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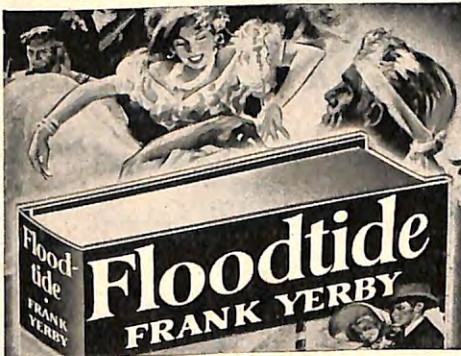
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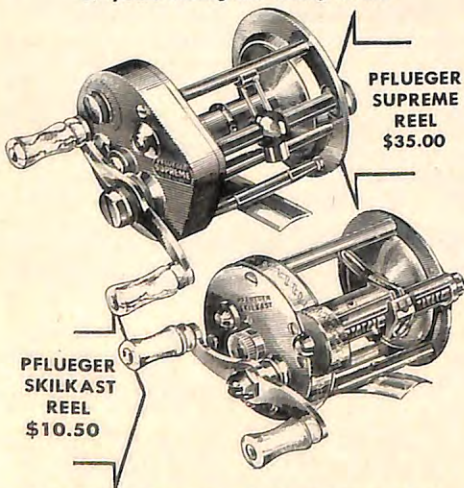
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What Our Readers

Have to Say



At last another wonderful story about Florian Slappey by Octavus Roy Cohen. I

like a good laugh, especially in times like these. Please congratulate Mr. Cohen for me and I hope that there will be more stories from him in the future.

R. M. Atchison

Salem, Ohio

In behalf of this lodge I wish to extend to *The Elks Magazine* a word of commendation on the fine work that is being accomplished. Your editorials and articles of current events are of the finest and utmost interest to all. Your fraternal news coverage helps each and every Elk to understand better the functions of Elkdome and the true meaning of Brotherly Love. Wishing you continued success.

Warren A. Wood

Panama Canal Zone Lodge

Wonderful article by Stanley Frank on the economic aspects of the retirement problem in your February issue. Thought it the best treatment I have ever read on the subject.

G. A. Rutherford

Houston, Texas

You are to be congratulated for giving us the article by Stanley Frank, "What Age Retirement?" It is a timely challenge to industry and to our National leaders. Among the 11,000,000 persons in this country who are 65 years or more of age it is reasonable to assume that there are many who could be employed with profit both to government and industry. Such employment would be a boon to the morale and security of the retired persons concerned. I think Stanley Frank hits the nail on the head in his article when he writes, "The proportion of old people is mounting so rapidly that their experience and accumulated skills must be exploited if the United States is to remain prosperous and progressive." The article is really a challenge.

Ambrose Durkin

Washington, D. C.

I was extremely interested to read the article by W. B. Courtney entitled, "Russia's Weapon Of Satellitism" in the January issue of *The Elks Magazine*. It seems to me that it is important that an article like that be read by every thinking American. It occurred to me that a leaflet covering this article could be run off and broadcast widely.

E. W. Weeks

St. Petersburg, Fla.



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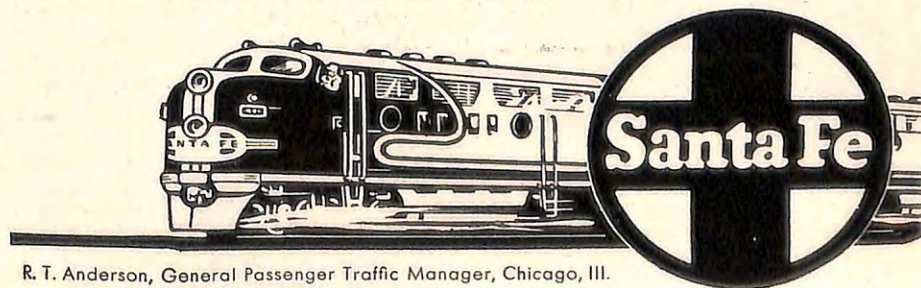
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COMMUNISTS AT WORK

Look before you sign, for Un-American activities are skillfully hidden

DANGER! COMMUNISTS AT WORK." Every high school and college in the country; every industrial plant; every association, group and church of every denomination, should carve that slogan on its doorstep—should exert every last ounce of effort to impress it unflinchingly in the minds and hearts of its students, members, employees and associates.

"The Communist Party is like a submerged submarine", said J. Peters, former Russian head of a Communist spy ring in the United States; "the part that you see above water is the periscope, but the part underneath is the real Communist organization; that is the conspiratorial apparatus."

Communist and Communist-front organizers exploit to full advantage the naturally questioning and even rebellious attitude of American youth toward authority. Countless unwary youngsters have been enrolled in renegade organizations such as American Student Union, American Youth Congress, Friends of the Campus, National Student League, World Youth Council and many more.

Thousands of young Americans on high school and college campuses from coast

to coast, under the delusion that they were joining a liberal, patriotic organization, became members of American Youth For Democracy. Unknown to most of them is the fact that this organization was formerly the Young Communist League.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report for the year 1950, takes a grim view of Communist activities in the United States. "With the Armed Forces of the United States actually pitted in conflict against the legions of international communism," says the report, "the Communist Party of the United States can no longer be viewed passively as a group of mere political and ideological dissidents, but must be looked upon with all seriousness as a military fifth column actively aiding our enemies."

THE House Committee is convinced that members of Communist-front organizations which advocate policies designed to weaken United States resistance to Communist aggression (as all of them do), are, wittingly or unwittingly, enemies of the nation; and that those who sign Communist-front petitions, offered

for their signatures under a variety of disguises, are either extremely naive, or fools, or knaves.

Representative John S. Wood, of Georgia, is Chairman of the House Committee. It is possible now, says Mr. Wood, for American citizens to secure from the House Committee information about any petition, appeal or organization they may be asked to sign or to join. There is no reason in the world, he declares, for anyone to allow himself to be tricked into participating in an Un-American activity.

What, precisely, is an Un-American activity? "Any action of any individual or organization," says Mr. Wood, "which seeks to alter or change the form of government of this nation by other than the method pointed out in the Constitution, or who seeks by violent and unlawful methods to interfere with the orderly operations of the Government or any of its subdivisions—is Un-American."

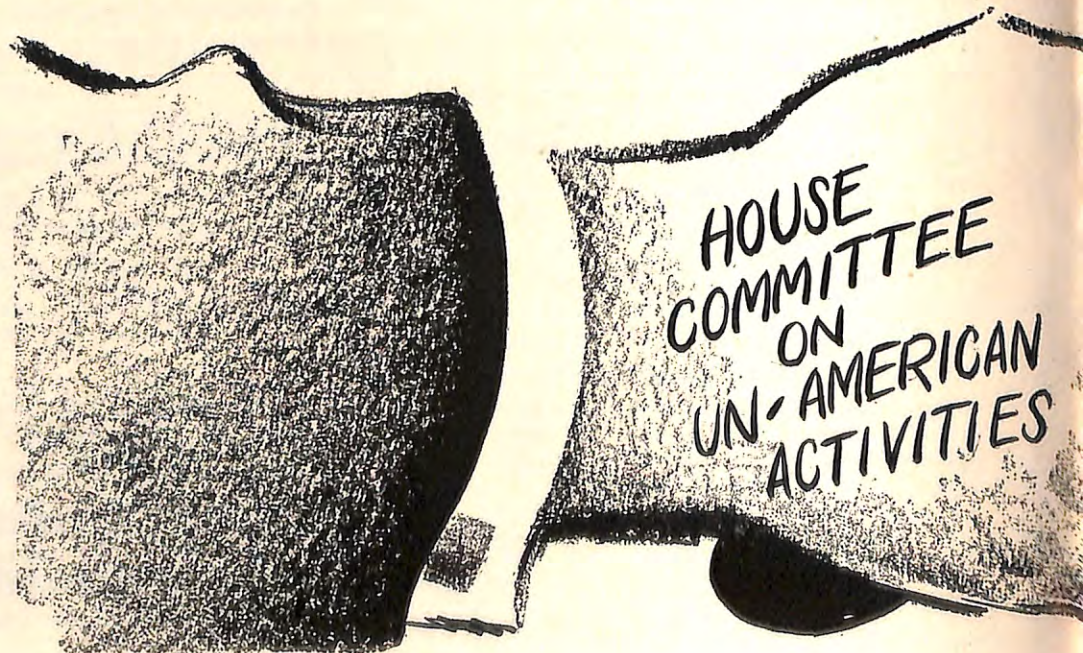
Does the Committee stifle public debate? Does it tend to exercise thought control? Does it threaten freedom of expression on behalf of causes which may be unpopular at the moment?

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BY BRUNO SHAW




Bruno Shaw, radio news analyst and foreign correspondent, contributed "Why We Have Communists" to our September issue. In that article Mr. Shaw interviewed General Eisenhower, J. Edgar Hoover and Dr. Richard Brickner on a vital subject.



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- 1- DEMOBILIZE ARMED FORCES BECAUSE ...
- 2- SIGN PEACE PETITIONS BECAUSE
- 3- SPONSOR FRONT ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE ..

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- 1- IT WILL HELP COMMUNISM CONQUER THE WORLD
 - 2- IT WILL BETRAY DEMOCRACY
 - 3- IT WILL HELP SUBVERSIVE GROUPS

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

THIS PAGE was designed to point up the hundreds of letters which are being received daily by local, State and National Service Commissioners. They are the result of the many fine Elk entertainment and gift programs for convalescent servicemen in VA Hospitals throughout the country.

Since it is impossible to reproduce all these letters, we have selected the Temple, Tex., communication as representative, inasmuch as it was specially written and signed by a large group of the veterans there; it is a duplicate of many others.

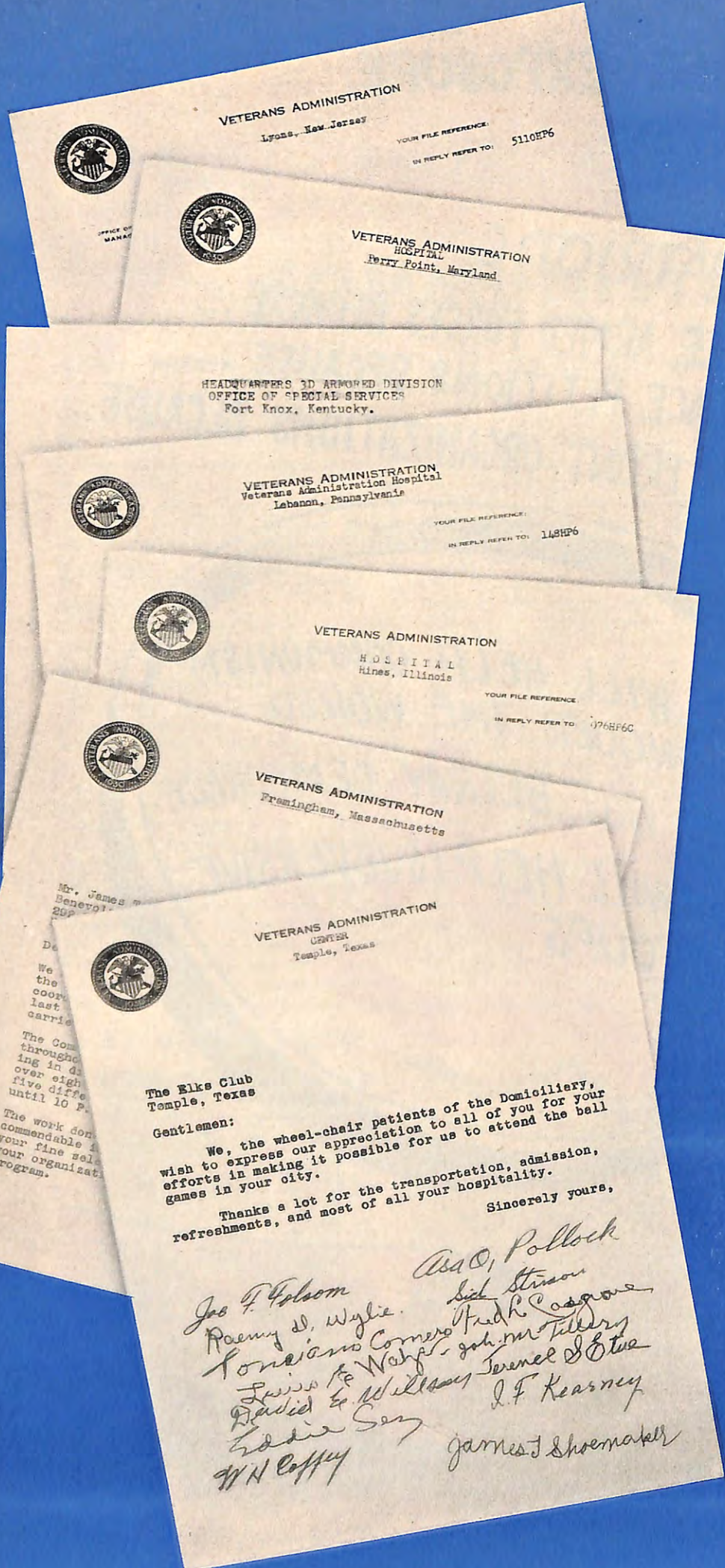
The Lyons, N. J., note gives high praise, through Chairman Charles H. Maurer, to the Committees of the 13 lodges which participate in these programs: Dunellen, Madison, Rahway, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Morristown, Summit, South Orange, New Brunswick, Bound Brook, Somerville, Hillside and Westfield.

Past Grand Est. Lecturing Knight Charles G. Hawthorne received the Perry Point, Md., letter which praised the bi-monthly Elks Shows put on at that hospital, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade Kepner got great pleasure from the letter he received from Capt. R. F. Mendenhall at Fort Knox, Ky., who happens to be a member of Mr. Kepner's lodge.

Bernard Frick was the recipient of the Lebanon, Pa., VA Hospital letter which carried the phrase, "Leave it to the Elks; they always have a good show," while W. F. Berzinsky, Sr., of Blue Island, Ill., Lodge was the addressee on the Hines Hospital communication.

The letter which Chairman James T. Hallinan of the Commission received from Framingham, Mass., was in the nature of a report, covering the work of the Commission's coordinator in that area.

Other letters came from the National Advisory Committee of the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C., and from hospitals in Batavia, N. Y., Brecksville, Ohio, Lawson Hospital in Chamblee, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., Iron Mountain, Mich., Fayetteville, Ark., Kennedy Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., Fort Thomas, Ky., Marion, Ind., Albuquerque, N. M., Wadsworth, Kans., and many others which will be covered in these pages from time to time, to let our readers know that not only is the interest of the Commission in the welfare and happiness of our wounded servicemen continuing, but that the type of Elks entertainment being provided for them is meeting with their grateful approval.



The Elks Club
Temple, Texas

Gentlemen:

We, the wheel-chair patients of the Domiciliary, wish to express our appreciation to all of you for your efforts in making it possible for us to attend the ball games in your city.

Thanks a lot for the transportation, admission, refreshments, and most of all your hospitality.

Sincerely yours,

Asa O. Pollock
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Tomieans Comero
Lewis Mc Webb
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W H Coffey
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James J. Shoemaker

TO OUR ABSENT BROTHERS



These children placed a carnation in the wreath resting on the Vacant Chair as the name of each Departed Member was called, and his photograph displayed on a large screen, during the 1950 Services of Nashville, Tenn., Lodge.

BECAUSE of the recent railroad strike, it was impossible for us to report in our March issue, as planned, the customary story on the observance of the 1950 Memorial Sunday throughout the Order. All material received on these ceremonies was in Chicago to be compiled by Chairman Robert L. DeHority and the members of the Activities Committee of the

Grand Lodge and, the day before the strike began, had been shipped to the Magazine offices in New York City. Of course, when the trouble started, the package was en route and did not arrive for two weeks—well past our closing date. This, then, is the reason we are publishing the report in our April issue.

This is the third year that the Memorial

Services have been covered in the Magazine from the standpoint of the relative merits of them after consideration by the Activities Committee; this is the third time that honors for the most outstanding observance for lodges of more than 1,000 members, designated as Group I, have gone to Nashville, Tenn. This proves not only that history repeats itself but that the Nashville Services are becoming progressively more impressive, since, from reports received, it is apparent that the character of the Services is improving throughout Elksdom. While this fact is most gratifying, it makes it increasingly difficult for the Committee to select the most outstanding. Held in an exquisite setting, the Nashville Services were again under the Chairmanship of P.E.R. Earl F. Broden, and had the St. Gregory Choristers to furnish a musical background. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was an inspired speaker at this program which hundreds of friends and relatives of departed members attended.

Another lodge proving its consistent interest in making its Memorial Services an event to be remembered is the top entry for Group II—lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members. In 1949, Cumberland, Md., Lodge walked away with this position, and repeated this accom-

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E.R. Walter A. Fraley, Jr., seated center, and his fellow officers pay close attention to the words of Col. Joseph D. Caldara during the Cumberland, Md., Elks' program.



President Truman receives from Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle the pledge of complete mobilization of the manpower of the Order for civilian defense. Standing, left to right: P.E.R. James E. Colliflower and E.R. and Mrs. William H. Cade of Washington, D. C., Lodge, Congressman Russell V. Mack of Aberdeen, Wash., Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and David Sholtz, Mrs. Kyle, P.D.D. Ambrose A. Durkin, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett Anderson.

THE GRAND EXALTED RULER'S VISITS

In the name of all Elks who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country, Mr. Kyle presents a bronze and gold plaque to Col. R. J. Williamson, Arlington Cemetery CO, in tribute to the Unknown Soldier.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Joseph B. Kyle paid a call to **ELYRIA, OHIO, LODGE, NO. 465**, Jan. 29th, and had the pleasure of witnessing the initiation of a class of 120 men by E.R. R. V. Gardner and his fellow officers. The class was named in honor of two of the lodge's most devoted members, P.E.R.'s Jim Armitage, P.D.D., and F. A. Stetson. Among those on hand to hear Mr. Kyle's forceful address on this occasion were Cyril A. Kremser, a member of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, State Pres-Elect Gerald C. Nau, State Inner Guard A. E. Socin and D.D. Clarence E. Moyer.

After visiting **WATERTOWN, WIS., LODGE, NO. 666**, on Feb. 7th with Bert A. Thompson, Activities Coordinator of the Grand Lodge, Mr. Kyle enjoyed luncheon on the 8th with over 100 members of **NILES, MICH., LODGE, NO. 1322**. Later the party journeyed to **THREE RIVERS LODGE NO. 1248** where 75 Elks had gathered for an afternoon reception.

Arriving at **LANSING LODGE NO. 196** for a banquet and dance that evening, the Order's leader and his wife were welcomed by E.R. Harold J. Howland, his officers and their ladies. Among the 300 persons on hand for dinner that evening were Chief Justice Benjamin F. Watson of the Grand Forum and State Assn. Pres. Hugh L. Hartley who accompanied Mr. Kyle to his home lodge, **OWOSSO NO. 753**, on the 9th for a visit with 150 local and visiting members.

The next Michigan stop was made to **IONIA LODGE NO. 548** where over 100 men awaited the Grand Exalted Ruler's message. Continuing on to **GRAND RAPIDS LODGE NO. 48**, Mr. Kyle, Judge Watson and Mr. Hartley made a radio broadcast over a local station, and later that evening, at an enjoyable banquet at which P.E.R. John M. McKay was Toastmaster, Mr. Kyle's address was tape-recorded for transmission over the State's entire network. Other dignitaries welcomed by E.R. John W. Elferdink and his officers included State Secy. Leland L. Hamilton, State Trustee Frank A. Small, State Dist. Vice-Pres. Ray E. Null and D.D.'s Nelson Van Dongen and Leonard Neff.

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At Alton, Ill., Lodge's 50th Anniversary Dinner, left to right: P.E.R. T. W. Butler, Toasimaster; Mr. Kyle; E.R. E. C. Norton; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell and State Pres. John E. Giles.



Mr. Kyle, second from left, presents a Life Membership in Hackensack, N. J., Lodge to P.E.R. Spencer D. Baldwin, General Chairman of the Golden Anniversary Banquet. Others, left to right, are P.D.D. R. L. Binder, P.E.R. E. M. Wulster, Secy. H. V. Keenan and P.E.R. Edward Farr.



Conversing at the home of Owosso, Mich., Lodge were, left to right, standing: P.E.R. Michael Carland, Toastmaster at the luncheon, Mrs. R. K. Feetham and E.R. Feetham; seated: Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Mrs. Hugh L. Hartley, Mrs. Kyle and Michigan State Assn. President Hartley.



The visitors' register is signed at Niles, Mich., Lodge. Left to right: Exalted Ruler Louis Hradel, State Secretary Leland L. Hamilton, State President Hugh L. Hartley, and the Order's leader.



Mr. Kyle receives a \$575 check from Silver Spring, Md., Lodge for the Montgomery Co. Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Left to right: D.D. A. J. Kessinger, Mr. Kyle and E.R. C. Robert Gray.



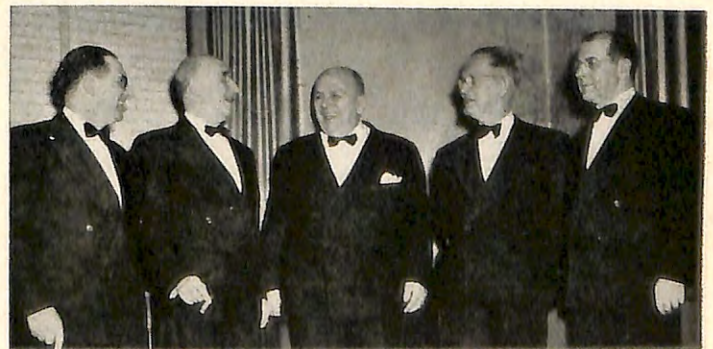
State Association officials join the Grand Exalted Ruler for a luncheon at Flora, Ill., Lodge which was attended by 350 persons.



Mrs. Kyle receives flowers at New Castle, Ind., Lodge at its 50th Anniversary. With her are Mr. Kyle and E.R. C. David Barley.



Photographed at Watertown, Wis., Lodge were, left to right: Charter Member Wm. H. Woodard, P.D.D. F. P. McAdams, Joseph B. Kyle, E.R. Alfred A. Beyer, State Pres. Ray J. Fink and Secy. R. V. Harte.



At Elyria, Ohio, Lodge when a class of 120 was initiated were, left to right: E.R. Ralph V. Gardner, P.E.R. Frank A. Stetson, Mr. Kyle, P.D.D. James Armitage and State Assn. Pres.-Elect Gerald C. Nau.



News of the Lodges



On Freeport, N. Y., Lodge's Student Night, the "Americanism Committee Award" was presented to Florette Merritt by P.E.R. J. P. Glynn, left, and Est. Lect. Knight Dr. F. T. Bean, right.



At the institution of Winter Haven, Fla., Lodge, foreground: County Sheriff Dave Starr, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz and State Pres. A. C. O'Hea; second row: Past Pres. R. L. Bohon and Past State Deputy J. F. Lowe; rear row: Past State Pres. M. A. Rosin and Lect. Knight Frederick Roche.

Ketchikan Lodge Reports Membership Increase in Alaska

There are now well over 6,000 Elks in Alaska, and one-sixth of them are affiliated with Ketchikan Lodge No. 1429, according to W. K. Boardman who was MC at the initiation of the 1,000th member of No. 1429.

During the past year, Ketchikan gained 171 members, leading all others in the Territory. Anchorage Lodge reported a gain of 124 men, and Juneau, 59, while Fairbanks lost 26 members.

Winter Wonderland Welcomes Winter Haven to Elksdom

At ceremonies at the home of Orlando Lodge, Winter Haven, Fla., Lodge, No. 1830, became an official branch of the Order with 75 new members, initiated by the officers of the host lodge. Another group of 47 Elks from 22 States became affiliated with the lodge on transfer dimit.

The ritualistic work on this occasion was handled capably by D.D. Hugh W. Vaughn, assisted by State Pres. Arthur C. O'Hea, former Grand Lodge Committeeman William F. Bruning, Cullen H. Talton, M. A. Rosin, Robert L. Bohon, Leo Butner, James Fernandez and James T. Lowe, all P.D.D.'s.

In the principal address of the evening, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz commented on the fact that the new lodge's first leader, Harrison B. Steward had headed Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle's lodge, Gary, Ind., in 1936, during Mr. Sholtz's term as the Order's leader.



Rev. W. D. Thomson, center, receives roller skates for the 84 St. Mary's Home youngsters, from Committee Chairman Benjamin Black, left, and Est. Lead. Knight John Gracia of New Bedford, Mass., Lodge.

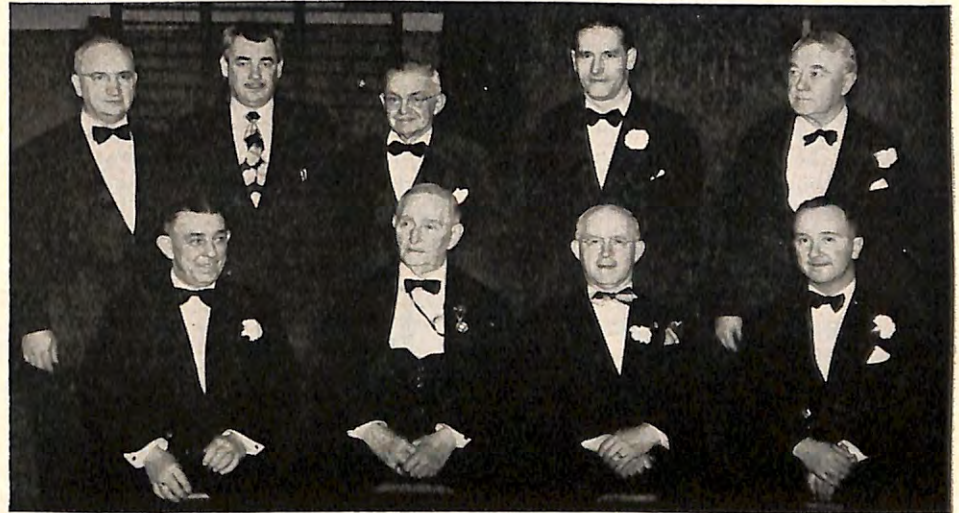


Sycamore, Ill., Elks come through for the American Legion's Memorial Home, when E.R. Lynn Oehlert hands a check for \$3,500 to Post Cmdr. Russell Knudsen, as VFW Post Cmdr. Leslie Swedberg looks on.

West Haven, Conn., Lodge Honors Raymond Benjamin, Dedicates Home

A class of 150 became affiliated with West Haven, Conn., Lodge, No. 1537, in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin when the lodge's new home, replacing the building which was destroyed by fire two years ago, was dedicated. The tribute was paid Mr. Benjamin in recognition of the valuable counsel and cooperation he gave No. 1537 since that time.

The handsome edifice, modified Georgian in style, was dedicated at ceremonies in which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson acted as Grand Exalted Ruler, assisted by Grand Est. Lect. Knight James T. Welch, Grand Lodge Committeeman Arthur J. Roy, State Pres. Henry J. Bergman, D.D., Robert H. Sullivan and P.E.R. Wm. K. Mulvihill of Bridgeport. Mr. Benjamin was the orator on the program which was attended by hundreds of interested members of the Order.



Dignitaries at the dedication of West Haven, Conn., Lodge's home, when 150 men were initiated in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, included, front row, left to right: Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight James T. Welch, Mr. Benjamin, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman Arthur J. Roy and Exalted Ruler Richard C. Hannan; second row: State President Henry J. Bergman, P.D.D. J. R. MacGuigan of Honolulu, T. H., Lodge, Secretary George H. Scott, District Deputy Robert H. Sullivan and Senior Past Exalted Ruler James P. Cannon.



Youth Activities Leadership Awards are presented at Price, Utah, Lodge, by Exalted Ruler Harris Simonsen to Odell Nord, Julie McGuire and Charles Madsen, Jr., as Committeemen Blaine Thompson, Leonard Shields and Chairman Carl Olsen look on with approval.



Lakewood, N. J., Lodge's Crippled Children's Committeemen present a N. J. State Elk Committee wheelchair to life-time cripple, Mrs. Dorothy Powell. Left to right: Vice-Chairman George Westervelt and Sol Kramer, Chairman H. H. O'Claire, P.D.D., and Co. Detectives' Chief R. D. Gibson.



Elko, Nev., Lodge's Exalted Ruler Earl P. Shobe presents the handsome sum of \$1,000 to President Newton Crumley of the Nevada Society for Crippled Children in the presence of other Elk officials.



Rockland, Me., Lodge's March of Dimes Committee, left to right: E.R. J. L. Burns, County Polio Chairman James Connellan, Committee Chairman J. J. Flanagan, presenting the check and G. B. Parsons.

Chicago (South), Ill., Elks Assist Mentally Retarded Children

When the financial plight of the local South Side Play School for mentally retarded children was brought to the attention of Chicago (South) Lodge No. 1596, a careful investigation was made and prompt action voted upon. The Elks decided to make a monthly contribution of \$200 to the School, grant the use of the lodge's home for monthly directors' and members' meetings, and to exert influence to the eventual end that local and

state governments recognize and assume their responsibility to these youngsters.

A conservative estimate places the number of feeble-minded persons throughout the country at 1,500,000. Because of their limitations they are not accepted on an equal basis with others, and are denied admission to regular schools, being considered uneducable. Lack of public interest in the problem has resulted in a painful shortage of institutions where these persons may be cared for and trained.

In recent years, parents of these children have organized several associations

to provide training centers for them. Last fall, these societies formed a national organization in Minneapolis to serve as a clearing house of ideas on the training, care and development of exceptional children. While clinical and research work has not been developed fully, a foundation has been organized in Chicago to discover the causes and search for methods of prevention, alleviation and treatment. The Retarded Children's Aid, Inc., organized a year ago, operates the school in which the Chicago Elks are so actively interested.



Left: Distinguished visitors to Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge with the officers on "Stray Elks Night", include Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis and J. Edgar Masters, Grand Secretary, fourth and fifth from left foreground, respectively. In the background are State Pres. Ben Osterman, E.R. N. N. Reeves and Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman R. C. Crowell.



Right: Des Plaines, Ill., Lodge came through with a unique class of 27 men, made up entirely of chiropodists, all sponsored by Dr. John Collett, pictured here with lodge officers.



These P.E.R.'s of Ashland, Pa., Lodge were pictured in the lodge room after a roast beef dinner. In the foreground are E.R. B. W. Wentz, seated next to 40-year member C. F. Tiley, Secy. 21 years.

Bessemer, Ala., Elk Events Have New Setting

The members of Bessemer Lodge No. 721, which is nearly 50 years old, are understandably proud of their handsome new home. Erected at a cost of \$50,000, the building was planned with taste and an eye to efficiency. A one-story edifice, it includes dining room, kitchen, bar and grill, recreation rooms, a ladies' lounge and a lodge room large enough to accommodate 500 or more.

One of the first events held in the new quarters was the initiation of a class of 26 men, a ceremony in which members of Birmingham Lodge's Patrol assisted. Bessemer Lodge, whose charity work is well known, is growing steadily, and will increase these activities accordingly.

Carlsbad, N. M., Elks Foster State Cerebral Palsy School Project

Carlsbad Lodge No. 1558 has built up quite a reputation for its interest in charitable activities, especially where it concerns children. At a recent meeting these Elks voted to raise \$10,000 to help finance a state cerebral palsy school. The money will be turned over to the State Elks Association's cerebral palsy fund at the 1951 Convention in September.

The decision was made at a meeting

attended by State Pres. Raymond Arias. James Baird, Elks State Cerebral Palsy Fund Chairman, and Dr. W. L. Minear, Chief Surgeon of the Carrie Tingley Hospital. To point out the urgency for the need of such a school in New Mexico, two cerebral palsy victims, four and 15 years old, appeared before the meeting.

Mr. Arias announced that his State Assn. is determined to raise \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the establishment of a school or training program to aid the 750 New Mexico cerebral palsy sufferers. Silver City, Raton, Las Vegas and Las Cruces Lodges had previously pledged a total of \$14,500 to the fund, and Hobbs Lodge has pledged a school or hospital site.

Redlands, Calif., Lodge Honored at Building Dedication

When the fine new Industrial Arts Building on the campus of the local high school was dedicated, members of Redlands Lodge No. 583 were invited to participate in the ceremony. E.R. Lee S. Simmonds was called upon to make formal presentation of a large bronze plaque, a gift of the lodge to the public schools, naming the new unit the Clarence W. Hardy Building. An Elk for 39 years. Mr. Hardy had retired a year ago after 40 years of school service.



At Steubenville, Ohio, Lodge's "Keep Awake, America" Program, left to right: General Chairman H. M. Borden, Program Chairman P.E.R. C. J. Borkowski, Committeeman Michael Letzelter, Methodist Calvary Church Pastor Rev. J. L. Williams, E.R. C. J. Vincent, Rabbi Harold Waintrup, Program Chairman P.E.R. M. H. Francis, speaker Dr. Josef Macek, Very Rev. Daniel Egan, Mrs. Geb. Geer, pianist, and Mr. Geer, soloist. Dr. Macek escaped from Czechoslovakia in 1949.

LODGE NOTES

No doubt many Elk radio and television enthusiasts got a thrill when Fred Hall, Chaplain of LOS ANGELES, CALIF., Lodge was interviewed by Groucho Marx on his popular NBC Quiz Program. When asked if he belonged to any clubs, Mr. Hall promptly replied that he had been an Elk for 30 years. In response to his interrogator's query as to the primary purpose of Elkdom, Mr. Hall announced proudly that it was Charity. That the LA Chaplain was on his toes with regard to his Fraternity's projects, and his own State's in particular, and that he wouldn't miss an opportunity to publicize them, was evinced by his added comment that "this year we're adopting the program, nationally, of cerebral palsy. We initiated a program which we hope will be carried out throughout the United States." Incidentally, 73-year-old Mr. Hall further demonstrated his trigger-quick mind by out-answering his quiz partner, 18-year-old Mrs. Cheri van Pelt, walking off with their part of the contest. . . . As we all know, the month of March was dedicated to lodge Secretaries, who were honored by the initiation of special classes. WASHINGTON, PA., Lodge had plenty of reason to pay tribute to its energetic Secretary, William D. Hancher. The most recent reason lying in the fact that out of a 50-man class initiated into the lodge in February, Secy. Hancher was responsible for 49, having proposed 29 of the new Elks and brought in the 20 reinstatements. . . . An item of interest concerning another Secretary is the news that P.E.R. Denham Harney, after spending two years in California because of ill health, has returned to the newly-remodeled home of JACKSONVILLE, ILL., Lodge to resume his duties as Secretary-Manager. . . . After the J. P. Stevens Co. made a gift to GREENVILLE, S. C., Lodge of a 247-tract of land with a large number of buildings to be used as a camp for deserving boys and girls, and to be operated by the lodge, E.R. C. Victor Pyle proclaimed a seven-day period as Elk Camp Week during which members were asked to make donations to the camp project; they responded most generously.

LOS ANGELES ELKS LEAD IN CIVIL DEFENSE COOPERATION

California's Governor Earl Warren administers oath to 1,700 Brother Elks, pictured below at the launching of Los Angeles Lodge's Atomic Defense Program in the lodge home. Others shown at right are E.R. Vern R. Huck, screen star George Murphy and District Attorney William E. Simpson.



Brother Elks, sentiments echoed throughout the area by other civic officials including Mayor Fletcher Bowron. Dinah Shore sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the program, and her husband, motion picture actor George Montgomery, presented special awards to those Elks who had spearheaded this vital plan.

Immediately after the meeting, the program was launched with Judge Walter H. Odemar as Chairman. The first step called for the issuing of thousands of copies of a government-prepared pamphlet, "How to Survive an A-Bomb Attack", with the Los Angeles Elks building as distribution headquarters.

CALIFORNIA LODGES FOLLOW SUIT

That the Los Angeles Elks' comprehensive program will point the way for similar action on the part of other lodges and, in fact, the entire Order, is evidenced by the fact that the plan has been emulated by the 100,000 Elks in the State's 87 lodges. Among the first to report the adoption of resolutions pledging their lodge homes and the manpower of their organizations to the Civilian Defense Committees within their jurisdiction are Laguna Beach, Lancaster and Santa Rosa Lodges.

STIMULATED by the Grand Lodge "Keep Awake, America" project, Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge, No. 99, inaugurated a program designed to attract the attention of both Elks and the general public to the vital need for atomic defense in that area.

Through radio and newspaper publicity, the program developed quickly within the officer corps of the lodge, and was presented to Governor Earl Warren who gave it his immediate endorsement. It embraced the use of the magnificent 11-story Elks lodge home as a decontamination center and focal point for first-aid and communications activities in the event of an atomic bombing. Further, it calls for the training of 5,000 members of the

lodge as a task force to move into action as volunteer disaster workers.

The building was inspected by civil defense authorities and, with its large swimming pool and shower facilities, was found to be ideally suited to emergency decontamination operations.

A well-arranged meeting, ably planned and managed by Chairman Eugene P. Fay, Est. Loyal Knight of No. 99, was held at the lodge home, at which Gov. Warren accepted the building as official atomic defense headquarters and administered the civilian defense workers' loyalty oath to more than 1,700 Elks.

Introduced by screen star George Murphy, the Governor spoke highly of the bold leadership and quick action of his

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION APPEALS

FOR FRATERNITY-WIDE CIVILIAN DEFENSE SUPPORT

The Elks National Service Commission urges our lodges and their Exalted Rulers to prepare immediately and adopt as the first order of business for the ensuing lodge year, a Civil Defense Program, thereby mobilizing the manpower of our 1,040,000 Brothers and the facilities of our 1,581 lodges in support of our Nation's civil defense efforts.

The Commission's plan, pledged to the President of the United States on February 21st, 1951, calls for our Elks lodges to offer their buildings to local civil defense organizations for use as decontamination, communica-

tions and first-aid centers in case of attack, in addition to enrolling all able-bodied Elks as civil defense workers. As the foremost American patriotic Fraternity, we should be the first to adopt such a program, and it should be supported unanimously by all.

A communication is being mailed to all of our lodges, containing suggestions for the furtherance of this all-important program.

**James T. Hallinan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler,
Chairman, Elks National Service Commission.**

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



MY BROTHERS: I extend special greetings to Exalted Rulers and to each of the other newly elected officers of our 1,581 lodges.

Spring is upon us. Spring is the time for planning and planting for the harvest to come. Each lodge is an important link in the great chain of lodges making up the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. You who have just been elected as Exalted Rulers are the administrative heads of our lodges and to a great degree control their destinies. I indulge the hope that, with the cooperation of your fellow officers, committeemen and members generally, your year in office will be the greatest in the history of your respective lodges. It will be if you plan and plant well now, at the very beginning of your term.

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One of the most important duties of an Exalted Ruler as the administrative head of the lodge is to see to it that the Trustees bring with dispatch into regular session a budget for the year. This is for the guidance and protection of the lodge, its membership and the Order generally. A good budget, properly discussed and approved in open lodge, will do more to satisfy your membership than any other thing you can do except to keep strictly in line with that budget. Interest shown in the budget should be encouraged, never criticized. It is a healthy sign, and its absence indi-

cates a lack of interest generally in the affairs of the lodge and the Order. Furthermore, failure to provide for full discussion of the budget often leads to unnecessary misunderstandings later.

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In the appointment of your committees, may I suggest that you broaden the base of participation in your lodge's activities. At no time should drones be appointed to a committee, but it is a wise policy to seek out interested, qualified members and encourage them to greater activity by giving them the responsibility that goes with committee appointments. In this way, your lodge will constantly develop new leadership, will obtain the benefit of new energies, new ideas, new enthusiasm.

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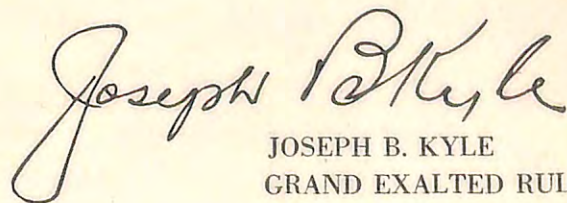
I am always interested in knowing just what kind of a Secretary you have drawn through our democratic system of selecting officers. May I explain my point by discussing briefly the chief duty of Secretaries. I assure you that my only purpose is to encourage our newly-elected Secretaries to take their jobs more seriously, with a greater understanding of their responsibilities, and a keener sense of loyalty.

The good Secretary quickly learns that his job requires him not only to receive dues, but also to collect them. Enlisting the cooperation of the committees, officers and interested members, he sets out to discover why members are delinquent in their dues, and he employs the methods that have been tried and proved successful by so many Secretaries in preventing and controlling lapsation. Full information about these methods should be obtained by any Secretary who has a lapsation problem.

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As Exalted Ruler, it is yours to determine whether your lodge, through its program of fraternal and community activities, will become a more vital force for good. Give it the best you have, and your administration will be a success.

Sincerely and fraternally,


JOSEPH B. KYLE
GRAND EXALTED RULER

GRAND EXALTED RULER CLASSES

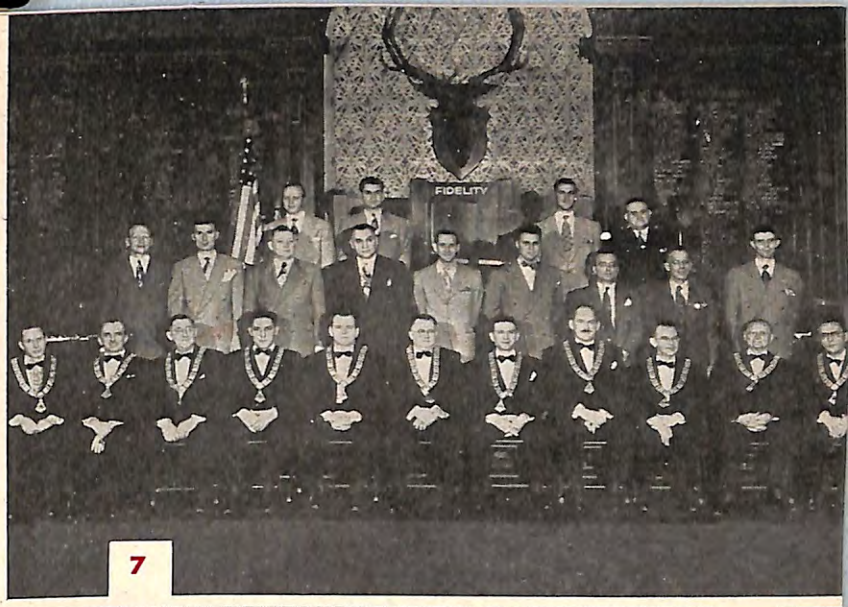
These photographs represent the hundreds of representative groups of American gentlemen who are being initiated into Elkdom in honor of Joseph B. Kyle.

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- 5 WALLA WALLA, WASH.
- 6 PONTIAC, MICH.
- 7 DAVENPORT, IOWA
- 8 MINOT, N. D.
- 9 OSAWATOMIE, KANS.
- 10 LAMAR, COLO.
- 11 JUNEAU, ALASKA
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

IN ANY great change which affects the lives and welfare of every person in the United States, complaints and protests are bound to be numerous. The gigantic defense effort, nevertheless, actually is picking up speed and with less friction than was expected. The big trouble spots are: Congress, over taxes and foreign policy; manufacturers, over contracts and priorities, and labor, over wages. Meantime, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public pay higher prices and taxes. Housewives by the thousands have been writing letters of protest over food prices, but here is the over-all picture. Induction of men into the armed services is proceeding in an orderly manner and congestion in training centers is being remedied as fast as is possible. Defense production is showing results, although there are bottlenecks in regard to contracts and distribution of critical material. Smaller plants especially have been hard hit. Naturally, first government contracts went to big industries for big things, such as planes, tanks, guns, engines and other vital machines. First problem is to stockpile raw materials and then arrange production schedules. At the present time, the government is issuing bids daily on thousands of articles. There is complaint on the government side that more bidders are wanted. The effort to stabilize prices and wages is the toughest job ever tackled by any government agency. However, stabilization is proceeding without whip-cracking, and Director Michael V. Di Salle has been frank in dealing with everybody. He admits satisfactory results cannot be achieved at once. Present objective, he says, is to level off prices by midsummer at a point somewhat higher than they are now; then hold the line "as long as possible".

NATIONAL PARKS CALLING

National parks are preparing for a record number of visitors this summer, with more facilities available than ever before. Last year 31,846,180 people visited the parks, a 2,000,000 increase. Land donations for the past year total 34,718 acres, including one tract of 33,562 acres in Jackson Hole National Monument and Grand Teton National Park, Wyo., from

a corporation financed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. In Florida acquisition of lands in Everglades National Park continued under a \$2,000,000 grant by Florida. The park has been enlarged from 460,000 to over 1,228,500 acres. Meantime, the American Automobile Association reports that there will be no marked drop in summer auto travel.

PENTAGON PROTOCOL

There are definite rules in the Pentagon as to who calls on whom. For instance, an assistant secretary of defense calls on General Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, and not vice versa. It's a case of tie between General Marshall and Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett. They're supposed to meet midway down the corridor between their offices.

PRESIDENTIAL TAXES

Now that the Federal income tax headache is over temporarily, it may interest Joe Doe to know that President Truman, on a salary of \$100,000 a year, pays a tax of about \$52,000. That bite, however, leaves him \$48,000 and, in addition, the President gets an expense allowance of \$50,000 per year, which is tax free. The Vice-President and the Speaker of the House each has \$10,000 (tax free) expense money and Senators and Representatives get \$2,500 for expenses.

EXAMPLE OF PATRIOTISM

The National 4-H Club purchased the Chevy Chase Junior College here for its headquarters and an hour after receiving the keys turned them over to the Army for the administrative offices of the Operations Research Office. This unit analyzes and modernizes strategy and weapons. The 4-H boys and girls worked a long time to get the place. Now it's leased for an "indefinite period".

WHITE HOUSE SOUVENIRS

White House souvenirs of "surplus" material from the Executive Mansion now being rebuilt are selling fairly well at from 25 cents to \$100 an item. The \$100 item would be enough old stone to make a fireplace. For \$2. enough wood to make

a gavel can be purchased. However, it's one sale to a customer and on condition that the article will not be resold. Col. Douglas H. Gillette, Asst. Director of the Commission on Renovation, says that many organizations and, individuals too, have asked to buy quantities of material to be distributed as gifts or keepsakes, but there is a strict rule against quantity sales. If you want the list, send a penny postcard to the Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion, Fort Myer, Virginia.

HAZARDS AT HOME

Work injuries in the United States have been on the increase for the past year, up about four per cent, according to the U. S. Department of Labor. The total is 1,952,000, of which 1,483,000 were employees. The other 469,000 persons disabled were self-employed or folks puttering around the house, probably hanging pictures, putting up screens or trying to mend something.

GOVERNMENT JOBS

If you want to apply for a government job, write the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., and request Form 57.

GIRLS AND GUNS

Girls are back at the Naval Gun Factory working in snoods and slacks as they did during World War II. Many of the 500 now on the job worked on guns before. They received letters to come back to work, and back they came. Even in this plant with its huge machines, there are many jobs which a woman can do better than a man—precision work on rockets, electrical wiring, for example.

WHY DUMMY CLOCKS SAY 8:18

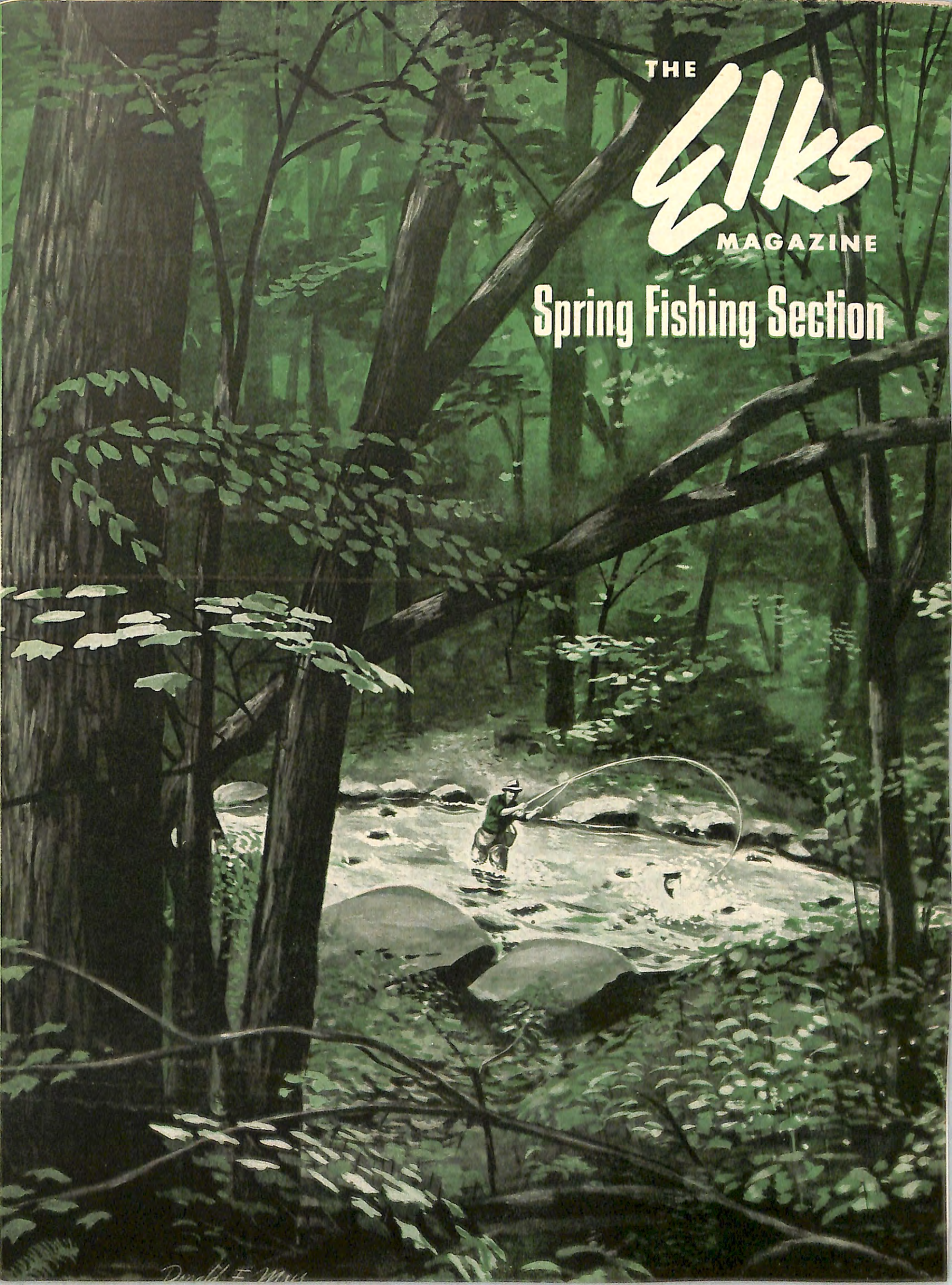
Someone started an argument here which spread around the country on why dummy clocks are usually set at 8:18. Common belief is that this was the time Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. George Stimpson, National Press Club member who writes books on things to know, says Lincoln was shot at 10:10 p.m. and died next morning at 7:30 a.m. Dummy clocks are at 8:18, he says, because it is a symmetrical arrangement.

THE

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MAGAZINE

Spring Fishing Section



Dwight F. Wynn

COREY FORD SAYS

You Can Always



Tell a Fisherman

But, as the old saw goes, you can't tell him much—not if he's a real Anglemaniac.

The insistent honking of his partner's car brings him boiling downstairs with arms laden, still struggling into his waders.

FELLOW came to see me the other day, and said he was afraid he was turning into a fisherman. "I don't know," he said, "but I seem to get the funniest feeling lately whenever I walk past a tackle-store. I shake all over." He said sometimes the feeling was so strong that he had to go inside and buy something. "I buy it whether I need it or not," he told me.

"Lie down, my friend," I said. "Stretch out here on the sofa and relax. How long did you feel this coming on?"

"It started last summer," he said. "I went fishing a couple of times, and I haven't been the same since."

"Did you catch anything?"

"Well, no," he said. "As a matter of fact, the water was too high, or it was too muddy, or else it was too clear, or the weather was too hot, or the weather was too cold, or the weather was too unusual, or else I should have been here last Wednesday."

"Tell me a little more," I said. "For instance, have you been acting sort of absent-minded lately? Do you sit by the window with a vacant stare, making vague casting-motions with your hand, or maybe turning the handle of a pencil-sharpener slowly as if you were winding a reel? When you go home, do you barely speak to your wife—?"

"My wife?"

"You know, the little woman you're married to."

"Oh, my wife. Sure, I place her now. Medium-size woman, sort of blonde hair, if I remember right." He looked apologetic. "Fact is, I don't get to see her much these days. Usually I go right upstairs after supper, and sort over my trout-flies, and varnish my rods, and grease my line, and get things ready for Opening Day—"

"My friend," I interrupted, "I'm afraid you've got it bad. My advice to you is to get rid of your tackle at once. Give away your rods. Burn your fly-books. Sell your house and buy a little place out in the middle of Death Valley, where there isn't any water. Don't allow even a can of salmon in the house. Maybe—just maybe—the feeling will pass."

I felt sorry for him, but there really isn't much you can do about it, once the fishing-bug gets in your blood stream. Anglemania (I can invent if Red Smith* can) is a chronic disease which affects about 20 million Americans each year. It has recurrent crises, reaching epidemic proportions in the spring. The malady is

highly contagious; it spreads from fishermen to non-fishermen, and an exposed person may pick up a severe infection in the course of an afternoon on a trout-stream that will last him the rest of his life. Treatment is impossible, because the sufferer indignantly rejects all attempts by his family and friends to restore him to normality. Rubbing on fly-dope, or dunking in cold water for six hours, or baking in a hot sun, only aggravates the condition. Age is no cure.

I know. I'm an anglemaniac myself.

The first telltale symptoms appear along about January or February, when the snow is high in the driveway and the coal is low in the bin. The victim is seen to twitch slightly as he reads an angling catalogue, and his eyes lift thoughtfully toward the stuffed trout over the mantel. His fingers drum on the arm of the chair, his breathing grows heavy, and a faint flush appears on his face. He rises, with some kind of muttered excuse and shuffles upstairs to the attic. His wife watches him resignedly. She knows all too well those first ominous signs.

THE malady grows more severe as February stretches into March and Opening Day draws nearer. Night after night, alone in his attic-den, the victim sits with eyes glazed and lips moving silently, like a monk at his prayers, as he tells over his trout-flies: sorting out the fan-wings, putting all the bivisibles into one box, rearranging the box to include some wets and streamers, rearranging them again the way he had them in the first place, dumping them all out and starting over once more. The floor is littered with feathers and silk thread, the table is strewn with hooks and hunks of mole-fur and strands of peacock-hurl, and his fingers work feverishly into the wee hours of the night as he ties more Cahills, more Pink Ladies, more Coachmen, more Sedges and Willows and Duns, or perhaps invents a special pattern of his own with a pipe-cleaner for a body, red felt wings and a small electric motor in its
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*Mr. Ford refers to the lead article in our April, 1950, Fishing Section written by Red Smith, feature sports columnist for the New York Herald Tribune. As our readers may recall, Mr. Smith discussed the suicidal impulses of some fishermen in an article which he entitled "Pertaining to Piscicide".

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Eastern brook trout drawing by Donald F. Moss

ROD AND GUN

For Eastern brook trout, no place is better than Quebec.

BY DAN HOLLAND

A REGION that is peacefully old in comparison with the bustling new of the Northeast is nearby Quebec. Back-country areas, in particular, seem almost musty-old—old in customs and speech and, from the more limited viewpoint of this article, old in fishing. The manners and speech are dated in the sense that they are the same as those brought over by the first French settlers from the Old World; the fishing is old in that it has changed little since the Province was strictly an Indian bailiwick. Some might consider this good, some bad. I like it; where fishing is concerned, at least, I'm strictly against progress.

The Eastern brook trout, or squaretail, is the trout of Quebec. This once was the one and only trout of all Eastern America, but that was long ago, away back before the first white man was barbered Indian-style and when Plymouth Rock was just another pebble on the beach. But we Americans have always been progressive people and it didn't take long to change that. Today in Eastern States the rainbow trout from the West Coast and the brown trout from Europe are by far the predominant species. A hen's tooth is about as rare as a brookie in some of his former haunts. Similarly, in the West the rain-

bow and brown have usurped many of the waters of the native cutthroat.

Actually, there are very good reasons for this change in the fish field. The brown and rainbow are excellent game fish by any standard, and they grow faster and larger than the brook trout. Also, they will flourish in water no longer suitable for the native trout and under fishing conditions where the brookie couldn't take it. Most important, perhaps, is the fact that the rainbow and brown are the favorites of the fish culturists. One spawns in the spring, the other in the fall, so they complement one another in hatchery operations. Also, since they grow fast, more poundage can be produced in the same time than with brook trout and cutthroat, and fishing pressure demands this. So this shift in our waters from the native trout to outlanders is logical. Our civilization has progressed so that the trout fishing has had to change to keep pace with it.

BUT Quebec fishing continues as in pre-progress times. Today, what with broken atoms, flying discs, television, hadicol, and movies that are better than ever, the Eastern brook trout is still the one and only trout of Quebec. In this age of enlightenment and reason, evidenced by such as the great Russian plan to paint the world a fetching blood-red, this backward state of affairs is startling. In fact, such unseemly lack of progress is un-

doubtedly frowned upon by most modern fish culturists. Quebec could easily have at least three species of trout in her waters instead of the same old one. The strange thing is that they appear quite content with things just as they were made. It also seems that there are certain fishermen here in the States, fishermen who know a good thing when they catch it and who may not be exactly in tune with all forms of progress, to whom this appears to be a rather delightful condition. The Eastern brook trout will forever be the favorite of many such men, no matter what the arguments in favor of other species. Maybe they're just prejudiced, or maybe the brookie was the fish they caught as a boy in the bog brook behind the farm and so has acquired a nostalgic quality. Or perhaps merely the appearance of the brook trout counts heavily, for no trout has such a pleasing blend of colors. Or it may be an epicurean taste that influences them since none goes so well with a knife and fork. And, very likely, the habits of the brook trout fit the angling habits of many fishermen most satisfactorily. He is a shy trout, but nevertheless the most willing striker of them all. At any rate, whatever the reason, Quebec is a place to find this trout where he exists much in the same habitat, quantity and quality as he has for centuries. The fact that he is in dated surroundings, in an atmosphere where the citizenry appears to be drift-

ing along dreamily and happily in the past, seems particularly fitting.

This angling condition exists near the ends of the roads most anywhere north of the St. Lawrence River. Wherever there is a suitable lake, there are fat, colorful brook trout. Eighteen- and 20-inchers aren't out of the ordinary anywhere, and really big ones—six- and eight-pounders—are taken in a few choice spots.

The little lake where I like to fish doesn't have any of the giant squaretails—that I've ever seen, at least—but trout better than three pounds can be taken on a dry fly, and that's enough for me. One good feature is that it is only a three- or four-hour drive from the New York border. To get to it we go through a little town which, like most good Quebec towns, commences with the word *Sainte*. In full, it is called *Sainte Emilie de L'Energie*, which is quite a twister for my Anglo-Saxon tongue. Another little town in the same general fishing area is called *Saint Michel des Saints*, which seems to me to be overdoing it a little bit.

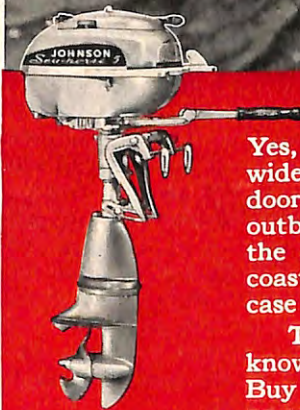
This particular lake is three miles up from the road, with the emphasis on the up. This could easily be three miles too many if it weren't for the services of an obliging horse named Robert that packs all the duffle up the hill. As I first listened to the horse's master coax him on his way it sounded to me as though he were calling him "Row Bear," until it finally occurred to me that this was as near as a Frenchman could come to saying Robert.

THIS is the major difficulty with fishing the little out-of-the-way spots in Quebec. The big camps and resorts have English-speaking personnel, but not so the little ones. Moreover, my high-school brand of French has no effect whatsoever. On the few occasions I have attempted to put it to use, my audience has reacted with the enthusiasm of a bunch of mahogany Indians. I've felt encouraged when I could get a shrug out of one of them. Once I came across a very understanding and obliging fellow. He would agree profusely with any suggestion I had to offer, then turn around and do exactly as he pleased. However, I have a solution to this problem, and it's up to anyone else fishing the back spots to find his own solution. I think mine is a good one: I go with a man who lives in Quebec, who speaks their language and who speaks mine too. It makes life very simple.

When Row Bear, or Robert, gets our duffle up to the lake, and we somehow get ourselves there, then there's nothing to it. There are boats which float, two or three cabins with roofs on them, and a central lodge, all packed in piece by piece at one time or another by Robert the Horse. The lodge serves three good meals a day as long as a person has money to pay for them, and this matter of parting with the hard-earned dollar is still another thing in favor of Quebec

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If you have hesitated to attempt fly fishing, here are some practical pointers from an expert to help you get started.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

I WAS standing, fly rod in hand, on the bank of a canal in southern Florida. It was a calm, hot day and the sun was directly overhead. I had been fishing for baby tarpon, but they had stopped rolling and now I was debating whether to quit or to sit down in the shade of a drooping palm and wait for a breeze to ruffle the water and possibly bring the fish to life again.

Suddenly, I saw the wake of something swimming toward me around the bend in the canal. It wasn't very big, and I thought perhaps it was an otter. I waited, motionless. Whatever it was, it was approaching steadily but slowly. At last, I could see that it was a baby alligator, about two feet long.

Fishermen do all kinds of crazy things. I decided to see whether that 'gator would take a fly. Moving cautiously so as not to alarm him, I worked out line and dropped my bucktail to the water a couple of feet ahead of him and a little beyond. Then I started to bring it back along the surface.

No trout ever struck more willingly. He shot ahead with surprising speed and snapped his jaws shut on my fly. As soon as I tightened the line, he began to splash and roll on the surface and I began to feel silly. I was like the boy who caught a bear by the tail and didn't dare let go. I had him, all right, but what in the world would I do with him? Alligators are protected by law, and I didn't want him, anyway. Turning him loose, though, might develop into quite a job. His long jaws were full of needle-sharp teeth.

We had it back and forth for a while—

he was stronger, but slower, than a bass of equal weight—and I finally gave him a lot of slack. The hook must have been holding against a bony spot in his jaw because eventually it fell out.

I know fellows who have caught various kinds of birds, as well as bats, on a fly. A friend of mine caught a fish duck, or merganser, while he was fly fishing. I have collected many a fine mess of frog legs by dangling an artificial fly in front of the unsuspecting bull frogs.

YOU can see from this that the possibilities are almost limitless, but what I really started to talk about in this article was the use of flies for the more conventional purpose of catching fish. Despite any claims that skeptics may make to the contrary, fly fishermen actually do catch fish. In fact, all of the North American game varieties, as well as some that ordinarily are not considered game, can be caught on a fly.

Now, I'm going to let you in on something not everyone knows: It is more fun to catch a fish on a fly rod, with a fly, than it is to get him by any other method. Why? I'm not sure I can answer that. It just is. I use all kinds of tackle and try to catch all kinds of fish during the course of a year, and the most enjoyable days always are those spent with a fly rod.

Despite the fact that fly fishing is a much older method than either bait casting or spinning, there still are many anglers who hesitate to attempt it. Most of them are scared away by the wonderfully technical and involved discussions

of old fly fishermen. Don't you believe a word of it. That kind of guff is put out only to make the anglers appear clever. It is a defense mechanism that they employ when they aren't smart enough to fool a couple of ten-inch trout.

Actually, fly fishing is easy. Each spring, the rod and gun club in my town gives a course of fly-fishing lessons for youngsters. I have seen 12-year-old boys who had never touched a fly rod before develop into proficient casters in three weeks. When we took them fishing on the first day of the season they caught trout, too, and did well.

All right, you need some tackle. How much? Not a great deal—a rod, reel, line, leaders and flies. All the other stuff you eventually will acquire can come later when you have the experience.

Get a moderately-priced rod of bamboo, glass or steel, eight or 8½ feet long. Don't buy the stiffest or the whippiest your dealer has. It should not be too heavy or too light—something between four and five ounces is about right for all-around fly fishing.

Next, select a line to bring out its proper action. Remember, in fly fishing it is the line that is cast, not the fly. The weight of the line carries the fly along. There are three kinds of lines—level, double-tapered and three-diameter—and they become more costly in that order. You can do a good job of fishing with any one of them—provided it fits your rod satisfactorily.

All the power for casting comes from your good right arm—unless you are a southpaw, of course. The rod is a spring that imparts this power to the line gradually. If the line is too light, the rod will feel stiff. Its motions will be hard and jerky and you won't be able to cast for beans. If the line is too heavy, it will overload the rod so that it will feel soft and lifeless.

Try an E level line, an HDH double taper or an HCG three-diameter line on your eight-foot, four- to 4½-ounce rod as a starter. It should be fairly close to right. Your 8½-foot, 4½- to five-ounce rod should take a D level, an HCH double taper or an HBG three diameter.

There are two kinds of reels for fly fishing, single action and automatic. Unless you have a strong preference, I sug-

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the Fly



1 Hold the rod naturally in a firm, but not tight, grasp, with thumb along top of grip, reel down.



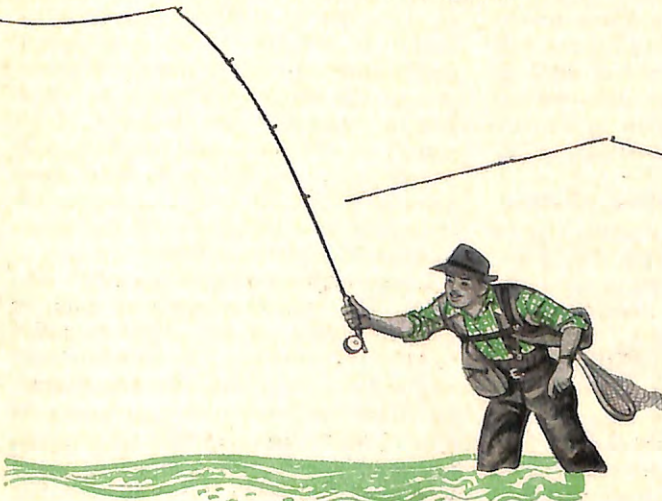
2 Flip the line up and back, but at the same time watch it. Stop the rod when it reaches vertical.



3 Let line straighten and allow the rod to drift back a little farther as the line straightens.



4 Now it's like throwing an apple from the end of a stick as the rod is flipped forward once more.



5 When the rod is moved to the 45-degree position, stop the motion, thus moving the line forward.



6 The cast now is completed. All six steps should be accomplished in a smooth, effortless manner.

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All right, pick up the rod. Hold it naturally in a firm, but not tight, grasp, with the thumb along the top of the cork grip, reel down. Now, before you start, pause a moment to consider what you are attempting to do and the mechanical principles that will make it possible, as demonstrated in the six sketches accompanying this article.

THE MAIN IDEA

The purpose of casting is to extend line so that you can put your fly where a fish might take it. In order to make the line go forward, it first has to be behind you. This is something like flipping an apple off the end of a switch.

A bait caster, with all the weight he is casting concentrated in a plug or spoon, tips his rod back before flipping it ahead. You do the same thing with your fly line except that, with the weight distributed all along the line instead of being in one spot, you can't simply hold it there. You have to flip the line back (called the backcast) and when it is extended straight out behind, but before it falls to the ground, you flip it forward. That, in a nutshell, is the whole process of fly casting.

Flip the line up and back. Watch it. When it is straight out behind the rod tip, flip it forward. Let it drop to the grass.

Now, I'll tell you what you did. You waved your rod instead of flipping it, and you put it through an arc that was far too long. All beginners do.

Try again. Hold your rod forward, 45 degrees above horizontal. Flip the line up and back. Stop the rod at vertical. Let the line straighten and allow the rod to drift back a little farther as it does. Flip it forward again, halting at 45 degrees.

Easy, now; you're working too hard. Fly casting at ordinary distances is so effortless that everyone who does it for the first time puts far too much force into each movement. But flip the rod; don't just wave it.

Pull another six feet of line off the reel and let it fall down around your feet. Hold the line in your left hand so that this slack is between the reel and your hand, not between your hand and the first guide. Make another backcast. Start your forward cast.

After the flip, and just as the line is

rolling over to straighten out in front, release the line in your left hand. If you time it properly the line already in the air will pull the extra line out through the guides. This is the way you lengthen your cast. It's called shooting. Maybe it will take a couple of casts to get the six feet out.

When you become proficient you will be able to feed out line into both your back and forward casts, but for the time being don't let an inch slip out at any time except when the line in the air is shooting ahead, just beginning to turn over.

With this additional line out, you will notice that your rod is beginning to feel more flexible. Work out another six feet in the same manner. You're now casting 35 feet, including the length of the rod. That's enough. Don't attempt to cast any farther until you can handle this much perfectly. With a nine-foot leader on the end of the line you'd be casting 44 feet—most fish are caught closer.

Every time you get into trouble and your line fouls up, strip most of it in and start over. Keep practicing until you can begin with the end of your line in your left hand and work out 35 feet easily and automatically.

One more thing and you'll be ready to start fishing: So far, you've dropped the line to the grass at the completion of each forward cast. Now, instead, just as the line straightens out in front, flip it back. Make a backcast without allowing it to touch the ground. This is called false casting. It is much easier to work out line by false casting than to let it drop to the grass or water each time.

A final caution: Always flip the line up as well as back. Keep your backcast high. You'll never be a good fly caster unless you do. By far the most common fault of both beginners and veterans is to let the backcast drop too low. Remember you're flipping the line back to flex the rod and get the weight into position to flip it forward; you can't do that if you let it drop too low.

GETTING STARTED

Let's start fishing. Pick up a couple of nylon leaders, one nine feet long tapered to 2X and one 7½ feet long tapered to 1X. These symbols designate the diameter of the end of the leader to which you tie your fly. The diameter of 2X nylon is .009 inch and it tests 2.25 pounds; 1X is .010 and tests three pounds. Also, get a coil of ten-pound-test nylon from which you can cut pieces to serve as leaders for bass bugs.

I suggest beginning with panfish and bass. They're not so scary as trout, so they are easier for the novice to catch. Get one cork and one hair bass bug, tied on No. 2 hooks. Their color doesn't matter. Get four bucktails or streamers on No. 2 hooks for bass. Red-and-white, yellow-and-black, white-and-black, and gray are good colors. Buy four similar flies tied on No. 10 hooks for crappies, rock bass and perch. You also need half

a dozen eyed wet flies, sizes 10 and 12, for bluegills and sunfish. Royal Coachman, Black Gnat, McGinty, Gray Hackle and Brown Hackle Yellow Body are good patterns. Spend another 50 cents for some line dressing and rub a little into the outer 40 feet of your line.

You're all set. Later on you'll want fly and leader boxes, a creel, landing net and a lot of other things that help to make the sport of fly fishing more enjoyable. For the present, until you know exactly what you need, keep your flies and bugs in a tobacco can and your leaders in an envelope. Drop the fish you catch into a burlap bag and let it hang over the side of the boat in the water.

We're going to start fishing from a boat on a quiet pond. It will simplify casting—the brush that you'll later learn to avoid automatically won't snare your backcast—and it will be easier to find fish.

HANDLING THE LURE

Move along slowly. Keep your boat at an easy casting distance from the edge of the reeds, brush or lily pads. This cover provides shelter for all kinds of fish. Drop your bugs and flies within inches of it. Work them back toward the boat by gathering line with your left hand. Do it very slowly at first, with occasional twitches of the rod tip to give the lure extra action. Hold the rod at 45 degrees.

Work the bugs on the surface. Jerk, pause and jerk again. Let the wet flies sink (that's why they're called wet flies, because they're fished beneath the surface). Try various depths and different retrieves with them. The same general directions apply to your bucktails and streamers except that they can be worked somewhat more rapidly.

Pretty soon, you're going to feel a sharp tug. If you're using a floating bug it will disappear with a splash. Raise the rod tip sharply about two feet—sharply, mind you, but not too hard. You've hooked a fish.

Hold the rod at approximately 45 degrees. Keep it bent, not double, but in a good curve. Retrieve line with your left hand unless the fish resists too strongly. If he pulls harder than you think is safe for your rod or leader, let the line slip out through your fingers. Just let him go; he won't get off. Eventually he'll wear himself out.

Remember, never hold tight to everything and attempt to horse out a fish with a fly rod. You'll break something if you do. Instead, wear him down by maintaining a light, steady pressure. He'll soon tire and you can lead him to the boat.

Now, this is the time when many good fish are lost. Don't attempt to lift him into the boat with the rod. Fly rods are not derricks. Don't grab the leader and flop him in unless he is small. Instead, when he is tired and lying on his side,

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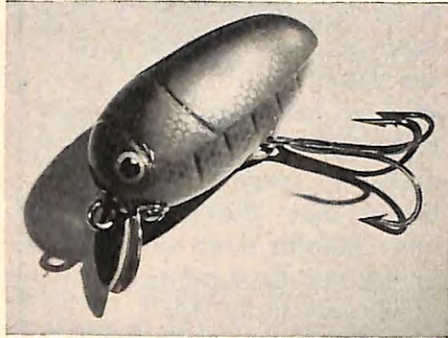
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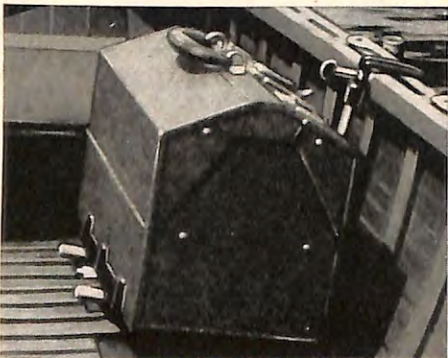
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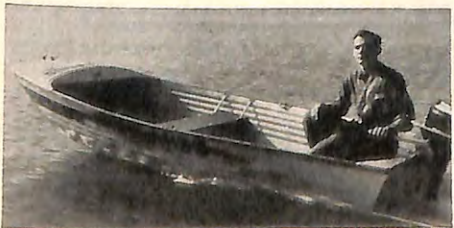
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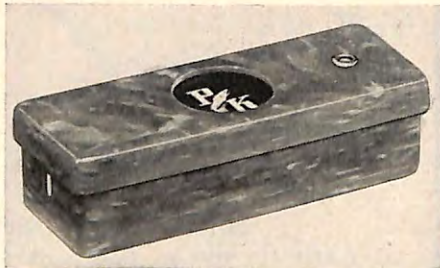
PORTABLE Boat Shelf hangs from any part of boat or canoe rail, holding tackle box off the floor. Has moving base, permitting box to be moved toward center of boat. After tackle is selected, box can be pushed back against the rail. Clamps hold tackle boxes of any width up to 8¾ inches and no attaching screws are required. Shelf is made of steel and aluminum.



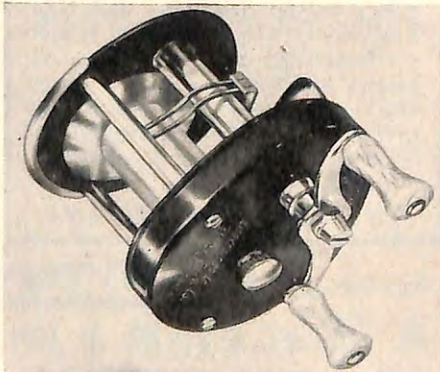
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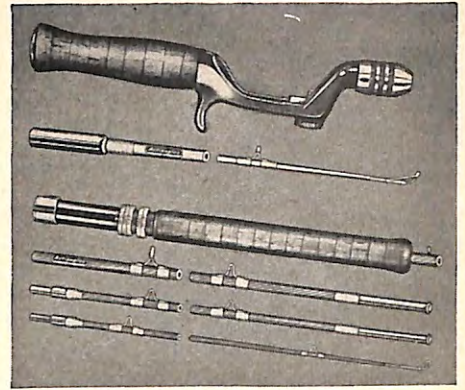
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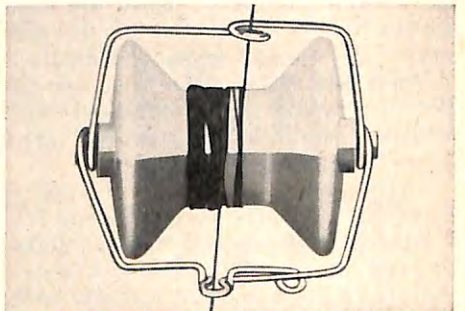
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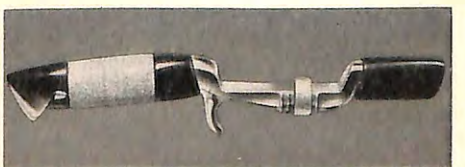
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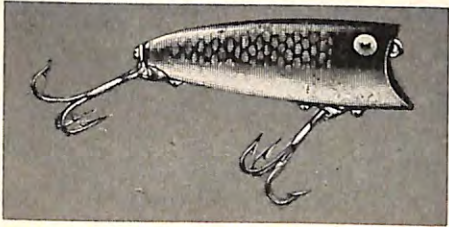
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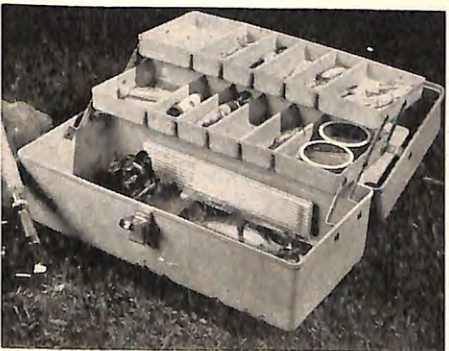
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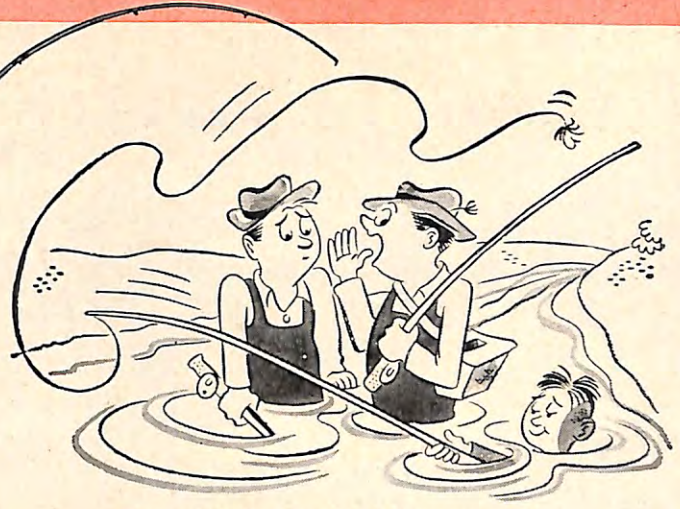
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The shores of Luna Lake on the way up to Mt. Ethel on the Continental Divide.

Timberline Fishing

BY WILLIAM KOSTKA

Trout ran large—and hit often—in the remote lake on the Continental Divide.

WHEN my fifteen-year-old son, Bill, phoned me in Denver from Steamboat Springs collect to ask me if I would like to go fishing for trout on a week's pack trip in the Routt National Forest up on the Continental Divide, it didn't take me long to make up my mind. I said, "No."

The reason? Except for a two-day pack trip in another part of Colorado the summer before, I hadn't spent any time in the saddle for about 20 years and could well imagine what six days on a horse would do to one used to an office chair. However, I was told that we'd get fish every day, which is more than I got on that two-day pack trip the summer before, and, what's more, that there was one lake where the trout ran more than 20 inches long. I hesitated even then, but when it developed that it would take only three days to get to that lake, my decision

was made. I would go—and I'm glad I did.

On Monday morning seven of us set out from the Lowell Whiteman Ranch, a camp for boys. The party consisted of my son Bill and his friend Dick Randolph, Bob, Dick's brother, Bob's son Ted, two young ladies, Nancy, the nurse, and Pat, teacher of horsemanship, at a camp for girls, and myself. Two important members of the group were the pack horses which carried our equipment. Knowing what the weather above the 10,000-foot level is like in early September, we sacrificed a lot of tackle to make room for warm clothing. My own tackle was limited to one rod, a 7-foot cane spinning rod, two reels, one for spinning and one for flies, two spoons, a few spinning lures and a selected group of wet and dry flies.

Late that afternoon we reached Horse-

thief camp where the Lowell Whiteman Ranch had set up a semi-permanent cache of food and tents for hunting and skiing parties. While the girls pitched into cooking dinner, the rest of us, eager to get started fishing, put our rods together and hurried nearby to a branch of Mad Creek to try our luck with flies. There was no cover for fishermen on the banks and since the youngsters from the boy's camp had scrambled in, out and around the stream during the summer, the trout were leery. To get them to take a fly, you had to stand about 10 feet back of the bank and flick the fly into the water.

THE fish weren't big, only around eight or nine inches, but they put up a wonderful fight. We beached enough for breakfast and returned to camp, satisfied with our first day's fishing.

The next morning we awoke in an air of excitement, rushing through breakfast and hurriedly re-packing and saddling. This was to be our first big day. We were on our way over the Continental Divide to Roxy Ann, the biggest lake we were to fish. It was a long tortuous climb

to the top of Mt. Ethel. At the peak, 11,976 feet above sea level, we found a tobacco tin in a cairn of stones filled with messages dating back as much as 20 years, written by those who had fought wind, rain, snow or sleet to reach the top.

It was cold up there, almost freezing, and the wind howled. While we marveled at the view across the ridges of mountains down the North Park, where we could see the town of Walden near the Wyoming line, and, 75 miles off to the east, Long's Park rising above the mountains of the Rocky Mountain National Park, a hail storm whipped in from the west. Hastily we unrolled sweaters and leather jackets from our saddles, mounted and headed down the eastern slope of the Divide toward the lower altitudes where we could see the sun shining on the forests and tiny lakes below us.

The trip down the Divide was rough going, for the only way to reach the lake was over deep banks of snow and narrow rock cliffs which dropped almost straight to the bottom of the canyon. An unwelcomed thrill came when Bill's horse slipped off the trail, and both rider and horse disappeared from sight down the side of the canyon. Luckily, they fell into a pocket of the cliff about eight feet below the trail and Bill escaped with a few bruises and a good shaking up.

That afternoon we pitched camp on the shore of Roxy Ann, 10,300 foot altitude, just below the timberline. Resisting the temptation to stand around admiring the breathtaking scenery, we lost no time in limbering our rods and getting hooks into the water. Fishing was slow at first, but before too long, Bill landed the first catch, a 12-inch native. Within a half hour, three of us had hauled in 11 native trout, the biggest being 14½ inches. This was real fishing and we returned to camp happily thinking of staying at Roxy Ann an extra day.

NEXT morning the lake was still as a mirror, no trout were rising and no fish taking any kind of bait. Three of us worked our way around the lake, trying everything in the book without success. Suddenly heavy, dull gray clouds shrouded the top of Mt. Ethel, the wind came up, ruffling the waters of the lake. The trout began to hit, but not too enthusiastically. Then the sleet swooped down on us, pelting the lake like millions of BB's. The fish stopped working and we debated giving up when we noticed the sun shining through on the opposite side of the lake. We waited and, sure enough, in three minutes the wind and sleet disappeared and the sun came out brighter than ever.

Before long, the trout began to work the surface. I was about 50 feet out in the lake on a rocky island reached by walking over logs and stones. There was a hatch breaking and at first they looked like green flies, so I switched to the nearest lure I could find in my fly box. Though trout were breaking all around,

they wouldn't strike. A live fly fluttered in the water near the rock. It was brown-bodied, not green, so I put on a brown hackle and cast out to the ripples caused by a fish rising. He hit, hard and fast, and was a real fighter, leaping out of the water, trying to shake that hook. I knew that he was a big fellow and worked him carefully. It took some time to wear him out until he was ready to roll over on his belly but I was finally able to heave him out without his flapping too much. He was 14½ inches, a native.

We caught more after that, enough to satisfy us, but none bigger.

The next day, we were ready to go on to the lake where those 20-inch trout were. After some searching around, we finally found it, a tiny lake, at 10,400-foot altitude. It was then four in the afternoon, not much time for fishing in the mountains where the sun sets quickly and the twilight is short.

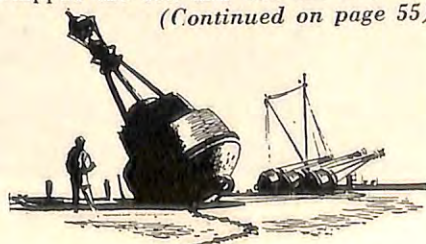
The lake was only a few acres in size, completely surrounded by trees except for a short stretch of beach. Dick and Bill decided that the best way to get the big ones was to go out on the lake on a raft anchored nearby. I made my objective a slight break in the trees across the lake where the shadows were longest.

AFTER a few test casts with dry and wet flies, I switched to a spinning reel and put on a spoon. A fish rose, the first I had noticed, one of those rises which indicates either a big fish or a lazy feeder. I sent the lure spinning over and beyond the rippled spot and started reeling quickly. Just when I thought that I had missed him and had reached for a cigarette, he hit, when I was least ready for him. The slack line went singing out into the lake. Suddenly the trout leaped into the air. It was a big one—but it was gone.

I reeled in as fast as I could and then cast out immediately beyond the spot where the fish had jumped. It seemed reasonable that the hurt from the hook would cause him to seek deeper water, so I stopped to light my cigarette to give the lure time to sink. Then I reeled in hastily, stopped to let the lure drop again. The second time, he hit.

He hit so hard and firmly that I thought I had a snag. But he was running ahead of me, for just then he leaped about three feet above the water, trying to shake the lure again. He couldn't, and started to rush again. I turned that reel spindle like a whirlwind and didn't take up the slack until the fish leaped high into the air again. That was my chance. I whipped the rod and felt the hook set

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Britain prepares to welcome overseas visitors to its nation-wide Festival.

BY HORACE SUTTON

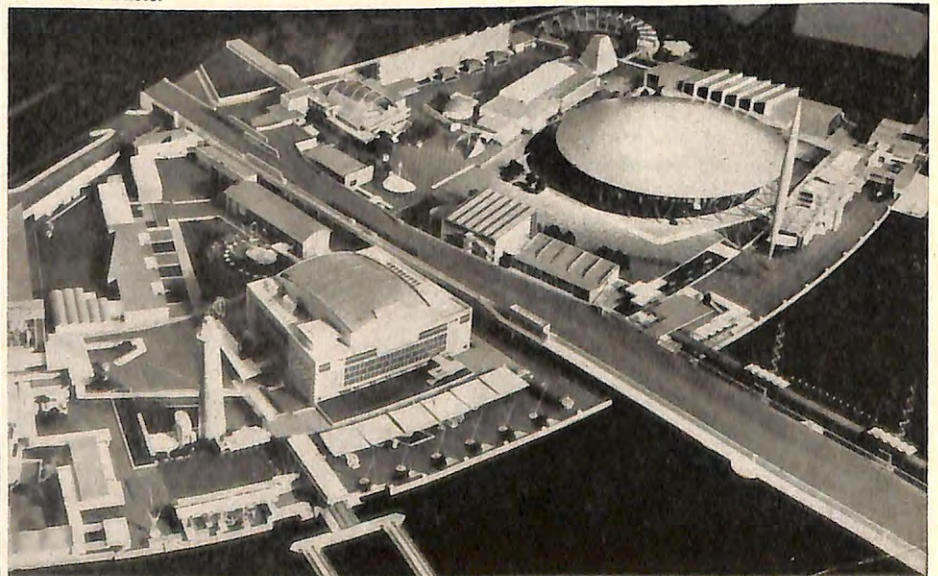
ON THURSDAY morning, May the third, His Majesty King George VI will mount the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral in London and announce to all the world that the Festival of Britain is open. The following day he and the Queen will stroll through the Festival grounds and that afternoon, at 2:30, Britain's centenary exposition will open to the public.

In official terms the theme of the Festival of Britain is to demonstrate the "continuing vitality" of the British people in the fields of art, science, and industry and to portray their part in "the peaceful progress of mankind". Well, mankind hasn't been making much peaceful prog-

ress of late, but the festival is here to show us how pleasant things would be if all the money in the public exchequer could be spent on new low-cost homes, new methods of medication, good music, old books and the theater.

King George will open the festival on the hundredth anniversary of The Great Exhibition which was inaugurated by Queen Victoria and her Prince Consort who drove to Hyde Park for the occasion. Victoria's Great Exhibition was made famous by the huge Crystal Palace, a house of glass which the faithless and the skeptical insisted would collapse when the cannons boomed the first salute. The Crystal Palace survived the

Wide World Photo.



This model of the South Bank Exhibition, the "centerpiece" of the Festival, shows the buildings in which all aspects of British life will be displayed.

barrage, and the exhibition was a symbol of the commercial success of Victorian England.

The festival of 1951 will not—as was Victoria's—be confined to London. There will be festivals in 23 towns in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, virtually every village will put on some kind of show, and nearly all of Britain's 50,000,000 people will have a hand in it.

What they are calling the "centerpiece" for the festival is the South Bank Exhibition, a modernistic display rising along the shores of the Thames on a site once occupied by a bomb-battered slum. When I was in London toward the end of October, the Dome of Discovery, which will cover the exhibition of geographical and scientific exploration, already was in place. It is the greatest dome in the world, spanning 365 feet.

At Poplar, another blitzed slum, a living architectural exhibit has been planned. Embodying the latest ideas in town planning and building, the development will be occupied by families by the time the festival opens. A few houses will be kept uninhabited for public inspection.

A MIGHTY ATOM

Among the scientific phenomena will be an atom enlarged ten billion times so that the man in the street can get a look at the minuscule, otherwise invisible bit of matter that controls his destiny. Anyone who would rather forget about the present can pick up a boat at the South Bank Exhibition and ride over to the Festival Pleasure Gardens at Battersea Park, which, translated from the dignity of the British, means "amusement park." There is to be a midway, a children's zoo, open-air cafes, and brilliant displays of fireworks, covering a tract of six acres.

On the other hand, there will be a mammoth festival of the arts, and it's difficult to say which creative function is most important. Orchestral concerts, to be held every day throughout the season, will feature such conductors as Sir John Barbirolli, Sir Thomas Beecham, Serge Koussevitzky, Italy's Victor de Sabata and Leopold Stokowski. Toscanini, who was scheduled to open the music program on May 3rd, has been forced to retire from the place of honor because of ill health. The London theaters—and there are some 40 of them in the West End—will run through the regular season and the festival summer. Alec Guinness will play "Hamlet", Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh will appear in "Caesar and Cleopatra," and the Old Vic Company, returned to its blitzed-out home in the Waterloo Road, will be playing everything from Sophocles to Shaw. The Sadler's Wells Ballet Company, which had such a sensational run in the United States, will appear as well, and there will be special fripperies added to annual affairs in Britain, such as the Edinburgh Festival, the Shakespeare Festival at

Stratford-on-Avon and the International Eisteddfod in Wales.

Outside London, the city of Rochester in Kent County, where Charles Dickens lived and died, will offer a Dickens Festival Pageant with a cast of 2,000. Rochester is 30 miles from London, and there are a limited number of seats available in the covered stand.

FESTIVITIES AT YORK

A good example of what will be doing in the British hinterlands is the York Festival, which will run from June 3 to 17. The walled city of York, once the capital of northern England, will offer a nostalgic look back into the past. Against the ruin of St. Mary's Abbey, the city will present the famous York Plays for the first time in 370 years. Known originally as the York Cycle of Mystery Plays which were presented by the York City Guilds every Corpus Christi Day, the dramatizations tell the story of the Creation of Man and the Life of Christ. York, which can look back on 2,000 years of recorded history, will give displays of English folk dancing.

Britain is such a compact country that even York, "way up north", is only four hours from London by train. A round-trip ticket, as an example, costs from \$7 to \$10 aboard the cars of the British Railways. Even Scotland, where the Highland Exhibition opens from June 17 to 30, is just overnight from London.

British Railways, incidentally, which has offices in the United States, is offering scrip books good for 1,000 miles of traveling at reductions 25 to 30 per cent below ordinary fares. A special ticket authorizing a week's unlimited travel on London's buses, trams and subways can be had for \$3.50. These special tickets must be bought in the United States.

Gasoline is no longer rationed in the British Isles, and those who would prefer to rent a car (remember, the traffic runs the other way) can hire an English buggy for about \$3 a day plus seven cents a mile.

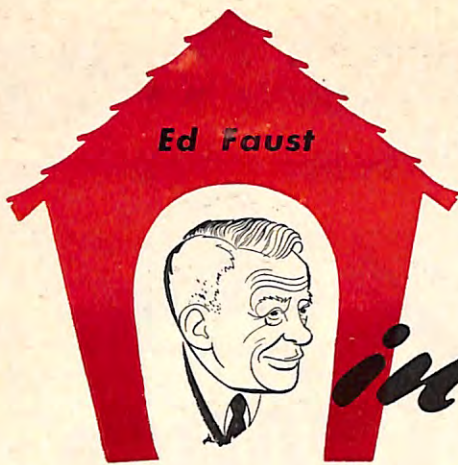
Good hotels in London cost upward of \$4 a night, a fee which usually includes breakfast. However, an ordinary automobile show or an undistinguished trade fair often packs London to the rafters. What is going to happen during the festival no one seems to know, but the British Travel Association is earnestly advising 1951's visitors to make their headquarters outside London in one of the quiet, charming little towns anywhere from a half-hour to two hours away. It's a downright sensible suggestion. Not only will you avoid the tourists, the trouble and the travail, but you'll save money, you'll get to know the people better, and what the travel people don't say—you'll eat a hundred per cent better, an important consideration in Britain today. Any American looking for bed, board, or bail in London should make tracks to Queen's House, 64-65 St. James' Street SW 1, which is tourist headquarters.

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in the Doghouse

THE other voice on the phone was that of an old friend, name of Leonard, a man I've known some 20 years. I hadn't seen him for so long that his call was as surprising as his reason for making it. After a few preliminaries he got down to the subject. "Ed," he said, "I'm that reader you have over in Jersey. I do read your stuff from time to time, even though up to now I've been dogless. I want to buy a dog, one of those big fellows—maybe a Dane, or a collie. Maybe . . ."

"Hey, wait a minute," I interrupted. "What do you expect me to do about it?"

"Well, I thought you could steer me right about the breed, and what I should pay . . ."

"Len, the kind you should buy is the kind you want, but a lot depends on how and where you live. If you roost in one of those four-room-kitchenette layouts, don't try to crowd a great Dane into it; it would be like living with a horse. If you have ample room with some ground around it, then a big pooch is okay. As to price, don't ask me to stick my neck out; that's something between you and the breeder. It depends on how badly he wants to sell, and how much you want to buy."

"I've got the room and I don't expect to get a bow-wow free-for-nix," he assured me. "Now, here's something else you can help me with. What do you think of my having the dog sent to a training school after I get him—and do you know any good schools?"

These were reasonable questions, so I commended him on his good judgment and gave him the names of a number of schools. "In this business of dogs, Leonard, I have to be strictly impartial. I simply furnish a list of schools, and services, and the like, that I know to be good; from there on it's up to the customer."

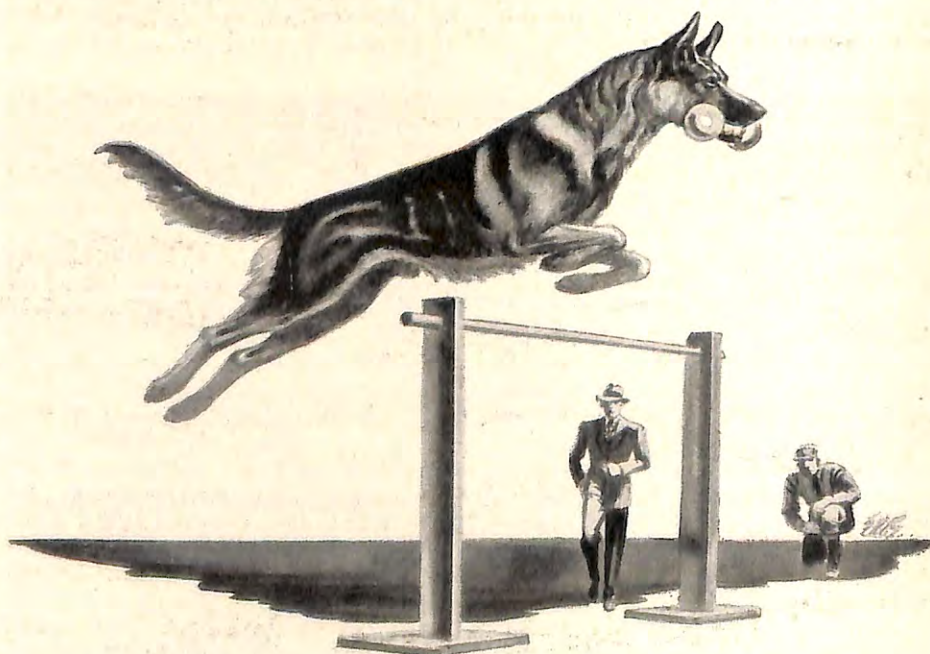
My friend explained that his wife was a busy woman and, while she had approved the dog idea, she had no time to give to housebreaking or educating it. To me that made sense. Too often Papa arrives home with a puppy which either he or little Harry or Harriet promises faithfully to look after—and you know

the usual results. It isn't long before the lady of the house becomes the dog's sole chaperone, and to not a few women this can be a burden. I know because that's precisely what used to happen to my mother, and, later, to a far more long-suffering wife. Seldom is the pup given the boot after 24 hours in the average home; it's axiomatic that puppies invariably sell themselves, and it's a pretty resolute housewife who will banish a pup once it is installed in her home. While I don't want to discourage any prospective dog-owner, in all honesty I must say that the proper care of a young dog does take time and a great deal of patience. Some pups learn more quickly than others, but it is usually three weeks before they get the idea about being clean around the house, and it's a good three months before their training as better companions can be undertaken seriously. My friend Leonard has the right idea, and one that more and more people are following. The relatively small cost of turning a dog over to a good professional trainer is well spent. It solves what can

be a tedious and often unpleasant problem for the owner. The well-trained dog is a decided asset to its owner, and a means of greater enjoyment. If you want to see this exemplified, attend a dog show where obedience classes perform. There you will see how vastly different is the trained dog from an untrained house-pet.

ROUGHLY, there are two varieties of training schools—one where the owner is trained to teach his dog; the other where someone else does the teaching. The first is patronized by people living within a reasonable distance from the school; the second is a boarding school and the owner can live anywhere, needing only to ship the dog to the school. In some, the prices for courses vary with the size of the dog—the owner of the larger dog being obliged to pay more, which is understandable when you consider that such dogs require larger quarters and cost more to feed. If the school is well established, the dog-owner may ship his animal to a training-boarding school without a

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In this advanced lesson the dog is learning to retrieve.



Above: E.R. Peter P. Thomas, center, presents a \$200 check to E. G. Gadbois, Treas. of the Retarded Children's Aid, the first of a monthly donation given to this organization by Chicago (South), Ill., Lodge. Others pictured are Elks Wm. G. Dolan, Wm. A. Lauer and J. H. Vogel.

Left: R. B. Graves, a 48-year Elk, center, was the Elk with the longest membership of the 63 Old Timers honored at a special banquet by Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Lodge recently. At left is Fred F. Haertel, a 35-year veteran, and Henry C. Demitz, with 47 years in Elkdome.



Above: Exalted Ruler Ben D. Collins with the CO of Santa Margarita Naval Hospital in Oceanside, Calif., and other members of Indio, Calif., Lodge who presented a 16" television set to the Hospital's patients and staff.



Above: E.R. L. J. Campbell, third from left, top row, with former leaders of Bloomsburg, Pa., Lodge on its traditional P.E.R.'s Night.



Left: At Altus, Okla., Lodge's home dedication, the Woodward Degree Team, right background, initiated 33 candidates in the presence of 300, among them many dignitaries including Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Chairman Earl James, Grand Trustee D. E. Lambourne and Special Deputy Floyd Brown.



The largest class ever initiated into McCook, Neb., Lodge was a 66-man combination Father-Son and District Deputy Class pictured with D.D.

H. R. McCutchan, seated third from right center. Standing behind him are State Pres. B. M. Diers and Vice-Pres. R. D. Greenwall.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



When the American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited Tillamook, Ore., the facilities of the Elks lodge home were placed at its disposal.



The officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of Big Rapids, Mich., Lodge when they presented a handsome Elks Ritual Clock to the lodge.



P.E.R. Burt Brooks of Inglewood, Calif., as Pres. of the Southern Calif. Elks Golf League presents the Joe Sempers winner's trophy to E.R. Kenneth H. Barton of Whittier Lodge whose Southern Division team took the championship over the Northern Division leaders from Inglewood.



Secy. Carl Holder presents Rocky Ford, Colo., Lodge's \$10,000 check to Hospital Fund-Raising Committee Chairman C. S. Williams. Others include D.D.'s Robert J. Brown and John J. McMahan, and E.R. William P. Clark and his fellow officers and Trustees of the lodge.

Texas Elksdom Greater by West University Institution

D.D. Reese B. Lockett, assisted by the Past Exalted Rulers of Houston Lodge, conducted the institution ceremonies for Texas' newest Elks lodge, West University No. 1828. Approximately 85 men made up the Charter Member Class, being initiated by Houston Lodge's officers, led by P.E.R. Arthur J. Manson as Exalted Ruler. Installation of the new lodge's officials who are led by E. R. Frank Conklin, was conducted by Grand Est. Loyal Knight M. A. deBettencourt, assisted by other former leaders of Houston Lodge.

The Texas Elks Assn. was represented by Pres. J. Rollie Pray and Secy. H. S. Rubenstein, while delegations from various visiting branches of the Order included S. E. Dist. Vice-Pres. R.E.L. Barnett and Past Pres. Carl R. Mann.

"MOTHER'S DAY" BULLETIN

May 13th will mark the day set aside this year to pay tribute to our mothers. As usual, all Elk lodges will hold special programs in observance of Mother's Day and, as has been the practice the past few years, accounts of these Services are invited by the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge. This group will consider the relative merits of these ceremonies as reported, and the Magazine will publish a story based on the Committee's decisions as to the most outstanding.

Please send your covering brochures as soon as possible after May 13th, to Chairman Robert L. DeHority, Box 87, Elwood, Ind., so that your lodge's observance may be considered by his Committee.



Left: Warrensburg, Mo., Lodge initiated this class in honor of State Pres. H. Chris Oltman, standing, left, with Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman H. H. Russell on his left.

Below: Hospitalized veterans are aided by Marysville, Calif., Elks' materials drive. Pictured left to right are Judge W. E. Langdon, 43-year lodge Secy.; Drive Chairman Robert Caplan and Co-Chairman Imre Jelenfy.



On Iowa State Elks Assn. Night at Ottumwa Lodge, 30 men joined the Order in ceremonies participated in by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, seated, third from left, with former Chief Justice Clyde E. Jones of the Grand Forum, and present and former State Assn. officers.



Elko, Nev., Lodge Aids State Society for Crippled Children

Crippled children in Nevada were assured of additional aid under the physical therapy program of the Nevada Society for Crippled Children not long ago when Elko Lodge No. 1472 gave the organization a \$1,000 check. The presentation was made by E.R. Earl Shobe to Trustee Newton Crumley, P.D.D., Society Pres.

This action follows a decision made earlier by the Crippled Children's Fund of the Nev. State Elks Assn. to present to this Society \$3,000.



Former leaders of Erie, Pa., Lodge destroyed the mortgage on the lodge home on P.E.R.'s Night.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Elks Celebrate "Hail Vermont" Day

An innovation in interlodge and interstate relations was "Hail Vermont Day" held by Plattsburg Lodge No. 621 when four candidates were initiated by a Degree Team from three Vermont lodges.

Approximately 45 members of St. Albans, Montpelier and Burlington, Vt., Lodges joined 150 local Elks at the session, attended by State Assn. Vice-Pres. Bruno A. Beck and Secy. Roger Sheridan. It was planned that at a later date the Plattsburg officers would return the compliment at St. Albans Lodge.

The occasion was also the 68th birthday of P.D.D. Golda H. Douglas, originally a Montpelier Elk, who demitted to Plattsburg in 1930.



These Vermont Elks initiated a special class at Plattsburg, N. Y., Lodge on "Hail Vermont Night".

Right: These Elks, hailing from all parts of the country, are in Chile to construct the first integrated steel plant ever erected on the west coast of South America. They include, back row, left to right. P.E.R. Ray M. Pullam, Youngstown, Ohio; E. M. Ferguson, Ontario, Calif.; F. P. Teichart, Monessen, Pa.; Amos Bartell, Warren, Ohio; Sayman Kerr, Salt Lake City, Utah; Cuyler Brooks, Atlanta, Ga., who is chief cook. Center row: P.E.R. William L. Browell, Apollo; J. J. Baum, Scottsdale, Pa.; Eugene Smith, Ensley, Ala.; Chas. H. Hawkins, Moundsville, W. Va.; W. E. Graham, Spokane, Wash.; Peter G. Seder, Lewistown, Pa. Foreground, Richard L. McMillen, Apollo, Pa.



Left: The \$1,004 check realized through entertainment comprising Elk talent which helped North Little Rock, Ark., to exceed its March of Dimes quota is presented to Polio Campaign Chairwoman, Mrs. B. L. Church, by E.R. Reuben Zinn, State Pres., left, and P.E.R. P. H. Machin.



Left: Exalted Ruler Kenneth C. Berg, right center, presents a new juke box to Clinton R. Seevers, left center, Chairman of the East Liverpool, Ohio, Elk-Teen Club, in the presence of some of the young people who will enjoy it.

Below: Albert Lea, Minn., Lodge leaders turned over their offices to former Exalted Rulers on P.E.R.'s Night. Fourth from right is District Deputy H. S. Brown; left, P.D.D. L. F. Aitchison.

Below: Historic Plymouth County was the scene of the institution of an Americanization Program when Plymouth, Mass., Lodge's E.R. Theodore St. Pierre, second from right, delivered an inspiring talk and presented to each new citizen an American Flag. Other Elks include Superior Court Justice J. C. Warner, High Sheriff Robbins, Lead. Knight Robt. Finneran and Lect. Knight James Panagopolos.



Cristobal, C. Z., Elks Sponsor Mobile Blood-Typing Unit

The Elks of Cristobal, C. Z., Lodge, No. 1542, are responsible for the area's Walking Blood Bank, a mobile blood-typing unit substituting for the cost-prohibitive blood bank for the Atlantic Side of the Isthmus where blood donations are in frequent demand. The program has received the wholehearted response of more than 1,500 persons whose blood types are now registered at the U. S. Govt. Hospital in Colon and who will be available whenever blood donations are needed in that area.



Old Timers Night at Wausau, Wis., Lodge found 196 Elks with over 25 years' membership. Here, E.R. Herbert Terwilliger presents a gift to 59-year Elk C. S. Gilbert, Charter Member.

Daniel P. Desmond, Leading Massachusetts Elk, Passes

Lawrence, Mass., Lodge, No. 65, lost its most devoted member and an outstanding American when P.E.R. Daniel P. Desmond, 80-year-old retired banker, nationally-known Elk and former city official, died Feb. 19th.

Secretary of his lodge for nearly half a century, and a member of the Order for over 55 years, he held an enviable record in Elkdom. In 1906 he was appointed the first Mass. Northeast District Deputy, and later served as a member of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee. State and city officials and national Elk leaders attended a reception given in P.E.R. Desmond's honor in 1948 by the members of his lodge, who had given him an Honorary Life Membership in 1920.

Funeral services at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church were attended by scores of Elk dignitaries including Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan.

Mr. Desmond is survived by a son and daughter, grandson, two brothers and two sisters. To them and to his hundreds of friends, *The Elks Magazine's* staff extends its deepest sympathy.

Chile Is Scene of a Real Elk Get-Together

In 1947 the Chilean government completed arrangements to begin construction on the first integrated steel plant on South America's west coast, the second on the continent. The company, known as Cia. de Acero del Pacifico, is located on San Vicente Bay. A group of North American engineers was sent down there, and work started early in 1947; the plant is now producing around 240,000 metric tons of steel annually.

The Elks have played, and are playing, quite a role both in the construction and operation of this plant. So many of the men were members of the Order, in fact,



Present and past officers with the class initiated in honor of the P.E.R.'s of Latrobe, Pa., Lodge.



On the time-honored P.E.R.'s Night held at Hampton, Va., Lodge, these former leaders were paid tribute. Harry H. Holt, seated second from left, is one of the two surviving Charter Members.

that in February of this year a typical Elk get-together of members and their wives was arranged, and a pig roast, with all the customary Elk trimmings, took place at El Rancho Pisco last February. Eleven lodges were represented, with five others by proxy. Those who could not make it were C. A. Kral of Steubenville, Ohio; Lester Adams of Pittsburg, Calif.; Marcus O'Malley of Warren, Ohio, and John McClain of San Diego, Calif.

Besides operating the mill, the Elks are promoting much good will and Americanism down there; as a matter of fact, it is reported that many Chileans cannot understand why they, too, cannot become members.

San Jose, Calif., Lodge Honors P.E.R.'s and Old Timers

When San Jose Lodge No. 522 paid tribute to its former leaders recently, 19 of them were on hand, including senior Alex Sherriffs who headed the lodge in 1910, and who was the principal speaker.

The occasion also marked Old Timers Night, when the three surviving Charter Members, Al Kayser, A. F. Brosius and Wm. Binder, were addressed by P.E.R. C. L. Snyder. P.E.R. Louis Rossi presented 50-year membership pins to Dr. E. O. Pieper and S. E. Johnson, and 35-year pins were presented to six others.

Two 50-year Elks, Chas. O'Brien, Sr., and S. Hal Chase could not attend; there were two 35-year members missing, too.

E.R. Dr. John King presented the original charter granted to the lodge in 1899, which had been lost for some time.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Elk Statement Subject of Editorial

Excelsior Springs Lodge No. 1001 was the topic of a very fine editorial published in *The Daily Standard* relative to the statements included in a full-page declaration inserted in that paper by the lodge.

Under the heading, "Wake Up, America! As Free Men We Proclaim—", the list included seven tenets of American doctrine, primarily our faith in God, the dignity of man, the destiny of our country and our right to earn a living under the American Way of Life. It stated further the Elk's belief that there is no place among us for communists or fellow travelers, and that it is our duty as free men to speak out in defense of our Democracy and to put ourselves on record to that end.

The *Standard's* own comments revealed the publisher's respect for the Elks in making their declaration, and the awareness of the need for just such intelligent thinking and bold action.



Left: The city of Redlands, Calif., invited the Elks to participate in the formal dedication of the Industrial Arts Bldg., when E.R. Lee S. Simmonds made formal presentation of the bronze plaque commemorating a unit given by the lodge to the public school system, in honor of Clarence W. Hardy, a 39-year Elk.



Right: Past Exalted Rulers of Chadron, Neb., Lodge with the class initiated in their honor.



Left: Eagle Scouts Pefley and Eudaly, sons of Orange, Calif., Elks receive their awards from their mothers during the Court of Honor at the lodge home. At left, D.D. Willard Smith, Jr.; right, G. X. Richmond, Master of Ceremonies.



Some of the 316 School Patrol guests of Sioux City, Ia., Lodge, with E.R. E. C. Walker, Charity Fund Chairman M. E. Lee and Frank Coats.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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On the 10th, the travelers went on to **GRAND HAVEN LODGE No. 1200** where 150 Brothers, including 14 P.E.R.'s, welcomed them at a luncheon meeting. Later, at an evening session at the home of **KALAMAZOO LODGE No. 50**, the officers of the S.W. District conducted the initiation of 18 new members as a Joseph B. Kyle Birthday Class. All seven lodges in the area participated through the unique means of using three sets of officers and four Drill Teams in an impressive performance of the Ritual. Following an address he made to the new Elks, the guest of honor attended a banquet with 750 Elks and their ladies.

February 14th was a great day for **READING, PA., LODGE, No. 115**, when the Grand Exalted Ruler was guest of honor at its 62nd Anniversary Dinner. Earlier that day, Mr. Kyle had received the key to the city from Mayor John F. Davis,

and later accepted a \$500 check, to be used by the Elks National Service Commission in establishing Fraternal Centers, from Committee Chairman B. Harrison McCoy. Other speakers at the dinner were Grand Trustee Howard R. Davis, D.D. John B. Bozette and State Vice-Pres. Richard T. Frisby.

The birthday of the Order was celebrated Feb. 17th with **NEW YORK, N. Y., LODGE, No 1**, as host at a gala banquet attended by more than 700 persons. The impressive list of Past Grand Exalted Rulers who were on hand included Raymond Benjamin, James R. Nicholson, Bruce A. Campbell, J. Edgar Masters, Charles H. Grakelow, John F. Malley, James T. Hallinan, David Sholtz, Henry C. Warner, E. Mark Sullivan, Frank J. Lonergan, Wade H. Kepner, Charles E. Broughton and Emmett T. Anderson. Many Grand Lodge Committeemen and

State Elk officials participated, as well as former Postmaster General James A. Farley. Speakers on the program included Mr. Kyle, Mayor Vincent Impelleri of New York, senior P.E.R. J. H. Chris Mitchel and E.R. V. S. Tese.

HACKENSACK, N. J., LODGE, No. 658, celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a week-long series of activities, culminating in the Golden Jubilee Banquet on the 20th at which Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle was the principal speaker. Among the special events of the week was a special meeting honoring No. 658's first E.R., Col. Alfred T. Holley, who was guest of honor at the Old Timers and P.E.R.'s Dinner preceding the lodge session; a Grand Ball was also held during this period, and the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Hackensack Lodge's handsome home was observed. On the 20th,

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Williamsport, Pa., Lodge Presents a Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., Lodge No. 173, with pride and pleasure presents Past Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis as a candidate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order of Elks, to be voted on at the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago this July.

Brother Davis was initiated into Williamsport Lodge in January, 1910. He became active in the affairs of his lodge in 1915 when he started through the Chairs. He was Exalted Ruler in 1919-20, and in the latter year attended his first Grand Lodge Convention, in Chicago. Two years later, in 1922-23, he was named District Deputy of Pennsylvania North-Central by the then Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Edgar Masters.

Brother Davis became active in State Association work the same year, when he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association. He served five years on the Board, became State Vice-President in 1928-29, and was chosen State President in 1929-30. It was under his administration that Pennsylvania set up its Student Aid Program, now one of the largest in the nation, with particular attention paid to the physically handicapped.

Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz gave Brother Davis his first Grand Lodge appointment in 1936-37, as a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee on which he served again the following year. He later served a year as a member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, and as Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee in 1945-46.

In Boston, in 1943, he was elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, serving with Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Lonergan. In New York, in 1946, he was elected to serve the one year unexpired term of Charles E. Broughton on the Board of Grand Trustees. A year later he was elected to the full five-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving successively as its Secretary and Home Member; he is now its Vice-Chairman and Home Member.

Mr. Davis was born in Williamsport, Pa., November 29,

1883, and has lived there all his life. He was married in 1910 to a Williamsport girl, is the father of three children and has three grandchildren. He and his family are members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Williamsport.

Mr. Davis, at the age of 21, entered the newspaper business when he became a copy boy on the editorial staff of Grit, the largest weekly newspaper in the United States. Desk by desk he was promoted on the staff until he became the head of the staff as its managing editor in 1937, which position he held until he retired from active newspaper life at the close of 1949.

Brother Davis has been equally prominent in civic and welfare activities in his home town. He served two years as President of the Lycoming County Community Chest, and headed its annual campaign for three years. He was one of the founders of the Lycoming County Crippled Children's Society in 1931, and has served as its Vice-President and Treasurer ever since. A year ago he was one of the committee that established a cerebro-palsy clinic in Williamsport, under the direction of the Crippled Children's Society.

In 1941 Brother Davis was awarded the American Legion Medal of Honor by Garrett Cochran Post, No. 1, for civic service by non-members of the Post. In 1949 he was given the Grit Award for Meritorious Community Service, the highest honor that can come to a resident of Williamsport.

This is the record of Pennsylvania's No. 1 Elk, one that is presented with justifiable pride by the officers and 1,500 members of Williamsport Lodge No. 173, and by the 88,000 Elks of Pennsylvania. We ask your consideration and support of Grand Trustee Davis' candidacy to head this great Order of ours during the important year of 1951-52.

ABRAHAM SNYDER
Exalted Ruler

W. L. CALEHUFF
Secretary

the *Bergen Evening Record* published a 27-page special section, devoted exclusively to Elk activities, in particular those of Hackensack Lodge. A class of ten was initiated by E.R. Leo D. Bicher, Jr. and his officers, N.E. Dist. Ritualistic Champions, in honor of Mr. Kyle who presented a 50-year pin to Charter Member George B. Atwood. Mr. Kyle, with other officials, visited the home of Spencer D. Baldwin, former Mayor, and presented a Life Membership to this 40-year Elk who was Chairman of the Golden Anniversary Committee, and who was prevented by illness from taking part in the celebration. Mr. Baldwin, a Past Exalted Ruler, has planned No. 658's Memorial Services for many years. Among the dignitaries on hand at this affair were Grand Treas. William Jernick, P.D.D. Russell L. Binder, and D.D. Louis Hubner.

In Washington, D. C., on the 21st, Mr. Kyle received the keys to the city from Congressman John R. Young, and later visited President Harry S. Truman to present to him a framed resolution pledging

complete mobilization of the 1,040,000 Elks in aiding the civil defense program. That evening Mr. Kyle was guest of honor at a banquet attended by 700 persons, given by WASHINGTON LODGE No. 15.

On the 22nd, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Mt. Vernon to place a wreath at George Washington's tomb. After luncheon with members of ALEXANDRIA, VA., LODGE No. 758, the Order's leader visited the grave of the Unknown Soldier where, in impressive ceremonies, he presented a plaque which will be placed in Arlington's Hall of Trophies, to Col. Raymond J. Williamson, officer in charge there. The plaque, signed by Mr. Kyle, reads: "The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks pays tribute to the Unknown Soldier who made the Supreme Sacrifice in exemplification of the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity."

After this moving presentation, the Grand Exalted Ruler placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

That evening, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle were guests of SILVER SPRING, MD., LODGE.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary

APRIL	LODGE
3	Anchorage, Alaska
5	Fairbanks, Alaska
7	Juneau, Alaska
10	Seattle, Wash. Ballard (Seattle), Wash. Everett, Wash.
11	Tacoma, Wash.
12 (Noon)	Olympia, Wash.
(Night)	Aberdeen, Wash.
13	Yakima, Wash.
14 (Noon)	Spokane, Wash.
(Night)	Coeur d'Alene, Ida.
15	Lewiston, Ida.
16 (Noon)	Pendleton, Ore.
(Night)	The Dalles, Ore.
17 (Noon)	Prineville, Ore.
(Night)	Bend, Ore.
18	Eugene, Ore.
19 (Noon)	Salem, Ore.
(Night)	Portland, Ore.
21	Tulsa, Okla.
23	Fort Worth, Tex.
24	Tyler, Tex.
25	Houston, Tex.
26	Galveston, Tex.
27	Corpus Christi, Tex.
28	San Antonio, Tex.
29	Austin, Tex. Temple, Tex. Waco, Tex.
30 (Noon)	Wichita Falls, Tex.
(Night)	Amarillo, Tex.

To Our Absent Brothers

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ishment with its 1950 program. In spite of bad weather, over 400 persons were present to hear Col. J. D. Caldara of the U. S. Air Forces deliver a provocative address. A unique and moving tableau saw French Sensabaugh take the

part of an aged stage-doorman as eulogist for the departed Elks whose names were called out as the cast of a play; at the end, a little crippled girl, Beverly Price, entered with flowers for the "actors" as a gesture of thanks for all the

Elks do for the Allegany County Crippled Children's League.

In Group III, representing lodges of less than 500 members, we have a new name—Walsenburg, Colo., Lodge whose Services drew an enormous crowd, filling the tastefully decorated lodge room to capacity. The speaker on this occasion was octogenarian Dr. Frank Crowther, well known orator who has been an Elk for nearly half a century, Senior Past Exalted Ruler of Perth Amboy, N. J., Lodge. A member of the New Jersey House of Representatives for several terms, Dr. Crowther later moved to New York State and was elected to the United States Congress from the 30th District. A Congressman for 24 years, he retired and now resides in Pueblo, Colo.

After making its decision as given above, the Activities Committee awarded Honorable Mention to the following lodges: Group I—Albany, N. Y., Binghamton, N. Y., Butte, Mont., Glendale, Calif., Grand Junction, Colo., Grand Rapids, Mich., Norwich, Conn., Salt Lake City, Utah, Sunbury, Pa., Terre Haute, Ind. Group II—Cut Bank, Mont., Ellwood City, Pa., Fond du Lac, Wis., Hackensack, N. J., Jacksonville, Ill., Laconia, N. H., Newark, Ohio, Scottsbluff, Neb., Winthrop, Mass. Group III—Gardner, Mass., Martinsville, Va., Mattoon, Ill., San Benito, Tex., Seguin, Tex., Shamokin, Pa., Texarkana, Ark., Van Wert, Ohio.

The repetition of the accomplishment of Nashville, Tenn., and Cumberland, Md., Lodges should offer a challenge to every branch of the Order in planning the 1951 Memorial Services.

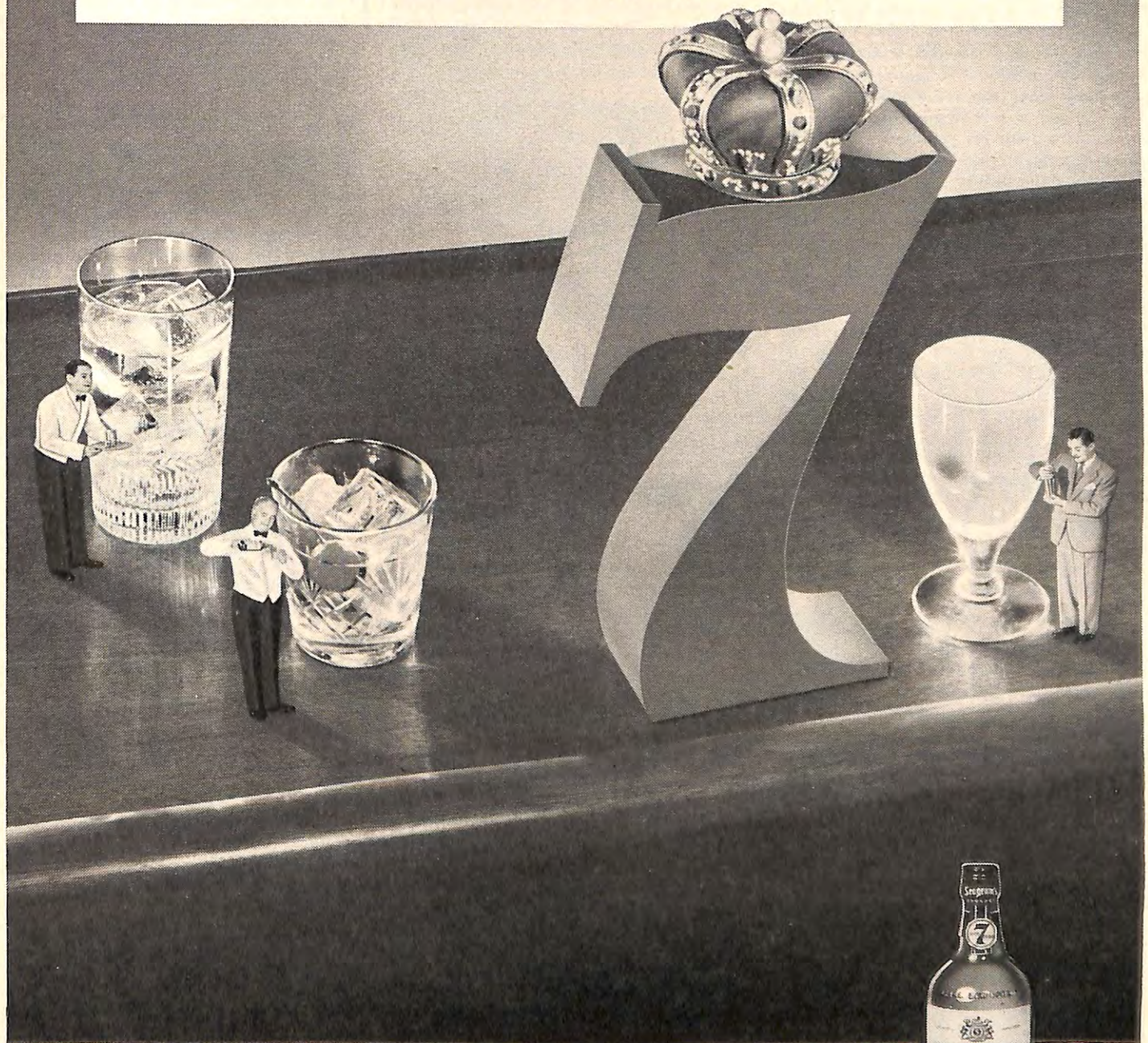


Beneath Walsenburg, Colo., Lodge's striking Memorial Tablet are Dr. Frank Crowther and E.R. Frank Furphy and his officers.

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THERE is nothing better for dinner than charcoal-broiled steaks or chops. The first thing you need for such a dinner is the money to buy the meat. (If you don't have the ready cash, perhaps you can get a second mortgage on your home, or a loan on your car.) But, assuming you do get the money, you're faced with the untidy problem of cooking the delicacy. There are several methods, all more or less tedious and crude. You can cook them on a fire outdoors, on a charcoal fire in your fireplace or on a portable charcoal-wagon-type broiler bought for outdoor eating. However, it's still a little early to dash outside for summer living and until such time as the weather gets dependable, here's the thing for you. It's a broiler that can go to table with you where you can do the job in formal dinner surroundings without winding up looking like an end man in a minstrel show. Place charcoal in the bottom of the broiler, put it over the flame on your stove for a minute until the charcoal begins to burn and then take it to the table with the steak or chops cooking away.

THERE'LL be fewer interrupted renditions of "The Road to Mandalay" in your shower if you have this shower aid at your elbow to supply soap, shampoo, brush, washcloth or sponge whenever you need it. You won't have to be a contortionist to fumble for dropped soap either. Made of heavy plastic, the container has five pockets with drain holes. Two hooks at the top slip over the curtain rod, and there you have it. A bottle of shampoo is close at hand and, even though blinded by suds, you can find cloth, sponge or brush to take them away.

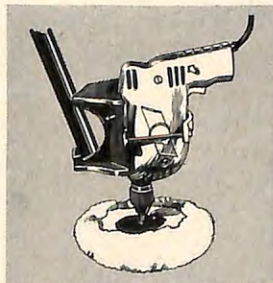


AMONG life's more vexsome problems we find the chore of cleaning Venetian blinds one of the worst. Undoubtedly there are many advantages to Venetian blinds. It is in the matter of cleaning, however, that such blinds reveal their true and complex nature. All the usual

dusting, shaking and huffing and puffing fail to brighten them adequately, so someone put his mind to the problem and came up with a solution. It's a handy cleaner made of plastic with spring-action jaws fitted with foam-rubber pads. One good swipe with this item and a blind slat is clean on both sides. There are two styles of cleaners. One fits the curved metal slats now in use while the other is for the more traditional flat slats.



ONE of the apparently inescapable problems a golfer must face is that of lugging a golf bag around loaded with heavy clubs. He must certainly do that or, in the event that he has money, he can hire a caddy to do the lugging for him. Today, thanks, we suspect that to a lazy golfer, such lugging or paying of caddies is a thing of the past. Here's the ticket. Get one of these calibrated clubs with an adjustable head and you have everything from a driver to a putter in one, simple club. It comes in either right- or left-handed models and in three lengths: 36, 37 and 38 inches. Now all you need is the will to play.



MORE uses have been developed for portable electric drills than for anything we know of, including discarded yo-yos and carpet sweepers. Here's a new one. By getting this simple attachment which fits any 1/4-inch electric drill, plus a buffer, you convert the drill into a floor polisher and waxer. None can say it's not ingenious as well as being helpful to your wife—and you, if she's inveigled you into doing the heavy housework. The kit comprising the attachment consists of a clamp, handle, adapt-

er, five-inch rubber pad and six-inch sheepskin bonnet. The clamp, by the way, has another use: It can be used as a stationary stand to hold the drill when buffing, grinding, scraping and sharpening tools and ornamental metal.

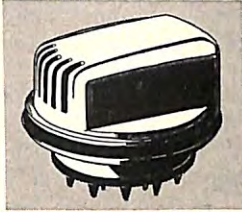
IT IS TIME to think of the great outdoors again, following the off-and-on weather of winter. Among the things that may come to mind is the problem of a lawn, either a new one or a rejuvenated old one. To insure good results it will have to be watered, of course, and here's what you use to accomplish that. This single unit system for lawn watering consists of 50 feet of plastic hose with five brass sprayers spaced along it. Each sprayer can be controlled individually to put the water where you want it, and in quantities suitable to the occasion. With all five sprayers going full-tilt, the system can water up to 1,000 square feet of lawn at once. If you have more lawn to tend than that, you and you alone are responsible for it.



HERE'S a sensible coathanger. It may look a bit weird, but it makes sense. The way the usual hanger is constructed—more with an eye to simple construction than to function—you have to take off your trousers first to make it work. The only trouble which such an approach is that nobody undresses that way. With this unique hanger in your closet you can remove your coat and hang it up, then remove your trousers in the traditional way. It works the other way around, too. When you're ready to dress, your trousers are available on the upper bar and you put your coat on last. These coat hangers are made of plastic and the coat-hanging part is evenly molded to hold your coat in shape; the bar for the trousers is ridged so your trousers will stay put.

WITH camping time just around the corner, it would be well to keep in mind that you're one year older than you were in 1950, or soon will be at any rate. In short, your days of "roughing it" with nothing more than a blanket between you and the cold, cold ground may well be over. To continue to enjoy camping, but now in comfort, here's the thing-

that will solve your sleeping problem for you. It's a plastic, inflatable mattress and pillow that fold into a packet the size of a magazine. On the job, the units can be inflated by air; if you're short on breath, a tire pump can be used. Hard camp cots, bunks and too-thin sleeping bags can become good soft couches with this air mattress. When not in use, both pillow and mattress slip into a small carrying case.



AMERICANS constantly are being warned of mysterious ailments which may afflict their scalps. It is entirely possible that many things can go wrong with your scalp, and we'd be the last to deny it, but, if you want to find out what goes with that head of hair of yours, here's your chance. This new scalp massager (with 24 vibrating rubber fingers producing 72,000 massage pulsations a minute) has a unique feature that should have been thought of before. It vacuums your hair while massaging it. Plug the cord into an AC outlet (the whole thing's electric, of course) and then massage your head.



THE problem of dispatching mail quickly and easily always is present in the small office or home. Generally, it consists of scrabbling through a drawer for a stamp, licking the envelope and stamp, affixing same, scrawling "Via Airmail" on it and rushing for a glass of water to take the taste of the glue out of your mouth. Fortunately, someone got fed up with this haphazard procedure and invented a kit of three compact dispensers to do the job. One is a moistener, the second holds stamps in a roll from which they can be detached singly, the third is a roll of gummed labels or tape to seal envelopes. All in all, you could hardly find a more useful item. The dispensers are made of attractive plastic and fit into an equally suitable base also made of plastic.

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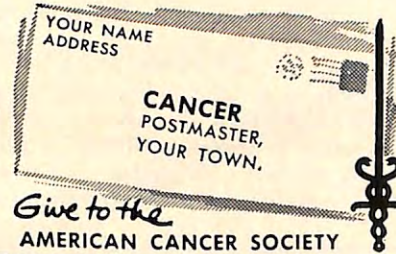
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You Can Catch Anything on a Fly

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slip your hand gently around him, tighten a little and lift him to safety. In case your first fish is a bass, put your thumb into his mouth, your trigger finger under his chin and tighten. Lift him up, bending the jaw down as you do. This will keep him from flopping.

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rieties of fresh-water game fish on your fly rod. You can take it down to the sea and catch weakfish, bluefish, tarpon, snook, bonefish and many others.

You have discovered that the first steps are extremely simple, but if you're wise (and normal) you won't stop there. You'll continue to improve as long as you are able to wield a rod. This, I think, largely explains the fascination of the sport. You can learn the fundamentals and begin catching fish in a short while, but nobody has ever completely mastered fly fishing. A game in which there is room for improvement never gets dull.

Rod and Gun

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fishing; as in other ways, they've been a little lax in keeping up with inflation. A dollar bill isn't quite small change there yet.

During the summer months, the time when most fishermen have the opportunity to visit such places, surface fly fishing on the trout lakes is confined to the morning and evening hours. When the air is cool, the trout will be rising and can be taken best on a dry fly. This, of course, is choice fishing. Since a dry fly is the most satisfying method of taking a good trout—and also the easiest once a person gets the hang of it—a tip on the technique for squaretails in lakes might be a good idea. For those who haven't discovered it for themselves, a floating fly twitched occasionally, to make a disturbance on the surface like a struggling Mayfly, is particularly effective on these big trout. The action shouldn't be overdone. It's far

easier to dampen a trout's enthusiasm by overplaying a trick than it is to make him eager by doing it correctly. The fly should be dropped gently near a rising fish, allowed to rest for a moment, then twitched ever so slightly every few seconds. Don't worry about his seeing it; he didn't get big and fat with poor eyesight. It's worth the patience required to work the fly slowly and carefully. The gentle approach will work in time, and there's no thrill in trout fishing quite like making a three-pounder come to a dry fly.

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long leader which permits them to sink more freely than would the buoyant line. I generally use heavy, brightly colored steelhead flies for this fishing. This business of a weighty fly is strictly a time-saving measure. It's essential to get it eight or ten feet deep, and maybe more, to get results. Our procedure is to cast a long line, then stop to load a pipe, or count to 44, or spell *Sainte Emilie de L'Energie* backward, or anything else to give the fly time to settle before starting the retrieve. When it seems impossible to wait any longer, the fly is put into action, and the manner of doing this is as important as getting the fly deep. It is retrieved by means of short, sharp jerks, with a distinct pause between each motion of the fly. Joe Brooks, salt-water fly-fishing specialist, once showed me a good method of making such a retrieve when I was fishing with him on the bonefish flats of the Florida keys. He points the rod tip toward the fly, runs the line through the middle finger of the right hand which is gripping the rod, and retrieves the line with the left hand in short, six-inch jerks behind the right hand. This has several advantages: with the rod pointed directly at the fly—and at the fish when he strikes—the line is taut and the fish is hooked almost automatically. For another thing, the line is constantly between the fingers of the right hand and so is always under control; the fingers are merely tightened whenever necessary to hold the line in check. I've discovered that this system works every bit as well on pond square-tails as on bonefish.

Of course, Quebec has other fine game fish besides squaretail trout—notably Atlantic salmon and small-mouthed black bass—and these also exist, just as they always have without benefit of progress. Some of Quebec's river smallmouth fishing is among the best in the land. Nothing need be said for the Atlantic salmon; he's king anywhere.

However, it is the fat and eager square-tail trout that takes me to Quebec. I am among those fishermen whose first trout was a colorful little brookie, and when I take one today I can still capture some of the excitement of that first one, especially in the north country where there's an occasional trout big enough to eat all the fish of my boyhood brook at one meal.

In the Doghouse

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doubt that the dog will get the best of care. In ascertaining the caliber of a school, the owner need only check on whether the trainer employs fear of punishment in schooling the dog. Anyone experienced with dogs knows that fear of punishment is about the worst method of training, and that it rarely gets satisfactory results.

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The class we're watching is being drilled in what is known as basic obedience. The dogs are taught to walk at their masters' sides, on or off leash, and to sit immediately when the owner stops walking. The command word is "heel", constantly repeated, followed by the word "sit" when the owner pauses. Little unnecessary talk is directed at the animal while lessons are in progress. The owner gives the command words as spoken by the instructor. When the dogs have mastered this lesson they are taught the "sit, stay" command—to sit and remain seated while the owner walks to the far side of the room and stays there. Next is the lying down command in which the same procedure is followed as in the "sit, stay" lesson—the dog is taught to lie down on command and to remain down until it is given the command or signal to return to its owner's side promptly and with no detours. "Stand, stay" comes next—the dog being taught to remain standing while its owner leaves it temporarily.

Coming promptly when called is still another lesson the dog must learn. High-jumping on command is next in order, and in this the dog must hurdle a barrier about three feet high—depending, of course, upon the size of the animal. Following this the dog must learn to negotiate a broad-jump of about six feet; in this, too, the length of the jump is deter-

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In the school just described, the course is ten one-hour lessons once a week and owners are advised to give at least 15 minutes a day to schooling their dogs at home as the lessons progress. Minimum age for enrollment of a dog in this series is five months and only healthy dogs are accepted. Many trainers believe that class training—that is, dogs working as a group—is faster and, what is important, such training helps dog to behave well in the company of other dogs. Schools of this type do not housebreak dogs, but will instruct the owner on how to do this most effectively.

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When you consider that your dog, if given reasonable care, will be your companion for 12 to 14 years, it's well worth the nominal extra cost to have him taught obedience.

You Can Always Tell a Fisherman

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tail. (When the critical moment arrives, of course, he will put on the same Quill Gordon he has used exclusively for thirteen years.)

The March days grow warmer, angle-worms appear on the lawn, and the windows of the tackle store begin to bristle with bamboo rods. Now he is in a state of high nervous tension. Work at the office is forgotten, mail goes unanswered as he spends hour after hour in the sporting-goods department, browsing over the latest gadgets designed by canny manufacturers to fool the fishermen, or studying the bulletin-board with the latest reports from the fishing front: "Water still high in the Brodheads." "Heavy snows in Maine."

Four days, three days, two days to go. Tomorrow—the date on his calendar is circled in red like a halo—is Opening Day. His brow is fevered, his voice hoarse, his eyes have an unnatural stare. Needless to say, everything is in readiness for the zero hour. His enameled line, freshly-greased, is wound in an elaborate cat's-cradle around the bed-posts, over the back of a chair and across the chandelier. The disjointed sections of his fly-rod, still sticky with varnish, dangle from the living-room mantel. His leaders are soaking in a hopeless tangle in the kitchen sink. His wading boots are somewhere, if he could only remember where he put them. The rest of the house is strewn from cellar to attic with various and sundry items of equipment: fly-boxes, leader-cases, reels, floating oil, tweezers, folding net, knife, fishing-jacket, handanna, scales, and his ancient and battered fishing-hat, stained with fly-dope and bristling with feathered lures like a moulting hen. He wouldn't dream of fishing without that hat. To make sure he doesn't forget it, he wears it to bed that night.

The alarm clock goes off at three a.m., arousing his wife, who arouses him in turn by means of a pitcher of cold water on his face. While he dashes about the house in a frenzy of activity, collecting his scattered gear and ramming it distractedly into a canvas duffel-bag, his wife busies herself in the kitchen putting up a lunch of sandwiches and a thermos-jug of hot coffee, pausing occasionally to shout upstairs, "Don't forget your fish-pole, darling" or "Did you know it's snowing outside?" The insistent honking of his partner's car, awakening all the neighbors up and down the street, brings him

boiling downstairs with arms laden, still struggling into his waders as he gallops through the door. The car is ten miles on its way before it occurs to him that he forgot to bring the lunch.

His wife was right, as it turns out. It is snowing. It is also hailing, sleet, raining and freezing. By the time he reaches the stream, there is an inch of ice on the car. The river, it further develops, is high. In fact, the water is over the banks, and the tips of the submerged willows bob fitfully in the flood. He grips his rod, lowers himself carefully over the side of a rock, and steps into a deep hole, shipping a quart of ice-water down inside his wading pants, and simultaneously losing his pipe.

Grimly he fights his way across the current, lifts his rod and casts into the teeth of the howling gale. His fly whips back into the branches of an overhanging balsam and snaps off; and for the next half-hour he tries with frozen fingers to tie on another one. His cheeks are numb, an elongated icicle dangles from his nose, and he has to grit his teeth to keep them from chattering. The sleet is freezing in the guides of his rod, and he can no longer retrieve his line. By now the fly is encased in a solid chunk of ice, as though preserved in amber. As it washes downstream, carried by the swirling current, something gives it a gentle tap. Swiftly he hand-lines it in. He reaches behind him to unbuckle his landing-net, unfastens his suspenders instead, and the sagging seat of his waders scoops up another wave and dumps it inside. In a last desperate effort, he plunges his hand into the stream clear up to his arm-pit, closes his aching fingers around the elusive quarry by sheer strength of will, and lifts up a six-inch brook trout—stiff as a board. It slides out of his numb grasp. With a plop it lands again in the water at his feet, bobs up and down for a moment just out of reach, rolls over resignedly onto its belly, and floats downstream out of sight.

IS HE CURED of his unfortunate malady? Does his experience enable him to throw off the fishing-bug that infects him, and relieve him of future suffering? Not a bit. That night, sitting with his feet in a hot mustard-bath, he is already making plans for the year ahead. Next season he's going to start out the night before Opening Day, and camp right there at the stream.

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on the Beaverkill River when I was 17 years old, the result of my exposure to an angler named Ted Townsend (God rest his soul) who first taught me to use a dry-fly. He taught me a lot of other things as well: how to spot a rising trout, how to lengthen my cast to drop the lure lightly without disturbing the pool, how to release a fish underwater without harming it. Ted has gone now to the Happy Fishing Grounds—where I am sure he has made a casting-line out of a harp-string, and stolen the feathers from an angel's plumage to tie a Fan Wing White Miller—but I have never succeeded in throwing off the virus with which he infected me that far-off April afternoon.

I am subject to spells at all sorts of unexpected moments. A fast tumbling mountain brook in New Hampshire in May will always bring it on. I'll stop the car on a bridge, and look at the stream below, and the malady will suddenly hit me—I never can resist a dark pool under a bridge. I am a sucker for new places—that's one of the fatal weakness of the disease—and I'm forever packing up my rods and taking off for some remote spot that someone's told me about: Alaska, or Jasper, or Hudson's Bay. "Sometime you ought to try the Albany River in Ontario, the squaretails there wouldn't fit in your net. . . ." "Where you ought to go is the Newhalen River in Alaska. The natives claim they can tell the rainbows from the salmon because the rainbows are bigger. . . ." A rumor like that, even a hint, and off I go again. I'm forever chasing rainbows. I've fished a lot of streams, but I don't seem to get cured.

REMEMBER flying down to the Aleutians once with Bob Candy, outdoor artist and fellow-angler. We were on an Air Force mission in Alaska, and we had only an hour's stop-over in Naknek; but we had heard fabulous stories of Naknek River, and we had to give it a try. It took a float-plane 20 minutes to get us upstream to the pool, and 20 minutes back; but in the remaining time we landed two rainbows that went seven pounds each. That was the swiftest attack of the malady I ever suffered.

I remember another occasion in Alaska when the disease hit me, on a brown-bear island in Southeastern Alaska to which I was conducted by a violent anglo-maniac named Frank Dufresne. My fishing-partner Alastair MacBain and I had followed Frank upstream till we reached a point where the entire river emerged, some 30 feet in width, from a great gash in the side of the mountain. The interior of the cave was pitch black; but, far inside, we could hear the hollow echo of splashing trout, jumping in the darkness. Did I say anglo-maniac? Frank hurried back to the cruiser anchored in the bay; he got a small rubber-boat and lugged it back to the cave; Mac and I lowered ourselves gingerly into it, and paddled against the current, in inky blackness, at least a quarter-mile into

the very heart of the cave. While Mac steadied our inflated boat, I unlimbered my line and made a blindfold cast with a dry-fly. Something struck; I could feel my line tighten, and hear its taut singing against the current. I tried to imagine how much the tip of my rod was bent, and fumbled to work the handle of the reel. At last The Thing came alongside. Mac made a perfect retrieve with the net and lifted it into the boat—and we paddled back downstream a quarter-mile to the daylight at the mouth of the cave, where we could marvel at a three-pound cut-throat we had literally caught under a mountain.

REMEMBER another time I fell victim to the fatal malady, on a fabulous trout stream near Hudson's Bay in Ontario with Mac and Dan Holland, who, with Ted Trueblood, is the fishing-editor of this journal and whom I consider one of the best dry-fly fishermen I have ever known—as well as the best guy that Mac and I have ever fished with. We had landed our pontoon-plane on a deep blue lake, untied the canoe from the struts, and paddled mile after mile down a stream where no white man had ever cast a fly before. I never expect to see such squaretail fishing again. In one hour, working down a hundred yards on one side of the stream only, Dan caught and released 33 trout that went over three pounds apiece. That kind of experience doesn't go to cure the disease; it only makes it worse.

I said I never expect to see such fishing again. That is because the stream no longer exists. That afternoon, while we were downstream, a lightning-set forest fire roared through the timber and down into our deserted camp-site, burning our airplane to the water's edge and destroying everything we had. I can still remember Dan's face as he gazed at the charred ruins of his favorite trout-rod, and the ashes which were all that remained of a collection of trout-flies he had spent 20 years acquiring. Do you think that cured him? Not Dan. It takes more than a mere forest fire to kill the fishing-bug.

In fact, there's no known way of helping yourself, once you've contracted anglo-mania. You may as well give up and quit fighting it. Pack up your duffel, toss your rods in the back of the car, and head for the nearest trout stream when Opening Day dawns. Once you're a fisherman, brother, you're a fisherman for life.

Oh, yes. About the fellow who came to my house the other day. I'm afraid my advice didn't help him much, after all. I read in the papers only yesterday that his wife was divorcing him on grounds of extreme mental cruelty. It seems he had found her best hat, and pulled out all the feathers to tie some streamer-flies.

After all, maybe she's better off, at that. Poor guy would never have recovered.

Danger! Communists at Work

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Representative Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania, ranking member of the Committee, says "No." The House Committee, says Mr. Walter, "is solely an instrument of investigation and education. It has no punitive power. It may subpoena persons and question them about their activities and associations. It hopes that, by revealing the genuine nature of subversive groups in the United States, Americans will become more careful about lending their names and support to causes they have not personally investigated."

There are plenty of such causes. The newest publication of the House Committee, "Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications," lists 624 Communist or Communist-front groups and 204 newspapers and periodicals of a similar nature, actively operating in the United States.

Labor unions are a prime Communist objective. How unions become subject to Communist control is described in the Committee's series "100 Things You Should Know About Communism." In the labor section of the series, David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who waged a successful fight against Communist infiltration, exposes Red techniques. He cites, as an example of their deliberate intent, the Communist-led strike of 1926, which cost \$4,500,000 and left in its wake a chaotic garment industry and a crippled union.

Among the Communist-led unions the House Committee has helped to expose are the United Office and Professional Workers of America; the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America; the International Fur and Leather Workers. Eleven such unions already have been expelled from the CIO because of their Communist domination, including those three.

WHAT THEY BELIEVE

Communism, in the opinion of the House Committee, is *the* clear and present danger. Prominently displayed on the flyleaf of "100 Things You Should Know About Communism," is the sworn statement of William Z. Foster, head of the Communist Party in the United States: "No Communist, no matter how many votes he should secure in a national election, could, even if he would, become President of the present government. When a Communist heads the government of the United States—and that day will come just as surely as the sun rises—the government will not be a capitalist government but a Soviet government, and behind this government will stand the Red army to enforce the dictatorship of the proletariat."

Does the House Committee investigate

subversive activities other than Communist? It does, but only to a limited extent. This may be accounted for by its limited budget and staff. On February 7, the House appropriated \$200,000 for the Committee's expenses for the current year. The staff numbers 34 persons, of whom eight are investigators. Criticism was expressed to me even in Congressional quarters that the Committee has not been sufficiently diligent in exposing the "Man On A White Horse" groups, right-wing totalitarian organizations, and racist anti-minority groups, the respectability of which rests solely on the slender reed that they, too, are anti-Communist.

Louis J. Russell, 39-year-old former FBI man, is senior investigator of the House Committee. What the Committee is able to fry at its hearings depends to a large extent upon the number and quality of fish Mr. Russell and his staff are able to gather in their nets.

Mr. Russell and his assistant, Mr. Donald T. Appell, gave full and complete answers to the endless questions I raised in my search for information about the Communist conspiratorial octopus whose tentacles pry into every corner of American life. They seemed to enjoy, for a change, the novelty of being in the witness box.

In addition to the strain of what might be considered their normal activity of searching out and interrogating persons suspected of subversive activities, the Committee is harassed by a variety of crackpots and lunatic-fringers who believe that the only way to preserve democracy is to abolish it, and who wear down the flagstones of the House corridors with their unflagging visitations. Most of these eager-beavers find their way to Mr. Russell's office with plans that range all the way from appointing a Chancellor of the United States to abolishing government altogether.

How does the Committee's expressed purpose work in action? Generally, in the public interest. It has uncovered or helped to make known to the public hundreds of individuals and groups engaged in operations designed to overthrow the Government and destroy our freedom, all the way from Soviet spies and saboteurs to American youth group organizers.

AGENTS UNCOVERED

The apparatus of the Communist conspiracy exposed to public view by the House Committee includes figures such as Semen Vasilenko, who escaped to Russia with vital metallurgical research and atomic energy information; Arthur Adams, a Soviet agent who obtained information relating to the atomic bomb; Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, who defied the authority of the House Committee to subpoena

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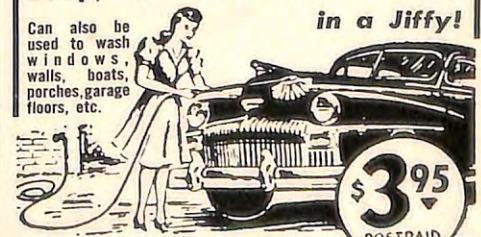
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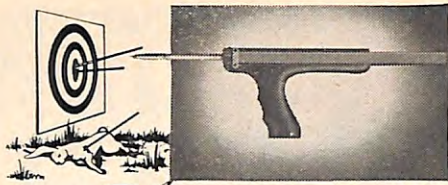
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him for hearing and was sentenced to a \$1,000 fine and a year in jail, where he is at present.

The 81 pamphlets published by the Committee in 1950, describing Communist and Communist-front activities, reveal the nature of the Communist conspiracy in our midst. Typical of the views held by many of those engaged in it, is the following brief excerpt from the testimony of Steve Nelson. At hearings held in June, 1949, Steve Nelson (alias Louis Evans, Joseph Fleischinger) was questioned by Representative Morgan M. Moulder, of Missouri, a member of the House Committee:

Mr. Moulder: Mr. Nelson, in the event of war between the United States and Russia, to which country would you owe your allegiance and loyalty in such a conflict?

Mr. Nelson: I refuse to answer that question.

Steve Nelson was cited for contempt for refusing to answer direct questions throughout the hearings. At subsequent

hearings before the Committee, the full shocking details of the activities of Nelson and his accomplices were told by Matthew Cvetic, undercover agent for the FBI. Nelson was identified as a Communist organizer specializing in securing control over labor unions in vital industries.

A vast amount of time consumed at Committee hearings is spent in an endeavor to persuade recalcitrant witnesses to answer direct questions. After examining thousands of pages of verbatim testimony, one begins to understand the need for almost superhuman patience when dealing with elusive, frustrating characters who, standing on their Constitutional rights, and guided by expert lawyer-quibblers, are dedicated to the destruction of the very Constitutional rights they call upon for their own protection.

The testimony of Philip A. Bart, general manager of the Freedom of the Press, publishers of the official Communist Party organ, the *Daily Worker*, is a case in point. The hearing was held on June 21st, 1950. Here is a brief excerpt

of the questioning by Mr. Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., Committee counsel, and the replies made by Mr. Bart.

Mr. Tavenner: Have you ever been out of the United States?

Mr. Bart: I refuse to answer.

Mr. Tavenner: Have you ever used the name John William Fox?

Mr. Bart: I will not answer this question, which, in accordance with Article V of the Constitution, may be used by this committee to incriminate me.

Mr. Tavenner: Mr. Bart, I hand you a photostatic copy of an application for passport signed in the name of John William Fox, and I will ask you to look at the photograph appearing on the second page and state to me whether or not that is a photograph of you?

Mr. Bart: (after examining document) I refuse to answer.

The House Committee has no power to mete out punishment to those whose subversive activities may be proven, or even to those who refuse to answer the Committee's questions. Punitive action rests with the Attorney General and other prosecuting agencies of the Government. And no legal action can be taken against a witness until, and unless, that person has been indicted by a grand jury in the district in which the hearing has been held.

MEANS OF EVASION

Witnesses who refuse to answer questions usually resort to one of three means of evading them. First, by quoting the First Amendment to the Constitution, which provides for freedom of speech, press and assembly; secondly, by declaring that the House Committee is not legally constituted and is without Constitutional authority to conduct the hearing; and third, by claiming immunity under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, which provides that "No person . . . shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself."

The first two of these inviting avenues of escape proved, in many cases, to be

blind alleys, and witnesses who attempted to employ them ultimately found themselves in jail. Outstanding examples of witnesses who claimed immunity under the First Amendment were the Hollywood Ten: Alvah Bessie, Herbert Biberman, Lester Cole, Edward Dmytryk, Ring Lardner, Jr., John Howard Lawson, Albert Maltz, Samuel Ornitz, Robert Adrian Scott and Dalton Trumbo. All were sentenced to \$1,000 fine and a year in jail. All had refused to answer the question: "Are you a Communist?"

The courts have held that the First Amendment does not provide immunity because there is no abridgment of speech in requiring a direct "yes" or "no" to the question. The courts have held, too, that the House Committee does have Constitutional authority to conduct hearings and question witnesses. The claim of immunity under the Fifth Amendment still remains to be decided definitely by a test case.

LINE ON FIFTH COLUMN

According to the Committee's 1950 report, "some 1,300 witnesses have testified in public and executive hearings held in the past twelve years. The Committee's continuing study of Communist activity since 1938 has resulted in a voluminous collection of information concerning the leaders of programs and aims of an entrenched potential fifth column made up of the 54,000 members of the Communist Party and its half million followers, and their increasing efforts in behalf of the forces of international communism. The committee has unearthed information concerning the activities and methods of foreign agents intent on missions of propaganda, espionage, and sabotage. This information will serve as a valuable tool in the protection of our country against espionage and sabotage from within in this period of national emergency."

Witnesses who have appeared before the Committee included several whose purpose was to protest against injury to their reputations, either because of the

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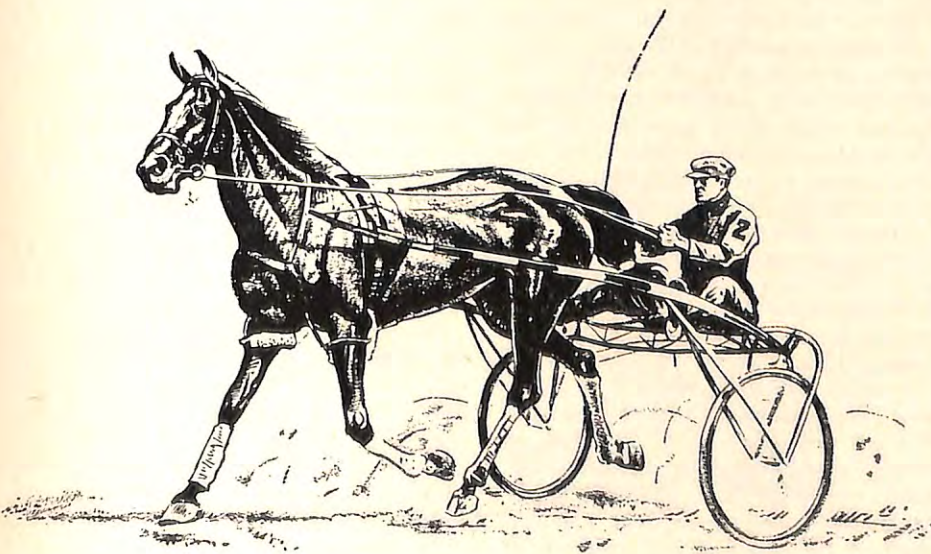
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way they were listed in Committee files, or because of misinterpretation of information supplied by the Committee, which, because of incorrect evaluation, caused personal injury to loyal American citizens. Though complaints of this sort have been comparatively few, they are responsible for major criticism of the Committee's methods of recording and reporting.

COMMITTEE'S ATTITUDE

The conduct of the present House Committee hearings is a far cry from that of the capricious "Dies Committee" which had seven incandescent years of existence from 1938 to 1944 inclusive, or that of the J. Parnell "Thomas Committee" which came later. It is unlikely that the present Committee, under the chairmanship of Representative John S. Wood will ever be known as the "Wood Committee." Mr. Wood is not, apparently, that kind of a headline hunter. He is not averse to headlines. He would like more of them; but for the Committee and its work, and not for himself, in order that the public may better understand the nature of the menace of totalitarianism of any kind.

Mr. Wood is the kind of person described by novelists who wax sentimental over Dixie, as a "southern gentleman." You have a feeling, sitting in his office in the Old House Office Building, of being welcome and at home. You know, because of the burden of his Committee work (he is a member of several committees), and because of his Congressional duties, that he is a hurried, harried man. But you would never know it when his time is yours for the moment. That segment of time, no matter how small or how large it may be, is yours entirely.

It seems deplorably true that we have not changed very much since Barnum said: "There's a sucker born every minute." Mr. Wood points, for example, to the Communist-inspired Stockholm "Peace Petition" campaign of last year. Marcel Scherer, an individual with a long public record of Communist Party affiliation and activities, who has been identified as closely associated with a Communist atomic espionage ring, appeared before the House Committee on June 21st and admitted that he was one of those in

charge of this drive in New York City.

Thousands of American citizens throughout the United States affixed their signatures to this Moscow-inspired "peace petition." The Cominform officially claims that two million Americans signed it. Their names and addresses will constitute a gigantic and valuable mailing list for the Communist Party which will bombard them with deceptively worded literature and solicit them for funds under innumerable disguises.

What the Stockholm "Peace Petition" actually called for was the adoption of the Soviet plan for "restriction" of atomic energy. The "peace petition" called for a pledge to ban the use of the atomic bomb, but without any international inspection of Soviet activities in atomic bomb production. It did not mention the desirability of banning the tremendous armies and armament the USSR and its satellites have built up since 1945, nor did it mention the illegal rearmament by the USSR of Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania far beyond the limits imposed in the peace treaties. And, of course, it did not mention that this plan, disguised as a "peace petition," was overwhelmingly rejected time and again by the majority of the United Nations.

PEACE IN NAME ONLY

A similar subversive call to peace was issued by the *Daily Worker* on February 1st of this year, calling for a "peace pilgrimage" to Washington to be held on March 1st, under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade, one of the many fronts that more honestly could be called the Moscow Sabotage Operation.

The American Peace Crusade is the same old Kremlin wolf in a new sheep skin. It is an offshoot of the Communist conspiracy known in 1949 as the Partisans of Peace movement. Its original plan was to collect four hundred million signatures throughout the world, of which five million were to be secured in the United States. The American Peace Crusade took over early this year with a call for UN forces to get out of Korea, and for Red China to be seated immediately in the United Nations.

On February 19, the House Commit-

tee published "The March of Treason," which lists the leading Communist and Communist-front sponsors of the American Peace Crusade. With information of this kind available for the asking (schools and organizations can get these leaflets free of charge from the Committee), there is no reason why any intelligent person should allow himself to be beguiled into signing Communist-inspired petitions.

Before leaving Washington I called once more on Representative Francis E. Walter, who, among his colleagues, is one of the most highly regarded members of the House. I asked him for his estimate of the nation's awareness of the nature and extent of Communist activities.

"Not two per cent of the American people realize that Communism is a worldwide conspiracy," said Mr. Walter, "or that when Lenin said, and Stalin reiterated, that our two forms of government could not live peacefully side by side, and that only one of them could survive, they really meant it."

A line needs to be drawn between loyal, intellectually honest Americans who may be in open disagreement with current national policy, whose freedom to express their views must not be impaired

or curtailed, and whose persons and reputations must be given every safeguard if we are to remain, in fact, a free people; and those who, for ulterior motives, support policies or actions inimical to our national security.

But, clearly, if Mr. Walter's estimate is even approximately correct, much educational work remains to be done. Equally clear is the fact that in the present clouded ideological climate, there must be available a responsible source of information concerning individuals and groups whose activities are subject to question; and a tribunal before which those persons may be questioned. The record demonstrates that the present House Committee serves this useful and essential function in our national community, and that we would be badly off without it.

The record provides unmistakable warning, in addition, that it is high time for all Americans—men and women, boys and girls—to pause for reflection before signing petitions and appeals for projects which, on the surface, seem in accord with their own liberal views; and that, remembering the "submerged submarine" of the conspiratorial apparatus among us, they should bear in mind: "DANGER! COMMUNISTS AT WORK."

Timberline Fishing

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deep. The fish fought and tried to snap the line on the rocks near the shore, but the battle was over. It was only a matter of tiring him out enough so that he could be run up on shore without breaking the line.

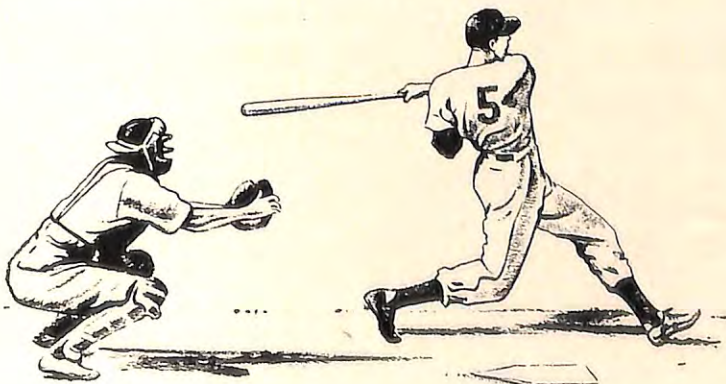
When Dick and Bill came bursting through the underbrush, I was sitting on the trout to stop him from floundering. Held up for inspection, he was a pure fighting rainbow, 19½ inches long and weighing 2½ pounds. After that, I decided I was satisfied and hiked back to camp to help get dinner.

My work back in camp was interrupted when I heard a mad thrashing in the shallow water of the beach. Dick was up to his hips, splashing around and Bill was winding furiously on his reels. Just as I reached the spot, Dick swooped the trout up on shore and Bill jumped on it.

It was just 20 inches long and in the twilight we could barely read the scales—three pounds. A real prize, and a great climax to our pack trip. We wanted no anticlimax and, by firelight that night, put away our rods and reels.

We packed early next morning and started off for Gilpin Lake. The descent down the steep ridge was treacherous but beautiful. Just as we pitched camp, the rain came down as only mountain showers can, and we spent the night sleeping with water dripping in our faces.

Next morning we were all lazy. No one did any fishing, afraid to spoil the record of the day before. On the ride back, as I sat in the soft seat of a car, I realized for the first time that I was not sore, aching or blistered but toughened enough to go on for a month. I wished then that I could.



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EDITORIAL

LAPSATION STUDY



Eleven years ago, on March 31, 1940, our numbers totaled a mere 475,599. By last March, membership in the Order had increased to a gratifying 1,004,985.

Although this gain is impressive, one gleans from a tabulation of the records that it could have been greater. In the decade referred to, a surprisingly large number of members, considering the times, were lost because of nonpayment of dues. To name the figure—253,064.

Hoping to reduce this category of loss to a minimum, the Grand Exalted Ruler recently asked our lodges to interview former members and learn why they permitted their membership to lapse. It is interesting to note that of the number reached to date 32 per cent give the removal from the jurisdictions of their home lodges as their reason. This finding suggests that we lost nearly 85,000 members in the last decade because, after a few months as Stray Elks, removed from fraternal contacts, they allowed their names to be stricken from the roster.

The Elks Magazine first recommended consideration of the problem of Stray Elks editorially in the March, 1949, issue. At that time, our prime concern was that the Order suffered loss of the personalities and talents of these experienced fraternal men when they moved to a distance and became inactive. Now here, in this cancellation of many thousands from lodge rosters, is another compelling reason for taking fruitful action.

Probably a number of methods of initiating steps to provide insurance against further loss will occur to lodge officers and members. The most obvious one is that lodges might exchange information on members who move their homes to a different lodge jurisdiction. It might be accomplished by use of a printed form which asks that a particular member who has established his home near a new lodge be extended a cordial invitation to drop around, be introduced and attend meetings or take part in special activities. Lodges have been holding such nights for years.

Another thought is that members, too, might take the initiative to learn whether new neighbors are members of out-of-town lodges and invite them along to the next meeting of the local lodge—or, if former Elks, encourage them to reaffiliate.

It is time for us all to appreciate fully that our

Order is a force of growing significance. As a close-knit organization of alert, loyal Americans, we are a solid block of the great institution that is our country; a deterrent, by example, and by action, to those despicable forces which would pull the roof of that institution down upon our heads. Our mission today is to build and progress, not to lose and become ineffective. That is why we should give all possible attention to holding those men of ideals who are part of us. It is unthinkable that they should wander from our ranks merely because of a change of address.

TARGET OF RUSSIA

One frequently hears or reads references to the racial factors involved in the present situation in which we, in company with other Western peoples, find ourselves in Asia.

It is true that resentment, envy and hatred of the white man by the Oriental race are factors in the situation.

That there exist such sentiments cannot be denied. National aspirations also are a factor. These facts must be recognized if a broad view is to be taken of the Asian problem, if a proper perspective is to be maintained.

Nevertheless, the key factor in the Asian situation is Soviet Russia's attempt to fan these smouldering embers into flame, to fire the millions of Asiatic people with hatred for the West, and organize, train and equip them for a destructive race war. Whether Russia will succeed in this cynically ruthless plan is far from certain. It is certain, however, that without her fishing in troubled waters there would be little danger that the people of Asia, regardless of their feelings, would undertake a settlement of their problems, real or fancied, in a war with the West, whose superior mechanical and military capabilities they recognize.

While former colonial peoples resent that condition, it must be admitted that they have made great progress in health, education, self-government and material developments through the direction and assistance of the Western nations.

Those who think of colonization in terms of cruel dominance might well endeavor to visualize what might have been the condition of the people of Asia but for the cultural and economic progress they have found it possible to make through the guidance and help of the Western people.

The people of Asia would do well to realize that Russia's purpose is not their betterment but their reduction to vassalage to Moscow.

Their hope for a better future lies not with Russia but with the West which has manifested its willingness and ability to work with them, to help them develop their human and natural resources, to help them achieve and maintain their ultimate national independence.



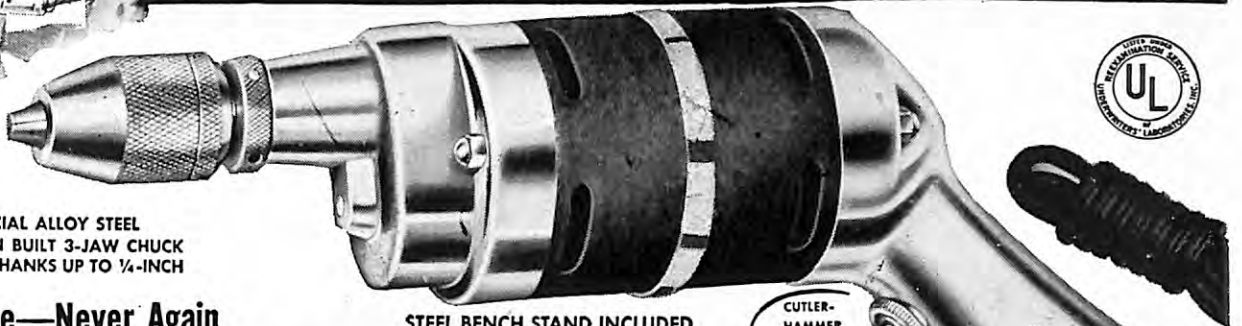
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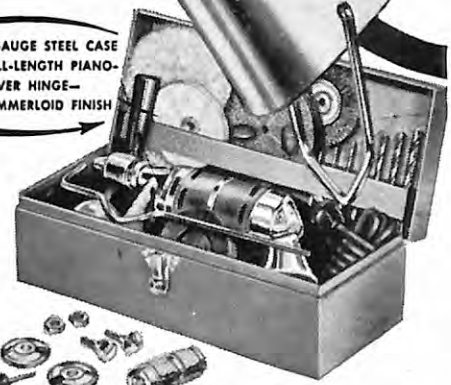
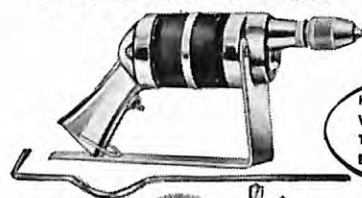
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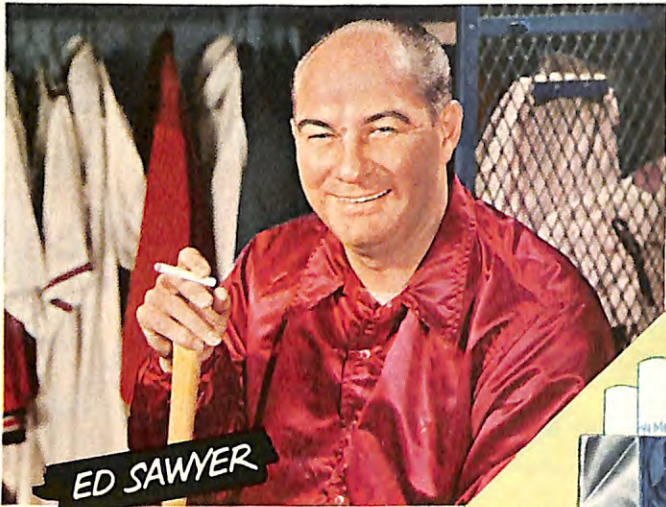
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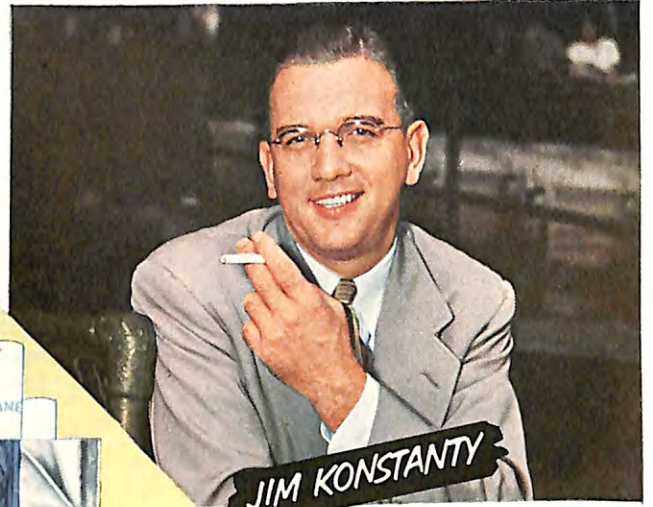
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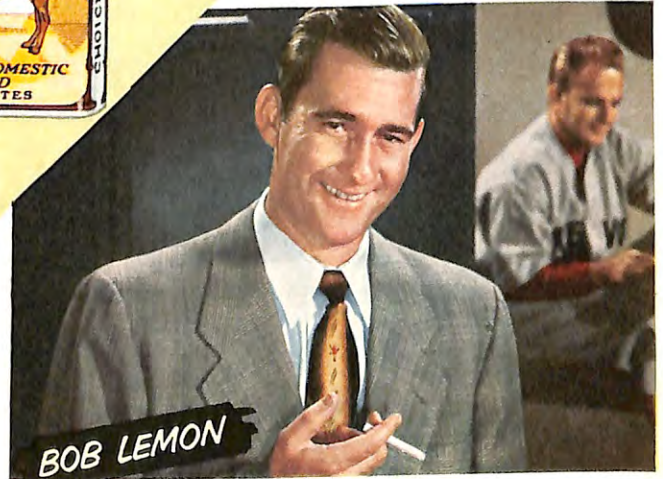
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