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Medal of Honor



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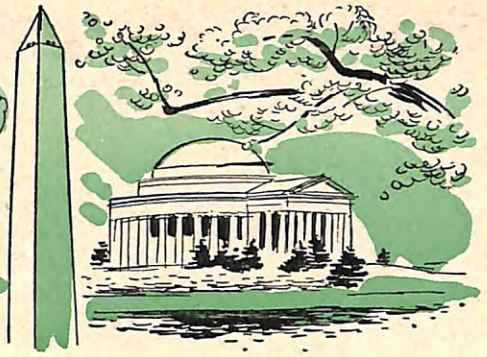
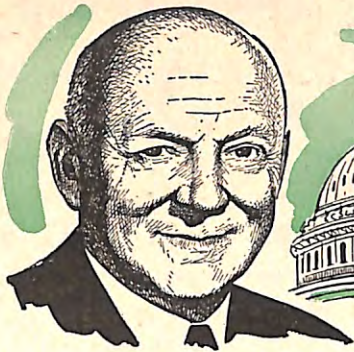
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

NEWs gathering in Washington has become complicated and expensive. What with the multitude of new agencies and the dozens of committee meetings, hearings and press conferences, reporters are on a merry-go-round. Some assignments are covered by phone, some by a quick look-in, and many not at all. Press releases are picked up by the bale. Most of them go into the waste basket. On a recent day there were 23 separate press releases on the table in the National Press Club, all from the Office of Price Stabilization. When the joint Congressional hearing on General MacArthur got under way behind closed doors, the price of the transcript of the testimony was first fixed at 35 cents a page, a new high, but later was reduced to 12½ cents. All wire services, and most of the big newspapers with Washington bureaus, took the transcript. Special phones are installed at all important hearings for quick transmission of news. Experiments in using portable radio phones, such as are used in taxis, have worked out well. Transmission of photographs has been speeded up. Less than ten minutes after the camera shutter clicks, the picture is in the edit room of a newspaper thousands of miles away.

STEEL FOR DEFENSE

Iron and steel mills are the backbone of the defense effort and July and August will be critical months in the titanic effort to keep pace with defense needs. Fabricated structural steel is 30 per cent above last year's tonnage, but orders are up 280 per cent. The American Iron and Steel Institute reports that steel production is above the 103-per-cent mark. Every week over 2,000,000 tons of steel ingots and castings roll out of the mills. Average in 1940, highest prewar year, was 1,281,210 tons per week.

WASHINGTON TAXES

When you come to Washington to see your Nation's capital and are impressed with the magnificent buildings, the broad clean streets, the many shade trees and the beautiful flowers, just remember that you pay part of the cost. The District of Columbia has its own local taxes, and they are high, but the Federal Govern-

ment contributes a share of the total sum needed to pay the costs. The Federal payment has increased gradually until it is now at the \$12,000,000 mark. Congress votes the appropriation, but always with a lot of argument. It is generally conceded that the Government should make a contribution toward the expense of running the District, meaning the City of Washington. The Government occupies a large amount of space, tax free. It has the use of the streets and the various utilities. Without Federal aid the District would be in a bad way. Even with the appropriation and the various taxes, the District has a two per cent sales tax.

PRESIDENT MOVES DEC. 1

President Truman and family will move back into the remodeled White House about December 1, a month later than scheduled.

EUROPE BUYS U. S. COAL

For the first time since January, 1950, European countries are buying coal from the United States, the total running into several million dollars. The coal is needed in Western Europe's mounting production for defense and the money to buy it comes from the Economic Cooperation Administration (Marshall Plan). Thus far, the Marshall Plan total for Western Europe amounts to about \$11,300,000,000. Much of the funds this spring and early summer were for grains, but with a short wheat crop looming, there may be a tightening up on sales.

APARTMENTS BECOME OFFICES

In order to find office space for the Civil Defense Administration, the Government has taken over a swanky new apartment building. It's the last word in air-conditioned splendor, but CDA is beginning to find that apartments do not make ideal offices. The two small elevators can't handle the traffic. The kitchens were walled off and so were the bathrooms. Phone service is not intercommunicating. There is no cafeteria. In spite of these handicaps, Civilian Defense marches on and is making progress. Meantime, General Services Administration is trying to rent two million square feet of warehouse

space, within 15 miles of the District, in which to store government records. The space now taken by these files in government buildings will be used to make desk room for 10,000 defense workers. With the beginning of the 1951 fiscal year on July 1, defense agencies will start enrolling 16,500 employes in Washington. Where to find space for the remaining 6,500 will be another headache.

G-GIRLS GALORE

G-girls are swarming into Washington and the "paper bag" army is beginning to resemble that of World War II. That's the name for the government workers who carry their lunches in paper bags. In July, 1944, there were 157,710 women workers in the Nation's capital—the wartime peak. By June, 1947, the total had faded away to 93,390 and the level has held around that mark. Since the conflict in Korea, the ranks of the G-girls have expanded steadily. The first of the year the total was over 100,000 and the latest figures are above 120,000.

BIG POPULATION SHIFT

About 100,000 persons will move into the new atomic plant area near Aiken, N. C., Secretary of Labor Tobin estimates. This is one of the biggest population shifts of the current defense build-up.

LIMOUSINES FOR TYPISTS

Recruiting teams are scouring the country to find stenographers to take government jobs in Washington. Thousands are needed. Defense and emergency agencies are searching far and wide for typists and secretaries and are ballyhooing the Nation's capital as a place of opportunity, a beautiful city with attractions galore. They do not say, however, that women greatly outnumber the men, and boy friends are at a premium. One group of girls arrived to find a limousine waiting for them at the station to take them to a rooming house. They were told to report for work next day at 9 a.m. but they didn't show up. Finally a phone call came to the agency from one of the girls. "When are you going to send the limousine?" she asked. "We're all ready to come to work."

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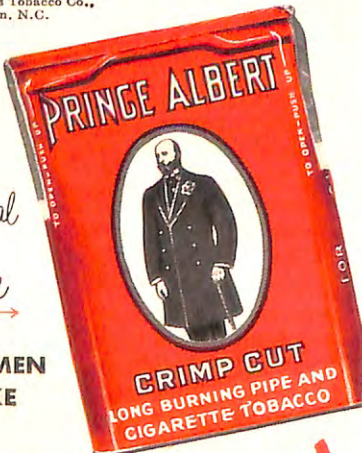
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What Our Readers

Have to Say



In behalf of the Minute Women of U.S.A., we wish to thank you for the 1,000 reprints of the article "Danger! Communists at Work". It is very timely and you may be sure that we will use it to good advantage at every opportunity. We, too, are trying in our way to keep the American Way of Life and all the things we cherish in this country. The hour is very late, there is much to be done and we must all work together to combat the subversive elements that would destroy this great land of ours. Together, then, in "Guarding the Land We Love", we remain,

Suzanne Silvercruchs Stevenson
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Am happy to call your attention to a "scoop" in my May *Elks Magazine* Washington News Column. The page had an item "Plan New Pentagon". Newspapers today (May 15) told of the project just as we described it—a "supplemental communications installation near Camp Ritchie, Maryland." So we beat them to it by 15 days.

Tom Wrigley
Washington, D. C.

In reading the many fine articles appearing in *The Elks Magazine*, with pictures of the various activities of the Order, the words "Distinctively American" create a depth of feeling and fellowship with all men regardless of position or creed. The Magazine did a swell job of fine art color work on the Chicago Convention cover and the article about Chicago by Dickson Hartwell and deserves high praise for a fine production.

Fred Blair
Douglas, Ga.

The article "Fuel For the Hot Stove League" by Arthur Daley in the February issue was an interesting piece of work and as the Chairman of Cub Pack No. 16 of the Boy Scouts of America I thought it would be a very good idea if we could get copies of the pictures of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig printed on page 39 of the February issue. Since these two great ball players have passed on to the great beyond, the boys of the present day have neither seen nor heard a great deal about them. The Committee would like to present them with a print of the photo on page 39.

Hugh R. Davis
Norwich, Conn.



The day the Johnsons moved away...

They suddenly got cold feet and hated to leave town. In the new city they were going to, so much would be strange—the schools, the church, their neighbors...

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COMMUNISM

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Francis J. McNamara is editor of *Counterattack*, a weekly newsletter of factual information on current Communist activity, and T. C. Kirkpatrick formerly an F.B.I. agent, is publisher. It is published by a private corporation formed by former F.B.I. agents and has no political, religious or governmental affiliations. *Counterattack's* only policy is that of exposing the operations of the Communist conspiracy. This article is based on the broad experience and research into Communist activities of Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. McNamara. Mr. McNamara is a Major in the Intelligence section of the army Reserve. During the war he served with Chinese National Army as adjutant and Intelligence Officer of the First Provisional Tank Group.

THERE are 400,000 or more Communists and fellow-travelers living in this country. The great majority of them were born here but none of them pays his allegiance to the United States. They all take their orders from Moscow. Today they are praising and defending the North Korean and Chinese Communists who, on orders of Stalin, have killed, wounded and crippled tens of thousands of your friends and acquaintances—and your brothers, sons and fathers.

They are doing more than that. Their espionage apparatus is still sending vital information to Russia's Politburo; information that will be used against the United States at some future date. They are whipping into shape their sabotage underground which, when so directed, will swing into action and try to wreck our defense installations, foment civil strife and create panic in the streets. Members of your own family may be its victims.

Papers and periodicals published by these Communists and fellow-travelers

YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!

BY T. C. KIRKPATRICK
AND F. J. McNAMARA

**As a loyal American, you should be doing
everything you can to destroy Communism.**

are openly promoting disloyalty and brazenly doing all they possibly can to sabotage civilian and Armed Forces morale. By their everyday actions these people have proved that they are traitors to this country. Yet they are carrying on their treasonable activities with complete freedom in the United States today—and most Americans are doing nothing to combat them.

The simple recitation of these facts should be enough to convince you, if you are not already convinced, that, as a loyal American, you should be doing everything you can to destroy the power and influence of the Communist Party and its fellow-travelers in the United States.

Many people want to do something, but don't know just what to do. They wish they could take some action today that would destroy the Communist conspiracy overnight. But until such time as the party is outlawed and our police agencies are ordered to move in and crack the conspiracy wide open, such wishes are vain. The unhappy truth is that there is no quick and easy solution to the problem.

The power and influence of the Communist Party can be destroyed only in the way that it was created, that is, by the combined efforts of many thousands of Americans extended over a period of years.

The purpose of this article is to give some general advice on the subject of combatting Communism and to outline specific courses of action that you can take to destroy the effectiveness of the party's activities in this country.

The two most important things to keep in mind if you want to fight the Communists effectively are these:

1. You cannot fight an enemy you do not know. If you want to fight the Communist party you must know the party—its basic teachings, strategy and tactics, its current line; how, where and for what

objectives it is working. You must know the party's members and fellow-travelers and the names of the organizations (fronts) through which they are carrying out their work.

2. You cannot fight an organized enemy unless you, too, are organized. The Communist party owes much of its success to its high degree of organization. You need comparable organization to counteract and defeat the activities of the party.

For purposes of simplicity the Communist conspiracy may be divided into three sections. This division is not completely accurate (there is overlapping of personnel and functions among these sections) but the breakdown is helpful in analyzing the problem you face:

a. The Communist espionage apparatus under the direction of a representative of the Soviet military intelligence.

b. The Communist underground which carries on the party's various illegal activities and includes a trained and organized sabotage force.

c. The so-called above ground section which is made up of the party's open officials and members, the party's publicly owned property and its nationwide network of front organizations supported by fellow-travelers, secret Communists, dupes and a scattering of known Communists.

THE average American citizen has little contact with either of the first two groups and cannot do much to combat them directly. In time of war or near war, however, the Communist espionage and sabotage sections are a much greater security threat than its so-called "legal" section. You should be continually alert and report all suspicious facts (not gossip or idle rumors) concerning espionage, sabotage or subversion to the FBI and then let them handle the matter.

You and your neighbor, however, may be in daily, if indirect, contact with the

"above ground" section of the Communist party. You are subject to its influence in your office or factory, in school, in civic organizations, possibly even in your church or synagogue.

During the past 30 years this section of the conspiracy has recruited tens of thousands of party members and many Communist agents and spies. It has raised millions of dollars for the party and spread billions of words in propaganda. It has influenced high officials in the government, as well as clergymen, union officials, newspaper editors and other key opinion-makers.

It is the lifeblood of the Communist conspiracy, but its power can be destroyed in the same way it was created—by *Organization* and *Action*. A "grass roots", nationwide counter-network of community anti-Communist organizations is needed to do the job.

The first step, then, is to form an anti-Communist information-action committee in your community. This will give you the knowledge and the directed power you must have to oppose and defeat the Communist Fifth Column.

The chief functions of this committee should be the following:

a. Expose new Communist party fronts, or branches of old fronts, as soon as they are established. If this is done, the front will not be able to collect money from, or win the support of, anyone but the Communist party's own members and staunch fellow-travelers. Its propaganda will win no new converts to the party line. It will be a complete failure as far as the conspiracy is concerned and will soon fold.

b. Expose the individuals who support the Communist party and its fronts. The same people usually give their support, time and time again, to the party's causes. Whether they are actually party members or not, they are giving direct aid to the enemy, and the community, for its own protection, should know who they are.

Those who fall for the party's fronts, though they are not actually pro-Communist, must be made to realize that no loyal American can afford to be careless

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The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



Elk officials meet on the No. Car.-So. Car. State Line. Left to right: Charlotte, N. C., Lodge's P.E.R.'s Charles Thomas, Rock Hill, S. C., Lodge's P.E.R. F. T. Haile, E.R. A. H. Moore, Jr., P.E.R. W. E. Brown and Secy. J. E. Parker, Jr., Mrs. Kyle, Mr. Kyle and E.R. Harry Estridge of Charlotte.



Photographed at the speakers' table during the Oklahoma Elk Assn. Convention banquet are, left to right: State Pres. and Mrs. Aubrey M. Kerr, Mrs. J. R. Meeks, Past State Pres. Meeks, Toastmaster, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Earl E. James and Chairman James of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee.



At Tyler, Tex., Lodge were, left to right: D.D. W. R. Beaumier, Chairman Robert L. DeHority of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, Mrs. J. R. Pray, State Pres. Pray, Mrs. Kyle and her husband, Mrs. E. H. Shuford, E.R. Shuford, Mrs. Beaumier and Toastmaster H. M. Bell.



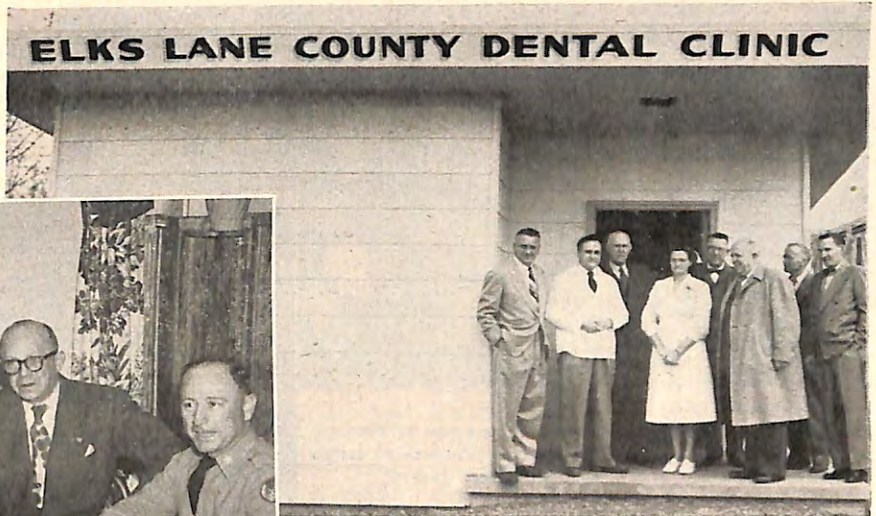
The visitors with St. Augustine, Fla., Elks, their ladies and civic officials. In the foreground, left to right: Mayor-Commissioner D. L. Brett, Mr. Kyle, Mrs. H. W. Vaughn, Mrs. Kyle and D.D. Vaughn.

ON APR. 12th, E.R. LeRoy Willie of OLYMPIA, WASH., LODGE, NO. 186, greeted Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and E. J. Alexander of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge. That evening a visit was paid to ABERDEEN LODGE NO. 593 for a banquet at which 500 persons were present, and a meeting with about 1,000 Elks. The next day the members of YAKIMA LODGE NO. 318 graciously received the official party who attended a luncheon at SPOKANE, WASH., LODGE, NO. 228, on the 14th, where they were welcomed by a number of officials. Among those on hand were Grand Inner Guard L. John Nelson, Wash. D.D.'s John Raftis and F. George Warren and Ida. D.D. Leland W. White, and E.R. Claude McGrath and his officers. A group of Elks from COEUR D'ALENE, IDA., LODGE, NO. 1254, led by E.R. James H. Gridley, were present at this affair, and escorted the entourage to their city for an afternoon reception. Large delegations attended from Wallace, Sandpoint, St. Maries, and Lewiston Lodges, and Mayor L. L. Gardner gave the key to the city to Mr. Kyle. A banquet for about 200 persons took place that evening, at which Wm. S. Hawkins, a member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, was Toastmaster. Other officials on hand included many present and former Idaho Elks Assn. officials and District Deputies. A transcription of Mr. Kyle's address was delivered for Station KVNI.

After breakfast with the lodge officers on the 15th, the travelers continued through Idaho to LEWISTON LODGE NO. 896. On their arrival, the Kyles and the Andersons were the main attractions for a parade through the city, accompanied by the talented Elks Band, and led by the American Legion Color Guard. At a reception later, the Order's leader was introduced to hundreds of Elks and their ladies by E.R. Virgil Thompson. A dinner and public meeting attracted many persons who heard important talks by Mr. Kyle, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson and Mayor Ardie Gustafson. The Elks Chorus rendered several selections at this affair, which was attended by many luminaries, among them Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight E. D. Baird, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight A. L. Barnes and others, who saw the Order's leader paid tribute by representatives of the Sea Scout Troop sponsored by the lodge.

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Below: During his stay in Fort Worth, Tex., Mr. Kyle was a visitor at the 8th Air Force Hdqts., at Carswell Air Force Base. Left to right are: E.R. A. M. Reese, the Grand Exalted Ruler, State Assn. Pres. J. Rollie Pray, State Secy. H. S. Rubenstein and Major L. P. Williams, Chief of Materiel Service and a member of Fort Worth Lodge.



Above: On his visit to Eugene, Ore., Mr. Kyle visited the Elks Dental Clinic. He is pictured with E.R. M. F. Ranes, Dr. Alexander, Trustee John Foreman, Nurse Sohanno, P.E.R. A. W. Wagner, Trustee Roy Woodruff, P.E.R. L. L. Small.



The Order's leader receives the key to La Junta, Colo., from Mayor M. B. Chase, right, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, as Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen looks on, during the lodge's Golden Anniversary program.



At Dallas, Tex., Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle was photographed with Exalted Ruler Alex A. McKnight, center, Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital Trustee Floyd B. Ford, right, as the mortgage on the lodge home was burned.



Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle enjoys a conversation with Exalted Ruler William B. MacDonald of Chicago, Ill., Lodge, No. 4, when over 1,500 Elks of the Ill. N. E. Dist. witnessed the formal opening of the lodge's new home.



Officials at Pendleton, Ore., included, center five, foreground, left to right: D.D. Victor Eckley, E.R. F. W. Allen, Mr. Kyle, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and P.D.D. Austin Dunn.



Left: Pictured on their arrival at Lewiston, Ida., are, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, E.R. Virgil Thompson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Thompson and the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Joseph B. Kyle.



Right: The Grand Exalted Ruler accepts the key to Yakima, Wash., from Mayor Gilbert Burns in the presence of lodge officials and Eastern Wash. Elks and their ladies.



Left: At Anderson, S. C., Lodge are, left to right: Mrs. W. H. Harth and P.D.D. Harth, Mrs. Kyle, D.D. and Mrs. M. S. Bell, the Order's leader and Grand Chaplain Fr. J. E. King.



Right: At the home of Houston, Tex., Lodge, Mr. Kyle, second from right, is introduced to Pasadena E.R. W. R. Staib, West University Place E.R. Chilton Bryan and Houston E.R. E. F. Bergdorf by Grand Est. Loyal Knight deBettencourt.



Left: Arriving at the Shamrock Hotel for the West University Place, Tex., affair are, left to right: State Assn. Secy. H. S. Rubenstein, host lodge E.R. Bryan, M. A. deBettencourt, State Pres. Pray, Mr. Kyle, E.R. Bergdorf and E.R. Staib.

tion of the OKLA. STATE ELKS ASSN. on Apr. 21st and 22nd, when TULSA LODGE NO. 946 was a gracious and capable host. Present was Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

Arriving in Fort Worth, Tex., on Apr. 23rd, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle were welcomed by E.R. A. M. Reese of FORT WORTH LODGE NO. 124, and State Pres. and Mrs. J. ROLLIE PRAY and State Secy. H. S. RUBENSTEIN. After press interviews, they were fêted at a luncheon, and then toured the Carswell Air Base. That evening the visitors were guests of honor at a dinner-dance given by the lodge. A noon meeting the next day took place at the home of DALLAS LODGE NO. 71 when the Grand Exalted Ruler participated with E.R. A. A. McKnight and Past State Pres. FLOYD B. FORD in burning the mortgage on the home of the 63-year-old lodge.

That evening, E.R. E. H. SHUFORD, D.D. W. R. BEAUMIER and Past Pres. J. A. BERGFELD welcomed the visitors to the handsome new quarters of TYLER LODGE

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That day, a brief afternoon visit was made to MOSCOW, IDA., LODGE, NO. 249, too, when the official party was welcomed by E.R. Don Corless and other officials.

The following day found the Kyles in Oregon for a visit to PENDLETON LODGE NO. 288. Driving by car from Lewiston to the Pendleton Court House, after being greeted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and E.R. Freeman Allen, Mr. Kyle transferred to a stagecoach for the short trip to the local hotel. At the court house, he was invested as a Chief in the Umatilla Indian tribe, and was welcomed officially by Boy Scout representatives.

On the 17th, the Order's leader, ac-

companied by Judge Lonergan, met the officers of all lodges in the Ore. So. Dist. at the home of BEND LODGE NO. 1371. Present on this occasion were D.D. Elmo Angele, State Assn. Vice-Pres. William Stollmack and Trustee Frank Hise, and Pres. A. E. Ledbetter of the P.E.R.'s group, who was Chairman of the Reception Committee. An audience of 400 Elks heard the timely address delivered by the Order's leader. A banquet was attended by 150 persons who were entertained by the A Cappella Choir and a group of dancers from the local high school.

The Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife were special guests at the 1951 Conven-

ROD & GUN

With the right tackle, the "little warriors" make first-class fishing.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD



ALL around us there was a great sea of gently waving rushes, pushing up above the clear water like the bent bristles of a half-denuded brush. Scattered among the reeds in little coves and channels and paths were open spots where wind devils chased ripples along the surface.

We were in a huge bay of Lake Okechobee, in Florida, Bryant Baker and I, and we were fishing for brim. The word actually is spelled b-r-e-a-m, but if you pronounce it that way anywhere in the South you'll be earmarked immediately as a damyankee and not above suspicion.

We had come in a few minutes before, driven from the big lake by a wind that sent the waves rolling uncomfortably high and stirred silt off the bottom to muddy the shallow water. Here the reeds prevented that. Bryant had cut the motor and let the boat glide to a stop, and as it did he sniffed and said, "Smell that?"

I couldn't smell anything. My olfactory powers are strictly limited. I shook my head.

"Brim bed," he said, and his eyes had the bright, anticipatory gleam of a small boy's watching the ice cream being transferred from the refrigerator to the dinner table.

I looked down. The bottom, three feet beneath the boat, was pocked and ringed and studded with dozens of sunfish nests. They were crowded together, even overlapping, and, as I adjusted my vision to the task, I saw that they sprawled in an irregular rectangle possibly ten feet wide and 20 long. It had taken a lot of fish to make so many.

"Can't you smell it?" Bryant asked, and when I shook my head again he said, "It's like a fresh-cut watermelon. My old granddaddy could smell a brim bed half a mile away. Whenever they were bedding he used to fish just like a pointer hunting quail."

I stood up in the boat and looked out across the reedy bay toward the flat horizon. The general coloration of the bottom, in the spots of open water where I could see it, was dark. Here and there, however, were jagged, light-colored patches. Bryant was standing, too. "Are

all those pale spots beds?" I asked him.

"Yes, sir. Them ol' brim are really bedding." He commenced to assemble his fly rod hurriedly. "Oh," he added, "I'm just like the hillbilly woman on the radio: I'm so proud I could be here."

In a few minutes, I was to know just what he meant. We strung our rods, quickly tied on six-foot nylon leaders and to them attached tiny cork bugs. Then we dropped the anchor and slid over the side of the boat into the warm water. Bryant waded away a few yards and began to work out line. I paused to watch him. This was a new game to me.

He dropped the little lure to the water above one of the pale areas and let it rest; his rod motionless at 45 degrees. Then, after an instant, he began to recover line very slowly.

There came a sound—a sharp noise, something between a pop and a snap, and not unlike the report made by slapping the palms of your hands together. The rod whipped up, then bowed. There was a little splash, a flurry on the surface, a quick slicing of the leader toward the nearby reeds.

Bryant stripped in line quickly. The fish came toward him, circling valiantly. It dived toward the bottom, bringing the

rod tip down in a tight arc, then came, still protesting, to the surface. In an instant, a bluegill about the size of his hand was being removed from the hook and transferred to the stringer that hung from my companion's belt.

I waded away in a different direction until I was 30 feet from another pale spot on the bottom. The oiled silk curled out and dropped gently to the water. The little bug followed with a gentle splash. I let it rest, as Bryant had done, then tightened experimentally.

Pop! The lure was gone. The line sizzled toward the reeds. I stripped in yard-long chunks of it and brought the rod up quickly, but my reactions were too slow. The little sunfish had darted into the shelter of the water growth, and when I finally unwound the leader and extricated the bug he was gone.

I quickly cast again, and this time the bug had little more than touched the water when it disappeared with the characteristic sucking pop. I was using a good rod, and I stripped in line until I gave it all the load that it could safely carry. The leader, fiddle-string tight, fairly buzzed as it cut through the water, while the bluegill, turning his broad side

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Photos by Ted Trueblood



Panfish like these crappies are more sport when caught on a light fly rod with suitable flies or small lures.



Scout Memo



LIMA, OHIO



ALTOONA, PA.



CHARLESTON, ILL.



MESA, ARIZ.

THE ORDER'S interest in the country's leading youth organization continues at top speed. Many of these photographs show Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle with Elk-sponsored Scout Troops and local lodge officers—such as at Lima, Ohio, and Altoona, Pa., where he was pictured with E.R. V. A. Kimmel, Jr., and other dignitaries. The photograph at Charleston, Ill., was taken on the lodge's 50th Anniversary and includes, among others, E.R. Dr. R. H. Griffiths. On the opposite page, the Order's leader appears with a few of the many Scouts sponsored jointly by The Dalles and Hood River, Ore., Lodges.

Mesa, Ariz., Lodge's contribution commemorates the first camping trip of its new Troop, a most satisfying experience in spite of an occasional downpour. Ashland, Ky., Elks are proud of the young men in their photo, Eagle Scouts Gene Lindsay and Terry Mussetter, with Scoutmaster Ernie Barney, and the Eagle Scouts in Columbia, Tenn., Lodge's picture are Tom and Bobby McKee, receiving awards from Judge H. L. Webster, left, and E.R. J. R. Alderson, Scoutmaster, on the lodge's 50th Anniversary.

Toledo, Ohio, Lodge's Scout Committee Chairman for 23 years, Fred Ehrle, is pictured with two of the Elks' Troop which will take a 3,000-mile cross-country trip to the Scout Reservation in New Mexico. To finance the trek, the boys, each responsible for \$100 toward his own expenses, sold hammers and thermometers at a 50-cent profit for each. At this writing they had \$1,200 in the kitty. The Richmond, Calif., picture was taken on Boy Scout Night when interested officials watched the rehearsal of "Dangerous Dan McGrew" presented by the Troop. Third from right is Justice A. F. Bray, P.E.R. and Pres. of the Area Scout Council. The Cub Pack put on a skit, too. The next picture shows Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall with civic, Scout and Elk officials, when he presented Eagle Scout Awards to Fred Corso and William Ungvaskey of Yonkers, N. Y., Lodge's Troop. Finally, we see the splendid Queens Borough, N. Y., unit with some of their Elk benefactors.

Although not represented pictorially, the five Orange, Calif., Elks Scout units deserve mention. On a recent visit, D.D. Willard Smith, Jr., congratulated the Scouts' Orange Empire Area Council Chairman J. J. Gubbins on the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award. Of the Orange Elks' Scouts, two boys received this Award, and three of them, two the sons of Elks, are Eagle Scouts.



ASHLAND, KY.



COLUMBIA, TENN.



THE DALLES, ORE.



TOLEDO, OHIO



RICHMOND, CALIF.



YONKERS, N. Y.



QUEENS BOROUGH, N. Y.

News of the State Associations

ILLINOIS

Over 700 Elks, many accompanied by their wives, attended the 48th Annual Convention of the Ill. State Elks Assn. in Decatur May 17th through the 20th, to be welcomed by E.R. L. J. Heien, Mayor R. E. Willis and other officials. Among the honored guests were Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell, Floyd E. Thompson and Henry C. Warner, and P.D.D.'s Hugh L. Hartley of Mich. and John L. Miller of Ind. Col. John T. Taylor, Executive Secy. of the new Ill. Traffic Safety Council, was a featured speaker.

The Ritualistic Contest, participated in by a team from each of the seven Districts, was won by DeKalb Lodge which gained possession of the Bruce A. Campbell Cup for the second consecutive time. The annual Executive Committee banquet for former Presidents of the Assn. had many important diners, among them those mentioned previously and State Pres. John E. Giles, and Dr. Marcus M. Archer and Dr. N. H. Feder, both formerly of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Reports revealed that the S.E. Dist. lodges led in community service, with contributions amounting to nearly \$92,000. The Veterans Service Committee reported an expenditure of \$15,000. Scholarship prizes for \$300 each were awarded to three deserving students by P.E.R. V. L. Nickell, State Supt. of Public Instruction, and it was announced that four other \$200 awards and four for \$100 each had been dispatched to lodges for presentation locally. The \$300 Essay Contest award was presented by State Chairman Roe M. Wright.

Senator Frank Johnson of Kewanee Lodge was the speaker for the Memorial Services arranged by retiring State Treas. C. W. Clabaugh, during which the daughter-in-law of Pres. Giles sang, accompanied by State Organist Jewell Lamb. The annual Convention banquet, attended by over 300 persons, had Dr. Feder as Toastmaster, and P.E.R. Monte Hance of Rock Island provided an outstanding floor show.

Past State Pres. Campbell conducted

the installation ceremony for the following officers: Pres., Wm. S. Wolf, Pontiac; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Don C. Patten, Sycamore; Secy. (reelected), A. W. Arnold, Lincoln; Treas., Ray Hinch, Chicago (So.); Vice-Presidents and Trustees: E. Cent., Bruce V. McBroom, Kankakee, and Matt Lampson, Streator; N.E., J. Paul Ardesser, Chicago (No.), and Anthony F. Nesbet, Cicero-Berwyn; N.W., C. E. Yeager, Sterling, and Arthur C. Sauer, Mendota; So., Eugene Schnierle, Harrisburg, and Bennett Tate, West Frankfort; S.E., C. A. Hill, Lawrenceville, and N. C. Dawson, Mt. Carmel; S.W., R. A. Hoover, Taylorville, and C. E. Prosser, Litchfield; W. Cent., K. W. Lee, Springfield, and Glenn Hoffman, Pekin.

NEW YORK

Frank D. O'Connor of Queens Borough Lodge No. 878, a member of the N. Y. State Senate, was elected President of the N. Y. Elks Assn. at its 39th Convention in Jamestown May 24th, 25th and 26th. Secy. W. R. L. Cook of the same lodge and Treas. Claude Y. Cushman of Binghamton were reelected to their respective offices. Vice-Presidents for the coming year are E., Milton M. Elzholz, Port Chester; So. Cent., Albert P. Haughey, Watkins Glen; S.E., Gordon H. Meyer, Freeport; W. Cent., Frank P. Reilly, Penn Yan; Cent., Stuart Davis, Utica; E. Cent., Paul J. Johansen, Liberty; No., Harold O. Stewart, Ticonderoga; No. Cent., J. Edward Doyle, Carthage; N.E., Wm. A. Weinlein, Albany, and W., Lloyd L. Thompson, Salamanca.

Elected to two-year terms as Trustees were S.E., Robert Fisher, Patchogue; W. Cent., Milton Darling, Rochester, and, reelected, E., Joseph H. Muller, Mamaroneck, and So. Cent., Glenn R. Weigand, Elmira.

Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall and Vice-Chairman Howard R. Davis of the Board of Grand Trustees shared speaking honors with Past State Pres. James A. Farley, all of whom visited the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jerome B. Fisher. His son, P.E.R. Marion H. Fisher of the host lodge presided at the Convention banquet, and Mr. Davis delivered the Memorial Address. At the meeting, Corry, Pa., Lodge's Chorus and several instrumentalists entertained.

Among the resolutions passed were one concerning a special program to bring to the youth of America the story of the blessings of freedom, and another regarding the lodges' concentrated support of the Civil Defense program.

Judge Hallinan awarded the \$9,400 in college scholarships to 26 students, and a special \$400 Americanization Award went to three-time Assn. scholarship winner James Ward. Milton K. Siler, Jr., and May Ann Murtaugh were announced as winners of \$300 prizes in N. Y.'s Youth Leadership Contest. Binghamton Lodge's entry took the Ritualistic Contest followed by Rome, Niagara Falls and New York No. 1 in that order.

A 45-minute parade closed the session until May 15-17, 1952, in Buffalo.

LOUISIANA

Pres. Roy Yerby opened the 15th Annual Convention of the Louisiana State Elks Assn. when 250 delegates and nearly the same number of guests converged on Alexandria for the two-day meeting. Guests of honor were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor, to whom the program was dedicated, and Chairman Robert L. DeHority of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, who were special speakers. Out-of-town visitors included Ark. State Elks Assn. Vice-Pres.



Above: No. Dak.'s Ritualistic Champions are E.R. E. C. Eaton, fifth from left, and the other officers of Jamestown Lodge who received individual plaques as a tribute from P.D.D. A. C. Pagenkopf, as well as the traveling trophy presented by Grand Trustee Sam Stern.



Left: E.R. L. L. Small, fourth from left, and Oregon's Ritualistic leaders from Eugene Lodge.



Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, left, congratulates the new President of the New York State Elks Association, State Senator Frank D. O'Connor, in the presence of retiring President Roy D. Martin, third from left, and E.R. Neil F. Hanson of Jamestown Lodge, right, at the recently concluded annual Convention of this organization.



Chairman R. L. DeHority of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, left, is made an honorary citizen of Alexandria during the Louisiana State Convention. Others are, left to right, Mayor C. B. Close, Est. Lead. Knight Lee Mook, State Pres. R. A. Yerby, Committeeman Edward Ortego and Exalted Ruler S. C. Spengler.



Left: D.D. O. M. Oleson, fourth from left, presents the N. H. Ritualistic Championship Cup to retiring E.R. D. W. Maclaasac and the other members of the Laconia team.

Right: This group of Wakefield Elks comprises the Ritualistic Championship Team of the Massachusetts State Elks Assn., led by E.R. J. J. Powers, who is seated second from left.



Gilbert Detert and Secy. W. H. Laubach. A scholarship was awarded to Jacqueline Barrillieu and Jennings Lodge won the Ritualistic title over Baton Rouge.

The impressive Memorial Services, the finest the Assn. has ever conducted, had the Singers from Northwestern State College to supply a musical background. The Rev. Rayford McLean asked the invocation, and the Memorial Address was delivered by Rev. Franklin M. Segler. The new State Pres., Myles Byrne of Shreveport, gave the Thanatopsis. Mr. Byrne's fellow officers are: 1st Vice-Pres., Jacob Clausen, Franklin; 2nd Vice-Pres., Herbert L. Boudreaux, Jennings; Secy., E. F. Heller, Alexandria; Treas., Clarence LaCroix, Baton Rouge; Tiler, A. S. Johnson, Jr., Jennings; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ed. Ortego, Alexandria; Chaplain, Theo. J. Duhon, Baton Rouge; Trustees: John White, Opelousas; Elgin Blanchard, Houma; Charles B. Emery, Shreveport; Donald T. Lenhard, Baton Rouge and Willis C. McDonald, New Orleans. The meeting will be held at Morgan City next year.

GEORGIA

Thirty of Georgia's 35 lodges were represented at the 50th Annual Convention of the State Elks Assn. in Augusta May 25, 26 and 27. Seven teams participated in the Ritualistic Contest, with Decatur

Lodge earning permanent possession of the J. Bush Cup. Winners in the "Most Valuable Student Contest" were Jane E. Cantrell and Robert Boulware Smith III, and a check for \$300 was presented to each by Pres. Clay Davis and Committee Chairman Guy Tyler, respectively.

On the 25th, the Memorial Service was held at the St. James Methodist Church with Grand Chaplain Rev. James A. King giving the invocation, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland delivering the Eleven O'Clock Toast. Judge F. F. Kennedy gave the memorial address.

The delegates learned at this meeting that the State had made a net gain of 1,757 members during the year, and elected the following to hold office until the 1951 Meeting in Brunswick: Pres., Owen B. Leverett, Gainesville; Vice-Presidents: E., O. A. Hadden, Dublin; So., Harry C. Van Horn, Valdosta; W., Edwin Swain, Buckhead; Secy.-Treas. (reelected), R. E. Lee Reynolds, Atlanta; Chaplain, Harrison H. Black, Toccoa; Sgt.-at-Arms, J. H. Prickett, Gainesville.

KANSAS

Wichita Lodge No. 427 was host to 577 Elks and 437 ladies who made the 46th Convention of the Kansas Elks Assn. the largest in its history. Guests of honor included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Special Deputy Floyd

Brown, D.D.'s Carl O. Pingry and Fred Kelly and Colo. Assn. Pres. Lewis Kitts.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Pres., Milt Stoffer, Ottawa; Vice-Presidents: E. L. Hayes, Beloit; Robert Nelson, Wichita; Ted Biegert, Junction City, and Max Wickersham, Independence; Trustee for four years, Fred L. Hedges, Galena; Secy., S. E. Patterson, Augusta; Treas., Clay Hedrick, Newton.

Twelve teams participated in the Ritualistic Contest, which was won by Salina's team, and in the P.E.R.'s Contest, the West District entry took top honors. All-State E.R. was Collier F. Hendricks, and All-State P.E.R. was Lloyd Chapman of El Dorado.

State Chaplain Rev. Fr. Francis Zimkosky delivered the Memorial Address at services at which Topeka Lodge's quartet furnished a musical background.

These Elks donated \$500 to the Institute of Logopedics which they have been supporting for many years, and a \$400 gift went to the Kans. Children's Service League. The Elks National Foundation \$300 award for the most worthy handicapped student went to a polio victim, Byron G. Bird, while two State Assn. awards of \$50 each and diamond Elk Honor Pins went to Phyllis J. Hormel and Douglass DeYoung.

Highlights of the session included a
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LEADERS OF ELKDOM

Fifth of a series of photographs of the men who serve the Order

GRAND FORUM



BENJAMIN F. WATSON
Chief Justice
Lansing, Mich.

S. D. MCKINNON
Miles City, Mont.

JOHN L. WALKER
Roanoke, Va.

JOHN E. MULLEN
Providence, R. I.

HENRY S. LINDSLEY
Denver, Colo.

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WILLIAM S. HAWKINS
Coeur D'Alene, Ida.



H. L. BLACKLEDGE
Kearney, Neb.

RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE



The Ritualistic Committee meeting with Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle. Left to right: Edward W. McCabe, Nashville, Tenn.; Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle; W. A. Wall, West Palm Beach, Fla., Chairman of the Committee; A. W. Wagner, Eugene, Ore., and Leland L. Hamilton, Niles, Mich. At left, Committee member Arthur J. Roy, Willimantic, Conn.

AUDITING COMMITTEE



GEORGE DOHERTY
Chairman
San Francisco, Calif.



HARRY J. SCHMIDT
Ames, Ia.



CHARLES H. MAURER
Dunellen, N. J.

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES



This photograph records the official visit of the Upper Peninsula Elks Service Commission to the Veterans Hospital at Iron Mountain, Mich. Front row, left to right: Iron Mountain E.R. E. H. Warren, P.D.D. Wm. Brockington, Hospital Special Services Chief Vincent Greenwood, D.D. Robert A. Burns, Librarian Miss Lebreche, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, Committeeman G. Hamm, Escanaba Elks E. Maloney, F. Anutta and E. Klug, and Calumet Elk A. Aldrich.



Above: E.R. Frank Carson of Danville, Ill., Lodge, left, with Committee Chairman Ray Belmont, right, and the principals in the fine vaudeville show sponsored by the Elks for VA Hospital patients.

Below: A committee of Pensacola, Fla., Elks and Red Cross field workers pictured at the U. S. Naval Hospital when the lodge presented a wheel chair, in which Jack Kingston, wounded in Korea, is seated, to the Hospital. The Elks include P.E.R. T. M. Lloyd, Est. Lead. Knight W. E. Smith and Inner Guard George Breidenbach.

Below: The South Carolina Elks Veterans Hospital Committee entertained the wounded at an Easter Party, as this photograph reveals.



In response to numerous requests from lodges all over the country regarding the issuing of Courtesy Cards to relatives of members, the Elks National Service Commission, with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, has had these cards printed (right). They are available to all lodges upon request, without cost, and will be issued through the Commission's office, 292 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Duration stickers (above) for Elks in the Armed Forces are also available on the same basis.

In Cooperation with the
ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Lodge No. _____
of the Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the
United States of America issues this courtesy card to

at the request of Brother _____
his _____ conferring special privileges of the
(Give Relationship)
clubhouse, subject to rules and regulations of the Lodge
and the Order.

Similar courtesy on the part of any Sister Lodge
to the bearer who is in the service of our country will
be appreciated.

(Signature of Bearer)

Approved by G. E. R.

Secretary

Exalted Ruler

Joseph P. Kelly

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



MY BROTHERS: It has been my privilege, as your Grand Exalted Ruler these past months, to talk with you on this page of your Magazine about the affairs of our wonderful Order of Elks, and my hopes and plans for strengthening it, helping it to grow and for extending its influence for good. Now, as my term of office comes to a close, and I look back over the accomplishments of a very busy year, I am greatly moved by a deep feeling of appreciation for the loyal help, the wise counsel and the untiring efforts of the many Brothers who have made these plans and hopes a reality.

Much of the deadwood among our membership has been pruned away. Names of men who had been delinquent for years have been removed from the rolls. Despite this, our membership in this past year showed a gain of 36,279, rising to the all-time high of 1,041,264.

The first comprehensive, thorough study of lapsation and its causes was conducted during the year. The facts that it produced point unerringly to a solution of this problem that has vexed us so long. I shall recommend to the Grand Lodge action to put this solution into effect.

A program was begun to provide Grand Lodge assistance for the establishment of Lodges in areas where great opportunity for expansion of the Order exists.

Four times during the year, my District Deputies held Clinics attended by the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of the Lodges in each district, and in many cases also by of-

ficers of the State Associations. Mutual problems were discussed, information was exchanged, plans made to broaden fraternal activities and community services. These Clinics have stimulated interest and action throughout the Order.

A District Deputyship was a year-round job under this administration. The zeal and enthusiasm with which my Deputies undertook the added responsibility of these Clinics, their faithfulness in the discharge of their many other duties, and the spirit of cooperation they showed throughout is a source of great pride and satisfaction to me.

I am greatly indebted to all the Grand Lodge officers and Committeemen who have given so generously of their time and energies in the service of my administration. Only because of this great willingness to serve, and ability to serve, have we been able to carry on such a heavy schedule of programs so successfully.

In a Message some months ago I spoke of the great debt which our Order owes to the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, who make up the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee. My Brothers, time only serves to heighten my admiration and respect for this group of distinguished Elks. Their experienced advice has guided me. Their selfless service to Elksdom, demonstrated on so many occasions during this past year, has inspired me and sustained me.

I am sure that I need not tell you how very much I appreciate the honor of having served you as Grand Exalted Ruler. More than an honor, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity to visit so many Lodges and State Associations, and to meet so many of the wonderful men who make up our great Order.

The Korean crisis had just cast its gloomy shadow over our country when I took office a year ago. Our military fortunes have improved greatly since then, but the communist menace to the peace of the world is just as ominous. There is no prospect for peace in the foreseeable future. So long as this peril to the nation lasts, Elksdom must remain alert and ready to defend our country with all our resources. My successor will have my unstinted support and loyalty and I look forward to serving him as a faithful Elk in the ranks.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph B. Kyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

JOSEPH B. KYLE
GRAND EXALTED RULER

News of the Lodges



New England Ritualistic Title Goes to Bay State

For the first time in four years, the Mass. entry won the annual New England Elks Ritualistic Contest held in the home of Sanford, Me., Lodge. Scoring 99.6171 to top the Maine contingent's 99.6019, the Bay State group was headed by P.E.R. Robert B. McKenna. Seven of top individual honors went to Maine men, who

won the New England contest in 1948, 1949 and 1950. Vermont and New Hampshire ranked third and fourth.

Among the 250 Elks witnessing the competition between teams selected from officers of all lodges in each State, were Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, Thomas J. Brady, Secy. of the Board of Grand Trustees, and P.D.D. C. Dwight Stevens.

Three Connecticut East Lodges Report News

Not long ago, at the home of Willimantic Lodge No. 1311, P.D.D. Arthur J. Roy, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman recently made Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce by its 465 members, saw County Chairman Ray Veillette present to Co. Treas. C. Vincent Shea, both Elks, a \$10,387.65 check, representing half the proceeds of the Elk-conducted campaign in that area for the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The other half was turned over to the Elks National Foundation by Willimantic, Danielson and Putnam Lodges which sponsored the drive in almost every community in Windham County.

Five-year-old Danielson Lodge No. 1706 presented the first Life Memberships in its history to eight members who have been affiliated with it since its institution, as well as having been members of Putnam Lodge No. 574 for 20 years previous. An Honorary Life Membership was also awarded to S. P. Marland, P.E.R. of both lodges. The occasion was a well-attended Old Timers Night, when a class was initiated. Earlier, a group of 19 candidates was initiated, 16 from Wauregan, causing the group to be named for that area. P.E.R. H. J. Marchesseault headed the installing officers, as his father was one of the candidates.

Cumberland, Md., Elks Net Large Sum for Crippled Children

The Allegany County League for Crippled Children was \$7,128 richer when Cumberland Lodge No. 63, through P.D.D. John H. Mosner, presented a check in this amount to Henrietta Schwarzenbach, Pres. of the League. The money represented the proceeds of the annual Minstrelks, the Committee which is headed by Mr. Mosner.

This affair is held annually, and the most recent was the seventh in the series. Every show brings in a larger sum for this worthy cause; over 3,000 persons viewed this performance which played to capacity houses two evenings and one matinee, having as its theme, "Facts, Fancies and Figures."

The lodge cooperated wholeheartedly in the program, directed by French Sensabaugh, and all the male roles were played by Elks.

Meadville, Pa., High School Athletes Fêted by Local Elks

The basketball squad, two student managers, Coach John Joy and school officials were the guests of Meadville Lodge No. 219 at a recent dinner. The event was a tribute to the team which had "played into" its first Section 2 championship in 17 years. Allegheny College Athletics Director H. Paul Way was the principal speaker and E.R. Raymond Adams presented gifts to the guests of honor. Toastmaster Homer Gage, Est. Lead. Knight, introduced the 20 lodge officers and committee leaders present.



This photograph represents the presentation of a check for \$7,128 to the Allegany Co. League for Crippled Children from Cumberland, Md., Lodge. P.D.D. John H. Mosner, Chairman of the Committee for the Elks Minstrel Show which brought in this amount, holds the check with Miss Henrietta Schwarzenbach, Chairman of the League. The show, in which these young ladies, pictured in costume here, performed, was directed by French Sensabaugh, a member of the lodge.



Above: Of the more than 90 initiates of Chicago, Ill., Lodge, No. 4, these 52 were affiliated with the trailer coach industry in which E.R. Wm. B. MacDonald, Jr., is prominent.



Below: This photograph was taken when State Pres. Roy D. Martin visited Watertown, N.Y., Lodge. Left to right: P.E.R. F. C. O'Brien, D.D. Charles J. Calkins, Mr. Martin, E.R. F. A. Johnson of the host lodge, E.R. Jerome B. Paris of Lowville Lodge and E.R. J. E. Doyle of Carthage Lodge.

Above: At Binghamton for the N.Y. State Elks Bowling Tournament were, left to right: Tourney Secy.-Treas. F. E. Carman, Director H. M. Karr, Vice-Chairman Maurice Lane, State Pres. Martin, Chairman D. E. Whittemore, Ambrose Gaffney and Past District Deputy H. L. Stanton.



Left: These men make up San Pedro, Calif., Lodge's Championship Bowling Team. Left to right: Howard Miller, Matt Soares, Exalted Ruler Frank Masse, Dick Hansen, Vince Labica and William McWhinnie, with their trophies.

Below: This picture was taken at the Red Cross Blood Bank sponsored recently by the Veterans Committee of Pittsburg, Calif., Lodge. A record-breaking 196 pints were donated.

Troy, N. Y., Elks Commemorate "I Am An American Day"

At its session on May 17th, Troy Lodge No. 141 gave a unique observance of "I Am An American Day", when E.R. Ernest P. Buehler assigned the lodge Stations to members of foreign birth who conducted the entire meeting. Countries represented included Italy, Austria, Germany, Russia, Syria, Turkey, England, Ireland, Canada, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

A most remarkable thing about the meeting was the solemnity with which each of the Officers *pro tem* performed the ritual without the aid of either the Ritual book or written memoranda.

Past State Pres. John J. Sweeney addressed the gathering on the meaning of Americanism, and Frank Massaro, a native of Italy who acted as E.R., delivered a moving talk on the value of Elkdom to the foreign-born. Edward A. Wachter, former coach at Harvard, was Chairman.





In true Elk fashion, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary by giving a present of a ceiling projector and 30-book library to the Riverview Hospital. Dr. J. K. Goodrich, left, accepted the gift from P.E.R. R. J. Mader and E.R. Robert F. Schill, right. Billy Heger, who is the son of a Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, is the patient.



At the ceremony marking the presentation of the Elks scholarship awards at the home of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Lodge were, left to right: third-place, William Blain; first place, Dickinson Smith who also won the No. Dak. State Association Contest; second place Kay Holte; Committee Chairman Lawrence Hanson and Elmer S. Eid jr. P.E.R.



At the 21st Annual Spring Conference of the Ohio Elks Assn. in Toledo, E.R. L. E. Miller, D.D. Harold Green and General Chairman J. A. Laskey, left to right, look over the well-planned and entertaining program.



Exalted Ruler John N. Gilligan and Trustee Joseph H. Townsend examine the oxygen tent which the members of Penn Yan, N. Y., Lodge donated to the near-by Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital not long ago.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Montpelier, Vt., Elks Honor High School Lettermen

Lettermen from both the public high school and St. Michael's High School were honored guests of Montpelier Lodge No. 924 at a banquet during which they were praised highly by Maj. Lloyd Harper of Norwich University.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Elks Celebrate 50 Years of Activity

In observing their Golden Anniversary, the members of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge No. 693 initiated a dozen new Elks with the N.W. Dist. Championship Degree Team from Marshfield doing the honors. State Pres. Ray J. Fink and D.D. Harvey C. Sargent were on hand as was the lodge's only Charter Member, Ray A. Love who received a Life Membership in the lodge from his son, Est. Loyal Knight Marvin E. Love. Another son, Robert, is also a member.

As a birthday gift, No. 693 presented a ceiling projector and 30-book library to the Riverview Hospital. The projector

flashes a microfilmed book, a page at a time, on the ceiling so that bedridden patients may be entertained. The machine can be manipulated by the invalid with a light touch of the fingers.

Ohio Elks' Spring Conference Represented by 70 Lodges

The 21st Annual Spring Conference of the Ohio Elks Assn. attracted 850 Elks who were the guests of Toledo Lodge No. 53. Some of the interesting features of the three-day meeting were the District Clinics and the \$1,500 gift to the Cerebral Palsy Center in Canton which was presented by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick.

Other events included the presentation of a gold Membership Card to Charles Just, oldest member of the host lodge, an Elk for 65 years, and the awarding of \$300 scholarships to Nancy K. Langsdale, E. P. Schwartz and Sydna A. Kunze.

On the social side of the agenda were a smorgasbord, dance and entertainment, a special breakfast for officers and former leaders, and a full day of open house participated in by all the delegates and their ladies, nearly 300 of whom were entertained at a tea.

N. Y. Elks Bowling Tourney Draws Record Crowd

The N. Y. State Elks Assn. Bowling Committee has just closed the 4th Annual Tournament to which Binghamton Lodge No. 852 was an able host. The event attracted some 173 teams and State Pres. Roy D. Martin rolled the first ball in the presence of Acting Mayor William La France, E.R. L. D. Biles and other local and out-of-town Elk dignitaries, as well as Tournament officials.

The home keglers did quite well, with Cass Nezelek taking the Class A All-Events title with 1,928 pins. Local talent also took the first two places in the Class B Doubles, and Don Snow won the honors for the Class C Singles. The Binghamton bowlers also placed second in the Class A and Class B Team events, which were won by the Rand's Clothes group from Watertown and a contingent from Hornell, respectively.

Other winners were, in the All-Events, Class B, Fortier of Albany; Class C, Alberts of Liberty. The top Class C Team was the Longhorns of Auburn, and in the doubles, Class A went to Merle and Simons from Utica, and Class B to Tholl and Sharp of Albany.



Left: At the 25th Anniversary of Royal Oak, Mich., Lodge, were, seated, left to right: Secy. Casper Schroff, P.E.R., Chief Justice Benjamin F. Watson of the Grand Forum and E.R. J. H. Cooper. Standing, left to right: P.E.R.'s C. C. Young and H. E. Howe, D.D. Leonard Neff, P.E.R. F. E. Willis and Secy. Edwin Bayliss of Ferndale Lodge.

Below: E.R. Eugene Schnierle, right, presents to first-prize-winner Wanda Stacey her medal and \$50 award for writing the best essay on citizenship in a contest conducted by Harrisburg, Ill., Lodge. Others pictured include Est. Lead. Knight Tom McCann, other prize-winners Louise Auten and Lucretia McClusky and members of their families. Over 850 essays were submitted by students.



Michael A. Shalhoup Photo

Below: Seattle, Wash., Lodge's Quent Williams, right, ten-year Wash. State Elks Assn.'s Crippled Kiddie's Committee Chairman, presents the Assn.'s \$15,000 to State Treas. Adolph Norin. The money was collected by the 32 lodges in the State whose members contribute \$1 on their birthdays to the "Order of Bucks" for the upkeep of a \$50,000 convalescent home donated by the Elks to the Orthopedic Hospital for children from Alaska, Hawaii and Wash.



At Sanford, Me., for the Annual New England Elks Ritualistic Contest, won for the first time in four years by the Mass. team, were, left to right: Maine coach, P.E.R. C. F. Harlow, Past Grand Treas. John F. Burke, Past Grand Inner Guard Fred Sylvester, Maine Team Chairman P.E.R. John McComb, Jr., Contest Committee Chairman E. F. Belleau of Mass., Maine Team's Acting E.R. A. L. Gendron, E.R. R. K. Berry of the host lodge and Past State Pres. C. Dwight Stevens, P.D.D.

Heppner, Ore., Lodge Aids Pioneer Memorial Hospital

The members of Heppner Lodge No. 358 have been consistent supporters of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital since the idea to build it was first advanced. The only hospital in the lodge's jurisdiction, it has received generous donations of money and equipment from the Elks who, in one week, made the following gifts: an Oxygen-air pressure lock, a large model adult and child resuscitator, a Gomco drainage pump, otoscope, Colson inhalation, stethoscope, Thomas intravenous apparatus, a dressing carriage and a tray conveyor. These valuable accoutrements, totaling \$2,050, were presented by retiring E.R. J. J. O'Connor and P.E.R.'s F. W. Turner, Terrel Bengel and H. A. Cohn, P.D.D., Elk Trustees, and were gratefully accepted by Hospital Administrator J. B. Earnsdorff.

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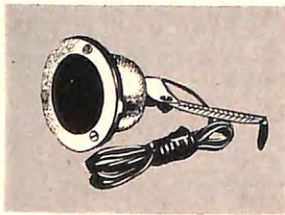


Here are the P.E.R.'s of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge who were honored at a special ceremony not long ago. Seated fourth and fifth from left respectively are octogenarian Dr. O. W. Burdats, E.R. from 1907 through 1910, and Adam Martin, long-time Secretary of Wheeling Lodge.

GADGETS & GIMMICKS



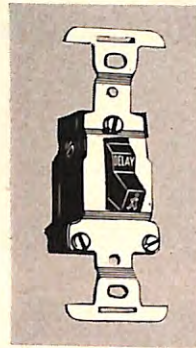
IF YOU do a lot of skeet shooting, or work in a boiler factory, your eardrums probably are sagging. Not only is this discomfort unattractive but eventually it may make you a "mite deaf", as they say in bad novels of rural life. Here and now is a small, fully automatic sonic filter that fits the ear and does away with the trouble caused by either sudden, violent sounds or a steady above-normal sound level of noise encountered in factories the country over. While it cuts out excessive noises, it permits normal conversational tones to enter and, we hope, be understood. It has been successfully tested by many agencies of the Armed Forces and may well prove to be a boon to combat soldiers standing next to noisy 105 howitzers and the like.



THIS we don't understand. But if it works—and few people short of the nation's preoccupied physicists can say it doesn't—then we really have something here. It is light which you install in your car to reduce glare from oncoming headlights, streetlights, sun reflection, etc., without cutting down on your visibility. The new accessory utilizes what is known as an "Ergon Glass lens" which produces black light. (Simple enough so far.) Now, this black light shines down on the inside of your windshield. In effect, what it does is add low spectrum light to the glaring bright lights that are striking your eyes. The mixture, as you might call it, is substantially less glaring. The lamp has a chrome holder and works from your car's central lighting circuit. It sounds like the answer to a lot of driving troubles to us.

SECRETARIES, apparently, are on the way out. This may come as an unpleasant shock to many of us, but we'll just have to get used to the idea. Naturally, electronics is replacing them. Here's the latest move toward the brave,

new, secretary-less world. Aside from taking dictation, which almost any old electronic machine can do, this machine automatically answers the telephone, tells the caller when you'll return or where you can be reached. Then the caller can leave his personal message or order, which is recorded on wire. When you get back to the office all you have to do is switch on the gadget and it plays all the messages or instructions that came in while you were out. There's only one thing this mechanical secretary can't do for you: fill your ink well.



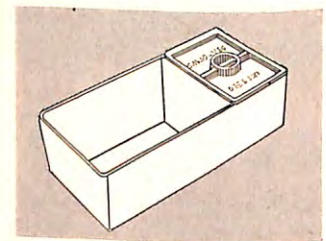
WHILE we're on the subject of lights, here's good news for everyone who has stumbled around in a dark room looking for the exit. It's a new type, delayed-action lighting switch. It snaps on in the same manner as other switches, but the gimmick lies in the turning-off part. When you want to leave the room or turn out your light and go to bed, you turn the switch to a position marked "Delay". Then you unhurriedly leave the room or crawl into bed and, nearly a minute after you've flipped the switch, the light goes out. Full light is maintained during the delayed-action interval. Another feature is that it can easily be installed in any existing wall outlet or in new constructions.



DOES your grass grow in clumps? Is your lawn spotty for no good reason, and are there lawnless areas around your house? If so, the chances are that you made the error of planting grass last spring in the old-fashioned way and are now nervously tossing handfuls of fertilizer and weedkiller around in a haphazard manner. For shame. What you

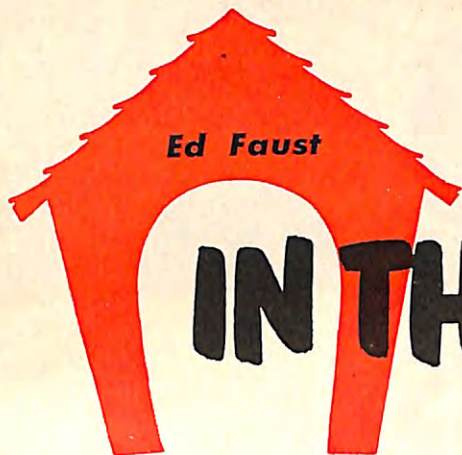
need is this hand machine that does the job with scientific thoroughness. It can plant, fertilize or dispense dry weed killer with equal aplomb. You fill the chamber with either material and, walking slowly and in a straight line across the area under consideration, turn a little crank. The fertilizer, if that's what you're concerned with, passes through a revolving fan that sprays it out in a uniform pattern on the ground. This fall, you can replant your lawn so it grows evenly and beautiful instead of looking as though it had some dread disease.

MANY wives fancy themselves good pastry cooks and foist their baking products off on unwary husbands. The husbands oftentime smile right back with tears in their eyes when they take that big first bite of a heavily frosted baking failure. One understandable reason for such failures—despite popular ready-mixes—is that few wives understand fractions, nor can they measure amounts of ingredients of a cake with more than irregular accuracy. Here is the thing to do away with such error: an adjustable measuring cup that can handle any and all ingredients for baking—liquid, semi-solid and solid. If, for example, a half-cup of flour is desired, the bottom moves up and is held firmly at the half-cup level; then the cup is filled—and there's no mistake about it. Get your wife one. Then you, too, can have better cakes served you at home.



FOR nearly 50 years nobody did anything to bring up to date the ever-present metal lunch box that has served Americans, man and boy, since the turn of the century. For school children, lunch-on-the-spot workers, picnickers, anglers, hunters and the like, the metal box has now been improved. A plastic liner with three compartments is available and it fits all standard lunch boxes. Two of the compartments have an airtight lid and in those spaces you can put vegetables or a salad. The third and main division holds an assortment of sandwiches, fruit, cake and anything else your wife cares to conjure up to surprise you. Easily washed, the liner

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Whether you have a spaniel or a saluki,
ever wonder where your dog got his name?

IN THE DOGHOUSE

IF YOU'VE followed this department for any length of time, you've gathered that the reason for its existence is to give service—to help you and other dog owners in such matters as the general care, feeding and training of the pooch. But from time to time, you may also have noticed that there is sandwiched in here and there an article of just general interest, perhaps on just plain dogs—such as the fire dog, police dog, soldier dog, dog criminals, racers. Way back when—well, when this fellow Faust was somewhat younger—a good part of one of these screeds was given to the names of various breeds and how they got them and what they mean, if anything. So often does my mail contain queries on this subject, that—I hope—it won't be too great a strain on the customers to delve a little deeper into this business of who named Fido what, and why.

As all dogs of recognized breeds are assigned to one of six groups by the American Kennel Club, the organization that has the official say-so over pure-bred dogs, we'll begin with group No. 1, the sporting dogs, in which there are 22 breeds or, rather, 22 varieties of six breeds. The six are the pointers, setters, spaniels, retrievers, the griffon and the Weimaraner. The pointer's name gives its own story—he points game, period. The setter gets his title from the time before firearms were used in the field, and when dogs of this breed were taught to crouch, or “set”, when the hunters used nets to entangle game. The “setting” was necessary to keep the dog free of the net. The three varieties of setter are the English and Irish, whose names need no explanation, and the Gordon, a black and tan Scottish version named for the Duke of Gordon who was largely responsible for the development of this variety.

Among the spaniels we find ten varieties, and the name “spaniel” itself is said to have been conferred on these dogs because of an ancestry tracing back to Spain. The most widely known spaniel is our little friend the cocker whose name comes from his original job of hunting woodcock. From the general title, “the

woodcock dog”, to the shorter “cocker”, must have been an easy transition. The Clumber spaniel gets his name from Clumber Park, the estate of the Duke of Newcastle, another British nobleman whose interest in a breed led to the naming of it. Then there are the American water, the Irish water, the Brittany and the Sussex, the English springer, the Welsh springer and the field spaniels—and who needs to be told where they got their names? As far as the springer is concerned, that name dates back to the teaching of these dogs to spring at their quarry in order to frighten it into motion, so the hunter could get a surer shot.

IN THIS group of sporting dogs, we also find the pointing griffon. Now, Webster says the griffon is so named because of a fancied resemblance to a griffin, a mythical monster, half lion, half eagle. Actually this dog looks more like a long-eared Airedale that has too many nights out, and away from his barber. Incidentally, he's a Dutch dog and you won't often see him on this side of the water. The remaining dog of the group is the Weimaraner, a German sporting dog developed by the nobles of the Court of Weimer. This is one of the very few dogs whose coats are naturally gray.

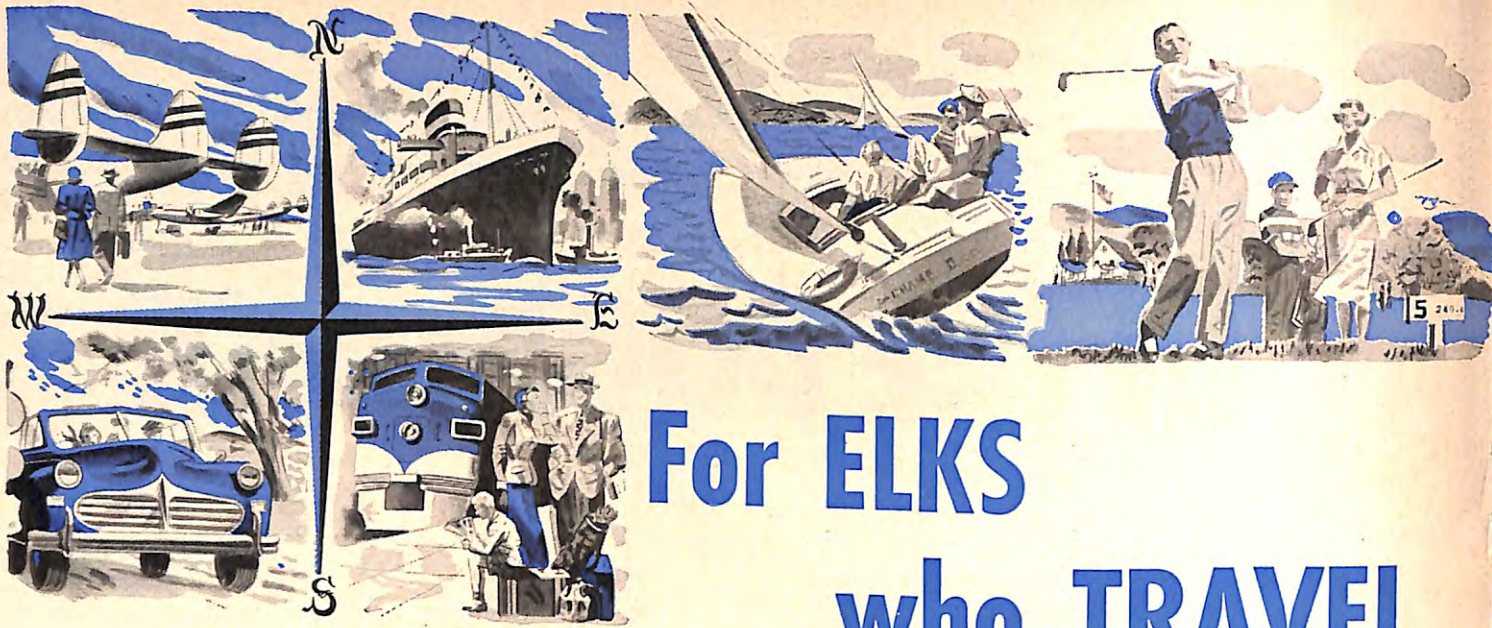
In group No. 2, another division of sporting dogs, are the hounds. Here we find some of the oldest breeds known—among them the Afghan hound and the saluki whose name, roughly translating from the Arabic, means gazelle dog. Both are of African extraction, fast as furred lightning when running down their quarry.

In group 2 there are 19 varieties and 17 breeds, and close to the top of the list, alphabetically speaking, is the basset hound, a French pup whose name comes from the word *bas*, meaning low, a dwarf—and very well suited to this underslung, short-legged fellow. Here in this section we find another dog with a picturesque background and an awe-inspiring name, the bloodhound, which has nothing to do with bloodshed as this is one of the most gentle of all dogs, and one of the greatest trackers as well. The name simply is derived from the fact that it is one of the first breeds for which pedigrees were kept, and it became known as the blooded hound and then eventually, the bloodhound.

Here's a little and very popular fellow the beagle, really an English dog with a French name which originally was *beigle*, meaning small. No doubt, you've
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The most widely known and popular spaniel is the cocker.



For ELKS who TRAVEL

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BY HORACE SUTTON

TO SPEND a vacation in Ontario the only thing anyone living in most parts of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota need do is just head North. Ontario is the large, economy-sized Province—larger even than (but not so noisy as) Texas. It slips an arm of its real estate underneath Detroit, and in the north it stretches all the way up to become part of the shore line of Hudson Bay. It provides the northern shoreline for four of the five Great Lakes, and its vast territory includes such nationally known nooks as Niagara Falls, the Thousand Islands, Ottawa—Canada's capital, Toronto—home of the Canadian National Exhibition—the Dominion's big annual fair, Georgian Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and the Lake of the Woods.

For the sake of law and order let's take up things from east to west, giving a sampling of what is available in the area. We covered cruises on the Great Lakes and a bit of Niagara Falls in the last, pre-Convention, issue. On the eastern end of the Province you can motor easily into Ottawa, which sits almost dead north of Ogdensburg, N. Y., just across the Ottawa River from the Province of Quebec. One of the big enigmas in Canada is why Ottawa is the capital. It was chosen in 1858 by Queen Victoria at a time when Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and Kingston all were larger than Ottawa's paltry 20,000 population. In its first 100 years Ottawa has been built with great care and in its neatness and expanse it resembles Washington in many ways. Its best hotel, and one of the best in the Dominion, is the CNR's Château

Laurier, which looks like a giant French castle topped by green-coated towers. From the hotel it's a step to the famous war memorial arch, and another to the Rideau Canal, which cuts across the 130 miles of peninsula from the Ottawa River to Kingston on Lake Ontario. The canal system, built in 1826 and finished five years later, was designed to provide a water route from Kingston to Ottawa that would not be under the threat of American shore batteries along the northern coast of New York State. Built as a defensive measure against American soldiers, the Rideau Canal, in one of the greatest switches in history, now serves as an attraction to American tourists.

PEACE TOWER

A sightseeing bus leaves several times daily during the summer from the Château Laurier Hotel, and one of its prime stops is Canada's gray Gothic Parliament buildings, conservative, majestic and dignified, standing by the Ottawa River. Most interesting is the Peace Tower from which you can look toward the United States, 60 miles to the east and south. At the bottom of the tower is a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman, a man whom we call a "mountie" and whom the Canadians are inclined to refer to as an RCMP. At the top of the tower is a carillon which rings out a recital each Thursday evening except when the Legislature is in session. Then the bells are rung on Wednesdays. Perhaps the most impressive part of the Peace Tower is the Memorial Chamber, a chapel dedicated to the Canadian war dead. A book holds a list of those who



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died and the names are hand-printed and hand-illuminated—all 66,651 of them. A new page is turned each day so that every one of the names is exposed for a full day each year. Ironically enough, the artist who lettered most of the names of the dead of World War I was killed in World War II. He was with the Canadian Air Force.

If your imagination is working on all cylinders, have a gander at 285 Charlotte Street, the old Booth mansion, now the Russian Embassy. It was from this house that Igor Gouzenko, a Soviet code clerk, left his job and his country, taking with him a pack of secret information and the fate of many men. He turned himself over to the Canadian authorities and the information he carried gave rise to the first atom spy trials.

LESSER-KNOWN ATTRACTION

One of Ontario's lesser known attractions is the Isle of Quinte which rhymes with "squinty", and is so close to the mainland it's almost not an "isle" at all. Quinte's Isle also is known as Prince Edward County, not to be confused with Prince Edward Island, which is one of

the Maritimes. Anyway, the Isle—or the county—is a projection that reaches down into Lake Ontario at a point opposite Oswego. It has about 500 miles of coastline, sometimes as gentle as a soft, sandy beach and frequently as rugged as a rocky cliff.

QUAINT HOUSES

The Isle was first settled by United Empire Loyalists—as indeed was much of Ontario—who came up to Canada when the American Colonies declared themselves free. Many of the quaint Loyalist houses still stand and they are one of the main features of the Isle. Its other sights are the Sandbanks, a collection of oversized sand dunes that sometimes pile up to a height of nearly 200 feet, and the Lake-on-the-Mountain. As for the lake, it is indeed on a high hill with no apparent means of supply, yet it has survived long periods of drought. It also is a virtual reservoir for the nearby fish hatcheries, which happen to be the largest in North America, and one of the largest in the world. Among the fish that are catchable on the Isle of

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Scenic Georgian Bay at Ten Mile Point on Manitoulin Island, Ontario.

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Excerpts from the Report of the GRAND EXALTED RULER

WITH a feeling of gratitude and honor for the confidence his fellow members of the Order expressed by electing him to the Order's highest office at the Convention in Miami last July, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, of Gary, Ind., Lodge No. 1152, reviewed the many and various phases of his stewardship in his annual report. With the purpose of effecting a close contact—and better understanding—between the Grand Lodge, State Association and subordinate lodges, the Grand Exalted Ruler developed a series of conferences with District Deputies and lodge officers through whom, he was confident, virtually the entire membership could be reached. The first conference was held with the Exalted Rulers and all other interested delegates during the Grand Lodge Session in Miami. This opening meeting was followed by conferences with the District Deputies and State Association Presidents in Salt Lake City late in August, with 11 states represented; in Chicago early in December, with 20 states represented and, last, at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., in May, with 17 states represented. These conferences proved of outstanding success in unifying the Grand Exalted Ruler's program.

"With justifiable pride I report to you on the organization of Elk Clinics in each Grand Lodge District and supervised by our District Deputies", the Grand Exalted Ruler reported. "The Clinics, attended by Exalted Rulers and Lodge Secretaries, were generally accepted and I most heartily and sincerely recommend Clinic continuance", Mr. Kyle advised.

Lapsation

During the year the Grand Exalted Ruler made a complete study of lapsation and from it obtained a great deal of useful information. Early in his year of office, 7,500 Lapsation Study Forms were received in his office, with over 400 lodges in 41 states represented. These Lapsation Study Forms reported on members dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues during the 1949-1950 lodge year. The facts and figures arrived at in the survey show the need, and the way, for constructive work in the major problem of dues delinquency and lapsation, the Grand Exalted Ruler stated. A study of 34,398 lapsations as reported by over 400 lodges revealed that the major reasons for lapsations were as follows: Moved away from jurisdiction of home lodge, 29.2 per cent; not interested in lodge activities, 20.4; financial reasons, 12.8; insufficient time, 3.7; reason unknown, 26.3 per cent.

Membership

This was an important consideration of the Grand Exalted Ruler during his term of office and, once again, outstanding gains over the 1,000,000-mark achieved the previous year were recorded. A complete report on membership as of March 31 is included in the digest of the Grand Secretary's report in this issue.

Public Relations

The Grand Exalted Ruler reported an outstanding record for this phase of the Order's activities, saying "I am especially gratified to learn that in another year of Elkdom we have received so great an amount of favorable publicity. Many long years of experience in public relations work, coupled with my years with the Order, convinces me of the vital importance of this program".

District Deputies

"No Grand Exalted Ruler has been blessed with more able, conscientious, industrious and loyal representatives than have I this year", stated the Grand Exalted Ruler. "This year I deemed it advisable to appoint a Special District Deputy to work in Louisiana and Mississippi. He is William A. Rexer, of Alexandria, La., and his work has been outstanding. Also doing yeoman service as specially assigned District Deputies for special duties, have been Past Grand Lodge Committeemen Claude E. Thompson, Frankfort, Ind., and Ambrose Durkin, Washington, D. C. Also, Charles G. Hawthorne, of Baltimore, Md.

Lodge Activities Committee

In his report, the Grand Exalted Ruler paid special recognition to the work of this Committee. For details as to the accomplishments of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee during the year, refer to the Report on page 29 of this issue.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers

Mr. Kyle particularly expressed his appreciation of his association with the Past Grand Exalted Rulers of the Order, saying, "They are men of high standing in their communities and have performed great service in their capacity as members of the Advisory Committee of the Grand Lodge. For maintaining their interest in the Order, they have earned the everlasting gratitude of every member".

Grand Lodge Officers

In appreciation of the support during his year of office, the Grand Exalted Ruler paid recognition to the Grand Lodge

Officers. Grand Secretary J. E. Masters gave outstanding assistance, as did Grand Treasurer William Jernick. The good judgment and experience of the Board of Grand Trustees, fiscal agents of the Order, also proved of great value to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Elks National Home

Twice during the year, Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle visited the Elks National Home, Bedford, Va., and was impressed with the excellent management of the Home under the direction of Superintendent Robert A. Scott.

Committee on Judiciary

The new Annotated Statutes now are available and are proving indispensable in the interpretations of the laws of the Order, the Grand Exalted Ruler stated. Mr. Kyle was particularly impressed with the work of the Committee, of which Earl James is Chairman.

Elks National Foundation

"This great enterprise and its organizer, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, have inspired me for years", Mr. Kyle pointed out in his Report. He urged every member to read the May issue of *The Elks Magazine* in which his Message was devoted to the Foundation, as well as a supporting editorial.

Youth Activities Committee

Special emphasis was placed on the work of the Committee, of which Judge John Scileppi is Chairman. Notable gains were achieved in Boy Scouts and Boys Clubs all over the country. A digest of this Committee's Report appears on page 28 of this issue.

Necrology

During the last Grand Lodge year, the Order suffered a loss by death of 13,842 members, the Grand Exalted Ruler announced with profound regret. Speaking of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles S. Hart, who passed to his reward on Jan. 25, Mr. Kyle expressed his regret for the loss of a personal friend and an inspirational leader of the Order.

Conclusion

Concluding his report, Mr. Kyle said, "I do not wish any one to gain the impression that I claim all the credit for the great improvement made. If lodges will continue to expand their services to the community, and if every member will pay close attention to the comfort and happiness of his fellow members and his family, I am positive that Elkdom will continue to grow".

to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at Chicago in July.



THE GRAND SECRETARY

WITH Elkdom membership at a historic high of 1,041,264 as of March 31—representing the 11th successive year of increasing membership—this was a year distinguished alike for progress and harmony, Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters pointed out in his annual Report to the Grand Lodge.

Membership

During the year ended March 31, subordinate lodges added 83,769 members by initiation, 9,851 by dimit and 8,140 by reinstatement. In the same period they expelled 94, dropped 36,920 from the rolls for non-payment of dues, granted dimit to 14,625 and lost 13,842 by death. Total membership increased 36,279—1,041,264 as compared to 1,004,985 on March 31, 1950.

Grand Lodge Finances

For the year ended May 31, total income of the Grand Lodge amounted to \$585,423.61, reported the Grand Secretary, and expenses were \$562,137.41, showing an excess of income over expenses of \$23,286.20. The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States securities in the following amounts:

- In the Reserve Fund.....\$410,000
- In the General Fund.....\$200,000
- In the Home Fund.....\$ 50,000

At the 1950 Grand Lodge Session in Miami, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge \$45,000 for the Reserve Fund, of which amount \$20,000 was to be invested in United States Securities. Immediately, the Board of Grand Trustees purchased \$20,000 in Series G Bonds and later in the year purchased an additional \$10,000 in Series G Bonds out of interest accumulated on the bonds already in the Reserve Fund. Thus the total of United States securities in that Fund was increased to \$410,000.

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$1,294,310.04, fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98 making total assets \$2,503,695.02, Mr. Masters stated.

Subordinate Lodge Finances

The Grand Secretary's Report indicated the strong position of the subord-

inate lodges, showing that at the beginning of the year just closed cash on hand was in the amount of \$19,813,814.43. During the year the lodges received from all sources \$67,506,850.34 and expended \$65,456,398.71, leaving a cash balance of \$21,864,266.06 as of March 31. Total assets of the subordinate lodges are \$219,548,252.29.

Growth of the Order

While membership increase has been continuous and steady, lapsation continues to be a major problem, the Grand Secretary stresses. He observes that many lodges, though apparently adept at obtaining applications for new members, seem unable to hold the increase. This is attested by the fact that while lodges initiated 83,769 new members last year, in the same period 36,920 were dropped for non-payment of dues. A lapsation committee that will call personally on delinquent members and either induce them to pay up, or find out the reason for failure to pay, will save many a good member. The Grand Secretary suggests that the lapsation committee start working just as soon as a member's name is shown on the delinquent list, and not wait until the close of the lodge year before attempting to obtain payment of back dues, since the larger the amount of dues owed, the more difficult it is to obtain payment.

Dispensations

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson

Dispensation Granted	Name and Number of Lodge	Instituted
6-20-50	Okmulgee, Okla., No. 1822	6-30-50
6-30-50	Statesville, N. C., No. 1823	9-19-50

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle

8-24-50	John Day, Ore., No. 1824	9- 9-50
8- 7-50	Clovis, N. M., No. 1244	9- 4-50
10-17-50	Grangeville, Ida., No. 1825	11-25-50
11- 8-50	Midland, Tex., No. 1826	11-15-50
11-16-50	Pulaski, Tenn., No. 1827	12-13-50
11-20-50	West University Place (Houston) Tex., No. 1828	12- 6-50
1- 3-51	Enterprise, Ore., No. 1829	3-17-51
1- 3-51	Winter Park, Fla., No. 1830	2- 5-51
1-15-51	Littleton, N. H., No. 1831	2-11-51

1-27-51	Pasadena, Tex., No. 1832	2- 9-51
3-26-51	Kingsport, Tenn., No. 1833	3-30-51
4- 9-51	Auburn-Opelika (Opelika) Ala., No. 1834	4-18-51
5-15-51	North Miami, Fla., No. 1835	
5-22-51	Lawrenceburg, Ind., No. 1836	

Membership by States, 1951

State	Membership	State	Membership
Ala.	5,251	Nebr.	14,274
Alaska	6,452	Nev.	3,681
Ariz.	11,311	N. H.	5,296
Ark.	2,542	N. J.	31,589
Calif.	96,342	N. M.	6,781
C. Z.	1,372	N. Y.	72,635
Colo.	26,687	N. C.	8,554
Conn.	17,268	N. D.	10,956
Fla.	22,628	Ohio	55,986
Ga.	15,244	Okla.	6,742
Guam	276	Ore.	34,465
Hawaii	2,237	Pa.	87,664
Ida.	19,506	P. I.	631
Ill.	52,137	P. R.	788
Ind.	43,427	R. I.	6,568
Ia.	30,339	S. C.	5,888
Kans.	20,239	S. D.	9,948
Ky.	7,713	Tenn.	8,409
La.	2,687	Tex.	19,935
Me.	5,053	Utah	4,797
Md., Del., D. C.	10,632	Vt.	5,093
Mass.	34,317	Va.	12,810
Mich.	47,843	Wash.	46,321
Minn.	13,763	W. Va.	17,303
Miss.	3,140	Wis.	26,105
Mo.	11,247	Wyo.	9,090
Mont.	19,303	Total	1,041,264

Charitable and Patriotic Work

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

Activities	Amount
Relief of Members, their Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.	\$ 665,486.92
Summer Camps, Outings, etc.	207,743.72
Milk, Ice, and Fuel.....	71,594.51
Crippled Children.....	653,967.62
Medical Aid and Hospitals.....	609,279.91
General Aid to Needy Families.....	210,744.89
Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.....	692,437.73
Elks National Foundation.....	125,414.34
Scout Work.....	241,231.21
Big Brother Work.....	171,502.48
Playgrounds, including Prizes.....	341,052.38
Scholarships, Textbooks, etc.	159,686.73
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	355,439.10
Veterans' Relief.....	160,644.41
Miscellaneous.....	1,141,100.43
Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc.	218,287.51
Total.....	\$6,025,613.89

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction (Continued on following page)

tion during the period from April 1, 1950, to March 31, 1951.

State	Amount	State	Amount
Ala.	\$ 43,786.30	Ida.	132,649.15
Alaska	32,304.54	Ill.	297,590.73
Ariz.	80,126.00	Ind.	238,337.28
Ark.	11,551.50	Ia.	89,715.35
Calif.	502,170.73	Kan.	136,064.10
C. Z.	3,640.63	Ky.	47,411.38
Colo.	266,956.53	La.	13,658.83
Conn.	79,922.32	Me.	23,972.17
Fla.	164,905.30	Md., Del., D.C.	74,004.51
Ga.	203,683.82	Mass.	240,751.22
Guam	2,304.84	Mich.	141,355.07
Hawaii	7,638.30	Minn.	45,967.76

State	Amount	State	Amount
Miss.	13,528.37	P. I.	3,122.46
Mo.	60,891.84	P. R.	3,671.20
Mont.	143,996.20	R. I.	43,078.89
Nebr.	60,643.29	S. C.	45,470.91
Nev.	20,893.86	S. D.	35,332.86
N. H.	18,052.88	Tenn.	85,520.53
N. J.	295,002.81	Tex.	182,790.57
N. M.	39,985.57	Utah	40,521.60
N. Y.	481,020.52	Vt.	25,820.30
N. C.	65,868.12	Va.	57,115.67
N. D.	40,495.29	Wash.	189,514.63
Ohio	202,108.99	W. Va.	109,191.60
Okla.	34,082.09	Wis.	101,413.96
Ore.	216,042.77	Wyo.	57,193.72
Pa.	472,774.03	Total	\$6,025,613.89

More subordinate lodges and more aged Elks may well take advantage of this beautiful home where every modern convenience and comfort is available, the Board emphasized in its Report.

Grand Lodge Statutes provide that the Grand Lodge pay one-half the maintenance costs of residents at the Home, with the subordinate lodge to which the guest belongs paying the other half. Guests receiving pensions of any kind are permitted to retain a reasonable amount for spending money, with the balance applied against maintenance costs, thus reducing the monthly amount paid by both the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodge.

Actual operation of the Home is in charge of Brother Robert A. Scott, who has served as Superintendent for 24 years. In its Report, the Board particularly commended Brother Scott and his staff for the splendid work they are doing in keeping the guests happy and maintaining the property in first-class condition.

For the year ending May 31, the Board reports a net operating cost of \$123,177.03 for the Home. This cost is arrived at after taking credit for maintenance payments by the subordinate lodges and, also, maintenance recoveries. Average number of residents was 292 and the average cost per resident was \$653.85, representing increases of 8 and \$66.97, respectively, over the preceding fiscal year.

THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

AFTER the 1950 Grand Lodge Session in Miami closed on July 13, the Board of Grand Trustees met and organized by electing Sam Stern as Chairman; Howard R. Davis, Vice Chairman and Home Member; Thomas J. Brady, Secretary; D. E. Lambourne, Approving Member, and Fred L. Bohn, Member. Subsequently, the Board met at the Elks National Home, Bedford, Va., on Nov. 10 and 11; at the Commodore Hotel, New York, Feb. 16 and 17; again at the National Home, May 11 and 12, and at the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, on June 28, preliminary to the 1951 Grand Lodge Session.

turned for amendments and supplemental information.

Elks National Home

By Grand Lodge Statute, the Board of Grand Trustees is assigned the duty of supervising the operation of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va. Originally started in 1916, this haven for aged and indigent Elks now represents an investment of a quarter of a million dollars in the 167 acres it occupies in one of Virginia's most beautiful valleys. While the present guest list is just under 300, there are facilities for at least 400 Elks.

Testimonials

Acting on direction of the Grand Lodge Session in Miami, the Board procured and presented a suitable testimonial to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and also to Hugh W. Hicks, retiring as Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees after several years of distinguished service.

Purchase of Securities

During the year, the Board of Grand Trustees purchased United States Savings Bonds (Series G) in the amount of \$30,000 for the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund.

Building Applications

During the fiscal year ending May 31, applications were received from 100 subordinate lodges requesting approval to purchase or sell property, erect new homes, or make alterations. Of these applications, 97 were granted by the Board, with the concurrence of the Grand Exalted Ruler. The Board reports that total amount for the purchase of additions or alterations to buildings was \$5,437,781.55. The Board approved the sale or exchange of property totalling \$178,500. Applications from only three lodges were either disapproved or re-

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

REPORTING on a year of outstanding success by Elkdom in conducting programs for our American youth, with activities increased in size and scope throughout the country, the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee finds an expanding interest on the part of the Lodges in this important endeavor of the Order. At the Grand Lodge Session in Miami, the Grand Exalted Ruler reappointed the Committee in its entirety so that there would be no interruption in the work begun the year before, when the membership was first organized as a separately functioning Committee of the Grand Lodge. The Committee consists of: John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., Chairman; Boyce A. Whitmire, Hendersonville, N. C.; H. H. Russell, Warrensburg, Mo.; Edward A. Spry, Boston, Mass., and Raymond C. Crowell, Pasadena, Calif.

Thousands of Brothers gave leadership and direction to more than 50 different types of youth programs, working with a spirit of cooperation which the Commit-

tee found invaluable. As a result, more than 1,500,000 boys and girls were aided by Elk Lodges at an estimated cost of more than \$2,000,000.

Elks National Youth Day

On recommendation of the Committee, March 24, 1951, was designated as Elks National Youth Day by proclamation of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Hundreds of Lodges held appropriate ceremonies in honor of America's youth. Many Lodges made local awards and State Associations also made awards on a state level. Prominent leaders participated in the programs and extensive newspaper, radio and television coverage was accorded the event.

Youth Leadership Contest

Realizing that many youngsters with outstanding leadership qualities do not necessarily have scholastic qualifications necessary for scholarship contests, the

Committee promoted a National Youth Leadership Contest in which \$3,500, representing \$4,600 in Savings Bonds, was awarded to boys and girls in all sections of the country. These national awards, which will be announced in our August issue, were made possible by cooperation of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, who granted the Committee the funds for this event.

Lodge Awards

This year, 1,094 Lodges conducted youth programs, representing an outstanding increase of 231 Lodges over last year. Hundreds of Lodges expanded and developed their existing programs, with the result that an additional 500,000 boys and girls have benefited from the programs at an estimated increased expenditure of \$1,000,000. Thus, a total of more than 1,500,000 youngsters received the benefit of Elks youth programs during the year.

As further encouragement to the Lodges, the Youth Activities Committee presented each Lodge sponsoring a youth program with the official Youth Committee "Participation Certificate" certifying that the Lodge engaged in youth work during the year. In addition, the Lodge selected by the Committee as the one which promoted and provided the most outstanding youth program in each state and territory was awarded an official "Youth Committee Plaque". A beautiful championship trophy was presented to the Lodge providing the most outstanding youth program in the nation. These awards will be presented to the Exalted Rulers concerned at the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago and a full report of the awards will be included in our August issue.

Publicity

To back up the work of the Committee, an extensive publicity program was conducted throughout the year. The local, state and national press gave the programs considerable coverage during the year. On Dec. 19, Chairman John F. Scileppi appeared on television station

WPIX on the program of sportswriter Jimmy Powers. The Committee communicated with Senator Kefauver and enclosed a copy of the Report for the preceding year, pointing out particularly the various phases of Elks youth work. The committee recommended to Senator Kefauver that every city or municipality in the country appoint a youth commission as part of its administration so that public spirited citizens, working without compensation under the direction of the mayor, could institute worthwhile youth programs.

Boy Scouts

Interest in promoting the Scout movement resulted in an increase of 78 in the number of Boy Scout troops sponsored by Lodges. In all, there now are 591 Boy Scout troops sponsored by the Elks.

Girl Scouts

This year the Committee endorsed the work of the Girl Scouts on a national level and urged all Lodges, wherever it is practical to do so, to give this movement the same support and cooperation they have offered to the Boy Scouts.

Boys Clubs

On May 10, Chairman Scileppi met with former President Herbert Hoover, Bernard Baruch and other prominent national youth leaders at the national conclave of the Boys Club of America. The Chairman is happy to report that the Elks youth movement compares favorably with that of any other organization represented.

Testimonials

The Committee received letters of commendation from J. Edgar Hoover, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, Senator Kefauver and Police Commissioner Murphy of New York City, to name only a few. The work that the Elks are doing for the youth of America has been praised by teachers, parents groups, religious and patriotic groups everywhere, the Committee states in concluding its Report for the year.

and to be attended by the Exalted Ruler and the Secretaries of the lodges in each district.

The purpose of these Clinics would be to provide the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries with information relative to the mandatory and recommended activities of the Grand Lodge, to acquaint officers with Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle's program, to create a clearing house of ideas and information between lodges and to advance education in respect to the principles of the Order.

Community responsibility was the key-stone for the year and every Exalted Ruler was instructed to guide his Lodge to the position of being a leader in community welfare and civic activity, thereby justifying the very existence of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

It developed that interest was far beyond expectations and, in the various districts, 1441 lodges were in attendance at 514 Clinics, of Exalted Rulers and Lodge Secretaries with the District Deputies. At the majority of the meetings other officers and members of the Order were present. The Clinics were so well received by the District Deputies and Officers that virtually every report to the Lodge Activities Committee contained recommendations for their continuance in future years.

Membership Classes

In the Lodge Activities Committee program, three membership classes were included—the Father and Son Class, the Joseph B. Kyle Class and the Lodge Secretary's Class. Each class produced a substantial membership gain, augmented family interest and honored the Grand Exalted Ruler and the host of Lodge Secretaries devoting their broad interest to the Order.

Father and Son Class

This, the first scheduled class, was initiated in the belief that fathers and sons should share Elksdom's heritage. To inaugurate the program, on Sept. 1 all of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers but one met at Gary, Ind., home lodge of Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, for an impressive ceremony in which the Grand Exalted Ruler's son John was initiated into the Order along with a large class of candidates. Over 1,500 members assembled in Memorial Auditorium to witness a most impressive ritual conducted by the Past Grand Exalted Rulers.

Joseph B. Kyle Class

Timed with the birth date of the Grand Exalted Ruler, classes in his honor were conducted during the month of January with outstanding results in membership gains. The Lodge Activities Committee in its Report expressed particular appreciation.

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LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

SUBMITTING its Annual Report to the Grand Lodge, the Lodge Activities Committee revealed a year of outstanding accomplishment fulfilling a program outlined at the initial meeting in Chicago on July 21 with the Grand Exalted Ruler. Attending this meeting with the Grand Exalted were the members of the Committee: Robert L. De Hority, Elwood, Ind.; Chairman; Edward A. Dutton, Savannah, Ga.; Edwin J. Alex-

ander, Olympia, Wash.; Cyril A. Kremsler, Lakewood, Ohio; Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., and Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle.

Four Clinics Held

The Committee reports that at that meeting it was decided to arrange for a series of four Clinics to be held in the districts of the several District Deputies

NEWS OF THE LODGES

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Below: District Deputy William M. Carroll, seated center, pictured with the nine P.D.D.'s present for his official homecoming to Woodstock, Ill., Lodge. They include, seated, left to right: Charles Mason, Dr. Wm. Fletcher, Judge Carroll, Jack P. Eaton, Richard Duff. Standing: Joseph Krizek, Raymond Sheahen, J. Paul Kuhn, Franz Koehler, J. L. Townsend.



Above: When Coatesville, Pa., Lodge celebrated its 40th Anniversary, three Charter Members were honored at a banquet at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Grakelow spoke. Left to right: Charter Members Dr. G. E. Deitrich and L. A. Holton, Mr. Grakelow, E.R. Louis Troutman, Charter Member Isaac Goldberg and Secy. H. V. Atkinson.

Below: Iron Mountain, Mich., officers stand behind P.E.R. W. F. Folley, left, E.R. E. H. Warren, fourth from left, and the Jos. B. Kyle Class.

Royal Oak, Mich., Elks Hold Silver Anniversary Program

Royal Oak Lodge No. 1523 celebrated its 25th birthday with a four-day round of events climaxed by a dinner-dance. The program, arranged by E.R. J. H. Cooper and P.E.R. H. H. Carroll, was attended by 200 Elks and their ladies, and nearly all 14 P.E.R.'s. Benjamin F. Watson of the Grand Forum was the speaker.

The more than 1,000 Royal Oak Elks own their own home, constructed in 1941, and have just added a wing in which there are nine modern bowling alleys.



Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers



THE ENTIRE Order was saddened when, May 14th, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers passed away at the age of 89 after a short illness. A Charter Member of Mont-

pelier, Vt., Lodge, No. 924, and its second Exalted Ruler, in 1905, Mr. Bowers was responsible for the institution of eight lodges in that State where he had done more to benefit Elkdom than any other individual member. A former District Deputy and a Past President of the Vermont State Elks Assn., Riley Bowers had an enviable record of attendance at 44 Grand Lodge Sessions. His principal interest was the Elks Crippled Children's Camp at Goshen, and its combination dining room and auditorium will be a memorial to him.

For several years, the Riley C. Bowers Club of Massachusetts had tendered him testimonials on his birthday, the last being in 1949 when 75 Elks of that State journeyed to Burlington, Vt., to pay tribute to him.

Funeral services were held at the Unitarian Church with interment in the Green Mount Cemetery. Active pallbearers included several promi-

nent Elks, among them D.D. Asa S. Bloomer and Vt. State Assn. Secy. Robert J. Sheridan, and representatives of the carborundum business with which Mr. Bowers had been affiliated since 1883, first in Ohio where he was born, and then in Montpelier where he founded his own granite company in 1887. Honorary pallbearers numbered many New England dignitaries, among them Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan, former Grand Treas. John F. Burke, Edward A. Spry of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee and Mayor Anson F. Barber.

Mr. Bowers had been Mayor of his city, and was affiliated with the Masons and the Shrine. He is survived by his daughter, Canema Bowers, and several nieces and nephews. To them, and to his thousands of friends, the staff of the Magazine extends heartfelt sympathy.



The Junior Choir of the Franklin Reformed Church photographed during the Charity Distribution ceremonies at Nutley, N. J., Lodge when Mayor Wm. J. Jernick, Grand Treasurer, presided.



Over 700 Elks attended Lowell, Mass., Lodge's tribute to City Mgr. John J. Flannery, retiring as its Secy. after 23 years. Seated, left to right: P.E.R. J. J. Lee, Rev. G. F. Fox, Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, Mr. Flannery, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, E.R. E. A. Fitzgerald, Very Rev. J. B. Martin and Mayor G. E. Eliades. Standing: D.D. T. J. Dowd, Treas. J. R. Harrington, P.E.R. N. T. Moynihan, Toastmaster, Grand Lodge Committeemen J. E. Fenton and E. A. Spry, Grand Trustee T. J. Brady, P.D.D. J. E. Moynahan and Police Supt. J. T. Sayers.



Pictured are 16 of the 17 candidates, including two pairs of brothers, who were recently initiated into Rock Springs, Wyo., Lodge, in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle.



San Benito, Tex., Lodge's first elected officers who were on hand for the celebration of the lodge's Seventh Anniversary served in their respective offices at the special lodge meeting.

LODGE NOTES

SCRANTON, PA., Lodge, led by Secy. W. S. Gould and P.E.R.'s J. I. Myers and J. P. Dennebaum, visited the VA Hospital in Wilkes-Barre recently with gifts for the patients who were also treated to a complete Broadway floor show by these Elks . . . VANCOUVER, WASH., Lodge, through E.R. William Craine, recently presented \$100 to the local High School Band as part of the lodge's enlarged Youth Activities Program . . . NEWARK, N. Y., Elks were hosts to the first annual Elks-Masonic Bowling Tournament not long ago. Each group entered eight teams and the Elks were the victors . . . Retiring E.R. Julius Thomsen closed his term by organizing and coaching a "junior varsity" initiation team of some of COALINGA, CALIF., Lodge's youngest members who some day may be the lodge's officers. Their exemplification of the Ritual at a special meeting won plaudits from their audience . . . RENTON, WASH., Lodge's First Anniversary Class consisted of 46 representative Americans, bringing the total membership to 205. On hand for the ceremony was P.D.D. Herbert L. Odlund of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, who helped organize the lodge . . . PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Lodge's E.R. M. M. Elzholtz recently presented a check to the United Hospital's Pres. J. C. Anderson to furnish completely a semi-private room in that institution . . . MUSKEGON, MICH., Lodge recently entertained three German Police officials sent to this country to study our police methods. Having been bombarded with propoganda from East Germany that in the U.S.A. there is no freedom, we are all starving and murders are taking place all over the city streets, the visitors were amazed at what they saw when they toured the lodge home. The men were Bremerhaven's Traffic Dept. Supt. Hans Baade; 12-precinct Chief Albert Grunke of Berlin, and Police Commissioner Adolph Berger, Instructor of the Police School near Kassel which has jurisdiction over 5,000 police officers . . . One of the photos on our June Service Commission page credited the Oregon Elks with SHREVEPORT, LA., Lodge's VA Hospital Program. The picture commemorated the first of many parties planned by that lodge.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Nutley, N. J., Elks Hold Second Charity Distribution Program

Through its Pageant of Charities Committee, Nutley Lodge No. 1290 presented \$2,000 in charity to 31 churches and organizations for the second time. The town's 15 churches received awards, as did the Nutley Sun Camp Fund and many other annual drives, such as the Cancer, Tuberculosis, Cerebral Palsy, etc.

E.R. Robert Grussing Jr., explained that his lodge had raised the money through its own activities, within its own membership. At the ceremonies, presided over by Mayor William J. Jernick, Grand Treasurer, and attended by representatives of all recipient groups, the invocation was given by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony DiLuca.

Huge Crowd Attends N. Y. State Pres. Roy D. Martin's Homecoming

About 650 Elks from that section of New York State were guests of Elmira Lodge No. 62 when his lodge welcomed State Pres. Roy D. Martin on his homecoming. Among the dignitaries present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T.

Hallinan, the principal speaker, and Past State Presidents J. Theodore Moses, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight; Harry Darling; George Swalbach, and James H. Mackin, and D.D. Robert Wallace and Vice-Pres. Thomas F. Kinney.

The program, held during a well-planned banquet, had P.E.R. Wm. C. Petzke as Toastmaster who introduced the various speakers, including E.R. Wm. F. Dobberstein, Mayor Emory Strachen of Elmira and Mayor C. A. Blowers of the Village of Horseheads, all of whom extended a warm welcome to the assemblage. State Chaplain, Very Rev. Frederick Henstridge gave the Invocation and Benediction, and the Elmira Elks Band supplied a pleasant musical background.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1951

State	Place	Date
Virginia	Portsmouth	Aug. 19-20-21
Wisconsin	Baraboo	Aug. 23-24-25
Md., Dela., D. C.	Easton, Md.	Aug. 23-24-25-26
Ohio	Sandusky (Cedar Point)	Aug. 26-27-28-29
Pennsylvania	Williamsport	Aug. 27-28-29-30
New Mexico	Hobbs	Aug. 31, Sept. 1-2
Colorado	Pueblo	Sept. 6-7-8-9
California	Santa Monica	Sept. 26-27-28-29
Tennessee	Nashville	Sept. 28-29
Vermont	Windsor	Oct. 19-20-21

Barnesville, Ohio, Elks' Annual Minstrel a Big Success

The fourth Annual Minstrel Show given by Barnesville Lodge No. 1699 for the benefit of the local hospital was a sell-out at both performances. The production, which had an all-male cast, brought in \$900 for the hospital, which has received a total of \$3,600 from these yearly affairs. At one of the showings, the Elks had the youngsters from the Belmont County Children's Home as their guests.

Gastonia, N. C., Elks' Generosity Receives Public Commendation

In the past year Gastonia Lodge No. 1634 has donated \$5,226.08 to charity. This munificence was the subject of a newspaper item in the local *Gazette* not long ago, and the various organizations which have benefited from it have sent many letters of appreciation to the membership.

Four local students received \$2,000 in college scholarships, and the N. C. Elks Camp received \$1,185. The list of other campaigns, institutions and individuals which received aid from No. 1634 is too long to include here, but overlooks no worthy cause in the community.



When Atlantic City, N. J., honored its 50-year members P.D.D. E. J. Eckstein, Chairman, congratulated, seated, left to right, 56-year Elk F. J. McIntyre; 53-year Elk Isaac Levy; 51-year Elk Judge C. C. Babcock, and, standing, left, 51-year Elk Harry Schoenthal; center is Dr. S. A. Salasin, P.E.R., special speaker, and right, E.R. S. I. Leopold.



Hibbing, Minn., Lodge entertained city shut-ins at its 11th annual dinner program, which included games and movies, with songs by the Elk-sponsored Community Chorus. Wheel-chair and crutches victims Alice Samson, Eddie Slapnick, Mary M. Somers and Mary Marana, left to right, with Chairman P. T. Brown, left, and E.R. J. W. Aura.



South Bend, Ind., Lodge's \$405 check is presented to the St. Joseph County Heart Fund. Left to right: Mrs. C. D. Linton, Chairman, Exalted Ruler R. D. Bonnell, E.R.-elect A. L. Flack, Jr., and Albert Schlorch.



At the Elks' annual Sports Banquet E.R. Chester Dukes of Kendallville, Ind., Lodge, right, congratulates Leo Hornett, winner of a \$100 scholarship award for outstanding scholastic and athletic accomplishments.



Retiring Exalted Ruler Carroll Young, left, presents Life Memberships to Harry L. Pitner, center, who was the first Exalted Ruler of Fairfield, Illinois, Lodge, and to Eldon P. Fleming, right, who has been Chaplain of that branch of the Order ever since it was instituted.



At the quarterly get-together of Goldfield, Tonopah and Hawthorne, Nev., and Bishop, Calif., Elks were, left to right: Nev. State Pres. Fred W. Smith, Tonopah E.R. Glenn Jones, Goldfield, E.R. J. H. Simpson, Hawthorne E.R. James Purrell and Nev. D.D. G. A. Rydell.



Left: The sectional championship Meadville, Pa., High School Basketball Team, honored by the local Elks at a dinner and gift presentation program, with Elk officials.

Below: Laguna Beach, Calif., Lodge honored local civic leaders at a dinner recently. They included many officials of the city, school board and various utility companies. The guests are pictured here with E.R. Wendell Hall, right.

Annual Minstrel Show Brings Plaudits to San Antonio, Tex., Lodge

San Antonio Lodge No. 216 put on its Charity Minstrel Show two evenings in the Municipal Auditorium with outstanding results. Over 60 were in the cast, plus half-a-dozen specialty numbers. A novelty innovation was the inclusion of ten end-women, the wives of Elks, to augment the ten end-men.

So many were the requests for repeat performances, not only from Elks but from thousands of soldiers in the area, that E.R. Homer T. McClaugherty put on a sort of "command performance" in the Brooke Army Hospital Service Club for the many Korean casualties there. That it was a success was evidenced by the fact that a standing committee for the Army which gauges the value of all shows given at the Fort Sam Theater, gave this one a rating of 996 out of a possible 1,000, the highest ever awarded. Two of the singers were called back five times.

St. Cloud, Minn., Elks Community Benefactors

The recent gift made by the Elks of St. Cloud Lodge No. 516 to the newly completed St. Michael's Hospital in Sauk Centre isn't the only medical equipment they maintain. An iron lung, 17 wheel chairs, eight hospital beds, two respirators, two fracture beds and other equipment are provided for the community.

The latest gift, a "polio pack" machine is used to keep wet packs hot for use in the treatment of polio.



Below: Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the opening of Homestead, Fla., Lodge's new home were participated in by, left to right: Coral Gables P.E.R. Walter Wigman, Homestead Exalted Ruler R. J. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, District Deputy and Mrs. J. P. Wendler, Mrs. C. A. Campbell and P.E.R. Campbell of the host lodge and P.D.D. Peter Ross.



NEWS OF THE LODGES

Below: These Galveston, Tex., Elks, including E.R. L. M. Drew, seventh from left, were on the committee for the Western Calf Scramble Dance sponsored by the lodge to raise funds for the purchase of a calf to be given to a worthy 4-H Club boy who will raise the animal. This fall the calf will be sold at auction, the proceeds going to the education of the boy, 13-year-old John David, Jr.



Above: These men are the team which won the Elks Bowling League in Fremont, Ohio, over 23 other groups.



Medford, Mass., officers with the class they initiated in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle.



Eight new Americans receive congratulations from Justice W. A. Grimes at Naturalization Ceremonies at Laconia, N. H., when, as a patriotic gesture, retiring E.R. Donald W. MacIsaac delivered an oration on our National Emblem and presented a flag to each new citizen as a gift of the lodge.



Evidence of the cooperation of Iron River, Mich., Lodge in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the discovery of iron ore is shown by these Elks who got into the spirit and raised beards.

Glendale, Calif., Elks Hold 19th Annual Press Night

An outstanding group of Elks of Glendale Lodge No. 1289 was on hand for the lodge's 19th Annual Press Night, emceed by Chairman Roy N. Clayton for the 19th consecutive time. As special guests, in addition to newspapermen, there were many civic officials of the county and of Glendale, one of whom was Mayor George R. Wickham, P.E.R.

The principal speaker was USMC Capt. B. S. Read, recovering from wounds sustained in Korea, who reported on his experiences in that conflict. Brief remarks were also made by Lt. Col. G. H. West, USMC Area Public Relations officer for the War Dept., and Brig. Gen. Wm. J. Fox, USMC Ret., now County Director of Aviation and the author of a recent *Saturday Evening Post* article, "Our Guns Never Get Cold".

E.R. R. T. Marvin conducted a short business session prior to the program which was followed by a professional vaudeville show and refreshments.

Chicago, Ill., Lodge No. 4 Reports Much Activity

A class of over 90 new members was initiated into Chicago Lodge recently at impressive ceremonies held in the Mural Room of the Morrison Hotel. E.R. William B. MacDonald, Jr., turned over the initiatory work to the Oak Park Elks' Ritualistic Team under the direction of P.E.R. George Thornton; the event was witnessed by 22 P.E.R.'s and present leaders from the Midwest.

Previous to the ceremony, a dinner was served in the lodge's fine new home and Open House was held immediately after the initiation. Of the 91 new Elks in this class, named in honor of Edward L. Wilson, Mng. Director of the Trailer Coach Mfrs. Assn., 52 were from that industry. Six other Elks from Michigan and Indiana, where most of these coaches are made, came to Chicago for the event.

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ladies' luncheon, a dinner for Ritualistic Team members, officers and former Presidents; a breakfast for all E.R.'s, Secretaries, D.D.'s and other guests of honor, culminating in a banquet and grand ball honoring Mr. Warner, the other special guests, and retiring Pres. Roscoe Moore.

OKLAHOMA

The largest Convention in the history of the Okla. State Elks Assn. found 600 persons in Tulsa for a four-day meeting. Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle was the principal speaker, introduced by Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary. Special Deputy Floyd Brown was also in attendance at the session, during which impressive Memorial Services were held with Judge Eben L. Taylor as speaker.

In the Ritualistic Contest, Duncan Lodge defeated the Shawnee and Bartlesville contingents, and State scholarship awards were given to Marilon Brown, Barbara Benich, Janice Gregory and Joyce Gregory who placed in the contest in that order; first place in the Leadership Contest was won by Florine Daugan.

Officers for the ensuing year are Pres., Ed Green, Duncan; 1st Vice-Pres., Arthur J. Hall, Bartlesville; 2nd Vice-Pres., D. E. McCrosky, Ada; 3rd Vice-Pres., C. R. Horton, El Reno; Treas., Temple Benbrook, Woodward; Secy., Raymond Sharp, Duncan; Trustee (five years) L. A. Wood, Bristow.

MISSISSIPPI

T. E. Rawls of Hattiesburg was re-elected as President of the Mississippi State Elks Assn. in annual conclave at Hattiesburg May 5th and 6th. In order to accomplish this, the delegates first had to change the Assn. constitution, making it possible for an officer to succeed himself. Archy Fairly, also of Hattiesburg, will continue as Secy., and J. T. Peatross of Jackson will serve another term as Treas. Two new Vice-Presidents were elected, Elmer Dunnivant of Biloxi for the So. Dist., and Bruce F. Greenlee of Greenwood for the No. Dist. The Assn. will meet in Greenwood in 1952.

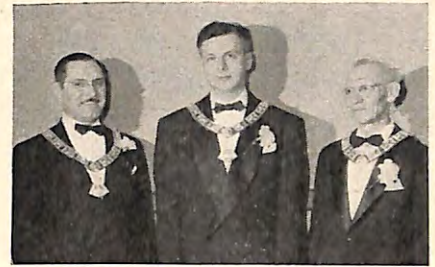
Highlighting the business session was the presentation of \$300 scholarships to Gwendolyn Michaels and Dalton Burch by Dr. R. C. Cook. Delegates were welcomed by Past Grand Tiler Sidney A. Freudenstein and Special Deputy W. A. Rexer of Alexandria, La.

Gulfport Lodge successfully defended its Ritualistic title, and Doc Powell of Hattiesburg won the Elks handicap golf tourney. On the 5th, the 300 delegates and their ladies were entertained at a barbecue and square dance.

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A Family Affair

The popularity of the Order as a family Fraternity is evidenced in the many veteran Elks who installed younger members of their families as Exalted Rulers this year.



At Holyoke, Mass., D.D. J. A. Starzyk; E.R. Wm. A. Engel; P.E.R. Adolph Engel, father.



Marion, Ill., Lodge's E.R. John E. Giles, Jr., left; his father, State Pres. Giles.



Woodward, Okla., Lodge's E.R. W. G. Darbro, Jr., left; his father, P.E.R. Darbro, Sr.



Pontiac, Ill., P.E.R. Albert Markgraf, Jr., E.R. R. J. Harris, Jr.; P.E.R. Harris, Sr.



Hastings, Neb., E.R. C. M. Gann, left, and his father-in-law, P.E.R. Dr. B. R. Gibbs.



Medina, N. Y., P.E.R. Eugene E. Anderson, left, and son, E.R. Richard J. Anderson.



Escondido, Calif., E.R. Jackson Settles, right; father, Ernest, Oceanside P.E.R.



Ottawa, Kans., E.R. Howard Larson, left, and four-time P.E.R. father, John, P.D.D.



Traverse City, Mich., Elk Frank Sleder, left; sons E.R. Julius, P.E.R. Eric, right.



Left: Elk luminaries at Moscow, Ida., Lodge included, left to right: Edwin J. Alexander of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, E.R. Don Corless, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, D.D. L. L. White and P.E.R. J. O. Thompson.

Right: At Aberdeen, Wash., left to right: Mr. Alexander, D.D. George Warren, Mr. Kyle, E.R. Mitchell Kalin, Mr. Anderson, Mayor Ed Lundgren and former Washington S. W. District Deputies M. B. Lytle and Guy E. Taylor.



The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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NO. 215 when about 300 persons were guests at open house and a dinner. Elks from Lufkin, Mexia, Marshall, Longview and Crockett Lodges were on hand for the well-planned and very enjoyable program.

LUFKIN LODGE NO. 1027 was the next to receive a call on the 25th, when, after taking the Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife on a tour of the lodge home, E.R. H. L. Hellberg and his fellow members were hosts at a hotel luncheon. In the evening a large crowd attended a dinner at the home of HOUSTON LODGE NO. 151, later adjourning to WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE LODGE NO. 1828 for a special meeting at which a large class, among them, Pasadena's Mayor Sam Hoover, was initiated for Houston, West University Place and Pasadena Lodges by a selected Degree Team of officers of the three branches of the Order. The leaders of these lodges were present to welcome the visitor from Indiana, as were Grand Est. Loyal Knight M. A. deBettencourt, D.D. R. B. Lockett and Past Presidents R. L. Wright and J. A. Gibson, and Mr. Pray.

At noon on the 26th, Mr. Kyle was the guest of Texas' newest lodge, PASADENA NO. 1832 and made a tour of the industrial district of that area. A fine meeting with E.R. L. M. Drew and members of GALVESTON LODGE NO. 126 took place that evening, and on the 27th, E.R. Jess Ruddell welcomed the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party to a luncheon at EL CAMPO LODGE NO. 1749. A sizable gathering of Elks and their ladies enjoyed a fine program of entertainment given by contestants in the Elks Scholarship and Most Valuable Student competitions.

An evening meeting was held at the home of CORPUS CHRISTI LODGE NO. 1628 when E.R. M. H. Bartholomew, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight George Strauss, D.D. J. H. Schmidt and several other officials enjoyed dinner, and later attended a lodge session at which the new officers of No. 1628 initiated an outstanding group of candidates.

On the 28th, the magnificent TEXAS ELKS CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL was toured by the Grand Exalted Ruler who was deeply impressed with the splendid work the Elks of the State are doing at this wonderful institution.

Welcomed by E.R. H. T. McClaugherty of SAN ANTONIO LODGE NO. 216, the Order's leader and his escorts, including Past Presidents H. A. Nass and C. E. Smeltz enjoyed dinner at a local hotel, later attending a fine meeting at the home of the lodge.

At noon on the 29th, TEMPLE LODGE NO. 138 had the visiting luminaries as luncheon guests with E.R. J. E. Hundley and D.D. Henry Wendlandt extending a gracious welcome to one of the largest crowds ever to turn out for an Elk event there. In the afternoon, the newly-renovated home of WACO LODGE NO. 166 was the scene of a gala open house reception, with E.R. A. A. Moody, Past Pres. F. W. Beckstead and their fellow Elks exhibiting true Southern hospitality.

Mr. Kyle's last day in Texas found him as the guest of honor at an outstanding luncheon meeting with E.R. W. P. Howle and D.D. H. S. Lemmons at the home of WICHITA FALLS LODGE NO. 1105, and at AMARILLO LODGE NO. 923 for an officers'

dinner with E.R. F. E. Ravey and Past Pres. V. A. Powell. Later the gathering adjourned to the lodge room for a meeting attended by the largest crowd of the entire Texas tour, with eight of the Tex. West Dist.'s 11 lodges represented.

Early in May, the Kyles were once again in their home State and on the 5th, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited PORTLAND, IND., LODGE NO. 768, when he, his secretary, John L. MacLennan, Chairman R. L. DeHority of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, D.D. Ray Miller, State Trustee Dr. W. A. Hart, P.D.D. Leonard Imel and many others were guests of E.R. Wm. Hedrick and his fellow Elks at a well-attended banquet.

Traveling to Illinois, on May 9th Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Kyle were guests of honor of E.R. William B. MacDonald, Jr., and the other members of CHICAGO LODGE NO. 4 at the celebration of the opening of the lodge's fine new downtown quarters. Over 1,500 members of N.E. Illinois Elksdom participated in this three-day program which was attended by Miss Bonnie Weber, local television producer, to gather material for a show on Elksdom which was televised over a Chicago network on May 15th.



The Order's leader, standing seventh from left, is pictured with local lodge officers and Grand Lodge officials who participated in the dedication of the fine new home of Shelby, Mont., Lodge.

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NEVADA

A very successful Convention of the Nevada State Elks Assn. took place May 24, 25 and 26 with Hawthorne, a small-town lodge, gaining a big reputation as a capable host. Varied entertainment was provided, with the tour through the Naval Ammunition Depot the biggest drawing-card. Las Vegas Lodge won top honors in the popular Ritualistic Contest in which Elko placed second and Ely third. Distinguished guests included Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, D.D. Earl J. Williams, P.D.D.'s Nick W. Mandich, Sr., and John P. Martin, Jr., and Past State Vice-Pres. Ray Conover, all of California.

Nevada's Youth Activities, particularly scholarship and essay awards, were stressed, with special accent on the State's crippled children, especially those stricken with cerebral palsy, in whose interests a committee headed by P.E.R. E. P. Caffrey of Reno is doing yeoman work.

Officers for the coming year are Pres., Hallie S. Eddy, Winnemucca; Vice-Pres., No., Antone Harrison, Ely; Vice-Pres., So., A. S. Proctor, Las Vegas; Secy.-Treas., L. P. Davis, Boulder City; Trustees: Chas. Smith, Ely; Taylor H. Wines, Elko, and O. K. Adcock, Las Vegas.

ARIZONA

One of the largest Arizona Elks Assn. Conventions recently came to a close after a four-day series of interesting and important events. Over 600 Elks and their ladies representing all 17 lodges of the State and many others were the guests of Bisbee Lodge No. 671. Among the visitors were Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. L. A. Lewis.

It was voted to continue contributing \$1,000 to the Arizona Boys' Ranch, a non-profit institution guiding wayward youths, and the sponsorship of recreational activities at the Arizona Industrial School. A gift was also made to the Florence Crittenton Home.

Tucson Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest, followed by Yuma and Phoenix. The Assn. voted \$1,500 to the first place team to promote interest in this work. This was the first year that found organized golf and bowling tournaments on the agenda, and Phoenix Lodge annexed top honors in both events.

Officers to handle Arizona Elksdom's affairs for the next year are: Pres., Elman Pace, Safford; Vice-Pres. Arthur Turner, Miami; Sec., Frank Evans, Safford. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Winslow; the midwinter conference in Phoenix.

The meeting closed with the annual banquet and ball, when Past Pres. H. E. Williams acted as Toastmaster.

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Rod and Gun

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against the pull of the rod, circled vainly to attain the reeds. I brought him in, although he was still protesting vigorously, fumbled for my stringer and finally let him drop back into the water in my haste to catch another.

Each cast for a dozen or more was a repetition of the first. False cast, shoot line, work the bug, strike, a short, intense struggle, then remove the hook, string the fish and cast again. I missed some, of course, and some of them got off. A few darted into the reeds, but I soon discovered that it was a case of hold them or lose them, and I did my best.

When the fishing over the first bed became slow, I waded on to another. That was the same thing all over again, but better, if such a thing were possible, because the second bed was bigger and there were more fish. When business began to lag there, I went on to the third.

Soon the whole process blended into a rapturous haze, a succession of casts and strikes and playing fish and whipping water from the line to cast again. Eventually, Bryant's calling from the boat ended my reverie. "Hey!" he shouted, "don't you ever eat when you're fishin'?"

I glanced at my watch. The hands somehow had sneaked around from nine to nearly one. It was past time for lunch, and as I waded reluctantly toward the skiff I felt the stringer dragging heavy on my belt.

I crawled in and spread my line on the seat to dry and then we poured the coffee and unwrapped our sandwiches. I felt

wonderfully tired and contented. We sprawled in the wide boat, stretching our weary legs, and leaned back against the sides. The talk, as it always is when anglers are successful, was light and foolish and cheerful. I have forgotten all of it except for one remark that Bryant made.

"You know," he said, "a fisherman generally is such a frustrated, put-upon, brow-beaten sort of cuss that it does him good once in a while to catch a great plenty of fish."

There, I think, is the real secret for the popularity of all the panfishes, everywhere in the United States. They're such prolific little rascals that in most waters anglers catch too few, rather than too many. That is the reason why it was perfectly all right for Bryant Baker and me to take them off their spawning beds in Lake Okeechobee, and why many states have neither closed season nor daily limit.

The word *panfish* was coined, I suppose, to describe fish that were good to eat. It includes all of the sunfish, such as crappies, bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass and the rest. These are all bred in the South, although the name seems to be applied more frequently to the bluegill than to any of the others. The yellow perch also is a panfish. For some reason, the bullhead, which is of similar size and certainly is "good in the pan," does not seem to be included by general usage in the list.

The chief difference between the pan-



They know how to fish in Eugene, Oregon, as evidenced by this string of striped bass taken by Elk Bob Biddle and his wife in two and one-half hours' fishing in Coos Bay. The largest fish measured 45 inches, 35 pounds; total weight of the string was 155 pounds. Incidentally, Mrs. Biddle was responsible for the big one that didn't get away.

fish and the game fish is one of size. Two of the qualities that ordinarily distinguish the fish we call game are (1) a willingness to strike an artificial lure and (2) the ability to make a spirited resistance after being hooked. All of the panfish strike lures readily and some of them more than qualify on the second count as well.

The trouble is that they usually are caught on tackle much too heavy. An eight-ounce bluegill, game though he may be, doesn't have much chance when he is hooked on an outfit strong enough to land a bass ten times as heavy.

The way to have the most fun with any of the panfish is to use a light fly rod with suitable flies or small lures. Then you're meeting them on a more equal basis. Each strike will furnish a distinct thrill; the landing of each fish will be problem enough to be interesting, and the fact that you can catch so many of them—provided you find the right spot at the right time—will make the hours spent angling for them most enjoyable.

LAST spring, on one of those wonderful first pleasant days, when the air is loaded with a sweet, warm freshness and the wild flowers are just beginning to push up through the moist earth, my brother Burt and I drifted our canoe into a long bay on a lake not far from where we live. It was, we hoped, time for the crappies to start schooling in the shallow water. Yet as we fished in we weren't able to get a strike.

We beached the canoe on a little grassy spot at the head of the bay and took out our lunch. We built a tiny fire and boiled the coffee. Then we ate our sandwiches and lolled in the sunshine. Two hours passed quickly, and Burt said, "Let's try it again."

He stepped out on a nearby rock and made a cast and waited for his fly to sink. I took my rod and walked along the shore to another open spot and stripped line from the reel. I heard Burt say, "Hah!" His rod was bent. He was playing a fish. Soon he brought it to his feet and reached down and got it by the lower jaw, like you would a bass, and held up a deep, silvery crappie for me to see.

Meanwhile, I had made my cast. I jerked the dry line on the surface so that it would start to sink. After a few seconds, I began to recover it slowly by looping it back and forth in my left hand. Then came the sharp rap of the typical crappie strike. I had one on!

I landed him. He was small, so I turned him loose and cast again. Burt had another. I hooked my second before he could turn his loose. Then, for the next hour, one or the other of us, and sometimes both, were playing crappies all the time.

There is no limit in this particular lake, but after years of trout fishing, neither of us can bring himself to kill a great many fish. We kept only the larg-

est, which weighed about a pound apiece, and turned the others loose.

This habit of running into bays in great schools is typical of crappies everywhere in the spring. Where there had been no fish two hours before, it now was almost impossible to make a cast without hooking one. Burt landed 25 without stepping down off the rock where he began fishing. Then he moved to another spot, 20 yards away, and caught 25 more. I don't know how many I caught because I got mixed up and lost track after about a dozen. Mathematics is not my strong point.

After Burt had caught 50 and kept eight, the fishing began to slow down in the head of the bay. We got into the canoe and worked out toward the lake, following one shore and casting to the weeds and brush in the water. The action was just as fast. It was cast, wait for the fly to sink, retrieve, strike, play him in, turn him loose, cast again. It became almost automatic.

After we had skimmed the cream off the first bay, we moved to another and continued the process. The sun set long before it should have, but still we caught them. Finally, just as dusk was approaching, they quit with the suddenness and finality of a scholar closing his book. We made a dozen casts without a single strike and then headed the canoe down the lake toward the waiting car and home.

That, in my opinion, is first-class fishing. I am not ashamed to admit that I enjoy it. My reply to all those adult anglers who scornfully call all panfish "boy's fish"—as though it were an insult to be caught by a boy—is simply: "Nuts!" What higher purpose is there for any fish to serve?

And this, of course, brings us to another facet of the little warriors. They are the most democratic and least suspicious of fish. While I prefer to catch them on a light fly rod—and believe that any mature angler will find the most sport in that way—still fancy tackle is not necessary. A youngster with a light cane pole, a brightly painted bobber and a snelled hook on which is impaled a wiggling worm, a struggling grasshopper or cricket, or a minnow, will catch just as many and have even more fun than a grown-up angler with his high-priced gear.

IN FACT, there is a great fascination for everyone in watching the quivering float, waiting breathlessly for it finally to plunge beneath the surface. There is solid satisfaction, too, as the bending cane meets the sharp tug on the line, in the short struggle and, finally, in the gleaming arc the catch describes as it hurtles from the water to land with a solid thump on the bank behind the angler. I like that kind of fishing, too.

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face, but at times little bugs—exactly like bass bugs, but smaller—are better for the other two. Bluegills also like them when they are in shallow water or near the surface. Sometimes, however, regular dry flies are better.

Bluegills, pumpkinseeds and the other sunfish feed primarily on insects. When they are not surfacing, tiny wet flies,

fished slowly and deep around the underwater weeds, are best for them.

Small minnows are the best bait for crappies, rock bass and perch most of the time, although they frequently bite willingly on many others. For the sunfish, a cricket, small grasshopper, catalpa worm or plain, old angle worm is hard to beat.

For Elks Who Travel

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Quinte are Maskinonge, bass and pickereel.

For all intents and purposes Toronto is a business city and, although there are rubberneck tours to be taken, it is not a place for tourists. The exception is from the end of August through the first two weeks of September, which is the usual time for the Canadian National Exhibition, the biggest fair in Canada. It is called the "ex" by everyone and attracts over 2,500,000 people every year, half of them Americans.

The oldest and best developed resort section in all Ontario are the 1600 square

miles of the Muskoka district, three and a half driving hours north of Toronto on King's Highway No. 11 or Route 27. The Canadian railways and a bus line service it daily, too. Muskoka is hilly and rocky and the fishing, outside of trout, is only fair, but the land is lovely with evergreens, birches and dogwood which surround some 300 lakes. But Muskoka, which has been in business longest, has probably the best set of resort hotels in the Province and its innkeepers have developed a certain local fame.

None of the high-domed boys can

Of course, I don't claim that any of the panfish will break up your tackle and make you turn gray, the way some game fish do. I do maintain, however, that fishing for them with the tackle that suits you best is fun, real fun. And as Bryant Baker said that day on Lake Okeechobee, it does an angler good, occasionally, to catch a great plenty of fish.

quite come to an agreement on the origin of the Muskoka. There are those—probably Chamber of Commerce people—who say it comes from Misquadeh, an old medicine man whose name meant "Clear Sky". Other sources say "no". It is a corruption of the name of Indian Chief Maska-Ukee, chief of the Ramas, who fought in the War of 1812. Another camp insists it comes from Musquash, a chief of the Hurons.

Lake steamers will take you west—and so will the train or a plane or your car—and after crossing the length of Huron and Superior you land at Port Arthur, still in Ontario. The resorts are endless, but the roads get fewer the farther north you go. Up in the Lake of the Woods, from Minaki north up to Red Lake, the Province of Ontario lists 51 camps ranging in price from \$6 to \$35 a day. For the \$35, however, you get a guide, boat and motor. One of the swankiest places is Minaki Lodge. It is operated by the CNR, has a golf course, and the women sometimes dress formally on Saturday nights. Unlike most resorts, the only way you can get in is by boat. Coming on the Canadian Pacific you go as far as Kenora, then take a launch for an hour-and-a-half ride into Minaki. On the CNR the launch ride from the Minaki station is only 20 minutes. There are no roads, no cars and, until recently, no phones. There is a fine main lodge, and a number of elegant log cabins. On Saturdays there's an orchestra, but every day there is a rush for the boats and the guides, both of which are lined up on the docks early in the morning. Muskies and pike are the big catch. Besides the golfing and the fishing, not to mention the occasional dancing, there are the walks into the village to look at the Ojibways, who pitch their tents in the woods, to shop in the outpost of the Hudson's Bay Company for such handy items as snowshoes and bear-skins. As for the Indians, they drop all their dough on sensible things like bubble gum and popsicles.

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For publishing last Fall the articles "Why We Have Communists", by Bruno Shaw, and "Foe To Freedom", by F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover, *The Elks Magazine* received this Certificate of Recognition and a bronze medal from the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. The award was made in connection with the annual presentations to organizations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of freedom. In a letter to the Magazine accompanying the Certificate, Kenneth D. Wells, president of Freedoms Foundation, said: "With this award we extend our congratulations for the fine work you are doing to preserve and extend the American Way of Life as exemplified in your award winning work."

Excerpts from Annual Report of the Lodge Activities Committee

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ciation for the support the Lodges accorded this program in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Secretaries' Class

To honor the officer whose work often is not fully appreciated, but who does a major job and, in many instances, is responsible for the very existence of the lodge, this Secretaries Class was conducted. Results were most gratifying and the Committee not only expressed its appreciation of the Lodges that paid tribute to their Secretaries but also strongly recommended that a class in their honor be held for years to come.

National Newspaper Week

Following up last year's successful event, National Newspaper Week again was held in October. This year, 31 per cent more lodges participated in this event, which is aimed to express the Order's appreciation of the support it receives from the Nation's press. Results of the lodge contest run in connection with National Newspaper Week were:

Group I (1000 Members)

1. San Antonio, Tex., No. 216
2. Inglewood, Calif., No. 1492
3. Charleston, W. V., No. 202

Group II (500-1000 Members)

1. Coldwater, Mich., No. 1023
2. Trenton, N. J., No. 105
3. Tyrone, Pa., No. 212

Group III (Under 500 Members)

1. Norwood, Mass., No. 1124
2. St. Paul, Minn., No. 59
3. Longview, Tex., No. 1128

Memorial Services

Lodges were urged by bulletins to prepare Memorial Services that would be a credit to the traditions of the Order. Lodges selected for conducting the most outstanding Services were:

Group I (1000 Members)

1. Nashville, Tenn., No. 72
2. Binghamton, N. Y., No. 853
3. Sunbury, Pa., No. 267

Group II (500-1000 Members)

1. Cumberland, Md., No. 63
2. Cut Bank, Mont., No. 1632
3. Laconia, N. M., No. 876

Group III (Under 500 Members)

1. Walsenburg, Colo., No. 1086
2. Texarkana, Ark., No. 399
3. Martinsville, Va., No. 1752

Lodge Bulletin Contest

In January, February and March, the Lodge Bulletin Contest again was held. This contest was very successful, the Lodge Activities Committee reported, with many lodges not previously competing in the contest submitting an entry. Particularly encouraging was the fact that many entries were from lodges not previously publishing a bulletin. Results of this Contest were as follows in the tables below.

Group I (1000 Members)

1. Nashville, Tenn., No. 72
2. Houston, Tex., No. 151
3. Great Falls, Mont., No. 214
4. Sacramento, Calif., No. 6

Group II (500-1000 Members)

1. Oregon City, Ore., No. 1189
2. Herrin, Ill., No. 1146
3. Mendota, Ill., No. 1212
4. Corning, N. Y., No. 1071

Group III (Under 500 Members)

1. Linton, Ind., No. 866
2. Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., No. 693
3. Lakewood, N. J., No. 1432
4. Three Rivers, Mich., No. 1248

Conclusion

Summarizing its findings for the year, the Lodge Activities Committee unanimously recommends the continuance of periodic clinics and again calls attention to the mandatory services of the Grand Lodge. The Committee strongly urges all lodges to continue their Bulletins and encourages Lodges not presently publishing a Bulletin to institute one because of the opportunity presented to encourage regular attendance at meetings and perpetuation of membership.



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In the Doghouse

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heard of the Russian wolfhound—well, he is a wolfhound and he is Russian, but the higher-ups in dog-lore now call him the borzoi, and don't ask me why. Some of the hound dogs whose special titles need no elucidation are the foxhounds, coonhounds, elkhounds, otterhounds, deerhounds and the Irish wolfhounds.

On the dog tracks you'll find the greyhound the center of attention. Perhaps the swiftest of all dogs, he isn't called greyhound because of his color; he can, and does, come in any color known among dogs. The name is derived from his ancient title, the Greek hound, which just became greyhound through contraction. His smaller cousin, in the same group, is the whippet, another canine speed demon whose name is said to have come from the sound a whip makes as it is whirled through the air.

Let's take the Dachshund—no, you take him; I use too many revolving doors. This drawn-out chap gets his name from the badger for the very good reason that he originally was developed to hunt that critter. He's a misleading pooch, and his apologetic expression is a canine come-on; he can fight like—well, you know what—and if you know anything about the badger, who's a mean citizen, you'll understand why our friend the Doxy is plenty tough himself. *Dachs* is a German noun for badger; the dog is a hound—hence, Dachshund.

Next there's the harrier, the hare dog, used to hunt the hare. Last and most interesting, but described in the preceding article so we won't go into it here, is the barkless dog of the jungles, African basenji, meaning "bush thing".

The third group, the so-called working

dogs, lists 29 varieties and 26 breeds, three of which contain two varieties apiece. All of these are truly working dogs, some of them now kept merely as pets. Their origins backtrack to days when their efficiency meant a great deal to man's existence, and many of them are still employed as workers. Heading the list is the Alaskan Malamute, named for the American Eskimos, the Innuits, a word which means "man". Here, too, you'll find the Belgian and German shepherds, the old English shepherd or, properly, the sheepdog, and the Shetland sheepdog. Here too is the Bernese mountain dog, the Great Pyrenees, the Great Dane, who isn't a Dane, but a German, the bull mastiff, the Newfoundland and the Siberian Husky. Incidentally, our old friend Webster tells us that when we talk about the Newfoundland dog we are to accent the second syllable, thus, *Newfoundland*, but when we refer to the locality, we bear down on the first syllable—*Newfoundland*. I like Webster, but when he gets arbitrary, I lose some of my enthusiasm for him. He has another annoying habit too; when you want to consult him about spelling, you have to know how to spell the word before you can find it in his book.

GETTING back to Fido, we find the Belgian Bouviers des Flandres, a cattle-driving dog whose name, *bouvier*, means just that—a driver of cattle. A dog that is winning increasing popularity is the boxer, a German animal whose name comes from its habit of standing on its hind legs and using its paws when fighting another dog. In another member of this group we have one of the finest of

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A LETTER from the U. S. Treasury Department to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, has provided an official ruling of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue establishing that contributions and bequests to the Elks National Foundation are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes. In the letter to Mr. Malley, Deputy Commissioner E. I. McLarney of the Treasury Department ruled as follows:

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the big dogs, the Briard, a large, shaggy animal, usually dark-colored, whose gait resembles a bear's. He's highly intelligent and docile, and is a splendid herder. He comes from the Brie district of France, the same place that gives us Brie cheese; and for this reason he is known affectionately as the cheese hound.

Not too many people know that there are two varieties of the collie—the smooth- and the rough-coated. The name *collie* is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "coll", meaning black. Whether the dog was black originally, or whether he got the name from herding blackfaced sheep is a moot question among its breeders. Then there's the dog named for a dog-catcher, the Doberman pinscher. It seems that one Louis Doberman, dog-catcher for the town of Apolda in Germany, is responsible for the breed. The word *pinscher* means terrier; although the dog is definitely not a terrier, he may have some terrier blood in him. St. Bernards, as you may know, were named for the hospice of that name in the Alps and the deeds of these animals have long been known to the world, particularly their heroic rescues of persons lost in the terrible Alpine storms.

A dog that has two blood cousins relegated to the terrier group is the giant Schnauzer. He's a Bavarian and his name, a German one, means snout. He's rough-coated and has one of the deepest, most sinister barks of any dog I ever heard. He's bold, intelligent, a hard worker and as a herdsman there's none better. In this group, another working dog is the Samoyede, an Arctic dog named for the Samoyedes, a Siberian Mongolian people. This one is a sled-puller and an all-round assistant to the people of the Far North. As a pure-bred, he should be snow-white with no markings. One of his cousins is the Eskimo, a dog of similar type.

A few dogs you won't see unless you frequent the larger dog shows are the komondorock, the pulik, the Rottweilers and the kuvaz. The komondorock and the kuvaz are Austrians, both herders. The

latter's name is Turkish and means guardian of royalty. The pulik is Hungarian and, frankly, the best I can do to spot this purp's name sense is that it is simply a term for a small dog. An approximation of the name komondorock indicates that it comes from the Slavic term for commander. The Rottweiler is named for the German city of Rottweil. This fellow is a puller of carts as well as a herder, and a pretty useful canine citizen generally. Last in the group are two varieties of the Welsh corgi, the Pembroke and the Cardigan. The name *corgi* is the equivalent of "dwarf dog", and that's exactly what these little fellows are—short-legged mites, roughly of fox-like appearance.

AMONG the terriers, Group No. 4, are 21 breeds, two of them of two varieties each. Fifteen of these bear place names, and if you own one of them you'll know why it is so named. Of the lesser-known name derivations, there's the bull-terrier, an English dog, well known in this country and so named because the bulldog played a large part in its development. Next there's the cairn, a Scotsman named from the Gaelic term for a heap of stones. Another dog named for a person is the Dandie Dinmont, another Scotsman, oddly enough, named for a person who never lived, a character from Sir Walter Scott's novel, "Guy Mannering". He's a little, rough-coated tyke with a bushy head that gives him the appearance of being perpetually surprised. Our well-known friend, the fox terrier, both the smooth-coated and the wire-haired varieties, gets its name from his use in fox-hunting. Usually, he was carried by a mounted groom, so that when and if Br'er Fox denned up, the foxhounds, not diggers like the terriers, would give way and the little terrier could rout out Mr. Fox.

And now, to round out the group, and, as a matter of fact, to round out this article which will be continued next month, we'll mention the miniature and the standard Schnauzers, and let it go at that.



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Communism—What You Can Do About It!

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and irresponsible today—unless he is willing to pay the price of adverse publicity.

c. Initiate letter-writing campaigns to the President and Congress and to national, state and local officials to counteract similar Communist drives.

With the help of its numerous fronts, the Communist party has often succeeded in deluging government officials with letters endorsing its stand on matters of vital importance to national security. These campaigns can be defeated only if the government officials concerned know what is going on—and only if they know the stand of loyal Americans on the subject in question.

d. Destroy the effectiveness of concealed Communist propaganda by keeping the community informed of shifts and developments in the current party line.

WORK IN SECRET

The great majority (about 85 per cent) of Communists are secret party members. Recently the party directed all its members to infiltrate every possible non-Communist organization. Communists are working in the Republican and Democratic parties, in church groups of all denominations, in women's clubs, in fraternal, civic and veterans' organizations.

The only way to protect your community against these hidden traitor-propagandists is to keep the people informed of the party's stand on all issues of the day. They can recognize the party line only if they know it.

Here are a few suggestions for insuring the success of your local committee: See that the committee is completely non-partisan, that it engages in no activity except that of exposing and fighting Communism.

Keep the committee small, and make sure that there are only hard workers on it.

It is essential that at least one key member of the committee be well-versed on the subject of the Communist party, its strategy, tactics, line, fronts, fellow-travelers, etc.

The chairman should be well-known and respected in the community. Committee members should be of such caliber that the organization will merit the support of every group in the community—management and labor, all political parties, all religious denominations, etc. If practicable, each one of these groups should be represented on the committee.

Qualified attorneys should serve as legal advisers. Exposing Communist activity is a tricky business and should not be attempted on an organizational basis without the help of capable lawyers.

Several committees will have to be formed in very large cities where the party is strong and unusually active.

Unless this is done, the "grass roots" community spirit will be lost and it will also be impossible to expose all of the party's localized activities.

Most important of all: The committee must never make rash accusations. It must be able to back up every statement with facts. It must not confuse true liberals with pro-Communists. It must remember that Communists operate by subterfuge and indirection, that they cannot stand exposure, and that this is the best weapon to use against them.

The importance of your community anti-Communist committee cannot be over-emphasized. These committees can do more than any individual or agency to destroy the effectiveness of the party's above ground operations. Thousands of them operating in all parts of the country could weaken the conspiracy to the point of virtual impotence.

Full details for the planning and operation of these committees cannot be given here, but the U. S. Chamber of Commerce has published an excellent guide for such committees in pamphlet form. It is called "A Program for Community Anti-Communist Action" and can be secured for 50 cents from the Economic Research Dept., Chamber of Commerce, Washington 6, D. C.

DO YOUR PART

And here are a few more things you can do to weaken the power and influence of the Communists in this country. In some instances your community committee can assist in these activities, but in all cases you can accomplish much by working as an individual and encouraging others to follow your example.

1. Urge the teaching of courses on Communism in schools and colleges. The Communist party, especially in its youth work, feeds on ignorance. Most young people know little about the Com-

To Our Readers:

The Pocono Hosiery Mills published a full-page advertisement in the March issue of The Elks Magazine. The response from our readers was so great that they were unable to handle all orders promptly. They inform us now that all back orders have been taken care of, and have apologized for the inconvenience to so many Elks. We are passing this apology on to you with the suggestion that, if any readers who answered this advertisement and have not received the merchandise will communicate with us, we have assurance from the company that their letter will receive prompt attention.

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munist party and are especially susceptible to its propaganda.

Youth is idealistic, radical and rebellious, and most Communist propaganda is particularly designed to appeal to these traits in human nature. It is when they are in high school and in college that young people first learn the vast difference between the realities of life and the idealistic concepts they have been taught. The realization that perfect justice does not exist, that some government officials are corrupt, that many people practice unjust discrimination against others shocks them. They are confused, disillusioned, searching for a new ideal . . . and that's when the Communist party makes its bid for their allegiance.

THERE'S MUCH TO KNOW

The only way to protect them is to arm them with knowledge of the true nature of the party. They must be taught not only the theory of Communism, but also the reality of Communism (which is vastly different). They should be taught party propaganda techniques, how to recognize the Communist line, and should learn the names of the party's fronts and its better known fellow-travelers.

2. Press for legislation barring Communist teachers from schools. The function of a teacher (and a school) is to teach pupils the truth and how to arrive at it. All Communist teachers, however, are ordered to inject the party's propaganda into their classrooms in every way possible. Because of this they are by their very nature betrayers of the fundamental purpose of education. Their objective is to hide the truth, to promote Moscow's vicious ideology.

The National Education Association, which represents 900,000 teachers and is the largest organization of its kind in the U. S., has taken the stand that Communists are not fit to teach in the schools of this country.

From a practical viewpoint, Communist teachers are perverters of your children. Many young people have been led into the Communist party—and have had their lives and their families' lives ruined—by Communist and pro-Communist professors. In at least one such case a university student was murdered when he tried to quit the party. He knew too much. The party could not afford to let him talk.

3. Take an active interest in your Parent-Teacher organization. These groups are focal points of Communist activity and have been for many years. Here are two quotations taken from the Communist press in the last few months that show the importance the party attaches to these groups:

"Progressive women must join and work in the Parent-Teachers Association. That is one of the main points on the agenda of our Communist Women's Commission here for the Fall . . .

This is a real battle for the minds of our children." (Dispatch from the Communist Party of Milwaukee, Wis.)

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn is the No. 1 woman Communist in the United States. She is the only female member of the party's Politbureau (13-man ruling body). This is what she reported about a conference of top women Communists that she attended in New Jersey a few months ago:

"There was much discussion of the special problems of women in these harsh times, their struggles in shops, in uniting in PTA's and other organizations."

Now it's your move. Perhaps you think it is "sissy" to attend parent-teacher meetings. But remember how the Communists look at it: "This is a real battle for the minds of our (your) children."

4. Visit your local library and check on the books and periodicals that are being bought—and those that are not being bought. Your library is one of the most powerful opinion-making organizations in the community. Yet most libraries have limited funds and must be selective in their buying.

It is your right and your responsibility as a taxpayer to see that the library's funds are not wasted on books and magazines written by Communist propagandists and Soviet apologists while authoritative works on the Communist conspiracy are by-passed.

Under present world conditions librarians should consider it their prime responsibility, from the viewpoint of community service, to build up the best possible collection of authoritative works on Communism. And you should do what you can to assist in this. When funds are low, a gift of a worthwhile book on the subject can be your contribution to your community's fight against Communism.

5. Voice your protest when hotel owners and proprietors of public meeting halls allow Communist fronts to use their facilities.

NOW THEY'RE OUT

Until a short time ago, the Communist party was granted a certain aura of respectability—and received great propaganda value—from the fact that it and its fronts could hold conventions, rallies and conferences in the most famous hotels and meeting places in the nation. The party itself was "accepted," until last year, by the most famous indoor sports arena in the U. S. and was allowed to hold its most important public functions there.

Today it is not accepted. And that fact alone hurts the conspiracy. It is one more "brand" placed on the party by a famous institution and it is a psychological blow against each and every party member.

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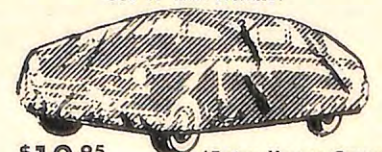
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tions cited by the U. S. Attorney General from holding meetings on their premises.

Every hotel and meeting hall in the U. S. should adopt the same stand and extend the ban to the many known Communist fronts that have not been cited by the Department of Justice. And they will adopt this position if loyal Americans in all parts of the country make it clear that they will not patronize those who cater to the Communist conspiracy, its agencies or sympathizers.

6. Many people in the entertainment field are still helping the Communist party by supporting its fronts and party-endorsed causes.

People of this type are far more valuable to the party than a dozen average rank-and-file members. Their relatively high incomes enable them to make important financial contributions to the party. Their names help sell party fronts and they are in positions where they can dramatically inject the party line into seemingly innocent entertainment and help other Communists and sympathizers rise to prominence in their field. When these people are associated with radio and television shows, stage and nightclub productions or moving pictures as actors, actresses, writers, directors, etc., you should tell the producer or sponsor concerned that you will refuse to patronize such entertainment.

If you make your position clear, entertainers of this kind will soon be replaced by others who are equally capable in their field and whose loyalty to their country is not open to question.

7. Never surrender any group to the Communists. If you find that a non-Communist group to which you belong is being infiltrated, do not desert it. You can defeat the Communists only by meeting their challenge—not by running away and giving them carte blanche to extend their power.

Face the problem realistically. Take a public stand on the issue (this will protect you from possible later charges of affiliation with a pro-Communist organization in case the Communists finally succeed in winning control). Expose the infiltration and organize your forces for a showdown fight.

Don't resign from any group until it has become clear that the Communists have attained so much power in it that their grip cannot be broken.

8. Keep after government officials on all levels, and after the press, to see

that they do everything they can to help you destroy the power of the Communists and their fellow-travelers.

Communists have achieved the influence they wield in this country today largely because government officials, who should have recognized the conspiracy for what it was years ago, have been either uninformed or cowardly in dealing with it . . . and because a large part of the press, for the same reasons, has failed to report and expose party activities.

There is only one realistic attitude to take toward all Communists and fellow-travelers today; a tough, hard, aggressive attitude that drives you to oppose, expose and attack them in every way possible—legally, economically, socially and psychologically. But many government officials, too many newspapers, and many individual Americans don't have this attitude. They are still not facing reality.

Your job won't be finished until you have convinced everyone you can possibly influence to take this attitude . . . and to act on it.

These are just a few examples of the kind of direct action you can take as an individual, or in collaboration with others, to destroy Communist influence in this country.

If you are alert to the problem other methods and opportunities for direct action will present themselves. Much depends on where you live, where you work and your position in your community, trade or profession. In the final analysis, your ability to hurt the Communists is limited only by how much you *want* to do.

WHAT NOT TO DO

A final word of caution: Do not, under any circumstances, take illegal action or resort to violence. While it is true that every nationwide poll taken in the last few years has shown that the great majority of Americans believe that Communists are traitors and that the conspiracy should be outlawed, Communist party activity is still legal in this country and you must stick to lawful means of fighting it. Illegal methods and violence will hurt the anti-Communist cause and help the Communists.

There are also indirect methods of attack which are of great importance and should not be ignored. They have the greatest value from the long range point of view and are just as helpful in protecting this nation from Fascism and

other forms of totalitarianism as they are in protecting it against Communism.

Our system of government is not perfect. No human system is or ever will be. As long as it is not perfect it will present opportunities for Communists (and other totalitarians and extremists) to criticize, agitate, propagandize and offer a pie-in-the-sky world of their own making.

Everything you do to improve the American way of life . . . politically, economically and socially . . . is an indirect blow against the Communists.

LET THEM KNOW

Take a personal interest in national and local affairs. Vote in every election, and know whom you are voting for and why you are voting for him. Keep tabs on what he does as your public servant. Let him know your stand on important issues (the Communists always do). He cannot represent you if he does not know what you are thinking.

Do everything you can to eliminate discrimination and to correct the other weaknesses that now exist in our social system.

Take an active part in the civil defense program, which is seriously hampered by a shortage of personnel. It does not make sense to fight the home-grown Communist enemy while you fail to help protect your community from the possible attacks of its powerful foreign master.

Remember the men in the Armed Forces. They are fighting your battle and the most important part of the struggle against Communism. They deserve everything you can give them. Send them packages. Write them letters. Give blood to the Red Cross. If your community is near a service installation of any kind, see that a service center is opened.

Let them know that you back them completely. That is half—or even 90 per cent—of their battle.

Remember how many of them have died and have been wounded. Remember the part that the Communists and fellow-travelers are playing in this struggle.

And before you put down this magazine, sit and think for a while . . . of what this whole fight is all about, of what it means to you and your family, of what the Communists and fellow-travelers in this country are doing today.

And then decide what you are going to do about it . . . NOW.

Gadgets and Gimmicks

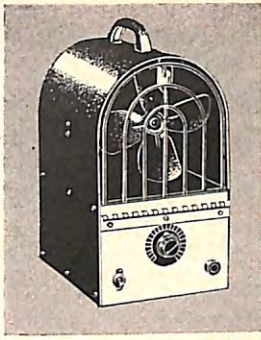
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can be stored in the refrigerator to keep its contents cool and fresh for a hungry moment.

LOTS of people use their cars for business but lose heaven-knows how much trade because they don't like to paint signs all over the family car. After a

long struggle, one company solved the dilemma and came up with a new device that should have been thought up years ago. Now, your sedate sedan can become a dignified signboard with no trouble at all. A set of heavy plexiglass signs with your business, name and telephone number on them can be snapped

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IF YOUR lungs are getting clogged up with particles of this and that floating about in the atmosphere, this item is for you. It is a portable air revitalizer of the first order that does the job of freshening the air so thoroughly you would swear you were high in the mountains surrounded by ozone. Since a trip to the mountains may not be feasible, you can get this machine, plug the electric cord into an outlet and relax. Here's what happens. A fan starts, forcing the room's air through the device. En route, the air passes through an ultra-violet field which ionizes the air. This, in turn, oxidizes smoke particles, cooking odors, gases and all other organic odors. When it emerges from this operation, the air is pure as the driven snow, to mix metaphors.

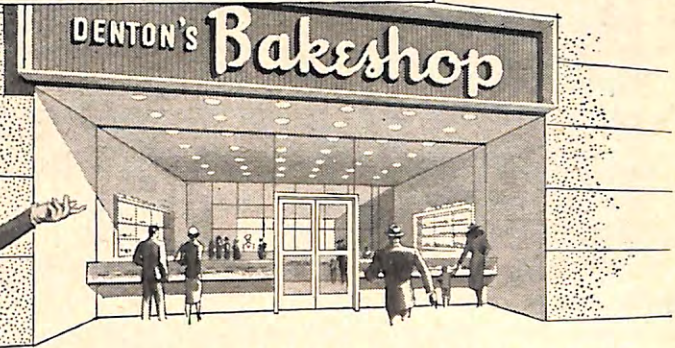
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As soon as you get dried off, that is.

In our May Gadget column we ran a rather ambiguous item about a lawn sprinkler—ambiguous in that we neglected to point out that the sprinkler has a nozzle attachment at the head and that the head does not rotate. Therefore, the water can be turned off and there is no need for wearing a bathing suit when approaching the sprinkler. Having rotating sprinklers in mind, several of our readers wrote us clever letters about the sprinkler and the *New Yorker* magazine reprinted the item in its entirety, with one of its typically witty comments. Above we re-run the item, with the *New Yorker's* comment, resolving to be more explicit in the future.

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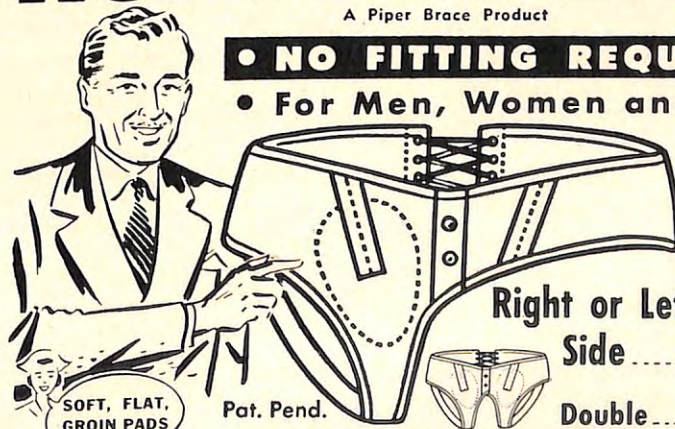
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A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

As this issue of *The Elks Magazine* reaches the members of the Order there will be drawing to a close the year of Joseph B. Kyle as Grand Exalted Ruler.

Brother Kyle has devoted his entire time during the last twelve months to the service of the Order. We trust that the results have been as gratifying to him as they have been beneficial to our fraternity.

He has visited Lodges or State Associations in forty-two states, in Alaska and in the District of Columbia.

Wherever he has gone his inspiring addresses, most forcefully delivered, have developed unusual enthusiasm and, unquestionably, have transformed thousands of passive Elks into vigorous, aggressive members of the Order.

He has not spared himself in any way, and only an unusually strong physique has enabled him to make the trips and visit the lodges and have contact with the thousands of Elks that he has reached in his travels.

He has not been content to follow precedent, to proceed along the course taken by his predecessors. He has not feared to venture on new paths which his mental vision has brought into view.

One of the most productive and effective of his innovations was the establishment of clinics presided over by the District Deputies and participated in by the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of the Lodges in the several districts.

This brought the activities of the District Deputies far beyond the customary official visit to each lodge, made their interest in their work continuous, kept up the interest also of the officers of the subordinate lodges and enabled them to benefit from meeting with the representatives of their sister lodges and being informed and stimulated thereby.

The clinics also gave Brother Kyle four chances to check up on conditions in the lodges during his year, instead of only one, an opportunity of great value to the lodges and of tremendous assistance to one determined strongly to lead and greatly to benefit a million-member fraternity in the brief space of one short year.

Certainly it was most helpful to the communities where lodges of our Order were located.

He has recognized that our present-day enemy of communism thrives on poverty and want and bad living conditions, and that every contribution made to raising the standard of living in a community assists us in our struggle to make democracy strong and assists us in our fight against ruthless totalitarianism.

By his recognition of the importance of the secretaries of our subordinate lodges he has strengthened materially a vital nerve network of our fraternal structure.

From coast to coast and from our far-flung northwestern frontier to our southeastern outpost, he has assailed communism with a logic, a force, and a convincing eloquence that has brought to our members a broadened understanding of that godless ideology and strengthened them materially in their fight to destroy its evil purposes.

He leaves a record of accomplishment of which he may well be proud.

The brothers of this fraternity owe him a debt of gratitude.

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of the recipient."

This is not the first acclaim visited upon those distinguished artists who participated in the embellishment of our Memorial Building. It will be remembered that in 1928 Mr. Fraser's wife, Laura Gardin Fraser, was awarded first prize at the exhibition of the National Arts Club in New York for the two bronze life-sized reclining elks, at the main entrance, as the best work of art by a woman, in either painting or sculpture, produced in 1927. Eugene Savage, in 1929, received the Gold Medal of Honor of the Architectural League of New York for his masterpieces in the 12 large panels of the interior colonnade, and, in 1930, a second gold medal for the companion murals, "Armistice" and "Paths of Peace", in the Reception Room.

These inimitable creations are typical of the outstanding works which inspired artists produced to make our Building what Charles Collins, of the "Chicago Tribune," once described: "... one of the most sumptuous things of its kind in the world."

Visitors who have journeyed to the Building to enjoy its allegorical decoration have seen in Mrs. Fraser's two reclining elks, Gerome Brush's low relief carvings in the stone panels of the colonnade and Adolph A. Weinman's heroic bronze groups, together with his 168-foot long frieze of life-sized figures carved in high relief ornamenting the exterior, some indication of the treasures that lie within.

Once through the massive, ornamental bronze doors and within the spacious 100-foot-high memorial rotunda, they have found the gorgeously colored dome, the stately columns, the tall windows of tinted art glass and the variegated colors in polished marbles a harmonious setting for the 12 panels by Mr. Savage and the four heroic-sized bronze figures of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity by Mr. Fraser. As they left the memorial hall and walked toward the reception room, they were entranced by three beautiful murals of Edwin H. Blashfield. They were agreed, as it has been written, that the reception room itself "would serve for a coronation," so richly is it decorated. Surely Mr. Savage's gold-medal winning murals and the triptych he created for the ceiling do much to lend it that air.

Thousands of our members saw the Building when it was first dedicated as a feature of the Chicago Grand Lodge Convention in 1926. Thousands more viewed it at the 1944 Convention, at the rededication in 1946 and on personal travels in other years. It is expected that all those who attend this year's Convention will spend some time with the works of genius housed in this magnificent shrine.



In these times of threat to American institutions—or in other words world freedom—the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has assumed leadership in a variety of activities directed at the goal of contributing materially and with inspiration to worthy national and community efforts.

Here in this full-color painting, artist Hy Ruben has symbolized activities of the Order developed through the years as a contribution to the welfare and patriotism of our Country. Each year finds more and stronger programs—our expanding development of fraternal centers for the men in uniform; aid to handicapped, crippled children; scholarships for deserving young people; sponsorship of Boy

Scout troops by subordinate lodges; entertainment and aid to disabled veterans; youth programs in communities throughout the Nation. These are but some of the tangible contributions of the Order.

Our magnificent Memorial Building in Chicago, dedicated to members of the Order who gave up their lives for their country in the two World Wars, and our National Home in Bedford, Va., stand as living monuments to the character and usefulness of the Order.

Particularly now, with the Country facing a great crisis, your *Elks Magazine* is proud to present this symbolical painting as further encouragement to all members to continue their vital work.

