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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

MOST people think of Washington as an expensive city in which to live. It is. However, the Capital compares very well with other large cities in the cost of living. Bureau of Labor Statistics show a national consumer price index around the 185 mark, while the index for the District of Columbia is 180. The cost of living in the country as a whole has risen about nine per cent since the start of the Korean war, but living costs in Washington are up about eight per cent. Hotel rates in Washington are high, but under the local rent control law rentals for houses and apartments are lower than in many other cities. Food prices are about average. Taxi fares on a zone basis are low. Prices at the one legitimate theater are below New York prices. The visitor to Washington, paying high hotel bills, eating at swanky places, visiting plush night clubs, is apt to tell the folks back home that the Capital is the most expensive spot in the world. It must be remembered that the great majority of Washington people are government workers who live on modest salaries. They have a good time, too.

TIRES PLENTIFUL

That regulation of no spare tire on new autos, according to a story going the rounds here, was not to save rubber but rather to spread business among small tire makers. Rep. J. J. Dempsey of New Mexico, who bought a new car and paid \$34.50 extra for the fifth tire, was told by the dealer he could buy a thousand tires if he wanted them. So Dempsey complained and National Production Authority made plans to lift the restrictions. Dempsey said new car buyers in a year would spend from \$110,000,000 to \$125,000,000 to get the spare tire at retail instead of at the auto-maker's price.

PRESIDENTIAL "BOAT RIDE"

President Truman's only "vacations" during the summer were the weekends spent on the Presidential yacht *Williamsburg*. Those close to the President say he likes the "boat rides", as he calls them, because he gets a few hours of relaxation. As the *Williamsburg* drifts

along the Potomac River, or out in Chesapeake Bay, the President has the feeling, at least, that no one can reach him. Actually, this is not true. The yacht has complete equipment for quick telephonic and radio communication. Mr. Truman could be reached, if necessary, as quickly as if he were at his office desk. However, the mere fact that he is out on the boat frees the President from a lot of calls and messages which otherwise might get through to him.

JUNKETS BY PLANE

Tighter restrictions have been clamped on the use of government planes by officials who attend conventions and meetings and take their wives along just for the ride. All such excursions in future will be examined carefully to make sure they are important and require government transportation instead of travel on commercial airlines or trains.

FOOD CURE-ALLS

The Food and Drug Administration says "the place for food is on the table, not in the medicine chest". It is checking up on foods which are advertised as possessing certain "curative" properties. Crude black molasses, for example, "may not be marketed with promises that it will cure or prevent cancer, tuberculosis, heart disease, or a host of other serious disorders". Promotion of foods for the cure of serious diseases "is a menace to the very lives of gullible victims who need treatment immediately", the Administration declares.

DEFENSE PRESS AGENTS

Department of Defense press agents, officially known as public information personnel, have increased 60 per cent in the past year. Total is around 525. Top pay for the director is \$11,200 a year. Specialists get from \$5,400 to \$7,600. Lowest paid are mimeographers at a yearly rate of \$2,250 a year. That's not all of the picture. The Army and Air Force spent \$5,868,000 extra for advertising and promotion. One drive to get women into the two services cost \$66,000. The Navy and Marine Corps seem to have

an appeal which doesn't require big advertising. They spent \$379,000 for talent and radio shows and \$400,000 for paper and printing and activities relating to recruiting. Years ago when the Navy had a poster saying "Join the Navy and See the World" it got more recruits than it could handle.

HOMES WILL BE SCARCE

Plans to carry out the public housing program have been wrecked by the defense program and the shortage of homes for people of moderate means will continue for some time. The housing bill passed in 1949 provided for construction of 135,000 units for low income families every year. Because of lack of critical materials, President Truman cut the figure to 75,000 in his 1952 budget. The Senate cut it down to 50,000.

CONGRESSIONAL CRUISE

Congress will not be in session November 20 through December 2. The secretaries of Senators and Representatives are going on a chartered cruise to Puerto Rico. Reservations have been heavy. Tickets are from \$360 to \$375 and include everything. Congress can't do business without the secretaries and no member would dare suggest that Congress be in session at that time.

TUNGSTEN BADLY NEEDED

Tungsten, a vital metal in the defense buildup, is giving the army and the munitions board a nervous headache because there is what Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas calls a "desperate" shortage. When supplies were available somebody forgot or neglected to stockpile it. Tungsten hardens steel, goes into armor piercing shells, is used in jet plane engines, makes light bulb filaments. Most of the American and world supply came from China and other parts of Asia now either under Communist domination or leaning that way. The situation is so bad scientists are trying to find substitutes for tungsten for machine tool edges and armor. Meantime study is being made of a secret process offered to the government three years ago.

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What Our Readers

Have to Say



I have just read the article in July Elks, "Communism—What You Can Do About It". I consider this an excellent article for you to publish and want to thank you for giving the members of your organization, and others who read the Magazine, this message. I wish that it could be put in pamphlet form and distributed to everyone. The advice about visiting public libraries and seeing what your tax money is being spent for is timely. I am a member of the Arkansas Library Board and have served on city and county library boards for more than 20 years here in Jonesboro and Craighead County. Librarians and library boards need some reliable guides and dependable information as to what to buy. Who is going to furnish this? I am going to ask Mr. McNamara and Mr. Kirkpatrick. My husband has been an Elk for many years and I always enjoy reading the Magazine.

Mrs. Almon Faught
Jonesboro, Ark.

I always read my husband's *Elks Magazine* with interest immediately upon its arrival. Your article on Communism has been especially valuable to me because I have been working hard in our community to fight this force. As Chairman of the South Gate Unit of the American Flag Committee, it is my duty to see that our American Flag, the *only* flag to which we pay allegiance, is never replaced by any other flag or banner. It is also the duty of this committee to protect our nation's welfare in every way possible, so we have been working to promote more patriotism and Americanism in our

schools. The information in your article concerning the infiltration of the PTA groups is very valuable and would help our committee prove to our local PTA Presidents that there is a great danger lurking. Would you please advise me as soon as possible about the reprints? It is possible for me to distribute hundreds of copies to "key" people and would like to have that opportunity. Wishing you the best of luck in obtaining more articles of the same calibre, I remain,

Mrs. R. E. Hankinson
South Gate, Calif.

I wish to thank you for your article, "Communism—What You Can Do About It", by Mr. T. C. Kirkpatrick and Mr. F. J. McNamara, published in your July issue. How about some more special articles addressed to women concerning the importance of attending all meetings of their school's P.T.A. as expressed by Mr. Kirkpatrick in his article? I hope that you will continue to give your readers more articles like this, and tell us Americans just what else we can do to overthrow communism.

Mrs. W. K. Wimmer
Columbus, Ga.

I have just read "Communism—What You Can Do About It" in the July issue of *The Elks Magazine*. It is a fine article, and you are to be commended for publishing it. I hope that you will continue to feature such articles, as this vital problem should be brought to the attention of all loyal Americans.

William Schmidt
Newport Beach, Calif.

Am writing to you after the day's work, about *The Elks Magazine* and how much I enjoy reading it. Like the fishing stories—like it all. Congratulations on a job well done.

Dave S. Matthews
Stockton, Calif.

ARTICLE ON COMMUNISM HAS FINE RESPONSE

Nearly 13,000 reprints of the article, "Communism—What YOU Can Do About It", published in our July issue, have been distributed in response to requests from readers who thought the article so effective that they wanted to give it wider circulation.

Typical of the requests was that from Arthur H. Lockard of the public relations department of Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc.

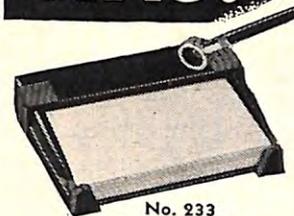
"We think it is an exceptionally fine article, with a message that should be spread as widely as possible," he wrote. "For that reason

we intend to distribute the (400) reprints to the members of our Speakers' Panel throughout the country."

Among those who received reprints were L. E. Schwab, Vice President, Alco-Gravure, Chicago; C. W. Hooper, Secretary, Manufacturing and Engineering Policy Committee, Stewart-Warner Corp., Chicago; Mrs. Francis J. Hamill, Executive Secretary, Maryland Action Guild, Baltimore; International Metal Trades Association, Boston; N. R. Knox, President, Bucyrus-Erie Co., South Milwaukee, Wis.; the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, and others.

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Two weeks, each year, the hidden Bertram Bofkin

sheds the husk of dull routine and,

like Cinderella at twelve o'clock, is

OFF AND

GENTLEMEN, this is a moral story, to which I am, like many of my acquaintance, unaccustomed. You may leave now, quietly, or grant your kind attention, please.

I am in the Celestial Cafeteria, a Bronx establishment, with Arthur Fidney, a low-class but a vivid personality of some renown, and we are waiting for Bertram Bofkin, our spiritual better. We are waiting for Bertram on the eve of the great day of his annual vacation. There is a little mayonnaise on Arthur's glasses from a triple-decker sandwich that is stacked too high even for his big mouth, but



we are otherwise undamaged—only waiting. "Boitram could do it," Arthur says. "If Boitram is hot, like in 1930, Lew, or like in 1940, I am out of the rattrap an' inter the gravy."

Arthur is here referring to the coarse rapacity of a bookmaker known as Flamingo Willy O'Reilly, for the reason that Mr. O'Reilly is at all times pink-complexioned as a Hialeah chicken and futhermore inclined to fly to untold altitudes of rage when debtors prove slow with a dollar. In this respect I have timed Arthur Fidney with an eight-day clock, and I can guarantee that with a dollar he is slower than you think.

"With what you've got in your pocket," I say to Arthur, "you could make Willy a nice down payment, an' maybe give room in the morgue to someone more deserving."

Arthur considers this suggestion not only impractical, but a violation of his civil rights. He is holding what he has to pool with Bertram and myself against the adventures of tomorrow, that great and beautiful day, since with Arthur and, alas, myself, there is nothing so sweet as tomorrow.

"Eleven forty-six an' no Boitram," Arthur says. But this is only because the double-feature lingers too long at the Uptown Parthenon. We walk outside and it is almost midnight in the Bronx, the borough beautiful. Arthur carries with him a racing form, a "Burns's Blueblood", a "Finkle's Five Features", a "Saratoga Special", a green sheet, a blue sheet, a pink sheet; everything but a bedsheet. If he is not a scholar he at least keeps up on the important things in life.

"There is Boitram now," says Arthur. Bertram is walking serenely from the air-conditioned Parthenon with his missus: Bertram, the perfect husband, shepherding his loved one through the evening traffic; Bertram in a straw hat, blue coat and white flannel pants, which even at a distance have a somewhat Smithsonian look. But we love him; dearly we love Bertram, and if our hearts and hopes run

"THERE'S BOITRAM NOW!"

BY WILLIAM FAY

RUNNING

over like a new-tapped keg of beer, it is because it is our joy to possess him—body, soul and form selections—only in these two weeks of his annual vacation. Two weeks, each year, the hidden Bertram Bofkin sheds the husk of dull routine; the butterfly departs the caterpillar; the bubbling spirit leaves stern duty stumbling at the post, and we are off—to Saratoga.

"Good evening, Louis." Mrs. Bofkin says to me.

She says this politely, mind you, but with no somersaults of joy. Mrs. Bofkin is a lady. Naturally enough her glance glides lightly over Arthur, that bum, and she continues on with Bertram. The clock on Weisberger's Department Store says 11:55. Five minutes more. It is with Bertram like with Cinderella: twelve o'clock and *abracadabra*, he is off and running. But he has yet to place his loved one on the threshold, which is on the fourth floor, front, of one of the Bronx's choicer 60-family billets. We are now in front of this little nest and Arthur has, two hours before, parked the car against the curb. It is a *drive-it-yourself*, a rental obtained by Arthur, and, suitably, the kind you cannot pawn. Arthur, I must say, with the credit credentials of a skinned mink, acquires some truly remarkable things. We watch Bertram and his missus go into the house.

"That hat," I say to Arthur. "That coat." There is a tug of memory, but I do not get it yet. "Those flannel pants." I say. "are from before the age of gasoline. Is Bertram out for laughs?"

"It is our decennial." Arthur says.

"It is our—*what?*"

"You think I don't know what it means?" This Arthur can be sensitive, believe me. "Decennial," he repeats. "It means every ten years there is an anniversary like. Boitram is wearing what he wore to Saratoga in 1930, the day we met 'im and he had the seven winners. In other years he keeps it wrapped in silver paper, like a weddin' dress."

Frankly, I am a bit (Continued on page 45)



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WHEN PENNANT

BY **ARTHUR DALEY**
Sports Columnist
The New York Times

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THIS is a great bunch of fellows, Larry," said Leo Durocher, a dreamy look in his eyes. "I never saw so much spirit on a ball club. Why, we're just one big happy family."

Larry MacPhail stared coldly at his manager. It was August of 1942 and the Brooklyn Dodgers were riding roughshod over the rest of the National League, whirling irresistibly along on the momentum created by their winning the pennant the year before. They were ten games in front, seemingly safe from pursuit. Another championship was as good as won.

"They're too happy, too complacent," snarled MacPhail, then the president and general manager of the Dodgers. "Leo, I don't like it. I'm worried."

"Larry, you're crazy," chirped the cheerful Durocher to his boss.

A couple of days later MacPhail invited the team to a buffet supper in the Ebbets Field press room. It was to be a farewell party of sorts on the eve of the Dodgers' final swing through the West, just before they boarded their "Victory Special" for one last triumphant tour.

The Roaring Redhead minced no words.

"You fellows aren't hustling," he accused his team in front of the newspapermen. "You're now eight games in front of the Cardinals and feeling pretty smug about it. But this team should be 20 games in front. I was a lot more confident of winning the pennant at this time last year when you were trailing the Cardinals by a couple of games. Mark my words. You guys will blow this pennant."

There were snickers of disbelief from the assembled heroes.

"I'll betcha two hundred bucks we win the pennant," drawled Dixie Walker. Ordinarily Dixie wouldn't have bet that the sun would rise the next day.

MacPhail ignored him. Obviously he

BUBBLES BURST

Baseball drama is at its peak during the September homestretch.

couldn't bet against his own team, but to the ball players this meant only one thing. The Rambunctious Redhead didn't believe his own nonsensical statement. He'd backed away from a challenge.

So the Dodgers blew the pennant just as MacPhail had predicted.

The September homestretch is always the most fascinating and dramatic part of the entire baseball year. John McGraw used to say that a game lost in April counts just as much as one lost in September. He was right, of course. But those April defeats never seem to hurt as much as those which come when a championship is beckoning in most tantalizing fashion.

September is the most absorbing part of the entire campaign because tension mounts as the grand climax of closing day approaches. Except for those years when a super-team such as the old-time Yankees so dominated the competition that they clinched their championships by mid-September, or earlier, pennants usually hang fire until the last week, the last day, the last inning or even until post-season play decides them.

AT THIS same time a year ago the Philadelphia Whiz Kids looked to be a shoo-in for the pennant. Eddie Sawyer had done a superb job of managing the beardless youngsters under his command. With Jim Konstanty a magnificent figure as a relief pitcher, the Phils had moved along serenely behind the gilt-edge tossing of Messrs. Curt Simmons, Robin Roberts, Bubba Church and Bib Miller. As astonishingly late in the season as Sept. 19, the Phillies had a nine-game lead over the Dodgers.

But chinks already had started to appear in the Phillie armor. Shortly after Labor Day the youthful Simmons was called up for Army duty and the effect of that loss on the Whiz Kids was to become cumulative, not instantly obvious but far-reaching in its eventual repercussions as the National League season continued to a dramatic end.

An unexpected burden was placed upon the rest of the pitching staff and it was not equal to the strain. The Phillies started to lose and the Dodgers started to win. Whiz Kid grief mounted rapidly.

Church was felled by a line drive and Miller's arm went dead. Dick Sisler sprained his wrist. Andy Seminick sprained his ankle. The Phils fell apart.

In 12 short days the Dodgers cut the Whiz Kid lead from nine games to one as this now hectic pennant race roared into the final game. Brooklyn victory meant a tie for the pennant and an almost certain Dodger triumph in the play-off because the Brooks were on the up-swing, the Phils faltering badly.

Ebbets Field was a boiling, seething madhouse for that final game of the season and the Flatbush air was electric with excitement as Dodgers and Phils whirled frantically into the final inning of the final game on the final day of the year. It was in that ninth inning that the Beloved Bums clutched frantically for the pennant and had it slip—irretrievably—from their fumbling fingers.

Cal Abrams was thrown out at home plate by Centerfielder Richie Ashburn as Abrams foolishly attempted to score the winning run. Thus reprieved, the Phils won the game in the tenth when Dick Sisler, in the tradition of his father, crashed out a homer.

It is conceivable, of course, that this was merely the law of averages asserting itself because the Dodgers had not won their pennant the previous year until the tenth inning of their final game. That's when they clinched it. Since the season technically—and presumably—ends with the last (or ninth) inning of the last game on the last day, they had to go into post-season play, of sorts, in order to assure themselves of the flag.

Nor did the National League corner the entire market on tension, uncertainty and excitement that year. The American League was having a dilly of a pennant race of its own. The fast-closing Boston Red Sox, coming up from nowhere in the last half of the season, had finally overhauled the front-running Yankees a week before the campaign ended. But the Bronx Bombers dramatically beat them to tie for the flag on the next-to-the-last day of the season and won it on the very last day.

Close finishes were nothing new to the Bosox. The year before, in 1948, they wound up in a dead-heat with the Cleve-

land Indians, thus precipitating the first and only play-off in the entire history of the American League. The Indians outwardly were cocky and confident when they took to the field at Fenway Park for the one-game, winner-take-all play-off, and none more so than their youthful manager, Lou Boudreau.

It was strictly a pose, however. Many months later Boudreau confessed his true emotions to me.

"I was sick at heart when we took the train from Cleveland to Boston," he admitted. "I honestly didn't think we had a chance. Our pitching staff was so shot that I had no choice but to toss Gene Beardon, as overworked as he was, at them. Beardon was tired, inexperienced and left-handed, all serious handicaps for a park like that and against sluggers like the Red Sox."

However, it was on the field of play that Boudreau did his most lustrous bit of master-minding. In his first time at bat he hit a home run, a strategic concept which would have eluded John McGraw. Then he hit a single, which was more aid than Connie Mack ever could give his heroes. Then he hit a homer and another single. Boudreau drove in six of the eight Cleveland runs. He master-minded with his muscles such as no man ever had done in the history of the sport.

That had been a tight race all the way, though, and a tight finish was to be expected. Yet even the occasional runaway carries its own burden of excitement because the annals of the game have convinced everyone connected with it that chickens should never be counted until they are hatched, the mathematical certainty attained.

TAKE, for instance, the Red Sox of 1946. They departed on their last Western trip so close to the championship that owner Tom Yawkey had cases of champagne placed in the baggage car with the equipment trunks so that the celebration of the formal clinching could be done in style.

After a while it got to be funny. The bubble water moved from city to city. Not a cork was popped as the Bosox kept losing with alarming consistency.

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BEFORE AND AFTER

Main street of Ottawa, Kansas, just as water was starting to cross the street, with cars still able to move. Photograph of destruction of buildings was taken from approximately the same location after the flood waters receded.

ELKS AID FLOOD VICTIMS

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis appeals to Order for contributions to relief fund.

GRAND EXALTED RULER HOWARD R. DAVIS has appealed to all lodges to contribute funds for the relief of victims of the midwest-flood disaster. In telegrams that went to the Exalted Rulers of the Order's 1,590 lodges on July 31, he asked for contributions of up to \$100 per lodge to raise an estimated \$150,000 to help the stricken area recover from the state's worst flood, and one of the worst in the nation's history.

The Grand Exalted Ruler acted promptly to organize the Order's relief facilities as soon as the magnitude of the disaster became apparent. Following a call for assistance from the Elks lodge in Ottawa, Kansas, one of the hardest hit towns, he dispatched William M. Frasier, Executive Secretary of the Elks National Service Commission, as his personal representative to survey the flood area, and authorized him to make immediate grants from a \$25,000 emergency fund for the

relief of Elks and their families. The homes of many Elks were among those destroyed or heavily damaged. Arrangements were made to give them prompt assistance and to provide temporary shelter.

One of the first outsiders to reach the scene, Mr. Frasor spent eight days contacting officers of the seven lodges in the Kansas flood region, where damage was the worst. His report on the appalling loss of property and damage prompted Grand Exalted Ruler Davis to rally the Order to the aid of Elks and their neighbors.

The text of Grand Exalted Ruler Davis' telegram appears on this page. The appeal was scarcely off the wires when the first contributions arrived in the Grand Secretary's office.

At Ottawa, Brother Frasor found two-thirds of the business district inundated. The basement of the Elks lodge was flooded. Many homes were completely destroyed, and furnishings of scores of others a total loss.

The flood waters had reached almost to the second floor of the Manhattan lodge home. The business district of this city was wrecked, all hotels and stores were closed. The only food available in Manhattan was sandwiches, cookies and cold drinks being served by Elks and their ladies from the front porch of the lodge home, which had remained inches above water. More than a thousand flood workers were fed daily by the lodge.

Topeka Elks likewise took a leading role in relief work. Their home escaped the flood, which covered the main business district of North Topeka with 16 to 20 feet of water for nearly two miles. Every home in this area was flooded above the first floor, and many were washed away with total loss of clothing and furniture.

The water failed to reach the business district of Lawrence, Kas., but the northern section of the city was badly damaged. Many families there suffered heavy

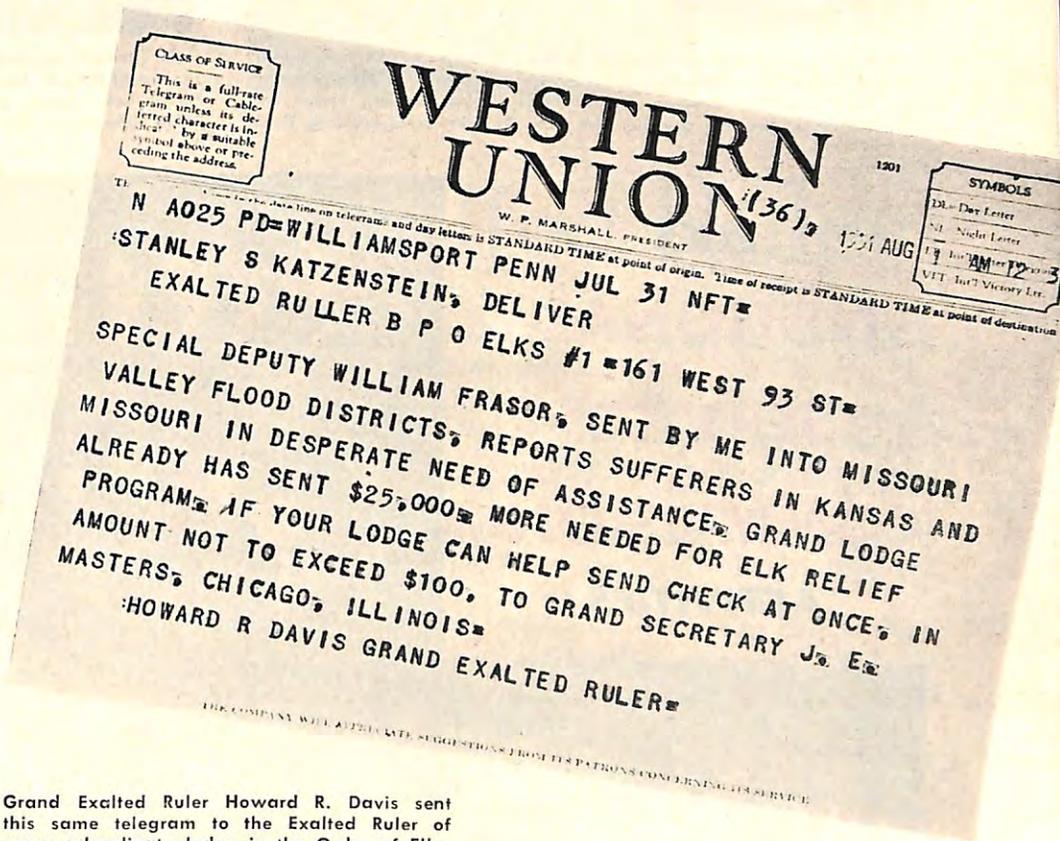
losses. The cities of Salina, Abilene and Junction City, Kas., also escaped with less serious damage. The residents of these communities organized help for the surrounding rural areas, which were hard hit. The first floor of the Abilene Elks lodge was flooded.

Loss of life was fortunately small, according to press accounts, and no Elks or members of their families were included in the flood toll so far as could be determined. A member of Topeka lodge, however, was an indirect casualty of the

disaster. Dr. Rochester W. Mahan, 53, a resident of the heavily damaged North Topeka section, collapsed of a heart attack while cleaning out his home on July 21, and died.

When this issue of The Magazine went to press, a survey was underway of cities in Missouri and Illinois to determine whether assistance would be needed there.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's appeal, and the Order's prompt response, was in Elksdom's tradition for generosity in the face of disaster.



Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis sent this same telegram to the Exalted Ruler of every subordinate lodge in the Order of Elks.



In Manhattan, Kansas, the Elks took a leading role in relief work by feeding daily more than 1,000 flood workers.



Topeka, Kansas, was hard hit by the flood. This photo shows examples of the great damage done to home and property.



Two of the 65 patients and attendants from Fitzsimons Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver, Sgt. J. H. Cochran and Pvt. Juan Malyne, who were guests of Greeley, Colo., Lodge during the July rodeo and anniversary celebration, are pictured with the Elks' prize-winning float.

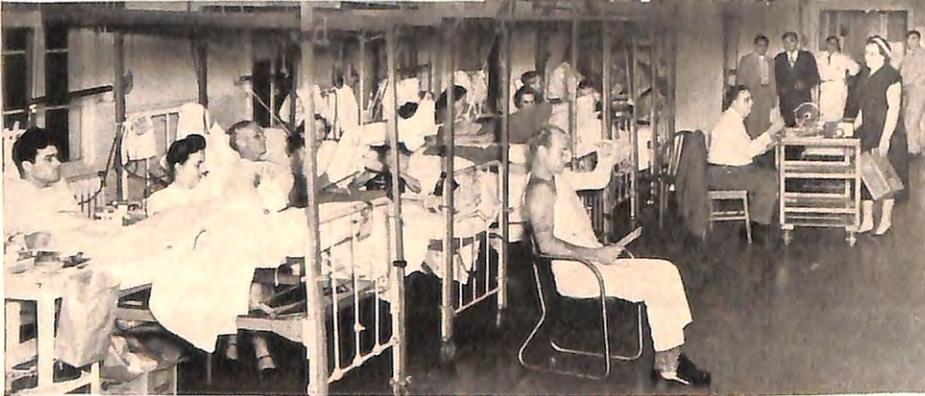


E.R. Thomas Chermol and other Philadelphia, Pa., Elks entertained this group of Korean amputees stationed in the Philadelphia Navy Hospital. A six-hour variety program, plus a fine dinner, highlighted the event. The lodge will be host to similar groups regularly every month.

**ELKS
NATIONAL
SERVICE
COMMISSION
ACTIVITIES**



Movie star Marie Palmer and Exalted Ruler Clark D. Ryan are pictured with Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge's special Navy and Marine guests, Korean war veterans SM Luther Carter, PFC John Chandler, Cpl. Howard Clark, PFC William Dally, HMC Richard Davis, HM2 A. M. Macik, PFC Ruben Martinez, PDC Jerry Mashburn, Sgt. Paul Platt and Sgt. Edward Price.



Left: Nonambulatory patients at Lawson VA Hospital in Atlanta shown during a program put on for their recreation by the Elks of Georgia.



West Virginia Elks and patients at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington at one of the bingo games and entertainment programs put on by the Elks.

A Message



from the Grand Exalted Ruler

ANOTHER Grand Lodge year closed with the final tap of the gavel at Chicago, July 5. At the same hour a new Grand Lodge year began its chapter in the annals of our fraternity.

As Elks we are proud of the record of the year just ended. And no one can take more pride in it than our newest Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Joseph B. Kyle. Brother Kyle must feel a keen sense of satisfaction as he reviews the year. And as he takes his place among our great leaders of the past, he should know that he carries with him the deep appreciation and the best wishes of more than a million Elks.

What of the year that lies ahead?

It will be a year of great uncertainty, of many difficulties. The present national emergency assures us this. But it is also a year which challenges us to that extra effort that can assure success, no matter what its obstacles.

We are Americans all. The safety of our nation and the continuance of our American way of life are of paramount importance. As Elks we shall do our utmost to guard our inheritance. As a Grand Lodge we pledge our resources to our nation in this time of stress and danger.

We shall not only continue, but we must enlarge the splendid work of our Elks National Service Commission. We must widen its scope and deepen its influence. And we shall not quibble about costs.

Every subordinate lodge should get behind our Civil Defense program, enlist its members in the active duties of such a program, and offer its physical property for any use such a program may require. And, above all, we must continue our efforts to Keep America Awake, especially to the dangers that threaten us from within.

As a fraternity we face the new year with hope, tem-

pered by the knowledge that the national defense effort may make strange demands on us.

Therefore we hold it to be the part of wisdom to strengthen what we have, rather than to extend our fraternal activities to new fields, no matter how attractive they may be.

We must not permit our membership to decline, despite the fact that the manpower draft has virtually raised our minimum age limit from 21 to 26 or 27 years.

We must strive to maintain, even in the face of high taxes, increased costs, and lessening revenue, the enviable record of philanthropy and community service that has made us the greatest fraternity in America.

We shall leave no path unexplored as we continue our work with the youth of America. Your new Grand Lodge administration, just as previous ones have done, considers this of the greatest importance and shall accent it heavily.

If these things can be said to constitute a program, it is one in which we believe the Elks can take pride. If we meet it, we shall have no apologies to make for our fraternal existence.

Your national leaders can only direct such a program. Your Grand Lodge is merely the sum of its subordinate lodges. Our national record for the year can only be the sum of the activities of our 1,600 subordinate lodges.

We are confident that we shall continue to write a record acceptable to all. We say this because we have confidence in our individual lodges, in their leadership, and in their desire for community betterment.

So let us accept this challenge, determined to carry on for our Order, our Communities, and our Nation.

And may a wise Providence bless our efforts as we try to make our land just a little better place in which to live.

Howard R. Davis

HOWARD R. DAVIS
GRAND EXALTED RULER

We Salute Our Flag



These young patriots of San Jose, Calif., are but few of the many thousands who proudly waved our National Emblem during the Elks' inspiring Flag Day parade.

ONCE AGAIN, we report the decisions made by the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge relative to the Order's observance of Flag Day. As is customary, the Committee divided the lodges into three classifications—Group I, more than 1,000 members; Group II, between 500 and 1,000, and Group III, less than 500.

In the first group, top honors went to San Jose, Calif., Lodge for the second consecutive time, with Nashville, Tenn., and Aberdeen, S. D., Lodges following in that order. San Jose's E.R. Eddie Duino, Parade Chairman Louis Rossi, General Chairman Victor Solari and Program Chairman Anthony Anastasi and their aides worked hard to make the observance the success it was. The entire city was gaily decorated, particularly the lodge home and the grandstand which was erected outside the court house. The parade had six divisions—the first consisting of four bands and ten military units representing every branch of the Service; the second was given over to the Scouts with 14 marching units; the third was composed of Santa Clara City units; the fourth was made up of veterans organizations; the fifth, the largest and most interesting, with its many floats and bands, was devoted entirely to civic and fraternal units, and the sixth was composed of eight mounted groups. Awards were presented to the best float, unit, band, etc., in the line of march which was witnessed by nearly 20,000. Another

feature of the observance was the Flag Day Essay Contest, conducted by the lodge among the school children of San Jose and won by seventh-grade student Richard Reynolds.

With his aides, Brig. General Vennard Wilson of Fort Ord, led the parade, and was the inspired speaker at the Services

which followed the 90-minute parade, which had been preceded by a banquet for the military personnel, Korean veterans and their nurses, and band and committee members at the lodge home.

Kittanning, Pa., Lodge, whose Services took first-place plaudits in Group II last year, did it again in 1951. Major General Frank A. Weber, Adjutant Genl. for the State, delivered the Flag Day address at Services which followed an air show by 15 U. S. Air Force fighter planes and a parade which was an impressive display of military might, manpower and solidarity. The program, which took place before a huge replica of the Statue of Liberty, was in charge of Est. Loyal Knight William Milsom and was highlighted by a History of the Flag given by Major John E. Lagouros of the Western Pa. Sub-Dist. Hdqs., and by a Memorial Service honoring the Korean war dead, conducted most effectively by Pfc. Armand Frampton, himself a double-amputee veteran of that conflict.

In Group II, the combined program of Herrin and Marion, Ill., Lodges won second place in the Committee's opinion, and third honors went to Owatonna, Minn., Lodge which took first place in Group III two years ago.

In Group III, Montgomery, Ala., and Price, Utah, Lodges took second and third places respectively behind Walsenburg, Colo., Lodge whose Services were at
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Massing of the colors by representatives of the U. S. Army and Marine Corps during the thrilling Flag Day Services conducted by the Elks of Kittanning, Pa.

News of the State Associations

MISSOURI

The 1951 meeting of the Missouri State Elks Assn. in St. Louis was highlighted by the presence of a very popular Past Grand Exalted Ruler, George I. Hall, who delivered an impressive address to the gathering. Rudolph J. Betlach of the host lodge was elected President of the organization with his Vice-Presidents for the year Ben Hanis, Kansas City; F. L. McCord, Springfield; E. B. Kessler, Excelsior Springs, and Roy Irvin, Festus-Crystal City.

Other officers are Treas., M. F. Thurston, Columbia; Tiler, Jack Otte, Maryville; Marshall, Guy Moore, Joplin; Trustees: Glenn Griswold, St. Joseph, and Gay D. Barton, Nevada. D. E. Tammany, Jr., of St. Louis is Secy., and Otto Botz of Jefferson City was appointed Chairman of a Cerebral Palsy Program Committee for the Association.



The new officers of the Washington State Elks Association, with President L. L. Barrett seated third from left, photographed after their election at the Bellingham 1951 Convention. Seated, left to right: Vice-Presidents D. P. Shew and Jay Bernstein, Pres. Barrett, Vice-President John Raftis, Trustee-at-Large William Singer and Treasurer Adolph Norin. Standing, in the same order, are Trustees Felix Ray, E. C. Clow, William King, Fred Marsh and I. C. Kuchenreuther.

WASHINGTON

Nearly 1400 registrants were recorded in Bellingham for the 1951 meeting of the Washington State Elks Assn. Among the distinguished Elks present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Edwin J. Alexander of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Herbert L. Odlund.

On Flag Day, the Association banquet was held, and the Grand Pageant and Flag Day Services found nearly 5,000 in attendance, with Rev. Father Francis E. Corkery, President of Gonzaga University in Spokane, as the program's special speaker.

During the three-day conclave, a new program was outlined, namely the subsidizing of the Wash. Elks Assn. Crippled Kiddies' Convalescent Home, with all

money derived from the "Bucks Club", whose members give a dollar on their birthdays to the charity, being earmarked for this worthwhile project.

At the final business meeting, the various tournament winners received their trophies, and Elks National Foundation Scholarships were awarded to Beverly A. Ernlund and Wm. F. Hopkins. At this meeting, the delegates had the privilege of hearing an inspiring address given by Mr. Anderson.

It was decided that the midwinter meeting would take place in January at Chelalis, with the June, 1952, Convention taking place in Vancouver. Until that time the following members will handle the Association affairs: Pres., L. L. Barrett, Walla Walla; 1st Vice-Pres., Jay Bernstein, Vancouver; 2nd Vice-Pres., D. P. Shew, Ballard (Seattle); 3rd Vice-Pres., John Raftis, Colville; Treas.,

Adolph Norin, Tacoma; Secy., Louis B. Romine, Walla Walla; Trustees: William Singer, Felix Ray, Fred Marsh, I. C. Kuchenreuther, E. C. Clow and William King.

The Convention closed with Bellingham Lodge as host to one of Washington's famous salmon barbecues.

RHODE ISLAND

A most enthusiastic two-day 1951 Convention of Rhode Island State Elks Assn. delegates took place in Weekapaug with Westerly Lodge as host. Opened by Pres. John J. Lynch, the session found Rev. Father Joseph Bracq as a moving orator lauding the tenets of Elkd. Past Pres. Thomas C. Mee eloquently delivered a eulogy in memory of the late Dr. Ambrose H. Lynch, Past Pres., and, after presenting scholarship awards to winning students, gave an impressive address. Past Presidents Anthony F. Lawrence, Edward H. Powell and Alfred H. Chapman also addressed the gathering, and D.D. Richard J. Butler installed the following officers: Pres., Joseph M. Mattias, West Warwick; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Thomas Page, Woonsocket; 2nd Vice-Pres., David F. Fitzgerald, Newport; 3rd Vice-Pres., Frederick Quattromani, Westerly; 4th Vice-Pres., John W. Moakler, Jr., Providence; 5th Vice-Pres., Richard A. Moran, Pawtucket; Trustee (six years) Frank McKenna, Woonsocket; Treas., Edward C. Morin, Pawtucket; Secy., Judge James W. Leighton, West Warwick; Chaplain, G. Dana Manson, Providence; Sgt.-at-Arms, Martin C. Lewis, Westerly; Tiler, Arthur A. Rogers, Woonsocket. West Warwick Lodge will be host in Weekapaug in 1952.

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The Vincennes Elks Ritualistic Team which won the Indiana State Elks Association Championship title at French Lick this year. Fourth from left is retiring Exalted Ruler Curtis V. Kimmell.

ROAD & GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

Planning a big game hunt?—these tips may help you to have a more successful trip.



SOONER or later in the life of every sportsman there comes that time of sweet agony when he is getting ready for his first big game hunt. Or, if it isn't actually the first hunt, then it is the first

real one—maybe to the Rockies or even as far as Canada.

Last spring Corey Ford had an entertaining piece in these pages about an angler's suffering as he awaited the opening day of fishing season. Opening day agony is as nothing compared to the preparations for, and anticipation of, a hunt in far places. A pre-season angler may be useless. Compared to the hunter

in the last throes of getting ready, he is a paragon of industry.

Your real hunter's labors of preparation are heroic, and as the day of departure draws near he becomes increasingly worthless in all the normal activities of civilized existence. He is a trial to his family. If he works for somebody else he is a liability on the job, and if he is his own boss every breath he draws during the day costs him money.

HAVING suffered through countless of these seasonal incapacitations, and having occasionally—during moments of relative lucidity—observed the distress that my preoccupation caused to those who are near and dear to me, I decided to set forth the following suggestions. They are based upon considerable experience and they are made solely in the desire to be helpful. Perhaps they will reduce your suffering, both before you leave and while you're there.

The first step is the selection of a guide or packer. You can get lists of good ones from the conservation departments of most of the States and Provinces. Choose one early, send him some "earnest money", if necessary, and then follow his

advice in everything from the date of the hunt to the clothes you should wear.

Maybe even mentioning this seems superfluous. I have actually seen sportsmen on the edge of the hunting territory, however—a thousand miles from home—who had failed to take this necessary step. Naturally, they didn't have a chance; the good guides always are booked well in advance. Even though a stranger to the country might be lucky enough to pick a good hunting area, he would be helpless without transportation beyond the road. That involves horses in the West, or canoes in Canada.

After you have engaged your guide, the next important step is to get yourself into good physical condition. Most of us who sit at desks are incapable of making a good day's hunt, yet this frequently is overlooked. Start training by walking a half mile or a mile each day and gradually increase both the distance and the speed. Climb the stairs instead of riding the elevator. Take it easy at first, but keep at it until you can run up several flights without pausing for breath. If you do both these things your time spent in the woods will be far more enjoyable
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Photos by Ted Trueblood

Above, Trueblood packs supplies in light boxes which are handy when horses are to be used. At right, the pack train on the trail, fully equipped and ready to get started with the big hunt.



Staff at Elks National Home



Above we show the staff of the Elks National Home, Bedford, Va., knowing our members wish to acquaint themselves with those who so ably run this great project. Seated left to right: Beatrice Sutherland, secretary; R. A. Scott, superintendent, and Alice Sutherland, bookkeeper. Standing left to right: Jess Batt, official guide; Glen Rawls, librarian;

W. J. Connor, steward; George Buck, maintenance man; Mrs. Myra Finnell, housekeeper; Dan Edgington, manager cigar and candy counter; Mrs. Lucky Cowlbeck, dietician; Walter Vaughan, laundry superintendent; Nurse Marie Powers; Nurse Helena Torian; Nurse Frances Johnson; Nurse Loraine Saunders and Dr. Dennis H. Robinson.

Staff at National Memorial Building



Every Elk is proud of the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago. Undoubtedly the finest building of its kind, it stands as a proud symbol of the Order's devotion to the men who gave their lives to their country in World War I and World War II and to whom the Building is dedicated. Each year many thousands of visitors to Chicago come to the Building and in order to maintain it properly a large staff is

required. The photograph above shows the employees who work at the Building. Standing left to right: Arthur Guy, Harry Banks, Peter Callaghan, Thomas Dryden, C. W. Glover, George Williams, Joseph Swift, Mary Kubacik, Victoria Propokowicz and Anna Szymanski. Seated left to right: Patricia Ross and Hubert Allen, who is superintendent of the Elks National Memorial Building.

DERBY ON THE COAST

BY WILLIAM L. WORDEN

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ROBERT DOARES

THE little lady may be attired in pink slacks and a bandanna, or the man in grease-creased tin pants and a harried expression. It may be raining, and probably will. Either of them may be addressing the roiled-up salt water anywhere along a thousand miles of crocheted coastline between Ketchikan and the mouth of the Klamath River. And if they insist, "Come on, you big-mouthed Pontiac! Bite, you misbegotten Buick! Strike, you great big lovely two thousand bucks, you!", it will be all right.

Because this is the season of the great Pacific madness, the annual pursuit of the Derby salmon; and let's have no levity until after we get a fish on that pay-off ladder—a nice big fish that had a lot to eat and took our cut-up herring as a dessert when he was already so full that he weighed three pounds more than the usual salmon.

Along this coast between Alaska and California, there are half a dozen varieties of salmon—the monster kings, the lithe cohoes, blackmouths, humpies and several which have two or three different

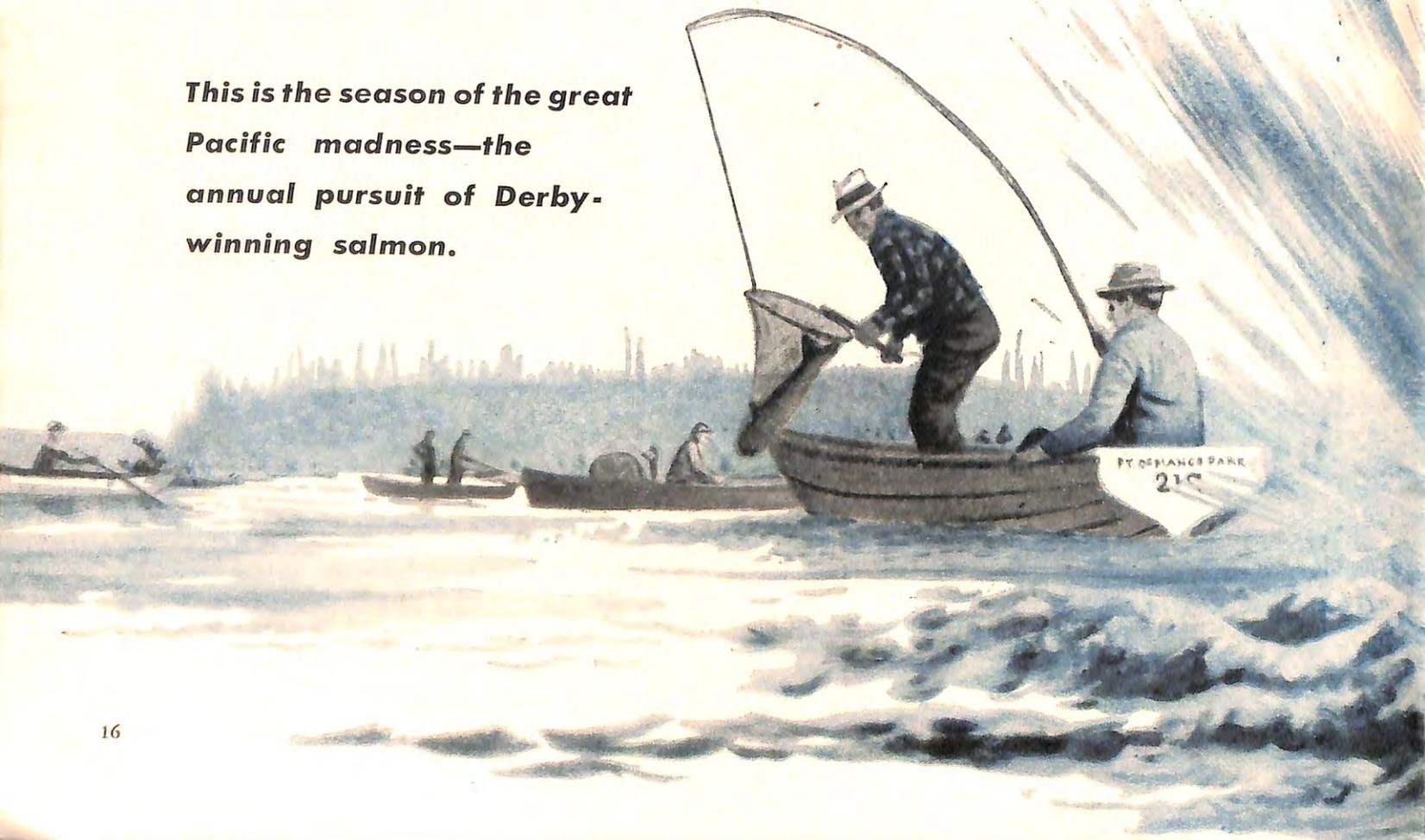
names. These vary so much that they are difficult to identify as members of the same general species; but they all have one thing in common—a desire to get to fresh water now and then to spawn. These runs of would-be spawners generally come between April and October. Most varieties of salmon will bite on herring, lures or spoons all the way in from deep salt water through the various channels and river mouths until they get well into fresh water and start churning up toward shallows a dozen or a hundred miles inland to lay their eggs. Once well into the rivers, a salmon is interested only in getting upstream and won't bite on anything.

All this is important to the fishing industry, which has made Alaska much more gold than gold itself and helps to support British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. It also is important to salt water sport fishing, which centers where the runs center—in the Behm Canal around Revillagigedo Island, which has Ketchikan sitting on it; in the channels between the Queen Charlotte islands and off the mouth of the Fraser River in British Columbia; all the way in through the Strait of San Juan de Fuca from Neah Bay to Tacoma's Point Defiance in Puget Sound; across the seven-mile-wide entrance to the Columbia River, in

the mouths of the Nestucca and Nehalem rivers on Oregon's coast, and at a hundred other special spots beloved of special cults of salmon fishermen. Fishermen will defend their pet bays or island waters with a vehemence second only to their insistence that the proper way—the only way—to catch a fish is to use (a) a herring cut at an angle, (b) a herring not cut at all but strung with a device which puts the leader in his mouth and the hook in his tail, (c) plugs which fluoresce, (d) plugs which don't fluoresce, (e) spoons, (f) clockwise dodgers, (g) dodgers which whirl counter-clockwise, or (h) by jumping overboard and grabbing the fish with your

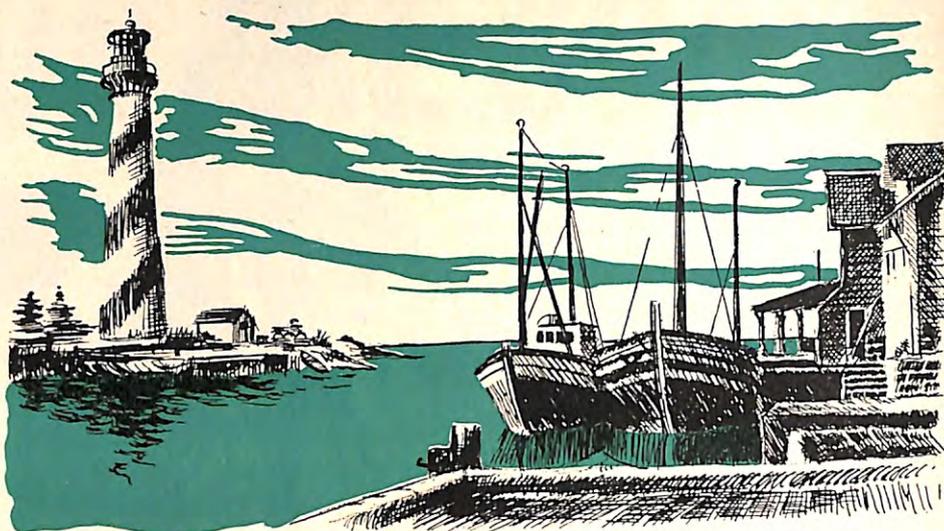
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This is the season of the great Pacific madness—the annual pursuit of Derby-winning salmon.





After Labor Day the nation's vacation spots are less crowded.



Picturesque Cape Cod attracts many tourists.

Fall for Travel

BY DICKSON HARTWELL

RIGHT after Labor Day, when Sunburn Villa at the ocean and Poison Ivy Lodge in the foothills are deserted like a losing political candidate, something happens that makes this nation a better place to have fun. About half the country's automobiles go into partial hibernation then, and at last there is room on the highways for me.

Not that I require so much space, but one time I figured that with 51,000,000 autos in America—more cars than Frenchmen in France!—and all of them presumably heading for the country; well, that's an average of one car per hundred yards on every highway, by-way, back road, paved road, detour, dirt track and freeway in the United States. Just thinking about it gave me claustrophobia. When I get out on the "open" high-

way in the summer I begin to feel shut in.

But after Labor Day most of these machines burrow into their holes. Then there is a chance to go places without tangling with somebody's bumper. I discovered this when, with my wife and two youngsters, I once headed west from Connecticut the day after Labor Day for Yellowstone Park, which we had never seen.

Entering the Park near Cody, ours was the only auto pulled up at the Ranger Station for inspection. We had a leisurely chat with the ranger, with no urgent horn honkings prompting us from the rear. We drove into that indescribable wonderland as if it had all been laid out just for us. Nobody else was there, but soon we met some black bears. We made the usual mistake of feeding

them. So when we tried to say good-bye they climbed into the car with us, looking for more candy. At that moment we would have been glad of some people, for reinforcements. Three-hundred-pound black bears don't respond favorably to pushing. When we finally escaped, we realized we had been in one of America's greatest tourist attractions for two hours and hadn't seen another person. Bears, but no people. That night we had a double cabin with a roaring wood fire. We saw a small concentration of visitors—fifty or so—in the one lodge that was still open, and that was all.

YELLOWSTONE AT DAWN

We set out again at dawn, driving slowly through this amazing place. The air was crispy cold and an eerie mist rose from the myriads of warm little geysers. We saw great moose grazing in the flats, deer in the woods, lumbering bears among the trees. We saw not one tourist. We got out and studied the fascination of the Devil's Paint Pot—alone. We came to tumultuous Yellowstone Falls, twice as high as Niagara, and saw Inspiration Point, Yellowstone's brilliant Grand Canyon, as the original discoverer did, looking over no man's shoulder. The Park we shared with elk and antelope and an occasional buffalo. As we left, driving south past the majestic Grand Tetons toward Salt Lake City, we knew we had lived one of the rich moments of our lives; it had been completely our own.

The memory was so exciting we were back a year later, but it was in mid-July. This time we didn't see Yellow-



The brilliant colors of the Southwest are a sightseeing treat for any visitor.

stone: we saw people. When we got to Old Faithful we stood in a crowd of hundreds and heard less of the thumping roar of this great geyser than the chatter of a noisy holiday crowd. At every scenic point we peered around a haltered torso or a wrinkled sport shirt. Where the animals had gone, I don't know. For us there was no escape into Nature; no real communion. We were taking in Yellowstone as a sightseer might visit Coney Island. Worth doing maybe, but a different world from the one we had known in September.

That taught me about fall vacations. Nearly everything can be done in the fall that's done in summer and often with more comfort, more relaxation, fewer automobiles, fewer people and at less cost. From the Gaspé and Nova Scotia to Mississippi and Mexico—with a little care to pick the right place at the right time—September-November can provide a relaxed vacation. It is best to avoid rainy, foggy areas and mountains where sudden and deep snow is likely. But the rest of the country—and even Europe or Mexico, if you like—may then be at its best.

MEXICO'S FISHING GROUNDS

The nearest point in Mexico offering luxury accommodations plus world famous sport is a city of 10,000 on the Gulf of California, Guaymas (pronounced Gway'mas). Less than five hours drive on paved road below the Arizona border a fleet of excellent, inexpensive boats on Bocochoibampo Bay (pronounced any way you want to) serves some of the finest fishing grounds anywhere. Hard fighting marlin and sailfish, as big as they come in the Bahamas, are caught here. The bathing is excellent. There is horseback riding, sightseeing and even an Eighteenth Century church, dedicated to San Fernando, to visit and photograph.

Indeed, it would be good even if it weren't so cheap, but for less than the cost of a tank full of gas you arrive deep in a foreign country, at a city remote enough to be interesting but modern enough to be comfortable. By comfortable I mean movie-set luxury (B-picture) for as little as \$10 a day including three excellent meals and all the water you can drink. Room-with-bath accommodations as pleasant as those found in most U. S. cities of comparable size can be had for about \$6.00 a day, again with three good meals. Maybe you can afford to stay away; I can't.

These favorable rates prevail throughout Mexico, of course, but not every place is as happily equipped with interior plumbing as is Guaymas. Tourists who go wandering off the beaten paths in Mexico in search of atmosphere should be more careful than a sailor with shore leave on pay day. Atmosphere they will certainly find; sanitation they may not. But along the main highways tourists courts are as new and as clean as the best in America.

What makes Mexico so attractive to fall vacationers, even those with a scant two weeks to spare, is that September, October and November are the so-called off-season. Not because there is anything wrong with Mexico at that time, but because few people are smart enough to travel then. Even during the popular winter months Mexican roads are relatively free of automobiles, though sometimes they seem crowded with comatose cows, dreamy donkeys, drowsy dogs, somnambulant sheep, cataleptic chickens, blasé burros and pokey people. But in the fall you see the Mexico of the Mexicans. There is plenty of chance to practice up on your conversational Spanish with brilliant and arresting witticisms as *Quiero cambiar un cheque* (I want to cash a check) and *¿Cuanto le debo?* (How much do I owe you?) Happily, the answer to the last question is less than it would be at home.

The main center of interest is Mexico City, which can be reached from the Texas border by automobile in two days or so. Once you're there you can spend a week or a month learning the difference between texaco and taco, or visiting Aztec ruins.

The city itself is perhaps the least of the attractions. Just outside town is a pyramid which should be as famous as those in Egypt, but didn't get discovered as soon. It's the oldest structure in *this* hemisphere, anyhow, and worth contemplating. This Cuicuilco Pyramid is rated by archeologists as one of the most important finds in history. It got lost several thousand years ago when a volcano erupted carelessly and buried it.

GLAMOUR SPOTS

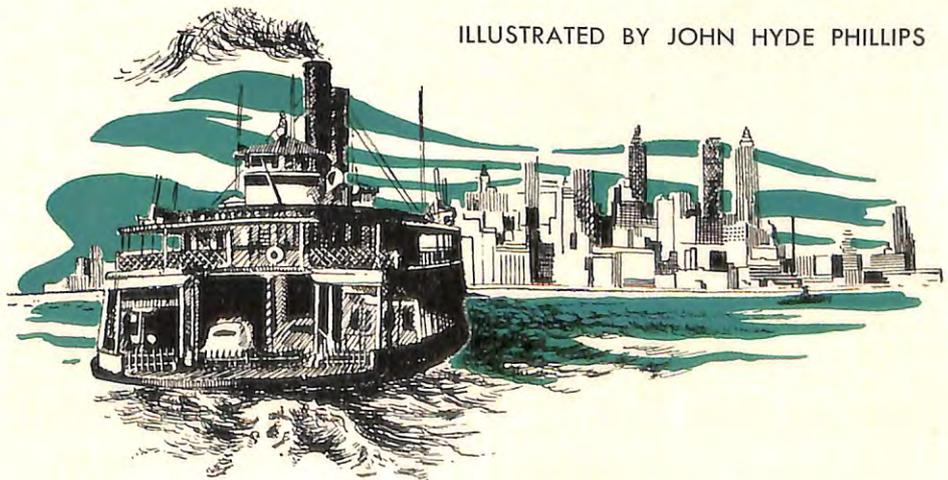
Around Mexico City are lakes, ruins, mountains and floating gardens—all in an exhilarating 8-10,000 feet altitude which should be treated with respect by beginners. There are many delightful places to stay. In Cuernavaca, for example, at the Mandel you're not only in view of snow capped volcanoes; you get a swimming pool to splash around in and three squares a day, all for about \$10 for two

people! Cuernavaca is a top attraction for the natives. All the big-wig Aztecs spent the summers there and Emperor Maximilian and his Carlotta chose it, too. But the current glamour spot is Acapulco on the Pacific, which has the world's most beautiful harbor, wonderful boating and bathing, though when I was last there in September it was hotter than a Dixiecrat at a Truman picnic.

South of Mexico City on the road to San Cristobal las Casas the adventurous vacationist will find natives—Indians—who've rarely seen a tourist and don't seem to want to. Here is a chance to use even more mature Spanish phraseology such as: *Haga Usted el favor de enviar alguien para reparar mi automovil.* (Will you kindly send someone to repair my car.) The main roads are good, or pretty good, but often mountainous with hairpin turns and no guardrails, which are mainly of psychological value, anyhow. But the hazards in southern Mexico of wandering Indians and livestock and of cars parked on curves at night without lights are real enough and more time must be allowed to reach destinations than the mileage indicates. At Arriaga those who want to ship their cars by rail for further pleasant inexpensive diversion in Guatemala can do so for \$25. That price includes one passenger and the rail trip takes about 12 hours. You can't drive there yet because, in true Latin fashion, Mexico finished the southern end of the Pan American highway at one place and Guatemala finished its northern end at another, 60 miles away. They haven't gotten together on it yet.

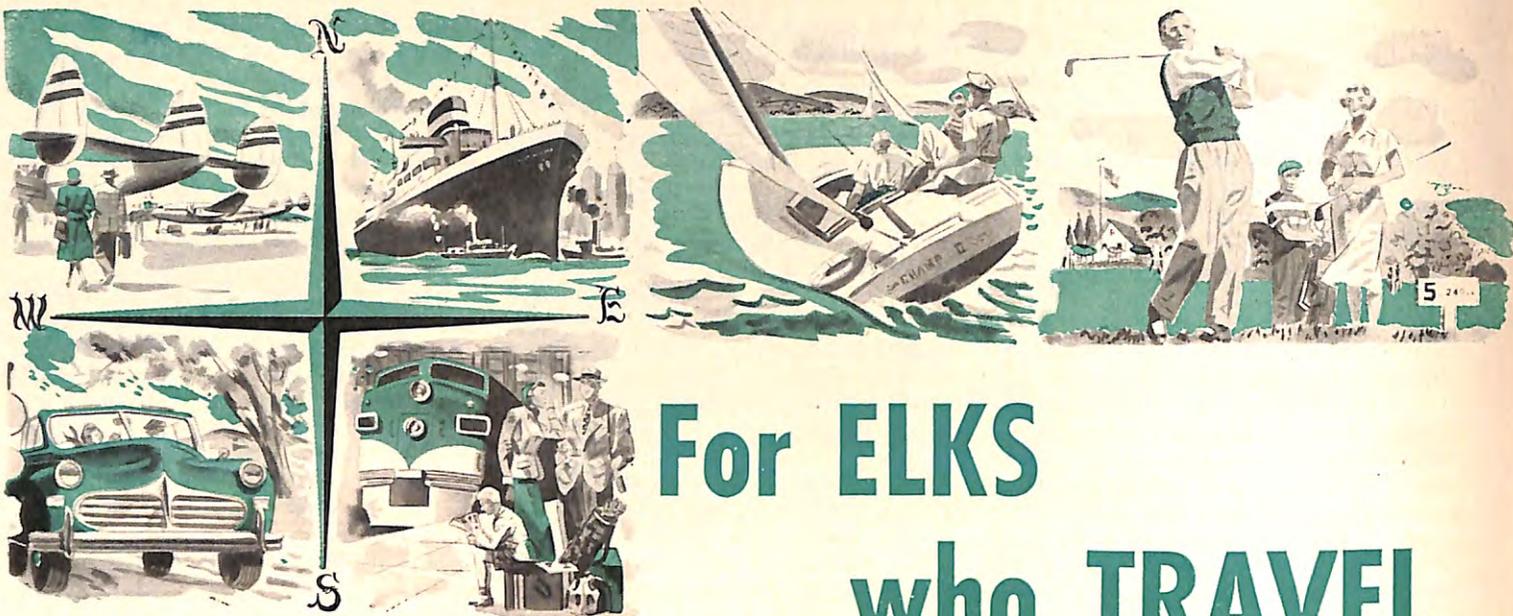
Back in the United States Florida offers many surprising fall attractions at even more surprising bargain rates and, along the coast, a surprisingly temperate climate (for information on the Miami area see *Elks Magazine*, June 1950). Charleston, South Carolina, is fascinating, its traditions hanging prominently like the Spanish moss on the oak trees in the Battery. The traditions are real enough but the moss is imported from the hinterlands by the Chamber of Com-

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ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN HYDE PHILLIPS

One of the highlights of a trip to New York is a ride on the Staten Island ferry.



For ELKS who TRAVEL

Here are a few hints about travel that may solve some of your vacation problems.

BY HORACE SUTTON



When in CANAL ZONE

Visit beautiful Cristobal Lodge No. 1542, at Brazos Heights. Ultra new building, finest accommodations only a cool ten minute drive from the pier. Excellent restaurant and bar service with good food, generous menu and tip-top drinks.

24 well-equipped rooms, many with baths.

Good food in our handsome Rainbow Lounge prepared by our own chef noted for excellent cuisine.

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THIS department has hitherto been occupied in sounding off about the beauties of Colorado, Canarsie and Cannes, not to mention a number of stray points in between. This month—and high time it is, too—we shall devote this space to some nuggets of knowledge that will prepare you for a painless transmission from home to vacation and back again.

Once you've decided that you *should* go the next question is *where*. Maybe you've had a dream you've been nurturing since your romantic youth. Maybe you're read about a vacationland in the newspapers or the magazines, or seen a travelogue in the movies or television. Perhaps you've been hypnotized by the description of a corner of the country from which a friend has just returned. Or you've been given a fistful of ideas and folders by your travel agent. In any case, we invite you to consult the new Travel Service of *The Elks Magazine* for all your vacation problems. Just drop your dilemma in an envelope and address it to Travel Service, *The Elks Magazine*, 50 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

In picking your wardrobe and your accessories for a trip, Houdini never had more tricks than the ordinary travel counselor. For one thing there is the basic grey flannel suit which is nearly a must for late summer, fall and early winter trips. It is a presentable suit for nearly every occasion except your cousin Philbert's wedding. For another thing the trousers become a pair of grey flannel slacks suitable for wear with any sports jacket. Take nylon, of course, if you like it, but if your trip includes a stay in a big city hotel here or abroad you'll find

one-day laundry service at the touch of your finger. A good bet is a navy blue jersey sports shirt that can be worn under a jacket and comes to the rescue in times of emergency. Shoes are hard to pack and, if you want to have a reserve pair, stuff in a pair of loafers or soft sports shoes. A new shoe styled in Capri comes with a woven raffia top that laces up and has a crepe sole. You can use them for bedroom slippers, on the beach and for an all-around playshoe. It's a cinch to pack and is available for men and women, too.

PACK ITEMS SAFELY

The greatest deterrent to spilled toiletries in luggage has been the advent of the plastic bottle. Men's eau de cologne and after-shave lotion that would take the fur off a bear can now be safely stored in a plastic bottle with a spray top. Your whole set of bottles can be placed within a plastic container for double surety. To insure against a squashed tube of goo oozing over your new linen suit, take tooth powder instead of paste and a shaving stick or a can of that new automatic lather in lieu of shaving cream. A good bet is a cake of soap in a plastic dish, or you can even get cloth or paper tissues with built-in soap that become lathery when you wet them. For the ladies there are tiny, perfumed discs that blossom into wash cloths when immersed in water. If you don't like gadgets bring a plastic case for your own honest-to-goodness wash rag and another, larger case to solve that perennial problem—How shall I pack this wet bathing suit?

When it comes to packing try to hold



down the number of things you would like to take. Your traveling problems (and tips) increase with each piece of baggage. One capsule travel book insists that a man can see Europe on a shoestring with one good tie. I think that's cutting the point rather fine, but I get by on a two-month's trip abroad with one two-suiter. That means two coats and two pairs of trousers in the bag and another ensemble on me. If you want to graduate to two bags per person make each suitcase an independent unit. The small bag should contain everything you need for a night, permitting you to check the big bag or leave it in the car, depending upon how you travel. Incidentally, for car travelers, Carol Lane, who is the women's travel director for the Shell Oil Company, advises mothers to hang a shoe bag over the back of the front seat as a catch-all for all the junk that junior might collect en route or take along from home. To add to that, there are a few books on the market with all kinds of traveling games designed to keep the kids out of the hair of the driver while the family coach is in motion. A metal cookie sheet borrowed from the kitchen closet will serve as a perfect game board.

One of the handiest gadgets ever designed for a car is the holder that takes a full package of pocket-sized face tissues. The holder clamps to the sun visor. Besides handkerchiefs, the tissues also substitute for napkins, windshield cleaners and wrappers for half-eaten bananas. Another trick for trips solves that world-shaking problem: How to get an ice cube in a thermos bottle. Answer: The night before departing divide each cube of water with a partition of waxed paper. The next morning you'll have frozen triangles which should plop easily into the neck of the thermos.

LOCK UP YOUR HOME

One of the most important hints anyone can hand you about traveling is to leave your home properly. Milk bottles and newspapers piled up on the front doorstep are a sure signal to burglars that no one is home. Sure it will make the place stuffy, but you had better close and lock your windows and give your plants to a neighbor. Empty your ice box and turn it off. I know a lady living on the 14th floor of an apartment house who twice left her ice box on dur-

ing the summer. The continuous cold popped the pipes of the unused water cooler which ran through the refrigerator and the water seeped down to the 11th floor before mechanics found the leak. If you're going away on an extended trip, shut off the oil or gas burner, otherwise turn the thermostat down. If you live in a small community tell the local police that you're going away, and it is always a good idea to leave a key with a neighbor just in case.

For those of you who travel by car, the best plan is to leave early each morning and stop early every afternoon. Not only do you give your best hours to driving, but you stand a better chance of finding a cabin for the night by stopping at four in the afternoon. Those traveling to resorts here or abroad should have confirmed reservations in hand, because there is nothing that can try the patience like a rebuff at a hotel desk after ten hours of enervating travel.

RULES FOR TIPPING

Tipping is everybody's puzzler, mine included. For a broad general rule, anywhere from 25 cents to a dollar should take care of the bellhop who brings up your bags. It depends, of course, how many bags you have, how many people he is serving, how long is the walk, and for *my* money—how pleasant his disposition. For the porter in the depot figure a tip of ten cents a bag and let extra service beget a bonus. The cab driver usually gets ten to 15 per cent of the fare, excepting in Mexico, where it is the custom not to tip them at all. Nor is it necessary to tip the drivers of airfield limousines. For waiters and waitresses at American plan hotels or aboard ship you can work on a foundation of a quarter per person per meal. Special services again bring special rewards, and I'm thinking of the waiter at the Tower Isle in Jamaica who deposited a fresh rose at my wife's place each night. A dollar or two is ample for a chambermaid for a weekend, but five dollars should take care of the service for a double room for a week or ten days.

Anybody bound for Europe should bear in mind that hotels in most countries impose an automatic charge for service which decreases with the length of your stay. In no case will it be less than ten per cent of your total bill. Most res-

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Elks National Foundation SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

THE Elks National Foundation Trustees announce that FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS in scholarship awards will be distributed at the 1952 Grand Lodge Session. This announcement of the "Most Valuable Student" awards should be of interest to the students of every community who are leaders in their schools and colleges. For more than seventeen years these awards have made it possible for many superior students to continue their college courses under favorable circumstances. The awards offered this year are:

	Boys	Girls
First Award	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Second Award	800.00	800.00
Third Award	700.00	700.00
Fourth Award	600.00	600.00
Fifth Award	500.00	500.00
Ten \$400 Awards	4,000.00	4,000.00
	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

ELIGIBILITY

Any student in the senior class of a high or college preparatory school, or in any undergraduate class of a recognized college, who is a resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, may file an application.

MERIT STANDARDS

Scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism and general worthiness are the criteria by which these young applicants will be judged.

FORM OF APPLICATION

The Foundation Trustees furnish a blank entitled "Memorandum of Required Facts", which must be filled out in type-writing and made a part of the student's presentation. The Trustees do not furnish any other blank nor do they insist on any special form of application or presentation. They prefer that each applicant use his own ingenuity in presenting his case. Experience has shown that the interests of the applicant are advanced and the time of the Trustees is conserved by orderly, concise and chronological presentation on paper approximately 8½" x 11" (the usual business-letter size), bound neatly at the left side in a standard binder or cover (8¾" x 11½") which can be procured at any stationery store. Remove all letters from envelopes and *bind the letters flat*. Exhibits evidencing notable achievements in leadership, literature, athletics, dramatics, community service or other activities may be attached, but the applicant should avoid submitting repetitious accounts of the same aptitude. Elaborate presentation is unnecessary and careless presentation definitely handicaps the applicant.

In addition to the "Memorandum of Required Facts", which should be first in the cover, we suggest as essential details the following, preferably in the order indicated:

1. Recent photograph of the applicant. (Not a snapshot.)
2. A statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the applicant in his own handwriting, summarizing activities, accomplishments and objective of further education which the

applicant thinks qualify him for one of the scholarship awards.

3. A letter of not over 200 words from a parent or other person having knowledge of the facts, presenting a picture of the family situation and showing the applicant's need for financial assistance to continue in school.

4. The applicant's educational history *from first year of high or college preparatory school* to date of application, supported by school certificates signed by the proper school authority, showing the courses taken, the grades received and the rank of the applicant in the class. The different methods of grading in the schools of the country make it desirable that the school authority, in addition to furnishing the formal certificates, state the applicant's average in figures on the basis of 100% for perfect.

5. A comprehensive letter of recommendation covering character, personality and scholarship of the applicant from at least one person in authority in each school.

6. Two or three letters of endorsement from responsible persons, not related to applicant, who have had an opportunity personally to observe the applicant and who can give worthwhile opinion of the character, industry, purposefulness, disposition and general worthiness of the applicant.

7. A letter of endorsement signed by the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction of which the applicant is resident, *stating that he has reviewed the application and verifies the substantial accuracy of the statements contained therein*.

Applications that do not conform substantially to the foregoing requirements will not be considered.

Only students of outstanding merit, who show an appreciation of the value of an education and who are willing to struggle to achieve success, have a chance to win our awards. Experience indicates that a scholarship rating of 90% or better and a relative standing in the upper five per cent of the applicant's class are necessary to make the group that will be given final consideration for the awards.

FILING OF APPLICATIONS

The application, verified by the proper subordinate lodge officer, must be filed on or before March 1, 1952, with the Secretary of the State Elks Association of the State in which the applicant is resident, in order that it may be judged by the Scholarship Committee of said Association and, if approved as one of the quota of applications allotted to the State, be forwarded to our Chairman not later than April 1, 1952.

The officers of the subordinate lodges are requested to give notice of this offer to the principals of the high and preparatory schools and the deans of the colleges in their vicinity, and to cause this announcement to be published in the lodge bulletin. Members are requested to bring this announcement to the attention of qualified students.

Requests for blanks and other information should be addressed to John F. Malley, Chairman, 16 Court Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BEFORE MARCH 1, 1952

Approved by National Contest Committee of National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Our Most Valuable Students



FIRST PRIZE \$800
John Berk Orr
Long Beach, Calif.



SECOND PRIZE \$700
Thomas Earl Yager
Burlington, Ia.



THIRD PRIZE (TIED) \$600
Harold Monroe McNair
Miami, Ariz.



FIFTH PRIZE (TIED) \$400
Robert Boulware Smith III
Atlanta, Ga.

ON THIS page we report the final results of the "Most Valuable Student Awards" which the Elks National Foundation each year makes available to deserving and exceptional students for furthering their education. Portraits of the 11 winners—six boys and five girls—are included on this page, along with their placing and awards.

In addition to the 11 major awards, there were 30 special awards of \$300 each in recognition of outstanding scholarship work. Winners in the girls division were: Patricia Jeanne Lieftrinck, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Jolene Helen Johnson, Racine, Wis.; Virginia Coles, Nashville, Tenn.; Alice Ann Kammermeyer, Provo, Utah; Myrtle Sue Snyder, Newport News, Va.; Beverly Ann Ernlund, Everett, Wash.; Mary Louise Holt, Kokomo, Ind.; Marilu Brown, Shawnee, Okla.; Patricia Ann McNamara, Quincy, Mass.; Marion Lorene Unkenholz, Mandan, N. D.; Elizabeth Ann Osburn, Orlando, Fla.; Helen Marie Rossetti, Carlinville, Ill.; Ruby G. Michael, Columbus, Miss.; Isabel A. MacDonald, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Margaret Jane Finn, Mount Vernon, Ind., and Barbara Janet Freudenthal, Thermopolis, Wyo.

Winners in the boys division were:—Cortes Lee Perry, Columbus, Ind.; John Randolph Aderhold, Mesilla, N. M.; William Frank Hopkins, Moscow, Ida.; Richard Byrd Sawyer, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Albert S. Hove, Missoula, Mont.; Joseph Lee Hindman, Durkee, Ore.; Donald James Pease, Toledo, Ohio; John J. Russell, Jr., Somerville, Mass.; James Patrick Dennis, Denver, Colo.; Leonard Gene Scott, Grand Haven, Mich.; Thomas Cooper Gorrell, Ulster, Pa.; Wilson Carey McWilliams, Merced, Calif.; Richard Austin Thompson, Amarillo, Tex., and John Paul Kososki, Menasha, Wis.



THIRD PRIZE (TIED) \$600
Adolph Joseph Yates
Butler, Pa.



FIFTH PRIZE (TIED) \$400
James Buechler
Schenectady, N. Y.



FIRST PRIZE \$800
Dorothea Ruth Drews
Butler, Pa.



SECOND PRIZE \$700
Janice Ione Hilsabeck
Prescott, Ariz.



THIRD PRIZE \$600
Margaret S. Wallace
Milford, Conn.



FOURTH PRIZE (TIED) \$500
Patricia Elaine Bradley
Scottsbluff, Nebr.



FOURTH PRIZE (TIED) \$500
Phyllis Joanne Hormel
Concordia, Kan.

1951

submitted to the Grand Lodge at Chicago in July.



ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

IN HIS report to the Grand Lodge Session at Chicago, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman, reviewed the activities of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission during the fiscal year ending May 31.

Memorial Building

The Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago originally was dedicated in July, 1926, as a memorial to the Elks who served in World War I, and particularly to those who made the supreme sacrifice. In September, 1946, it was rededicated to include those who served in World War II, and especially those who gave up their lives in that conflict. It is said by many well-informed persons to be one of the finest war memorial buildings, if not the finest of that character, in the world. Since its erection, 1,575,305 people have visited the Building and last year alone there were 85,955 visitors.

The appraisal concern engaged to evaluate the building for insurance purposes finds a reproductive value of \$4,607,103.54; a sound value of \$4,292,822.10 and an insurable value of \$4,124,059.44. The appraisal at the end of the current year shows an increase of approximately \$50,000 in the insurable value of the Building and \$5,000 in the insurable value of the furniture and fixtures. This increase has been covered and the Building is fully insured against damage from the elements.

Since the Building now is 25 years old, renewal and replacement expenses increase each year. This condition is enhanced because of the necessity of deferring maintenance during the war years. During the last fiscal year these extraordinary items over and above ordinary expenses amounted to \$17,765.68. Exact figures for the present year are impossible to estimate because of fluctuating prices, inability to secure materials when required and labor costs. However, it is definitely known that certain repairs will be essential and it is estimated that these extraordinary repairs will cost about \$9,500.

The operation and maintenance expenses of the Building are paid out of surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine*, the amount for the past year being \$76,509.19, which includes the items of maintenance and repair as previously out-

lined, as well as the increased cost of labor and material.

Memorial Books

The demand for the Memorial Books continues, but, as of May 15, 1951, only 2,503 remained on hand. The Commission recommended to the Grand Lodge at the Chicago Session that authorization be granted to reprint the books at a cost of about \$23,000. This motion of Chairman Campbell was unanimously passed.

The Elks Magazine

With the May, 1951, issue, *The Elks Magazine* completed its 29th year of publication as the official Magazine of the Order. During the year, 12,464,175 copies of the Magazine were published—an increase of 526,721 copies over the previous year.

During the year, eight issues consisted of 60 pages, including covers; three issues had 52 pages and one issue had 56 pages, a total of 692 pages for the year. Total number of pages, including covers, in all issues for the year was 718,478,624, an increase of 38,291,020 pages. In line with the membership gains of the Order, 1,054,528 copies of the June issue were printed, as compared to 1,023,055 for June, 1950.

Surplus earnings of the Magazine were \$260,466.13, which was \$17,902.52 greater than the year ending May 31, 1950, and \$58,292.77 greater than 1949. This net profit resulted from an income of \$1,242,851.53, with total expenses of \$982,385.40. Income increased \$81,723.84 for the year, and expenses \$63,821.32.

For the year, total per capita publishing cost for the Magazine was 97 cents and, of this, advertising income contributed 23 cents, leaving a net per capita cost of 74 cents, as compared to 75 cents last year. This was possible because, while production costs were materially increased, advertising income was sufficiently greater to offset that and reduce per capita cost by one cent.

Indication of the importance of advertising to the Magazine, and hence to the funds available for use of the Grand Lodge, was the fact that net advertising income was \$230,205.80, representing an increase over last year of \$42,186.91. This is partly accounted for by increased advertising space sold and partly by a rate

increase. For the 12 issues, 758 advertisements were carried, as against 781 last year. However, the advertisements, on the average, were larger so that total advertising space for the year was 120 pages, as compared to 107 pages the year before.

INCOME AND EXPENSES

A digest of the income and expenses of *The Elks Magazine* as reported by the public accountants organization, Ernst & Ernst, follows:

Income:			
Magazine subscriptions	\$1,011,031.00		
Advertising	230,205.80		
Miscellaneous	1,614.73	\$1,242,851.53	
Publication costs and expenses:			
Magazine paper	\$ 321,239.77		
Printing and binding	188,524.34		
Engraving	21,946.02		
Departmental expenses (as shown by schedule):			
Editorial	\$ 105,829.03		
Advertising	123,091.22		
Circulation	152,856.58		
Administrative and general	68,666.49		
Miscellaneous	231.95	982,385.40	
NET INCOME FROM PUBLICATIONS.....	\$ 260,466.13		
Maintenance of Memorial Building.....	76,509.19		
NET INCOME FOR YEAR.....	\$ 183,956.94		

Postal Rates

Again this year the Commission was called upon to meet the recommendation of the Postmaster General that second class rates be increased. Chairman Bruce A. Campbell appeared before the Post Office and Civil Service Commission of both the Senate and the House to present the Magazine's case. In each instance, the Committees were very considerate of Chairman Campbell and their attitude indicated their high regard for the Order. While the House Committee has approved a bill calling for marked increases in the postal rates of commercial magazines, it has recommended that there be no increase in rates for publications of the character of *The Elks Magazine*, which is, of course, non-profit. The increase asked by the Postmaster General would have cost the Magazine about \$50,000 a year.

Public Relations

The Commission's efforts to publicize the various activities and programs of the Grand Lodge produced a record total of 6,330 newspaper clippings, a gain of six per cent over the previous year. A high spot of the public relations activities was

the appearance last December of Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle and Past Grand Exalted Rulers Masters, Thompson, Warner and Sullivan on a nation-wide NBC program.

The Grand Lodge Convention in Miami last July was the best publicized in recent years. All of the press associations gave wide coverage to our pledge of support to the nation in the world crisis and our action authorizing a levy of \$1.00 per year, per member, for a war fund in case of emergency. Convention publicity totalled 3,600 clippings—98 per cent above 1949 and 79 per cent above 1948. The 170 visits of Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle were fully covered with photos, mats, stories and background material and in many cases special material was prepared for the press and radio. Over 2,000 clippings about Mr. Kyle were received.

Every effort was exerted to give widest possible publicity to the programs sponsored by the National Service Commission. Newspaper mats of the four-color automobile sticker distributed by the National Service Commission as part of the "Keep Awake, America" program were sent to all Exalted Rulers. Publicity about the reopening of the Fraternal Centers was sent to leading press services, as well as radio networks. In February, the AP and UP carried stories on the announcement to President Truman of the National Service Commission's civilian defense program.

The Order's participation in National Newspaper Week for the second straight year was outstandingly successful again. A total of 481 Lodges were known to have joined in the 1950 observance, a gain of 31 per cent, and the actual figure probably was higher. Immediately after Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle announced his District Deputy appointments, a suggested newspaper release announcing the appointment was sent to the press of each District concerned. The Deputies cooperated excellently and much favorable publicity resulted.

Cooperating with the Youth Activities Committee, the public relations department supplied all Exalted Rulers with publicity material on the Youth Leadership Contest and Elks Youth Day. This effort also was intended to stimulate Lodges to join in the programs, and helped materially.

The Minute Women of America requested, and received, 1,000 copies of Bruno Shaw's article "Why We Have Communists" for distribution to members. This article ran in the September issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Disposition of Earnings

During the 29 years of its existence, the aggregate surplus earnings of the Magazine have amounted to \$5,909,006.58, of which the Commission has already in previous years turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$5,130,314.56. In addition, during the last fiscal year it has paid out of surplus earning for the Grand

Lodge the cost of operation and maintenance of the Memorial Building the sum of \$76,509.19, making \$5,206,823.75 already turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge—an average of nearly \$180,000 a year. The money turned over to the Grand Lodge has been used for various purposes, such as building an addition to the Elks Home at Bedford, Va.; decoration of the Memorial Building; operation and maintenance of the Memorial Building; contributions to the Elks War Commission and the Elks National Foundation; for the establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$425,000, and for general Grand Lodge expenses.

Lower Per Capita Tax

If it had not been for the earnings of the Magazine, the per capita tax for many years would have been increased materially, but as a result of the amounts turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings, the budget has been balanced and provision has been made for a reserve fund. As a result, the per capita tax for each year has been much lower than it would have been otherwise, and in some years it has been at least 50 cents per member lower than it would have been had the amounts turned over to the Grand Lodge that year not been made. For the fiscal year, approximately 18 cents per member was

turned over to the Grand Lodge for its purposes.

This year, the Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings and for Grand Lodge purposes the sum of \$125,000, and a further sum of \$75,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Previously, the Commission had turned over for the purpose of the Reserve Fund \$395,000 which, at the time of the last Report, had earned \$30,000 in interest so that the amount of the Reserve Fund now is \$425,000, plus interest earned during the past year. With the \$75,000 additional turned over to the Fund this year, it will amount to \$500,000, plus current interest accumulation. When these payments are made, the aggregate amount turned over to the Grand Lodge during the 29 years of the existence of *The Elks Magazine* will be \$5,406,823.75. After this payment is made the Commission will have a surplus as of June 1, 1951, of \$502,182.83. In view of present uncertainties, the Commission believes that good business judgment requires that the surplus be maintained at this level.

Membership of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission is: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman; John R. Coen, Vice Chairman; John S. McClelland, Secretary; Michael F. Shannon, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, and James T. Hallinan, Treasurer.

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

SINCE the opening of hostilities in Korea, the work of the Commission in behalf of the disabled veterans has been increased to meet the demands of the large number that have been returned home for hospitalization, reported Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman. The program has been broadened to include entertainment and recreation in practically all hospitals throughout the country where veterans are being treated.

The programs vary according to the needs of the patients and hence are extremely diversified. There are amateur entertainments, card parties, boxing and other athletic events in the hospitals and, where practical, the veterans are taken to ball games, on theater parties, or fishing trips. Occupational therapy programs in which the veterans are taught to repair watches, build radios, carve with wood, make miscellaneous leather articles, to name a few, are a vital part of the program of rehabilitation.

Fraternal Centers

The Commission was pleased to report that the Fraternal Centers at Louisville, Ky., Trenton, N. J., Columbus, Ga., Wilmington, N. C., Tucson, Ariz., and Wau-

kegan, Ill., continue to operate successfully and are doing much to keep up the morale of the members of our Armed Forces. In October, the Santa Maria, Calif., Lodge opened a Fraternal Center which is outstanding and includes a snack bar, reading and writing rooms, billiards, ping pong and free dancing. The Commission particularly expresses its appreciation for this outstanding patriotic service which the Lodge sponsors without Grand Lodge aid.

The Cheyenne, Wyo., Lodge, with assistance from the Commission, has made its facilities available for dances for the young men in the Air Corps Training School there. There already was a fine Center in Cheyenne, but there was no place to hold dances until the Elks offered their services. In May the Fraternal Center at Kinston, N. C., was reactivated. This Center is operated by the Elks of Kinston, with the City furnishing the building and utilities. It is available for the 40,000 servicemen stationed at Camp Lejeune. On April 22nd, Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, accompanied by W. M. Frason, Executive Secretary of the Commission, met with the officers of Hyannis, Mass., Lodge and completed arrangements whereby this

Lodge would reactivate its Fraternal Center. Hyannis Lodge has made its quarters available and will run special parties at regular intervals. Geneva, N. Y., Lodge, near the Air Base at Sampson, opened a Fraternal Center on May 18. It is ideally equipped for this purpose and has a large room, with a private entrance, that is being turned over for the use of the young people in the Service. As the Commission went to press on its report, word was received that Columbia, S. C., Lodge has reopened its Fraternal Center for personnel at Fort Jackson.

There now are 12 Centers in action—all being operated successfully by Elks and their ladies and, in the opinion of the Commission, they are doing much to bring enjoyment and cheer to the members of our Armed Forces who so much appreciate what is being done.

"Keep Awake, America"

Encouraged by the successful "Wake Up, America" program sponsored last year, the Commission felt that a follow-up program of "Keep Awake, America" would be very opportune. Last September, Chairman Hallinan addressed a vigorously worded letter to the Exalted Rulers of all Lodges urging participation in the program by immediately making plans to set aside an afternoon or evening between Nov. 1 and 15 for a community "Keep Awake, America" program to be participated in by the press, radio, members of the lodges and citizens of the community. Attractive windshield stickers depicting Uncle Sam awake and in a fighting mood were prepared and hundreds of thousands of these stickers were distributed among the Lodges. This follow-up program proved outstandingly effective in alerting communities to the dangers of communism.

U. S. Savings Bonds

The Savings Bonds Division of the U. S. Treasury Dept. again called on the Commission to help increase payroll savings. Chairman Hallinan took action by writing a letter to each State President and each Exalted Ruler urging them to respond to this call of the government. That the results were effective was attested by a letter to Chairman Hallinan from Vernon L. Clark, National Director of the Savings Bonds Division. In the letter Mr. Clark conveyed the sincere appreciation of the Treasury Dept. for the assistance received from Elksdom in this drive against the inflationary forces which are at work.

Civil Defense

The Commission issued an appeal for fraternity-wide civilian defense against possible atomic attack. A nine-point program for civil defense was prepared and directed to the membership by means of a feature page in the April issue of *The Elks Magazine* and by a letter from Chairman Hallinan to all Exalted Rulers.

The response has been excellent, and Lodges from all sections of the country have made their buildings available in the event of an attack.

Courtesy Cards

In response to the many requests received from Lodges that the courtesies of our Clubs be extended to non-members who are related to members of the Order, Courtesy Cards were issued with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Twenty-five thousand Cards have been printed for distribution to the subordinate lodges on request. It is the sincere hope of the Commission that these Courtesy Cards, when presented by men in the Service, will be honored. These cards show exactly what "Benevolent and Protective" mean to the Order of Elks.

Duration Stickers

This sticker was designed for use when it appeared desirable to provide a uniform method of assuring that when an Elk Serviceman presented a card stating this his dues were paid for the duration there would be no confusion in the mind of anyone examining that card. All cards bearing this Duration Sticker should be honored, the Commission states.

Aid for Servicemen

Since Sept., your Commission has sent the men fighting in Korea a total of 50 cases of cigarettes. The true value of this program is expressed by the sincere letters that the Commission has received from the boys on our front line. Unfortunately, many boys have written to the Commission advising that the folks at home are not keeping in touch with them and it is the fervent wish of the Commission that the people at home realize the importance of writing, because it

means so much to the boy or girl serving with our Armed Forces.

Finances

Finances for the regular program this year were secured through a balance of \$251,401.92 remaining from last year's budget; \$46,894.80 from the Grand Lodge per capita assessment 1949-50; on account, \$227,952.90 contributed by the Grand Lodge through 30 cents per capita paid by the membership as of April 1, 1951, as unanimously adopted by the Session in Miami last July; \$25,000 appropriated to the Commission by the Grand Lodge for the expenses of office maintenance; \$1,412.50 donations from Lodges to Fraternal Center Fund and other programs; \$2,090.39 for the sale of "Keep Awake, America" stickers. This makes a total of \$554,752.06 as of May 31, 1951. Total expenses of programs, including General Administrative Expenses, Hospital Program and Elk Fraternal Centers, for the past fiscal year was \$261,838.01, leaving a balance of \$292,914.05.

Conclusion

In closing the annual report, the members of the Elks National Service Commission expressed sincere appreciation for help of the subordinate lodges in making the year's many outstanding programs so successful. Membership of the Commission submitting the report was: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman; Past Grand Exalted Rulers 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.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

THIS year the Elks National Foundation has adopted a slogan in the annual report that undoubtedly will impress every member of the Order—"Though You Can't Give a Million, You Can Be One of a Million to Give". The most encouraging feature of the year as reported by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, was the bequest of \$85,800.88 under the will of our departed Brother, George B. Phillips, Ajo, Ariz., Lodge, No. 1576. Under the provisions of the will, three-fourths of the legacy must be used for the rehabilitation of crippled or otherwise physically handicapped children. Consequently, the bequest was set-up as a separate fund. This bequest made the year ending April 30, 1951, a financial success, bringing total receipts to \$264,204.20 and increasing the Principal Fund

to \$2,643,114.25. The additions to the principal came from these sources:

State & District Assoc.	\$ 6,106.00
Lodges	108,557.01
Individuals	62,500.28
George B. Phillips	85,800.88
Miscellany	1,240.03
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	\$264,204.20

In addition to the Consolidated Principal Fund, the Foundation has a Security Depreciation Offset Fund amounting to \$88,642.49 to provide against possible losses from sale or redemption of securities and possible loss of premiums in lieu of amortization. This fund is invested in government securities.

The report expressed the appreciation of the Elks National Foundation Trustees for the assistance given by Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle and the

National Memorial and Publication Commission for the editorial commendatory of the Foundation which appeared in *The Elks Magazine*. The Foundation Trustees also thanked Brother Odin B. Dodd for the legal services performed gratuitously in connection with the transfer of property involved in the Phillips Estate.

In addition to the Phillips Bequest, \$1,000 was received under the will of our late Brother Fayette H. Posey, Montrose, Colo., Lodge, No. 1053.

Founder Certificates

Twenty-two of the 48 States show every Lodge recorded as subscribed for Honorary Founder Certificates. The list is as follows:

Arizona	Minnesota
California	New Jersey
Colorado	New York
Connecticut	North Dakota
Delaware	Pennsylvania
Illinois	Rhode Island
Iowa	South Dakota
Kentucky	Utah
Maine	Vermont
Maryland	Wisconsin
Massachusetts	Wyoming

Seven other States are close competitors for this distinction, each with 90 per cent, or more, of the Lodges subscribing.

The Report announces that 1,460 Lodges now are subscribers for Honorary Founder Certificates. Of these, 957 are fully-paid Founders; 47 State Associations subscribe, with 44 fully-paid Founders. One Territorial Association is a subscriber and 11 District Associations subscribe, with 4 fully-paid Founders. For individual Elks, 128 have subscribed for Honorary Founder Certificates, including 20 of the living Past Grand Exalted Rulers; 94 of these individuals are fully-paid Founders.

Permanent Benefactor subscriptions from Lodges are 520, of which 289 are fully-paid Benefactors. There are 35 Permanent Benefactor subscriptions from State Associations, with 18 fully-paid Benefactors. One District Association is a Permanent Benefactor subscriber and 13 Individual Permanent Benefactor Certificates have been issued.

All Elks are invited to enroll as Participating Members of the Elks National Foundation. A Participating Certificate and bronze token or watch charm, symbolic of the Elks National Foundation, are given to any member who donates \$100 to the Fund.

An Agency for Good

Stressing the importance of these contributions to the Order, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley addressed the delegates attending the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago with an inspiring message on behalf of the Foundation: "I am appealing to you, My Brothers, and to all Elks in the Country, to make this Elks National Foundation your Foundation; to become part of it; to realize that it is

a great agency which the Grand Lodge has permitted to be built up within it, to channel fine thought and the great generous impulses of our Order into every area of Life, in order that they may motivate good works in every field of philanthropy. That is the Elks National Foundation.

"To me, the Elks represent the soulful men of American—those who have come to realize that there is really no happiness in life and no power or opportunity to accomplish great things except by the group of men who are conscious of the spirituality that is in them. It is men who catch the inspiration of high resolve that do things in Elksdom. They are the men who feel that urge within them. It makes them appreciate more the glory and the beauty of the things about them and to enjoy the warmth of the sympathy and companionship of their fellow men. If you catch that thought you will have the whole underlying theory and thought, the impelling force, of the National Foundation."

Current Distributions

Last year, \$25,000 was appropriated to train doctors, therapists, nurses and technicians in the treatment of cerebral palsy. This sum was expended as speedily and wisely as possible under competent advice. One doctor was enabled to spend a year in research study and other financial grants made it possible to send 18 qualified persons through courses of special training in the treatment of cerebral palsy at leading universities and medical institutions. In addition, the Foundation encouraged the activities of the State Associations in the field of cerebral palsy by making substantial

donations. An additional \$25,000 was appropriated at a meeting of the Foundation held at the time of the Grand Lodge Session so that the cerebral palsy work will be continued.

The "Most Valuable Student" Awards, amounting to \$12,000, have given immeasurable assistance to deserving and outstanding young boys and girls who wish to further their education. The awards for this year are reported in this issue on page 23.

State Awards

Every State is eligible to receive one or more Elks National Foundation Scholarships. These scholarships, amounting to \$300 each, are available for award to students selected by the State Association for the purpose of enabling them to enter college or continue their college courses. Similar privileges have been awarded the Territories. The reports from the Chairmen in 41 States indicate that 38 State Associations are fostering scholarship programs under which 217 scholarship awards, aggregating \$42,685, are made annually. These figures do not include the large number of scholarships awarded annually by the subordinate lodges.

The Foundation Trustees have made the sum of \$3,500 available for awards by the Youth Activities Committee to outstanding youth leaders selected by the Committee.

The Elks National Foundation Trustees 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.



COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

THE Judiciary Committee passed on 390 sets of Lodge by-laws and house rules thus far during the year. 19 lodge corporations, 63 building applications, 17 lodge applications and has issued 244 formal opinions interpreting the law of the Order, making a total of 733 formal matters handled by this committee. Earl James, reported to the Grand Lodge.

The number of subordinate lodge by-laws submitted for approval has increased and requests for opinions and decisions have materially decreased since the distribution of the new Annotated Statutes.

At the Chicago Convention, in response to popular demand, a Legal Clinic was held. More than 500 Exalted Rulers throughout the country attended the session and engaged in discussion of various phases of Lodge and club operations. The Judiciary Committee recommends that these Clinics be continued by future Judiciary Committees.

The following statutes were amended: Section 122 Grand Lodge Statutes was

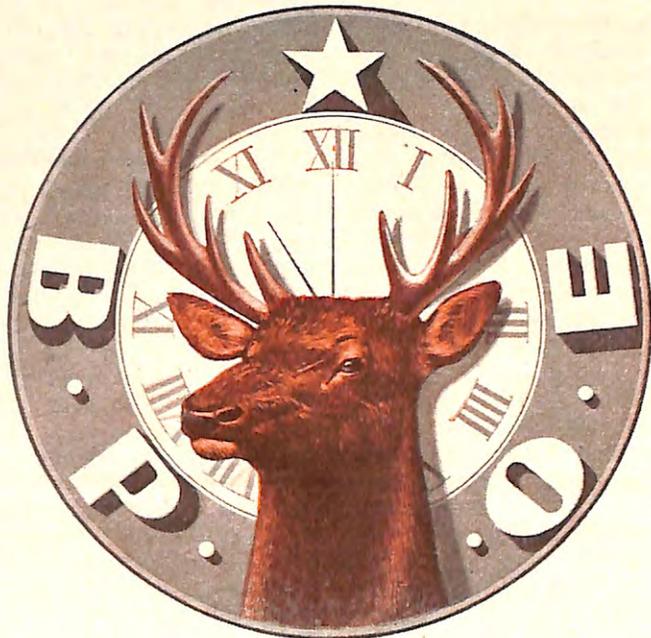
amended to permit additional time to elapse before filling the vacancy caused by the death of a lodge officer.

Section 56 of Grand Lodge Statutes was amended to increase the contingent fund for the maintenance of the Elks National Home from \$25,000 to \$35,000 per annum.

Section 17, Article III of the Constitution was amended to provide for the establishment of additional Lodges in cities of less than 500,000 by the Grand Exalted Ruler with the consent of the Board of Grand Trustees and the approval of the Advisory Committee, where, in his discretion, special circumstances and the good of the Order warrant such action. This article also provides for jurisdiction of Lodges established within such cities.

Section 172 of Grand Lodge Statutes was amended to read as follows: A Lodge by not less than two-thirds affirmative vote taken by secret ballot may elect to Life Membership any of its members in
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News of the Lodges



Cumberland, Md., Lodge Honors New Grand Exalted Ruler Davis

In order to pay honor to its neighboring Pennsylvania lodges, the Penna. State Association, and the Order's 1951-1952 Grand Exalted Ruler, Howard R. Davis of Williamsport, Pa., Lodge No. 173, Cumberland, Md., Lodge No. 63, held an "All Pennsylvania Night" Program attended by several hundred Elks of the Tri-State area. Guest of honor was Mr.

Davis, who spoke briefly at the dinner prior to the lodge meeting. Past Pres. Harry I. Stegmaier of the Md., Dela., and D. C. Assn., was General Chairman.

At the lodge meeting, the Johnstown, Pa., Lodge officers initiated a class of 12 new Elks who were addressed by retiring Grand Trustee Davis who had been introduced by P.E.R. John Buchanan of Bedford, Pa., Lodge, D.D. C. Herbert Ellis and P.E.R. E. J. Husted spoke briefly,

Los Angeles, Calif., Elks Pay Tribute to Korean Warriors

Officially welcomed by E.R. Clark D. Ryan, a four-year veteran of World War II, 12 Purple Heart veterans of the Korean campaign were honored by Los Angeles Lodge No. 99 on Korean Heroes Night. On hand to present special Awards of Merit to the men on behalf of the lodge was Maria Palmer, MGM motion picture actress.

The heroes were fêted at a dinner and an entertainment program at which prominent Elks from several neighboring lodges were present. Escorted from the Joseph H. Pendleton Hospital by E.R. Gordon Duff and officers of Oceanside Lodge, the 12 Marine and Navy men were accompanied by Lt. W. E. Kelly, Recreation Officer of the Hospital.

Another Korean hero, Santiago Rosas, a private in the U. S. Army, received tribute from the members of No. 99 at a special program when he was represented by his mother, since he had given his life in that conflict. Before entering the Army, the 19-year-old Mexican-American was the head of his family of nine brothers and sisters. At a recent meeting, the Los Angeles Elks enlarged the Santiago Rosas Fund, established by several thoughtful Californians, by a large cash donation. At the program honoring the young man, his mother received an award from E.R. Ryan, reading: "To a gallant and courageous Mexican-American mother". In charge of the affair was Est. Loyal Knight Robert M. Garrick, and participants in the tribute included Vice Consul of Mexico Earnesto Romero, Edward Roybal, Mexican-American member of the Los Angeles City Council film actor Gilbert Roland and P.E.R. Harry Faull of Pomona Lodge. The "Rosas Fund", is designed to build a home for the Rosas family and to aid in putting the children through school.

Former Grand Lodge Official John C. Travis Dies

One of the most devoted members of the Order was lost recently, when John C. Travis, a prominent attorney and a member of Omaha, Neb., Lodge, No. 1817, since 1920, passed away May 11th after a lingering illness.

A former President of the Nebraska Elks Assn., and a P.E.R. of his lodge of which he had been an Honorary Life Member since 1946, Mr. Travis made an enviable record during the war years as Chairman of both local and State "Win the War" Committees.

Mr. Travis served as District Deputy in 1936, and from 1943 to 1945 he was Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee. Between 1945 and 1948 he was a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, acting as its Chairman in 1947-48.

To his wife, daughter, son, two sisters and brother, and hundreds of friends, the Magazine's staff extends its sympathy.



York, Pa., Lodge, instituted 60 years ago by the late Grand Exalted Ruler Edwin B. Hay, the only man to be elected to that office twice, found only surviving Charter Members Past Exalted Ruler Charles F. Welsh, left, and Edward C. Eichelberger, looking over the Charter on its Anniversary.



Left: At the speakers' table during the banquet attended by 300 Augusta, Kans., Elks, Miss Sandra Dunlop received a \$300 scholarship from Exalted Ruler A. S. McPherron. Her parents are seated at right; Secretary S. E. Patterson, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, at left.

Below are the "Cards", one of the four-team Little Baseball League equipped and managed by the Elks of Beckley, W. Va. Left is Secy. Ross Irle, P.E.R., with his son, Bill, the mascot, in the foreground. Right is Asst. Mgr. Bill Witzel.

Grand Junction, Colo., Elks Hold Annual Athletic Dinner

Dallas Ward, head football coach for the University of Colorado was an outstanding speaker at the annual sports program held by Grand Junction Lodge No. 575.

Introduced by Richard Williams. Coach Ward addressed the 250 persons in attendance, among whom were 113 high school and Mesa College lettermen and their coaches. E.R. D. S. Dykstra extended a warm welcome.



Greeting retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle prior to the 50th Anniversary Banquet of Aurora, Ill., Lodge were, left, Past District Deputy J. Paul Kuhn and Exalted Ruler George R. Matyas, right.



Donating blood in a recent Red Cross drive are E.R. Ronald Bringman, left, and Est. Lead. Knight Joseph Nutsch, right, both 1951 All American Ritualistic Team members, of San Fernando, Calif., Lodge.



Dr. W. D. Martin, right, Chairman of Albany, Ga., Lodge's Dance Committee, presents a \$1,220 check to Trustee R. C. Marks, representing "Aidmore", the Ga. Elks Crippled Children's Hospital. The money was raised at a dance at which Ted Weems' Orchestra played. Looking on are County Police Chief Royce Hinson, Chairman of the Easter Seal Drive, left, and Exalted Ruler C. P. Whiting, second from right.



Sole surviving Charter Member S. G. Kleinmaier, 91 years old, second from right, is honored by Marion, Ohio, Lodge. An officer for 40 years and an Elk for 66, P.E.R. Kleinmaier was accompanied by his 90-year-old brother Benjamin, second from left, who has been an Elk 61 years. At right is Exalted Ruler Robert Haldeman who presented a citation on behalf of the Ohio Elks Assn. Left is Trustee A. L. Kessler.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Right is an airview of the \$75,000 Elks Memorial Field presented by the Elks to Naval (Port Angeles), Wash. In the foreground are two softball diamonds, grandstand and fieldhouse.



Naval, Wash., Elks Give Community Valuable Playground

When Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson officially dedicated the new \$75,000 sports field to the city of Naval (Port Angeles), Wash., before an appreciative 2,000 citizens, many months' work of the members of Naval Lodge No. 353 reached a satisfying climax.

The scene took place at the 300' by 500' Elks Memorial Playfield, where a bronze plaque, set in a granite boulder, commemorates the Elks' generosity. The program opened with the appearance of the talented Seattle Elks' Band; Chaplain Charles Keim then gave the invocation, followed by the presentation of an American Flag by Cmdr. William Mueller of the American Legion Post.

After a color guard, representing the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, raised the banner to the top of the new flagpole, they were escorted across the field by the Boy Scouts and their band. This was followed by the actual dedication program, in which members of the Committee were introduced by E.R. Jack Hogan, and Chairman H. H. Hankins, P.E.R., spoke for them. Another impressive speaker was D.D. Maxwell Loomis who praised the interest of the Naval Elks in the youngsters of the city. E.R. Hogan presented the deed to Mayor F. A. Feeley, who called on Chairman A. G. Johns of the City Park Board to maintain the field "as the Elks would like it done".

The block-square park, with its fieldhouse, two softball diamonds, grandstand, tennis and basketball courts, has been completely equipped by the Elks, who didn't miss an opportunity to make the area a real playground paradise: for instance, one of the features of the tennis court is its flanged rim, which will allow flooding for winter ice-skating.



Above: Professional golfer, Mark Gerovac, a member of Ironwood, Mich., Lodge, with youngsters interested in learning the golf game, during one of his free weekly golf instruction clinics.



Above: The Twin Falls, Ida., Lodge entry in the "Sagebrush Stampede Days" Parade.



Left is the Hudson, N. Y., Elk-sponsored Junior Baseball League, photographed on opening day of the season when military flag-raising ceremonies were attended by Mayor John C. Kelly and many other Elk and civic officials.



Some of the 105 youngsters who participated in Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge's Junior Golf Tournament are pictured with Committee Chairman

Andy Anderson, and Exalted Ruler J. R. Conley, left, and pro golfer George Orullian and Committeemen J. J. Poitevin and Bob Bybee, right.



Outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle received a gift from Cub Scout Pack 17 sponsored by Fargo, N. D., when he attended the opening of the lodge's new home. At left is Grand Trustees Chairman Sam Stern.



State leaders honored by Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge recently included, left to right: State President Ray J. Fink, Exalted Ruler Frank C. Hoffman and Judge William I. O'Neill, Past President of the Association.



Some of the 1,000 children who were entertained at the annual School Safety Patrol Picnic by Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge, Patrol sponsors for the county.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



Exalted Ruler O. G. Fentriss, Jr., presents the Danville, Va., Elks' Annual Scholarship Award of \$250 to winning student Miss Betsy Garrett.



Panama Canal Zone (Balboa) Lodge's E.R. Cloyd H. Appleby presents the Elks Trophy to 18-year-old Ricardo Beaugard, the first native Panamanian to win the 800-meter swimming race. Held annually for the past six years, the 1951 meet had 300 entries. The Elks give this trophy every year.



P.E.R. Walter Butler of Ottawa, Kans., Lodge talks with Elk Jay Ellis, stricken blind some months ago, and his Seeing-Eye Dog which he secured in Morristown, N. J., where he went for the animal and training for handling it, at the expense of the Ottawa Elks.



Est. Lead. Knight Geo. T. Hickey; Secy. William Barr; N.E. Dist. Vice-Pres. J. P. Ardesser; the new Grand Exalted Ruler, Asst. Grand Secy. F. J. Schrader and E.R. T. G. Træumer look over Chicago (No. 1), Ill., Lodge's pool, used each morning by the Scouts and Angel Guardian Orphanage children.



These Miami, Florida, Elks were guests of honor at one of the regular parties given by the lodge in tribute to those members whose birthdays occur that month. They are, standing, T. E. Ellis, Sr., Trustee J. R. Fitzpatrick, Joseph Sugerman, Esquire George K. Roller, Louis Bernstein, Frank Chiodo, John Moss and George D. Herrington. Seated at the festive board, reading in the same order, are Howard S. Smith, John W. Trabold, F. S. Maloy, J. C. Wade and E. J. Leger.

Fargo, N. D., Elks Hold Successful Grand Opening Program

Five days of well-arranged festivities marked the opening of the newly-remodeled home of Fargo Lodge No. 260 whose more than 2,000 members were gracious hosts to hundreds of well-wishers. In honor of the occasion, the lodge issued a very complete and carefully planned brochure giving the interesting historical background of this enterprising lodge.

The program began with a banquet in the lodge room with more than 500 guests hearing an informative address given by 1950-51 Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle. P.E.R. P. B. Garberg was Toastmaster and E.R. Paul Euren extended the official welcome for his lodge. Grand Trustee Sam Stern, D.D. Ben L. Miller and State Assn. Pres. Jack Heimes also spoke briefly. The following day, at the regular lodge session, over 50 men became affiliated with the host lodge as a tribute to its 54-year Treas., Fred Irish.

Since the third day of the celebration fell on June 14th, a Flag Day Service, with Gov. C. Norman Brunsdale as principal speaker, was held during the after-

noon, and in the evening a special Stag Program took place. The next day found hundreds of both Elks and non-Elks at the magnificent home for open-house and inspection, and the final day closed the observance with an overflow crowd of Elks and their ladies at the Grand Ball.

The entire city entered into the festivities, with the Elks coming in for a great deal of newspaper coverage.

Providence, R. I., Elks' Annual Picnic a Sell-Out

The traditional summer festivity of Providence Lodge No. 14—the annual Kiddies' Outing and Family Picnic—proved to be another outstanding success when nearly 2,000 persons, including 1,200 children, enjoyed the all-day affair.

Arriving from all points by car, truck and buses, many of the latter hired by members of the lodge, 200 youngsters, 125 of them from the State Home and School, were guests of No. 14.

The program included contests, prizes, music and, of course, the usual sumptuous picnic repast, all dispensed by indulgent but watchful lodge officials.



Pictured with the officers of Oswego, N. Y., Lodge at a special program recently were, left to right, foreground P.D.D. Earl Perrett, Secy. K. D. Jensen, E.R. W. M. Leask, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Past State Pres. James H. Mackin and P.D.D. D. V. Hardie.



New Bern, N. C., Lodge's 17 P.E.R.'s with E.R. M. W. Hitson, D.D. D. S. Insoe, State Pres. G. T. Skinner and Past Pres. Thad Eure when the mortgage on the home was burned by P.E.R. J. G. Dunn, Sr., Charter Member, seated right. Seated left is P.E.R. William Dunn, 25-year Trustee.



Norwich, N. Y., Lodge officers with the 21 candidates they initiated recently. Among them were 75-year-old J. H. Whitbeck, standing left, 69-year-old M. R. Redmond, seated left, and R. M. Dolan, seated fourth from left, the third generation of his family affiliated with this lodge.



St. Paul, Minn., Lodge's officers, wearing their new jewels, pictured with the class named for Honorary Life Member Hugo Lutgens. One candidate was initiated for Chadron, Neb., Lodge.

Greeley, Colo., Elks Hosts to Fitzsimons Veteran Patients

Two Army buses and Red Cross Motor Corps cars brought 65 patients and their attendants from Fitzsimons VA Hospital in Denver to the home of Greeley Lodge No. 809 recently for a full day of pleasant recreation.

The occasion was marked by the performance of the Greeley Rodeo, and the Elks' guests arrived in time to review the rodeo parade from reserved seats on the porch of the lodge home. Following this, the 65 war casualties enjoyed a fried chicken dinner and then had the pleasure of witnessing the Rodeo from the reserved section of the grand stand. Lunch preceded the group's departure in the evening.

The entertainment was handled by Elks Veterans Aid Committeemen L. S. Lamb and Stanley Smith, with the latter presiding at the dinner, introducing local Elks, hospital personnel and Red Cross representatives, among them Dr. O. M. Dickerson who expressed the appreciation of the local hobby group in connection with the fine entertainment the Elks are providing regularly for the veterans.

N. D. Ritualistic Champions from Jamestown Visit Bismarck Lodge

In the presence of D.D. Ben Miller and State Assn. Pres. Martin Gronvold, the State Championship Ritualistic Team of Jamestown Lodge initiated 29 men into Bismarck, N. D., Lodge, No. 1199, in an impressive ceremony. Accompanied by many non-official members of the lodge, the team was entertained at a gala reception previous to the lodge session.

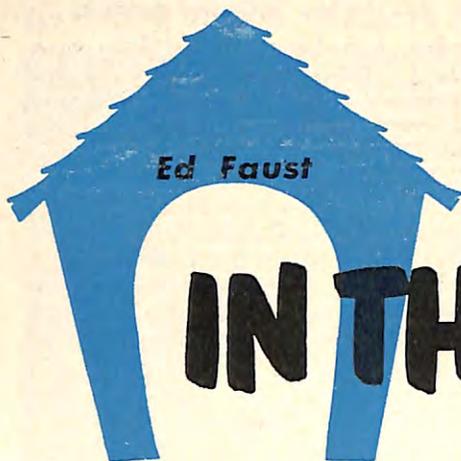
Also on hand were P.D.D.'s Arthur J. Pulon and J. A. Graham, and State Assn. Trustee Chairman J. J. Murray and E.R. Al Halweg of Mandan.

Prominent Newark, Ohio, Elk Suffers Fatal Attack

Charles L. Haslop, a member of Newark, Ohio, Lodge, No. 391 for many years, died as the result of a heart attack at the age of 53. A resident of Newark for 35 years. Mr. Haslop was active in civic affairs, holding many positions of importance in various community campaigns. In 1949, he was selected as Vice-Chairman in a state-wide seven-member committee to formulate the program aiding cerebral palsy victims under the auspices of the Ohio State Elks Association.

Serving through the Chairs of No. 391, Mr. Haslop became Exalted Ruler in 1929. The following year he was appointed as District Deputy, and in 1938 was elected President of the Ohio Elks Assn. He was also affiliated with several other fraternal organizations, and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where the funeral was held.

His wife, daughter and son who survive are joined by hundreds of friends in mourning the passing of this devoted Elk.



**Ed Faust's lesson for this month
is the art of grooming your dog.**

IN THE DOGHOUSE

FREQUENTLY get letters from our readers asking questions on the subject of grooming their purps. Now, with most dogs, grooming is comparatively simple—particularly if the dog is short-haired. However, with the long-coated fellow, it's different, especially with certain of the "broken-haired" or wire-haired breeds. It may be that you have a few problems if your pet is one of those that need more than the usual care to get that well-groomed look. If so, it won't be out of order to give this article over to the subject of how to tailor Towser.

Next to his teeth, the dog's coat is perhaps the most important part of his equipment. Canine coats fall into five divisions—wiry, short-haired, long-haired, medium and silky. Nearly all dogs have two coats—an inner and an outer. Very few have only one coat, and with some dogs, such as the poodle and the Chesapeake Bay retriever, the inner coats are so dense that they are practically waterproof. The right kind of care for a dog's coat begins with its diet. The properly-fed dog rarely has a poor coat unless he's sick. The dog whose blood supply isn't what it should be cannot have a healthy coat because it does not have the natural supply of essential oils that is the basic need for a good coat. Such a dog will have an unhealthy, dry, harsh, brittle coat which no amount of brushing or grooming will help.

Where a dog is given to excessive shedding, a little oil or fat—not too much—added to its diet will help, and a mild laxative—such as a tablespoonful of milk of magnesia for a larger dog, and in lesser quantities for smaller dog, according to size—will be beneficial every once in a while, too. All dogs shed hair annually, usually at the beginning of the warm weather; some dogs shed continuously throughout the year in a gradual process, and others shed all at once. Strangely, the lady of the species frequently sheds twice a year, and also when the stork is about to visit her.

In the winter, if a dog is kept in overheated quarters, he will shed continuous-

ly, which is one good reason why Fido's indoor sleeping nook should be located as far away as possible from the stove or radiator, although he should never be placed in a drafty place.

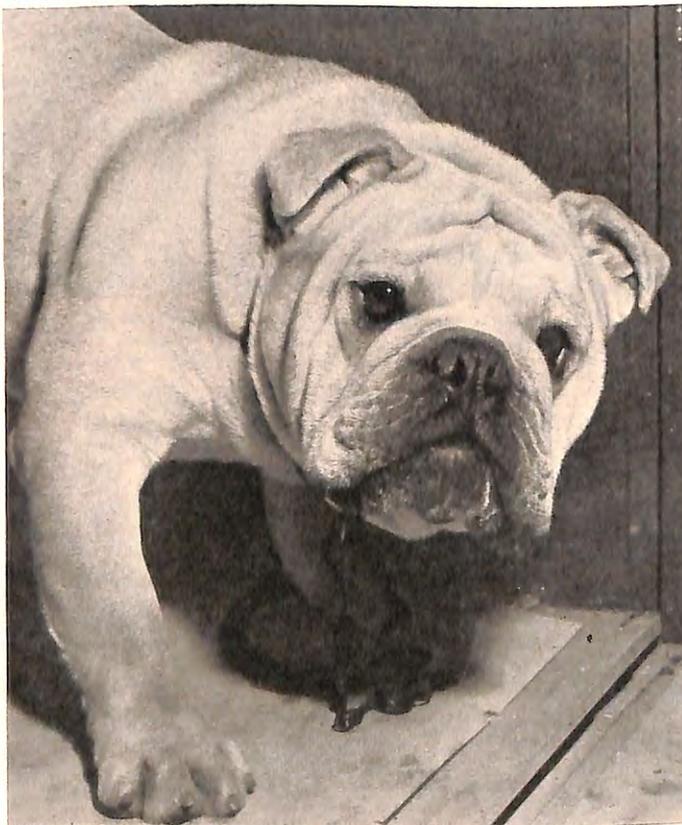
In grooming a short-coated fellow, use a piece of chamois, or even the palm of your hand, and do not be content just to give him a few short strokes. For a medium-coated dog, the same process will do, although if the coat is on the long side, you may need a comb and brush. These are absolute necessities for the wire-haired, and also for some of the long-coated dogs.

FOR all types of coat, sprinkle a few drops of olive oil or mineral oil on your brushing apparatus, whether hand or brush, for the finishing strokes. For the long-coated dog, separate any tangles

with your fingers—never try to comb them out or you'll pull out live hair. If your dog's coat requires a comb and brush, you can get what you need in the nearest five-and-dime store or its equivalent—a brush with stiff bristles about an inch long and the same kind of comb you'd use yourself, preferably one with coarse and fine teeth, the coarse for preliminary combing; the fine for the finishing touches. Incidentally, when buying the comb, don't get one with sharp teeth—and if you must, be sure to file them down to blunt them; a sharp-toothed comb can cause misery to a dog if you use it too vigorously. Although I've mentioned this several times before, I feel it is worth repeating—do not clip a long-coated dog during the hot weather; you're not making it any cooler for him.

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Photo by Ylla.



The warm-hearted English bulldog requires little grooming.

LODGE NOTES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., Lodge's former leaders organized a P.E.R.'s Assn. recently, with C. A. Poole as Pres.; Peter Hart, Vice-Pres., and Cullen Talton, Secy.-Treas. . . . Garnet Spring was elected Pres. of the **ROCHESTER, MINN.**, Elks' Bowling League at the annual banquet attended by about 50 keggers. Chuck Dorniden is Vice-Pres., and George Ewert and Claude Bremer are repeat Secy. and Treas., respectively . . . **SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**, Lodge reports the death of a real old-timer, Jack Dodge, a few days previous to his 98th birthday. Mr. Dodge, an Elk for well over 60 years, was San Diego Lodge's first E.R. and attended lodge regularly. . . . Through one of those unfortunate errors you never catch until too late, we switched captions for the two State Champion Ritualistic Team photographs on page 12 of our July issue. We are sorry about this and wish to point out that the **JAMESTOWN, N. D.**, officers are in the lower picture, and the **EUGENE, ORE.**, team is the top group . . . Over 300 **POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.**, Elks and their friends turned out for this year's clambake, an annual event . . . One of the most enjoyable affairs in the memory of **DURANGO, COLO.**, Lodge's officers was that spent as the guests of the lodge's P.E.R.'s Club at a beef-steak dinner . . . **RIVERTON, WYO.**, and **CHADRON, NEB.**, Lodges are situated 320 miles apart. Since they both have baseball teams, the distance didn't mean a thing this year and each club visited the other lodge for two diamond contests. The Chadron group won both games, but everyone being a good sport, the matches are going to be an annual event . . . **ANAHEIM, CALIF.**, Lodge reports a very successful 1951 Stag Barbecue. Over 360 Elks spent the day at the delightful Bagnall Ranch, donated by the owner gratis in the interests of this affair, the proceeds from which go to the lodge's charity fund . . . A big event at **PROVIDENCE, R. I.**, Lodge was the testimonial dinner to James Hennessey, a former Trustee, marking his 50 years of devoted service to the lodge . . . C. F. Eberhart, Jr., has written to protest that all he did was compute the scores in the All-American Ritualistic Contest, and that the team's Inner Guard is really Richard A. Sause, Jr., of **YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**, Lodge. Also, it seems we misspelled the names of the AA Est. Loyal Knight who is Joseph Nutsch, and its Lect. Knight, George Folger, **SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.**, Elks,

We Salute Our Flag

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Lieutenant General Henry L. Larsen, USMC Ret., photographed as he delivered the Flag Day address during the public observance held by Walsenburg, Colo., Lodge. Seated behind the General are Exalted Ruler F. R. Yeager, P.E.R. J. Walter Socha, Chairman of the affair, Mrs. Joe Mosco, Jr., wife of Walsenburg's Mayor who is a member of the lodge, and Rev. Morgan.

tended by over 1,200 persons who jammed the stadium of the Huerfano County High School to view this pageant of patriotism. Among them were many of those first Americans, the Ute and Navajo Indians, who traveled from far-off reservations to join miners, ranchers, business and professional men in paying tribute to our Flag. The ceremonies, held under the Spanish Peaks, were planned by P.E.R. J. Walter Socha who traced the development of our National Emblem as each of the eight banners representing its various stages was brought to the field by a member of the lodge wearing typical Western garb. Finally, as the American Flag was raised to the top of the flagstaff, the stadium was blacked out except for spotlights picking out the proud banner from various distances. A provocative address, delivered by Lt. Gen. Henry L. Larsen, USMC Ret., now director of the Colo. Civil Defense Agency, closed this simple, sincere observance.

Space does not permit our giving details of the many fine Services which were reported to, and considered by, the Committee. However, we are listing here those lodges which received honorable mention in their categories:

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Hood River, Ore.
Hudson, N. Y.*
Kingman, Ariz.
Lancaster, Calif.
New Orleans, La.
Oil City, Pa.
Portland, Me.
Quincy, Mass.
San Juan, P. R.
Troy, N. Y.*
Watervliet, N. Y.*
Winthrop, Mass.

GROUP III

Benton, Ill.
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Cohoes, N. Y.*
Garden City, Kans.
Nampa, Ida.
Ottawa, Kans.
Salem, Ill.
Texarkana, Ark.
Tyler, Tex.
Urbana, Ill.
Vero Beach, Fla.

*Combined Services at Troy Lodge.

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We take this opportunity to report that, in the opinion of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, the 1951 Mother's Day Services conducted by Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge were the most outstanding for lodges of over 1,000 members, and those of Pensacola, Fla., were the best for lodges of less than 500 members.



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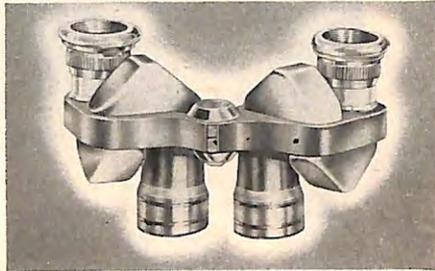
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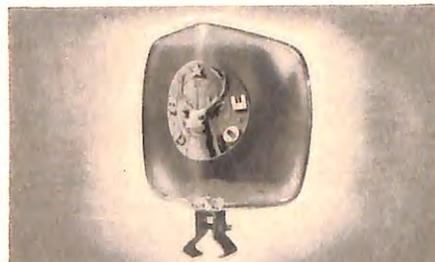
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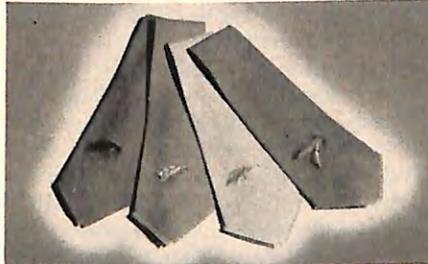
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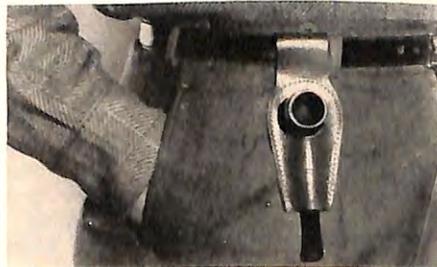
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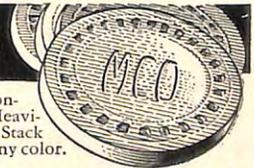


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When Pennant Bubbles Burst

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Not until the last stop of the trip did the Fenway Millionaires finally squeeze to that precious victory. They beat Cleveland, 1 to 0, on an inside-the-park homer to left field—of all things—by Ted Williams who usually hits them to right and out of the park. Champagne corks popped as Yawkey heaved a sigh of relief that burst every button off his vest.

Even if the Red Sox had blown that pennant the Yawkey embarrassment would not have been known by the fans in general. But Bill Benswanger, then the president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, still hasn't lived down the embarrassment he was to suffer in 1938. Worse still, he couldn't disguise it because the evidence was there for all to see.

The Pirates had moved gracefully into the September home-stretch with an eight-and-a-half-game lead. Benswanger made a critical inspection of Forbes Field, the home diamond of the Corsairs, and shook his head in disapproval.

"That press box," he said, "is much too small to hold the hundreds of baseball writers we'll have here for the World Series. We've got to build a newer and bigger one."

They built it. It's a beauty. It's still there. But never has it been used for a World Series. The Chicago Cubs came on like the wind with a furious September drive that won them the pennant and carried them into the World Series instead of the Pirates.

BECAUSE no pennant drive or pennant race ever falls into the same pattern, it's worth going into detail on that inspired rally by the Cubs even though it might be a bit too fantastic for belief. The first time I ever heard it was on the special train which was taking the Cardinals from Brooklyn to St. Louis for the 1946 World Series. The Cards, by the way, had just beaten the Brooks in the only play-off in National League history. The story-teller was John Carmichael of the "Chicago Daily News". He backed Eddie Dyer, manager of the Redbirds from St. Loo, into a corner of the drawing room and began:

"The Cubs didn't think they had a ghost of a chance when they started East, so huge was the Pirate lead. We open in Boston and blow the first game. And we're blowing the second game, too. We're losing 2 to 0 when Gabby Hartnett, our sterling manager, steps up to bat with the bases full.

"He hits a tremendous screamer into the stands but it's foul by about ten feet. 'Fair ball!' hollers Umpire Tiny Parker and all of us in the press box darn near swoon. Casey Stengel was managing the Braves and he screams bloody murder—with the usual results. So we win that one.

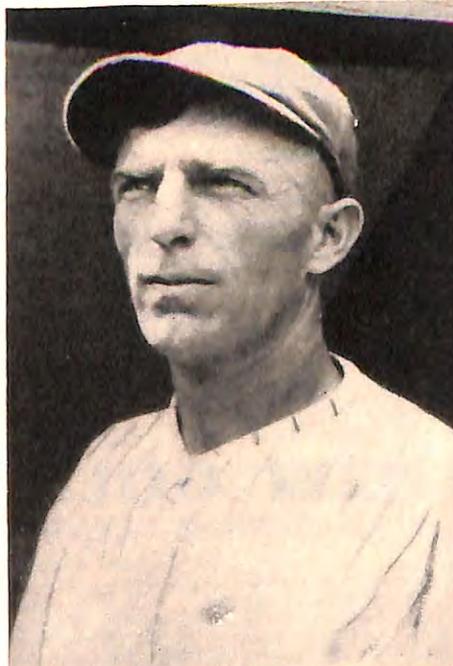
"We go to the Polo Grounds and win a double-header. But nothing unusual oc-

curred. So we move over to Brooklyn, where everything is supposed to happen. Much to our surprise, we drop the first game of a double-header and we're clinging hard to a 3-3 tie in the fifth inning of the second game when darkness settles over the field. It has to be the last time at bat and the Brooks decide to leave us have it.

"With one out and the bases full Gilly Campbell hits one. What a belt. It goes a mile over Billy Herman's head, but Billy jumps up a mile and spears it to start a double-play that protects our tie. On we go to Philadelphia and we keep getting rained out, much to our disappointment, because they're in last place and look like easy pickings. Hartnett decides to stay on for a couple of open dates.

"Well, sir, we sneak off with the first double-header, but the second one is a dilly. We're behind in both of them in the closing inning. On each occasion Ripper Collins comes up to bat with the bases full. On each occasion we wallops a rousing drive to center field, where Gil Brack circles under the ball. Each fly bounces off the back of his neck. So we win those two, thanks to Mr. Brack.

"The Cubs return West to face the Pirates. At a crucial spot in the first game there are Pirates on first and third, one out, Johnny Rizzo at bat and Vance Page on the mound for the Cubs. And Page balks. Umpire Dolly Stark starts to call it. But before he can raise his hand, Page fires the ball at the plate. He didn't have time to take aim. He just throws.



Fred Merkle, first baseman for the Giants, who in 1908 wrote his name into baseball history when he neglected to touch second base. Johnny Evers of the Cubs, a scrappy and always alert player, found a ball, touched the base, claimed a forceout and thereby started one of the hottest debases the diamond has ever known.

It whizzes past Rizzo's forehead and that helpful citizen unaccountably takes a cut at the ball.

"Zing! In faster time than it takes to tell it, the ball flashes down to Herman and it's whipped over to Jorges and then to Collins for a double-play. The Cubs toss aside their gloves and everyone is in the dugout before anyone notices that Stark is frozen in the gesture of calling the balk. There's no one left in the field for him to call it on. He puts his hand in his pocket. So we win that one.

"You know, of course, all about the dramatic home run that Hartnett hits for the Cubs in the darkness in the ninth inning to beat the Pirates in that famous game at Wrigley Field. The umpires are about to call the game and it's so dark that Hartnett can't see the pitch. He closes his eyes anyway and swings. So we win that one.

"The last hilarious episode of that pennant drive comes in St. Louis. Stuart Martin and Pepper Martin are involved but I can't remember which was which. But one Martin was on first and the other Martin at bat. A ball is hit off the screen in deep right, Phil Cavarretta trapping the ball against the screen with his glove. Umpire George Barr gestures with upraised fist.

"The Martin on base thinks it's a signal that the ball has been caught and retreats from second to first. So Cavarretta throws to second for a force play that breaks a rally in half. Barr claims afterwards that he was only signaling it was a fair ball, but that was obvious all along since it was fair by at least 30 feet. So we win that one and win the pennant."

Perhaps the Cubs were rather fancy and went to extraordinarily indecorous extremes in winning that championship. It doesn't matter how they did it. The main thing is that they won 21 games during the September homestretch. Does that surprise you?

It shouldn't. In 1935 those same Cubs performed the quite astonishing feat of winning 21 games *in a row* during the final month. It lifted them to the championship.

FAR more incredible than that, however, was the winning streak that the New York Giants compiled in September 1916, a string of 26 successive victories, the all-time major league record.

That streak began on Sept. 7 and ended in the second game of a double-header with the Braves on Sept. 30. When it started, the Giants were lodged in fourth place, so the Polo Grounds tenants ripped off an unprecedented 26 straight and zoomed all the way up to—brace yourself on this one—fourth place. Yessir, they didn't advance an inch. It was a race on a treadmill.

Admittedly, that strains credulity

slightly more than somewhat. Therefore an explanation undoubtedly is in order. When the Giants began their record run, they were thirteen and a half games out of first place. When they finished it, they were five lengths out. All they had achieved was to narrow the margin without improving their position. It probably also is worthy of note to add that the Giants had another long winning streak that year, a dazzling string of 17, but they played poorly both before and after it and got nowhere.

But whenever the Giants are mentioned in connection with sizzling pennant races, it's inevitable that the conversation swings around to the dramatic doings of 1908, perhaps the most memorable episode in baseball history.

The Chicago Cubs came roaring into the Polo Grounds on Sept. 23 of that fateful year for a fateful battle with the Giants. And Fred Merkle neglected to touch second base as the winning run was being scored in the ninth while deliriously happy fans cascaded from the stands to.....But wait a minute! Surely you've heard that one before. If not, ask grandpaw. He's told it so often that he'd be tickled to death to give it to you all over again. After all, the tale of "Merkle's Boner" is historic, although Merkle had a distinguished career as a first baseman in the National League.

IN CASE there are a few backward students in the rear of the room who haven't been paying attention, here's a capsule version of the incident: It was a play that was to decide the pennant. With two out in the last inning of a bitter 1-1 duel, the Giants had two men on base, Moose McCormick straining at the leash off third and Merkle off first. And Al Bridwell singled.

The Moose charged home with the "winning" run and Merkle raced toward second. But when McCormick's spikes dented the plate, Merkle followed the custom of that era and veered off the basepaths without touching second. Johnny Evers of the Cubs kept screaming for the ball. He finally got one but it wasn't the one that Bridwell had hit because Iron Man McGinnity of the Giants had wrestled him for it and thrown it over the grandstand roof.

However, Evers produced a ball, shouldered his way through the departing customers and stepped on second base. Then he chased after Umpire Hank O'Day until he found him, claiming vociferously that Merkle had been technically forced out at second and that McCormick's run had thus been nullified.

Some ten hours later Evers' claim was upheld after an acrimonious National League meeting and the game was ordered replayed after the end of the regular season. Matty didn't have it that day and the Giants lost, although John McGraw insisted to his dying day that he'd been robbed of a pennant.

The final standings that year were

mighty interesting. The Cubs won with 99 victories and 55 defeats. Tied for second were Giants and Pirates with 98 victories and 56 defeats. But there was a catch to it.

When the Cubs and Pirates met on the last day of the season, a broad-shouldered Pittsburgher, Ed Abbaticchio, hammered a ball into the grandstand for what might have been a grand-slam home run.

"Foul ball!" bellowed Umpire O'Day, who was always getting into the act that year.

If he had called it fair instead of foul, the Pirates would have won the pennant, instead of the Cubs. There was a rather curious aftermath to this episode. During the following winter a fan, female gender, sued the Pittsburgh club because she had been struck and severely injured by Abbaticchio's drive. She produced her ticket stub in court as part of the evidence and astonished Pittsburgh officials discovered to their dismay that her seat was in *fair territory*.

Don't get the impression that all the excitement of that super-dramatic year of 1908 was in the National League. Not so. The American League had a hum-dinger of its own.

As the race entered the final week, the Detroit Tigers, Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox were heading toward a photo finish, playing each other and cutting each other's throats.

With pressure at its heaviest, Big Ed Walsh of the White Sox pitched one of the greatest games of his brilliant career against Cleveland. He allowed only four hits and he fanned 15 men. Yet he lost for the simple reason that Addie Joss of the Indians achieved that rarest of baseball rarities: he pitched a perfect game. Not a man got a hit nor reached base as Cleveland triumphed, 1 to 0.

On the final day of the campaign Wild Bill Donovan twirled a glittering two-hitter for the Tigers against the White Sox and lifted the Bengals to the championship. Cleveland was second and Chicago third, but so tightly bunched were the three that Chicago would have captured the flag had it won the finale. That's how close it was.

THE chronology of pennant races is not only vibrantly full of single games that decided the issue but occasionally it comes up with a single play that does the same thing.

How do you suppose the Dodgers won their first pennant in 1916? Listen closely, please, because you will find it very hard to believe. George Cutshaw won it for them at Ebbets Field with as weird a hit as ever bounced off a bat. He singled to right in the decisive inning of the decisive game. That is to say that it should have been a single.

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wall. I know it sounds ridiculous but honest, mister, it happened.

That silly little ball climbed slowly up the wall until it reached the top. Then it teetered there uncertainly as if to give the unbelieving customers a full view of its incredible performance. Then it came to rest, lying lazily atop the fence. That zany bit of ballistic acrobatics converted Cutshaw's innocent "single" into a full-fledged home run. It won the game and the pennant for the Brooks.

And how do you suppose the Washington Senators won their pennant in 1933? Again it was one play that settled the issue. It was not quite as unbelievable as the Cutshaw incident but it was extremely unusual. Once more it was the key inning of the key game. The Senators were playing their chief challengers, the Yankees.

Lou Gehrig singled and a youthful Dixie Walker, then a Yankee, advanced the Iron Horse to second with a hit. Up stepped Tony Lazzeri and it was obvious that one of those dreaded Yankee rallies was under way. Lazzeri slashed one to right field with Goose Goslin swooping in after it.

Afraid that Goslin might make the catch, Gehrig held up at second. The impatient Walker already had hot-footed it down the path and was at second base when the ball fell at Goslin's feet. Both players lit out for home, running only a stride apart.

There is no doubt about the fact that the ball should have obeyed the rules of geometry and angled past the Goose to the fence. But it struck the embankment and bounded crazily upward into Goslin's glove. He wheeled and threw home.

Gehrig slid home. Walker, a step in back of him, also slid home but on the other side of the plate. Luke Sewell was the Washington catcher. He lunged for the speeding ball and he lunged for both base runners, tagging them both out for one of the most unusual double-plays on record. That one odd play settled the pennant for Washington.

THIS wasn't the only time a single play had killed off the Yankees. Back in 1904—they were known as the Highlanders then—one pitch finished them off. And it was their own man who threw it. He was Jack Chesbro who had won an astonishing 41 games that year and then had to meet with frustration on the next-to-the-last game of the season. He unfurled a wild pitch and a Red Sox runner scored from third with the winning run. It gave the flag to Boston.

Occasionally there is a great play made in the heat of a pennant race that becomes lost amid team failure. Such a one came in 1930. The Dodgers had had an 11-game lead in August but it dwindled alarmingly until it was nip-and-tuck with the Cardinals when the Brooks met the Redbirds at Ebbets Field in mid-September.

The first fray of the three-game series



At the close of the 1938 National League pennant race, Gabby Hartnett, the Cubs superb catcher, hit a homer to win a game against the Pirates that always will be remembered. The game was about to be called on account of darkness when Hartnett, in the ninth inning, put one into the stands to win the game. The Cubs then went on to take the pennant, although it had been conceded to the Pirates.

was the big one. Dazzy Vance against Wild Bill Hallahan, one of the best when he had his control. One scoreless inning followed another until the sixth. It was then that the Dazzler made his magnificent play. Sparky Adams, a fast little guy, was on third and his lead was long. Suddenly he broke for home in a steal that couldn't miss.

For all of his vaunted speed of arm, Vance knew he couldn't get the ball in fast enough to head off Adams. So he took dead aim at Chick Hafey, the batter, and plunked him in the back. On a hit batsman the ball automatically becomes dead. Adams had to return to third despite the fact that he had stolen home.

This might have become one of the great plays of baseball history except that Vance lost the game, 1 to 0, in the tenth inning. The Cards also won the second game and the third. They also won the pennant.

Sometimes it's a "play" by a spectator which can influence a flag race. That was the case in 1922 when the Yanks met the runner-up Browns in St. Louis in mid-September. Sparked by George Sisler, who was the greatest of all ball players that one season, the Brownies were only a game behind. Sisler batted .420 that campaign for the highest batting average made in the major leagues during the modern era, stole 51 bases and was a fielding first baseman without a peer.

Feelings ran high in St. Loo, so high that a crack-brained spectator hurled a pop bottle at Whitey Witt in the first fray, skulling the little centerfielder and

almost killing him. This got the Yanks so mad that they won two games out of the three and never were endangered thereafter.

It took the Brownies a mere matter of 22 years to gain a measure of revenge. In order to win the 1944 pennant all they had to do was sweep a four-game series with the Bronx Bombers in the September homestretch. Impossible? Sure. But the Browns did it—and took the flag.

THE most baffling things continually keep popping up in the heat of these pennant battles. Cleveland had the 1940 championship virtually clinched the day before the season ended. The Indians sent their youthful and seemingly invincible Bobby Feller against Detroit. The Tigers countered with an unknown rookie from Buffalo, a kid named Floyd Giebell. But it was Giebell, a 100-to-1 shot, who outpitched Feller to win the pennant for Detroit. Ironically, the boy never amounted to anything afterwards, returning to the obscurity from which he had sprung.

The more one studies the history of these pennant races, the less logical any of it seems. Back in 1934 the Giants had a 7½ game lead over the Cardinals at Labor Day. Long before the campaign had begun, Dizzy Dean had uttered a few words of reassurance to Giant Manager Frank Frisch.

"Don't you worry none, Frankie," drawled the Great Man. "Me 'n' Paul will win 45 games between us."

Paul was Diz's younger brother and for the only time in his life Dean was too modest. Paul was to win 19 games and Diz was to win an amazing 30. However, the Cardinals kept creeping up on the Giants until they played a double-header against the Dodgers at Ebbets Field. Then lightning struck twice—or almost.

Diz pitched a magnificent three-hitter to beat the Brooks. Then Brother Paul did even better. He pitched a no-hitter and Dizzy was disconsolate.

"Effen you'd only a tole me you wuz gonna pitch a no-hitter," he said reprovingly to his kid brother afterward. "I'da pitched me one, too." He probably would have at that.

Oh, yes. The Cards wrested the pennant away from the Giants on the last day of the season.

There is no logical pattern to this phase of the baseball business, particularly during the September homestretch. Incredible things have happened in the past and will happen in the future. No lead is ever safe until the "mathematical certainty" has been reached. Excitement mounts, thrills pile up and drama intensifies with every passing day.

In the long history of baseball there has been only one team which entered the homestretch without a worry. That team was the Cincinnati Red Stockings in 1869. The reason was rather obvious. They had been thoughtful enough not to lose a ball game all season.

In the Doghouse

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The long coat is a protection against the sun's rays and the dog actually suffers more if you clip him. More than once I've seen short-haired dogs, such as the bulldog or the bullterrier, suffer heat prostration at some of the outdoor summer shows, but I have never seen this happen to a long-coated dog.

For certain of the terriers, such as the wire-haired, Welsh, Airedale, Scotty, Sealyham, etc., plucking or trimming is necessary to keep them looking their best. If you don't know how to go about this job, get a few pictures of dogs like your own, that have been tidied up, and follow the pattern carefully, working slowly, taking off only a little hair at a time. Eventually you may learn to give your pup a pretty fair barbering job. For this you'll need a plucking knife and I know of one selling for \$1.50 postpaid. It's used by professionals and amateurs alike, and does a pretty good job. The same outfit that sells the knife—which comes with a removable blade and a supply for future use—also sells a variety of stripping charts for 25 cents each. If you're interested in getting the name of this company, just let me know, and if you want a chart too, be sure to let me know what breed your dog is—or resembles. By the way, when plucking your dog, or grooming it, it's best to stand the pup on a table where you can work more conveniently and at the same time avoid the well-known crick in the back that comes so often with prolonged stooping or bending.

GIVE an eye to your dog's teeth. Examine them once a month and, with a dull knife, scrape off any foreign substance, particularly tartar. This will help keep his molars in good condition. Clean the teeth with a tooth brush at least once a month, using a paste dentifrice. Don't use powder; the dog may swallow some of it with dire results.

Look at the dog's ears, and if there's any wax in them, clean them with a bit

of absorbent cotton dipped in warm oil and wound around a matchstick. Be gentle with this, as you may injure the ears.

If Fido's toenails are too long, clip them, being certain not to get too close to that inner part—the "quick"—that will bleed if cut. Be most careful about this, because once you injure the dog this way, it will be a miracle if he ever lets you clip his nails again, and clipping is very necessary since, in some instances, the nails grow so long that they curve inward, crippling the dog.

If your dog's eyes show any indication of inflammation, bathe them gently with a soft cloth dipped in a weak solution of boric acid dissolved in lukewarm water.

Under the heading of grooming comes the kindred job of giving the pooch his "Saturday night". When bathing the dog, be sure to use a tub large enough for you to work on him comfortably; see that the water is lukewarm—never hot; never cold. First wet him thoroughly, beginning with the head; begin the soaping at the head, too, holding your hand over the dog's eyes so that the soap will not get in them. The reason you begin at the head is to make that part of his anatomy an immediately undesirable landing field for fleas and other unwanted boarders. After soaping the animal thoroughly, rinse him off, using an old can, or a similar baling utensil; don't throw the water on him—pour it on gently. Then repeat the entire procedure.

After the bath, hunt for cover quickly because Fido will—and you shouldn't try to stop him—give himself the pleasure of some vigorous shakes. Then dry him thoroughly, right down to his BVDs, and try to get him to run around in order to stimulate the circulation, thus hastening the drying process. Never permit him to lie around after his tubbing, particularly where there are drafts. This is a sure way—even in summer—to court a cold which could result in almost any of the many serious ailments that begin with doggy colds.

For Elks Who Travel

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restaurants similarly charge ten or 15 per cent of your check for service. It is not necessary to start tipping all over again from scratch, but I always feel more comfortable adding a little something for the baggage man, the bellboy who brings up a suit, and the concierge who gets you tickets to the Folies Bergerè, secures a compartment on the Blue Train for the Riviera, manages an introduction to the headwaiter at Maxim's, and gives you an address where you can buy perfume at a 12 per cent reduction. We don't have the likes of the concierge in American hotels, and it is a sorry omission indeed, for he is a man with the person-

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If you think the movies exaggerate the magnificence of Southern plantation life your faith will be reestablished around Charleston. Circular drives, lined with massive oaks trimmed like mammoth Christmas trees with real blue-gray moss, lead up to mansions of "Gone-With-The-Wind" splendor. Some of them are open to visitors and are worth more than the small fee. Charleston is most famous for its gardens, with a half dozen of the largest and most beautiful private show-places in the world. But, except for exotic Cypress Gardens, where you're poled around the cypress swamps in a boat, they are closed until spring. Cypress Gardens opens Thanksgiving Day.

THE RICH OLD SOUTH

Elsewhere in the south there is fun to be had around Natchez, Mississippi, and New Orleans. Natchez was the hub of one of the great cotton plantation areas of the Old South. Here many fabulously rich growers built their town houses. Though privately owned some of them are open to the public the year around. They differ in style and furnishings from those of Charleston, which boasted an older culture, but they are magnificent. Natchez provides intelligently organized guide service. Since many of the families occupying these homes enjoy a \$10,000-\$12,000 a year income from showing them, there is no noticeable objection to intrusion.

New Orleans is story-book anytime of year but during the cooling days of fall and the budding days of spring it is at its best. The principal attractions are, frank-

ly, sightseeing, antique shopping, eating and carousing, with side trips to the nearby Evangeline country, bayou boat trips, a yacht tour of the harbor, and maybe catfishing. One of the outstanding "native" piano-singers in the country, Fats Pichon, is usually there dispensing his ballads for eager customers in the *Vieux Carre*. People from all over the country go to hear Fats and his recitals, which include the classics, have been successful in New York, Chicago and elsewhere.

NEW ORLEANS COOKING

The cooking in New Orleans makes my mouth water just thinking of it. Plan to spend a couple of hours over dinner either at Antoine's or Arnaud's. You may wait for a table at either of them, unless you know how to breach the back entrance to Arnaud's, used by his friends. Old "Count" Arnaud Cazenave died a short time ago and those who used to sit happily with him until all hours wondered how he survived so much for so long. Arnaud never showed up at his place until about nine in the evening. Then he table hopped, not like a New York columnist, but with dignity and grace, until the last customer had passed out into the night. At each table where Arnaud sat visiting his friends his boy would bring him a brandy and drinks on the house for everyone. The brandys—and the drinks—would keep arriving so long as a single glass went empty, and so long as Arnaud sat there. Since the Count's hopping was constant he was steadily drinking with fresh relays of obliging friends. He was naturally in on a losing proposition, but he seemed to enjoy it. At two in the morning when he should have been about six inches away from falling on his face, he was, at 80, as ready for a tour of the late spots as the

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The fall, it seems to me, is a good time to visit some of the Southwest. Salt Lake City, perhaps the friendliest of all our cities (motorcycle police often stop out-of-state cars to ask if they can be of service) is a place to begin an unusual tour. The city itself, with its fascinating Mormon history, its great Tabernacle and Temple, the beautiful Capitol constructed of Utah granite and marble, and, nearby, strange Salt Lake, is pleasanter in the fall than in summer.

LITTLE KNOWN WONDERLAND

To the south, in the rich farm lands around Provo, a once-desert-land is producing with lush abundance. Flanked by the jagged and stalwart Wasatch Mountains, the highway leads to one of the most inspiring—and least known—sights in the American Wonderland: Bryce Canyon. Here is a natural amphitheatre twelve miles long and two across, with more vivid and varied colors than any spot discovered so far on this Hemisphere. The colors in the Painted Desert are lovely, in Death Valley subtle, in the Grand Canyon awe inspiring, but Bryce gives real meaning to words like magnificent and glorious.

Thousands of vari-colored pinnacles, fifty to hundreds of feet tall, jut up from the floor of dozens of canyons rimmed with terraced red rock which changes shade with every hour of the day. A forest of pinnacles of every shape and size with each limestone stratum a different hue—a rock wilderness no man could grow. But Ebenezer Bryce, who gave the canyon its name, was unimpressed. "It's a hell of a place to lose a cow," he said.

Near Bryce is the North Rim of Grand Canyon, which being about 1,000 feet higher than the year-around South Rim, usually becomes snowed in by November. In this area, too, is Zion National Park and Monument. After Bryce the proper words for the two Zions seem pale and limp, as indeed any words must which attempt to describe 3,000 foot cliffs made of rock 200,000,000 years ago.

Zion leads naturally to Boulder Dam (or is it being called Hoover Dam this year) and Lake Mead, the largest made-by-man lake in the world. And Boulder leads on to nearby Las Vegas, with its luxury hotels, magnificent scenery and gaming tables. Nearby are the famed mining towns of Tonopah, which has produced over \$500,000,000 in silver ore, and fading Virginia City, site of the fabulous

Comstock lode. Nevada's first newspaper, "The Territorial Enterprise", was published here and two of its reporters were Mark Twain and Bret Harte. Virginia City contributed also to the movies. Horse operas nowadays have a stage coach with a doltish guard sitting beside the driver and armed to the mustache with a shotgun. Wells Fargo stages carrying Virginia City gold started this tradition, though they weren't held up very often. Movie guards seem to have an occupational disease, arthritis of the trigger finger. Wells Fargo guards were not so afflicted.

Near Virginia City is Reno, famed for Renovating, and west beyond Reno are Truckee and Donner Pass, a natural year around entrance to California. (For tips on most of California see *Elks Magazine* for May, 1951.) But the fall traveller may explore a piece of California the summer vacationer seldom sees—fabulous Death Valley where in July temperatures top 120 degrees. Death Valley is less dangerous than the name suggests and rarely has any mildly cautious person been overcome there by the heat. In the old days miners working on the west side of the Valley saved up a stake and walked across to the once booming Nevada town of Rhyolite for a spree. The first purchase was a pair of fancy new boots. Each of the next 24 purchases was a slug of red-eye whiskey which costs 25c (about \$1.50 at today's exchange). Thereafter events became confused. When some miners started the long stagger home they got about halfway when two things happened: (1) the new boots began to pinch; (2) the sun came up. Lack of water, a hang-over thirst and swollen feet were occasionally a fatal combination. But the name itself came earlier from a wagon train pioneer, a member of the Jayhawker's rabble, whose friend died there of heart disease during a cool and pleasant winter. As the group straggled on to the West he looked back and said bitterly, "Goodbye, Death Valley."

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Actually, Scotty subsisted for 40 years on semi-charity, in a bizarre relationship with A. M. Johnson, a mid-western millionaire-philanthropist who came west to cure his asthma. At Scotty's suggestion he found relief near Death Valley and began financing the desert miner's fun.

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THE EAST IS FUN, TOO

Fall is fun in the east, too. The unfortunates who live in cities—or wherever it doesn't happen—can then and there behold one of the most glorious of all Nature's sights. Starting in late September, in Northern Maine, passing through Connecticut in mid-October and ending up in the Blue Ridge mountains about the first of November—as if a magic wand were moving slowly south—the leaves of the Great Eastern forests change to yellows and reds no human artist can hope to reproduce. The phenomenon occurs outside New England, of course, but there and in the Mid-Atlantic states it is served up with a soft Autumn sunlight, low hills and broad, stone fenced pastures and with views of breathtaking loveliness.

New Hampshire and Vermont thoughtfully mark their roads to guide travellers on tours of the best beauty spots. To spend a day wrapped in glory drive through the White Mountains, up New Hampshire in the morning, then turn west and drive down Vermont in the afternoon. In the evening, when the tantalizing smell of wood-smoke fills the crisp air the city feller can ask himself why he is a city feller. Nothing quite like this happens in the summer time.

Moreover, this glorious display occurs in a section of great importance to all Americans. Massachusetts, erroneously called the birthplace of the American Revolution (the first shooting battle between Colonists and British troops actually took place at Alamance, North Carolina, May 16, 1771, four years before Lexington) is loaded with historical and literary significance. Within an hour or two of Boston are enough shrines to use up an entire vacation. Here is a sample: At Concord is the birthplace of the "Minute Man", the first GI, and the home of Ralph Waldo Emerson. On Cape Cod is Provincetown, where the Mayflower first dropped anchor and where the Pilgrims first set foot on the promised land. The landing at Plymouth Rock some weeks later was an anti-climax. But the Rock is near Boston, too, and thousands of tourists visit it annually as one of our country's historic landmarks.

In Quincy are the birthplaces and homes of two Presidents, John Adams (No. 2) and John Quincy Adams (No. 6) restored as they were originally. Host-

esses tell many interesting stories about the life and times of these men. In Salem, home of the witchcraft trials (20 people put to death, and their jail can still be visited), is Nathaniel Hawthorne's House of Seven Gables. At Sudbury is the restoration made by Henry Ford of Longfellow's famed Wayside Inn, one of the finest restorations in the country. Here, too, is the original Redstone School, described in the poem, "Mary Had a Little Lamb". At Cambridge is Harvard, our oldest university (1636) and the Fogg Art Museum. At Lexington is the green upon which the three score "Minute Men" made their world-shaping stand. It was here that Paul Revere warned two rebels, wealthy John Hancock and fiery Samuel Adams, that the British were coming to arrest them.

These are only a few of the "I've-always-wanted-to-see" places. More are nearby in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania (Civil War enthusiasts can retrace, with competent guides, the major actions of the Battle of Gettysburg) and Virginia where the time of flaming leaves reaches its great climax along the famous Skyline Drive above the Valley of the Shenandoah and in sight of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In Great Smoky National Park the forests are superb, too; further south the weather is too mild to create the effects.

FALL IN NEW YORK

Incidentally, the fall is by far the best time to visit New York City and Washington, two of the most popular vacation cities in the world. Few people need suggestions about what to do in them, but here is a tip about New York. The popular plays and musicals usually are sold out well in advance at the box office, but considerate managers often hold back a few seats for convenience of out-of-towners. To get them you must write from your home city and as far in advance as possible. Send check or money order, specify date and location and enclose a self-addressed, stamped return envelope. Such tactics and plenty of advance notice might even get tickets to see such plays as "Guys and Dolls" or "The King and I".

Vacationing in the fall!—there is no limit to the possibilities. Shoot pheasant in the Dakotas; hunt mountain lion in Arizona. Fly to Hawaii and know the rural peace of Kona which seems like a thousand miles from the hubbub of Waikiki. Sail a cat boat or a yacht in a spanking breeze off Marblehead. Pack a Geiger counter into a jeep and prospect for uranium ore in Lower California. Fish off Santa Barbara; swim at Isle of Palms; take a trunk full of books you've always wanted to read and loll with them in a hammock at Rocky Point. Try Carlsbad Caverns, Mammoth Cave, Luray—take a bus, train or plane, it doesn't matter how you go, with a relaxed mind and a full pocketbook you're almost sure to have fun—in the fall.

Off and Running

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ashamed, for this is true. Nineteen thirty, at Saratoga, I recall: the year of James-town, Gallant Fox, Risque, Escutcheon—the year we are biting our nails down to the armpit and we first meet Bertram in the shade of a three-horse parlay. Bertram, with a three-horse parley, is strictly a golden goose, though you should not try him for four. Now we see Bertram coming from the house and he belongs to us. We embrace him on the curb. We place him carefully between us in the front seat of the car and Arthur steps on the starter.

Bertram for a while does not say much. He sits with his hands in his lap. He simply sighs. On the parkway we go through the first toll gate to which I forfeit a dime from our common funds, Flamingo Willy O'Reilly not withstanding. Now we are breezing through the sweet green hills of Westchester with Saratoga only a few brief hours away. Suddenly Bertram makes a shrill noise like a bugle. It is a joyous sound: the Call To The Post. It is a highly tonic sound and it portends great things.

Cautiously now, and seeking not to seem commercial, I say to Bertram, "What are your selections for tomorrow?"

"I have none for tomorrow," Bertram says. "Tomorrow we will have to rely on Arthur's selections." For Bertram is a man who likes to be upon the grounds, to smell the grass, to see the early morning workouts and the sweet young lovelies running in the mist of dawn, to eat, perhaps, a small portion of Dobbin's oats himself, to study the weather and track conditions at first hand, and then present his final calculations. "My first selections," Bertram says, "will be for Wednesday."

This is Tuesday, at 12:31 a.m., and we go over the bridge to Peekskill, swiftly gliding in our shining *drive-it-yourself*—over the bridge to Peekskill, gentlemen, joyfully on the wing.

NOW it is 36 hours later; it is Wednesday, to be sure. The ageless elms caress the rooftops, at historic Saratoga. The sun climbs high and it is julep time along the wide verandas of the grand hotels, at historic Saratoga. As for ourselves, we have a thrilling view of Weisberger's Department Store, and Saratoga is but a memory. We are back in the Bronx, the borough beautiful. Mrs. Bofkin is visiting her sister in Jackson Heights and it is only 95 degrees, this balmy August day, in Bertram's little nest.

"After I cut my throat," says Arthur, "I will have a more relaxed attitude towards things."

"Use the bathtub." I suggest, "but hands off of the guest towels."

Because while I will gladly lend Arthur a whole pack of blades, I am aware that Mrs. Bofkin keeps a swept and pol-

ished stall. But Bertram does not like this kind of talk. "Arthur," he says kindly, "it is not your fault."

"It is not his fault," I say. "We play his selections, don't we? He touts us onto them creeping pigs an' we blow it all in one day. One day, mind you—one day, Bertram, without a chance at your selections."

I do not overstate the case against my dear friend, Arthur Fidney—eight races, eight disasters. Furthermore it is not possible for us to linger at the Spa in hope of credit inasmuch as at the day's conclusion we are suddenly confronted with an upstate representative of Flamingo Willy O'Reilly, the Bronx book-making man. This gentleman sniffs like a rabbit and remarks, "I smell a haddock in the paddock." His glance is fixed on Arthur who has earlier reported himself to Flamingo Willy as sick in bed with a double fracture of both knee-joints. But for a man with double fractures in his knee-joints, Arthur shows a lot of early foot and disappears into the twilight in the fastest furlong we have seen all afternoon. Later, on Saratoga's Broadway, we see Arthur at the helm of the *drive-it-yourself*. He is understandably in a hurry. "The Bronx next stop," he says and I am not loathe to remind him that even a *drive-it-yourself* will now and then need petrol. But Arthur points to the indicator on the dash: the tank is full, and this seems puzzling until we notice that the radio is missing.

"They make lovely collateral," Arthur says, "when the guy don't know the car is a rental."

Well, that is Arthur for you, every time. He's in the kitchen now, complaining. He has made seven assaults on Mrs. Bofkin's beautiful brisket of corned beef and he is frisking the refrigerator for another can of beer. He puts down half a sandwich. "It is almost impossible for me to eat," he says, "from worry an' frustration." But gamely he pours his beer into a glass and picks up the sandwich again. He expresses the depth of his heartache by inquiring, "Where is the mustard, Boitram?"

Bertram this time does not hear him. Bertram is sitting with that 1930 straw hat on his head and he is talking to himself. There is that light in his eyes that betrays to me he is hearing hoofbeats in his head. He puts a hand into his briefcase, tenderly, then brings forth his selections for today.

"I'll Be Gone, Dear, in the second race," he says.

I'll Be Gone, Dear is not a morbid prediction but the name of a maiden filly, by Passport, out of Precious Time, and in the morning line, according to the *New York Daily Mirror*, she is six to one.

"If this beer comes in bottles instead of in tin cans," Arthur says, complaining again, "we could bring 'em back to the



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"Arthur, please—quiet; Bertram is thinking."

"Sadly Today," says Bertram, "in the third."

He is referring to a chestnut colt by Headline, out of Sister Remorse, and in the morning line, according to the *New York Daily Mirror*, he is four to one.

"I know a guy runs a newsstand," Arthur says, "who'll take a dollar bet. A half a dollar even, if it's cash."

"Shut up," I say. "Yes, Bertram? Yes?"

"I would skip the fourth race if I had money," Bertram says, "but I would play Sweet Reminder in the fifth."

He is referring to a five-year-old bay gelding, by Chocolate Soldier, out of Happy Memory, and in the morning line, according to the *New York Daily Mirror*, he is also four to one. By "Finkle's Five Features" he is six to one. It is my personal feeling in the matter that he will close at better than that.

"Keep your hands off of Mrs. Bofkin's knick-knacks," I warn Arthur, then with Bertram seek to be kind. "Look, Bertram, why torment yourself? What is not to be is not to be."

"A three-horse parlay," Bertram says, remembering past glories.

"Boitram," says Arthur, "you've done it before an' you can do it again." He shakes hands with Bertram solemnly, as though already Bertram's winners have come home. He holds Bertram's hand up to the light, so that the chips shine brightly in the wedding ring that marks him twain with Madame Bofkin. "Of course," says Arthur to Bertram, the perfect husband, "I would not suggest—"

Bertram has paled and he withdraws his hand. "Not that. Never," Bertram says. But he is shaken. He has heard the whisper of the serpent. "You could get thirty dollars on it," Arthur says. "Forty dollars maybe, down at Abe's."

"No!" shouts Bertram. "No! No! No!" He rises with clenched fists above his head and this is a Bertram I have never seen before. Slowly he subsides. "Excuse me," Bertram says, then fans himself with his hat. "There must be another way."

Now Bertram walks into the kitchen and we follow. Bertram's eyes survey the scrubbed and shining shelves of Mrs. Bofkin's cupboard. FLOUR, SUGAR, COFFEE, TEA are labeled on the handsome, homey canisters. A layer of larceny, though thin as gauze, is unmistakable in Bertram's honest eyes. He stands on a stool and carefully removes, from just behind the canisters marked FLOUR AND SUGAR, a two-quart tomato juice can. He takes this in unsteady hands and shakes it gently. There is that rewarding *knock-knock-knock* of minted currency, but comfortingly muffled, as any experienced lover of the running horse would know, by some other soft, endearing element that could be paper currency. Yes,

it could be, and there is a slit in the can through which Mrs. Bofkin no doubt has made many a small deposit.

Now Arthur, that bum, is breathing hard, as Bertram walks out of the kitchen to the living room, holding his burden in his hands, just like a home-made bomb. He places it on the coffee table, on a kind of curly doily, very pretty, and Arthur leans over him.

"Open it," Arthur at first croons softly. Then, "OPEN IT!" Arthur commands.

But Bertram, keeping the fork of conscience hilt-deep in his baser instincts, intends at first merely to look and to dream, as a starving man will for his own exquisite torment carve in desert sands the image of a canoe-shaped biscuit gliding down the rapids of a beautiful beef stew.

"Any man's entitled to a chance at his own selections," Arthur says. "I know a horse-room where you push the money in a window, Boitram, just like Saratoga."

"It would be stealing," Bertram says. "It is Daphne's money; it isn't mine. It would mean I am not the master of my vice, but it of me. That is the thing I've fought for twenty years."

"But it would only be a loan," says Arthur very gently. "From your own life's partner. Down the fair highway of share-and-share alike, you an' your missus, hand in hand. You know what I mean?"

"Don't tempt me, please, Arthur. It is difficult, I can tell you."

"Twenty years, Boitram," Arthur says. "Twenty years of faithful soivice, with only two weeks out in August to express the hidden Boitram Bofkin. You call yourself a man? Nickels an' dimes saved from your daily lunch. Fifty weeks of the year you slap that envelope, unopened, on the table. Week after week, year after year, the good provider—for what? To be buried with your social security number on your tombstone, Boitram?"

That Arthur. Leave it to Arthur.

"I'll Be Gone, Dear, in the second race," says Arthur. "Sadly Today," he whispers, "in the third."

"Stop it! Stop it! Stop it!"

"Sweet Reminder in the fifth race, Boitram. Those are your selections, but where is your destiny? I'll tell you,

Boitram; I'll tell you now—your destiny is locked in a lousy tomatater can and I am ashamed of you!"

Bertram is reeling. His eyes are glazed. "The can opener," he says weakly. "Where is it? Where is it?"

"A funny thing," says Arthur; "I don't know how it happened, but I got it in my pocket. Please allow me."

We count the proceeds in the kitchen, twice, \$85.83. Then Arthur, the first thing anybody knows, is taking charge.

"That means twenny-eight dollars an' sixty-one cents we each owe Mrs. Bofkin's tomatater can," says Arthur. "Now, Boitram, not wishing to shatter anyone's illusions, but relying purely on experience, I do not fancy I'll Be Gone, Dear in the first race. My own opinion is—"

And that is when I hit Arthur with the beautiful corned beef.

NATURALLY, in the company of Arthur we are in no position to give patronage to Flamingo Willy O'Reilly's horse-room, but a horse-room, gentlemen, even on the grander scale, like Cohen's Club Casino, is a place without a horse. Here a horse is not a horse; he is a number. You need not know a fetlock from an oar-lock. Here the horse is honored *in absentia*; "At the quarter post it is numbah five by a length and a half. . . ." A brief time out for prayer and it continues: "At the half it's numbah seven, moving on the outside; numbah five is second by a half length; numbah three is moving up. . . ."

The same kind of cramps in the day dream you can get, by courtesy of a direct wire from a central office, which I confess, ashamedly, is illegal in New York.

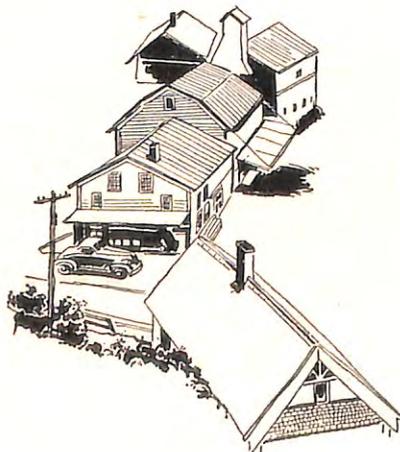
"So go ahead," Arthur says to Bertram, "throw good money after bad. Don't listen to me. Learn the hard way, Bertram. Bet ten dollars on that goat."

"Eighty-five dollars to win on I'll Be Gone, Dear," Bertram says, and pushes the money in the window to the man.

"Eighty-five dollars on number three, the second, Saratoga," says the man. He gives Bertram a slip of paper and it is still six minutes to post time.

It is very warm in Cohen's Club Casino and we have eighty-three cents for beer. Bertram buys three bottles and gives the eight cents remaining to the little lady who serves us. "Come back when we are rich," says Bertram. Arthur drains his beer in one gulp, then complains he cannot swallow. "The tension," he says, "The terrible tension, Lew." It is post time.

"They are off and running at Saratoga," comes the call. "Off and running at one forty-six. . . ." And you can hear the wire go *tac-tac-tac*; I'm telling you it's murder. ". . . . At the quarter it is numbah one by half a length, numbah four is second, numbah six is third. . . ." But where is I'll Be Gone, Dear? Where is number three? ". . . . And at the half it's numbah one by a head; it's numbah six and numbah four. . . . At the stretch it is numbah one, still holding on;



then numbah three, but numbah three is moving fast"

It is number three by four lengths at the finish, returning for each two dollars invested, \$17.40. It is now Bertram, cloud-walking to the window where the money is, and there collecting \$739.50, as indeed you can prove to yourself by a little work with a pencil. And while I hold Arthur, Bertram deducts from this total \$9.50, pressing the balance back into the window. "Seven hundred and thirty dollars on Sadly Today," says Bertram, "in the third at Saratoga."

"Seven hundred and thirty dollars to win on number one, the third at Saratoga," says the man.

Bertram orders a new round of beers and gives a pound note to the little lady with the tray. Bertram also buys a beer for Mr. Cohen, the nice proprietor, and in a purely friendly fashion expresses to Mr. Cohen how every year about this time there is in him a strange capacity to pick a three-horse parlay, and since the prices will be running rather long for him this glorious August day, it might just be that Mr. Cohen would want to save his solvency by unloading some of this traffic on other bookmakers of his acquaintance. Mr. Cohen, a big-league gentleman, says the house can stand the punishment, and after all it is only on clumps addicted to three-horse parlays that Mr. Cohen in the first place ever gets rich.

"Drink up, boys," says Mr. Cohen. "The heat does this to the sanest men."

IT IS when Sadly Today comes loping home at \$12.10 for a deuce that Bertram is looked upon not only with the respect his very presence at all times demands, but with a degree of caution, too. It is no problem to the resources of Cohen's Club Casino to pump out \$4416.50, since already in the day's trade they have made three times that much. Yet now there is a murmur of high interest in our Bertram. Arthur is foaming, not from the beer, but with his efforts to keep Bertram from the window.

"Boitram, please, don't bet it all. Boitram, Boitram, lissen to me!"

"Naturally I will not bet it all," says Bertram to Arthur. "I am holding out sixteen-fifty for beer and refreshments. "Forty-four hundred dollars," he says to the man at the window, "on Sweet Reminder, in the fifth."

"Forty-four hundred dollars to win on number four, the fifth at Saratoga," says the man.

Well, it takes time, naturally, and it takes a lot of beer. In Cohen's Club Casino now it is warmer than two yards up a pistol. Only Bertram and Mr. Cohen are calm. With every one else it is nerves and perspiration. When it is post time, Bertram stands erect. To assist good fortune he puts on the brief blue jacket he wears at Saratoga in 1930 and 1940. He stands facing only the bare wall of a horse-room, but it is as though his eyes now scan those green and magic acres

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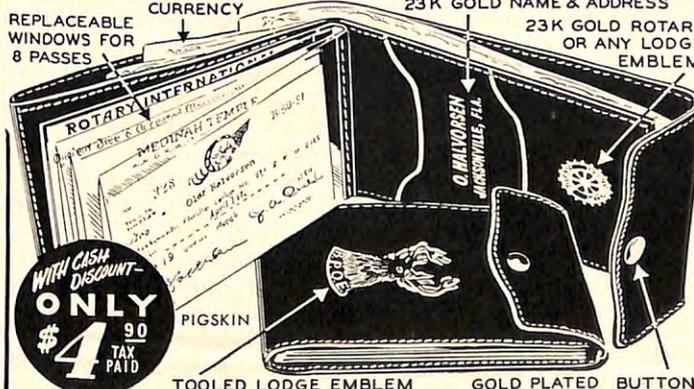
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where the ghosts of Jamestown, Gallant Fox, Jim Dandy and Twenty Grand romp always in memory.

It is exactly while Bertram is romping in memory that I observe Flamingo Willy O'Reilly suddenly in our midst. Willy is strikingly tanned with summer sun, like a strawberry ice cream cone. "Arthur," I say, and nudge him lightly, though Mr. O'Reilly as yet has not seen Arthur. Mr. O'Reilly is seeking Mr. Cohen, as harassed bookmakers sometimes do, seeking to unload a part of their commitments when the action proves too heavy at their own end of the line. Mr. Cohen examines Flamingo Willy's cash and slips and seems content to handle the extra trade. "Arthur," I say, but Arthur has already started for an exit. He is creeping on his hands and knees in grim pursuit of liberty around the rim of Mr. Cohen's gathered clientele. Arthur's trouble is that in this process he is halted by the calm official statement: "They are off and running in the fifth at Saratoga."

HOPE now strikes a balance with self-preservation. Arthur pauses on his hands and knees. It is in this undignified position that Flamingo Willy finds him. Flamingo Willy says, "Give me three guesses, wise guy—you're a horse?"

"It is the weather," Arthur says. "Heat rises, Willy. It is cooler on the floor."

Willy does not find this statement amusing. Willy has, indeed, the disposition of a panther with a knot tied in its nose.

"Where are them seven hundred skins you owe me?" Willy says. "Seven hundred you owe me an' you are up here playin' horses?"

"Willy," says Arthur, "on the level. I am here because, from time to time, they give the baseball scores. That is a feature you should have in your place, Willy."

Then we hear it: ". . . . at the quarter it is numbah four by two lengths, number nine and number three . . ." But number four is Sweet Reminder, and Arthur stands up like a man. ". . . . At the half it is numbah four, still leading by two lengths, then numbah three and numbah seven, coming on the outside . . ." Mr. Cohen, I notice, pacing his premises, seems just the least concerned. ". . . . And at the stretch," we hear, "it is numbah—four, now leading by three lengths, numbah seven fading, numbah five and it is numbah four, the winner, numbah five, and numbah . . ."

Arthur kisses Willy O'Reilly in the absence of Bertram, who is engulfed in new admirers. Arthur then boldly dances with Willy while Mr. Cohen, a sportsman always, draws reflectively, deeply, on his 60-cent cigar. Flamingo Willy now seems to understand that his colleague, Mr. Cohen, has been sharply pinched in the purse, and that Arthur, his own delinquent client, has a one-third interest in a new Bronx mint, with Sweet Reminder paying \$9.40.

"It was expensive," Mr. Cohen admits,

"but we are still paying off at the window, gentlemen. We welcome any further action."

Flamingo Willy says to Arthur, "I gotta get back to my joint. You cash them slips and gimme my dough by five o'clock—you hear?" But that is all he says, since it is not his policy unduly to abuse a man with a new wad of cash.

It is a time of high rejoicing. It is a classic sight to stand there watching our own Bertram coming from the window with green money in his hands. What you do, in this case, is divide 4,400 by two, then, simply enough, multiply the result by \$9.40. There may be other ways of doing it, but that is good enough for me. I can say with true fervor, "Bertram, we love you."

"Boitram," says Arthur, "when you are dead, we will raise your statue at Saratoga Springs. Lemme see the money, Boitram."

"Well, first," says Bertram, "here is the money you owe Mr. O'Reilly, because I wouldn't want him to abuse you. Arthur. Seven hundred dollars. Here." He counts it out. "And the money due on the drive-it-yourself." He counts this out. "Then eighty-five dollars and eighty-three cents that we should never have stolen from Daphne, boys. That leaves us—let me see—four dollars and seventeen cents for beer," says Bertram.

"The money," says Arthur. "The fat, important money. The crude an' vulgar, bulgin' kind—where is it, Boitram—where—is—it?"

"All my life," says Bertram. "I have been dreaming of a four-horse parlay. The rest I pushed back in the window, naturally, on Treat Me Lightly, in the sixth."

Arthur Fidney drops dead on the floor.

WELL, not exactly dead, to be sure, for it is later, in the cooling twilight, and Arthur is with me as the sun goes down west of the Bronx, the borough beautiful. We drive along the Concourse and I need not state again the four-horse parlay is an item to be kept in an opium pipe or on top of your ouija-board. It is not for mortal men. But we are calmer now and looking for Bertram, to apologize for all the nasty things that greed has caused us to say. Bertram is sensitive, and we do not wish him to brood. "Boitram," says Arthur. "Truly I love 'im."

We look into the Celestial Cafeteria but there is no sign of him there. We try his house—nobody home, unless it is that he has put his head into the stove. We ask an acquaintance on the street, "Have you seen Bertram Bofkin?"

"The little guy in the white pants, Lew? In the straw hat an' that coat?" That is Bertram we agree; that is surely our boy. "Well, ten minutes ago I see him come out of the super-market, Lew, an' he walks up that-a-way."

We can see Bertram sitting somewhat deep in a small public park as Arthur

stops the drive-it-yourself. "Lew," says Arthur, "he is bleeding! He is bleeding from the mouth!" We leap from the car and rush to our friend. "Call a doctor, Lew! Get an ambulance!" But we find that Bertram is not really bleeding from the mouth; he is merely coping in lonesome valor with a two-quart can of tomato juice.

"Hello, fellows," Bertram says.

He sits there content, except for a hiccup now and then. He has removed his blue coat and a cool breeze fans this pretty pasture in the Bronx. The glaze of larceny has left his eyes and he is peacefully himself.

"Boitram," says Arthur, "we did not mean one little teeny-bit of all awful things we said."

Bertram hiccups. "That's all right, really, boys." He tried the tomato juice again but it is difficult for him on top of all that beer. For a moment he sets the can down. He taps it with his hand. "Money," he says, "could have made me a greedy, unhappy man. And besides," he says, "if the horse had won—well, think of poor Mr. Cohen. It is really all for the best."

"Bertram," I say in heartfelt admiration, "is there anything we can do?"

"Why, yes," says Bertram, brightening. "you can help me drink the tomato juice. There is only one quart left now—Arthur?"

"Well, frankly, Boitram," Arthur says, "I would like to oblige an old, old pal, but it won't mix with the beer. Why don'tcha pour it out on the grass, if all you want is the can?"

Bertram looks at him with keenest disappointment. Bertram who shoves \$19,790 through a window. Bertram cannot understand.

"It would be wasteful, Arthur. It would be a sin. I could never face Daphne," Bertram says, "if I did a thing like that." He turns to me. "Lew," he says, "will you help me drink the tomato juice?"

"I would like to, Bertram, truly," I say, "but believe me it is not only the beer; it is the fact I sometimes blossom into hives; it is one of those things."

Bertram nods in gentle understanding. He takes a deep breath, then exhales. He raises the two-quart can and holds it, drinking, while the veins stand out as fat as pencils on his neck. Long years of character and self-restraint are in this mighty effort. He holds it finally above the grass and not a drop falls free.

"There," says Arthur, "is a man. There is Bertram. There's our boy."

We watch him walk slowly from the park, hiccupping on his way. We feel quite low. We sit a long while in the drive-it-yourself, while Arthur considers the cash-on-hand that he has not yet delivered to Flamingo Willy O'Reilly.

"Arthur," I say, "I know what is in your mind, but have you any self-respect? Have you any character, Arthur?"

"None," says Arthur sadly.

And we are off to Saratoga.

News of the State Associations

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IOWA

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Elks Assn. took place in Des Moines, with 210 delegates representing Iowa's 39 lodges of 30,400 members. Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and Hon. James Fitzgerald. Past Pres. of the Neb. Elks Assn., were special speakers at the session. Judge Fitzgerald acted in his official capacity in the Ritualistic Contest, in which top honors went to the Boone contingent over Decorah, Iowa Falls, Muscatine and Fairfield.

State Chaplain Rev. Edward O'Hair conducted moving Memorial Services, and 29 "Most Valuable Student" awards were presented, with the first two-place winners receiving \$300 each; third place, \$100, and 26 receiving \$50 apiece.

New officers for the group are: Pres., Harry L. Michael, Council Bluffs; Vice-Presidents, (W.) Deane Tucker, Sioux City; (N.E.) S. J. Frommelt, Dubuque; (S.E.) Raymond Slavata, Iowa City; Secy., Sanford H. Schmalz, Muscatine; Treas., A. P. Lee, Marshalltown; Trustee, Wm. C. Brunk, Ottumwa.

MICHIGAN

The 45th Annual Convention of the Michigan Elks Assn. was held with Detroit Lodge No. 34 providing fine entertainment for the many delegates and their ladies. During the four-day conclave, Lansing Lodge took first place in the Ritualistic Contest, with Kalamazoo Lodge winning the Drill Team title.

The Annual President's Dinner, honoring retiring Pres. Hugh L. Hartley, was attended by over 300 Elks and ladies who

were welcomed by Mayor Alfred E. Cobo and heard retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle's inspiring address.

Under the chairmanship of P.E.R. L. A. Koepfgen of the State Assn. Scholarship Committee, 148 applications were reviewed, and during the meeting the winners of the \$300 honors, Leonard G. Scott and Leone B. Riggle received their awards. The Veterans Entertainment Committee, headed by Irvine J. Unger, reported an expenditure of more than \$11,200 during the year in carrying out its program at six VA hospitals.

At the final business session, the following officers were installed by Chief Justice Benjamin F. Watson of the Grand Forum, assisted by other former State Assn. Presidents: Pres., Jay H. Payne, Ann Arbor; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, C. A. Ahnstrom, Muskegon; Secy., Leland L. Hamilton, Niles; Treas., James G. Shir-law, Battle Creek; Trustees: L. M. Richard, Lansing, and Raymond L. Roe, Sault Ste. Marie; Dist. Vice-Presidents: Russell A. Kesler, Iron Mountain; Carl Fernstrum, Menominee; Harry E. McNitt, Cadillac; Arthur S. Lind, Ionia; Bernard F. McBride, Alma; L. R. Klose, II, Kalamazoo; H. Philip Barney, Plymouth.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1951

State	Place	Date
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

Rod and Gun

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and you will have a much better chance to bring home a good trophy.

Now for the equipment: Most guides will furnish everything but your clothes, bed and gun. Some of them even supply sleeping bags, but I prefer to take my own.

Of all the things that you may need, two are by far the most important. These are your shoes and your bed. A man can endure a lot of misery during the day if he sleeps comfortably at night. He can't hunt if his feet are killing him. Without either a good bed or good shoes the chances are excellent that your trip will be ruined.

In my opinion, no combination of bedding equals a good down sleeping bag and an air mattress. I put a wool blanket inside my bag. If the weather is cold, I'm prepared for it. If it is unseasonably warm, I can open up the bag and sleep under the blanket. No matter what happens, with the bag, blanket and air mat-

truss I rest well. That is half the battle.

A hunter needs two pairs of shoes, one for wet and the other for dry weather. I prefer pacs with rubber bottoms and leather tops for rain, slush and snow. For ordinary fall weather, I like them to fit snugly over one heavy pair or two light pairs of wool socks. In a region where zero temperatures might be expected I'd want them a full size bigger to make room for more socks. The uppers on mine are eight inches high.

Your choice of leather shoes will depend upon the country you hunt. In the East I like soft, light, moccasin-type boots. In the West, where the rocks are sharp, I want stiff soles and counters to protect my feet from bruises. In either place I have found that soles of cord and rubber suit me better than any others. They hold well, wear well and make little noise. For these boots, too, eight-inch tops are high enough.

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important. Contrary to the advice of the salesman from whom you'll buy them—and who probably has never been off the pavement for more than 20 minutes at a time in his life—your boots should not be a size large. I want a good, snug fit over one pair of wool socks. Boots too big permit your feet to slide around. This causes blisters. One blister can cripple you and spoil your hunt.

While the pacs require no breaking in, it is simply inviting trouble to go hunting in a pair of leather shoes that have not been worn enough to shape themselves to your feet. The easiest way to accomplish this is to get them soaking wet and then wear them until they are dry. You can do it on a short trip near home or you can soak them in a bucket of water Saturday night and then wear them all day Sunday while you work around the yard and garden. If they are dry when you take them off, they will fit from that time on.

YOU need wool underwear. It may be 100 degrees in the shade when you leave home, but you need it, just the same. Get the best you can buy. Cheap, shoddy wool scratches. You need about five pairs of wool socks. You need a warm coat that will turn rain or snow. I prefer a down jacket.

Light, tough wool pants are quiet in the brush and good for all-around hunting wear. Don't get heavy ones made from blanket material unless you expect to sit on a deer stand in zero weather. I wear Levis for fall hunting. They are noisy, but they last almost forever and I find them more comfortable than others.

Your pants should not have cuffs because they might catch and trip you. Stag them to end four inches below your shoe tops if they are thus encumbered or are too long. Of course, it goes almost without saying that breeches which lace or button around the calf are abominable and utterly unsuited to any active outdoor wear.

I prefer a hat because I don't like the feeling of cold rain water or melted snow trickling down the back of my neck. In extremely cold weather, however, a cap with ear flaps is better. A pair of warm gloves—not leather—completes the list of essential clothing. There are other things that you can take—light underwear for warm days, a light jacket, a rain coat, a change of clothes to have when you come in wet—but those that I have listed are the essentials for fall hunting in most of the important game areas.

Naturally, you'll remember your rifle and

ammunition, but we won't discuss them here because there will be an article on them in the October issue of *The Elks Magazine*. Now I'll only mention that you should have a boot, or saddle scabbard, for your rifle if your hunt involves the use of horses. Otherwise, it should be protected in transit by a full-length case.

In many areas you can hunt big game, usually deer and bear, without a guide. This involves more preparation. You have to provide your own camping equipment and food.

My favorite outfit consists of a 10x12-foot wall tent, with four-foot walls, and a "shepherd" stove. This is a little wood burner with draft, damper and oven that you set up in one corner of the tent. It will keep you warm in sub-zero weather and it is good for cooking.

I use a Swedish bucksaw and light ax for cutting wood. Folding camp stools and a folding table are nice, but they're not essential. You can get along without them if you have to travel light. A gasoline lantern is another real convenience. If you have room for it and a gallon of gas, take them along. Otherwise, candles will keep the party from bumping into each other. A nesting cooking outfit, with an extra skillet, is far more compact than any assortment of pots and pans you can borrow from home.

Old timers have packed grub for so many trips that they no longer have to figure it out meal by meal. They know about how much will be needed for two weeks, or whatever length of time they intend to stay. Lacking this experience, the best thing a man can do is to figure how much will be necessary for each meal and then add it all up.

If there are two, for example, and you plan to eat bacon, eggs, hotcakes and fruit for breakfast, figure it this way: Two eggs apiece, plus one for the pancake batter, makes five each breakfast. Fourteen breakfasts, then, calls for 70 eggs—six dozen. Count out the slices of bacon the same way, either marking them off on the slab or computing the

number in packages of sliced bacon. Two hungry men will eat about a cupful of prepared pancake mix at a sitting. When you know the number of cupfuls of flour in a package you know how many packages you'll need. The same also is applicable to syrup, sugar, milk, fruit and other breakfast staples.

This procedure works for all meals. Most of the time you'll put up a few sandwiches to eat wherever you may be



at noon. Your evening meal will be the important one. If all the necessities for both lunches and dinners are computed on a day-by-day basis, however, your food supply won't come out far wrong.

And now here is a bit of advice, born of experience, that should be underlined and printed in red ink: No matter how much food you think you'll need, always take a little more. Your appetites will be bigger when you're hunting than they are at home. Furthermore, you may get snowed in, or your return can be delayed for some other reason. It is a good idea to continue eating regularly, no matter what happens.

Of course, the prime reason for going hunting is to get a deer, bear, moose or whatever you may happen to be after. Yet it is amazing how many sportsmen fail to make provision ahead of time for taking care of their kill. The so-called "wild" flavor that a lot of folks associate with game usually results from improper care.

You need a good, sharp knife and a sharpening stone—a sharp little knife is better than a dull big knife any time. You need an ax. You need enough rope to hang your animal, and this means in four quarters for really big game such as moose. If you hunt in October, you need something to keep off flies. I use game bags made of muslin. Those for deer are

OCTOBER ISSUE TO FEATURE HUNTING

A high percentage of Elks like to hunt and fish and so, for the third consecutive year, our October issue will devote considerable space to hunting—as our April issue does annually to fishing. This year we have planned some features that we think our outdoors sports readers can look forward to reading.

C. E. Munroe, Jr., prominent illustrator of game and fish, has painted a cover to introduce the subject. Byron Dalrymple writes about hunting big horn sheep, with Bob Kuhn painting the illustration. Ted Trueblood, our regular "Rod and Gun" department writer, provides some tips on the selection of rifles and ammunition and Dan Holland, Ted's co-author on "Rod and Gun", will write about shooting the elusive Canadian goose. Again we call to the attention of the many Elks who like to hunt this series of articles prepared in their interest.

big enough for the entire carcass; those for larger game are made to take a quarter each. They keep off flies and dirt, but still admit the air, which is essential if the meat is to chill and keep properly.

If you can't hang your animal at once, a strip of cheese cloth and a can of black pepper—which you can carry while you hunt—will help to thwart the flies until you can come back with the proper equipment. Of course, every hunter knows that he should dress his game and open it up to cool as soon as it is killed.

This covers the more important preparations. There still are a few odds and ends to round up. One of them is the packaging of your equipment. Your bed will be rolled, naturally. If it is protected by a tough duck cover that will shed rain and prevent snags or tears, so much the better. Everything you take on a hunting trip receives rough treatment. Your clothes and personal effects should be in a canvas duffel bag. A suitcase is awkward to handle, either on a horse or in a canoe.

IF YOU take your own food and expect to use horses, pack it and the cooking equipment in light wooden boxes that measure approximately 11x15x22 inches. Balance them in pairs. That is, you need not have all boxes weigh the same, but if one weighs 70 pounds you should pack another to match it. The second pair might weigh 60 pounds each. Then you will be all ready to start into the back country when you reach the end of the road. Your packer won't have to waste valuable time repackaging your stuff so he can put it on his horses.

A piece of waterproof canvas measuring approximately 8x10 feet is worth taking along somewhere in the outfit. Some extra rope is a good idea. Both will turn out to be handy for many purposes. A pair of pliers and a roll of stovepipe wire always are useful around camp. So are a dozen 16-penny nails. A roll of paper towels is equally good to have; in fact, I use them so much now that I sometimes wonder how we got along before we had them. A half-pint jar of detergent will make dish washing easier. So will a couple of scouring pads.

A compact first-aid kit is essential. Most of those you buy don't contain the two items you are most likely to need: aspirin and a laxative. These, a roll of gauze, a roll of adhesive tape, a tube of burn ointment and a small bottle of disinfectant are about all you need.

There are a few other items that you'll automatically take along: a compass if you're to hunt new country, a waterproof match box, razor, small mirror, soap and hand towel. If you think you might want to scratch your head every two or three days you can tuck in a pocket comb.

There are ten thousand other things you might take, but most of them would not be used. The trick is to include the essentials and leave the other stuff at home.

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Derby on the Coast

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dental falsies. There are other ways and the only really sure bet is that when you ask any fisherman—you brave sucker, you—he will in turn ask you what you've tried. Then he'll tell you that way is hopeless and you would do better to try his way.

All of which, by a roundabout route, brings up salmon derbies and derby fish, which may be of any variety but are so much more important than their brothers and sisters.

Over-simplified, a salmon derby is a contest in which prizes are offered for the largest fish caught in a certain time, at a specified place, from a designated type of boat, with a special type of gear or by members of a named organization. Some last a few hours through the turn of a high tide, some all summer; and the locale may be anywhere, assuming the fish are striking. If they're not, the only sensible thing to do is to have a few beers and go home to wait until the fish are more cooperative.

Technically, a derby is a contest of skill and consequently avoids the lottery laws. Derbies are advertised through the mails, by Chambers of Commerce, on billboards throughout the salmon area and by newspapers as promotion stunts. Some open contests have entry fees ranging from one dollar to ten. Others specify only that boats be rented from specific boathouses. At Tacoma, Lodge No. 174, the Lodge sponsors one of the better-known contests for some 700 of its own members on a single September morning. Other organizations, ranging from yacht clubs to little men's chowder societies, follow the same plan. During a one-day show last year the Tacoma Elks gave away a boat, trailer and a year's insurance to the winner in

exchange for his 25-pound salmon pulled out of Commencement Bay and handed out suits, fishing gear, Elks rings, radios, fuel oil, beer, groceries and haircuts to 51 other Elks who landed fish of from four to 19 pounds each. Even Brother A. P. Hayes, whose best efforts could snag only a minnow of nine ounces, got a cigarette lighter and a picture of himself with his stunted whale for consolation, and some good advice to try again next year.

If the motors, hams and general good time made the Tacoma Elks Derby fairly typical of most of those in the Pacific's great summer sport, the *Seattle Times* Derby, in size and money value, easily rates as one of the top shows in the salmon derby circuit, and is looked forward to eagerly by enthusiasts.

NOBODY knows how many entrants actually take part in this season-long fish chase. A dozen boathouses on the city's Elliott Bay and Ballard waterfronts are co-sponsors, and the only requirement is that fish for the derby must be caught from their boats. All spring and summer, more or less happy anglers of all sizes and races haul fish into these boathouses, each of which maintains a "ladder" for qualifying rounds. If a fish weighs five pounds, the fisherman may enter it. The entrance list for the final derby on September 23 this year is limited to the rental boats available—about 1,100. Between Feb. 12 and June 3, 15 per cent of these spots in the final were allotted to the biggest fish entered on the various qualifying ladders. Another 35 per cent of the places were allotted to the top qualifiers on the boards between June 4 and Aug. 15, and really ambitious fishermen who missed out in

these earlier trials get a final chance between Aug. 16 and Sept. 20. So almost everyone may try for the finals.

Enos Bradner, fishing editor of the *Times*, estimates by some secret system of his own that nearly 40,000 men and women try their luck annually (and, he hopes, follow the story of the derby daily in Seattle's evening newspaper).

All this comes to a climax on derby day, when the water around Seattle just isn't safe for fish. Every boat in town is reserved for days or weeks ahead, observers are picked to keep everybody honest, and fishermen do everything but set up shotgun guards on the particular acre of salt water they consider destined to have big salmon in it. Any dogfish foolish enough to take a bait in that area is certain to end up as a floating carcass, angrily pulled off the hook and summarily dispatched just to keep him from wasting any more time. A tug which goes through somebody's fishing spot that Sunday is looking for trouble, and the yachtsman who fouls a fishing line in his propeller is likely to get himself hanged from his own yardarm as a bloated capitalist. The fisherman out that day already has invested a lot of time and at least five dollars for the final day's boat rental—and he means business from an hour before sunrise to an hour after sunset.

Not without some excuse. Prizes guaranteed this year start with five automobiles already bought and set aside for fishermen. Women as well as men compete for these and, in addition, for the sixth prize, an electric refrigerator which goes to the top feminine contestant if no woman succeeds in hooking an automobile from among the first five. Forty-four other prizes await the winners, running the usual gamut of boats, outboard motors, groceries, fishing gear and other useful items.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

An editorial—and a message to Elks—from the Bath, Maine, "Daily Times".

THERE has recently come to this desk a framed copy of the thoughts of a member of the great Order of Elks as to what constitutes an Elk. This is not an attempt to get in a plug for Elkdom, for the writer is not even a member of that organization. It is simply that the words and the thoughts back of them are something which could well be adopted and if followed through and lived up to would do much to end a great part of the strife and internal dissension which beset the world today. These words, as we understand, were written by a Gardiner man, now deceased, and were not the efforts of any group or individual specialized in the preparation of flowery and high sounding propaganda. It is the simple outpouring from the heart of the feelings

of one man toward his brother men. It is reprinted here:

"An Elk is a man of human frailties, even as you and I. He lays no claim to being of superior clay. He knows that man, in his weakness, needs the comfort that comes from companionship; needs the broadening that comes with the association with men of all creeds; needs the warm glow that comes from charitable works accomplished through united effort. In Elkdom he knows three loves: Love of his God, love of his country, love of his Fellow Man. True to these loves, he adopts instinctively the Golden Rule as a precept for living. And he subscribes with no reservations to the Elks' motto: 'The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands; their virtues upon tablets of love and memory.'"

THIS is one of the long-established contests, more than ten years old, and its history is full of the joy of fishing, plus some other things. The derby got off to a bad start when, in the first running, four automobiles went to persons who turned out, remarkably, to be well acquainted with each other. This odd fact was enough for the newspaper's sleuths, who presently turned up the additional fact that four big fish had been purchased secretly the night before the derby from an Indian on a northern Washington reservation.

All in all, it was just a grand lark—but also grand larceny. The automobiles were recovered, one of the fishing stinkers went over the road to the Washington State pokey at Walla Walla for a lengthy visit, and elaborate new precautions were added to the list of derby activities. If you plan to win anything

in the *Times* derby this year, it's a good idea not to go anywhere near your Indian friends—or anyone else with fish to sell—for a long time before derby day. The *Times* and a few thousand fishermen working for prizes get more than somewhat resentful about people who try for prizes without working.

On the other side of the historical picture is the story of Kaz Kimura, a Nisei who had suffered, along with his friends, from the Pacific Coast racial feeling about Japanese, Americanized or not. But in 1947 the derby rules were amended to eliminate racial discrimination. So Kaz promptly went out and hauled in a 37-pound salmon and the automobile which went with it.

Women have won prizes often enough to scotch for all time the theory that you need whiskers to catch a salmon, but the *coup-de-grace* to masculine superiority was administered in 1949 by Esther Coburn, a mail carrier's wife. In two different derbies that summer, she fished exactly the same spot, with the same gear. Each time she caught a fish and both fish were big enough to win her automobiles. The record doesn't testify whether Coburn ever got one of them to use in delivering mail.

IT ISN'T always a monster fish which wins the rolling stock. In 1950, Ed Swanson (this is Scandinavian country and a lot of Swansons were out there making with the rod and reel as well as the polka) brought in a little ole' fish of 13 pounds, 11 ounces. That was the day when hardly anybody could manage to hold his face right, so Swanson drove home, impressing the pants off the Olsons, Swansons, Tollefsons and assorted Norwegians with his new gas-buggy.

It's hard to figure out where anybody makes much off salmon derbies as a commercial proposition. Undoubtedly, boat-houses find their participation good business in the long run through additional rentals, tackle sales and such. But the *Times* writes off a considerable expense for prizes, judges and incidentals as promotion. All the fish caught go to various charities, either for dinner or as contributions made after sales to commercial markets. In Tacoma, BPOE Lodge No. 174 is happy if it comes out somewhere nearly even after feeding a Sunday fish dinner to several hundred famished Elks and trading off the excess salmon, if any. At Port Angeles, way out on the Straits of San Juan, the Salmon Derby Club is a semi-civic organization which just about breaks even on its one wild day a year.

At Ketchikan, at the north end of the derby water, they do things in the big Alaskan way. An elaborate prospectus is widely distributed, suggesting that people come to Ketchikan either by air or sea especially for the contest—or rather, two contests. A ten-dollar entrance fee will let anybody—tourists not only permitted but urged to pony up—



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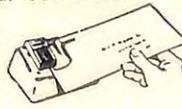
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enter either the annual two-day derby in June or the season-long companion contest which ends Aug. 31. For the short-term derby days in June, the Chamber of Commerce gave away a sedan, a run-about boat and 23 other prizes with a stated value of \$5,000. For the long-pull contest, a prize was offered each week, plus ten grand prizes topped by a round-trip aerial ticket for two to Hawaii—which should, the contest backers figured, even convince a fisherman's wife the sport was some good.

But up Ketchikan way—this is only fair warning to catfish and perch experts from Kansas and Ohio—when they talk about fish, they mean *fish*. The dainty little number which Mrs. Lionel Patton caught—in effect hauling an automobile with it—won top honors for the British Columbia housewife in 1949. It should have. There was no lead in that fish, but nevertheless he tipped the balance at 72 pounds. In 1950, they were practically guppies. Bob Browning's auto-collector quit trying at 63 pounds, four ounces. That these little beauties occasionally will give up to a fisherman even if he hasn't been training entirely on that wild northern air was indicated by the fact that two Californians, Mrs. Fern Carroll, of LaBaron's Camp, and C. Bouckhart, of San Francisco, managed to make the 1949 honors list with 56 and 55-pounders, respectively, winning eighth and ninth places for these rank outsiders.

You don't have to go clear to Ketchikan, nor even hang around Seattle all summer, in order to get in on the big race for salty prizes. Down in Astoria, they've given up the fur business which established that Oregon city, but fish are still around. The Columbia River runs seven miles wide past the city limits and sports fishing hits its peak in the week between Aug. 30 and the day after Labor Day. For a measly two bucks anybody can enter this biggest of all the one-shot derbies. To win \$2,000 in cash, all you have to do is to take the biggest fish in that week. A 50-pounder—one of these things is quite likely to take a couple of hours to land—was big enough to walk off with the hard money last year, although 10,000 people were out there trying, fishing off small boats or—much better, much safer—from commercial gill-netters which make off-season extra money by renting perching spots along their rails at ten or twelve dollars a day per person during the autumn fish insanity peak.

The Astoria derby has a running mate across the river, the Ilwaco-Chinook contest operated by a couple of small resort towns on the Washington side. Therefore, the smart fisherman can enter both contests and keep his eyes on the entry ladders. If he pulls in a 40-pounder which doesn't have much chance in one contest, he always can take it across the river one way or the other and enter it where he has more chance for a top prize. Some medium-sized fish have been

reduced practically to chowder by hopefuls hauling them back and forth while they tried to make up their minds.

On the Washington side, incidentally, near the best fishing spots, a unique village springs up annually on a barren stretch of river front uninhabited the rest of the year. At Derbyville gather the 10,000 fishermen and fishermen's families who bring their own trailers or camping gear and who would rather spend their evenings telling lies to each other around campfires than in the Astoria beer halls or the cocktail parlors on the Washington side. In Derbyville, in one package, you can find any known variety of fisherman during Derby week, all types of tackle and more wild stories per angler than in any other known spot in the world. It's all in good fun and if you believe what the man tells you about hooking a monster salmon on a dead mouse, that's your own fault.

THE list of all the derbies is far too long to be interesting, including such major attractions as the Everett, Port Townsend, Olympia, British Columbia, Hope Island and Southern Oregon derbies, plus two or three dozen others which are just as much fun for their participants. Conservatively, something like 100,000 people take off annually into the wild blue waters, full of hope, herring and hand-hewn plugs, all in pursuit of prizes as well as fish. Always there are on hand some old gaffers to bewail that the good old days are gone and the fish gone with them (not infrequently being interrupted in their wailing by having to pull in something which nearly swamps the boat with its thrashing tail). There are new-fangled lures, experts on steel lines, fishermen who can't do a thing without an unlighted pipe, ladies who make their husbands look sick in numbers of fish caught.

There are, at this writing, derbies for Elks, derbies designed to aid a charitable milk fund in Seattle, derbies for fish caught in out-of-the-way bays or by the patrons of individual hotels or camps or boathouses, derbies for brawny characters who row their own boats (mere possession of an outboard motor being sufficient cause for exit in disgrace). The lad who fancies he can catch a salmon because he once hooked a crappie in a lake behind a Tennessee dam will find, almost anywhere along the West Coast, a chance to prove his boast—and somebody who will sell him tackle and take his entry fee.

But so far, there isn't, to my knowledge, a derby limited to fishermen who stand on their heads while trolling with a humming-bird-feather plug. That's the one I'm waiting for. Why, just the other day, a guy was telling me the fish are so intrigued by the sight of a couple of feet flopping around in the air that they come right up to the boat and snap at that humming bird—

And I do need a new car.

Grand Lodge Reports—Committee on Judiciary

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good standing who shall have paid to that Lodge each year for a period of 30 consecutive years all dues required by the by-laws of that Lodge and the laws of the Order, and shall have attained the age of 65 years.

The minimum price for Life Membership by purchase was increased from \$200 to \$300 and provision was made requiring that the by-laws of a Lodge be amended before a Lodge may grant such additional Life Membership. This section also was amended to provide that Honorary Life Members may not be granted except for distinguished and outstanding service to the lodge or the Order, and specifically provides that the mere holding of the office of Exalted Ruler, or other office of the Lodge, does not constitute such distinguished service.

Section 208 of Grand Lodge Statutes was amended to provide additional restrictions and safeguards in the sale of Lodge property. This section now requires at least ten days notice to the entire membership before vote can be had upon such resolution and that any sale or major alteration of Lodge real estate must pass

by not less than two-thirds majority. The Section provides that failure to comply with this Section strictly shall make all actions taken by a subordinate lodge void, and further provides for the removal and expulsion from office of officers who shall willfully violate this Section. The amendment provides that by-laws and Articles of Incorporation shall be filed or recorded where state law permits or requires the recording or filing of such by-laws or Articles of Incorporation. The amendment further clarifies the authority and powers of the Board of Grand Trustees with reference to the purchase, sale, exchange or financing of Subordinate Lodge real property. It prevents hasty and ill-considered action on such important matters.

Section 214 of the Grand Lodge Statutes was amended to permit the publication of State Association bulletins and to sell subscriptions therefor. This does not apply to Subordinate Lodge bulletins.

Members of the Committee on Judiciary are: Earl James, chairman, John C. Cochrane, H. L. Blackledge, William S. Hawkins and John E. Fenton.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE

ALMOST without exception, every State is enlarging its charitable and welfare work to keep pace with the large increase in membership of the Order, the State Associations Committee reported to the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago. Immediately after the Committee was organized, copies of Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle's program—"Community Service and Community Responsibility"—were mailed to all State Presidents and their full and active support was requested. The timeliness of this appeal is reflected in the minutes of State Association meetings throughout the year. In some cases where a single, state-wide charitable project did not exist, the State Association voted to appoint a "Major Project Committee" and provided funds to enable the Committee to function. The extent and type of work of the Project Committee then needed only the approval of the President and a majority of the governing board. The broad scope of the projects handled by our State Associations covers practically every phase of charitable and welfare work—the results, a credit to Elksdom, the Committee stated.

Realizing the importance of the Lodge Secretary—his many duties and responsibilities—the Committee included in its program a "Lodge Secretary's Class", which resulted last March in an important increase in membership and gave additional recognition to the vital posi-

tion of the Lodge Secretary. The Colorado State Association conducted an outstanding contest for Secretaries, the winner in each group receiving \$250 expenses for a trip to the Chicago Convention. (Note: For further details of this contest, refer to the address of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen which is reported in the coverage of the Third Business Session on pages 23 and 24 of our August issue.

To encourage and facilitate exchange of ideas and correspondence among the State Associations, the Committee sent out a circular containing names and addresses of all State Presidents and Secretaries.)

During the year, the Committee conducted a State Association Bulletin Contest, the purpose of which was to stimulate interest in the publication of Bulletins. A good Bulletin is not unduly expensive and provides a medium for providing information that otherwise may go unnoticed, the Committee maintains.

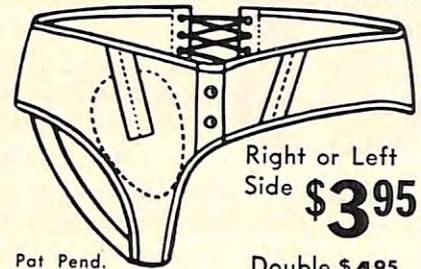
Concluding its Report, the Committee expressed appreciation to the State Associations for their efforts and also to Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle, Grand Secretary Masters and Bert Thompson, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator, for their unqualified support.

Members of the Committee submitting the Report are: M. B. Chase, Chairman, J. Ford Zietlow, John J. Sweeney, R. Leonard Bush and Joseph F. Bader.

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EDITORIAL

SEPTEMBER DEADLINE



For those men who will be recorded in the history of our Lodges as the 1951-52 Exalted Rulers, this month of September is synonymous with the word *opportunity*.

The top executives of our Lodges are well settled into office. In the first few months following their election, they met the immediate problems to come before them. In July, they attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago where they discussed Elk affairs, sought opinions and exchanged ideas with fellow heads of the units of our Order. This month, with such valuable experience to aid them, they stand at the gateway to the active fraternal season ahead.

It is a time for intense review, for implementation . . . a deadline for the reshaping of the year's major program. Is the program one that will light a bright flame of fraternal spirit in the Lodge? Does it have features of proven appeal to the membership? Does it encourage new accomplishment to strengthen the Lodge's position and make our Order even finer because of the new leader's stewardship?

These are but a few of the more obvious test questions that will occur to the 1,589 officers who were singled out by their members to lead them this year. They will prompt further study. And the answers to such questions, let us hope, will build a program that will head the Lodge toward greater achievement and its leaders to the incomparable reward of satisfaction in a job well done.

ROAD TO DISASTER



Much of the muddled thinking which has prevented the people of the United States from taking decisive action to protect themselves against the treasonous conspiracy of American Communists arises from a gross misapprehension of the true nature of the

so-called Communist "Party". It is not a party at all.

It is a conspiratorial organization. It is a military organization in discipline and methods. It is organized, led, inspired, trained and financed by Soviet Russia for just one purpose—to destroy our political, social and economic institutions and to set up a Communist dictatorship.

To mask this unchanging purpose, the Communists have carefully cultivated the protective coloration of a legitimate, domestic political organization in order to use democratic freedoms as a tool to destroy those same freedoms.

Many Americans have allowed themselves to be confused and deluded by this Communist line. There are many who persist in their error despite everything that has happened in the past few years alone to put the Communist "Party" in its true light. Among them are those who call themselves liberals, who recognize the Communist threat but fear that if Communists are curbed it may lead to the suppression of freedom for all. Then, there are

those who are so blind, so naive, that they see no danger at all from the Communists, and therefore no necessity to act against them.

We agree, without reservation, that Constitutional guarantees of freedom must be preserved and respected scrupulously unto the least important citizen of the Republic. The question then is whether we are running the risk of jeopardizing the freedom of all when we silence the Communists. We don't think we are, and we believe that to think otherwise is the height not only of illogic, but also of absurdity. It is, also, the sure road to disaster.

If the Communist "Party" were in fact a bona fide political organization committed to reforms through orderly political action, instead of an agent of a foreign power committed to overthrow this government by force and violence, there would be no argument about its right to exist and to try to persuade a majority of the voters to its way of thinking.

It is time that all loyal Americans who are still confused by Red propaganda took a good look at the Communist "Party" in its real light. It is time that the activities of the Communist "Party" are recognized for what they are—treason; and it is time that we acted accordingly against those who are engaged in treason.

TOMORROW'S MEN



Sponsorship of Boy Scout units by Elk Lodges has increased more than 130 per cent since the Grand Lodge, at the 1947 Portland Convention, gave official endorsement to the Scout program and later, at the 1949 Cleveland Convention, entrusted its promotion to

the Youth Activities Committee.

More than one-third of our Lodges sponsor the 591 Scout units now under the Elk antlers. It is confidently expected that this ratio will soon increase, for Grand Exalted Ruler Davis announces that one of his aims this year is to interest an additional 100 Lodges in this commendable activity.

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