's Program has been extended, and wholehearted support of the Elks National Foundation was urged.

Sightseeing trips, dances, dinners and the presentation of a special show, representative of the many put on at various

Veterans Hospitals, met with considerable favor.

The following are the 1950-51 Wisconsin officers: Pres., Ray J. Fink, Menasha; Vice-Pres.-at-Large: L. C. Welch, Baraboo; Vice-Presidents: So., Alfred E. LaFrance, Racine; N.E., H. P. Berzinsky, Two Rivers; N.W., Marshall L. Hughes, Eau Claire; Secy., Leo H. Schmalz, Kaukauna; Treas., William H. Otto, Racine; Trustee, N.E., J. M. Van Rooy, Appleton; Tiler, Fred E. Theilacker, Milwaukee; Inner Guard, Charles Hervey, Appleton, and Sgt.-at-Arms, E. H. Lattimer, Wausau.

The next Convention will meet at Baraboo while the Fall Conference, the 14th and 15th of this month, is to take place in Racine. May 20th of next year will find a Spring Session in meeting at Beaver Dam.

At 11 a.m. on the 19th the Convention recessed while a public Memorial Service, with Past Pres. Dr. A. V. Delmore giving the principal address, took place.

VIRGINIA

Richmond Elks welcomed 600 delegates, officers and guests on August 20, 21 and 22, when they were host to the 1950 Convention of the Virginia Elks Assn.

Distinguished speakers on this occasion were Governor John S. Battle and Daniel J. Kelly of Knoxville, Tenn., a former member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

A report on the Elks Boys Camp revealed that operation this year was much improved over last, and that from a financial standpoint it was a decided success, with 287 boys being cared for there dur-

ing the past season.

Social activities were highlighted by a crab feast, two dances to the music of the well-known Ted Weems band, with buffet suppers at the home of the host lodge.

Hampton Lodge took Ritualistic honors, and the Morris Lutto Cup. Chaplain V. King Pifer donated a second cup to the runner-up team in future years. This year this trophy was taken by Alexandria, and the Norfolk group received honorable mention.

The new leaders of this organization are: Pres., John H. Simmons, Petersburg; 1st Vice-Pres., Charles D. Fox, Jr., Roanoke; 2nd Vice-Pres., C. J. Siegrist, Newport News; 3rd Vice-Pres., J. R. Schafe, Alexandria; Secy., C. W. Proffitt, Clifton Forge; Treas., B. N. Anderson, Norfolk; Chaplain, V. King Pifer, Hampton; Sgt.-at-Arms, Chas. F. Curtice, Petersburg; Trustee, John H. Coleman, Lynchburg, and Tiler, M. H. Baxter, Suffolk.

RHODE ISLAND

The 14th Annual Convention of the Rhode Island Elks Assn. was opened by Pres. James F. Duffy, Jr., who announced the names of the recipients of Elks National Foundation Awards, while Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, extended his congratulations to the winning students. Hon. John E. Mullen, a member of the Grand Forum delivered a moving eulogy in memory of the late P.D.D. Howard L. Goodwin, Past Pres., a member of Newport Lodge, and P.D.D. Dr. E. C. Morin, Chairman of the Veterans Entertainment Committee, made an outstanding report on his Committee's fine work for the previous year.

Officers for the 1950-51 year are: Pres., John J. Lynch, Pawtucket; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Joseph Mattias, West Warwick; 2nd Vice-Pres., Thomas Page, Woonsocket; 3rd Vice-Pres., David Fitzgerald, Newport; 4th Vice-Pres., Frederick Quatromani, Westerly; 5th Vice-Pres., John W. Moakler, Jr., Providence; Secy., Richard Moran, Pawtucket; Treas., Dr. Edward C. Morin, Pawtucket; Trustees: C. W. Higham, Providence, and Pierce Keene, Pawtucket (replacing John Baldwin); Sgt.-at-Arms, Merton Lewis, Westerly; Tiler, Leo B. Carey, West Warwick, and Chaplain, G. Dana Manson, Providence.



The Grand Exalted Ruler takes part in the cake-cutting ceremony during the Maryland, Delaware and D. C. Assn. Convention banquet. Left to right, foreground: Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Charles G. Hawthorne; E.R. W. A. Fraley, Jr., Cumberland Lodge; Joseph B. Kyle; State Pres. Daniel Sullivan; State Treas. Arthur L. Kirby. Background: State Vice-Pres. Paul Roeder, D.D. Andrew J. Kessinger, Past Pres. John J. Mealey, State Assn. Secy. R. Edward Dove, and D.D. W. Edgar Porter.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1950

State	City	Date
Vermont	St. Albans	Oct. 1
New Hampshire	Claremont	Oct. 6, 7, 8

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LODGE NOTES



Friends of Hugh J. McKenna, a 25-year member of **NORWICH, CONN.**, Lodge, will be sorry to learn of his passing on July 23rd in Manila, P.I. Mr. McKenna, interned by the Japanese in Bilibid Prison in Manila during World War II, had lived in the Philippines for many years . . . When **CONCORDIA, KANS.**, Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary not long ago, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, then Grand Treasurer, was guest of honor at the two-day observance. A large class was initiated during the event which was attended by hundreds of Elks. One of the handsomest brochures of its kind was issued by the lodge on this occasion, carrying many interesting items of information regarding the lodge, its membership and various features of the clubhouse . . . One of **GREELEY, COLO.**, Lodge's most devoted members, Wm. R. Patterson, senior surviving member of the Charter group of Greeley Elks, was seriously injured in a car accident just a few days prior to celebrating his 50th Anniversary as a member. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Patterson is serving his 28th year as Treasurer of the Colo. State Elks Assn. Two days before his accident, Mr. Patterson, a Trustee of his lodge for 21 years, was honored with the initiation of a class in his name, and received a jeweled 50-year membership pin from State Pres. O. J. Fisher . . . The first Intrastate Baseball Game between the Malden and Springfield, Mass., Elks' Junior Teams was a huge success, with the Springfield boys taking it, 11-6. However, the Malden youngsters felt better a few days later when they defeated the local American Legion Junior Team 12 to 4. A return engagement with the Springfield group a few weeks later was another rousing success, although the Malden boys again bowed to the superior prowess of their opponents.

OREGON

Prior to the June 9th and 10th meeting of the Oregon State Elks Assn. at Corvallis, a class of 25 men, representing the 25 lodges in the State, was initiated at ceremonies performed by the officers of Roseburg Lodge, the 1949-50 State Ritualistic Champions. The event will be repeated annually.

Almost 5,000 Elks and their guests attended the meeting at which retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson was the principal speaker. Another former leader of the Order, Judge Frank J. Lonergan; Edwin J. Alexander and Clifton B. Mudd of the Lodge Activities Committee, and P.D.D. Earl T. Newbry, Secretary of the State of Oregon, also addressed the meeting.

A committee report revealed that almost 2,000 visually handicapped children had been examined and treated by the Association-sponsored clinic during the previous ten months. The delegates decided to increase the per capita tax in order that the Association might purchase a \$1,000 Foundation certificate each year.

The 1951 meeting will be held in June in Astoria, and the following officers had the honor of being installed by Judge Lonergan: Pres., Austin Dunn, Baker; 1st Vice-Pres., Dr. Kirby S. Fortune, Coos Bay; 2nd Vice-Pres., Louis Cline, McMinnville; 3rd Vice-Pres., Wm. Stollmack, Bend; Treas., D. V. Bulger, Portland; Sgt.-at-Arms, M. G. Stoddard, Baker; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms, Martin P. Coopey, Corvallis; Chaplain, Hans Soll, The Dalles; Tiler, Russell Dunmire, Oregon City; Secy., Ernest L. Scott, Medford; Trustees: Herbert Hacker, Astoria; Dewey Powell, Klamath Falls; J. F. Fliegel, Medford; Frank Hise, Corvallis, and Geo. D. Field, Portland.

MICHIGAN

The 44th Annual Convention of the Michigan State Elks Assn. took place on June 8, 9, 10 and 11 at Jackson with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton as principal speaker at the President's Banquet. Nearly 1,000 persons were registered at this conclave during which a total of 21 Ritualistic Teams entered the elimination contests, with the six highest scorers competing in the finals. Lansing Lodge's entrants were declared winners, and this lodge's Drill Team tied with Niles Lodge for first place in that competition.

It was revealed that Michigan lodges expended a total of \$111,963.83 on charity during the past year, \$10,207.11 for hospitalized veterans' entertainment and \$1,500 for scholarships.

The President's Ball on the 10th followed a 27-unit parade in which Hillsdale Lodge's Float took first prize and Ypsilanti won top honors for its marching group.

The Michigan officers for 1950-51 are: Pres., Hugh L. Hartley, Owosso; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Jay H. Payne, Ann Ar-

bor; Secy., Leland L. Hamilton, Niles; Treas., James G. Shirlaw, Battle Creek; Trustee (five years), Edwin P. Breen, Grand Rapids.

IOWA

Des Moines Elks were hosts to the June 2nd, 3rd and 4th Convention of the Iowa Elks Assn. this year. The State's 39 lodges were represented by 400 delegates who elected the following officers for the coming year: Pres., Wm. C. Brunk, Ottumwa; Secy., Sanford H. Schmalz, Muscatine; Treas., A. P. Lee, Marshalltown; Vice-Presidents: W., George Soumas, Perry; N.E., J. E. Robb, Marshalltown; S.E., Kenneth Buehler, Burlington; Trustee (three years), Frank Margolin, Sioux City.

K. R. Margarrell described the work of the Elks National Foundation, reporting that 12 Iowa students had received scholarship awards ranging from \$300 to \$50. Chairman Ralph Bastain of the Iowa Elks Service Commission reported on the many fine programs his Committee is conducting at the State's VA Hospitals. Upon recommendation of retiring Pres. Harry J. Schmidt, a Historical Committee is being set up whose duty it will be to write and publish a history of Iowa Elksdom.

Decorah Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest over Boone, Iowa Falls, Marshalltown, Muscatine and Shenandoah Lodges, while the Muscatine Elks Barbershop Quartet took that competition.

The meeting closed with Memorial Services at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner presided.

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Cumberland, Md., Lodge was host to more than 800 delegates and guests at the 30th Annual Md., Dela., and D. C. Assn. Meeting. Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle was on hand to deliver a well-phrased, thought-provoking address and to slice the birthday cake at Cumberland's banquet marking its own 63rd anniversary.

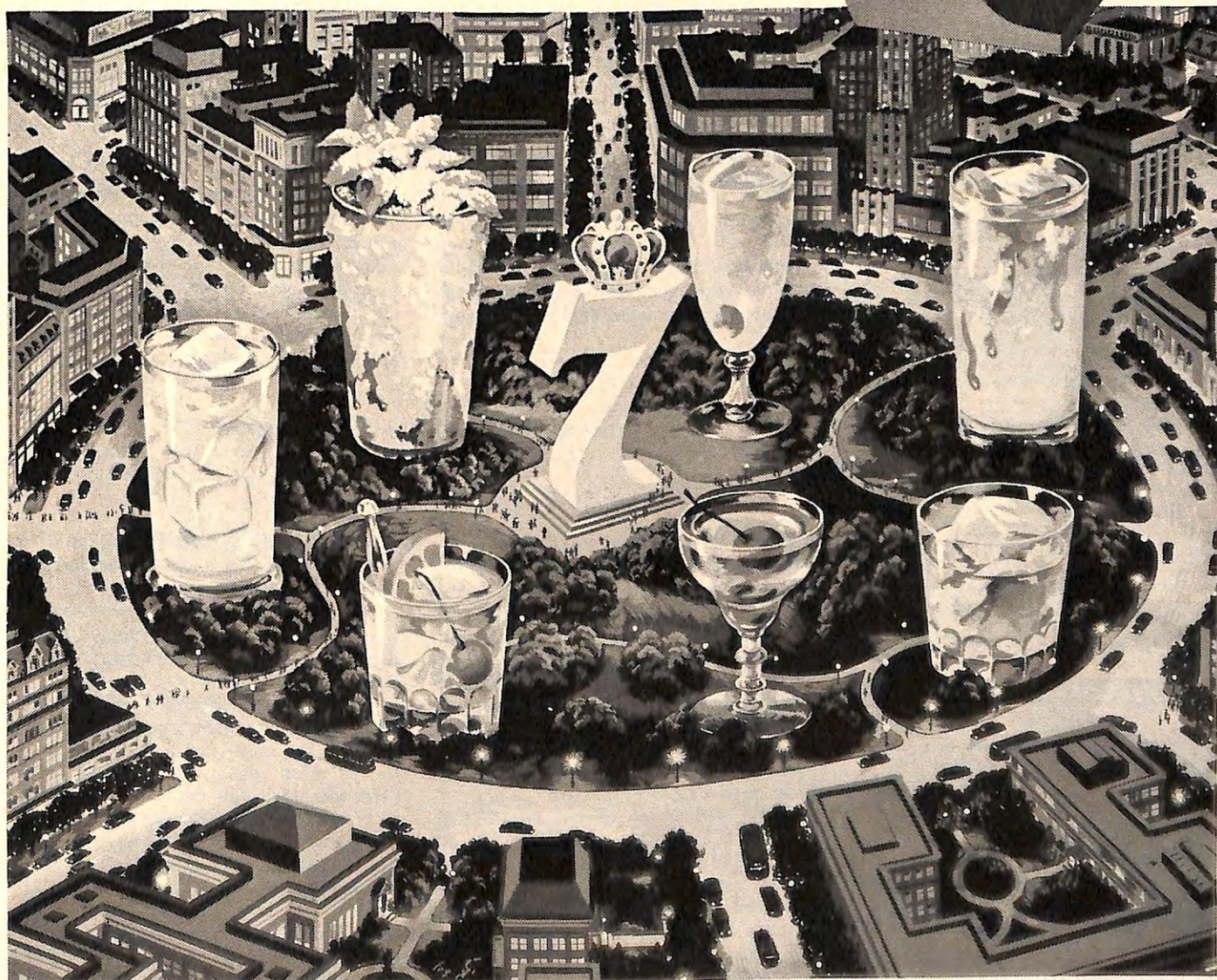
Other Elk officials who were present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barret and Supt. Robert Scott of the Elks National Home. The National Championship Chorus and Glee Club of Hanover Lodge sang at the Assn.'s Memorial Services, one of the highlights of a well-arranged meeting.

Easton, Md., Lodge will be host next year, and until then the following will head the organization: Pres., Daniel Sullivan, Baltimore, Md.; 1st Vice-Pres., George M. Jones, Prince Georges County, Md.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Paul Roeder, Cumberland, Md.; 3rd Vice-Pres., H. Brooks Perring, Silver Spring, Md.; Secy., R. Edward Dove, Annapolis, Md.; Treas., Arthur L. Kirby, Frostburg, Md.; Trustees: Leon J. Buckley, Wilmington, Dela., and James Keating, Washington D. C.

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The Youth Activities Committee of Janesville, Wis., Lodge is particularly interested in sponsoring The Indian Trails Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts. For a number of years these Elks have sponsored a boy as a delegate to the Badger Boys State, Inc., Convention, endeavoring to select a boy whose father is an Elk.

Weehawken, N. J., Lodge inaugurated a Troop recently at ceremonies attended by School Principal Lillian Stokes and the lodge's Scout Committee, headed by David Levy. The Troop is getting along fine, with the entire Elk membership taking great interest in the project.

The boys pictured with E.R. Dave Wiggins in the Everett, Wash., photograph were members of the troop these Elks have been sponsoring for 30 years, and were sent to the Elks Scout Jamboree not long ago.

THE Cedar City, Utah, Elks are great boosters of the Scouts, sponsoring both a Boy Scout Troop and an Explorer Post Troop. Members of the Utah National Council of the Scouts presented Charters to the Elks lodge not long ago, at special ceremonies. Represented pictorially on page 17 is the Eagle Dance performed during the Utah Scout Jamboree by Cedar City Lodge's Explorer Troop. These boys have received wide recognition and have been awarded many prizes for their performance of this ceremonial dance.

Tampa, Fla., Lodge's recently organ-

ized Troop is growing splendidly under the aegis of its sponsors. Its roster numbers 23 members who are showing great achievement.

The Nashville, Tenn., Elks recently received a bronze plaque from the Middle Tennessee Council of the Scouts, in recognition of its "outstanding services to boyhood". This lodge sponsors the entire central district of the city, comprising approximately 50 Boy Scout Troops. One of the youngsters, William D. Nicholson, received an award from Mayor T. L. Cummings, who is a member of the Order, in the presence of Chairman G. W. Reichardt of the lodge's Advancement Committee, and Committeeman Arthur Blankenship.

FOR many years Cortland, N. Y., Elks have been friends of the Scout Council. Last year the lodge gave \$600 to the Council, making it possible for it to open its summer camp for three weeks. This year the lodge came through with \$750 for this purpose, and the picture on page 17 records the transaction, with E.R. Frederick Ashworth and Scout Committeemen watching Earl Wright, Elks Scout Committee Chairman, second from right, hand the check to the Council Chairman, Abe Louis.

Our final photograph is the magnificent Scout camping lodge at Camp Alexander which was erected at a cost of \$18,000 underwritten by the members of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lodge. It is one of the most complete and handsome buildings of its kind, and is known, understandably, as "Elks Lodge".

News of the Lodges

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● **EL CAMPO, TEX.**, Lodge, No. 1749, is growing mighty fast. Instituted two years ago with 94 members on the roster, there are nearly 250 men on the list now. One of the latest groups to become affiliated did so at the dedication of the lodge's fine new home, ceremonies for which were conducted by E.R. L. M. Drew and his fellow officers of Galveston Lodge. The Degree Team of Baytown Lodge, State Ritualistic Champions, initiated the 35 men in a most impressive manner.

The meeting was addressed by Past Pres. H. S. Rubenstein and P.D.D. Daniel McBride, Jr., and among those on hand were Past Pres. Carl R. Mann, State Vice-Pres. R. E. L. Barnett and State Trustee Ray M. Acosta. Every lodge in the District was represented by delegates who enjoyed inspecting No. 1749's air-conditioned, modern, beautifully furnished building.

● **SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.**, Lodge, No. 1108, realizing that a sudden call to service early in August gave little time to the Marin County Board of Supervisors to supply gifts to the local Marine Corps Reserve men who were leaving, went to work instantly.

William Pinkey, Secretary of the lodge and a retired Army sergeant of 30 years' service, knowing just what the boys needed most, informed his fellow members who took immediate action. E.R. J. Mansfield Lewis was at the buses to give each of the 175 Marines, many the sons of Elks, a deck of cards, cigarettes, airmail stamps and pencils—so they wouldn't forget to write the folks back home. In due time, the San Rafael Elks themselves were the first to hear from the boys, who sent them a letter of thanks for their thoughtfulness in making their leave-taking a little less unpleasant.

LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PROGRAM

A HEAVY schedule of activities in support of Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle's program for the lodge year has been announced by Chairman Robert L. DeHority of the Lodge Activities Committee.

Community Service Clinics:

The first of four of these conferences, conducted by District Deputies to study and plan lodge programs for community welfare, has been held. The others, to appraise results and plan future action, will be held as follows: Second clinic—between December 1 and 20; third clinic—last week in February; fourth clinic—second week in May.

Father and Son Classes:

During months of September and October, led off by initiation of John M. Kyle, son of Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, by Gary, Ind., Lodge on September 1.

National Newspaper Week:

All lodges urged to hold suitable programs honoring hometown newspapers during week of October 1-8. Best to be selected by the Committee for publication in *The Elks Magazine*.

Memorial Day:

Date fixed by statute for annual Lodge Memorial program is December 3. Best services to be selected by Committee for publication in *The Elks Magazine*.

Joseph B. Kyle Classes:

Month of January selected to honor the Grand Exalted Ruler, whose birthday is January 4.

Birthday of Our Order:

February 16. All lodges urged to make special observance of this date.

Secretary's Class:

March set aside for classes honoring these faithful lodge workers.

Exalted Ruler's Handbook:

This helpful publication to be issued March-April.

Lodge Bulletin Contest:

January, February and March. March 31 is deadline for entries.

Mother's Day:

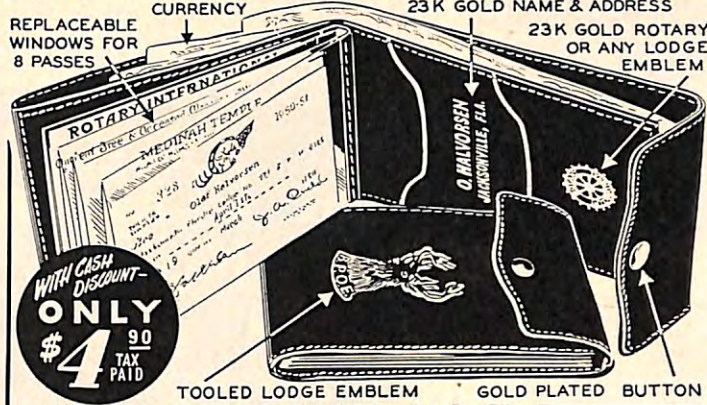
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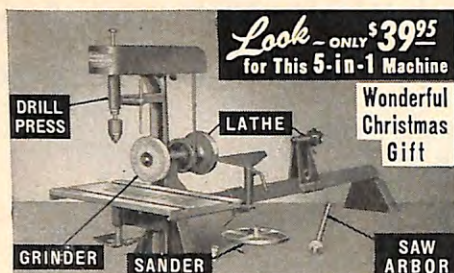
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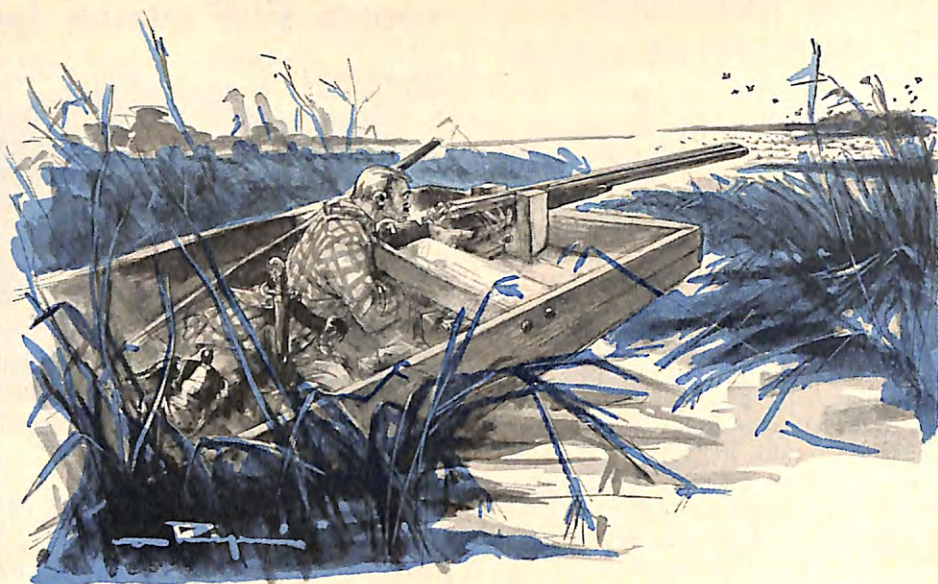
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Rod and Gun

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braced against a block in the boat, and the recoil of the discharge often sent the boat back a long way through the water. . . . The common load was from a quarter to a third of a pound of powder and one and a half to two pounds of shot. The gunner paddled up quietly to the raft of sleeping canvas-backs, adjusted the gun to suit himself and discharged it, sometimes gathering from 75 to 100 ducks as a result."

Even though there were no laws in the old days to regulate such practices, let alone anyone to enforce a duck law, the hunters apparently tended to make their own rules. Another quote from Dr. Sharpless indicates how the use of the punt-gun sat with other hunters: "For the last three years a man has been occupied on this stream (Bush River, Chesapeake Bay) with a gun of great size, fixed on a swivel in a boat, and the destruction of game on their feeding flats is immense; but so unpopular is the plan, that many schemes have been privately proposed of destroying his boat and gun; and he has been fired at with balls so often, that his expeditions are at present confined to the night."

The punt-gun, I am glad to say, was not an American invention. It was borrowed intact from Britain where it was used apparently in good favor.

And speaking of guns, the following is a quotation from "Frank Forester's Field Sports", published in 1848, describing a little fowling piece for battery shooting: "The best gun you can use is a double-barrel, of 3 feet 6 inches in the barrels, and 9-gauge, which, if substantially made, will carry a quarter of a pound of shot in each barrel, and still be sufficiently light to enable you to knock over a single bird going with the wind, at 60 or 70

yards, with as much ease as you ever floored a woodcock in July."

Such a gun would have weighed a good 20 pounds. They had men among their duck shooters in those days!

The rig known as the battery is a good example of the extent to which duck hunters will go and the discomfort they will put up with in the hope of a little shooting. The battery, or sink box, was a coffin-shaped affair large enough to hold a man lying prostrate on his back, plus his gun and shells, which was anchored in the open water and sunk by weights until the gunwales were flush with the water surface. An apron extended out on all sides from the gunwales to dampen the wave action and prevent the rig's being swamped. A big battery used the incredible number of from 300 to 500 decoys set in a pattern determined by the expected course of the ducks' flight and it required a good hour to set out. Another man beside the battery shooter was required to stand by in a skiff downwind to pick up any birds that might be knocked down; whereupon the gunner lay flat on his back, not daring so much as to bend a knee or scratch his nose, and endured the cold, wind, salt spray, snow, or what have you, and probably an inch or two of water sloshing under his back on the bottom of the skiff, waiting patiently and miserably for some birds to pitch in.

The deception of a good battery was just about complete, however, and it usually meant shooting. I've had the surprise of seeing a man sit up in one in Chesapeake Bay where I had assumed there was nothing but water and a huge raft of ducks. It gave the illusion from my shore blind that he was standing hip-deep in 40 feet of water. But my sur-

prise was probably nothing compared to that of the bluebills which had been calmly swimming and splashing about him; and their surprise didn't match his when he emptied an automatic among several hundred of them and didn't drop a bird.

New York State passed a law forbidding the use of batteries as long ago as 1838, many, many years before such practices as market shooting, spring shooting, night shooting and the like were declared illegal. However, little was done to enforce it so that it soon passed into disuse, and battery shooting continued for just about another century before it was barred by Federal statute.

Some of the ancient methods of waterfowling seem pretty devastating by the standards now set for us, but the majority of the shooting was just as sporting as it is today, some of it much more so. For instance, it was a common practice to sail down-wind into ducks rafted off-shore. The ducks when startled into flying, since they naturally take off into the wind, offered a fair target on the rise. Boat handling plus the combination of the ducks' speed in one direction and the motion and speed of the sail boat in the other must have made this pretty classy shooting.

Another form of shooting now outlawed strikes me as being the most difficult of all forms of wing shooting. It was known as "slaking", and was described by Wilson in his "American Ornithology" as follows: "At the commencement of winter they (widgeon) are fat and delicate, much sought after by

the sea sportsmen, and are killed in numbers by persons lying in watch in the track of the known flight, or what in some parts is called slaking. The most propitious night for this sport is about half-moon, and strong wind; the birds then fly low, and their approach is easily known by the whistling of their wings and their own shrill cry."

Anyone who could hit a widgeon flying low in a high wind by sound and the light of a half-moon could play on my team any time he wanted. That's doing it the hard way; but I imagine that the personal satisfaction a man got out of slaking a widgeon was about a hundredfold to that of a punt-gun operator, and that's the final reward in hunting.

Slaking was an unusual method of duck hunting, but it was nothing compared to a method reportedly used by Indians on the wild-rice lakes of Minnesota. The intrepid redskin, so the intrepid observer related, adorned himself with a headdress of grasses and rushes, and nothing more; then waded slowly and stealthily, with only his grassy thatch protruding above the surface, into a flock of unsuspecting mallards and proceeded to grab them by the feet, one by one, and jerk them under water until he had enough to feed his squaws, papooses and visiting relatives from Chicago. It's a good story, at any rate, and maybe ducks were that dumb once—or maybe the early Minnesota Indian had long arms. Anyway, the last mallards I tried to get sufficiently close to for a long shot must have learned quite a few tricks during the last hundred years.

Foe to Freedom

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service and mercy to a fellow human unthinkable. That man whom you are helping might be an "enemy of the state!" If you help him—why, you too must be an enemy. Love and kindness under Communism is wasted emotion: you need all your time to keep abreast of your own duties. To help another is merely to handicap yourself. Communism is a merciless doctrine, stained with the fingers of callousness, cruelty and disdain. The Christian values, love, tolerance and justice, which have leavened the great personalities and deeds of Western society, are not present. Hate, hypocrisy and deceit bind the community, numbing the heart and freezing the soul. A bleak world, desolate, wayward and cold, is the world of Communism.

An organization like the Elks, an organization dedicated to giving validity and strength to the concepts of Christian living, could not exist under Communism—not for one minute. The spirit of the Elks runs directly contrary to every tenet of Communism. To assist the individual, to make his life more worthwhile and through him to strength-

en the community and the nation—these motives underlying the Elks would destroy the teachings of Marx and Lenin. The Elks desire the citizen to become more rich spiritually, for thereby he can contribute the most to society; the Communists desire to mold the citizen according to their own dictates and make him contribute what they think he should. The Elks believe that the spirit of service and helpfulness is the eternal tie which binds men together; the Communists believe that unmitigated loyalty, shaped on the anvil of Party doctrine, is the ultimate test of human aspiration.

This picture of the Communist world is not, most unfortunately, theoretical or suppositional. Communism is today in militant action. Countries, once proud of their traditions of freedom and courage, have succumbed, either from internal subversion or outside force, to the Marxist-Leninist juggernaut. Today free; tomorrow lost. Once struck by the mailed fist of Communist tyranny, these peoples, like a drowning man, sink beneath the surface. A few bubbles may later ripple over the surface, marking the spot of

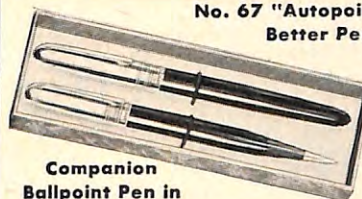
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death, but then all is quiet. The "Iron Curtain" has closed over them.

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The American Communists are well-organized and disciplined. National Headquarters is located in New York City and from there Communist activity, both open and undercover, is controlled. The basic unit of the Communist Party is known as a "club". For security reasons the Communist Party has further subdivided these clubs into groups of three to five members. These clubs may be "neighborhood clubs" comprising members from a certain residential or geographical area, or "shop club", whereby Party members in a certain manufacturing or industrial plant form their own unit. A number of clubs form a section. The sections, in turn, are organized into city, county, state and district organizations, all operating under national headquarters. Of course, the organizational setup will vary, depending on the density of membership, the nature

of the geographical distribution, and availability of meeting places. But, in essence, the Communist Party can be likened to a pyramid—a broad base of "clubs" tapering up through national headquarters in New York to the towers of the Russian Kremlin.

THE Communists know that actual numbers is not the controlling key of the situation, but power is. For that reason the Communists are interested in infiltrating into the most vital industries of the nation—steel, automobile, coal, rubber. One member in a strategic location is worth ten members elsewhere. He is in a position to wreak, if the situation arose, great industrial damage to our economy. Not only that, but a Communist once in a vital spot can, through his influence, help another Communist gain employment there. It is the old story of once a rat comes into the house through a hole in the floor, another rat is sure to follow.

The Communist Party in the United States is a faithful adherent of the Moscow line. When the Kremlin trumpet sounds, the American stooges echo and re-echo the tune. They make worshipful obedience to the Master on High. If, by chance, they make a false step, and sound the wrong tune, they must recant—a grave error, an unpardonable breach of discipline which cannot be tolerated. Not only must this error never be committed again but the erring comrade must be "re-educated", which means, in Communist terminology, that the Party members must be better indoctrinated, especially

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ON TO CHICAGO FOR 1951 CONVENTION



The 87th Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Chicago, July 1 to 5, 1951, where the Grand Lodge last met in session in 1944. Chicago is noted as a convention city and plans already are underway for an outstanding meeting, complete details of which will be published in *The Elks Magazine* as they are formulated. In the view of Chicago above, the downtown skyline is shown as seen from atop the Hotel Sherman.

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A realistic appraisal of the Communist picture should not be disheartening. The Communists desire nothing more than to rule us, to make us believe that, regardless of what we do, we are lost. The inevitability of history, they say, is digging

the tomb of Western civilization. This philosophy is wrong—absolutely wrong. It deadens our initiative and weakens our resolve. In fact, a clear, cool, levelheaded analysis of Communism will do much to strengthen our resistance. We find that Communism, though a mortal menace, carries within itself the seeds of its own destruction. Communism depends upon mass slavery, brutal utilization of manpower and the "divinity" of a guiding master for success. The spirit of man is liquidated; his moral stamina scorned as a relic of superstition.

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Medieval Mail Man

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to a chap named Captain Franget. But the French were much more dignified: when Captain Franget refused to have a lance thrust down his throat he was taken to the Cathedral of Notre Dame and stripped of his armor in a very impressive ceremony. To add insult to injury, Franget had to pay all the costs for this ritual, including a big tip to the heralds who trumpeted his disgrace through the streets of Paris. Such was the penalty for failing to joust.

Some jousts were arranged as a regular part of the schedule, just as Michigan plays Minnesota. Others were extra-curricular, or Rose Bowl, affairs. And there were always small, private arguments. One day a knight named Sir Piers Courtenay showed up at the residence of Richard II wearing a falcon on his wrist and a magnificently embroidered motto on his vest which read, "I beare a falcon first of flight, who so pinches at her, his death is dight." In other words, if anyone made a pass at the falcon, Sir Piers Courtenay would bash him with an axe. All went well; the falcon elicited a satisfactory amount of titters and comments. But one knight, Sir Daniel de Lindsay, snickered to himself. And the next day de Lindsay showed up at court carrying a pie in one hand and wearing a sort of sandwich-man placard that said, "I beare a pie pecking at a piece, who so pecks at her I shall pick at his knees." People started laughing at Sir Piers Courtenay and his falcon. Sir Piers became enraged, stalked away, got out his quill pens and parchment and dashed off a thirty-five page challenge. The joust took place a few weeks later—there was a slight delay because Sir Piers was being fitted for a new suit of armor at the iron works—the horses galloped, the lances struck,

We must continue to hold the line and wave the banner of freedom on high.

The times are urgent. We are, with the United Nations, now battling Communist aggression. In these days when, under the pressure of events, the extraordinary becomes the ordinary, the unusual the usual, we must maintain a proper perspective. Communism may deviate, may change its course but its ultimate goal always is the same—world revolution. Our eyes must be on the enemy, watching his every move.

The task of every American today is to work to improve his nation. We must identify and expose Communists, but that, in itself, is not enough. Your FBI is as watchful of the situation as it is humanly possible to be but, more than that, our individual citizens must make democracy a virile plant, able to withstand the strong winds of calumny. The heart of America is strong, our eyes are fixed upon the horizon of service and justice and we will emerge victorious.

and Sir Piers thumped to the earth of England.

As knights were nobles and presumably adhered to a strict moral code, very little dirty work was done at the crossroads. But once in a while someone slipped over a fast one. Usually an agreement was made before the joust as to the type of lance to be used. Sometimes it was agreed to use lances with blunt ends called "lances of courtesy"—they had good manners and would not knock your teeth down your throat. If lances of courtesy were to be used, any knight who accidentally on purpose used a lance with a sharp point could be accused of murder.

A knight named Arnold de Montigny fought a knight named Roger de Lemburn. Lances of courtesy were to be used. The horses charged, the knights thrust with their lances and de Lemburn's shaft went right through de Montigny's helmet, slicing through the slot, piercing de Montigny's brain, killing him instantly. This was a very tragic occurrence and was treated as such until some of de Montigny's friends, snooping about in the stables, found out that de Lemburn had used a pointed lance instead of a lance of courtesy. The plot thickened when it developed that de Lemburn had suffered a broken leg in a previous joust at the hands of the deceased, de Montigny. The case against de Lemburn looked solid, but for some unknown reason no murder charge was made. Instead, de Lemburn was black-listed and became a social outcast.

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mercial venture and the unhorsed knights were taken prisoner and held for ransom. A knight named Pembroke cornered the used-knight market and ran a junk yard on the side, littered with rusty old suits of armor. After unhorsing an awkward knight, Pembroke would charge a standard ransom fee of 20 pounds a head. In those days 20 pounds was a good sum of money. Pembroke did well in the boom-and-bounce business—in one season he knocked 500 knights off their horses for a gross profit of 10,000 pounds. The gross was good but he had to feed the knights until they were ransomed—bread and gruel, and mead on Sundays—and there were no taxes either, unless the king happened to be in a mean mead—or mood. Anyway, Pembroke did so well that he went into partnership with another knight named Roger de Gangi who had also turned pro, and together they reaped a rich harvest and lived to a ripe old age. Pembroke died of natural causes at 75 and was buried in his best suit of armor.

The boom-and-bounce firm of Pembroke and de Gangi had good reason for its success. These experts used the best horses they could get their hairy hands on—swift strong steeds that gave them extra impetus at the moment of impact. They used good lances made of the finest ash in the forest, and did wrist exercises so that the point where the body was forged to the iron was almost as strong as the metal itself. They had jousting dummies which they strung up in front of their headquarters on a sort of gallows and at which they tilted hour after hour, just as football players hurl themselves at tackling dummies. They used special locks which bolted their lances to their wrists, they bought only the finest armor and, like championship football teams, they became almost unbeatable.

There was the lance of courtesy and there was also a *chevalier d'honneur*. He was the referee appointed for tournaments who could save a knight's life by pronouncing the contest finished when one of the contestants was unhorsed. The king, of course, could always intervene. King Edward III stopped one joust when the victorious knight was trying to polish off the unhorsed knight by stabbing him with the iron gadlings on his gauntlet, the gadlings being those short spikes to which we have already referred. Richard II stopped a joust in which a knight was fighting an esquire. This contest had to take place on foot because the esquire had not yet earned the right to fight on horseback. The esquire knocked the knight down with his axe and was about to finish him off when the king intervened. Then a strange thing happened—the knight pleaded with the king to permit the fight to go on. According to the rules, the knight would have to resume the battle on his back in the last position of the combat. The king agreed. The knight prepared to take his disadvantageous position. Then, suddenly, the waiting esquire collapsed and died from exhaus-

tion! The struggle and the weight of his armor had been too much for his heart. He was an esquire who died on the field of honor before he could become a knight.

GRADUALLY, over the centuries, a feeling grew against the tournaments of the knights, a feeling quickened by danger, death, derision and the disfavor of the Church. In Spain, a writer named Cervantes wrote a story that became a classic—about a ridiculous knight named Don Quixote, and Sancho Panza. It was a very funny book and it made the knights look silly, though it was written with sympathy as well as humor. Then the women began to squawk, for too many knights rode off to tournaments and didn't come home again. The tide really began to turn when royalty got clipped, for kings set the style and their attitude could change customs.

Henry I, who wore a lovely helmet encrusted with diamonds, took a grievous sock on the brow in a tournament at Greenwich, when he forgot to lower his visor before charging, a costly piece of forgetfulness in a joust. Then, at the Field of the Cloth of Gold in 1520, a French knight killed his rival and the accident got a bad press—more people were able to read by this time. Finally, in 1559, Henri II of France entered the lists against a Scot named Montgomery and was struck by a sharp lance which penetrated the slot in his visor. Henri expired ten days later. That just about struck the last blow against tournaments.

So the tournaments died a somewhat natural death which is more than one can say of some of the knights who took part in them. They left us, in addition to many suits of armor still on view today in the dimmer rooms of museums, a number of expressions which have enriched our language. For example, the word "rebate". That comes from the jousting word "rebattre" which, in French, means to fight again. To us it means to go back and collect some more dough or get your money back. Then there is "run a course", which described the charge of the knights and now is used generally about fevers which run their course. The crests which were jolted off the helmets on the vanquished knights noggins gave us the present-day expression "crestfallen". We all know what that means. When you attempt something in vain it is sometimes said that "you splintered your lance against something". Then, of course, there is the word "tournament" which came down directly and is now applied to such sports as golf, a far cry from the teethcracking connotation that jousting gave the word. Then there's "tilted" which meant "unhorsed" and is now used mainly in connection with the pinball machine. Hark back to the words of King Richard III of England whose anguished and immortal cry rang over the battlefield—"A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!" Poor Richard, he knew what it meant to be tilted.

Johnny Appleseed Goes to Town

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lions of acres in Wisconsin where a few years ago there was only wasteland. Since a state cannot easily manage small scattered tracts, Wisconsin encouraged cities and counties to begin planting by offering a bonus of 20 cents a year for each acre planted and maintained. Logged clean of any taxable property, many northern counties were going broke; there literally wasn't enough taxable property to support the local governments. These counties embraced the opportunity to get this revenue and promised to return to the state a 50 per cent tax when the first crop was harvested. Though the woodlands are just beginning to pay off, these counties, once nearly bankrupt, already have begun to prosper from the pulpwood they planted. The annual return now is more than \$150,000 and they look forward to the near future when the forests will pay a major share of the cost of county government.

Not all states are as liberal as Wisconsin and many towns do not have suitable tax delinquent lands on which to start a forest project. Usually they can buy appropriate land for \$2.00 to \$12.00 an acre. In Massachusetts a survey showed that 25 per cent of the community forests were purchased at relative low cost, 50 per cent were former town poor farms converted to forest use and 20 per cent were acquired by gift, some of them as memorials to war dead. It is doubtful if any living memorial of World War II could be more appropriate than a forest that should live in perpetuity.

HOW costs may be amortized is shown at Little Falls, New York, which has two watersheds totalling 5,000 acres. One of these has natural timber, the other was abandoned farms and idle lands on which 2,500,000 trees were planted. In the first ten years, sale of two cuttings of the natural timber yielded \$26,000, more than the original cost of the land. The planting on the second watershed cost \$6.50 an acre but in ten years enough miscellaneous native timber had matured to get back \$7,500 of this investment. The balance will be readily recovered with the first cutting of the new stock.

Moreover, during a period of serious drought when lakes and streams in the vicinity went completely dry, the forest-protected reservoirs of Little Falls provided its 12,000 inhabitants with an un-failing supply of pure water.

In addition, a community forest helps local business. As a recreation area it draws trade from nearby cities and it aids in farm communities, too. A properly managed area serves as a demonstration to nearby farmers who learn how to manage their own farm woodlots. Farmers who ignorantly let their woods be-

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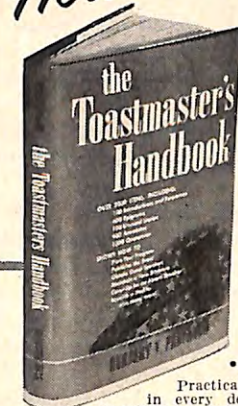
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REGARDLESS of the time it takes to grow, a forest is invaluable. Despite the mechanization of this atomic age, the people of this country are peculiarly dependent on forests. We use in the United States more lumber than ever before—

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Though we have a vast and increasing dependence on our forests we are still recklessly cutting down two trees for every one that is planted. Silviculture—the science of forest management—is now widely understood but its simple precepts are seldom followed except in national and state forests. Our wastes are prodigious. Largely through carelessness some 200,000 forest fires annually deprive us of enough lumber to build 215,000 frame houses a year.

There is small likelihood that community forests will offset this loss to any major extent in the immediate future. But if the movement spreads rapidly through the backing of alert civic groups it may soon make a substantial contribution to the restoration of this great self-replenishing resource. A town forest is a happy project for any community and its bountiful dividends may be rewarding forever.

In the Doghouse

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tool, today he is regarded as much more. Thriving industries employing thousands of people cater to the dog. The manufacture and sale of dog foods alone draw upon the farmer, stock raiser, factory worker, nutritionist, salesman, advertising man and the employees of the various media carrying dog food advertising. Literally tens of millions of dollars depend on Fido's appetite. To perhaps a lesser degree, the same holds true for the marketing of dog medicines and equipment.

FIDO is a far bigger factor in the economic picture than most people realize. In the breeding of dogs and its related matters of housing, transportation and showing, more millions are expended. Dog periodicals and books help swell the total. Various dog specialties give employment to thousands of people, either directly or indirectly. For example, in the matter of showing dogs a large class of individuals known as professional handlers derives a livelihood—some of them with far larger incomes than are realized by many top executives. Someone else who depends upon Mr. Dog to

keep the groceries on the table is the professional trainer who will take your pet and make him a law-abiding, obedient adjunct to your home.

Speaking of training, though many dogs are trained to good behavior by their masters—when their masters have the know-how—and many are successfully exhibited by their non-professional owners, there's a special kind of obedience training that takes a specialist: the obedience tests held at many dog shows. Suppose we take a look at one: While other dogs are being judged for their conformation to breed standards, we see a ring occupied by an assortment of purps ranging from toy to giant. They are there to demonstrate—for the one official time—how good is their deportment and, I'm willing to add, their intelligence. I've never seen a canine fathead get anywhere at these doggy clambakes; indeed, the winners of these American Kennel Club certificates are the Phi Beta Kappas of Dogdom. Although all must be purebred, their quality isn't appraised; few of them would get a second glance from a bench-show judge, but that doesn't mean a thing to their owners. They are there

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All judging is by the scoring system, the number of points awarded at the judge's discretion. The ring in which the dog is put through his paces is usually a roped-off oblong occupied by the judge and two stewards. The latter are assistants to the judge and play no part in making decisions or in scoring. They may be either men or women and are licensed by the American Kennel Club.

LET'S keep our eyes on that little black cocker spaniel in the far corner. At a nod from the judge—this is a trial for a C.D. test—the dog's handler, who may be either the owner or a professional trainer, begins to circle the ring with the dog on leash. Suddenly he stops; he gives no command, but the little cocker stops too, and squats on his tail the very instant the handler stops. Next the handler resumes his walk with the dog off leash; again he stops; again the dog stops, squats. Now the dog's pilot makes a number of unexpected right and left turns, and as he weaves an intricate pattern the dog follows him in every turn, staying close to him as the pace is varied between a slow walk to a brisk trot. Next, the stewards stand in the center of the ring, about five feet apart. At a word from the judge, the handler takes his dog, on leash, around the stewards in a figure-eight fashion; then this is repeated with the dog unleashed. (Incidentally, at no time throughout any of

these tests is a spoken command allowed, and if the handler resorts to speech, or whistles or snaps his fingers, a penalty is imposed.)

The handler and the dog next cross to the far side of the ring, where the dog is left as the handler returns to our side. Suddenly, he waves to the dog to come to him. At this point it is interesting to note how eagerly and expectantly the dog watches his handler. When the signal to return is given, the dog is expected to cross the ring instantly and, without further indication or command, squat at the handler's feet. Any detours on Fido's part call for penalties.

Then the pup takes a position at heel, standing slightly to the rear of the handler's left knee. This introduces the "long sit" test when the dog is required to sit for a full minute while the handler leaves him. The "long down" follows—at command the dog lies down and remains that way while the handler leaves the ring for three minutes. Any change of position is penalized by the judge, who deducts a certain number of points from the score. A dog totting 85 points at three different shows wins a rating of C.D.

For a C.D.X., our C.D. winner enters the Open Class—restricted to C.D.'s—and goes through the same tests once again, as well as others, such as coming from the far side of the ring at a signal from the handler, which is similar to the return test for C.D.'s, but differs in the addition of *motioned* commands for the dog to stop at intervals on the way over. The dog is expected to stop promptly as many times as the handler gives the signal; this continues until the dog reaches its handler's side.

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Our four-legged student next is asked to select from a varied assortment of articles belonging to complete strangers one item belonging to his handler. These are jumbled and cast on the ground in

front of the dog, who has not had his handler's possession shown to him separately.

Then comes the "finding test"—the handler circles the ring with the dog and, unseen by his charge, drops his handkerchief. He stops after a few paces and commands the dog to retrieve it. After this, the dog must stand for examination on and off leash for as long as the judge desires.

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The pup that passes all these tests is awarded a Utility Dog certificate. His future is assured. His boss farms him out as a dog writer.

Football Roundup

(Continued from page 11)

Ten. Iowa has good backs and a problematical line.

Michigan State's coach, Biggie Munn, is talking bearishly, but seems to have the elements of a competing team. The Spartan entourage, newest member of the Western Conference, still hasn't had a chance to adjust its schedule to include the majority of the Big Ten's ranking teams. It plays only Michigan, Indiana and Minnesota among members. It also plays Notre Dame and Pittsburgh, a rising force, and accordingly does not seem likely to register impressively in the won and lost column.

To the east of the Conference is a sec-

tion which hasn't held up in recent years as a prolific producer of good football teams. The Northeast generally comes up with one or two, but hasn't compared favorably, team-by-team, with the Middle West, or any other section for that matter, since the day of Walter Camp. Army appears to be the East's best by far. It has lost some linemen from its double-platoon front but the only offensive back missing is Arnold Galiffa, quarterback for the past two years.

In his place is Bob Blaik, son of Colonel Earl H. Blaik, the Army coach. Bobby isn't as powerful a runner as Galiffa, but should be his equal or better

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Yesteryear at quarterback for Notre Dame it was Stuhldreher, Carideo and Bertelli; today it's Bobby Williams.



Bud McFaddin, Texas guard, is the best lineman in the Southwest Conference — perhaps in the country.



A fine play-caller, ball-handler and passer, Gary Kerkorian, Stanford quarterback.

in all other departments. He seems to have a superior tactical head, a better passing arm and a greater deftness in executing the fakes and pivots of a T quarterback. He is also the Army's best punter. His difficulty is the psychological burden he carries. Being son of the coach, a constitutionally tense person, he will be under constant strain.

There are some other fairly imposing teams in the East. None except Army, however, am I willing to rank among the national leaders. The Army, though, looks to be surefire. In addition to its fast backfield of last year—Gil Stephenson, Frank Fishl, Jim Cain, Herb Johnson, Jack Martin, Jim Pollack—it has a big yearling fullback named Al Pollard who, some think, has as much power and ability as Doc Blanchard.

Ivy Leaguers who rank closest to Army are Cornell, Dartmouth, Pennsylvania and Princeton. Yale is just beginning to build under the direction of Herman Hickman. Harvard is starting as if from scratch. Among outstanding Ivy operators are Johnny Clayton, Dartmouth's quarterback and passer; Reds Bagnell and Dick Kazmaier, tailbacks respectively for Pennsylvania and Princeton.

Outside the Ivy League there are one or two formidable teams, chief of which is Villanova, a power ever since Jim Leonard, the old pro player, took over the coaching. Boston College, Holy Cross and Fordham have potentiality. Boston University, painstakingly built up by Buff Donelli, the old Duquesne and Cleveland pro coach, is ready to go under guidance of Harry Agganis, its lanky left-handed T quarterback.

Navy has a great potential and reputedly one of the best running backs in the East in Fred Franco, yearling (sophomore) who started his academic career at Brown.

The South had an off-year in 1949 but seems to be in the throes of a comeback. Southern coaches appear to be much less sure of the picture than brash Northern

observers. The best advice is that either Kentucky or Tulane will be the leading team in the South if Tennessee isn't. Kentucky has the area's best T passer in Babe Parelli, now a junior. Tulane seems to be about three deep.

Bob Neyland, at Tennessee, talks conservatively, pointing out that his team will be a year younger than most of the good ones he developed before the war. Still, the material looks impressive. Among the superior players are: Bud Sherrod, All-American end; Jack Stroud, perhaps the best tackle in the South; Ted Daffer, possibly the best guard since Herman Hickman; Bert Rechichar, Gordon Polofsky and Hank Lauricella in the backfield. The sophomore material, on which Neyland will have to depend to fill in, looks stronger than average.

The championship of the other big Dixie Conference, the Southern, seems to lie between North Carolina and Duke. The former had the disadvantage of opening the season against Notre Dame and worked strenuously to get ready. The Tarheels played Notre Dame even for a half in New York last fall, and hadn't lost much except Charley Justice, who didn't play in that game anyway. Coach Carl Snively, celebrated as a looker-on-the-dark-side, is strangely optimistic about the post-Notre Dame future. "We'll have a well-balanced team with a fairly consistent offense," he says. From Carl, this is jubilation.

SOUTHWESTERN coaches seem to be cooperating tacitly to put Coach Blair Cherry, of Texas, on the spot. They are unanimous in nominating the Longhorns for the title, merely citing other teams, notably Southern Methodist, Texas Christian and Arkansas as possible interlopers.

Texas was undamaged by graduation except at quarterback, where Paul Campbell played last fall. It has enough good linemen for two-platoon ball and a boy in Bud McFaddin, defensive guard, offensive tackle, who is the greatest lineman in the Conference, perhaps in the country. Fast, combative, weighing 240 pounds, he is a bad person from the opposition viewpoint.

Some of the noteworthy individuals in a large and seaworthy squad are Byron Townsend, fullback and leading ground-gainer last year; Ben Proctor, six-feet-three end who seems to be the best pass catcher in the Southwest; Jim Langford, 220-pound tackle; Dick Rowan, senior center; Bobby Dillon, defensive safety specialist, and June Davis, linebacker. Gib Dawson, sophomore prize from Douglas, Arizona, looks like a great wide runner. The quarterback hole will be plugged by Ben Tomkins, understudy as a sophomore last year, and Dan Page, junior college transfer.

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my guess that Texas will take it, for a change.

The Longhorns, however, are in grave danger in their own Conference, in spite of the pleasant things people are saying about them. Southern Methodist looks like the toughest Texas adversary because it has a back in Kyle Rote who is good enough to tip over any close game. This fellow runs rapidly and weighs about 200 pounds. He is an able passer and a master of the optional pass and run play. His handling of this double maneuver all but upended Notre Dame last year.

Oklahoma, leading exponent of the split-T attack, though this maneuver was invented by an arch rival, Don Faurot, coach of Missouri, is strongly favored to win the Big Seven title for the third straight time. However, everyone, and in particular Bud Wilkinson, the Oklahoma coach, considers that competition will be tougher than ever within the conference. Missouri is perhaps the most dangerous intra-conference opponent.

Wilkinson says that only one man of the regular 1949 lineup remains. This is true on the surface but there is extant a large flock of operatives who played as much as the 1949 regulars. Wilkinson is not strictly a two-platoon man. He generally uses combinations in five-minute stretches on both offense and defense.

The one surviving regular whom Wilkinson cites is Leon Heath, the fullback, known as "Mule Train", who is morally certain to be the All-America selection on every team worthy of the name this year. He is a great runner, inside or out, and a spirited and effective downfield blocker. He made the longest run in Sugar Bowl history last January when he broke off the Louisiana State left tackle and went 86 yards for a touchdown. In the same game he made another scoring run of 34 yards and was subsequently voted the outstanding Sugar Bowl player.

Heath's average of 9.12 yards per rush was the best in the country. He is only 21 years old and just finding himself as a running back. He is well set up for the work, standing six feet and weighing 192 pounds.

PROGRESSING westward the football evaluator runs into much touting of Stanford as the coming Pacific Coast champion. It appears to me that California, champion for the past two years, Southern California, a rising force, and Washington, well-heeled keeper of the northern marshes, are serious threats. However, Stanford, which has had three successive unbeaten freshman teams, probably has a little the best of the material.

Coach Archie Schwartz, the old Notre Dame left halfback, doesn't go along with the general optimism about Stanford. He sees a tremendous rebuilding job ahead of him. However, he has six of last year's regulars to start with and more squadmen and sophomores of ability than the census could count. He is set in the one position, quarterback, which can mean



Illinois' John Karras is rated the best running back in the Big Ten Conference.

the success or failure of a T formation team.

Here for the second year is Gary Kerkorian, an exemplary play-caller, ball handler and passer, almost undoubtedly the best man in this position on the Coast. Another operative whose ancestors came from the Levant, Harry Hugasian, left halfback, may turn out to be the outstanding runner in the Conference. The best of all Coast runners probably is Ollie Matson, the 9.4 Negro sprinter, who plays fullback for the University of San Francisco.

Stanford's only extra-sectional game is with the Army, in Palo Alto, on November 18. All others, except the opener with San Jose State, are with Conference members. This does not give Stanford a real chance to establish itself nationally.

There's the picture as we see it: Notre Dame and Michigan in the Middle West; Army in the East; Oklahoma in the Great Plains and Mountain area; Texas in the Southwest; Tennessee in the South.

No team has a schedule so conducive to national recognition as Notre Dame. The South Bend entourage habitually takes on teams from many parts of the country. This year it will play Purdue, Indiana, Michigan State and Iowa from its own section; North Carolina and Tulane from the South; Navy and Pittsburgh from the East, and Southern California from the West Coast.

All of these will be reasonably strong, but no one of them could possibly be put down as a logical favorite over the Irish. With a team 80 per cent as strong as that of 1949, Notre Dame could handle this list without great difficulty, and so turn out to be defeatless for the fifth consecutive year.

However, the pressure on the Irish has been building up since 1946. Some day, someone is going to tip them over.

A Bird for Everybody

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ever been in the same kind of situation, you might not be surprised.

We just naturally mowed the top off that willow jungle and the casualties that we inflicted on the pheasants were zero. In the same kind of cover, pheasants are just as hard to hit as grouse.

Or take quail. When a covey of bobwhites gets up in the open, with nothing between them and you but good, clear air, it doesn't take any wizard with a shotgun to lay one or two on the grass. Let that same covey get into heavy cover, however, and, as the farmer said when he looked out one morning and discovered his land inundated by a flood, "Look, Ma, things sure are different."

One time I stopped at a farm in North Carolina and asked permission to hunt. A boy about 14 volunteered to go along as guide. We walked out along the edge of a cotton field toward a patch of corn near the woods at the back of the place.

I happened to glance ahead, and in the corner where the cotton met both the corn and trees I saw a covey of quail trailing across an opening. They went into a clump of black gums in a low spot, all nicely laced across with cat briers. I said, "Come on. Let's go get some of those quail."

"No, sir," he replied. "I don't shoot birds. Birds are too quick."

After I had finished in that jungle, I knew just what he meant.

America was blessed by Nature with a wonderful variety of feathered game, even excluding all the shore birds, ducks and geese. There are five native grouse, in addition to sagehens and ptarmigan, and this doesn't include the extinct heath hen. There are the five western quail and the bobwhite. There is the wild turkey. Migratory birds that are hunted in the uplands include the woodcock, mourning dove, white-winged dove and the band-tailed pigeon.

In addition to the natives, two introductions were wonderfully successful. The ring-necked pheasant has become the most important upland bird in many states, and the Hungarian partridge is one of the finest wherever he is found.

You could say that we have a bird for everybody, and you'd be right. In the South, it is the bobwhite; in the North, the ruffed grouse. In the middle of the country the pheasant probably ranks first, while various spots in the West are primarily pheasant, Hun or western quail.

There is a lot of overlapping. Quail and pheasants or Huns and one of the native grouse are found together. The woodcock ranks even higher than the grouse with many northern and eastern gunners. Mourning doves were hunted in over half the states last fall.

The number of men in the South and West who hunt turkeys is comparatively small when you think of the army of

gunners after quail or pheasants, but they are, perhaps, the most violent partisans of all. A true turkey hunter has a far-away look in his eye, and all the rest of us are merely triflin' bird shooters.

Which is the hardest to hit? I've already pointed out that the kind of cover you find them in has a lot to do with it; so do the conditions under which you hunt. Any bird that is found in open country and holds well for a dog is going to appear much easier than one shot in the timber. Put that same open-country bird in the trees, however, and either hunt him when he's jumpy on a dry, windy day, or go after him without a dog and you'll discover he's no cinch.

Most experienced hunters probably will agree with me, however, that for hard shooting in the open, where there are no trees for the game to dodge behind, the mourning dove tops them all.

A couple of seasons ago, several of us were shooting doves along the top of a bluff over which they pitched on their way to the roost, 200 yards below. Some of them came over only ten feet above, fanning along as though their tails were on fire and it was 40 miles to water. Others crossed at the same speed but anywhere from 15 to 50 yards up in the air. A few just loafed along until they were over the rim of the bluff, right above us, then set their wings and pitched down like diving goshawks. Some took it slow all the way through. Still others were flying back and forth parallel to the edge of the hill, and a few were dodging back the other way, opposite to the main flight.

Our setup was a great thing for the ammunition manufacturers. I've never found it difficult to miss a dove anywhere, but here we had every possible aid: all ranges, all angles and all speeds. None of us shot particularly well, but one member of the party set a record in the opposite extreme. He averaged one dove for each box of shells.

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In any comparison of game birds, one of the points that is sure to be discussed is how well they hold for a pointing dog. Good dog work provides a large part of the pleasure of hunting. Friends who have shot them all tell me that young prairie chickens stick tighter and permit better dog work than any other bird. Bobwhites rank high in this department.

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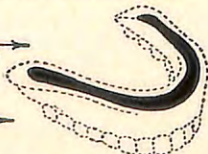
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clined to be scornful of pheasants, and one of the reasons is that pheasants run so badly. Few dogs can hold them; yet how many pointers and setters can handle grouse? Very few. Old Ruff is too much for most of them. There are grouse dogs that can do the job, however, and there are pheasant dogs that can make a fool out of almost any long-legged rooster they encounter.

Here, again, the kind of cover in which a bird is found has a lot to do with the way he acts. I doubt whether any dog alive could hold a cock pheasant in a cornfield with open rows, devoid of weeds or grass. Put that same bird out into a clover patch, however, where he is well hidden and the cover is too thick to sneak away through, and just about any pointing dog with the strength to hold his head up can nail him down.

MOST of the western quail like to run. One of the main reasons is that they often are found in brush of various kinds with bare ground underneath. When you happen to catch a covey in thick grass, where the going is tough, they're much more likely to stay put. The dog makes a difference, too.

I've hunted mountain quail—they're the big ones with the straight topknot—more than any of the others. I know that a creeping, slinking dog that tries to sneak up on a covey of mountain quail just naturally will run them out of the country. They never will stop running, and you'll never get a shot. A bold, hard-going, slam-bang pointer or setter, however, will pin them down every time. With that kind of dog, it's too late to run. He's on them before they realize it and they don't dare move.

In point of popularity, the bobwhite

quail probably heads the list. I believe more men seek him with gun and dog each year than any other bird. The Chinese pheasant probably runs him a close second. These two have wider distribution than any of the others except, of course, the dove.

In some places, quail and pheasants are found together. Where this is the case, there are two kinds of hunters: quail hunters and pheasant hunters.

The first group considers pheasants gaudy, foreign, race horse knotheads that won't hold for a dog and aren't fit to hunt. The second group contends that a quail is not worth a shotgun shell and generally won't even take a poke at them when they flush a covey by mistake. Of course, there are the enthusiasts who shoot everything, as well as a few hunters who can see good qualities in both.

Al Miller and I both favor quail over pheasants, although we have been known to hunt the latter upon occasion. One day last fall we were on our way home from hunting with our limit of quail when we started through an area that looked like good pheasant country.

Al said, "Let's stop and hunt pheasants a while. We have plenty of time."

"Look," I replied, "we've had a nice day. We got our birds. We're in a good humor. If we stop to hunt pheasants we'll wind up tired, disgruntled and mad. Let's go on in."

"That may be, but I hate to admit that those cackling idiots are any smarter than I am."

So we drove down a lane and asked the farmer if we could hunt pheasants on his place. He said, "Sure. But I don't think you'll get any."

We drove out back of the barn and parked the car at the edge of some



GAME BIRDS ON PAGE 29: 1—Wild turkey. 2—Mourning dove. 3—Ruffed grouse. 4—Bobwhite quail. 5—Woodcock. 6—Ring-necked pheasant.

wheat stubble and started across it. The sun was getting low, and the pheasants had just started out into the stubble to feed. Before we had gone 50 yards, and while the dog was still walking at heel, 25,000 pheasants flew out of the other side of the field. They sailed about a hundred yards and lit in some tall grass. (This may be a slight exaggeration, but I am sure there were more than ten.)

Of course, Al and I went after them. When we got to the grass, we discovered that it was about as high as a man on a horse—either a tall man on a short horse or a short man on a tall horse. We separated, walking along the paths that the pheasants (with the assistance of a few cows) had trampled down. I sent the dog into the cover.

The grass swallowed him. Al and I walked along about 50 yards apart, calling occasionally to keep in touch. We couldn't see over the grass. Things began to fly out. The ones I saw were pheasants—out of range. I heard others that I couldn't see. Occasionally I could hear the dog.

Pretty soon, Al shot. When we got together in a clearing he told me that he had come on Joe, on point. Fortunately, the bird had been a rooster, and Al made a good pheasant out of it. That was the only time either of us saw the dog until we got out of the grass on the other side.

Most of the pheasants that we chased out flew on another hundred yards and lit in some bushes. We went over there. They were worse than the grass—taller than a tall man on a tall horse and thicker than the hair on a dog's back. We returned to the car.

As we left, I walked over to the house to thank the farmer for letting us hunt. He said, "You boys get any?"

I said, "One."

He said, "You must be pretty good. Come back any time."

I don't think we will. Not unless, as Al suggested, we can borrow 75 dogs and turn them all loose at once in that grass while we stand along the edge to shoot what comes out.

THAT'S the reason quail hunters don't like pheasants—and it also explains why pheasants, in many places, are the only bird there is to shoot. If you don't let the memory of frequent frustrations influence you too much, you have to admit that a pheasant, for all his gaudy plumage and cackling voice, is a whole lot of bird.

In fact, in this country we have a whole lot of birds that are a whole lot of bird. The ruffed grouse? I wouldn't give him second place to anything. But neither would I give second place to the bobwhite or the Hungarian partridge. I wouldn't give it to the woodcock or mountain quail, either.

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editorial

A RICH LEGACY



Father-and-son memberships are something of a tradition in the Order of Elks.

Every Elk father who has shared in the moral and spiritual nourishment derived from activities of his lodge wants to share that heritage with his sons. Many have, for one reason or another, delayed taking the steps that will open to their sons the rich experience of membership in the Order.

They ought to welcome the opportunity afforded by Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle's designation of September and October for the initiation of father-and-son classes. Now is the time, in the words of the Grand Exalted Ruler, for them to pass on with pride their legacy of Elkdom. He set the example with the initiation of his second son into Gary Lodge No. 1152 on September 1.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's appeal is not limited to sons. He urges every member of the Order to invite all those nearest and dearest to him to share the privileges and opportunities of membership in the Elks.

This is an appealing program.

THE MENTAL STRAIN



From the days of Munich to the close of the second world war, we were exposed to situations of tension.

Not long after the close of that struggle the psychological cold war developed and, with our hearts and minds seeking eagerly and anxiously for peace, the tension was renewed.

It is not surprising that people change under such psychological pounding.

We have lost much of our optimism; doubts and fears possess us. We have come to interpreting news with an emotional attitude. In a time of stress such an attitude portends trouble.

Our first reaction when a storm cloud shows on the national horizon is: How can the Elks help to dissipate it? Our Order has a reputation for lending a hand when something important has to be done. From its early days it contributed to the strengthening of friendships among the people of all sections of the country. Later it saw America through two world wars with contributions of all the ingenuity and resources at its disposal.

Its members have donated more than ninety million dollars to benevolent, charitable, educational and humanitarian activities.

Today, the Order stands as a stout bulwark of democracy, providing a strong defense against infiltrating, destructive communism.

Another opportunity for helping our country may await us. America might benefit greatly if the Elks become one million ambassadors in spreading a message of patience and faith in the future.

The Elks have had valuable experience in promoting community welfare work, a training which marks them for positions of leadership in times of need. Should we shift to a war economy that may be unavoidable, let us become the resistance coil that takes up the shock of scarcities in civilian goods and influence others by our example in our daily conversation to exercise restraint and observance of the rights of others.

Let us set the examples of prompt and cheerful adjustment to a compliance with the regulations and restrictions that such an economy makes necessary.

Let us make it clear that we see nothing smart in a gray market or under-the-counter deals when someone boasts to us of such a transaction.

Let us make it clear that the seeking of special privileges at such a time; attempts to evade the sacrifices that should be made by all, do not appeal to an Elk.

Such a course would be helpful to ourselves and to all about us.

It also will be helpful to the morale of the men who always have been first in the thoughts of the Elks, the men at the fighting front.

WHERE ARE THE VOTERS?



Failure of a large percentage of eligible American citizens to exercise their right and perform their duty to vote on Election Day constitutes a serious weakness in our democratic system.

Compulsory voting has not received general support. Many organizations conduct get-out-the-vote campaigns with some success. But despite all of the effort, time and money expended and the exhortations of the candidates and their organizations, our elections are decided by a small majority of the voters. Democracy is chugging along with a couple of cylinders missing. It ought to be driving ahead under full power.

There is no excuse for anyone who has the franchise to fail to vote, save sudden physical incapacity on Election Day. Every voter who neglects this duty is subtracting just that much from America's power to meet the dark challenge to our freedom.

There's an election on November 7th. One third of our Senators, all of our Representatives in Congress, Governors, other State officials and many local officers are to be chosen on that day. Every American citizen, every Elk worthy of the name will go to the polls and cast his ballot.

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