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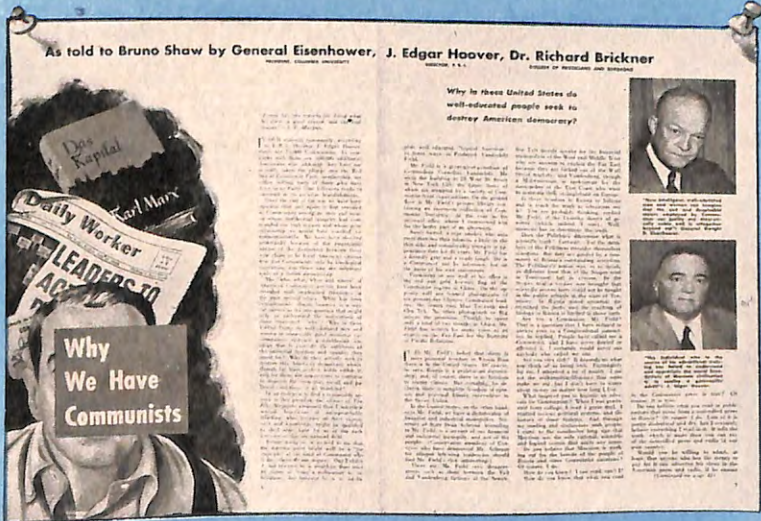
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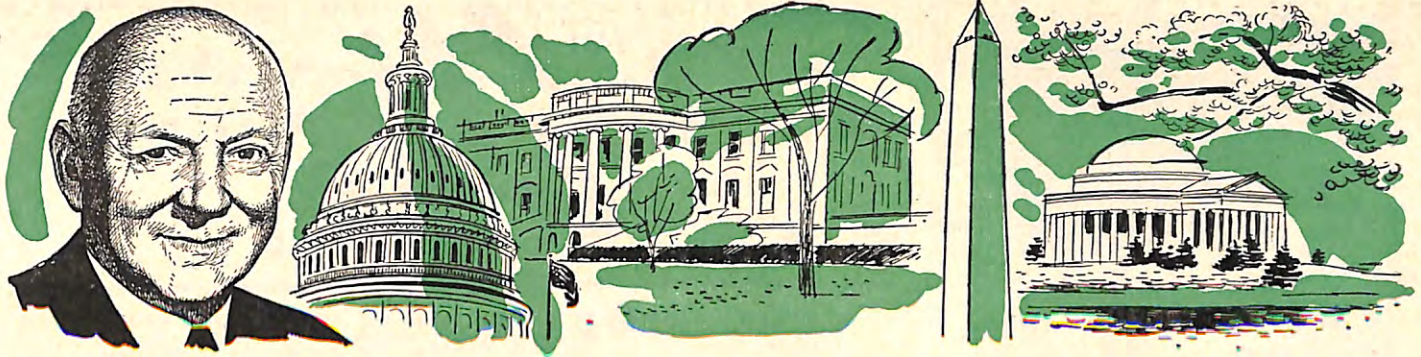


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**MILITANT FOE OF COMMUNIST TYRANNY**



## TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

**A**UGUST'S sultry dog days provide the setting for political planning by the "ins" and "outs" in government. Now is the time to make speaking trips into the hinterlands and chart publicity schedules for months ahead. General MacArthur started an epidemic of speeches and statements when he invaded Texas during June and let go a series of pot shots at the Administration's defense policies. At the same time, President Truman paved the way for going directly to the people with pressing problems by using radio and TV to stress the dangers of inflation. From now on every holiday and anniversary will be used by political orators as a peg on which to display their views and if they can't find a holiday they'll make one. While national radio and TV networks are extremely valuable to the President because he can reach an audience of millions from his desk in the White House executive offices, the importance of getting out into the country by no means is overlooked. Personal contacts and local talks count when it comes to winning public support. Folks like a person who comes into their midst and lets loose a vocal broadside. Just who is getting it may be vaguely designated as "they", but the crowd likes it just the same. It's an old trick but it works. Political strategists and publicity tub thumpers try to devise new techniques, but wise old-timers stick to old-time methods. Despite all the new gimmicks, new ideas in recordings and films, nothing beats the back-slapping, handshaking way of appearing in person before a crowd and talking folks into liking you.

### SPACE NEEDED

Under Congressional plans, government personnel will be cut 10 per cent. At the same time General Services Administration, Uncle Sam's housekeeper, is trying to find working space for some 16,000 new employes, 10,000 of whom will take national defense jobs. It's a strange see-saw. Big problem down here is to get more office space. A plan to disperse 20,000 workers in new buildings to be built 20 miles outside Washington at a cost of \$197,000,000 was killed in the Senate. Congress also slapped down a plan to lease new apartment buildings

and use them for offices. Jess Larson, GSA Administrator, favors legislation to move 50,000 federal employes out of Washington within the next two years and put them in other cities which have office space. Most government workers, however, simply won't leave town. They like it here. Many own their own homes or co-op apartments. Meantime more new employes keep arriving.

### LOBBYISTS' SALARIES

Registered lobbyists in Washington in most cases receive ordinary salaries for their work. Their pay compares favorably with that of business executives in their fields. Reports show that top salary for 1950 went to Purcell L. Smith, Chicago industrialist who is president of the National Association of Electrical Companies. It was \$65,000. Largest total to any firm was \$89,332, the income from three groups representing 12 airlines and several finance companies.

### LEGISLATIVE WASTE PAPER

Congress produces more than 100,000 pounds of waste paper a month and it is sold to the highest bidder. It does not include Congressional statements, many of which also find their way into outside waste baskets.

### HEADMASTER TRUMAN

It's school vacation time for the page boys in the Senate and House of Representatives. While working as pages they also go to a special school in the Capitol. There were 12 graduates from the pages school this year, one named Daniel Boone. Their diplomas are something to keep, for each one was signed by President Truman.

### MORE DISPLACED PERSONS

Some 115 landowners have been notified to move out of the 4,500 acres around the little cross-roads settlement of Burke, Va., to make room for the new \$14,000,000 Washington airport. It is historic land with many houses over 100 years old. The displacement to many will be a real hardship. All must be out by the end of this year. The new airport will be opened in 1955, a great terminal with three strips over 10,000 feet long. Lo-

cated 17½ miles from the White House, it will be only 25 minutes from downtown Washington. The land is southwest of Washington in rolling country, elevation 400 feet and is away from the Potomac River fog belt. It will relieve congestion already heavy at the existing national airport, which is but 10 minutes from downtown Washington. The hamlet of Burke figured in a Civil War "battle" in December, 1862, when Jeb Stuart, Confederate cavalry leader, captured the railroad station and then listened in on the telegraph to a Union account of the raid. Whereupon Stuart sent a telegram to Maj. Gen. M. C. Meigs, Federal Army Quartermaster, complaining of the "scraggly" condition of the horses captured from the Yankees and asking for stock that was better fed.

### WHAT CONGRESSMEN WANT

Here are some of the things Congressmen want—but probably won't get because of budget paring: A moving sidewalk to operate in the subway between the Capitol and the House Office Buildings. The Senators have a monorail in their subway with two little cars shuttling back and forth. Representatives have to walk. An outdoor restaurant on the Capitol terrace. Installation of automatic typing machines so that Congressmen can turn out individually typed letters to constituents back home. Better garage facilities so that their cars can be serviced for them while they are busy attending sessions.

### EXPENSIVE CIRCLES

If you want to move in expensive circles just pass through the new revolving door of the old House Office Building. It contains 3,100 pounds of bronze and, with 700 pounds of machinery, revolves nicely. The cost—\$7,750.

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*Medal  
of  
Honor*

Private First Class Melvin Brown, of Mahaffey, Pennsylvania—Medal of Honor, Korea, September 4, 1950. Stubbornly holding an advanced position atop a wall. Pfc. Brown stood off attacking North Koreans until all his rifle ammunition and grenades were gone. When last seen he was still fighting—with only an entrenching shovel for a weapon—rather than give up an inch of ground.

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# What Every ELK Should Know About the ELKS MAGAZINE

## PART I

Before we had an *Elks Magazine* the Grand Exalted Ruler could communicate with the members of the Order only through official circulars sent to the subordinate lodges. Such circulars were read to the membership at the first meeting of the lodge following their receipt. By this method probably not over ten per cent of our membership ever received the messages of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Since the establishment of the Magazine in 1922, the Grand Exalted Rulers have been reaching all the members of the Order every month through their messages in the Magazine. In addition, each Grand Exalted Ruler's visits to the lodges are reported each month in the Magazine, accompanied by generous reproductions of photographs depicting such visits.

The Commissions and Committees of the Grand Lodge also report their activities and accomplishments through the medium of the Magazine.

### Editorial Policy

It is the editorial policy of *The Elks Magazine* to provide our readers with a journal of the highest excellence.

### Fraternal News

A good portion of each issue of the Magazine is devoted to items and photographs which spread news of the worthwhile activities of our lodges. In many instances these fraternal reports strike the spark in the minds of our lodge leaders to promote in their own lodges activities of an outstanding and humanitarian character.

Hundreds of thousands of members of the Order cannot attend Grand Lodge Sessions. They are interested in learning what transpires at these Sessions and they find the reports and pictures they want in the August issues of *The Elks Magazine*. Those members who do attend the Grand Lodge Sessions are equally interested in reading these reports.

All members of the Order can find in the Magazine a continuous flow of feature articles of an educational nature about the Order's—

- State Association Conventions
- State Association activities
- Elks National Foundation
- Elks National Service Commission
- Memorial Building
- Elks National Home
- All those activities—social, hu-

manitarian, charitable and patriotic—that make our Order truly great.

### Editorial Features

In addition to the broad coverage of fraternal activities, *The Elks Magazine* provides readers with a variety of articles on current affairs, economics, stimulating features, sports and fiction by outstanding writers and authorities.

Among the sports articles published by *The Elks Magazine* during the past year were: Bob Deindorfer on harness racing; Charley Price on the outstanding tournament golfer, Ben Hogan; Arthur Daley, *New York Times* sports writer, on baseball; Stanley Woodward on intercollegiate football and William Fay on boxing managers.

Among the stimulating articles published during the past year were: "Why We Have Communists"—interviews by Bruno Shaw with J. Edgar Hoover, General Eisenhower and Dr. Richard Brickner; "What Age Retirement?" by Stanley Frank; "Ami, Go Home!" (A report from Germany) by Corey Ford; "Foe To Freedom" by F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover and "Russia's Weapon Of Satellitism" by W. B. Courtney.

We are proud of the fact that J. Edgar Hoover's article "Foe To Freedom" was awarded third place, and Bruno Shaw's article, "Why We Have Communists", was awarded a Certificate of Merit, by Freedom's Foundation in the magazine classification of the 1950 competition.

Rod and Gun by Dan Holland and Ted Trueblood, In the Doghouse by Ed Faust, Tom Wrigley Writes from Washington, Elks Family Shopper and the Travel Section by Horace Sutton are widely read regular features.

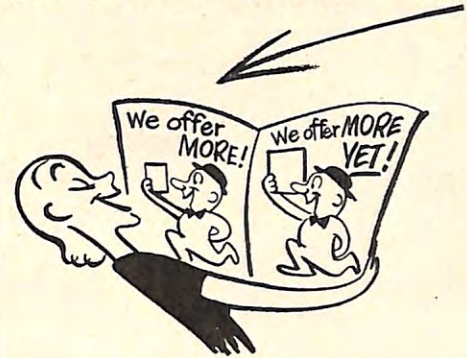
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The Magazine draws upon the talents of some of America's best known artists for covers and illustrations.

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This is the first of three articles about *The Elks Magazine's* part in the Order as its national publication. The articles were taken from a booklet distributed to Exalted Rulers and lodge Secretaries and are published because they are of general interest to all Elks.

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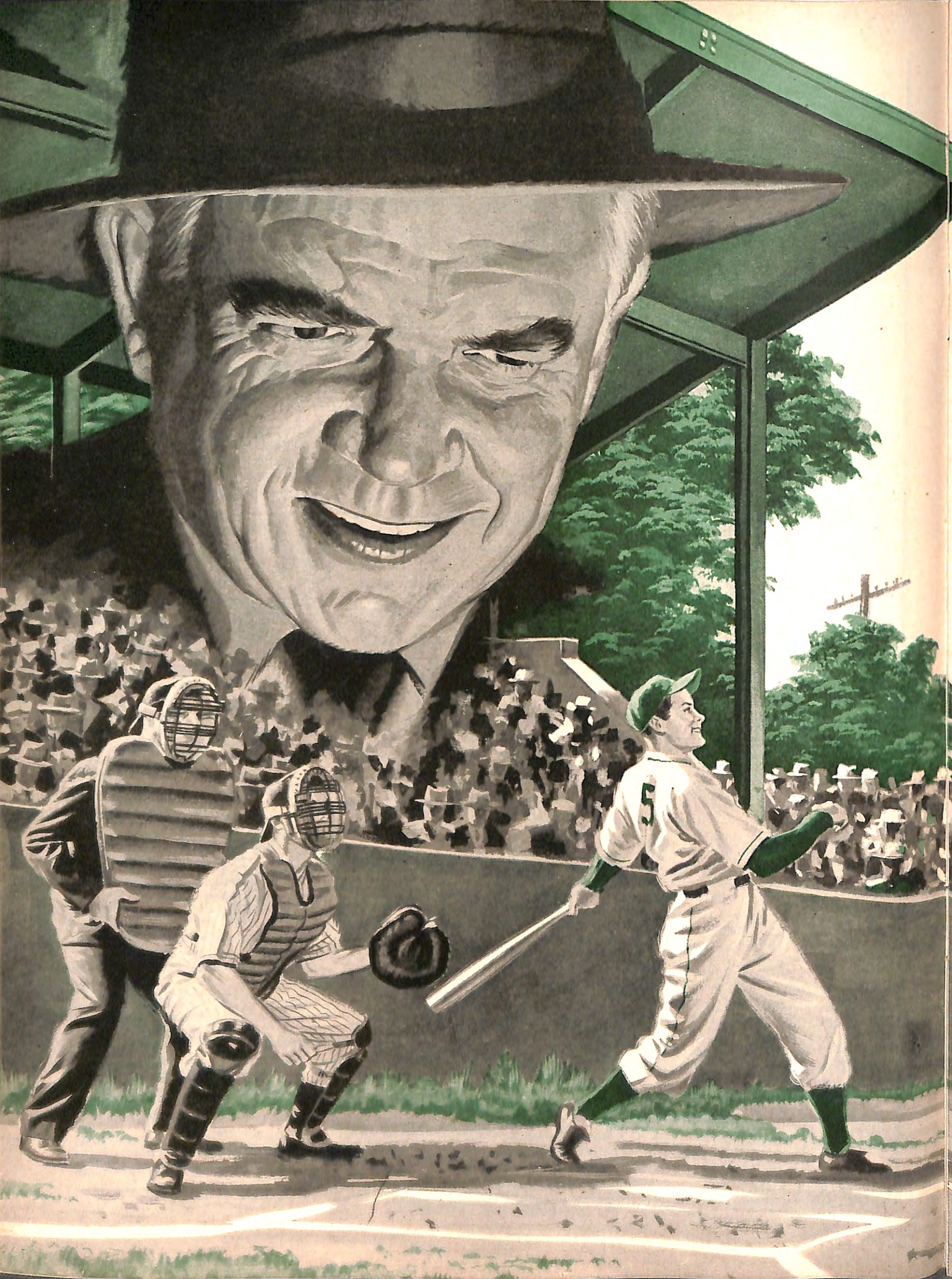
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# Baseball's Talent-Tourists

BY HAROLD ROSENTHAL

SCOUTS are to major-league baseball what eggs are to an omelet. Without them there just wouldn't be any.

Don't accept this at face value. Peek into the ledger of your average major-league ball club, that big book the big boss keeps under triple lock and key. Before it is snapped shut on your nose you'll discover that big-time baseball spends one out of every five of its revenue dollars for new talent and the means for uncovering it.

This amount has nothing to do with ball-players' salaries, which is a thing apart and represents the most formidable item on the books of a big-league operation. This one-out-of-five ratio concerns itself only with bonuses paid to promising young men, plus salaries and expenses for the indefatigable hawkshaws who hound them from one sand-lot to another, the length and breadth of the United States. The expense money also carries them into the Good Neighbor countries in their unending quest for new talent and still more new talent.

Goading them on are vivid remem-

brances of things past—like Pete Reiser signing with the Cardinals organization for five crisp one-hundred-dollar bills; like Mickey Mantle being signed by the Yankees for peanuts right under the nose of a St. Louis scout who was supposed to comb the area around Mantle's home in Commerce, Okla.; like Chico Carrasquel being grabbed off by the Dodgers after Brooklyn's now-vice president, Fresco Thompson, sat through a week-long revolution in Venezuela to get Chico to put it on the dotted line.

FRESKO has since retired to the comparative safety of a large glass-topped desk, a pretty secretary, several telephones and a multi-colored wall-sized organizational chart. He still has the reputation for being one of the most humorous men in baseball but he always has maintained he never could see the joke in bullets whizzing around his skull every time he stuck it out the window of his Caracas hotel room. After all, how devoted can a scout become to his job?

Scouting is an ancient and honorable profession, as time-honored as the game of baseball itself. Like the national pastime, however, it's changed somewhat in the last hundred years. As a matter of fact, the average major-league ball club today carries more full-time

scouts than the average major-league club did players when the National League was founded 75 years ago last winter.

Without moving into the too technical aspects, the big change in scouting may be described thusly:

In the old days they scouted for talent to supply the major-league teams. Today they scout to stock baseball chain systems, organizations which might number as many as 20 teams, linked together from the club in the major-league city all the way down to a town of five- or ten-thousand population.

The one tremendous difference this has made is that there is not a single ball player in the country today who can claim he has been overlooked as a major-league possibility. If he started to play ball when he was 12 he has had scouts watching him all the way. It was not that way three or four decades ago.

A generation back, all but one or two of the major-league clubs scouted only the top minors. Scouts were more in the nature of talent-appraisers. Today, in their efforts to uncover that million-dollar baby, they beat the bushes and scan the plains.

In so doing they actually encourage and develop players, kids who may never go higher than Double-A or Triple-A ball but who'll get two or three times as much for their daily efforts on the ball field than they'd get working at the gas station or in the stock room. The hours will be better, and they'll see a lot more interesting places.

Scouts have never lacked for interesting places to see and interesting things to do in their insatiable search for talent. Ever hear the story about how Preacher Roe was signed by the Cardinals a decade ago?

At that time, Branch Rickey was in the  
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**Nothing stops the  
scout in his search  
for baseball talent.**

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# The Speech of Acceptance

WOULD it were possible to say with the lips what is in my heart today. But at a time like this words are so inadequate to the task one wishes them to perform that it seems impossible to give expression to one's true thoughts.

I stand before you this morning in all humility—an ordinary, every-day Elk from one of the smaller lodges of our Order, one you have selected from more than a million members to lead this great Order of ours in the year that lies ahead.

While it isn't possible to put my real feelings into words, I believe you know in your hearts how deeply I appreciate this honor, and how proud Pennsylvania feels that one of its 88,000 Elks has been chosen as the national leader of Elkdom, the first time in the last 20 years.

I hope and pray that I may be true to this trust you have reposed in me; that I may prove worthy to follow this great array of leaders sitting on this platform today.

Just as I am thankful for the action you have taken here today, so I am cognizant of the obligation I shall take in the installation service Thursday morning. And I pledge you that, as I accept this responsibility, I shall do my utmost to meet it, with the help of your interest, your prayers, your cooperation.

It is definitely a challenge to me to follow those Pennsylvanians who have preceded me in this great office, from the days of the sainted Meade Detweiler to those more recent national figures of John K. Tener, J. Edgar Masters, Charles H. Grakelow and Lawrence H. Rupp. All of these were Pennsylvanians who served you well, and of whom we in Pennsylvania are justly proud. It is my hope that I shall be able at least to approach the records written by those dynamic leaders.

Especially am I proud to know, and be called a friend by, one of those leaders—Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, my mentor—the man who has guided my footsteps into and through Grand Lodge channels, and to whom I owe so much for his inspiration and his friendly counsel and advice.

To all these Past Grand Exalted Rulers, especially those under whom I have been privileged to serve in recent years, may I say that no one can appreciate more than I do the trust they have shown in me and the confidence they have expressed in approving this new leader who stands before you today. I shall not betray that trust. But at the same time I want them to know that their counsel and advice should ever be available, for I shall seek it often and lean on it heavily.

If I have one regret this morning, it lies in the fact that the position to which you have elected me compelled my resignation from the Board of Grand Trustees. For

the last five years on that Board it has been my privilege to meet, to learn to know, and to work with as fine a group of men as is ever vouchsafed a person to associate with. I want Board members, past and present, with whom I have been associated, to know that my happiest years in Grand Lodge service have been spent with them in the work of the Board, especially as it affected our National Home, in Bedford, Va. The friendships that have come from these associations I shall remember and cherish all my years. May God bless you as you continue the work I now lay down.

In following Joseph B. Kyle as your Grand Exalted Ruler, I find myself in the footsteps of a great Elk, a dynamic leader and a wonderful friend. It was under Joe Kyle that I first served as a Grand Lodge committeeman, back in 1936-37, when I was named by Grand Exalted Ruler Dave Sholtz as a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, of which Joe Kyle was chairman.

Joe, I commend you, for myself and all Elks, for the record you have written in the year just ending. And I promise you now that I shall pester you for advice, just as I shall your seniors of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee.

I would be remiss, too, if I did not publicly express my thanks to this fine Pennsylvania friend of mine, Lee A. Donaldson, who placed my name in nomination before this convention this morning, and to those other friends who seconded that nomination. I did not hear Lee's speech, but I am told that it was good, and for that, Lee, please accept my thanks. Oh, he may have stretched the truth a bit, which is natural under the circumstances, but I am glad he did not distort it out of all proportions to the facts in the case and the time available.

AND now last—but certainly not least—what am I going to say to this great group of Pennsylvanians, especially to the members of my own Lodge, Williamsport, and to those of the other 16 lodges in the North-Central District?

"Thank You" seems so inadequate to you, my friends of the great Keystone State. But I believe all of you know how I feel about this wonderful display of loyalty and support, coming as it does from the 88,000 Elks of my own home state. I have worked with you, and played with you, a great many years as we carried the banner of Elkdom from one end of our state to the other. It has been your interest, your support, that has enabled Elkdom in Pennsylvania to march in the forefront of our great fraternity over a great many years.

I wish I had time to call *(Continued on page 36)*



# of Howard R. Davis



*Howard R. Davis of Williamsport, Pa., Lodge, No. 173, elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, July 2, 1951.*

# News of the State Associations

Right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland addresses the 475 Elks and their ladies during the Alabama Elks Assn. Convention banquet. In the background are Past Pres. W. Windham, left, and E.R. W. G. Seabury of Mobile Lodge which was host to the meeting.



Below: Dignitaries on hand for the Oregon Convention included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and Edwin J. Alexander, a member of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, who are pictured here, third and second from left foreground, respectively.



cancer were well received, as were the reports given on the splendid youth activities of the Order on both a State and national level. Chairman George Steele of the Mass. Elks Youth Organization revealed that during the past year the Mass. Elks had spent over \$45,000 in developing programs in which 32,378 young people had participated. Mr. Steele announced the names of the winners in the Elks Youth Leadership Contest in which a total of \$300 went to six students.

## MASSACHUSETTS

About 500 Elks from the 61 lodges in the State were on hand for the 41st Annual Convention of the Mass. Elks Assn. June 23rd and 24th at the Curtis Hotel in Lenox. A resolution, offered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, was adopted by the members, pledging to the President and Congress the loyal and prompt services and resources of the members and their lodges in the organized civil defense of the communities. Speaking on the same theme, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall delivered an impressive address. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, presented four Foundation Scholar-

ship awards of \$300 each to Sheila St. Cyr, Robert J. Driscoll who received the "Babe Ruth Scholarship" as an outstanding student and athlete, Paul R. Shanley and Richard P. Ames. Four \$75 prizes, and eight \$50 awards went to the 12 ranking students competing for the "Most Valuable Student Award", on the recommendation of the Assn.'s Scholarship Prize Committee headed by Eugene P. Carver, Jr.

Pres. Elmer A. E. Richards presided at the business sessions, at which State Vice-Pres. Andrew A. Biggio, presented to Mr. Malley for the Foundation a substantial check, realized through individual contributions from members throughout the State. Reports on the work being done to aid in the control of

William R. Burns of Gardner is the new President of this group and other new officials are Vice-Presidents: (N.E.) Dr. Henry I. Yale, Peabody; (Cent.) Wilfred J. Paquet, Watertown; (Metropolitan) Andrew A. Biggio, Winthrop; (S.E.) John G. Hedges, North Attleboro; (W.) John J. Murray, Fitchburg; Secy. (reelected), Thomas F. Coppinger, Newton; Treas. (reelected), Fred W. Krim, Quincy. Trustees for three years are: Cent., Dr. Edward J. O'Donoghue, Newton; S.E., Robert D. Wescott, Norwood; Metropolitan, Richard H. Crowley, Milton; W., Thomas Julian, Springfield; N.E., John J. Harty, Lawrence.

Following the business meeting, a dinner, dance and entertainment were enjoyed by the delegates and their ladies.



This group of Salina, Kans., Elks won top State Ritualistic honors for the second consecutive time at the Assn.'s 1951 convention.



Sheridan Lodge's membership is proud of these officers who won the Wyoming State Ritualistic Championship title this year.



These Salisbury men won the No. Car. Ritualistic Title, \$300 and a Past Exalted Rulers' Assn. cup for the second time.



The Nevada State Championship Ritualistic Team is made up of these officials from Las Vegas Lodge who competed at the 1951 Convention.

Memorial Services were conducted by a Committee Chairmanned by Past Pres. John E. Fenton, and Past Pres. Wm. F. Hogan furnished the music. Francis L. Lappin delivered the eulogy.

### MONTANA

Nearly 1,500 Elks attended the 49th Annual Meeting of the Mont. State Elks Assn. in Billings, June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, which was climaxed by a mammoth parade reviewed by military leaders attending the 75th Anniversary of the Custer Massacre in Hardin, Mont.

The Bucks Clubs of the State spent approximately \$12,000 for orthopedic work, hospital cases and eyeglasses for school children during the year, and entertainment for veterans in Government hospitals was outstanding. The State's \$2,300 in scholarship awards were presented by Chairman Henry L. Zahn of the State Elks Scholarship Foundation to eight girls and eight boys, with first and

second prizes going to Albert Hove and Nancy Williams.

Social activities included luncheons and special affairs for the ladies, a banquet for State Assn. officers and visiting E.R.'s, and dancing each night, climaxed by the President's Ball the final evening.

Great Falls Lodge will be host to the 1952 gathering, with the midwinter meeting to take place at Sidney in January. The Assn.'s new leaders are: Pres., J. P. Wegesser, Glendive; 1st Vice-Pres., DeWitt O'Neil, Kalispell; 2nd Vice-Pres., Oskar O. Lympus, Missoula; Secy.-Treas., Arthur Trenerry, Billings; Trustees: Ray G. Griffin, Billings, three years; Harold Snyder, Cut Bank, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. James Clark, and P.E. McBride, Anaconda.

### TEXAS

The 26th Annual Convention of the Texas Elks State Assn. took place in Amarillo June 7th, 8th and 9th, with

many pleasant social activities for the leisure periods of the 700 Elks and their ladies. At the dinner-dance the first evening, an excellent address was delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell, and a gift of appreciation was presented to State Pres. J. Rollie Pray. In the Ritualistic Contest Baytown Lodge won over Houston and Dallas, with all individual cups going to Baytown officials, with the exception of one, which was awarded to Houston's Est. Loyal Knight Walley Nobles. In this connection, special note goes to Lubbock Lodge which had a unique Degree Team composed entirely of its younger members, all under 27 years old, who gave an outstanding exemplification, rewarded by a special cup from the host lodge.

Cash scholarship awards for \$300, \$200, \$100 and \$50 went to Edwina L. Millican, Richard A. Thompson, Peggy Joy Toops and George J. Taft in that order. One of the most interesting reports heard by the gathering was that given by Chairman Charles G. Smeltz of the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Institution, in charge of the magnificent Crippled Children's Hospital. Mr. Smeltz remains as Chairman of the Board, Floyd B. Ford is Co-Chairman and Raymond L. Wright is Secy.-Treas. Officers of the Assn. itself are: Pres., Judge Allen B. Hannay, Houston; Vice-Presidents: (W.) Hub Lee, Lubbock; (No.) W. Raby Hampton, Wichita Falls; (S.W.) Clyde Brennan, Laredo; (E.) Joe Quick, Marshall; (Cent.) Reid McAlexander, Tem-



Above: Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz presents a \$300 Foundation Scholarship to Elizabeth A. Osburn during the recently concluded Convention of the Florida Elks Assn., held in Daytona Beach.



Right: Robert J. Driscoll receives the \$300 Babe Ruth Scholarship at the Mass. Convention from Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, right, as George Steele, Chairman of the very active Massachusetts State Elks Youth Organization, looks on at left.

ple; (S.E.) Hebert Peters, Beaumont; Secy., H. S. Rubenstein, Brenham; Treas., Henry Wendlandt, Sr., Austin; TECCI Trustee for eight years, F. W. Beckstead, Waco; Assn. Trustees: J. H. Lamm, San Antonio, one year; M. V. Cory, El Campo, three years; E. C. Bunch, Odessa, six years.

The city of Galveston will be the site of the 1952 meeting.

## WYOMING

The 1951 Wyoming State Elks Assn. Convention took place in Riverton on May 18th, 19th and 20th when Colo. State Pres. Lewis E. Kitts delivered a special address to the 18 Elks initiated the first evening by an all-State team.

The group from Sheridan Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest and the delegates selected Jackson as the site of the 1952 meeting. Until that time, the following men will guide the Association's affairs: Pres., Fred Houchens, Jackson; 1st Vice-Pres., Henry Hecht, Cody; 2nd Vice-Pres., E. M. Loy, Torrington; 3rd Vice-Pres., Lachlan McLean, Greybull; Secy.-Treas., Harold Livingston, Jackson; Chaplain, Con J. O'Neill, Casper; Sgt.-at-Arms, John Wendt, Rock Springs; Inner Guard, James McDermott, Rawlins; Tiler, J. F. Christian, Lusk; Trustee, Wm. Keating, Cheyenne.

A note of interest concerns an Elk stationed in Korea, who took time out from the business of helping the UN in that conflict to write a letter to the Assn. A member of Riverton Lodge, Bill Bell wrote that he was "unavoidably detained on the far side of the Pacific", and continued with heartiest regards, the hope

that everyone would have a big time, and that he would be there for the 1952 conclave. The heart-warming letter was read at an open session on the final day of the Convention.

## OREGON

The Oregon State Elks Assn. Meeting May 31 and June 1 and 2, found hundreds of Elks and their ladies as the guests of Astoria Lodge No. 180. Many boat trips, sightseeing tours, teas, dances and a big salmon bake were enjoyed, and several sports tournaments were held. Special speakers were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Edwin J. Alexander of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge and P.D.D. Earl T. Newbry, Secretary of the State of Oregon. D.D.'s Herbert T. Hacker and Elmo Angele, and many former Presidents and P.D.D.'s were on hand. A class of 20 candidates, representing each lodge in Oregon, was initiated by the State Championship Ritualistic Team from Eugene Lodge. Special Flag Day Services drew a large audience, with E.R.'s of all lodges occupying the Chairs.

Reports revealed outstanding success in many important projects, in particular the Program for Visually Handicapped Underprivileged Children through which over 6,000 youngsters have received eye care in the past two years. The Veterans Service and Youth Activities Committees also reported great progress. The delegates voted to retain the program contributing \$1,000 a year to the Elks National Foundation, and decided on Eugene as the site of the annual Convention next June. The midwinter meet-

ing will take place in January and the first quarterly meeting will be held in September by the following officers: Pres., Dr. Kirby S. Fortune, Marshfield; 1st Vice-Pres., Louis Cline, McMinnville; 2nd Vice-Pres., Wm. L. Stollmack, Bend; 3rd Vice-Pres., Hans Soll, The Dalles; Treas., D. V. Bulger, Portland; Secy., Ernest L. Scott, Medford; Sgt.-at-Arms, Martin P. Coopey, Corvallis; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms, Lealand Hudson, McMinnville; Chaplain, Herbert T. Hacker, Astoria; Tiler, J. H. Moore, Prineville; Trustees: A. W. Wagner, Eugene; J. S. Reed, Ashland; R. R. Carey, La Grande; Frank Hise, Corvallis; G. D. Field, Portland.

## MAINE

Early in June, Houlton Lodge No. 835 was host to the 22nd Annual Convention of the Maine Elks Assn. at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and Thomas J. Brady of the Board of Grand Trustees were special guests, addressing the gala Convention banquet.

At the business session reports were heard on the Assn.'s major project, the crippled children's work at the Hyde Home in Bath and the Children's Hospital in Portland.

Rumford Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest, and the 1952 meeting will be held in Waterville. Until that time, the following are in charge: Pres., John McComb, Jr., Sanford; 1st Vice-Pres., Gerard Ferland, Waterville; 2nd Vice-Pres., Maynard Marstons, Rockland; 3rd Vice-Pres., John Galvin, Millinocket; 4th Vice-Pres., Brian Jewett, Bath; Secy.-Treas. for the 22nd consecutive year, Edward R. Twomey, Portland; Trustees: John J. Koris, Rumford; A. P. Castonguay, Waterville, (both three-year terms), and Charles Goldberg, Portland (one year).

## NEBRASKA

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner was the special speaker at the Flag Day Services held in conjunction with the 1951 Nebraska Elks Assn. Convention in Scottsbluff. Six teams competed in the Ritualistic Team, with North Platte's officers taking first place, followed by the host lodge's entry.

The delegates, totaling the largest registration in several years, elected the following to office: Pres., Dr. V. J. Morgan, York; 1st Vice-Pres., H. L. Blackledge, Kearney; 2nd Vice-Pres., Andrew D. Mapes, Norfolk; 3rd Vice-Pres., Roy D. Greenwalt, Scottsbluff; 4th Vice-Pres., Paul D. Zimmer, Falls City; Treas., F. C. Laird, Fremont; Secy., H. P. Zieg, Grand Island; Trustees: J. M. Fitzgerald, Omaha; Emil Hahn, Fremont; Glenn F. Waugh, Fairbury; Leslie W. Horn, Broken Bow; B. M. Diers, Scottsbluff. Cliff N. Ogden, Jr., was appointed Chairman of the State's active Veterans Service Commission.

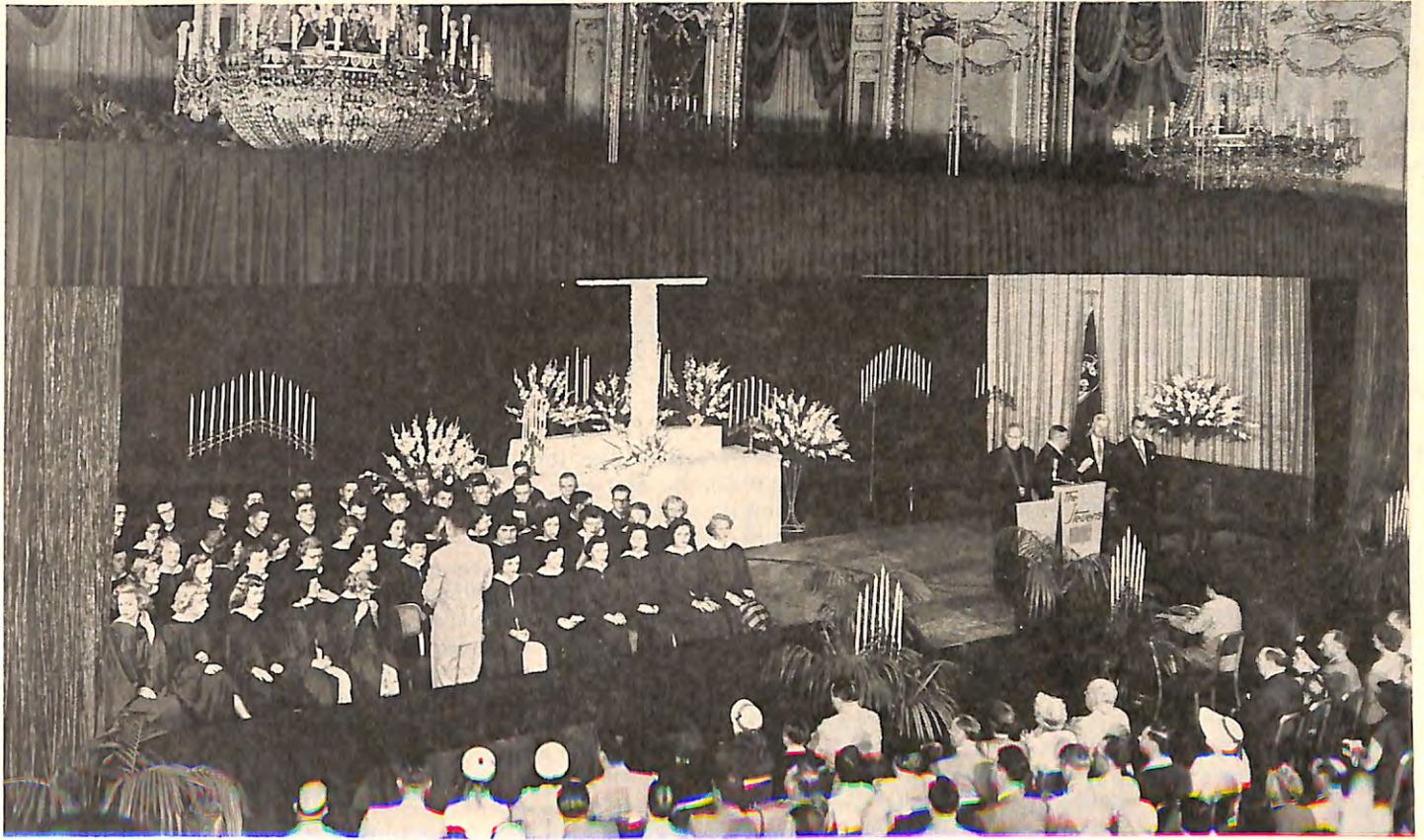
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Below: The Arizona Elks' \$300 National Foundation Scholarship is awarded to Harold McNair, who also won two \$25 U. S. Bonds from Miami Lodge, one for leadership, one for scholarship. Left to right: P.E.R. M. L. Massey, E.R. W. G. Slack, the student, P.D.D. Arthur Turner and Secy. C. L. Carpenter.

Above: The Arkansas Elks' Foundation Scholarship is presented to Nancy J. Cheatham by State Committee Chairman Herman Carty, right, and retiring President Reuben S. Zinn.





View of the stage as the Grand Lodge Memorial Services opened on July 4th. At left are the College Singers of Northwestern State College of Louisiana. Seated at the right, from left to right, are: Grand Chaplain Reverend Father James E. King and Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles H. Grakelow, Henry C. Warner and George I. Hall.

# THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICES

**E**LKS and their ladies who attended the memorial hour of the 87th Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago experienced moments of magnificence which they will not soon forget.

The Memorial Services, held in the spacious Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel at 11 am on Wednesday, July 4th, were attended by a capacity audience.

When all was in readiness, the curtain was opened slowly to disclose an altar ornamented with candelabra and rich floral bouquets. On the center of the altar stood a huge white cross, imparting theme to the ceremony and symbolizing one of the principle tenets of our Order, belief in God.

The program began with a processional in which the College Singers of Northwestern State College of Louisiana sounded at the rear of the hall the opening chords of "Onward Fraternal Brothers" and continued singing as they marched down the center aisle, under an illuminated Star of Fidelity suspended

from the ceiling, to take their places at the left of the huge stage. Led by Donald Glattly, the mixed chorus of 63 beautifully-trained voices then rendered Tchenokoff-Cain's expressive number, "Let Thy Holy Presence".

Rev. Fr. James E. King, Grand Chaplain, led the Elk audience in prayer with a devout invocation.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, who served as Chairman, with Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and Charles E. Broughton on the Memorial Services Committee, offered a few well chosen remarks following a rendition of "Intermezzo" from Mascagni's opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" by the David Bohme String Ensemble, radio artists.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall delivered a moving eulogy on Lieutenant-Colonel Charles S. Hart. Past Grand Exalted Ruler, who passed away on January 25th, 1951. Mr. Hall described Col. Hart as "a man who lived a

busy life and who left his shining mark on all who were privileged to know him. We shall always remember him. He will never die in the hearts of his friends."

Following Willan's "How Softly They Rest" and Tschaikevsky's "How Blessed Are They" by the College Singers, and Schubert's "Ave Maria" by the String Ensemble. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner delivered a tender message in memory of the 13,842 members of the Order who departed this life in the 1950-51 Lodge year. Mr. Warner's words of comfort, inspiration and wisdom were received with rapt attention by the audience.

The memorable services closed with a benediction by the Grand Chaplain, the selections "God Be in My Head" by Davies and "The Lord Bless You" by Lutkin, the muted sounding of taps, and a recessional in which the College Singers of Northwestern State College again wended their melodious path to the rear of the hall, singing "Holy, Holy."

# ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND

**Fishing never sounds better than at night—when the big ones jump.**



**B**IG fish feed at night. We all know this is a fact because we've heard them. We've heard them on still summer nights thrashing about like rival teams of walrus playing water polo. Even a quiet pool of a trout stream which ordinarily produces fish no more than 14 inches long will give off a hearty splash now and then which sounds as though a pinto pony had jumped in. It produces a vision of some mon-

strous trout which emerges from a deep underwater grotto only during the dark hours to gorge itself on the hapless little 14-inchers. And a peaceful bass pond will explode regularly throughout a midsummer night with vicious strikes of some similarly huge creatures raising havoc among the small fry.

Even in the smallest of such ponds I'm sure there are night-feeding bass which could swallow a grapefruit, rind and all in one gulp. I know because I have heard them. And having heard them for a night or two in succession, I invariably gather my tackle and my courage and venture out into the darkness fully prepared to subdue one of them.

As yet I have failed to bring in one of these monsters, but I've been trying for only 30 years. My lack of success to date doesn't prove anything. It doesn't mean that the big ones are not there, and it has nothing to do with my skill as a fisherman. It's luck. Nothing can convince me that the big ones don't feed at night. What will prove something is the night I catch one of them.

I know all the tricks of night fishing, and it's only in the

Photo by Dan Holland



hope that someone will catch one of these night-prowling giants and prove my point that I reveal them. I'm beginning to fear that there is something wrong with my night hearing, and I need encouragement.

First, night fishing for trout. This presents certain obvious difficulties, the biggest of which is that many states don't allow it. The reason for this is that the states in question lost so many fishermen their license-sales revenue dropped frighteningly and they were forced to do something drastic. Trout streams at night, of course, are much larger and swifter, and their rocks are slipperier and their deep holes deeper. Brush bordering the stream grows much closer to the water, and overhanging limbs which can tangle a fly overhang much farther. More than this, the occasional coon or muskrat encountered is as large as a bear. I doubt if one ever attacks, but occasionally I've almost stepped on one that might as well have.

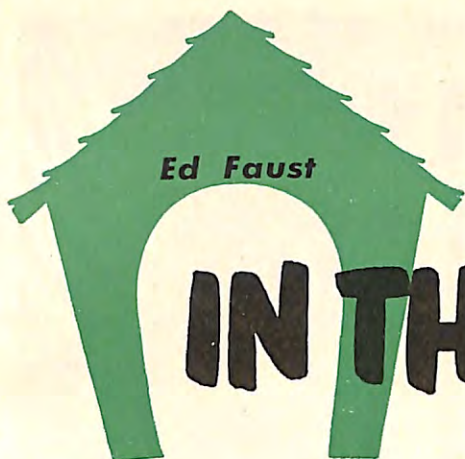
The selection of the fly for night fishing is important. On this vital subject there are two schools of thought into which fishermen are just about equally divided. I have favored intermittently one theory, then the other. At present I am inclined to believe that neither is right. The one group of fishermen says that a light-colored fly should be used at night, the reason being, they say, that a trout can see it better. The other group insists on the use of a dark fly at night, the reason being, they say, that a trout can see it better.

**H**AVING discarded both theories as unproductive, I've arrived at an entirely new approach to fly selection. Since any fly tied on a leader will certainly be lost in the tangle along a trout stream at night within a matter of minutes, I use only those flies which are good for nothing else. For instance, the half-dozen heavily-snelled barnyard monstrosities your Aunt Agatha gave you for Christmas would be a wise choice. Instead of the painful experience of snapping off a favorite fly, there's a sense of accomplishment, the gratifying feeling of a thing well done, when such flies are used to ornament the streamside.

Of course, the object in night fishing, as at any other time, is to get the fly in the water. On the occasions when this is accomplished Aunt Agatha's Selected Six Fancy Flies For Finicky Fish won't be of much help. Fishermen with confidence in their ability to hit the water can use something more likely to produce results. It is said by those who should know that a heavily-hackled dry fly, well oiled, which is skittered gently across the surface of a quiet pool, will make the big trout go out of their minds. They can't resist it. I created just such a dry fly a short while ago, using the finest hackles I could obtain, and I had great hopes for it. I chose a pool with a bare field behind me for a clear backcast and an open shot ahead at the water. I made a beautiful cast—I knew I had timed it perfectly when I released the slack in my left hand and heard it sing through the guides. Unfortunately, the fly never came down. It hung mysteriously somewhere up in the darkness. I don't know what got it, but from the way it resisted I suspect it may have been a hemlock bough.

Everything seems to contrive against the fisherman. I've even known a bat to scoop up a fly (Continued on page 34)

These two fishermen are getting their gear ready for a night of trying to land those giant fish that splash around in the dark.



Ed Faust

# IN THE DOGHOUSE

**In spite of their size, the "canine midgets" have all the virtues of their larger cousins.**

**O**F ALL domestic animals, the dog undoubtedly has the greatest number of breeds, there being no less than 111 officially recognized in this country by the American Kennel Club, publisher of the social register of American dogs. In our last issue we began what developed into an impossible task—describing all of them briefly. Not having had the entire July issue at our disposal, here we give part two.

As I was saying, all dogs are divided into six groups—an orderly separation of the breeds based largely on the purpose for which each has been developed, depending on its chief characteristics. Last month we dealt with the dogs of the sporting, hound, working and terrier groups. The sporting dogs are those which are often termed "gun" dogs, used in the hunting field; the hounds are hunters, too, but are used to pursue furred game rather than feathered; working dogs are just that, and the terriers, while hunters to some extent, are used primarily to dig for small furred game—their name is derived from the Latin *terra*, meaning earth.

Now we'll look at the fifth group—toy dogs, a suitable tag since these are the canine midgets, but in spite of their lack of heft, they're endowed with all the doggy virtues possessed by their larger cousins. While their size rules them out as guardians, as watch dogs they're capable of making enough noise to sound an alarm against any intruder, and in the eyes of thousands of owners, these pocket-size purps have no equal as companions and pets.

Of the 16 breeds in this class, the affenpinscher, the so-called monkey dog, has the most distinctive appearance. He's a queer little fellow, bewhiskered and mustachioed out of all proportion to the size of his head. Wearing heavy eyebrows, he has a wiry, harsh coat, either red or gray, the latter being one of the rarest colors among dogs. His ears and tail are cropped, but don't ask me why, and he's a terrier-like, nimble little fellow, weighing between seven and eight pounds.

Leaving Europe, we'll return a moment

to our own backyard—Mexico, where we'll find the Chihuahua, pronounced chee-waw-wa, that country's national dog. Perhaps the smallest of all dogs, these would make passable bookends. An ancient breed, they were known to the Aztecs who held them in such high esteem that the pups were considered akin to the gods. There is archeological evidence that the Chihuahua played an important part in the mythological background of the Aztecs, and were used for sacrificial purposes in the belief that the sins of the human were transferred to the dog to appease the wrath of the gods. These dogs also were supposed to serve as guides to the soul as it passed through the fearful region of the underworld after death. They are very alert, intelligent animals and their breeders claim the Chihuahua is distinguished by its preference for its own kind over all other

dogs. You'll find this breed in both the smooth- and long-coated varieties, although the latter is rare in the eastern part of the United States. Perhaps one reason for this dog's intelligence lies in the fact that its head is dome-shaped, affording ample room for brains—which isn't true of many of the finely-bred dogs whose aristocratic skulls have been streamlined to the extent of eliminating much of the brain capacity of their ancestors. The Chihuahua has large, upright ears, full eyes and a fairly long tail; it weighs from one to six pounds and any color is permissible by official standards.

Another attractive little fellow is the English toy spaniel. Probably everyone has seen a spaniel, so a detailed description is unnecessary; this is simply a smaller edition, ranging from nine to 12  
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The Pekingese, in ancient China, was owned exclusively by royalty.

# News of the Lodges



The members of the Amoskeag School Baseball Team, wearing their fine new uniforms, watch Exalted Ruler Maurice J. Savage present Manchester, N. H., Lodge's check to pay the cost of this regalia to Assistant Principal Sherman Lovering. At left is Est. Lead. Knight H. S. Pelletier.



Past Grand Chaplain Dr. George Nuckolls, center, blows out the candle on Hotchkiss, Colo., Lodge's first anniversary cake. E.R. Joseph McKenna stands at Dr. Nuckolls' left.



At the presentation of Jersey City, N. J., Lodge's check to help defray expenses of the library of the A. Harry Moore School for Crippled Children were, left to right: Librarian Ethel Murphy, former Gov. A. Harry Moore, P.E.R. W. E. Markey, Edith Murphy, Librarian Edmund Miller, School Principal Dr. T. W. Hopkins, retiring-E.R. Nicholas W. D'Elia and P.E.R. G. M. Sexton.



Chairman E. M. Mattis of the Fla. State Elks Assn. Americanism Committee, presents one of the 14 American Flags for the Naval Air Station Elementary School classrooms, to young Bob Lowe, Pres. of the School's Student Council. At left is Principal Miss Nellie Clark of the School.

## Sioux City, Ia., Elks Entertain School Girls

Young ladies who serve as monitors in the city's public and parochial schools were entertained by the members of Sioux City Lodge No. 112 at a special program not long ago. About 350 girls enjoyed the hospitality of the Elks whose new Youth Activities Committee, headed by Frank Coats, was in charge.

The monitor program, under which girl pupils help supervise the school buildings before and after classes and at recess, was organized by W. C. Yeager, school safety director, and is the first of its kind in the country.

The affair included a talk by Mr. Yeager and others, the showing of travel pictures and refreshments.

## Elizabeth, N. J., Elks Pay Tribute to Emil J. Hirtzel

Emil J. Hirtzel became a member of Elizabeth Lodge No. 289 in 1903. The following year, he was made Secretary of the organization, and has served capably in that position ever since, with the exception of one year, a long time ago. When Mr. Hirtzel entered on his 47th year in this capacity recently, his fellow lodge members, including his brother, 50-year Elk George L. Hirtzel, senior P.E.R., made the occasion a memorable one. A class of 21 members was initiated, and a framed portrait, accompanied by a scroll carrying 400 Elk signatures, was presented to the guest of honor. Several other oldtimers were on hand, as were 20 P.E.R.'s.

Bowling Committee Chairman C. P. McGinley introduced Stephen Bodner who presented to No. 289 the bowling trophies won by its team as champion of the Central District of the State Elks League, and also of the City Recreation Class B League. A stage show and supper followed the eventful meeting.



**Greybull, Wyo., Lodge Organizes Unusual Musical Group**

Greybull Lodge No. 1431 has organized a band which will be used on various occasions, its first appearance being made in the city's annual Days of '49 celebration parade. Winding up the parade on an uncharted float, garbed in costumes "unbecoming" a Western rodeo, the group was the sensation of procession. The so-called float was an implement carrier, pulled by a tractor. The band's second appearance took place in Thermopolis at the family celebration sponsored by the local Elks on top of the Big Horn Mountains.

**Hamilton, Ohio, Lodge Honors State Pres. Nelson Stuart**

The members of Hamilton Lodge No. 93 paid tribute to Nelson E. W. Stuart, Pres. of the Ohio State Elks Assn., with a special program attended by 430 members. The occasion was highlighted by the initiation of a class of 134 men in honor of Mr. Stuart by a special team of present leaders and P.E.R.'s.

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Mrs. A. R. MacLeod, wife of E.R. MacLeod of San Francisco, Calif., Lodge, admires other Elks' ladies who were models for the annual bridge luncheon and fashion show. Left to right, Mr. G. S. Tracy, Mrs. J. E. Krout, Mrs. J. J. McMahon, Mrs. C. S. Peery, Mrs. George Baader and Mrs. J. J. Fahey, Jr. Over 1,000 ladies attended the affair at which 500 door prizes were awarded.



Chairman Fred Kilfoyle of Price, Utah, Lodge's Social and Community Welfare Committee, left, presents the Elks' \$200 contribution for the Shriners' Intermountain Crippled Children's Hospital to Elk Jack Houston, also a Shriner.



Marblehead, Mass., Lodge presents a \$500 check to the Hospital Aid Assn. to furnish a room in the hospital. Left to right: P.E.R. D. F. Maguire; W. G. Martin, E.R. J. H. Chaisson, D.D. T. J. Dowd, Mrs. Martin, Assn. Pres., Mass. Commonwealth Secy. E. J. Cronin, Assn. Treas. Forrest Wickes.



Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge officers are pictured with the class initiated on its 25th Anniversary.

# The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



On a recent visit to Fairbury, Neb., Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle paid a visit to the grave of a former leader of the Order, Frank L. Rain, in the city park. With Mr. Kyle when he placed a wreath on the cenotaph were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and D.D. Glenn Waugh, fourth and fifth from left, E.R. Clarence Black and other officers of Fairbury Lodge, and officials of visiting lodges.



Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, seated center, with Elk dignitaries at Brazil, Ind., Lodge.



At Omaha, Neb., were, seated, left to right: D.D. Glenn Waugh, E.R. E. M. Bethune, the Order's leader, Henry C. Warner, and Est. Lead. Knight Dr. J. D. Bradley. Standing are other lodge officials.

**C**ONTINUING his lodge visitations in his home State of Indiana during the month of May, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle called on the membership of MICHIGAN CITY LODGE NO. 432 on the 16th, where he saw the newly-installed officers, led by E.R. Russell Hendrickson, initiate a class of six candidates, each of whom received an Elk lapel pin from the Order's leader. One of the new ELks was the son of Trustee Nathan Winski, P.E.R., bringing the fourth generation of the family into the Order. Among the many dignitaries present was State Pres. Thomas E. Burke.

On the 19th, the Grand Exalted Ruler attended a well-planned banquet at the home of MANISTIQUE, MICH., LODGE, NO. 632, when many members and their ladies from Upper Peninsula lodges were on hand to pay tribute to Mr. Kyle.

In Indiana again, the Grand Exalted Ruler had the pleasure of instituting LAWRENCEBURG LODGE NO. 1836 on May 27th. The ceremony was held in the home of MADISON LODGE NO. 524, which sponsored the new branch of the Order whose  
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At Michigan City, Ind., Lodge were, left to right: Dr. A. L. Spinning, oldest living Charter Member and a Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle and Exalted Ruler Russell Hendrickson.



E.R. and Mrs. Homer McClaugherty, left, with Mr. and Mrs. Kyle, right, admire the beautiful solid silver refreshment set, shaped like a Mexican sombrero, which San Antonio, Tex., Elks gave the visitors.



At Corvallis, Ore., Mr. Kyle met Garland Sprick whom the local Elks set up in business after his back was broken in a football game. Here he shows Mr. Kyle and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, right, a sample of the leather goods he made. Left, E.R. Harold Kennedy.



The distinguished traveler autographs membership cards on his visit to Temple, Tex., Lodge, following a luncheon given in his honor. Seated is Eddie Franz, a member of Honolulu, T. H., Lodge, who is a veteran stationed in the Veterans Administration Hospital located in Temple.



A view of the diners, including D.D. Robert Burns, State Pres. H. W. Hartley and other dignitaries and their ladies, during the Manistique, Mich., Elks' banquet honoring Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Joseph B. Kyle.



Left: Photographed before the handsome home of McPherson, Kans., Lodge are E.R. H. M. Roskam and other members and the welcoming band, with Mr. Kyle and Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mr. and Mrs. Warner.

Below: At the institution of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Lodge are the new officers and Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, Grand Est. Lead. Knight Arnold Westermann, State Pres. Thomas E. Burke, D.D.'s Willard Franklin and Richard Wagner, Special Deputies J. F. Beldon and J. T. Williams, Chairman R. L. DeHority of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, A. A. Pielemeier, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, State Assn. Trustee Norman Freeland and Vice-Pres. P. W. Loveland and Madison E.R. J. F. Cochrane.

Exalted Ruler is Harry W. Seibel. The Indiana South Dist. Ritualistic Champions of Vincennes Lodge No. 291 initiated the 102-man Charter Member Class. Lawrenceburg Lodge was organized by Special Deputy J. F. Beldon, assisted by Special Deputy J. T. Williams.

On the last day of May, Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Henry C. Warner joined Mr. Kyle as luncheon guests of McPHERSON, KANS., LODGE, NO. 502, where they stopped en route to SALINA, KANS., LODGE, NO. 718 to participate in its Golden Jubilee. Nearly 3,000 persons attended the Memorial Ball that evening, and 4,000 Elks and their families enjoyed the barbecue and smorgasbord in the afternoon as guests of the lodge. E.R. E. H. Hammontree and the Committee of P.E.R.'s in charge arranged a fast-moving program which began at ten a.m. and continued on through the entire day and evening.

The next day, Mr. Kyle, accompanied by other dignitaries, visited the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank L. Rain in Fairbury, Neb., and then paid a visit to LINCOLN LODGE NO. 80 where he was made an admiral in the Neb. Navy by Gov. Val Peterson, and was warmly welcomed by E.R. Willard Townsend and his officers. Escorted from Lincoln to the home of OMAHA LODGE NO. 1817 by E.R. E. M. Bethune and his officers, Mr. Kyle and Mr. Warner and many other officials were guests of the lodge at a dinner held in the Chamber of Commerce private dining room in the lodge home. At a special lodge session, the Grand Exalted Ruler delivered an impressive address and later was the guest at South Omaha Stag Night, an annual event of No. 1817 which included entertainment and a buffet supper.



Officials at Waco, Tex., Lodge with Mr. Kyle, State Pres. J. R. Pray and D.D. Henry Wendlandt.



In Madras, Ore., center of the North Unit Irrigation Project, producing Ladino clover seed, left to right: Prineville P.E.R. J. H. Moore, Bend E.R. W. H. Reid, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Mr. Kyle, Prineville E.R. Wilfred Burgess and Bend P.E.R. William Stollmack.

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Above: One of the many shipments of material for Veterans Hospital which are supplied regularly by California Elksdom. This selection, valued at nearly \$4,000, is being sorted by Calif. Elks Service Committee Chairman Robert N. Traver, left, and P.D.D. Carl J. Hase.



Above: At the Chelsea Naval Hospital, patients and their Elk benefactors are pictured during one of the many shows the Massachusetts lodges are providing. Included here are some of the Everett Elks who, together with Medford Lodge, are entertaining Korean veterans. Pictured are P.E.R.'s J. F. Kelly, Treas., and Committee Chairman H. H. Twohig; E.R. W. M. Noonan, P.E.R. Laurence Bleiler, M.C. Harry McGowan.



Above: Michigan Elk Committeemen are pictured at one of the parties they sponsor at regular and frequent intervals for veterans hospitalized in the vicinity.



Left: Movie starlets are photographed with selected representatives of the Armed Forces at an Arizona Elk affair in Tucson.



## CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JULY, 1951

WITH over 3,500 Elks, their ladies and guests present in the Ballroom of the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, the 87th Grand Lodge Convention opened Sunday evening, July 1, with an outstandingly impressive public session. After the singing of our National Anthem, an Invocation was given by Rev. Father James E. King, Grand Chaplain. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, who presided at this session, introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell. Extending a hearty welcome on behalf of 53,000 Illinois Elks in 85 Lodges, Mr. Campbell paid a warm tribute to Elkdom in Illinois.

Although Governor Stevenson was unable to attend the session because of press of work in connection with the closing of the Illinois Legislature, he sent a personal message to the delegates and guests, and this message Mr. Thompson read to those assembled. Then Mr. Thompson introduced Mayor Martin H. Kennelly, of Chicago, who spoke of the City and how pleased it was to have again the Grand Lodge Session. Speaking of the many advantages of Chicago, the Mayor referred appreciatively to an article in the June issue of the *Elks Magazine* wherein Dickson Hartwell wrote of the "Convention City" and its many unique cultural and social centers.

After an interlude of music by the Dave Bohme String Ensemble and the Indiana Chanters, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle delivered a stirring address in which he vigorously attacked un-American, subversive elements. Coming directly to a specific case at point, he said, "Right at this moment, right here

in Chicago, American citizens are meeting to sing the praises of Stalin and his fellow murderers. These creatures call themselves the 'American People's Peace Congress'. They ought to call themselves the Communist Slaves Treason Congress, for treason is their business". Continuing, in strong terms Mr. Kyle indicted the members of this group which has been condemned by the House Committee on un-American Activities.

"How much longer are we going to tolerate such treason?" Mr. Kyle asked. "There are about 400,000 communists

and fellow travelers in this country. We must recognize them for what they are, and who they are. I say that we must end treason in America. This is our hour of greatest danger. Let us recognize it calmly. Let us face it with faith, with courage and resolute determination".

After an extended ovation to Mr. Kyle for his thoughtful and hard-hitting address, the celebrated Indiana Chanters from his home state sang "Indiana". This highly successful opening public session then closed with a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

### FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

ONE of the largest gatherings of delegates in the history of the Order was present as the first business session of the 87th Grand Lodge Convention—meeting in the Ballroom of the Hotel Stevens, Chicago—was called to order by the Grand Esquire at 10:00, Monday morning, July 2. After an Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle declared the session regularly open.

The Grand Esquire then escorted the Board of Grand Trustees to the stage. After the Board was seated, the Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Convention were conducted to the stage and presented to the delegates, who accorded them a standing ovation after they were introduced individually by Mr. Kyle. The Past Grand Exalted Rulers present were:

Raymond Benjamin, Napa, Calif.,

Lodge, No. 832; James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, No. 664; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., Lodge, No. 838; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; John R. Coen, Sterling, Col., No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge, No. 556; Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge, No. 99; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878; David Sholtz, Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1141; Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge, No. 53; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge, No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78; E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge, No. 142; Dr. Robert

S. Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28; Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge, No. 299; George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515, and Emmett T. Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge, No. 174.

Next, Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle introduced the Grand Lodge Officers, who for this year were: Arnold Westermann, Louisville, Ky., Lodge, No. 8, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; M. A. DeBettencourt, Houston, Tex., Lodge, No. 151, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; James T. Welch, Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge, No. 36, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; J. E. Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494, Grand Secretary; William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge, No. 1290, Grand Treasurer; Louis B. Browne, Berkeley, Calif., Lodge, No. 1002, Grand Tiler; L. John Nelson, Spokane, Wash., Lodge, No. 228, Grand Inner Guard; Rev. Father James E. King, Athens, Ga., Lodge, No. 790, Grand Chaplain; Roscoe D. Leever, Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152, Grand Esquire, and also Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler, John A. MacLennan, of Gary Lodge.

### Trustees Presented

Continuing with the presentations, Mr. Kyle introduced the Board of Grand Trustees seated on the stage: Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge, No. 260, Chairman; Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge, No. 173, Vice-Chairman and Home Member; Thomas J. Brady, Brookline, Mass., Lodge, No. 886, Secretary; D. E. Lambourne, Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85, Approving Member, and Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge, No. 114, Member.

Convention photos by Oscar, Chicago



With a stirring demonstration, Grand Exalted Ruler Elect Howard R. Davis is conducted to the stage by Grand Esquire Roscoe D. Leever, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow to the left of Mr. Davis. At attention on each side of the center aisle are the members of the Championship Drill Team from Lancaster, Pa.

Chairman R. C. Robinson of the Committee on Credentials then was recognized to give a preliminary report on attendance of Grand Lodge members, the number being 1986.

The next order of procedure was the introduction of members from distant Lodges. Brothers were present from Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Canal Zone and Guam. In recognition of their great effort in coming to Chicago, each Brother was given a hearty welcome of applause as he was introduced by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

The minutes of the 86th Grand Lodge Convention held in Miami last year then were approved by the delegates, after which the Grand Exalted Ruler appointed the following Committee on Distribution: Frank Hise, Corvallis, Ore., Lodge, No. 1413, Chairman; John A. MacLennan, Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler, and Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami, Fla., Lodge, No. 948.

Mr. Kyle then devoted a few minutes to a personal message to the Grand Lodge members, saying: "When I received the honor of being chosen to serve you as Grand Exalted Ruler of our beloved Order, a year ago, I set two principal objectives for my administration.

"First, I felt that it was my duty to do everything in my power to arouse all Elks to a full measure of awareness of the deadly danger that hangs over our country.

"Second, I took it as my duty to do everything in my power to make the Order of Elks stronger and better able to lead, and to serve, our country in this hour of deadly peril. A great source of inspiration to me has been the constant and enthusiastic support that you, my

Brothers, have given to me, and the heavy schedule of challenging programs that we have carried on during these past months. I shall never forget it".

Mr. Kyle spoke in moving terms of the invaluable assistance he had received from the Advisory Committee: "My brothers, Elksdom is a rich Order, and the greatest of its riches is the tradition of leadership embodied in the Past Grand Exalted Rulers who are seated here before you. They constitute the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee. There is no phrase at my command to express adequately the role that they perform in making and keeping the Order of Elks the dynamic, vital fraternity that it is".

### Elections Held

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Kyle declared the session ready for the election of Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year. Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Lodge, No. 932, was recognized and nominated Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge, No. 173, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. The nomination was second by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, after which the nominations were closed and the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Davis. When Mr. Davis was declared duly elected to office the delegates rose and gave him a standing ovation as he was escorted to the stage by Mr. Grakelow, Exalted Ruler Abram M. Snyder, of the Williamsport Lodge, Brothers Donaldson, Ralph Robinson, Wilkesburg, Pa., Grand Secretary Masters and F. J. Schrader, Allegheny, Pa., Assistant to the Grand Secretary.

As the Pennsylvania delegates marched through the hall in an outstanding demonstration for the Grand Exalted Ruler Elect from their home state, the Championship Drill Team from Lancaster, Pa., formed in procession and the Williamsport B.P.O.E. band played a stirring march. The Williamsport Elks Chorus then stood before the stage and sang as the delegates applauded. After the demonstration concluded, Mr. Kyle congratulated Mr. Davis and pledged his enthusiastic support for his administration. The Grand Exalted Ruler Elect gave a speech of acceptance which appears on page 6 of this issue.

### Grand Lodge Officers

The remaining elections of Grand Lodge Officers then were conducted: For Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Ronald J. Dunn, Oneida, N. Y., Lodge, No. 767; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, C. D. Stevens, Portland, Me., Lodge, No. 188; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, L. G. Mehse, Laramie, Wyo., No. 582; Grand Inner Guard, Dr. A. V. Delmore, Two Rivers, Wis., Lodge, No. 1380; Grand Tiler, Irvine J. Unger, Detroit, Mich., Lodge, No. 34; Grand Secretary, J. Edgar Masters, re-elected; and Grand Treasurer William J. Jernick, also re-elected. All of these nominations were

duly seconded and those nominated were unanimously elected to the offices named for the coming year.

Nick H. Feder, Belleville, Ill., Lodge, No. 481, was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees. Also, Arthur M. Umlandt, Muscatine, Ia., Lodge, No. 304, was elected to the Board for a term of one year to fill the vacancy resulting from the election of Mr. Davis.

The next order of business was the re-appointment of two Past Grand Exalted Rulers by Mr. Kyle. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen was appointed to succeed himself as a member of the National Memorial and Publication Commission and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin was appointed to succeed himself as a member of the Elks National Foundation Trustees. The Grand Exalted Ruler then appointed Judge John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, to the Grand Forum.

The Grand Exalted Ruler recognized Chairman Sam Stern of the Board of Grand Trustees, who gave a preliminary report on the Budget.

A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to the Grand Exalted Ruler by Exalted Ruler Alex D. Torie of Mr. Kyle's home Lodge in Gary, Ind. After several announcements by the Grand Esquire, the first business session was closed with a Benediction by Grand Chaplain Reverend Father James E. King.



Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, right, congratulates Grand Exalted Ruler Elect Howard R. Davis

## SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

THIS Session opened at 9:30 a.m., July 3, with an invocation by the Grand Chaplain, followed by the report of the Distribution Committee—Frank Hise, of Corvallis, Ore., Lodge, Chairman. The report was accepted unanimously.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell submitted a report for the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, of which he is Chairman. A digest of the report will appear in our September issue. After concluding his report, Chairman Campbell moved that authorization be granted to reprint the books which sell at the Memorial Building in Chicago for \$1.00. The books are in short supply and, if their sale is to continue, reprinting is necessary. This motion was passed unanimously. Brother Frank O'Connor, President of the New York State Elks Association, then requested permission to be heard briefly. Commenting on Mr. Campbell's report, Mr. O'Connor said:

"Prior to the establishment of *The Elks Magazine*, the only medium that the Grand Exalted Ruler had to communicate with the membership at large was by a letter directed to the Lodge Secretaries. When we consider that the average attendance at a subordinate lodge meeting

runs between 10 and 15 per cent of the total membership of the lodge, we realize that a message so conveyed reached but a slight fraction of our total membership. Then we begin to appreciate the great contribution that *The Elks Magazine* makes to the Order by entering the home, or the business place, of each of our more than 1,000,000 members. Furthermore, in the 29 years that the Magazine has functioned as our national publication it has returned over \$5,000,000 to the Order. I earnestly urge that every member read the detailed financial statement, audited by a leading firm of public accountants in New York City, included in the report of the National Memorial and Publication Commission. I think I speak for all of us when I say that we are proud of our Magazine and are deeply appreciative of the contribution to the Order made by the members of the Commission which directs it." He moved that the report of the Commission be approved and his motion was adopted unanimously.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation. Mr. Malley submitted the report of the Foundation, a digest of

which will appear in our September issue. After concluding his report, Mr. Malley called on Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick, M.D., a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

Speaking not only as a Trustee of the Foundation, but also as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association, Dr. McCormick extended the congratulations of the AMA for the "farsightedness with which the Elks of America have demonstrated their desire to help under-privileged people".

### *An Elk Endeavor*

"The doctors of this country", Dr. McCormick stated, "are fully aware that the work for crippled children in the United States is essentially, and primarily, an Elk endeavor. We are happy those of us in the profession now, that the Elks have seen fit to take an interest in the cerebral palsy situation.

"There is a critical shortage of individuals qualified to train and handle children in the cerebral palsy centers. I want to say to the Chairman of the Elks National Foundation that whatever money this Order gives for the training of individuals to care for and educate the palsy children is being given to help people who have not been salvaged until just recently. You have hit the one point in medicine today where there is actual need for help—and that is in the field of



cerebral palsy. Every Elk can feel within his heart that it was this Order that took the first step to help these unfortunate people, as we have taken the first step in many other medical situations. On behalf of a great profession, I congratulate you”.

**Dr. Barrett's Message**

Chairman Malley next called on Dr. Robert S. Barrett, a Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Treasurer of the Elks National Foundation, to speak to the delegates about the Emergency Educational Fund.

“In speaking to you this morning”, said Dr. Barrett, “my purpose is to call to the attention of every Exalted Ruler present that perhaps in his particular Lodge there may be a son or a daughter of some member incapacitated during the last war who is eligible to receive aid from our Emergency Educational Fund. The only way that we can find that out is for you to trace down the children of Brothers who were killed or incapacitated. When you have done this send in an application to the Elks National Foundation and I am very sure that the Foundation will grant every valid request.

“There are no strings to it. There are no competitive examinations. All we require is that the child of a deceased or incapacitated member of our Order is ready for a higher education and needs assistance from the Foundation. The money will be at their disposition”.

Chairman Malley next stated that since the report was prepared on April 30th about \$28,000 had been received. He called on delegates present at the Convention with checks for the Foundation to come forward and a considerable number of checks, ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, were given to Mr. Malley to be added to the Principal Fund of the Foundation.

**Scholarship Awards**

Mr. Malley asked Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, Vice Chairman of the Foundation, to make his report on the annual Scholarship awards. This was a particular outstanding year in so far as the contestants in the Foundation's scholarship contest are concerned, stated Mr. Benjamin. Only slight margins separated each contestant and there were several ties. A full report of the results of the Contest will be included in our September issue. John Berk Orr, of Long Beach, Calif., and Dorothea Ruth Drews, of Butler, Pa., were present as guests of the Order and both made moving expressions of appreciation for what it meant to them to be this year's first prize winners of \$800 each in the Scholarship Contest. The report of the Elks National Foundation then was approved unanimously. Members of the Elks National Foundation are: Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley, Chairman; Raymond Benjamin, Vice Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; Charles H. Grakelow; Robert S.

Barrett, Treasurer; L. A. Lewis and Edward J. McCormick M.D.

Earl James, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted his report. Mr. James introduced several important amendments to the Statutes, which were approved by the delegates. These will be printed and delivered to the Lodge Secretaries for inclusion in the Annotated Statutes which were prepared by the Committee last year. The details of the statutory changes adopted as the result of the report of Chairman James will appear in the September issue.

Chairman James requested that the members of the Committee on Judiciary come to the stage to be presented to the delegates. In addition to Mr. James, the Committee members are: John C. Cochrane, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge, No. 53; H. L. Blackledge, Kearney, Neb., Lodge, No. 984; Williams S. Hawkins, Coeur D'Alene, Ida., Lodge, No. 1254, and John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., Lodge, No. 65.

The Second Business Session then closed with a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain, Reverend Father King.

**THIRD BUSINESS SESSION**

ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, at 9:30 a.m. the Third Business Session of the 87th Grand Lodge Convention opened with an appropriate Invocation by the Grand Chaplain. The Grand Exalted Ruler then called upon Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Baltimore, Md., for a report concerning the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va. For seven years Brother Hawthorne has had the responsibility of requesting each Lodge to contribute \$5.00 for the Brothers at the Home, the funds being used to provide evening entertainment. Through the generous assistance of the Lodges, this year Brother Hawthorne reported that he is turning over to the Board of Grand Trustees \$5,435 to be used for that purpose.

Robert L. DeHority, Elwood, Ind., Lodge, No. 368, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee was recognized and then introduced the other members of his Committee: Edward A. Dutton, Savannah, Ga., Lodge, No. 183; Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Lodge, No. 932; Edwin J. Alexander, Aberdeen, Wash., Lodge, No. 593, and Cyril A. Kremser, Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge, No. 18. Chairman DeHority

submitted the report of his Committee, which was unanimously approved. A digest of the report appears on page 29 of our July issue.

Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle asked for the report of the State Associations Committee, of which M. B. Chase, La Junta, Colo., Lodge, No. 701, is Chairman. Brother Chase first introduced the other members of his Committee: J. Ford Zietlow, Aberdeen, S. D., Lodge, No. 1046; John J. Sweeney, Troy, N. Y., Lodge, No. 141; R. Leonard Bush, Inglewood, Calif., Lodge, No. 1492, and Joseph F. Bader, Lyndhurst, N. J., Lodge, No. 1505, after which he submitted his report. This report, a digest of which will appear in our September issue, was unanimously approved.

**The Colorado Plan**

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen delivered a strong and particularly timely address about the problem of lapsed membership, drawing upon his many years of experience in Elkdom to develop his points about the Colorado Plan—a contest conducted by the Colorado State Elks to award Lodge Secretaries according to



Past Grand Exalted Rulers Raymond Benjamin, left, and John F. Malley, at his right, present Scholarship awards of Elks National Foundation to first prize winners John Beck Orr and Dorothea Ruth Drews as Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle offers his congratulations.

their ability to obtain new members and prevent lapsations.

"We have come to the conclusion out here in Colorado", said Mr. Coen, "that the State Associations have a most prominent, and probably a predominant, part to play in the situation where a Lodge is losing members.

"Study the membership statistics and you soon will see that last year we dropped 36,000 for non-payment of dues. Great battles have been won by armies of less than 36,000. Furthermore, this astounding fact always should be in the minds of you interested leaders—nearly 500,000 former members of Elksdom no longer belong to the Order. Something should be done about that and certainly we can cut down lapsations.

"Agreeing with Grand Secretary Masters that Lodge Secretaries are collectors of dues—not receivers—in Colorado through our State Association we initiated a Plan to divide the Lodges in the State into four groups, according to membership. Then we set up a standard for judgment based on new membership; the increase in re-instatements; the number attending meetings, and other considerations. We held a contest for Lodge Secretaries on this basis, with a first award for the Secretary with the best over-all record in each group. The winners have been brought to this Grand Lodge Session".

### Colorado Plan Winners

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Coen then introduced the four winners in the Colorado Plan Contest: First, Lodges over 900 members, Eugene M. Welch, Grand Junction, Colo., Lodge, No. 575; Second, Lodges 600-900, Hoy G. Brosius, La Junta, Colo., Lodge, No. 701; Third, Lodges 300-600, Isom W. Epperson, Fort Morgan, Colo., Lodge, No. 1143; Fourth, less than 300, Lloyd C. Grover, Lakewood, Colo., Lodge, No. 1350.

"I have presented you with a brief outline of our Colorado Plan, feeling it is worthy of study and analysis by your State Associations", Mr. Coen concluded.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall then offered a Resolution authorizing the Grand Exalted Ruler to appoint a special committee, composed of three members, whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable monument for late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles S. Hart. This Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Next, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, invited the delegates from California to enter the Grand Lodge meeting, which they did escorted by the outstanding band from the Great Falls, Mont., Lodge.

Chairman Hallinan advised the delegates that the California Lodges had contributed this year \$38,500 from their own treasuries to supplement the contributions of the Elks National Service Commission in the work to aid veterans in hospitals. Chairman Hallinan introduced Robert N.

Traver, Ontario, Calif., Lodge, No. 1419, State Chairman for the Commission since the close of World War II. Brother Traver then introduced a disabled veteran from his own Lodge—Ray Davis. From his wheelchair Brother Davis presented to each Past Grand Exalted Ruler attending the Convention a beautiful hand-tooled leather wallet made by Servicemen in Veterans Hospitals in California in appreciation of the help extended by the Order.

Following this presentation, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan said:

"Last year you generously passed a Resolution to contribute \$1.00 per member for the continuance and increase of our program if the need should arise. We told you that we would not ask for the money unless we needed it and, fortunately, the need did not arise.

### Twelve Centers Operating

"We now are operating 12 Fraternal Centers and all we are asking again this year is the passage of that same Resolution you approved unanimously in Miami last July, suggesting that 35 cents per member be allocated to the Elks National Service Commission at this time.

"Eighty-five percent of the boys in Service range in age from 18 to 21 and when they are in camp for overseas training they need a second home. In its Fraternal Centers, this great Order of ours is providing a second home for the boys. With us today are the Brothers who are heading up our Fraternal Centers and I want you to meet them". Judge Hallinan then introduced these Fraternal Center leaders: Arnold Westermann, Louisville, Ky., Joseph S. Loth, Trenton, N. J., William H. Harth, Columbia, S. C., M. H. Starkweather, Tucson, Ariz., Bede Armstrong, Waukegan, Ill., George T. Skinner, Kinston, N. C., and James H. McClain, Geneva, N. Y.

Impressed by his recent visit to the Waukegan, Ill. Fraternal Center, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan asked Bede Armstrong, Chairman of the Center, to tell the delegates how that unit functions so effectively. Brother Armstrong then explained how the Center was started with the help of the Elks National Service Commission a year ago after the USO ceased its work. This Center has several special features, with many aspects of a private club for the Servicemen. Brother Armstrong then introduced Miss Cora Thayer, hostess of the Fraternal Center, who explained the Women's activities at the Waukegan Fraternal Center. After this address, Donald La Rocque, assistant Special Service Officer of the Hines Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Ill., spoke briefly in appreciation of the work that the Commission is doing there and presented William A. Lauer, Chairman of the N.E. Illinois Elks Veterans Commission, with an Award Certificate for the work he has done at that hospital.

Concluding his report, Chairman Hallinan reminded the delegates of the importance of the "Keep Awake, America" program and the "Courtesy Cards". He then introduced the Commission's Field Representative, Floyd H. Brown, and Executive Secretary William M. Frasor.

Chairman Hallinan moved the adoption of the Elks National Service Commission report, the vote being unanimous. A digest of the report will appear in our September issue. Members of this Commission submitting the report are: Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, Chairman; E. Mark Sullivan, Secretary; Henry C. Warner, Vice Chairman; David Sholtz, Treasurer; George I. Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Frank J. Lonergan, Wade H. Kepner, Charles E. Broughton, Emmett T. Anderson and Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle.

## FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

THE final session of the 87th Grand Lodge Convention opened with an Invocation by Rev. Fr. King, after which Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle announced that he had been presented with a scroll from the City of Chicago in recognition of our great work as a fraternal Order and because the Elks had honored the City by convening in Chicago.

The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge, No. 260, then presented the final budget, which was adopted unanimously. D. E. Lambourne, Salt Lake City, Utah, Approving Member of the Board, reported on applications for charters.

Thomas J. Brady, Brookline, Mass., Lodge, No. 886, Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees, submitted a Resolution to authorize the Board to present Mr. Stern with a suitable testimonial in recognition of his seven years of distin-

guished service on the Board, from which he retired at the Convention. This Resolution was passed unanimously. Mr. Lambourne then submitted a similar Resolution to the effect that a suitable testimonial be presented to Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, who was Vice Chairman and Home Member of the Board prior to his election to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Grand Exalted Ruler brought Captain Kevin Sullivan, son of Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, to the stage and presented him to the delegates, who received him warmly. Captain Sullivan was initiated into the Order as a member of Louisville, Ky., Lodge and the Grand Exalted Ruler spoke of how much it meant to the Order to have a young man, with a fine background in the Armed Forces, affiliated to the fraternity to which his father has

rendered such distinguished leadership.

Judge John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, presented the report of the Youth Activities Committee, of which he is Chairman. Commenting on the strong youth programs launched by the subordinate lodges during the year, Chairman Scileppi brought home to the delegates how this important Committee serves as a coordinator for the many programs which the Order sponsors for the benefit of our American youth. A digest of the Committee's Report appeared on page 28 of the July issue.

### **Youth Program Award**

Chairman Scileppi called Exalted Ruler C. W. Beckham of Missoula, Mont., Lodge No. 383, to the stage and presented him with a beautiful trophy symbolic of the Committee's award to that Lodge of the National Championship for having conducted the most outstanding Youth Program during the year.

Chairman Scileppi announced the winners in the Youth Leadership Contest and presented the Exalted Rulers sponsoring the top winners with the U. S. Savings Bond which the student won, as well as a Certificate of Merit. The winners were: Boys Division—First (\$400) Harold T. Conrad, Milwaukee, Wis.; Second (\$300) James C. Turpin, Holdenville, Okla.; Third (\$300) Bruce P. Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn. Girls Division—First (\$400) Mona L. McGuyre, Foreman, Ark.; Second (\$300) Margaret K. Bragg, Columbus, Mo.; Third (\$200) Mary K. Lent, Saginaw, Mich.

In one of the most moving moments of the Convention, Chairman Scileppi introduced Mrs. Leroy G. Davies, widow of the late Exalted Ruler of Texarkana, Ark., Lodge, No. 399. The winner of the first award in the Girls Division was sponsored by the Texarkana Lodge and the members of the Lodge asked Mrs. Davies to come to the Convention so that she could receive the award personally. Mrs. Davies then spoke to the delegates briefly and was accorded a standing ovation as she left the stage.

### **Award to Mr. Kyle**

Paying a tribute of appreciation for the advice and counsel Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle gave the Committee during his term of office, Chairman Scileppi presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a "Youth Committee Plaque" testifying to the service that he rendered to young America during the year. Judge Scileppi then introduced the other members of the Committee: Edward A. Spry, Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10; H. H. Russell, Warrensburg, Mo., Lodge, No. 673; Raymond C. Crowell, Pasadena, Calif., Lodge, No. 672, and Boyce A. Whitmire, Hendersonville, N. C., Lodge, No. 1616, following which the delegates accorded the Committee a rising vote of thanks.

The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, Ralph C. Robinson, Wilkensburg, Pa., Lodge, No. 577, gave the final

report on registration at this year's Convention, as follows: Grand Exalted Rulers, 1; Past Grand Exalted Rulers, 23; Grand Lodge Officers, 19; Grand Lodge Committeemen, 21; District Deputies, 136; Special District Deputies, 12; Representatives, 1,305; Alternate Representatives, 96, and Members of Grand Lodge, 967. Total—2,508. This was the largest registration in the history of the Order for any year in which only one Grand Lodge Session was held.

The report of the Ritualistic Committee next was given by Chairman W. A. Wall, West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1352. Chairman Wall announced that this year 33 teams competed in the Ritualistic Contest, the previous record being 26 teams—at Miami last year. Winner of the first prize of \$500 was Greeley, Colo., Lodge, No. 809, this Lodge thus becomes National Ritualistic Champion for the second consecutive year. The Greeley Lodge score was 95.8530. The members of the Greeley team stepped to the platform and the Exalted Ruler spoke briefly in accepting the award. Second prize winner of \$250 in the Contest was San Fernando, Calif., Lodge, No. 1539; third prize of \$125, DeKalb, Ill., Lodge, No. 765; fourth prize of \$75, Wakefield, Mass., Lodge, No. 1276, and fifth prize of \$50, Lansing, Mich., Lodge, No. 196.

### **All-American Team**

Again this year the Committee selected an All-American Ritualistic Team from the contending teams. Through the cooperation of Brother C. J. Rhoads, Fort Pierce, Fla., Lodge, No. 1520, each All-American winner was presented with a beautiful tie clasp. The All-American Team this year is: Exalted Ruler, Elmer H. Meyer, San Fernando Lodge; Esteemed Leading Knight, Ronald Bringman, San Fernando Lodge; Esteemed Loyal Knight, Joseph Kneuss, San Fernando Lodge; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, George Folger, San Fernando Lodge; Esquire, C. C. Adams, Greeley Lodge; Chaplain, Leonard S. Lamb, Greeley Lodge; Inner Guard, Charles F. Eberhart, Jr., Youngstown, Ohio, Lodge.

### **Convention Committee**

Brother George Thornton, Chairman of the Chicago Convention Committee, and his associates on the Committee came to the stage and were introduced to the members at the Session. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner offered a Resolution expressing the deep gratitude and appreciation of the Grand Lodge for the splendid work they had done in arranging the details of the Convention.

Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle then expressed his sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve the Order as its leader and for the most generous cooperation that he had received. He then turned the gavel over to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow for the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers elect. The

members accorded the Grand Exalted Ruler a heartfelt standing ovation, after which the Officers were escorted to the center of the assembly room by the Grand Esquire to be installed by Mr. Grakelow. A list of the new Officers appears in the report of the First Business Session in this issue.

Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis then assumed his duties as the new Grand Exalted Ruler and thanked Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow for acting as the installing officer. Mr. Grakelow, on behalf of the Elks in Pennsylvania, presented the new Grand Exalted Ruler with a floral piece consisting of roses formed in the shape of a Keystone, symbolic of the Grand Exalted Ruler's home State.

### **Appreciation to Press**

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell offered a Resolution expressing the appreciation of the Grand Lodge for the cooperation of newspapers, press associations, television and radio stations of Chicago which contributed materially to the success of the Convention. This Resolution was passed by the Grand Lodge unanimously.

Next, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson offered a Resolution paying tribute to the record of achievement of Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle and his courageous devotion to his Order and Country. The Resolution authorized the Board of Grand Trustees to present to Brother Kyle a suitable testimonial as evidence of the deep regard and affection in which he is held by his Brothers. This Resolution was passed unanimously.

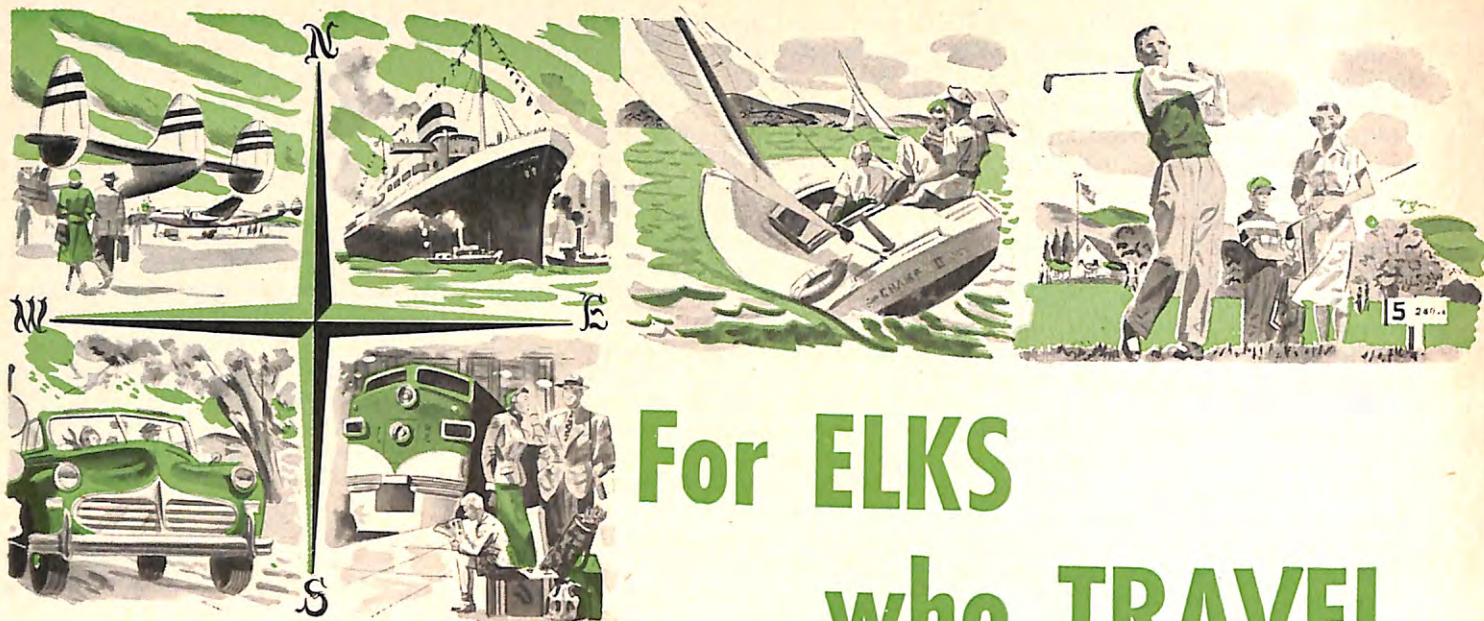
Grand Exalted Ruler Davis then announced the members of the new Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge: Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Chairman, and James A. Bresnahan, Fitchburg, Mass., Chelsie Senerchia, Miami Fla., S. E. Patterson, Augusta, Kan., and R. Leonard Bush, Inglewood, Calif.

The Grand Exalted Ruler announced that, by official proclamation, the next Session of the Grand Lodge would be held in New York City, July, 1952.

### **Gift Presentations**

The Grand Exalted Ruler next was presented with several beautiful gifts and floral pieces. Francis T. Benson, Kittanning, Pa., Lodge, No. 203, told the Grand Exalted Ruler that the 88,000 Elks in his home State were presenting him with a combination radio-television-phonograph console. John H. Bennett, Renovo, Pa., Lodge, 334, Pa., Past President of the Pennsylvania State Elks, on behalf of the 13,000 Elks in the North Central District, presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a 1951, four-door Cadillac.

Rev. Father King, Grand Chaplain re-appointed at the Convention, gave the Benediction and the 87th Grand Lodge Session then was proclaimed closed by Grand Exalted Ruler Davis.



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SOME cities flourish because of their big harbors, or because of balmy weather, or a beautiful beach, but Aspen in the State of Colorado owes its existence to silver, snow, culture and fish in that order. Nobody denies that silver, snow, culture and fish make one of the most implausible quartets ever assembled, but each has given to Aspen a certain prosperity and fame.

The silver was first. During the Roaring Eighties great seams of it were discovered in town in mines like the fabled Molly Gibson. Aspen had more wealthy people for its size than any other place in the hemisphere. It was Colorado's second largest city and the Hotel Jerome was a red velvet, Victorian palace with a separate bar for gentlemen. The hotel, called the "most beautiful on the Western Slope" when it opened in 1889, was built by Joseph Wheeler, who once owned half of R. H. Macy, New York's large-sized department store. Wheeler also built an opera house which still bears his name, first used to give the miners a bit of opera and theater, and later a stop on the musical comedy circuit.

Aspen collapsed with the silver boom and wasn't heard from again until a few years ago. It had slept a long sleep and became all but a Ghost Town of western mining days. Then, nearly 60 years after its hopped-up heyday, Aspen's sleep was somewhat disturbed by the appearance of an occasional skier who found on the slopes of the surrounding mountains magnificent snow and thrilling runs. The first skiers brought others and they also brought a Chicago industrialist named Walter Paepecke, a man with money

and ideas, two ingredients that make a magic formula. Thinking perhaps of Williamsburg, Va., the recreated Colonial village. Paepacke formed the Aspen Corporation with the intention of making Aspen look like it did in 1889. The old Hotel Jerome was restored to conform to the General Grant period and got a Frontiersman's Bar, guest houses were christened the "Gay Nineties" and "Floradora."

Definitely a modern touch in Aspen was the installation of the world's longest chair lift. Mainly for skiers, it is kept open all summer for those who want to go along only for the ride. The lift travels from the edge of town at a height of 7,900 feet to the top of Ajax Mountain—11,300 feet—or about as high as the Jungfrauoch in Switzerland. It rises, as anyone can see, some 3,400 feet while traveling 14,000 feet. Up on top there is to be sure, a wonderful view of the rest of the world, and a Sun Deck and restaurant.

**A TOWN REBORN**

A success as a town reborn as a winter resort, Aspen took a look at the summer. It was pretty nice there then, too. The weather was cool while everybody was frying eggs on sidewalks everywhere else and the meadows bloomed with wild roses, Lady's Slipper, Snow-on-the-Mountain, Shooting Star, Mountain orchids. Evening Primroses and other flowers no corner florist ever stocked. The air was perfumed with giant sweetpeas.

In the summer of 1949 came the Culture. Paepacke's Aspen Corporation invited the Goethe Bicentennial Founda-



tion to hold its festival in the worked-over, revitalized silver town. Great men came from all over the world to tiny Aspen, particularly Dr. Albert Schweitzer from Lambaréné, Africa. The Aspen Institute was founded with courses in music composition, piano, voice, conducting and string and woodwind instruments. A series of lectures, seminars and concerts were held during the summer of 1950, and another series is scheduled for this summer. Its theme will be "Our American Heritage". Speakers include Mark Van Doren, Robert Hutchins, Mortimer Adler and Jacques Barzun, and the program will run through August.

For anyone less interested in "larnin" than in the great outdoors, Aspen has lots of outdoors. It nestles in the Roaring Fork valley by the Roaring Fork River. The Colorado trout season opened in May and will run late into the fall. Fishermen can work the Roaring Fork itself or Frying Pan River, Hunter Creek, Woody Creek, or Maroon, East Maroon and West Maroon—which should take care of the maroons. There are also half a dozen lakes in the mountains which offer air-conditioned fishing.

Pack trips for fishermen or just sight-seers can be organized in town, and guides, horses and a complete kit are available for hire. There are plenty of mountains to explore—Hagerman 12,000

feet; Snowmass, 14,077 feet; Cathedral 14,000; North Maroon 14,000; Castle 14,250, and Pyramid, 14,000, not to mention a number of other over-sized molehills. In spite of this array of peaks only the most experienced Alpinists do any climbing in Aspen. The mountains are all "rotten rock", which isn't an epithet but a condition, and it makes climbing extremely dangerous.

By train Aspen will take you 50 hours traveling from New York or from San Francisco, a day and a half. The California Zephyr of the Burlington Lines makes it from Chicago in 22 hours and 23 minutes. All this travel is to Glenwood Springs, 41 miles from Aspen. A bus brings you in. United Airlines will whip you to Denver, and if you're loaded, a charter plane will take you from Denver right to Aspen Airport.

#### LUSTY BEGINNING

Whereas Aspen mined silver, Colorado Springs dug for gold, but its beginnings were just as lusty. It began with the name of El Dorado City, founded by a group of prospectors who moved West from Kansas City in 1859. Soon it became Colorado City, now known as Old Town or West Colorado Springs. When the first church services were announced in 1863 one lone man appeared in the pews to hear the sermon. The single wor-

shipper told the minister that a horse thief had just been captured and almost everyone in town was at the trial. The thief was promptly convicted and hung, whereupon the citizenry repaired to the church to listen to the sermon on the evils of sin.

The main part of Colorado Springs was founded by the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad in 1871, and its owners made sure that the new city wasn't going to take after the boisterous, brawling town of Colorado City. It forbade mills, smelters, saloons and gambling houses. A clause prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors on the premises was written into all deeds and enforced until 1933, when Prohibition was repealed.

From the very beginning, Colorado Springs was a spa and a resort. Nestling at the foot of Pikes Peak, it has, in the Broadmoor, one of the world's outstanding hotels. There is a stadium for rodeos, a golf course, ice skating and a magnificent outdoor swimming pool sheltered by glass walls. Aside from the hotels there are about 18 guest ranches in and about Colorado Springs. They feature log cottages, chuck wagon dinners under the Colorado stars, trout fishing and of course, riding. Rates run in the vicinity of \$12 a day per person, food included.

#### UP PIKES PEAK

The most famous excursion in Colorado Springs is the trip up Pikes Peak, which is 14,110 feet high, or nearly 3,000 feet higher than the famous Jungfrauoch railway in Switzerland. You can ride up to the summit in a new diesel-powered train with a plexiglas top, or drive up over the Auto Highway in a sightseeing limousine. The train leaves daily at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., the limousines at 8:10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. You can go by rail one way and coach the other, a combination trip that takes four and a half hours and costs \$5, plus half a dollar highway toll.

Ten minutes from downtown Colorado Springs will bring you to Seven Falls, a long string of water that tumbles over seven natural rock steps. A wooden staircase runs alongside the cascade for those with ambition, and trails lead off to a number of points of interest, among them the grave of Helen Hunt Jackson, the author of "Ramona". At night white and colored lights are played on the tumbling

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Imposing Pikes Peak, towering 14,110 feet, as seen from Ute Pass.

# News of the State Associations

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## ARKANSAS

The annual meeting of the Arkansas State Elks Assn. had Little Rock Lodge No. 29 as host to a great many delegates and guests. Principal speaker was Special Deputy William A. Rexer of Louisiana. During the meeting, State Pres. R. S. Zinn and State Assn. Foundation Committee Chairman Herman Carty presented a \$300 scholarship to Nancy Jane Cheatham.

The Association decided to sponsor an "Operation Safety" program in the National Safety Council, and adopted a resolution to participate in the 1952 Ark. Rose Festival.

In office for the coming year are: Pres., C. Stell Adams, Hot Springs; 1st Vice-Pres., James I. Malham, Brinkley; 2nd Vice-Pres., Orville Worley, Eureka Springs; Secy. (re-elected) Wm. H. Laubach, Little Rock; Treas., Leroy Davies, Texarkana; Trustees: Dr. C. L. Winchester, Texarkana (two years), and Chas. A. Bahil, North Little Rock (three years).

## NORTH CAROLINA

The 1951 two-day meeting of the North Carolina Elks Assn. found 112 delegates present from all but four lodges in the State. Among the many interesting reports presented was that of Boyce Whitmire, former member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, who gave a detailed account of the splendid No. Car. Elks Boys Camp, followed by other youth activities résumés. These Elks' outstanding service to patients in VA Hospitals also received attention, and it is indicated that North Carolina Elksdom is planning concentrated action toward aiding the cerebral palsied. Charitable contributions in the past year totaled nearly \$65,000 for the State which gained a net increase of 576 members.

### 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

During the banquet three scholarship awards of \$300 each were made by Past Pres. D. Staton Inscoc; a cup and \$300 prize went to the Salisbury Championship Ritualistic Team.

It was decided to hold the Fall meeting in Wilmington, with the 1952 meeting to take place in May in New Bern where the local Elks will be observing their 50th Anniversary.

Past Pres. Thad Eure installed the following officers: Pres., George T. Skinner, Kinston; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, C. D. Thomas, Charlotte; Vice-Pres., E., Leroy A. Lanier, Raleigh; Vice-Pres., Cent., George Harrison, Henderson; Vice-Pres., W., A. B. Parker, Hickory; Treas., Guy C. Killian, Gastonia; Secy., A. A. Ruffin, Wilson. One-year Board members are H. E. Olsen, Shelby; B. P. Jones, Burlington, and W. A. J. Peacock, Goldsboro. J. Max Rawlins of Greensboro is a three-year Trustee.

## UTAH

Ogden Lodge No. 719 was host to the 1951 Convention of the Utah Elks State Assn. June 7th, 8th and 9th. In a keenly contested Ritualistic competition the

group from Eureka "Tintic" Lodge was successful. The evening of the 7th was set aside to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the host lodge with a special program.

Reports revealed splendid progress during the year in crippled children's work, cerebral palsy, children's camps, etc. The Memorial Services were well planned and drew a large crowd. Many social activities occupied the attention of the delegates and their ladies, with the final afternoon being devoted to horse-racing, with the proceeds going to further the boys' camp sponsored by Ogden Lodge. The Grand Farewell Ball wound up a series of pleasing events.

The delegates voted to set aside 10 per cent of the yearly per capita tax from the lodges to finance a worthy State Assn. project, on which a committee will make a study and report on it to the State meeting this fall. Handling the organization's affairs for the current year are, Pres., J. Albert Boulton, Park City; 1st Vice-Pres., Antone Dupin, Price; 2nd Vice-Pres., Wilford K. Redmond, Eureka "Tintic"; 3rd Vice-Pres., N. F. Burger, Tooele; Treas., Frank J. Nelson, Salt Lake City; Secy., John Green, Jr., Park City.

## IDAHO

Over 700 delegates were registered for the June 8th and 9th Meeting of the Idaho Elks Assn. in Pocatello, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and Past Pres. W. S. Hawkins of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary as special guests. Many reports were heard, particularly those on the splendid assistance these Elks are giving special projects, such as the operation of the Crippled Children's Home they maintain in Boise, and service to patients in the Veterans Hospital. It was decided that the next annual conclave would take place in Coeur D'Alene, and Pocatello Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest.

Officers for the 1951-52 year are: Pres., E. G. Yates, St. Maries; 1st Vice-Pres., T. W. Dakan, Caldwell; 2nd Vice-Pres., Clifford Warr, Preston; 3rd Vice-Pres., Hayden Mann, Lewiston; 4th Vice-Pres., E. J. Elliott, Sandpoint; 5th Vice-Pres., Andrew James, Gooding; Secy.-Treas., E. C. Killips, St. Maries; Chaplain, P. H. King, Boise; Sgt.-at-Arms, Don Glover, Moscow; Tiler, M. J. Fender, Coeur D'Alene; Trustee, H. C. Hinkley, Pocatello. Appointed to the Crippled Children's Hospital Board of Directors were R. S. Overstreet, Boise, and William Bowles, Moscow.

Dining, dancing, and many sports events were provided for the entertainment of the visitors.



Winners of this year's Maine Elks Ritualistic Contest, held at Augusta, were these officers of Rumford Lodge led by E.R. Lawrence C. Murphy, seated second from left, with their trophy.



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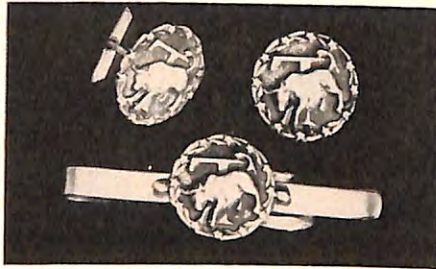
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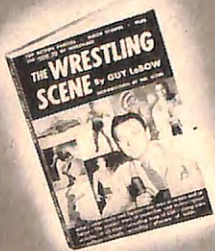
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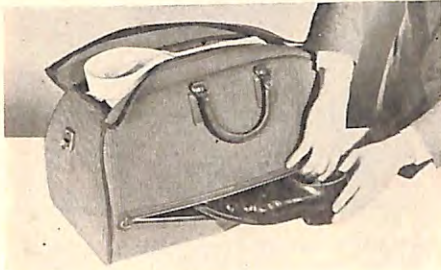
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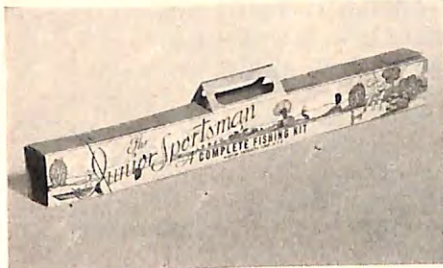
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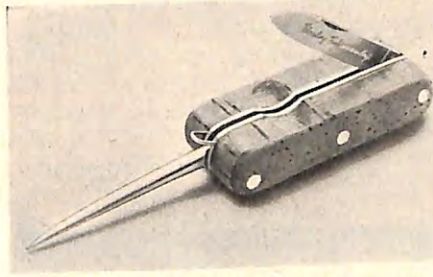
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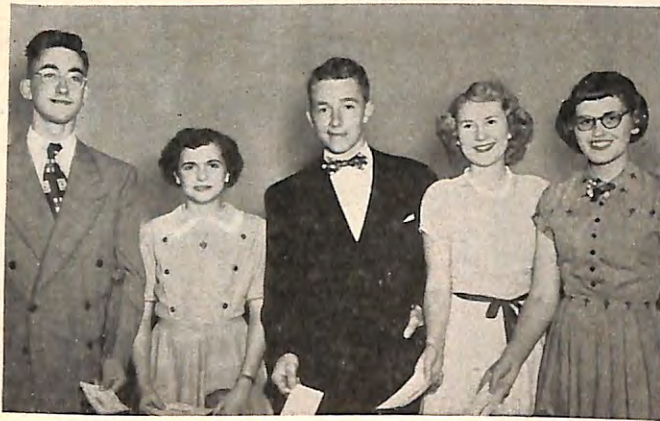
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It was concert day in Lewiston not long ago, when two lodges furnished bands to stage a parade and put on a 90-minute musical program at Pioneer Park. The Elks Band of Walla Walla, Wash., Lodge, No. 287, joined the contingent from Lewiston Lodge No. 896 in the line of march, led by Sea Scouts, seven drum majorettes and two drum majors.

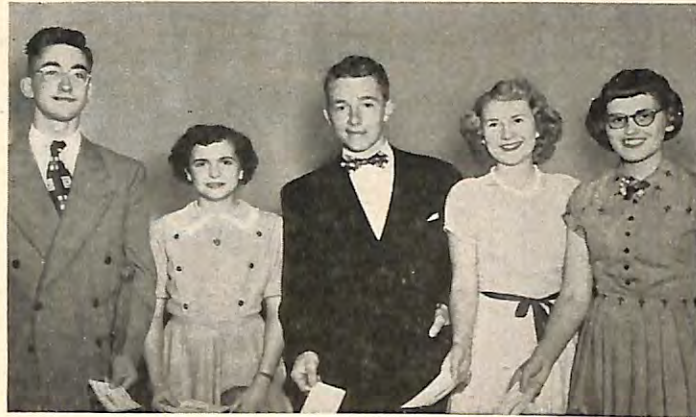
Nearly 2,000 persons heard the concert in which both bands played as one unit, under the direction of the visiting director, Cal Malone, and Lewiston's Lester Von Barga. E.R. Virgil Thompson addressed the audience at intermission time. Later, the Lewiston band visited Walla Walla and the concert was repeated there for both the residents of the city and patients in the VA Hospital.

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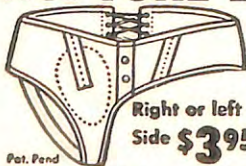
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## Rod and Gun

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just before it settled to the stream surface and carry it a few feet to one side, out of the trout's way.

Some fishermen go the huge dry fly one better and use a bass bug on a trout stream. And a few daring souls not bounded by the limits of angling custom even go so far as to use a casting rod and a bass plug on a trout stream at night. They are in a class by themselves. They never catch anything, but they realize that wholesome feeling of independence granted such free-thinkers. And, if such a fisherman should ever catch a trout, he knows for sure that it won't be any ordinary fish; it will certainly be one of those huge night-prowling monsters he hears splashing about in the gloom.

SINCE it is generally done from a boat, night fishing for bass does not present the same problem as trout fishing. There are not the moss-covered rocks to slip on, the roots to trip on, or the bushes in which to get hopelessly entangled. One thing the bass fisherman should keep firmly in mind, however, is the exact length of his boat; otherwise he may take one step too many and go over the bow. This disturbs the fish.

I prefer a plug to a fly for bass night fishing. Somehow I seem to be more successful in keeping it clear of my own anatomy while casting. A fly line and leader somehow occasionally get a strangle hold around my neck with the fly itself perched on the end of my nose.

A surface plug is always recommended for fishing after dark. The reason is said to be that the surface disturbance it causes can be seen readily by the feeding bass, which vision presents more temptation than he is able to resist. However, the real reason for its use is that an underwater plug will sink and get fouled on the bottom whenever a fellow gets a backlash—which happens occasionally—and there are enough problems in night fishing without getting the lake bottom mixed up in it.

Since the fisherman cannot see his plug or the striking fish, he should set the hook—and duck—everytime he hears a splash. Some time, it is hoped, the splash will be at his plug. The reason for ducking will be obvious to anyone who has tried this type fishing. It is not easy to determine just how far from the boat the plug may be at any given moment. A sudden yank on the rod when the lure is only about six feet away may result in a face full of gang hooks, a situation which fails to add to the joy of the occasion.

Anyone who has been on a lake at night has experienced the mystery of the reflection of the shore. No matter where a fellow goes, the black reflection of the trees or hills on shore always is just under the gunwale of the boat. It follows in and out like a faithful dog,

Somewhere between the black reflection and the silhouette of the treetops against the night sky is the shoreline. How far away it is no one can possibly tell. Casting into this nothingness gives one the same feeling of confidence as striding into the black mouth of a cave. Occasionally I have executed a perfect cast under such circumstances and waited confidently to hear the pleasant plunk of the plug dropping into the water. Instead there was nothing but silence—silence and katydids. Eventually I have discovered the plug resting peacefully 30 feet up in the woods. The way to avoid this is to stay out in the middle of the lake. There are no bass out there, but it is much more pleasant fishing.

And there are thrills enough, even out there. Occasionally a low-flying night heron, which floats along as silently as an owl, looms up ghostly in the fisherman's face, lets out a miserable squawk, dumps its cargo, and leaves the shocked angler wedged under the boat seat. The biggest thrill, however—an event which occurs nightly—is the battle with the lily pad. A lily pad when hooked and pulled under the surface by a plug gives off a plop like a feeding bass, and, once hooked, it shows it is made of tough stuff. It doesn't give up easily. The rubbery stem gives slightly, then fights back with vigor. It puts up a reasonably powerful, yet dignified, battle, ideal for the conditions.

NOW and then a night fisherman actually hooks a bass, and this is about the worst experience he can go through. The fish is first on one side of the boat, then the other, then under it, in it, out of it, and nobody knows where. This usually ends the outing. The fisherman is soaking wet and exhausted by the time the bass gets off, and the tackle is in such a hopeless tangle that there's no possibility of continuing.

Then there's the problem of getting home. Sometimes it's difficult to accomplish this when a fellow doesn't know where he is or where he wants to go. Fishermen have been known to wander around a lake for hours in the hope that eventually they will run into something they recognize, such as the shore. The one pleasant thought a man in such a predicament should keep with him at all times is that eventually the sun will surely come up.

Trout and bass are the two fish which provide the majority of sport for night fishermen. Members of the pike family, I am glad to say, go to sleep like sensible fish should when night comes. At least, that has been my experience with them to date, and I'm satisfied to leave it at that. I hope no one discovers evidence to the contrary because I have problems enough as it is.

The last time I went night fishing was

on a wide, quiet pool of a trout stream near my home. I had carefully selected the location in broad daylight. The spot where I chose to stand was surrounded by an open meadow, and there was a wide expanse of water ahead of me. It was a still night. Even the big trout were feeding modestly. Occasionally out in the pool there would be a "thunk" as though someone had dropped in a rock about the size of a brick. In the dim light of the reflected night sky I could make out the ripples caused by the rise. The only other sound was that of the crickets screeching away on their fiddles. About the time I got well organized, a beaver appeared on the scene. I hadn't seen him, nor he me, but apparently he had been swimming along quietly under the shore where I was standing. The first I knew I thought I caught a suspicion of a movement in the water near my feet—just sufficient to put me on trigger edge—then it happened! The beaver popped the water with his tail with the sound of a ten-gauge shotgun. I was halfway across the meadow toward the road before I realized what had happened. I slowed down then to catch my breath and reel in my flyless line. About three steps farther along a slumbering horse suddenly came to life, loomed up in front of my face with a startled snort, and went thudding back and forth across the pasture. I went home.

But it really won't be the last time. That cured me for a few nights only. I'm convinced that the big ones feed at night, especially this time of year. No one could possibly hear them splash around and think any different. Some day I'm going to catch one and prove it. Then I'll be satisfied—I think.

## In the Doghouse

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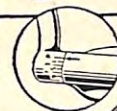
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modore Perry who opened Japan to the rest of the world and was presented with some of these dogs, a pair of which he later gave Queen Victoria. Perhaps you've seen one or two specimens of this breed, but if not, they're simply miniature spaniels with a pushed-in schnozzle something like the bulldog's. Only two color varieties are sanctioned—black and white, or red and white. One of the oldest of the toy dogs is the Maltese, said to be at least 2,800 years old. An interesting story about it has to do with St. Paul, who was shipwrecked on the Island of Malta on his way to Rome, and while there converted Publius, Governor of Malta, owner of a Maltese to which he was deeply attached. This dog is a spaniel, not a terrier as some think. He's a long-coated chap, pure white, and weighs no more than seven pounds.

**O**NE of the strangest of all dogs is the Mexican hairless, another toy pet of the highly civilized Aztec Indians and very rarely found in this country. About the size of a small fox terrier, it should be completely hairless except for a tuft of hair on the top of the skull, and can be any color. Ever hear of a papillon? This is a French dog, spaniel-like, with either erect or dropped ears. Although it's a toy dog, it is said to be very hardy. His chief claim to fame seems to be that two of his ancestors were owned by Madame de Pompadour. This dog's predominant color is white, with patches of other colors. Another toy with an interesting background is the Pekingese of China of which it is said that, in ancient times, it meant death for the commoner who was found with one in his possession. The Pekingese found its way to England through British soldiers who, while looting China's Imperial Palace in 1860, found the dogs hiding behind some draperies in the apartment of the Emperor's aunt. The Peke is long-coated, any color, and weighs up to 14 pounds. The Doberman Pinscher—a working

dog standing from 24 to 28 inches at the shoulder—has a miniature, too, a little fellow about 11 inches tall, and usually black and tan. No list of toy dogs would be complete without the Pomeranian, who hails from Germany. It is a profusely-coated little dog with erect ears, and found in almost every color known among dogs. For official show purposes, the Pom is divided into two weights—one under, and one over, seven pounds. Then we have the toy poodle, and since almost anyone knows what a poodle looks like, why describe it, other than to say it's found in any solid color and must not exceed ten inches at the shoulder.

A good example of how fashions change in dogs is evidenced in the pug, which was one of the most popular breeds of the Nineties, and earlier, but which faded out of the picture until a few years ago. Now it's regaining its popularity somewhat. This is another pooch with a pushed-in face, something like the bulldog's, and weighs from 14 to 18 pounds.

**T**O ROUND out the group, let's take the toy Manchester terrier, a pint-size version of the larger Manchester. A trim, knowing little fellow, jet black with tan markings, he weighs between seven and 12 pounds, and greatly resembles a dog which I used to know as a rat terrier. Last in the group is the Yorkshire terrier, perhaps the longest-coated of all dogs. Although this is not a common breed, those who own him rate him as tops as a pet. His color is a mixture of steel-blue and tan, and he weighs from two and three-quarters to as much as 13 pounds. Oddly enough, the Yorkshire puppy is born black, and his color changes with age. This leaves only the non-sporting group to be covered. Not to belabor the subject of dog breeds, we'll talk about something else for a couple of issues and describe the non-sporting breeds in one of the Fall columns.

**Speech of Acceptance**

(Continued from page 6)

by name all those of you who have been the leaders in this movement from our state into Chicago, and this great demonstration here this morning. But time forbids this. So let me say to you again from the bottom of a grateful heart—"Thank You", every one of you interested and loyal Pennsylvanians. You have made me very happy this morning.

We are about to close another administrative year in Elkdom, and to enter a new one. We face new problems this year, just as have all Grand Exalted Rulers in previous years. We shall face these new problems with courage and determination, for we are mindful of the great strength of our Order, of the caliber of its more than a million members and of the possibilities of service to all mankind that are inherent in

the 1,600 subordinate lodges of our Order. This is a time of national emergency. We face troubles not of our own making, dangers not of our own seeking. The threat of world-wide communist aggression is such that our normal way of life here in America will be greatly changed during the next ten or 12 years. From peaceful pursuits we turn to preparations for possible international conflict. My immediate predecessor has told you that this is no time for business as usual, for politics as usual—and, may I add, perhaps not for fraternalism as usual. Sacrifice has become the law of the land.

We are Americans all. In these uncertain times, with the threat of an ever-widening war hovering black on the horizon, we as Elks have no time for any

political philosophy, any national ideology, that subordinates the individual and his freedom of action to rule by the state. And we care not what that new rule may be called—fascism, nazism, or communism. These are merely different names for the same thing. None of them is American; none of them can find favor in the sight of God; all of them are treasonable to Elks everywhere.

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In these perilous times every resource of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is at the command of our country. I make that pledge here and now, both for our Order and for its million members. It is for America to command; it is for the Elks to obey.

The hour is late, and I shall not burden you this morning with any detailed program of activities for the coming year, other than to say that we shall try to develop further those fine things which we as an Order have begun in recent

years, especially with the youth of America, with those who have need of the helping hand so often extended by the Elks, with the lads in our veterans' hospitals, with our development of leaders for tomorrow through the Elks National Foundation, and with the demands made on us as a fraternity by our national Civil Defense program, and all subsequent requests made of us in the present national emergency.

**W**E BELIEVE that in this period of emergency we as a fraternity will be wise to save and develop that which we have, rather than to venture into new fields of activity, no matter how enticing these may appear.

But more of a detailed program later. After all, this is still Joe Kyle's administration, his Convention, and we ought to be "off with the old before we are on with the new." Therefore, I suggest that we complete what we have to do here in this Convention, which ends our administrative year, before we look too far into the year ahead.

Yes, there will be a program. It will be given you Exalted Rulers, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the time I call upon you to meet here in this room. There will also be more of it at the installation service Thursday morning, and still later in *The Elks Magazine*.

As I close, let me say "Thank You" again for the confidence you have shown in me by my election this morning. And you may take with you as you leave my promise that, with your support and cooperation, we shall write another year's record that will compare favorably with those so well-written in the past. Thank you—and God bless you.



On July 2nd, Grand Lodge Conventioneers attending the game between the Chicago White Sox and the Cleveland Indians at Comiskey Park saw Paul Richards, manager of the surprising Chicago club, left, accept a plaque from the Texas Elks, represented by E.R. Alex A. McKnight of Dallas Lodge. The handsome plaque, leather in an oak frame, carried a legend in gold extolling the high moral standards and outstanding leadership of Manager Richards, a native of Waxahachie, Texas.

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## Baseball's Talent-Tourists

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midst of operating for the Cardinals what up to then was the largest chain-system in baseball. Onto his St. Louis desk dropped a report about a skinny kid pitching great ball up around places like Viola, Hardy, and other Arkansas towns in the hill country. "Faster than a humming bird," was the lyrical evaluation. "Left-handed, too."

Roe, the report went on, was almost through college. The manner in which the hairs on the back of Rickey's neck stood up warned him that scouts from other clubs were right then inquiring how to proceed into the hills once they had passed through Little Rock.

Rickey called his brother, Frank, down in Carolina. The call interrupted Brother Frank in the midst of a little afternoon plowing.

"I want you to go up to Viola, Arkansas, and sign a kid named Preacher Roe. No," barked the Mahatma. "I don't know how to get there. Go get yourself a map."

Brother Frank did. Then he hopped aboard a train and traveled as far as he could by this means. When the rails finally ran out, he hired a horse and buggy and inquired the way to the home of Dr. C. E. Roe out on Route 62.

When he clomp-clomped to a halt in front of the Roe house it was late at night. Everyone was asleep. Frank Rickey unhitched the horse, put it in the stable stall and went to sleep on a mound of hay alongside the noble steed. The story goes that when the Roes awoke the next morning they were so touched by Rickey's devotion to his dumb animal friend that they figured he was more honest than the rest of the scouts who had been cluttering up the local landscape. Consequently, they listened sympathetically to his offer.

There's another story, however, about Rickey and Roe and in this one Frank Rickey walks the rest of the way instead of riding in class in a buggy. When he gets to the Roe house it's all dark, all right, so he beds down on the porch, using a cord of firewood as a pillow. When the Roes awaken they're touched by his consideration in not having disturbed them during the night. At the same time they feel sorry for his being forced to sleep in his best suit, and consequently they advise Preacher to listen to what the man has to say.

Preacher listened all right, then he did a little talking of his own. He talked \$5,000 worth of bonus to sign. When Frank Rickey recovered and got his brother on the phone in St. Louis to relay this demand he got still another shock. Brother Branch apparently had been thinking things over and was getting a little worried that someone else might get to Roe first.

"Give him the \$5,000," shouted Branch. "Give him anything he wants, only bring



The Yankee's sensational 19-year-old outfielder, Mickey Mantle, who made it all the way from Joplin to the Stadium in one unprecedented jump. A switch hitter, Mantle's RBI average is unusually impressive.

him down here so we can get a look at him."

In case you don't think that Roe's request was a little steep for the times, Pee Wee Reese, who came into baseball about the same time, signed with the Louisville Colonels and got \$200. "I was glad to get it, too," reminisced Pee Wee.

Roe never did amount to much with the Cardinals. Matter of fact, he got to play a total of three innings for them, but he was around in force ten years later to gladden the last days of Branch Rickey in Brooklyn.

**S**COOTS have been bitten, assaulted, bilked, made to drink inferior whiskey, suffered sun-stroke, frostbite and embarrassment in pursuit of their duties. Only one, however, is on record as having risked electrocution in the path of devotion to his employer.

The Washington Senators use a great deal of Cuban talent, and have done so for some time, thanks to the unstinting efforts of Joe Cambria, who has the entire scouting picture of that large island etched in the back of his head. Frequently he comes up with first-class talent, men like Conrado Marrero and Sandalio Consuegra, who have pitched with such outstanding success this year.

Cambria, who has done everything from scouting to running a laundry, heard about a pitcher in a public-utility league around Havana, a young man with definite possibilities. He went looking for him but learned that the fellow was at work. "Work" consisted of installing and repairing high-tension lines.

Anxious to talk to him, Cambria went out to where the young man was working, found him up on a pole. Up Cambria went after him and made his pitch with his feet supported by those spikes sticking out of the pole. It was tough on Joe's

arches but the lineman-pitcher was so impressed he signed on the spot. He put in one year in Chattanooga, went to spring training with the Senators, then gave up and went back to splicing wires carrying a million-volt wallop. Apparently it was less nerve-wracking.

Actually, the routine aspects of scouting outweigh the zany angles heavily. It's pretty much like working in a bank. Business finishes early but then the work only starts.

A scout goes to a ball game at a respectable enough hour and rare indeed is the one that runs past three hours. All of his leisure time, however, is spent writing reports when he's on the road. When he's home he's corresponding unceasingly with his subordinates in his territory.

Even splitting the country up into 20 parts, 20 men working full-time couldn't begin to cover it for baseball talent. Instead, through the years a system of part-time or "bird-dog" help has been built up. It extends through the high schools and the colleges, and down into American Legion competition and Ban Johnson League ball.

Without the "bird dog," the scout wouldn't know where to start. He curses out the "bird dog" more often than not for the enthusiastic letters that bring him running to watch the dreary antics of some dub. If the letters stopped coming, however, the scout would really begin to worry. He'd be pretty certain that the "bird dog" had made other connections.

A "bird dog" tipped off the Yankees on Mickey Mantle. The kid was a basketball, football and baseball star for Commerce High School in the zinc- and lead-mining area of Oklahoma. The local "bird dog," who was also a local fireman, told the Yankees about this switch-hitting kid who could knock the cover off the ball and who could also run like Citation.

**T**HE story that Mickey came wandering into the Joplin ballpark and asked for a tryout is fictitious. He wandered in all right in 1949, shortly after he had graduated from high school, but the Yankees knew he was coming.

In less time than it takes to tell it, they had him signed and on his way to Independence, Kansas, in the Class D K-O-M League. Mickey came up to Joplin last year, tore that league apart, and you know all about Mantle and the 1951 Yankees.

Little is left to chance today and the erratic, colorful scout who arrived in town with a whoop-de-doo and a call for a jug of corn has passed from the baseball picture, along with the emery ball and the 10-cent hot dog. Today a scout must keep his accounts as assiduously and file his reports as carefully as a bank

teller. Frequently, the penalty for an error by either may be equally as great and costly.

When a scout does blow a big chance it may well happen that the front office is just as much to blame. Frequently communications break down in amazing fashion between the front office and the fellow on the outside eating desert dust and making his way through the cane-brake. Sometimes signals get crossed, too.

Paul Krichell, now the dean of the Yankee scouts and discoverer of such men as the late Lou Gehrig, Hank Borowy, Charley Keller, Dusty Cooke and others, still takes time out to talk about the big ones that got away. He had Hank Greenburg just about sewed up after practically living with the Greenberg family for several months. Finally, Detroit came along and sold Hank on the idea that if he went with the Yankees it would be a long time before he'd ever get a chance to play first base, what with Gehrig holding the job.

**K**RICHELL found Gehrig playing for Columbia University the same spring that two of the really big ones eluded the Yankee hook. It wasn't Krichell's fault, either. But first about Gehrig:

"Funny, the way I got to see Gehrig play the first time," recalled Krichell. "I was sitting around with nothing to do and I thought I might as well go look at a college game. The only game anywhere around New York that afternoon was down in New Brunswick, N. J., with Columbia playing Rutgers. If Fordham or N. Y. U. had been playing around town I would have gone to see them. But they weren't and that was the big break. I went to see Gehrig play again a couple of days later. They were playing Pennsylvania and Lou hit one right out of the field up on the steps of the library. I was the first scout to see him and I'm glad that I was."

And then about those big ones that got away from him that same year: "I laid out my work," recalled Krichell, "so that I'd get around to the Eastern Shore League in June. That used to be down around Maryland, with a lot of those towns like Dover, Cambridge, Milford and Salisbury. The league folded up last year.

"Anyway, I work down to Dover where there's a big, overgrown kid fooling around with the Dover club. He isn't even ready for Dover yet but everybody knows he is going to be a big leaguer. He's Jimmy Foxx. The other kid they tell me is named King. He's a catcher like Foxx but he can play anywhere else, too, and is very fast.

"I didn't tell the office where I was going when I left but they know that after a while I'd be in Dover. When I get there the hotel clerk tells me there are half-a-dozen telephone calls, long distance, from New York. I find out they're all from Ed Barrow. You know

how he was when he wanted to get hold of somebody.

"I called Barrow and he says, 'Cliff Markle has jumped the club.' This is a little late at night, so I say, 'What about it?'

"'What about it?', says Barrow, 'We can send him back to Minneapolis for \$10,000. Get him and bring him back'.

"'But I'm down here to get this Foxx kid,' I tell him. 'What about him?'

"'Forget about Foxx,' says Barrow. 'Then there's another kid down here pretty good,' I say, talking fast. 'His name is King and he's a pretty good catcher.'

"'Never mind King,' says Barrow. 'Go get Markle.'

"'All right,' I say. 'Where is he?'

"'He lives in a town called Franklin Place, Pa., wherever that is,' says Barrow. 'It must be somewhere out in the coalfields.'

Barrow had reason to remember the Pennsylvania coalfields with a certain fondness. It was there he had discovered Hans Wagner chucking lumps of coal at passing freight trains.

"So," continued Krichell, "I go to Pittsburgh, register at the Fort Pitt Hotel and sit down to wait for Markle to show up. Before I leave the Eastern Shore I leave messages with all the managers and owners, like 'Don't do anything till you hear from me'.

"When Markle finally shows up," continued Krichell, "I convince him to report to Minneapolis and our ten thousand is safe. Then I go back to the Eastern Shore.

"All this has taken about a week and when I get back I find out the A's have signed Foxx and are going to leave him there. They've bought this King kid for \$1,000 and they're going to ship him out to Portland, Ore.

"I saved that ten thousand all right

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Paul Krichell, dean of the New York Yankees' scouting staff, the discoverer of Lou Gehrig, Charley Keller, Hank Borowy and many other diamond stars, shields his eyes from the sun as he intently watches a high fly.

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but I blow two pretty good ball players and after 20 or 30 years I don't think that ten thousand was such a bargain. King turned out to be a kid who was going to college up in Boston and was playing under a phony name. His real one was Mickey Cochrane."

Scouting is like any other venture where the stakes are high and the risk is long. Frequently the most successful operator is the one who knows when to take his loss, force a smile and go somewhere else. Some of the best scouts, too, enjoy their high rating for their ability to say "no" and to expunge the superlative from their reports rather than throw that bonus money around.

Take the scout for Pittsburgh who okayed the \$100,000 bonus for Paul Pettit, the left-handed schoolboy pitcher in Lomita, Calif., for the Pirates in the Winter of 1950. That figure represented one out of every ten dollars the Pittsburgh club took in at the gate during their big 1949 season. It was a big responsibility and certainly not an easy decision to make.

**S**OMETIMES a club will put a scout on the trail of a kid for six months and will wind up paying more for the scout's expenses than the kid will ever be worth. And sometimes they'll pass up a kid who has been sitting, figuratively, right under their noses.

Take the case of Johnny Pesky, of the Boston Red Sox. He broke in as a lowly club-house boy for the Portland Beavers in the Pacific Coast League. The Portland people had to practically step over him every day. Yet when it came time for Pesky to be signed, who signed him?



Chance, and a \$10,000-chase for a player who jumped the club, put these Hall of Fame members in Athletic uniforms instead of Yankee. Above: Jimmy Foxx, one of the great first basemen of this Century. Right: Slugging catcher, Gordon (Mickey) Cochrane.

Ernie Johnson, the Red Sox scout in that area. The sale of a Pesky to a big-league club would have brought the Portland club more financial profit than an entire season of Pacific Coast League competition.

Sometimes a scout takes six months to make up his mind, apparently troubled by some physical quirk in the boy's style. Then again he'll make a split second decision, whipping out a contract and fountain pen, and offering up a short prayer.

Paul Krichell tells of how he saw Dusty Cooke walking across a playing field in the Piedmont League for the first time.

"He was walking away from me," recalled Krichell, "and just from the way he walked I could see he was going to a major leaguer. I offered \$2,500 for him right on the spot. If he had been walking toward me I would have made it \$3,000."

Rex Barney, Brooklyn's last no-hit pitcher, was a split-second kid, or at least that's the popular legend. He was up at a tryout camp the Dodgers were conducting at Bear Mountain, N. Y., and the candidates were working-out indoors in the West Point drill cage.

Branch Rickey, Sr., then president of the Dodgers, was standing on a sort of jutting platform which afforded both him and the rest of the Dodgers' brains department a fine view of what was going on. Rickey, at the moment, however, was practically turned toward a blank wall. Suddenly he barked, "Get him!"

Branch Rickey, Jr., being closest to his father, figured the remark had been directed at him. "Get who?", he asked bewilderedly.

"That boy who just threw the ball."

Junior was now even more bewildered.

"I didn't see anyone throw a ball."

Rickey Senior whirled around. "That



blond kid over there," he declared, making a half-turn and waving his catcher-gnarled fingers.

The story goes that when Barney got back on a train for Omaha, Rickey Junior was right behind him, offering to tote his suitcase. He had with him a blank check and *carte blanche* orders to "get Barney." Ultimately Brooklyn did, for \$2,500, which was a good piece of money for a kid who was about to go into the Army as an infantryman.

Doubters of this version point out that Tom Greenwade, who was working the Midwest at the time for the Dodgers, had turned in a voluminous report on Barney and that Rickey had digested it carefully before making his theatrical gesture.

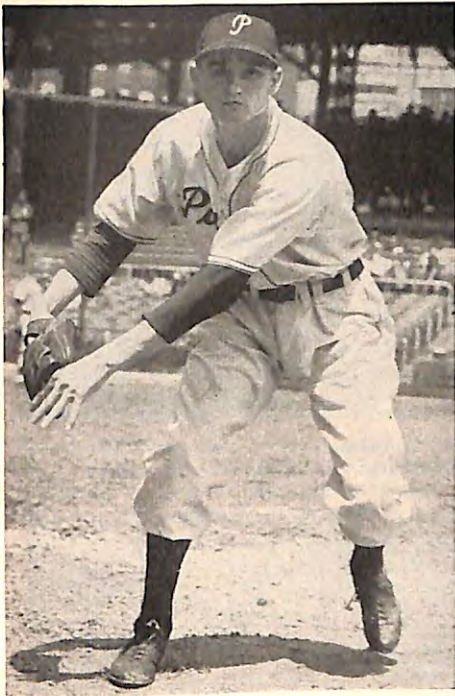
The original was more dramatic, however, and was told over and over in the Winter of 1948-49 after the big right-hander had pitched the only no-hitter in the National League the previous season. It was recalled, briefly, too, when Barney made his unprecedented request last spring to be placed on the voluntarily-retired list at the age of 26 after he had apparently proved to himself that he'd never make it again as a major league pitcher.

And that's still another phase of a scout's job, looking at the fellows who have been up in the majors and who have gone down. Will they be able to make it with another chance? There is a great deal of money and responsibility riding on a "yes" or "no." If it's a "yes," chances are there are a dozen "no's" being registered by other scouts staring you in the face. And those doing the rejecting are men with good reputations in the business, too.

**A**ND how about fellows who have been passed over and over in the minors? How about Jim Turner, now a valued coach of the world-champion New York Yankees? Turner pitched 18 years in the minors before the Boston Braves took a chance on him and were rewarded with a 20-game winner. How about Vern Bickford, who languished four seasons in C and D ball? Scouts usually give up on men like that, yet Bickford came up to pitch a no-hitter in 1950 for the Braves.

Just like other phases of baseball, scouting attracts all kinds of men. Some are garrulous, some work best with parents, some are salty ex-ball players, some are graduates of sand-lot umpiring and front-office administrative work.

Backgrounds are wide. In administration, George Weiss, now general manager of the vast Yankee empire, broke in as an operator of a semi-pro team around West Haven, Conn. Of Brooklyn's two vice-presidents, one, Fresco Thompson, is a former major-leaguer, the other, E. J. (Buz) Bavasi, is only a couple of years older than some of his players and never played ball at all. Fred Saigh, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, was too busy, first setting a record for completing law



At his brother's urging, Frank Rickey signed southpaw Preacher Roe for the Cardinals, although now he is a mainstay of the Dodger pitching staff.

school and then amassing realty millions, to see more than a half-dozen ball games before he bought the Cards a couple of years ago.

So it is with scouting. Joe Devine, the Yankees' ace talent-diviner on the West Coast, was only an obscure minor leaguer. George Sisler, of the Pirates' staff, was one of the greatest first-basemen of all time with the Browns—many say the greatest. Carl Hubbell, as director of the Giants' farm system, is nominal boss of the scouts and, you'd think, should be able to size up a prospective pitcher.

## For Elks Who Travel

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waters and Seven Falls is advertised as the only completely lighted canon in the world—a distinction in some circles.

Near Pikes Peak itself is a famous 370-acre park with the Hollywood name of Garden of the Gods. It was used for conventions by the Indians who called it Old Red Land after the color of its rocks.

At Manitou, which has 20 mineral springs bubbling radioactive waters that are available for public use, you'll find the Cave of the Winds and the Cliff Dwellings. The cave is a huge cavity underneath the Rockies where the weather is always 53 degrees and the 19 "rooms" are an awe-inspiring sight. The Cliff Dwellings, between the Garden of the Gods and Manitou, are a collection of primitive apartment houses that date from the early 11th Century. Aside from the houses themselves, built of stone in the side of a cliff-wall, there is a collection of burial urns, pottery and weapons that are a very positive clue to a vanished civilization.

Fifty miles from Colorado Springs

Yet somehow the Giants' system has yet to provide the Polo Grounds club with a first-class hurler.

The list of 300-plus full-time scouts in the major is dotted with former big-leaguers. Alongside them are fellows who have never gone higher than Class C or D, and some who have never even played in organized ball.

They all set their own working hours and their own working standards. All that their bosses demand of them are players—better, of course, than the next fellow is getting. The scouts recognize this demand as an occupational hazard and, for the most part, are able to shrug it off.

Sometimes the strain of talking to a father who thinks the signature of his pointy-headed son applied to a baseball contract calls for a bonus of at least a half-million causes a sunny disposition to wear a little thin. And just about that times comes that impossible wire or phone call from the front office.

Jack Doyle, the venerable Cub scout who discovered a long list of great Chicago players including Gabby Hartnett, Charley Root, Billy Herman and others, got one of those telegrams after he had been on the West Coast a long time on a scouting trip.

"Would appreciate," it read, "if you'd stop off in Fort Worth to scout George Washington."

Doyle had no way of knowing that there actually was such a large-chested gent at that time knocking the ball a Texas mile. Fuming, he hurried to a telegraph desk.

"Okay on George Washington," he scribbled. "And when I get to Springfield, Illinois, will look over Abraham Lincoln."

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Durham, N. C., Lodge's team, champions of the Civic Bowling League in which civic and fraternal orders participate. Left to right, foreground: J. F. Haywood, A. P. Saitta, S. T. Gaddy, W. W. Poythress, Dick Hargis. Standing: Baxter Whitaker, Walter Roberts, Mgr. W. L. Wilkerson.



P.D.D. Arthur J. Roy, left, sees County Chairman Ray Veillette present to County Treas. C. V. Shea, right, both Elks, a \$10,387.65 check, half the proceeds of a campaign conducted by the Elks of Danielson, Putnam and Willimantic, Conn., Lodges for the Infantile Paralysis Fund.



Left: Here are some of the boys of the 4-H Wildlife Conservation Club sponsored by Taunton, Mass., Lodge, the only one in the Mass. Elks Youth Organization, and the first in the State. There are 16 feeding stations, and the boys are trained to identify local game animals, birds and fish, to provide food for them during the winter, and to plant trees and shrubs.



Above: Wives and daughters of Elizabeth, N. J., Elks, pictured after their very successful season in the Elks Ladies Bowling League. Right, foreground, their Mgr. J. M. McDowell.

## NEWS OF THE LODGES

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Left: Seated are the new members of Olympia, Wash., Lodge who were initiated by the State Championship Team from Kelso, center row, with the Olympia officers standing behind them.



Above: E.R. O.K. Jordan, right, welcomes Gov. Earl Warren to Hemet, Calif., Lodge when the State leader attended the 24th Annual Ramona Outdoor Play, produced by the community, in which Elks participated.



Above: At the dedication of the Wm. T. Evans Hall, a \$15,000 building given to the Boy Scouts by Muskegon, Mich., Lodge, were, left to right: P.E.R. Dr. M. J. Kennebeck who presented the property, Scout Council Pres. Earle Johnson, State Pres. H. L. Hartley who made the dedicatory address, and E. C. LaNovette, representing the family of the late P.E.R. Evans who had been a member of Muskegon Lodge for over fifty years.



Above: E.R. Earl K. Hinson, left, presents El Centro, Calif., Lodge's iron lung, purchased with the proceeds of a baseball game between the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates, to County Chairman C. A. Pinney, Jr., center, of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. At right is P.E.R. H. J. Fawcett, instigator of the successful sports event.



Left: Here is the record-breaking class initiated into Kalispell, Mont., Lodge not long ago.

Below: E.R. Wm. H. Reid presents Bend, Ore., Lodge's awards to Mierley Fordham and Irene Kirkpatrick. First prize of \$100, and the second, for \$75, are awarded annually to top students in the commercial departments of the high school. At left, Elk Russell Acheson, school principal.



Below: Discussing Cumberland, Md., Lodge's outstanding activities are, left to right: E.R. G. A. Caswell, Activities Director French Sensabaugh, E.R. F. J. McCormick of Johnstown, Pa., Lodge, recently elected Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, and P.D.D. John H. Mosner.



Above: State Pres. Wm. C. Brunk presents a television set to Col. F. A. Cleveland, Mgr. of the Veterans Domiciliary Center at Clinton, as a gift to the Center from the Ia. Elks Service Commission. Second from left, P.D.D. P. F. Kamler.



E. R. Frank Masse of San Pedro, Calif., Lodge accepts a \$250 check for the Elks' Charity Fund from President Hampton Neergard of the Harbor Shrine Club, at a meeting when the Elks were host to the Shriners.



J. D. Cook, left, is congratulated on his 90th birthday by Max Endle, right, 90 years old in February. Center is R. R. Parkhurst, Toastmaster for the affair at Bellevue, Ohio, Lodge. Ages of the three total 259 years.



P.E.R. W. H. Lovell, left, of Portland, Me., Lodge, a 54-year Elk receives a 50-year pin from recently elected Grand Est. Loyal Knight C. Dwight Stevens, representing retiring Grand Exalted Ruler J. B. Kyle.



San Benito, Tex., Lodge's annual scholarship awards are presented for 1951, left to right: Exalted Ruler E. C. Hill, Past Exalted Ruler C. C. Bowie, Luisa Castillo, Patricia A. Corbello and Jimmy Taft.



Port Chester, N. Y., Lodge's 1000th meeting was held recently in honor of three surviving Charter Members, seated left to right: Baldwin H. Schupp, A. W. Marshall and William J. O'Brien, Tiler for 48 years. Standing are left to right: District Deputy J. W. Delaney, retiring Exalted Ruler Milton Elzholz and Exalted Ruler-elect Paul Venners.



Pictured here is the Pfeiffer Beer Team from Springfield, Ohio, Lodge which won \$450, five gold diamond-studded belt buckles, the \$150 trophy for the sponsoring lodge, and the championship of the 1951 Elks National Bowling Association Tournament. They are, left to right: Carl Diehl, Steve Vargo, Emil Ring, Bob Palmer and Roy Maine.

### Elks National Bowling Assn. Tourney Biggest Ever

The 1951 Elks National Bowling Assn. Tournament was a roaring success, with entries from hundreds of lodges bringing the total number of individual competitors to 4,580 making it Elksdom's outstanding sporting event. Nine gold diamond-studded championship medals and 1,647 cash prizes totaling \$25,971.57 were awarded in this 31st annual event, with Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle rolling the first ball—for a strike.

The Pfeiffer Beer Team of Springfield, Ohio, Lodge, No. 51, walked off with a total of \$450 in cash, five of the valuable championship belt buckles and a \$150 prize from the sponsoring lodge. To accomplish this, they took all first-places possible—first in actual pin-fall with a score of 3,105; first in the handicap event, with 3,252 pins.

The All-Events championship went to "Bud" Erlinger of Centralia, Ill., Lodge, who rolled 2,008 and the doubles title went to D. Laubengayer and B. Lutz who

are Ann Arbor, Mich., Elks with a score of 1,372. This pair took the actual pin-fall event in the doubles, too, with 1,291 pins bringing an extra \$75 cash prize.

In the singles, T. Randa, from Des Moines, Ia., Lodge, made a clean sweep with a 739 count in the pin-fall event, and 808 pins in the handicap. His gold buckle was augmented by \$150 in cash.

All in all, this week-end series held between Mar. 10th and May 6th in two of the finest bowling centers in St. Louis, Mo., was really outstanding.

## Champaign Elks Hosts and Big Winners in Illinois Shoot

Champaign Lodge No. 398 played host to the Illinois Elks for the 1951 Trap and Skeet Shoot at the Illini Gun Club. A big crowd was on hand, including participants and spectators, to see the 16-yard trap event of 100 targets taken by a five-man Champaign team, with high individual trophy going to Stanley Graff of Charleston. In the handicap trap event of 100 targets, a five-man group of Urbana Elks took top honors with the individual championship going to Champaign Elk Clair Pfeffer who also won the trophy in the 16-yard doubles event. The 100-target skeet shoot was won by the Champaign sharpshooters, with one of their number, C. M. Hayes, taking the individual lead.



A view of some of the spectators and a section of the Armed Forces Day Parade sponsored by Gainesville, Ga., Elks. A unit from the 3rd Army, college and high school bands and cadets, Scouts and the American Legion participated.



Exalted Ruler Albert Payne and his fellow officers of Lamar, Colo., Lodge are pictured standing in front of the 36 members initiated during the lodge's 36th Anniversary celebration recently.



Pictured at the dinner given in their honor by Fort Collins, Colo., are about 50 Elks who have donated blood to the blood bank maintained by the lodge for Elks and their families.



Seated, center, with officers of Silver City, N. M., Lodge, is sole surviving Charter Member Clarence Bayne, P.E.R., an Elk for 53 years. Standing is the class initiated in his honor.

## Paris, Ill., Elks Country Club a Showplace

Paris Lodge No. 812 has expanded and modernized its country club into one of the finest in the Midwest. Nearly \$25,000 was spent to enlarge facilities and improve the grounds, with the main lounge being completely and tastefully redecorated.

The men's grill, men's and women's locker rooms and the kitchen have been enlarged and refurbished, with a new food cellar and kitchen equipment being added. The dining-room has new furniture and a bar, and will accommodate about 200 persons.

The nearly 1,000 Paris Elks own and operate two clubs—the city club downtown, and the country club, with "Doc" Perkins general manager of both.

## Worcester, Mass., Lodge Officers Initiate Large Class

Not long ago, E.R. Dr. Joseph A. Scola had a double pleasure in the initiation of 60 candidates into Worcester Lodge No. 243. The largest group to enter the lodge in 30 years, five of its number were brothers of the Exalted Ruler.

On hand were Thomas J. Brady, Secy. of the Board of Grand Trustees, 12 P.E.R.'s of No. 243, and delegations from Milford and Leominster. Following the session, a fine dinner was served.



## LODGE NOTES



To aid the Red Cross Mobile Blood Unit in the drive for blood donations, **LEWISTON, IDA.**, Lodge offered the facilities of its home for a two-day period when 514 pints were given by local citizens, many of them Elks, including Mayor Ardie L. Gustafson and Chief of Police R. O. Flood . . . **WALLA WALLA, WASH.**, Lodge's Secy. for 25 years is Louis B. Romine, whose son is following his father's footsteps in serving **COLFAX** Lodge in that capacity for the past year, an unusual combination . . . According to State Assn. Secy. C. L. Shideler, all 67 **INDIANA** lodges have contributed to the Assn.'s outstanding Cancer Campaign, with the total received this year amounting to \$50,523.96. Of this amount, \$7,500 was presented at the State Meeting to Purdue University for support in cancer research. Ind. University was given \$35,000 to fight cancer in that State . . . Not long ago about 40 **SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.**, Elks made a friendly visit to their Brothers in **INGLEWOOD**, where a fine dinner and entertainment were enjoyed . . . **QUINCY, MASS.**, Lodge recently presented \$250 annual scholarship awards to Ellen L. Flaherty and Norman A. Fulton at ceremonies led by E.R. L. J. Broderick. A class of candidates was initiated that evening by Norwood Lodge's Degree Team . . . **GREENWOOD, MISS.**, Lodge's officers recently initiated the largest class to enter the Order there in many years—a group of nearly 25 outstanding citizens . . . **SAN JOSE, CALIF.**, Lodge's latest initiatory ceremony found over 100 Elks in attendance, with several visitors from Monterey Lodge. There are 14 new San Jose Elks, and three dimits, and one other member to add to Hemet Lodge's rolls. P.E.R. Louis Rossi addressed the candidates as did Neal Mangin of Boulder Creek fame. After the session a buffet supper was enjoyed.



Above: Milwaukee, Wis., Elks' 15th Annual Scholarship Contest winners Nancy Hoefs, second-place \$200; Herbert Franklin, third-place \$100, and David Kovenock, first-place \$300, with Committee Chairman A. E. Boyer, right, and Est. Lead. Knight A. J. Chadek.



Above: William Schmidt, left, Rahway, N. J., Elk, shows P.D.D. W. F. Weber, Chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee, a wishing-well he installed in his bowling center to aid committee work.

Below: E.R. Zack Perry of Decatur, Ala., Lodge presents a \$500 check to Mrs. W. S. Crawford, Pres. of the Morgan County Crippled Children's Society.



At Two Rivers, Wis., Lodge's P.E.R.'s Night were many former leaders, among them, Past State President Dr. A. V. Delmore, seated center, whose son was one of the four initiated that evening.



Warren, Ohio, Lodge for many years has been presenting awards totaling \$800 to students of Harding and St. Mary's High School. This year's winners from the latter school are pictured here with Elk Committeemen including E.R. William Hatch, right foreground, and School officials.



Bary Belle Ivie, second from left, and Bette Eldredge, right, accept one of the 25 white drill rifles presented to the ROTC Sponsor Corps by Cedar City, Utah, Lodge, represented by E.R. Warren H. Bulloch, second from left. At left is ROTC head, Major O. W. Harris.



E.R. Dr. Clark D. Ryan presents Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge's award to Mrs. Antonia Rosas, mother of 19-year-old Santiago Rosas who was killed in Korea. The award reads: "To a gallant and courageous Mexican-American Mother". At left is Est. Loyal Knight Robert M. Garrick.

### Cambridge, Mass., Lodge Holds Unusual Initiatory Ceremony

Cambridge Lodge No. 839 made history recently when a degree was conferred upon a Korean war casualty at his bedside in the U. S. Army, Murphy General Hospital in Waltham. PFC Carl A. Bourque, 21-year-old Army reservist, called to active duty last November, was wounded in the Korean conflict and, since his arrival at the hospital, has undergone three operations.

Shortly after he made application to membership in Cambridge Lodge, he was shipped to Korea before he could be initiated. When they learned of his return to this country, Cambridge Elks made appeals to hospital officials for permission to initiate him there. When permission was granted, the planned initiation received wide publicity, resulting in a large turnout of Elks of Greater Boston lodges, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan. Headed by newly-elected E.R. William F. Linskey, himself a World War II veteran, the officers of Cambridge Lodge conducted the ceremony for the young hero, who was comfortably seated atop an operating table, part of which served as the altar.

### Chico, Calif., Elks Make Playground a Paradise

Children of the Pine Creek Elementary School have a shining new set of swings, slides, acrobatic bars and teeterboards, as well as a healthy respect for the generosity of the members of the Chico Lodge No. 423 who gave them this equipment.

The gift was made as the lodge's annual donation to a community playground; another such gift having been presented to the Shasta Union School. Each child wrote a letter of thanks to the lodge, and after great deliberation, the best was selected and placed in the mail. Written by little Jeanette Stephens to P.E.R. W. D. Drushal, it is a masterpiece of simple and sincere appreciation.



At Holyoke, Mass., Lodge's Old Timers Night, honorary Life Memberships were awarded to 30-year members. Standing center is D.D. Dr. J. A. Starzyk, P.E.R., who assisted in the presentation.



At Weehawken, N. J., Lodge's homecoming celebration for F. J. Bergmann were, left to right: Past State Pres. Charles McGovern, retiring-E.R. Justin Toomey and Mrs. Toomey, D.D. Dr. Louis Hubner, Mr. and Mrs. Bergmann, P.E.R. Frank Galland, MC, Mrs. Peter Quilla, Jr., and P.E.R. Quilla.



The "Yankees" baseball team sponsored by Winslow, Ariz., Lodge in the Little League which won the opening game before 2500 fans. At left, Gregory Hynes, Mgr.; right, E.R. Joe Weidinger.

# EDITORIAL

## HOWARD DAVIS AT THE HELM



Howard R. Davis' record is ample evidence that the Grand Lodge chose wisely when it elevated him to the Grand Exalted Rulership in Chicago last month. Sound, thoroughly grounded in Elksdom, a hard worker, possessing a warm personality, broad vision and imagination, Grand Exalted Ruler Davis is just the kind of leader our Order needs for this year ahead.

An Elk for over 41 years, Brother Davis has found the time and energy for active service to his lodge in Williamsport, his State Association and the Grand Lodge despite heavy demands of a long and distinguished career as editor, and many civic responsibilities.

Nine years after he became a member of Williamsport Lodge, Brother Davis was elected Exalted Ruler. Two years later he served as District Deputy. At that time the State Association challenged his interests, and he was elected a member of the Association's Board of Trustees. After five years in that post, he served as Vice President in 1928-29 and advanced to the Presidency the latter year.

Demonstrating the qualities that later were to carry him to the highest post in the Order, he initiated the State Association's program of Student Aid. Emphasizing assistance to those youngsters who are physically handicapped, this program has continued to expand until it is one of the largest in the Order.

Brother Davis' first service to Grand Lodge was as a member of the State Associations Committee for two years in 1936 and 1937, followed by a year on the Lodge Activities Committee. He was elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight in 1943. In 1945 he was appointed Chairman of the State Associations Committee. Elected to fill a one-year vacancy on the Board of Grand Trustees in 1946, Brother Davis was elected to a full term in 1947, and was serving as Vice-Chairman and Home Member when he was called upon to take the helm in Chicago.

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis' business career is an American success saga in the best tradition. Starting as a copy boy for the famous weekly newspaper, "Grit", he rose rapidly until he was made managing editor in 1937, which position he held until his retirement in 1949.

The interest he manifested in the physically handicapped while President of the Pennsylvania Elks Association has never flagged. In 1931, he helped to found the Lycoming County Crippled Children's Society and has served as its vice president and treasurer continuously. Last year he was a leader in the establishment of a cerebral palsy clinic directed by the Society. For these and many other contributions to the life of his community he was awarded the American Legion medal for civic service by a non-member.

Howard Davis has a distinguished record of service in and out of Elksdom. The Order can look forward to a year of outstanding achievement under his leadership.

## THE ELKS AND NATURALIZATION



To page through the News of the Lodges in any issue of *The Elks Magazine* is to increase appreciation of the manifold good works accomplished by our Order.

Such was our thought recently when we studied a pictorial report from the Lodge in the city where the seed of Americanism was early sown, Plymouth, Massachusetts. The subject was the Lodge's Americanization program—newly-naturalized citizens who had participated in an exercise held in the Lodge. This picture gave the eloquent message that our members in this historic place cling to their tradition of implanting the true spirit of Americanism in the hearts of those who, like the early colonists, have achieved by diligent efforts the right to be called Americans.

This same trust has been one of the regular activities of a number of Lodges, and fittingly so. It would be difficult to point out a group better qualified to promote this work than the members of our Order who themselves look back upon a noble tradition of service to their country and their fellow citizens.

Under present conditions, our Americanization programs comprise a timely service to the nation. They rank high in the list of desirable Lodge activities and should be given serious consideration by the newly-elected Lodge leaders who are formulating plans for the current year. In Lodges which conduct naturalization exercises, the members make a wholehearted sacrifice of their business time to take part in the beautiful tribute to our flag and symbolic presentation of the flag to their new countrymen. They rise to the opportunity to extend a welcome to those who have succeeded in stepping into this land of freedom.

One who makes it a point to engage in such exercises in a number of Lodges surrounding Boston, and who confirms this finding, is Judge Joseph E. Warner, of the Superior Court of Massachusetts. Writing of his experiences, Judge Warner said: "I want you to know how patriotically the brothers respond everywhere I have been—making me prouder and humbler that I am an Elk".

## THE CONVENTION IN CHICAGO



It was particularly fitting for the Grand Lodge to come to Chicago to hold its 87th Session at a time when the Country was honoring its 175th year of Independence. The delegates in attendance—in number the largest in the history of the Order, with the exception of that of 1946 when at the close of World War II the Exalted Rulers of two years were in attendance—had a memorable experience of Elksdom as a living American force and an unswerving bulwark against any foreign ideology with destructive intent against the tenets written for us in Philadelphia nearly 200 years ago. There was much for the delegates to bring home to their Lodges from the four Business Sessions, for this was a serious Convention wherein a review of the past accomplishments of our Order was joined with consideration of its future as a great American fraternity and a direction in life.



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