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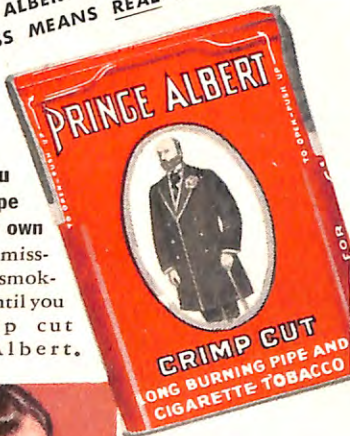
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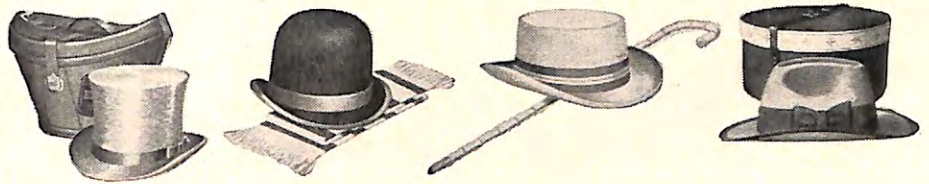
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Cracking the Iron Curtain

BY BRUNO SHAW

Do the captive countries have means to resist not visible to the Soviets?



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FOR several years there has been general agreement among the State and Defense Departments, the Administration and both major political parties in Congress, that the captive countries of Europe and Asia must not be lost to the civilized world by default.

During these years, large appropriations have been made by Congress for the Voice of America. Independent crusades have been launched, such as those of the National Committee for a Free Europe and the Common Council for American Unity.

The Voice of America, operated under the auspices of the State Department, broadcasts over a world-wide network in 33 languages, 24 hours a day.

The Common Council for American Unity is a "letters from America" project which inspires millions of Americans of European ancestry to write to their families and friends behind the Iron Curtain, exposing the lies of the Kremlin through a Campaign of Truth.

The National Committee for a Free Europe "Crusade for Freedom" was launched under the leadership of General Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Lucius D. Clay. It has set up Radio Free Europe, with powerful independent broadcasting transmitters adjacent to the Iron Curtain, over which the voices of hundreds of exiles are heard by their own people. The Committee has established the Free Europe University in Exile, at Strasbourg, France, of which DeWitt C. Poole, former Ambassador to Moscow and educator, is president. The university will celebrate its opening this month with an enrollment of 110 young men and women refugees from captive countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Huge sums of money are involved in these efforts. Great numbers of Americans are employed full time in carrying them out. Millions of Americans support two of them by voluntary contributions. Their purpose is to inspire the peoples of captive countries to rebel against So-

viet oppression, through assurances that the Western World understands their plight and is willing to help, but that the proverb "God helps those who help themselves" must also apply in order for them to achieve their liberation.

The peoples of captive countries in Europe have been deprived of governments of their own choice. They are ruled with an iron hand by puppets of the Kremlin. They have no visible means with which to revolt or resist.

What effect, then, can all this exhortation, all these vast efforts, have upon the peoples of the captive countries? Are they merely safety valves through which we blow off the steam of our pent up wrath against Soviet excesses and aggression? Or is it possible that the people of the captive countries do have means to resist which are not visible to the Kremlin? And that they may be counted on, not as instruments of the Kremlin, but as active partners of the West in the struggle for their own liberation?

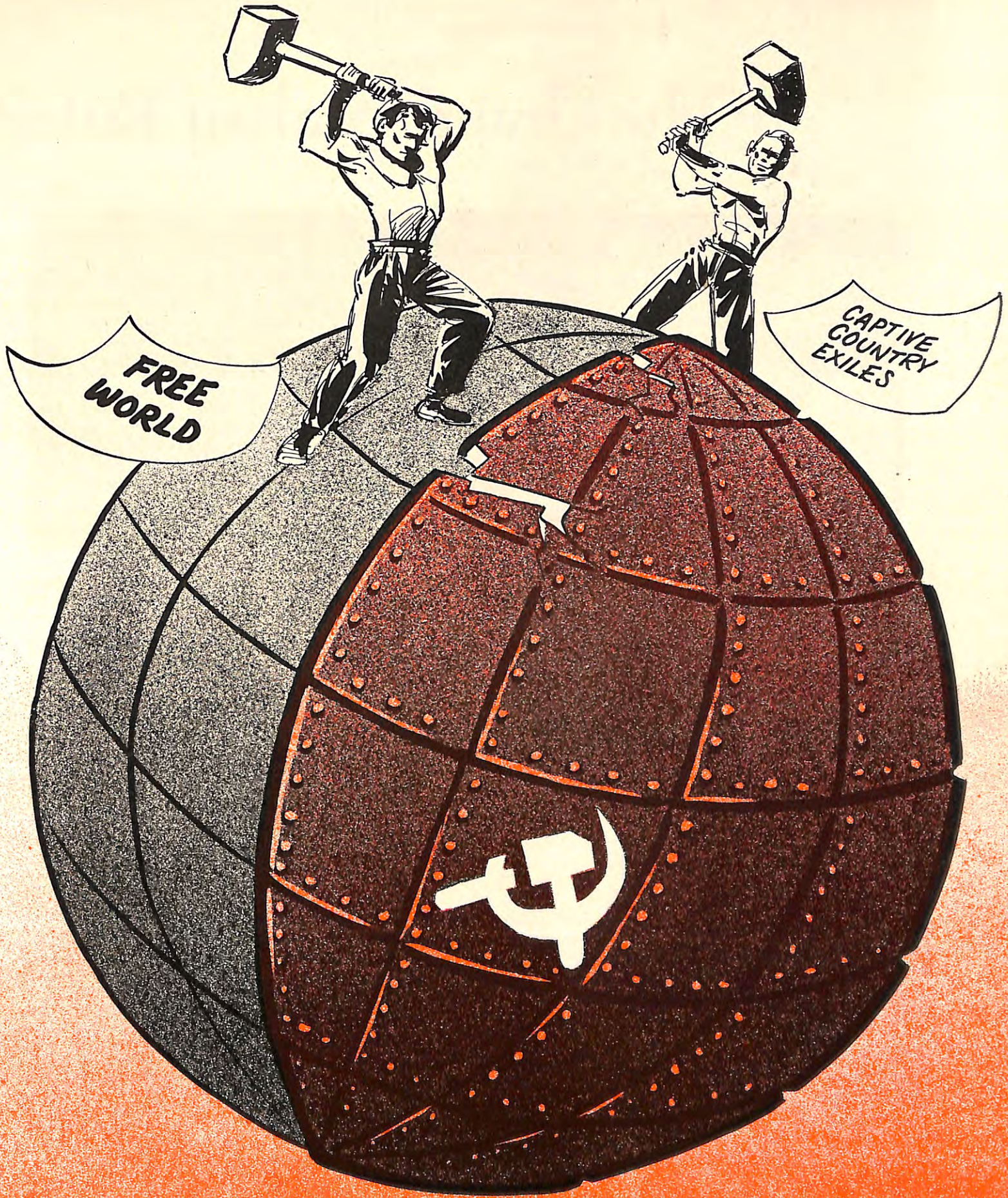
To try to secure a reasonable answer, I interviewed five leading exiles in the United States from countries behind the Iron Curtain. The views presented here are their appraisal of the value of this laborious and costly effort.

STANISLAW MIKOLAJCZYK

STANISLAW MIKOLAJCZYK was former Prime Minister of Poland. He headed his Government-In-Exile in England during the war against Germany. He returned to Poland after the war, fought against the Communists, was sentenced to death by orders of the Kremlin, and escaped to this country before his executioners could catch up with him.

Here is a mild, blue-eyed, smiling man—who sets you afire with his dreams of the brave new world to come. I have endeavored to tell his story precisely as he gave it to me. I hope, in doing so, that I have been able to transmit with it the

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The Grand Exalted Ruler's



Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, center, is welcomed to Asheville, N. C., Lodge by Est. Lead. Knight C. E. King and E.R. J. Mack Arnette, left, and Est. Loyal Knight R. L. Smith and Est. Lect. Knight Elmo Worsham, right.



Five former leaders of the Order join the 1951 Grand Exalted Ruler in Williamsport, Pa., for the Pennsylvania State Assn. Convention. Left to right: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and James T. Hallinan, Mr. Davis, Past Grand Exalted Rulers J. Edgar Masters, Grand Secretary, George I. Hall and Charles H. Grakelow.

FOLLOWING the Fall Conference of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1st and 2nd, Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, traveled to the home of **BURLINGTON, IA., LODGE, NO. 84**, where he presented the \$700 Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student Award" to second-place winner Thomas Earl Yager. Following this ceremony, the official party enjoyed a two-hour boat trip on the Mississippi, preceding a dinner at which Burlington Lodge was a gracious host.

On Sept. 5th, the Order's leader and his entourage were guests at a luncheon meeting with E.R. Marvin Snodgrass and other members of **CENTERVILLE, IA., LODGE, NO. 940**, when they were joined by Kans. State Pres. Milton Stoffer. That evening found the distinguished group at a dinner given by **SHENANDOAH, IA., LODGE, NO. 1122**, with E.R. George Henderson as Master of Ceremonies.

ATCHISON, KANS., LODGE, NO. 647, was the next branch of the Order to be visited when, on Sept. 6th, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his escorts were welcomed by E.R. James W. Lowry. In the afternoon, the travelers, under the guidance of Elk relief workers, surveyed the flood-damaged sections of Lawrence and Topeka. That evening at the home of **TOPEKA LODGE NO. 204**, the Order's leader met with 200 Elks from a dozen cities in the affected area. "The damage and suffering are beyond my powers of description," he told them and then, after hearing reports of the distribution of funds already made available to the Elk flood relief committees, Mr. Davis commissioned them to carry on their work in their respective communities, promising additional funds over the \$55,000 previously allocated in that section. "The Grand Lodge does not have such funds as yet," he told his audience, "but if I know my Elks—and I believe I do—these funds will be forthcoming."

On the following day, the Grand Exalted Ruler joined Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, Grand Est. Lect. Knight L. G. Mehse and Chairman W. A. Wall of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee in **PUEBLO** for the 1951 Convention of the **COLO. STATE ELKS ASSN.** Mr. Davis addressed two sessions of the conclave, and attended a dinner as guest of honor of retiring State Pres. Lewis E. Kitts and E.R. Virgil R. Clifton of Pueblo

Visits



Above: Mr. Davis and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, with D.D. W. C. Hunsinger and E.R. Dick Pucka of Lawrence, Kans., inspect flood damage.



Left: Chairman Sebastian Keltzky of the Pueblo, Colo., Polio Foundation, center, receives \$1,000 from E.R. Virgil Clifton in the presence of Grand Exalted Ruler Davis, left. The money was intended to pay for street decorations. Because of the polio epidemic there, however, the Elks decided to put these funds to better use.

Lodge. A full report on this meeting appears on page 41 of this issue.

On the 9th, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party spent a pleasant period under the shadow of Pike's Peak as the guests of E.R. Charles W. Grote and members of **COLORADO SPRINGS LODGE NO. 309**. In the afternoon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Mehse and Mr. Wall were the guests of E.R. Quinton G. Siebert of **LARAMIE, WYO., LODGE, NO. 582**. A motor trip to the snow belt of the Rocky Mountains on the 10th preceded a dinner and lodge session attended by all District Deputies and representatives of seven Colo. lodges. E.R. Siebert was in charge of the meeting when Grand Est. Lect. Knight Mehse was given an Honorary Life Membership in No. 582, his home lodge.

On the 11th, E.R. Richard L. Tatman of **GREELEY, COLO., LODGE, NO. 809**, called at Laramie for Mr. Davis and Mr. Wall to drive them to Greeley for luncheon. During the afternoon the party visited **LOVELAND LODGE NO. 1051** and inspected the new hospital which the Elks were instrumental in getting under way. That evening, the Grand Exalted Ruler witnessed the initiation of a class by the National Championship Greeley Degree Team and later assisted Mr. Wall in presenting the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Trophy to these officers.

Mr. Davis spent Sept. 12th in his office in Chicago, and on the 13th, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Rulers J. Edgar Masters, Grand Secretary, and Henry C. Warner, witnessed the institution of
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Above: This photograph was taken in Topeka, Kans., during the Missouri and Kansas (Kaw) Valley Flood Relief Conference called by Mr. Davis, standing center.



Above: Luncheon at Atchison, Kan., Lodge found as guests, left to right: Chaplain Rev. Father Matthew Hall, E.R. James W. Lowry, Mr. Davis, D.D. W. C. Hunsinger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner, Kansas State Assn. Pres. Milton Stoffer and lodge Secy. G. H. Edwards.



A Day for Misty

BY EWART A. AUTRY

The story of a foxhound that won far more than a field trial.

I WENT up on Indian Hill this morning and buried Misty Marie. While I shoveled in the dirt, the wind sang a dirge among the pines and a woodpecker beat a solemn drum on a hollow oak. Some fellows might have tossed Misty into a ditch, but I heaped up a good mound and put a rich pine knot at her head. As I backed away a shower of autumn leaves rode down on the wind, and some settled where Misty lay. I took my hunting horn from my pocket and blew two long blasts. The hills across the valley picked up the sound and rolled back echoes which seemed to linger where I stood. I took off my hat and said aloud, "Farewell, Misty, and thanks for everything."

Misty is not alone on the hill. Other great hounds sleep beside her. There are such ones as Lady Lou, Smokey Joe, Rosy Dawn and Singing Mary. Those names don't mean much beyond this valley, but they

will be remembered here as long as the McDougals and Duffeys live. The very mention of one of them is enough to make a McDougal take off his hat and a Duffey spit in the dirt.

With Misty it is different. Mention her name and you will get the respectful attention of every man, woman and child of the McDougal and Duffey clans. Mention her with praise and you are more than welcome to put your feet under any table. Speak of her with disdain and many doors will be shut in your face. To understand this you will have to know about the McDougals and the Duffeys. Though I am of the McDougals I hope I can be fair to the Duffeys in the telling.

Both families have lived in Whippoorwill Valley for generations. There have been children and grandchildren and great grandchildren and so on down the line

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National Foundation Scholarship Awards



At Everett, Mass., Lodge, student Beverly A. Ernlund and Exalted Ruler Dan English.

Once again we present a selection of photographic recordings of the year's scholarship presentations.



At Miami, Ariz., Lodge, State Vice-Pres. Arthur Turner presented the check to Harold M. McNair in the presence of the student's mother, and E.R. Wm. Gordon Slack and other lodge officials.



At Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, Lodge were E.R. Wilbur J. Dockery and Anna Fisher.



Milford, Conn., prize-winner Margaret Wallace, seated, right, with local Foundation award winners of other years, and Past Grand Est. Lecturing Knight James T. Welch, right, and local Elk and school officials.



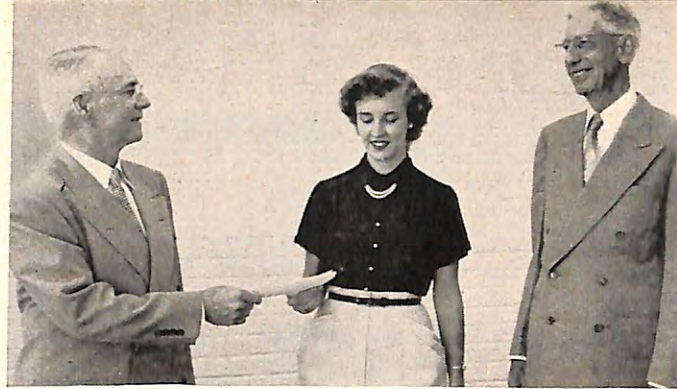
At Atlanta, Ga., Lodge were Robert B. Smith, III, left, and E.R. G. W. Brubaker.



Phyllis J. Hormell receives her scholarship award from Exalted Ruler Ben Meadows of Concordia, Kansas, Lodge, in the presence of her parents and dignitaries of the Order.



With Ohio State dignitaries at Toledo are, foreground Sydna A. Kunze and N. K. Langsdale; second from left, rear, Eugene P. Schwartz.



At Prescott, Ariz., Lodge's ceremony, left to right: E.R. Gail I. Gardner, scholarship winner Janice Hilsabeck and lodge Treas. Richard S. Condit.



At Milford, Mass., Lodge, left to right: Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Chairman E. A. Spry, Elks National Foundation Trustees Chairman John F. Malley, Dorothy D. Smith and E.R. Francis E. Gilbert.



At the Mass. Elks Assn. Convention, left to right: J. J. Russell, P. A. McNamara, Henry Kelleher, M. J. Tanner and Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Chairman of the Mass. Elks Assn. Foundation Prize Committee.



At San Juan, P.R., J. A. Pacheco, Secy. Rafael Bird, D.D. Ramon Montaner.



Hunter Charlton, Kathryn Walper, El Centro, Calif., P.E.R. Ben Blakely.



At Carlinville, Ill., E.R. Perry Randle, P.D.D. R. G. Borman, Helen Rossetti.



Medford, Ore., Lodge's E.R. Franklin Van Pelt, left; Gary Boshears.

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ACTIVITIES



Above: Shreveport, La., Lodge presents a Webster-Chicago Record Player to the VA Hospital where a special type of music must be played while neuro-psychiatric patients undergo shock treatment. Left to right: State Pres. M. J. Byrne, E.R. F. A. Nackley, Elks Program Chairman A. B. Culliton and VA Center Mgr. D. A. Hiller.



Left: At special ceremonies during the 1951 Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, Chairman James T. Hallinan of the Elks Service Commission, left, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, right, Chairman R. N. Traver of the Calif. Elks Veterans Service Commission and other Calif. delegates, received a hand-tooled leather wallet from Elk Ray Davis, a disabled Calif. veteran, seated. He presented one of the handsome wallets to each of the former leaders of the Order at the meeting.

Right: N.E. III. Dist. Veterans Service Chairman William Lauer staged another outstanding carnival for the entertainment of the disabled veterans at Vaughn Hospital recently, assisted by 70 Elks and their ladies, many of whom are included in this photograph.



Below: An Elk Fishing Party at Dacus Camp, Ark., for the patients from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.



A Message



from the Grand Exalted Ruler

AS THE autumn days herald the approach of winter, normal Lodge and Club activities again feature Elk subordinate lodge programs. Fortunate is the Exalted Ruler whose committees already have devised and are developing such activities. These have been planned for you, Brother Elks, and wise is the membership that takes advantage of the many Lodge and Club opportunities that will be offered you. Support your officers and committees as they plan and work for your enjoyment.

Remember as you swing into the fall and winter Elk schedules that you may have a friend (or two) who enjoy the same things that you do and who might like to be with you in your club. Interest him in a membership application and see if you can't get him to join this great fraternity.

We are a million, sixty thousand strong. We can make it a million, one hundred thousand by next April if you will be one of those who believe in sharing with a friend what this great Order and your subordinate lodge has to offer.

Not only does our fraternity welcome new members, but we are intensely interested this year in saving those we already have. Keep an eye on those friends and acquaintances in your lodge who may have become lax in paying their dues. Don't wait until next year for this. Do it now, just as his interest begins to lag. Let's concentrate our efforts, and do our bit of personal work, on those who have forgotten dues payment even for a month or two. Once we succeed in wiping out those delinquents for the first six months, we shall soon discover that we have no lapsation problem.

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I want to take opportunity also to extend my thanks to all the lodges that responded so promptly to the Grand Lodge appeal for Missouri Valley flood relief funds. It was another typical example of the Elks' answer to the call

of humanity. The need there in a dozen cities and towns was very great. It still is, so it is not too late for lodges which have forgotten or neglected this appeal to send their contributions to the Grand Secretary in Chicago. The unfortunate victims of that disaster can use every bit of assistance we are able to give them.

We express our appreciation not only to the hundreds of lodges which answered this appeal, but also to the hundreds of fine Elks in a dozen different lodges in Kansas, Missouri, and Northern Oklahoma who gave unstintingly of their time and service working in the mud and wreckage of the flood in the weeks that followed the fall of the water, and who still continue their errands of mercy among the thousands of unfortunates who lost virtually everything but life in the catastrophe. Those men are Elks, real Elks, in the very best of our fraternal traditions.

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As we approach the close of the present year, let us not forget that November 22 is our national day of Thanksgiving. We have so very, very much for which to be thankful. A Divine Providence has been good to us, so let us take time to acknowledge how fortunate we have been.

Let us give thanks that it is our privilege to live in this wonderful land of America. Let us be thankful for the freedom we enjoy, for the opportunities we are offered. Let us be thankful for home and family, for friends and neighbors.

Let us be thankful for this great Fraternity of ours, so closely allied in spirit and ideals to this land that we love. Let us be grateful for the friendships it makes possible, for the opportunities for service it offers. And as we arise from bended knee let us renew our determination to

Serve Our Order Today For a Better America Tomorrow!

Howard R. Davis

HOWARD R. DAVIS,
GRAND EXALTED RULER

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HANOVER, PA., ELKS CHORUS

ELK CHORUSES AT THE CONVENTION



INDIANA CHANTERS



ELKS CHORUS, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

EACH year at the Grand Lodge Convention the Elks choruses provide some of the most inspiring moments of the Sessions. The singing of these superbly trained groups is heard at the Opening Session, at the demonstration to the Grand Exalted Ruler Elect and at many other important functions. During the evenings, the choruses gather in the lobbies of the hotels to serenade the delegates and their ladies and their heart-warming songs are a lasting memory of the Convention. In appreciation of the outstanding contributions of the Elk choruses that come to the Convention at great personal effort, on this page we present the three groups at the Chicago Sessions last July.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

SOcial Security has proved a golden bonanza for Uncle Sam. Payments are pouring in so much faster than checks go out that the government is over \$13,000,000,000 to the good. Here's the way it works: if you're in Social Security you pay into the fund 1½ per cent of the first \$3,600 of your yearly wages. Your employer pays the same—total, three per cent. Last year Uncle Sam took in \$1,800,000,000 more than was paid out. This huge pile of \$13,000,000,000 is not stored away in Treasury vaults. The government uses it as it comes in, putting the cash into government securities. It keeps about \$190,000,000 in cash for immediate needs. Under the law the government has to pay the average rate of interest on the money it borrows. Hence the Social Security boodle is drawing 2¼ per cent interest, or over \$300,000,000 a year. (The rate was 2⅛ per cent but recently jumped another eighth.) Counting the interest which has been paid into the fund, the total is now at the \$15,000,000,000-mark. Social Security receipts yearly are running over \$3,500,000,000. More than 2,600,000 persons draw benefits, the average payment being \$43.32 per month. Because of changing conditions and possible changes in the law, experts cannot predict when outgo will catch up with income. Each year more people reach the age of 65 and start getting their pensions if they have retired. Every year more people start working and get on the social security list. In addition, during this defense effort a lot of people keep on working after they reach 65 and therefore make social security payments. At 75, regardless of what they make, they get their pensions as self-employed persons. Best guess is that it will be years before the social security fund, now drawing interest in big hunks, will begin to grow smaller instead of larger.

PLENTY OF RUBBER

The Government announces anybody can buy all the tires he wants and, presto, no one seems to need any tires. There is likely to be a surplus. The same thing has happened in the case of sugar. Just as soon as housewives know there is

plenty of it, there is no rush to buy it. Rubber was the first basic material licked by the National Production Authority in its fight against shortages. Rubber production during the first half of 1952 is expected to hit an all-time high of 747,000 tons. What with supplies of natural rubber arriving and synthetic production stepped up, there is plenty of it. There will be no lack of bathing caps, golf balls, rubber toys and other rubber items. Critical shortages now are in copper, tungsten, tin, nickel and steel.

DESKS AT \$300 EACH

At a cost of \$300 each, the Government has purchased 52 executive type desks for higher-uppers. Who gets them? State Department offices in Brazil, the Newport, R. I., Customs Office, New Orleans Maritime Commission, Minneapolis Railway Retirement Board, Post Offices in Dallas and Boston, the Bethesda Naval Hospital, etc. Total bill—\$16,030. Most employes get \$50-desks.

WINDOWS COST MONEY

School authorities in Washington are trying to figure out why kids have an irrestible urge to break glass windows, particularly school windows. Last summer's breakage here, a new high, was 3,800 windows. Cost of replacement will be \$43,000, John M. Riecks, associate superintendent in charge of school buildings, says.

IRON CURTAIN PURCHASES

Since stiff regulations went into effect last spring against shipping United States goods to communist countries, exports to Russia's satellites have dropped to a trickle. However, there is no restriction on buying from them. Czechoslovakia, for instance, where American newspaperman William N. Oatis was sent to prison on trumped-up spy charges, made record sales to the U. S. during the last six months, a total running over \$15,000,000.

LITTLE NICKEL IN NICKEL

Reports of a black market in nickel, with the precious metal selling at over \$4.00 a pound, have started rumors that some of the supply might come from

melted five-cent pieces. Assistant Director of the Mint Dr. Leland Howard discounts this because the five-cent nickel is only 25 per cent nickel. The rest is copper.

GLASS MASTERPIECE

Friends of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh say they are still raving about the etched Steuben "merry-go-round bowl" given them as a wedding gift by President and Mrs. Truman. The bowl is considered a classic example of glass engraving. A duplicate of the bowl can be seen at the Corning Glass Center, in Corning, N. Y.

EVERYBODY WORKING

The old song, "Everybody Works but Father", doesn't apply now. Men, women and teen-age boys and girls in record numbers are holding down jobs in the greatest employment boom in the nation's history, census figures reveal. The percentage will rise as the armed forces continue to expand month after month and more women go to work. There are 62 million workers, or 1.3 million more than a year ago. Unemployment among workers 25 years old or over has dropped from two million to about one million, a record low. Last summer, 6.5 million teen-age boys and girls were working. The number of women job-holders now equals the World War II total, nearly 20 million. But the proportion of women to men in the labor force has not yet reached the World War II peak. Women now constitute 34 per cent of the labor force, while during the last war the figure reached 39 per cent.

HUNTERS TAKE NOTICE

If you're hunting this fall and a funny looking orange or purple bird comes flying out of the brush, don't think you had better change your brand of liquor. Just shoot at the thing and if you score a hit, take the metal band off the bird's leg and send it to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Department, Washington. To find out the migratory habits of doves it has taken batches of them and dipped the birds in brilliant aniline dye solutions. Color indicates where bird was dyed.

News of the Lodges



At the ground-breaking ceremonies for St. James Hospital for which Pontiac, Ill., Lodge raised \$150,000 are Edward G. Zorn, General Chairman for the Drive, left, and E.R. James Harris.

Pontiac, Ill., Elks Untiring Money-Raisers for Community Good

The members of Pontiac Lodge No. 1019 have again shown their deep interest in the welfare of Pontiac and Livingston Counties by taking over the job of raising \$150,000 for a much-needed addition to the St. James Hospital. At present, the building provides only 50 beds, serving an area with a population of about 39,000. About \$400,000 was needed for the construction of the proposed three-story addition, and some \$250,000 was available through estate gifts and from the Third Order of St. Francis in Peoria. The Elks have taken upon themselves not only the job of raising the remainder within the county, but of contributing \$30,000 themselves.

San Jose, Calif., Elks Sponsor Pereira Memorial Blood Bank

One of the finest community services in the history of San Jose Lodge No. 522 was effected recently when the facilities of the lodge home were turned over to the local Red Cross. Doctors, nurses and their assistants were on hand with their

equipment; 16 beds were set up in the lodge room for the donors who were served refreshments after making their donations.

In addition to the Elk donors who participated in the Selah Pereira Memorial Blood Bank, sponsored by No. 522 in memory of a beloved member who died recently, representatives of many civic groups, business organizations, and private citizens contributed blood, bringing the total to 242 pints for the bank.

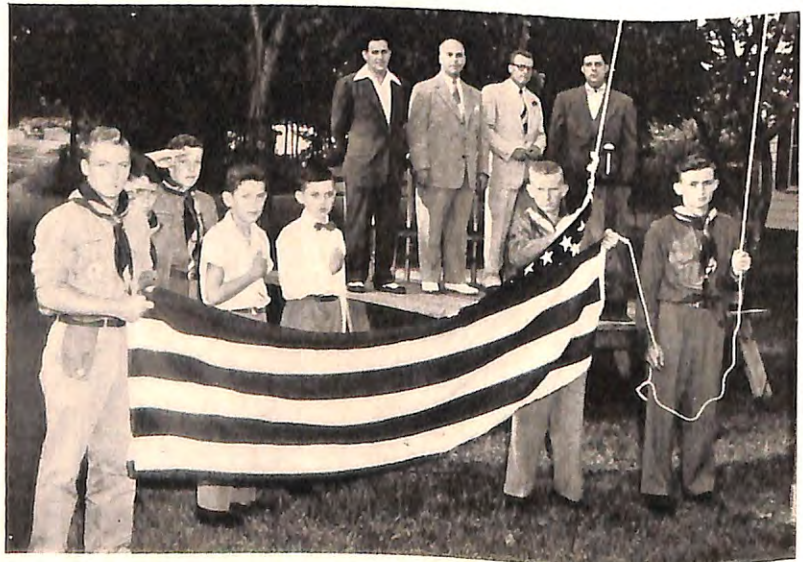
Norwich, N. Y., Little Leaguers Take Bath on Thursday

Headed by E.R. LeRoy Coe, a group of Elks of Norwich Lodge No. 1222 escorted their Little League team to Bath for a benefit game with the Elks Little Leaguers of that city. The contest was played on the grounds of the Veterans Hospital there, and a capacity throng of enthusiastic patients cheered both groups. The visitors won the game, 5 to 1.

The Norwich Elks and their team were guests of Bath Lodge No. 1547 at a delicious luncheon preceding the game. Later, the players were dined in the hospital mess hall.

Leesburg, Fla., Elks Dedicate \$100,000 Home

Over 1,000 visitors and Elks took part in the opening and dedication of the handsome new home of Leesburg Lodge No. 1703. Three days of various activities included open house, a dance which drew 500 guests and a reception for 300 Elks and their families. Climaxing the third day's events was a barbecue at which 600 persons were served chicken barbecued in the club's huge backyard pit. Later the regular lodge session took place, when A. S. Herlong, Sr., was made a Life Member. Later, the ladies were invited to rejoin the men to hear the dedicatory address delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz. Among the Elk dignitaries welcomed by E.R. W. E. Herbert were State Assn. Pres. Walter J. Matherly, Vice-Pres. Al Coe and Secy. James J. Fernandez, D.D. Willis V. McCall, P.D.D. Leo Butner and Past State Vice-Pres. C. A. Poole.



Asheboro, No. Car., Elks dedicated a flag and flagpole to those who died in the service of our country. Ceremonies were conducted by the Elk-sponsored Boy Scout Troop. On the speakers' platform, left to right, are Trustee Tommy Crawford, E.R. Norman Miner, Major E. E. Holmberg, USAR, and the Rev. Harvey Koonts, Jr.

Martinsville, Va., Elks' Better Fishing Rodeo Best Yet

More than 150 Henry County youngsters under 16 years of age gathered at Whittle Lake to vie for the more than 40 prizes—for everything imaginable—offered by Martinsville Lodge No. 1752 in this year's Better Fishing Rodeo, an annual event.

Although not as many fish were taken this year as last, they were larger. Worley Wilson, who had never caught a fish in his life, took the glass rod and reel and pocket-knife award with his 14¼-inch bass, weighing over a pound, that he caught with a pole cut right out of the woods, a piece of string and a small cork. The girls did right well, too; Sarah Ussery caught the first fish of the day, and Mary Jane Ferguson reeled in a 5¾-inch brimm for the largest catch for the distaff side. She got a glass rod and reel, too.

The Elks treated their guests to 750 hot dogs and 720 "cokes"—all of which disappeared quickly. An amazing thing about the day was the fact that there wasn't one serious accident—not even a stomach-ache. In fact, several mothers who were on hand glowed with praise for the Elks and the idea of the rodeo, for which Jess Chappell was General Chairman.

A vote of thanks goes to Reginald Lacy who donated 5,000 worms for bait, and the Rapid Transit Bus Co. which helped with transportation.

Winter Park, Fla., Elks' Disaster Crew Stages Demonstration

Last spring, with the object of giving aid to emergency cases within its jurisdiction, Winter Park Lodge No. 1830 organized a Disaster Crew and Blood Bank. Working in conjunction with the city's fire and police departments, high-



Some of the 350 orphans who enjoyed a gala day as guests of Mobile, Ala., Lodge. The Elk pictured is Chairman Gary M. Bailey.

way patrol and hospitals, its members are prepared to administer blood plasma and first-aid in on-the-spot emergencies.

Not long ago, at a public meeting held in the lodge home, Chairman F. A. Bradbeer of the Orange County Blood Bank, delivered an address as part of a demonstration given by the crew. The demonstration included donations made by example cases in which all details were followed, from recording of the temperature of the donor to the placing of the blood in sterilized, self-sealing containers.

Salina, Kans., Elks Report Fine Gifts

Salina Lodge No. 718, through its E.R. E. H. Hammontree, presented a check for \$2,000 to each of the community's hos-

pitals. The expansion plans at Asbury and St. John's Hospitals will benefit by these contributions which were made at special ceremonies.

Another generous program of No. 718 is its free-movie plan for youngsters of Salina. In operation for the past three years in cooperation with the city's recreation department, the program provided free shows for 25,200 boys and girls during its three months' operation this year. Two movie houses participated, showing motion-picture films selected by the National Parent-Teachers Assn. and the National Recreation Assn. The children were supervised at every performance by employes of the city's recreation and police departments.

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Past Exalted Ruler Adam Martin who has been Secretary of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge for over twenty-five years, presided at the 27th Annual Orphans Picnic, is pictured here presenting dolls to the lucky young ladies who won various contests during the afternoon.



Harold L. Bryant makes his donation at one of the weekly blood bank programs held by Winter Park, Fla., Lodge. Others photographed are, left to right: Dr. George Crisler, Exalted Ruler Harrison B. Steward, Mrs. T. A. Langford, Blood Bank Chairman Edward R. Simon.

News of the State Associations



VIRGINIA

Nearly 800 delegates and guests were registered for the Aug. 19, 20 and 21 Convention of the Va. Elks Assn. to which Portsmouth Lodge No. 82 was a gracious host. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett introduced the Order's present leader, Howard R. Davis, who delivered an inspiring address at the morning session on the 20th. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner spoke movingly at the Memorial Services on the 21st, to which the public had been invited and came in large numbers. The exercises for the presentation of scholarships and Youth Leadership awards were also open to the public and were well attended.

Reports were read covering the work of the Va. Elks Service Commission relative to the hospital programs for disabled veterans, and also on the progress of the Va. Elks Boys Camp whose activities and benefits were extolled by four of the young men who attended the Camp, among them Jack W. Gilbert who won the Siegrist Trophy as best all-around camper.

Four teams participated in the Ritualistic Contest which was won by Norfolk Lodge; the Alexandria contingent won second place, and the Chaplain's Cup.

Many diverting social events were enjoyed, such as crab feasts, outings and swimming parties. The delegates decided to hold the 1952 conclave at Roanoke, with the following officers in charge until that time: Pres., Chas. D. Fox, Jr., Roanoke; 1st Vice-Pres., J. R. Schafe, Alexandria; 2nd Vice-Pres., Joseph Marcus, Norfolk; 3rd Vice-Pres., Walter E. Barrick, Sr., Danville; Secy., Charles W. Proffitt, Clifton Forge; Treas., Brooks

N. Anderson, Norfolk; Trustee, John H. Simmons, Petersburg; Chaplain, V. King Pifer, Hampton; Tiler, Dan Cheshire, Martinsville, and Sgt.-at-Arms, E. L. Curtin, Portsmouth.

OHIO

The 53rd Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Assn. took place in Cedar Point (Sandusky) with approximately 1,000 delegates, members and their ladies registered. Honored guests included Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis who delivered the principal address of the conclave, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Dr. Edward J. McCormick and L. A. Lewis, Grand Trustee Fred L. Bohn, John C. Cochrane of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, Past Pres. Ed Smith, and Mich. State Assn. Secy. L. L. Hamilton.



Above: The popular Grand Exalted Ruler, Howard R. Davis, extends a hand in greeting to the delegates who welcomed him to the Colorado Elks Convention as Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen smiles his approval at left.

Left: Dignitaries of Elkdome, photographed during the inspiring Memorial Services held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Convention. Seated, left to right: Richard White, Narrator; Pres. F. T. Benson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, Asst. Grand Secy. F. J. Shrader, Chaplain Rev. Leo F. Duerr, Vice-Pres. H. Earl Pitzer. Standing are D.D. Richard T. Frisby and other officials, and, grouped to the left and right, the three-year Elks National Championship Chorus from Hanover, Pa., Lodge.

A report given by the Cerebral Palsy Committee revealed great progress, with the establishment of a Clinic for the N.E. Dist. at Canton. Interesting reports were also made by the following Committees: Veterans Hospital Program, Youth Activities, UnAmerican Activities, Civilian Defense, Ritualistic, Membership, and others.

Following the opening ceremonies on the 26th, the Barbership Quartet Contest took place, with Elyria's singing four taking top honors. Piqua Lodge's entry, which won the 1951 National Championship sang several numbers, preceding a concert given by the talented Lakewood Elks Band under the direction of Joe Monia. Memorial Services were held the following day, and that evening a cabaret

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Vice-President Joseph Marcus, Chairman of the State Ritualistic Committee, presents the 1951 Virginia Ritualistic Trophy to E.R. L. A. Marsh and other officers of Norfolk Lodge's winning team.

ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND



HUNTING fever is a potent thing. Once contracted, the patient rarely recovers. Circumstances may prevent his active participation in sport with a shooting iron, but he can dream of hunts to come and of those of the past. The atavistic urge to go out and bring in game is in most of us in some degree. The malady may not be recognized in one man and be a consuming passion in the next. I have more than my share.

Last fall and winter I was very busy. There were Hungarian partridges and mountain quail in Idaho, desert quail in New Mexico, waterfowl in Montana; and I spent all of January in Cuba where a fellow can get his gun hot at those little twisting, diving, darting doves, not to mention guinea hens and jacksnipe and other feathered targets. Back to Florida, and there were a few days left of the quail season. Then came a long wire from Corey Ford. Could I meet him in Alabama to close the quail season there?

It seems that Corey had permission to shoot where birds were plentiful and where only the chosen could fire a gun. Anticipation is a wonderful thing. Of course I could meet him and our pal Alastair MacBain to wind up the season in a blaze of glory.

What could be more fitting—for isn't bobwhite tophat among all American feathered game? And isn't Alabama just about the best quail state in the country? Bobwhite with his white throat patch and Mrs. Bob with her brown eye stripe and throat are the most popular of our game birds. First, they have the greatest range, and are found almost everywhere in this country where small grain is grown. Second, they are game to the core, an unpredictable and tricky target. And not to be overlooked is their great quality of sticking tight before a pointing dog. When you stir one of them out and into the air, there is no halfway business about his departure. He roars out with the speed of a rocket, and the commotion is most disconcerting—as every quail hunter has discovered when he has blasted the air with both barrels only to see his target coasting away untouched.

The feeding habits of Bob are little different from those of other gallinaceous game birds. They roam around picking

up weed seeds and scattered grain from daylight until about eleven o'clock. Then the covey seeks a safe spot where the birds can dust and loaf during the heat of the day. About three or four in the afternoon they start out again to fill their crops. Even with the best of dogs they are hard to locate in the middle of the day. When they are feeding they leave scent for pointer and setter, and most gunners believe that the last two hours of daylight are worth more than all the rest of the day.

Without a good dog quail shooting just wouldn't rate. A man could walk within a few feet of a resting covey and the birds would never move. If he did stumble into a flock and watched where the birds lit he would have little success in flying them again without the help of a keen-nosed dog to show him where they were squat-

ting in the grass. Quail have been known to sit for hours after being badly frightened, each bird tight to the ground and well hidden in the cover.

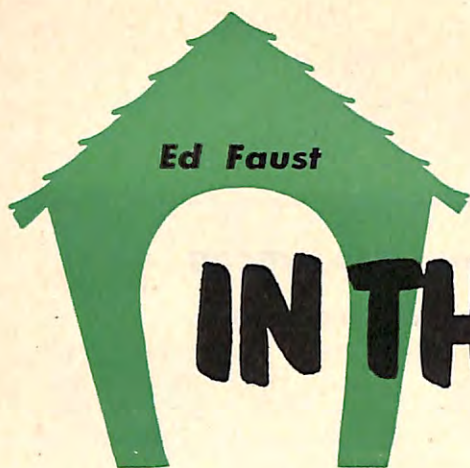
Of course I would meet my friends come hail or highwater, and I did. I was just as keen as when the bird season had opened the fall before. Corey and Mac, who hadn't been packing a shotgun for several months, were almost out of control. We were ready for what Alabama had to offer. Even that first day didn't dampen our enthusiasm. We had three more days before the season closed and we'd get 'em. Any quail hunter knows that some days quail just can't be found. It has been said that on such days they go in holes and pull the holes in after them.

Our guide was named Jake. He lived
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Photo by Dan Holland



Corey Ford recovers a bobwhite from his able "retriever".



This month Ed Faust calls upon some of the pups to answer his fan mail.

IN THE DOGHOUSE

LOOK here, my four-legged friend, for some 15 years or more I've been answering mail for you, and I think it's about time you took over some of the responsibility. So with this in mind, you're going to help me reply to some of the customers this month.

Now, you don't have to acknowledge the receipt of that fine picture of a litter of bright-eyed collie pups. I did that myself when one of our distinguished Brothers brought it into the office in person. Nor do you have to take care of those letters from a Fairbanks, Alaska, Brother who invited us to visit him to see the dog-sled racing and, incidentally (that incidentally is for you, not me) take a look-see at the Eskimo gals' beauty contest that was scheduled. Naturally, I had to let him know we couldn't accept—you don't support us in a style that affords such jaunts.

Well, that takes care of two; now you

go to work. To flatter you into a good humor, for your first letter, I've picked a very gracious communication from Mrs. E. T. of Charleston, W. Va., who writes: "My husband is an Elk, so of course we receive *The Elks Magazine* every month. I latch on to it before the man of the house gets home." (Now, just wait till you hear this.) "I have a crush on its dog column." How do you like that? Mrs. E. T. says, "I have two Dachshunds, a mother and daughter. We've had several litters of puppies during the past five years and my husband says I screen the buyers more thoroughly than would the F.B.I. for a new recruit." You see how careful she is; she's discriminating about who gets her pups and won't sell them to just anyone, so I don't know why she adds: "Don't think I'm a hatchet-faced, neglected soul slightly off her rocker, but I've finally gotten around to writing (the Magazine) a fan letter." Obviously, the lady is intelligent, so we can feel highly complimented that she took the trouble

to write us. Now, take a proper bow, and see if you can match her wit and charm in your reply.

I've taken care of those three letters asking about the plucking knife and charts that show how the plucking should be done for a wire-haired fox terrier, a Scottish and a Welsh terrier. Of course, this could have been left for you, but you didn't know the knife costs only \$1.50 and the charts are a quarter each. It's the same knife, and the Welsh terrier chart, I use for you. Just tell any readers we'll be glad to let them know where these can be bought.

J.S., of Hackensack, N. J., wants to know where he can buy a ready-made or pre-fabricated doghouse. Oh, you already gave him the names of several manufacturers? Good. Maybe other readers would like this information; if so, we'll be glad to furnish it.

BY THE way, I suggest you run a blanket answer to that frequent question—why don't we devote an entire article to one particular breed? Well, you know the answer, so tell them how impossible it is to do this, in a monthly magazine, for each of the 110 or 111 recognized breeds. And don't forget to thank Dr. P. W. G. of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., for the nice picture and message he sent us about his Brittany spaniels. A fine breed, this, and, as the good doctor says, they're tough and efficient on pheasants.

Mrs. C. B. of St. Louis, Mo., has the information she needed on the eczema remedy we mentioned some time ago, but you can tell any others who have that problem with their pets to write in; we'll be glad to send them the addresses of the remedy makers—there are several, you know.

Mrs. T. S. of Miami, Fla., asks us what she should look for when buying a dog. Note that she has selected the breed, but she wants to avoid buying a pup that will become a headache. Suppose you tell her to restrain the impulse to buy a puppy because it's cute and appealing—nearly all puppies are. She says there are several good kennels in her community, so that's no problem for her; but for anyone who must go out of town to a kennel, it is important to check on how

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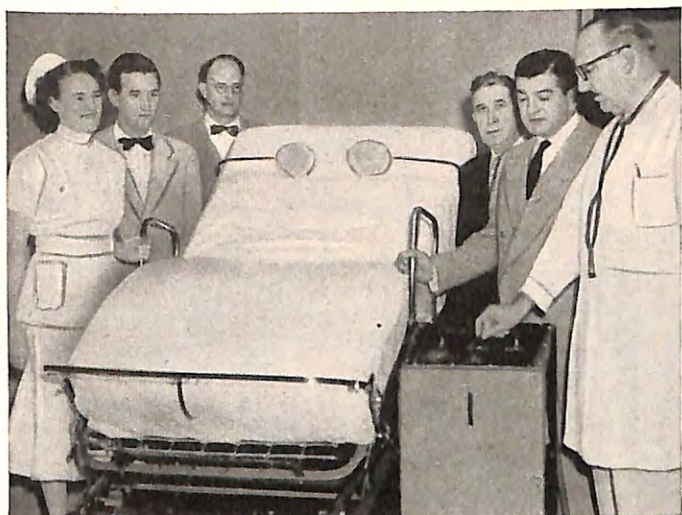
With their heads alertly turned to the light, this litter of eleven collie puppies posed for an outstanding dog picture reproduced through the courtesy of Thomas H. Godley, of Leominster, Mass.



E.R. E. H. Hammontree presents Salina, Kans., Lodge's checks for \$2,000 each to representatives of the city's hospitals at special ceremonies.



Over 200 Moscow, Ida., Elks bowl on the lodge's four fine alleys. Two evenings a week are reserved for eight ladies teams, evidently.



A \$1,600 "Rocking Bed", a more pleasant aid toward breathing in polio cases, is presented to various hospitals in the community by Shreveport, La., Lodge. Left to right are Nurse Benson of Charity Hospital, State Infantile Paralysis Fund Rep. Ed Foreman, D. D. Charles B. Emery, Committee Chairman Arthur C. Gayle, E.R. Fred Nackley and Dr. S. G. Wolfe, Director of the Polio Clinic in Shreveport.



In accordance with its program to help the unfortunate, Miami, Ariz., Lodge made it possible for many flood victims to start school by supplying them with school books, shoes and clothing. Fitting youngsters for shoes in the above picture are Hal Weigal, store manager, with Secy. John Coons, P.D.D., as checker and Flood Relief Committee Chairman DeWitt Wilson an approving onlooker. More than \$800 was spent.



E.R. H. B. Richardson presents to palsy victim Robert "Butch" Galloway the key to the garage which Sumter, S. C., Lodge converted into a modern grocery and refreshment store and presented to the young man. On hand were Elk officials, Mayor W. E. Bynum, City Mgr. J. A. Raffield.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Sioux City, Ia., Elks Entertain Both Young and Old at Picnic

The 34th Annual Kiddies and Old Folks Picnic sponsored by Sioux City Lodge No. 112 found 400 orphans and crippled children, as well as elderly folks from the county home, as happy guests of the Elks. Chartered city buses supplied free transportation to the amusement park where the affair is held each year. The youngsters enjoyed the many free rides provided on the midway, and later races were held with every participant receiving a cash prize.

The typical, and sumptuous, picnic lunch was prepared and served by the wives of the Elks, and entertainment was supplied by Bob Swensen, the Elks' clown, and a clown band. At the close of the day, each child received a bag of sweets, fruits and nuts for their return home, after a wonderful day arranged by a committee of 40 Elks and their ladies headed by Floyd R. Koll, Chairman of the lodge's Social and Community Welfare Committee.



At a joint initiation held at Coral Gables, Fla., Lodge, this fine group of 36 men, shown with lodge officers, joined the Order as the D.D. James P. Wendler Class of Miami Beach and Coral Gables Lodges.



Ready for the hungry crowd of 750 at one of Independence, Kans., Lodge's monthly stag party, a buffalo roast, are Gene Clark, owner of the world's largest buffalo ranch, where the main course was selected, Elks Club Mgr. C. L. Attebery and Chef Sterling Attebery.



Worley Wilson proudly holds his 14 1/4" big-mouth bass at Martinsville, Va., Lodge's Fishing Rodeo. In the background, left to right: former Mayor Nick Prillaman, Ed Bailey, R. S. Callahan and Mayor Robert Walker who presented the many awards to the lucky anglers.

Broken Bow, Neb., Elks Can't Be Called Lazy

Not long ago, Broken Bow Lodge No. 1688 had a stag party. While there is nothing unusual about that, any Elk knows, the significant thing about it is that the four members of the Committee in charge traveled more than 800 miles in order to be on hand. Each of them, Sam, Francis and Don Hanna and Marion Lee lives over 100 miles from Broken Bow. Not only that, but the lodge's E.R., Stanley Danekas lives 85 miles from his lodge, which means a round trip of 170 miles each time he goes to his club. Not only has he never missed a meeting or social function, he also makes at least one extra trip a week either to take care of lodge business, or hold ritualistic rehearsal with his officers. Speaking of ritualistic rehearsals, No. 1688, instituted in 1946, won the Nebraska Ritualistic Contest a year ago. Truly an outstanding branch of the Order. Broken Bow has become one of the finest in the State, now has over 500 members.



Lewistown, Pa., Lodge's celebration was an outstanding affair, with Grand Exalted Ruler Davis present to cut the Golden Jubilee "Birthday Cake", and Vice-President and Mrs. Alben W. Barkley as honored guests. Pictured here are Mr. and Mrs. Barkley, E.R. Fern B. Stuck, Secy. Perry L. Powell, General Chairman John W. Wilson, Edward D. Smith, Past State Pres., and other dignitaries.

LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE BULLETIN

Howard R. Davis Birthday Class

In tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Davis who was born in November, this month the lodges will initiate "Howard R. Davis Birthday Classes." You can still light a candle on the birthday cake by presenting your friend's application at the next lodge meeting.

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Your Activities Committee urges every lodge to intensify its dues-collection campaign so that we may attain our goal of a fully paid-up membership by December 1, 1951.

Memorial Sunday

The first Sunday in December is designated as Elk Memorial Sunday, when it is mandatory for each lodge to conduct a special ritualistic service in memory of our Departed Brothers. Lodge officers and Memorial Service Committees are encouraged to make their programs outstandingly significant, with effective speakers, appropriate music, newspaper coverage, and other special features. Make your Memorial Sunday a Community Day of Tribute by sending invi-

tations to families of Departed Brothers, to city officials and to the general public.

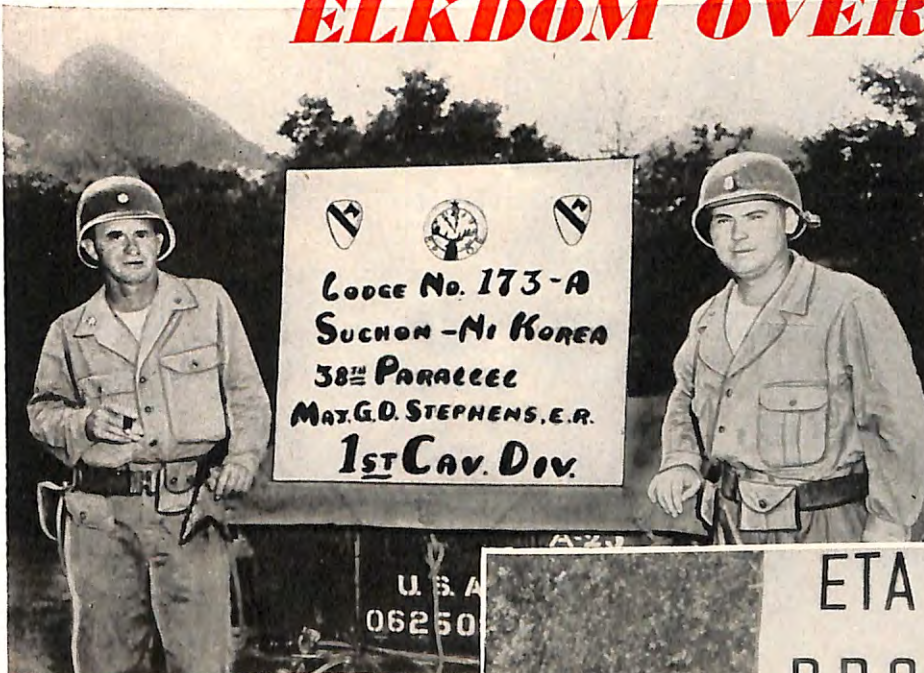
Three Grand Lodge awards will be presented for the most impressive programs conducted by lodges in each of three groups—over 1,000 members; between 500 and 1,000 members, and less than 500 members. All lodges are urged to send copies of their programs, invitational notices, publicity, photographs and other exhibits to James A. Bresnahan of the Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, 244 South Street, Fitchburg, Mass., no later than December 15, 1951. A story on the outstanding observances will appear in the Magazine.

Christmas Charity Events

For the first time, this year's Christmas charity programs of the lodges will be handled in the same manner as are the Memorial Sunday Services and other similar Elk events. Lodges are invited to submit reports on their Yuletide activities to Committeeman R. Leonard Bush, 225 N. LaBrea Ave., Inglewood, Calif., no later than January 15, 1952. The Magazine will also publish a report covering the Committee's decisions on these events.

LEE A. DONALDSON, Chairman

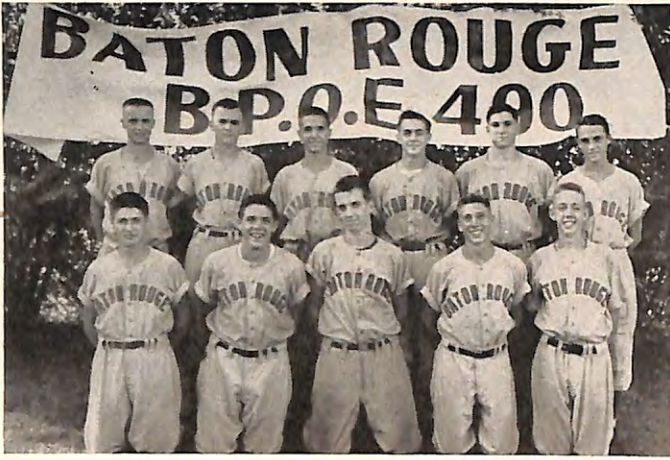
ELKDOM OVERSEAS



Left: With the 1st Cavalry Div. of the U. S. Army in Korea, two Elks on military leave organized their own lodge, No. 173A—a branch of Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis' Lodge, Williamsport, Pa., No. 173, of which Major George D. Stephens, left, is a member. Right is 1st Lt. Charles A. McAleer of Prince Georges County, Md., Lodge. Major Stephens was a member of the House and Entertainment Committees for No. 173; Lt. McAleer served on the Publicity and Charity Ball Committees for his lodge.



At right: These Elks, who are stationed at the Eta Jima Specialist School, have been conducting lodge sessions all year. Recently got together with their families for a Western-style steak roast. Standing: Maj. B. J. Fisher, Delta, Colo.; Col. L. J. Conway, Jackson, Mich.; Lt. Garrow Viers, Washington, D. C.; SFC Lawrence O'Donnell, Riverside, Calif.; Capt. Bert Strucel, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Seated: M/Sgt. Harold Alexander, Columbus, Ohio; Cpl. Richard Grigsby, Houston, Tex.; Capt. Cecil Hash, Monterey, Calif.; Sgt. William Honsinger, Odessa, Tex. Kneeling: M/Sgt. William Bennett, Bristol, Pa.; M/Sgt. I. S. Eintracht, San Francisco, Calif.



This is Baton Rouge, La., Lodge's third-place baseball team, sponsored in cooperation with the American Legion's Junior Baseball League.



These youngsters were guests of Bradford, Pa., Lodge on its annual Kiddies Day, when the Elks took them to see an exciting rodeo show.



Left: This photograph was taken when the Elks of New Brunswick, N. J., Lodge took these crippled children, with their attendants, on a gay and healthful outing, an annual event.

Below: Here are the staff and Troop captains who took care of the 110 less-chance youngsters who spent a vacation at camp as guests of the Missouri Elks. Three-year Chairman Guy D. Moore of the Boys Camp Committee reports a most successful 1951 season, as usual.



Below: The officers of Santa Monica, Calif., Lodge are pictured, top row, with the fine class of candidates they initiated recently.



Above: These are the Boy Scouts, sponsored by Savannah, Ga., Lodge, who were on duty caring for the hundreds of orphans treated to a picnic by the Elks who do this annually.

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LODGE NOTES



In our September issue we carried a photograph taken on the 60th Anniversary of YORK, PA., Lodge which, according to our caption, was instituted by Grand Exalted Ruler Edwin B. Hay, "the only man to be elected to that office twice." In no time at all, we heard about the error from a remarkably well-informed member, a resident of the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va. Brother O. F. Sessinghaus. The fact is that Brother Hay was certainly not the only man to hold that office twice; he was the only one to hold it *three* times. For the edification of our readers, there were several men who were elected twice—Joseph C. Pinkney, Frank Girard, Thomas E. Garrett, Hamilton E. Leach, Simon Quinlin and Meade D. Detweiler. A note of interest lies in the fact that the title of this office was originally "Exalted Grand Ruler". At the Convention at which the delegates decided to change this to "Grand Exalted Ruler", Simon Quinlin was re-elected, thereby becoming the last Exalted Grand Ruler, and the first Grand Exalted Ruler of the B. P. O. E. . . . News from VAN WERT, OHIO, Lodge informs us that in less than a year, the \$30,000 loan taken to complete the lodge's new home has been paid off . . . The members of CLIFTON, ARIZ., Lodge were honored by a visit from Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall not long ago, when he was honored guest at a banquet at which he delivered one of his dynamic addresses . . . Thomas C. Kenney is retiring as Secy. of MALDEN, MASS., Lodge after 25 years' devoted service . . . BRADFORD, PA., Lodge's annual Kiddies Day Program this year found 50 orphans as its guests. Accompanied by Est. Lead. Knight W. W. Milks, E.R. G. A. Herold, Est. Loyal Knight L. A. Smith, Esq. L. J. Freaney, and Ray Colosimo, Pres. of the Bradford Transportation Co., the youngsters were taken to Gerry, N. Y., in a chartered bus to see a rodeo and enjoy refreshments.



This handsome float, entered in Utah's Pioneer Day Parade by Salt Lake City Lodge, was built entirely by the Boys and Girls Club and Sea Scout Committees, and received honorable mention.



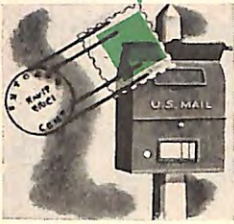
The home of San Jose, Calif., Lodge, given over to the Red Cross Blood Bank, was a beehive of activity during the Elk-sponsored Pereira Memorial Blood Bank, named in honor of their late Brother, Selah Pereira, in whose name 242 pints of the life-giving fluid were donated.



At the home of Medford, Ore., Lodge during one of the monthly visits of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank Unit, sponsored by the local Elks, this scene is repeated many times.

What Our Readers

Have to Say



The article "Communism — What You Can Do About It", in your July issue, is very fine

and worthwhile. I think you have done a patriotic service in publishing this article and hope that reprints will be available to your readers. Calling special attention of the Elks to this article and urging that they distribute copies of it would be an additional and important patriotic service, don't you think?

I hope reprints are available and that I can obtain some copies as early as convenient.

Mrs. O. J. Rentschler
Glendale, Calif.

Your articles on communism have been especially valuable to me because I have been working hard in our community as chairman of our American Flag Committee to fight this force. The article in the July issue on communism is wonderful and I am anxious to know if additional copies are available.

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

The writer, who belongs to the 37-year-club, has been reading your excellent Magazine for many years and thought it was about time to let you know how much I look forward to receiving it.

Felix A. Ury
Washington, D. C.

We at the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce have noted with pleasure the article on fishing derbies in the Pacific Northwest by William L. Worden in the September issue of *The Elks Magazine*. I thought you would like to know that this article has created considerable fa-

vorable comment in Tacoma and I am certain it is equally appreciated in other localities where fishing derby events are recognized. An item about the article appeared in the *Tacoma News-Tribune*. We are grateful for your consideration in publishing this article, publicizing as it does one of the many recreational activities of our cool evergreen country.

L. V. Hall, President
Tacoma Chamber of Commerce
Tacoma, Wash.

I enjoyed Dickson Hartwell's article "Fall For Travel" in the September issue very much. Many of the points of interest he wrote about were visited by my son (an Elk) and I several years ago and Mr. Hartwell's article recalled many pleasant memories.

Mrs. John S. Hofmeister, Sr.
Baltimore, Md.

I am a Life Member of B.P.O.E. No. 46 and particularly appreciated reading your article, "Communism—What You Can Do About It", in a recent issue. I think this article really hits the spot and I would like to have about a dozen reprints, if they are available.

Robert Pierre Druecker
Milwaukee, Wis.

Thank you very much for your prompt reply and handling of my letter seeking information relative to a contemplated trip to Yellowstone Park. The assistance I received was of great value on our trip. You are to be congratulated for the splendid service rendered by your Travel Department.

Frank J. Cave
Hagerstown, Md.

My appreciation for the splendid hospitality shown to me by your Travel Department. I believe a word of praise is due *The Elks Magazine* for the service its Travel Department renders to members.

John McKnight
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IF THINGS are beginning to get chilly around your neck of the woods, let me assure you that you'll find things snug and warm almost anywhere in Mexico. All you have to do, of course, is talk the boss out of a week or two in the dead of winter and head south. It won't be necessary to rob a bank because the current rate of exchange makes Mexico one of the cheapest places for Americans this side of Majorca or Peru, two well-known bargain-basement tourist buys. It will be possible for you to uncover first

class hotels in well-known resorts for less than \$10 a day American plan—including all meals.

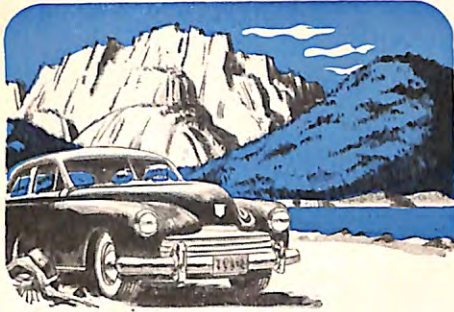
Travel within Mexico fans out of Mexico City. The capital, although it's in a valley, has an altitude of some 7,500 feet, a location which makes the breath come short the first few days and keeps the weather a perpetual spring all year. By all means bring a wool suit and even a topcoat.

Mexico City has so many new tall buildings that some returning natives in-

Ewing Galloway Photo



Flower-decked pleasure boats waiting for tourists at the floating gardens, Xochimilco, Mexico.



sist it is unrecognizable. Indians from the hinterlands still camp on the sidewalks selling newspapers and trinkets, and sometimes just begging. You'll find the Del Prado Hotel a perfect counterpart of a well-groomed Statler Hotel in the States. It has a total of 600 rooms with a bath for each and some with terraces. There is a nightclub, a dining room with murals done by Diego Rivera, a choice of several bars and a concourse with shops. The rates: from about \$4.50 a day. The Reforma Hotel on the Paseo de la Reforma, reminiscent of the Champs Elysées, is quiet, restrained and, in its way, like many of the elegant hotels of Europe. In the class of the middle-road commercial hotel are the Regis, the Prince, and the Ritz, where rooms are as low as \$2 a night.

STEAK FOR \$2.50

There are dozens of restaurants that serve Americanized and continental fare, and even at the most elegant ones like Les Ambassadeurs and the Jena you can eat steak for about \$2.50. When they are ready for the check Mexicans are fond of saying they want "*La Cuenta y un gendarme*," which is to say, "Bring the tab and a cop." It will almost never be necessary to ask for a policeman because, like hotel rates, the food prices are really fair. At any rate, every tourist, even if he has a stomach like a Bulgarian peasant, should avoid the tap water, raw vegetables and salads. He should view pork and fish as if it might have been cooked by Lucretia Borgia.

On Sunday afternoons Mexico City descends on the Plaza Mexico for the bullfights, a sight which frequently unbalances the digestion of an American watching the proceedings for the first time. To begin with, seats can be bought on the *sombra*, the shady side, or on the *sol*, the sunny side (cheaper). There are five bulls of an afternoon, and chances are you will have had enough before the sword has finished the last one. Before he enters the ring a metal prong with streamers is stuck in the bull's back. The colors show the farm which has bred him, and the prong is suitably annoying. Picadors come out on horseback bearing lances which they drive into the muscle in the bull's neck. Then comes a man called a *banderillero* who reaches over the bull's horns and sticks two barbed

rods called *banderillas* in the bull's back. After the bull receives six of these wounds and other indignities, the matador comes with cape and sword and after a series of passes, makes the kill.

When the matador performs with good and fearless technique the crowd shouts *olé!* And when he has been very good there will be a flutter of white handkerchiefs from the crowd, which represents their appeal to the judges to award the bullfighter the tail and the ears.

A less emotional way of spending Sunday is to take a visit to Xochimilco, 14 miles outside Mexico City. Xochimilco (they say so-chee-milko) is the home of the so-called "floating gardens". Little flower decked boats take tourists out for rides down the cypress-lined canals and around the islands which are supposed originally to have been rafts which eventually became entangled with underwater brush. Ultimately they grew into stationary islands.

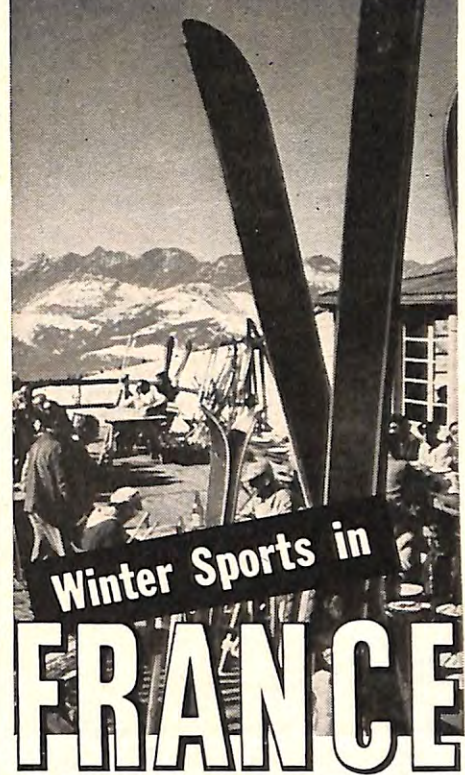
What makes Xochimilco such a spectacle is, first, the boats, which are indeed covered with fresh flowers. Each has a name spelled out in blooms. Some boats have such romantic monikers as Rosalita Carmelita, and others have such a commercial ring as Wells Fargo, the name of a travel agency. While the tourists glide along the waters, waterborne merchants paddle by, selling beer, blankets, pottery and even music. Photographers snap your picture on the way down stream and deliver the finished print on the way back, and there are dark and lovely Indian women with canoes full of orchids.

THREE COLORFUL RESORTS

Three of Mexico's most famous resorts are along a short, single route that ends at the Pacific: Cuernavaca, Taxco and Acapulco. The big wheels in the Aztec world had summer homes in Cuernavaca, and things haven't changed much since. In place of Aztec emperors there are now Texas oil millionaires, but Cuernavaca is just as popular. One of the most colorful places is the square, which has a covered rostrum in the center and is surrounded by shaded walks. Around the edge of the square are the carts of vendors who live from the tourists, and you can buy everything from tinware to shoes to modish blouses with Mexican

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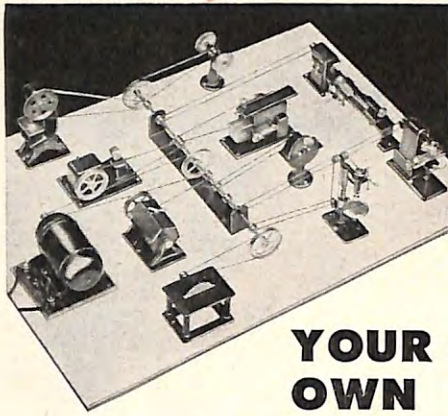


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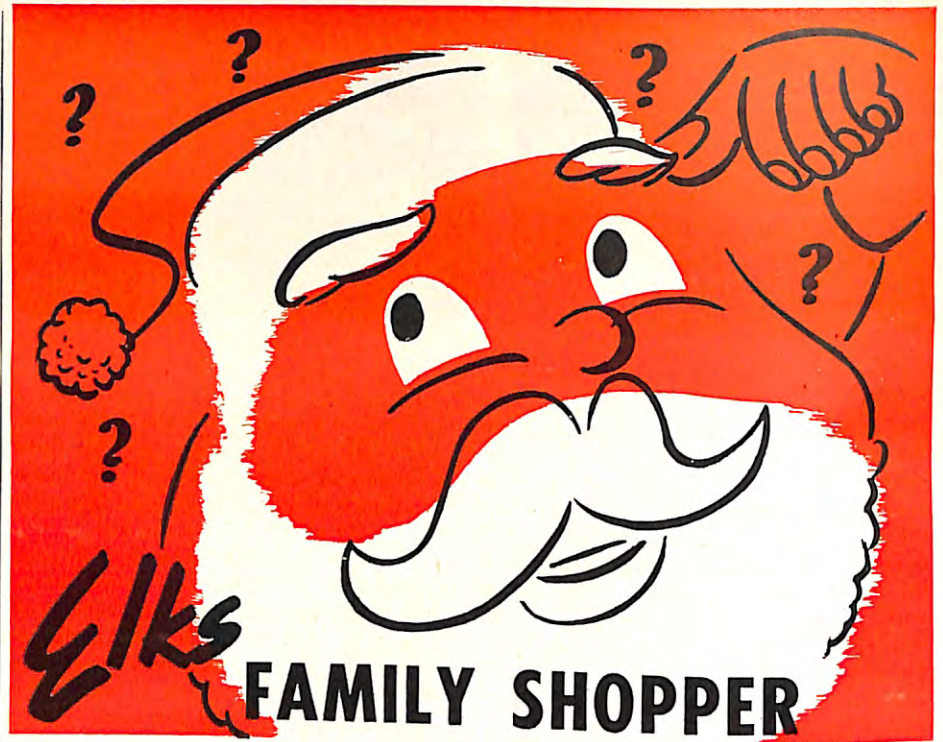
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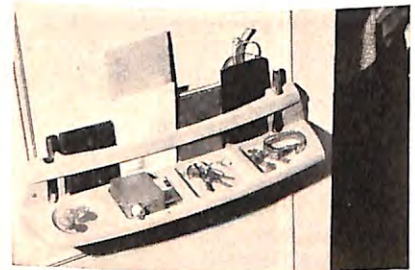
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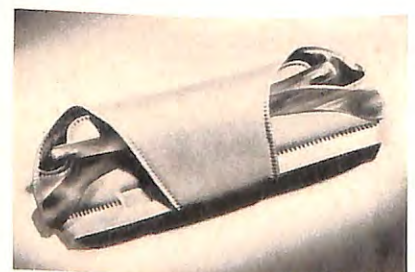
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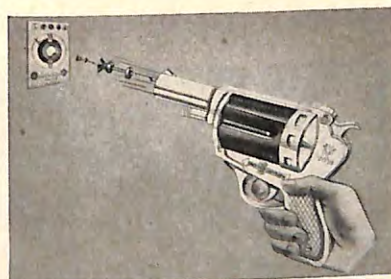


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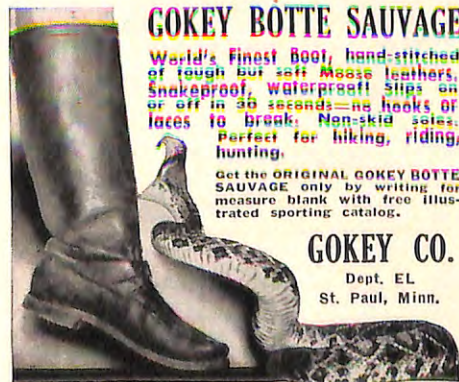
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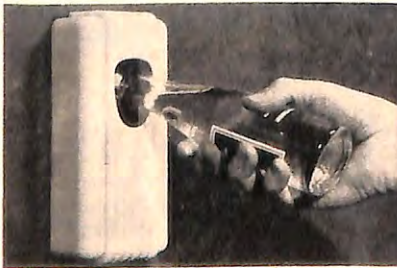
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The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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PRINCETON, ILL., LODGE, NO. 1461, which came into being largely through the efforts of Past Pres. Willis G. Maltby, the lodge's Secy., Wm. W. Wilson, and Charles W. Kittler, Chairman of the committee on arrangements. Past Pres. William S. Wolf was in charge of the institution ceremonies, and E.R. Joseph Riedel and his officers of LaSalle-Peru Lodge initiated a class of 350 Charter Members. Later the officers were installed by D.D. Harold F. Trapp, Jr. About 400 persons witnessed the ceremonies.

On Sept. 15th, Mr. Davis, with Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, James R. Nicholson, George I. Hall and Floyd E. Thompson attended the Fall Conference of Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of lodges of the three southeast Districts of New York State at the Commodore Hotel in New York City, and on the 16th, the program was repeated at the home of ONEIDA, N. Y., LODGE, NO. 767, for lodge officials of the seven up-state Districts of New York.

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dance and floor show took place. Other social activities included beach parties, a card party for the ladies, climaxed by the Association Banquet on the 30th, at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick installed the following officers: Pres., Gerald C. Nau, Elyria; Pres.-elect, Walter J. Beer, Lima; 1st Vice-Pres., Jos. E. Hurst, New Philadelphia; 2nd Vice-Pres., Willard J. Schwartz, Springfield; 3rd Vice-Pres., Wm. F. Kessler, Lancaster; Secy., (reelected) L. E. Strong, Canton; Treas., (reelected), C. W. Wallace, Columbus; Sgt.-at-Arms, James W. Plummer, Zanesville; Inner Guard, Edward D. Krebs, Elyria; Tiler, Robert P. Stoller, Van Wert; Trustee, for three years, Arthur E. Socin, Bucyrus.

Youngstown and Alliance Lodges won the Golf Tournament, and Cincinnati Lodge will be host to the Spring Conference of the Ohio State Elks Associations in April, 1952.

MINNESOTA

The 47th Annual Convention of the Minn. Elks Assn. had Brainerd Lodge No. 615 as host. On the first of the four-day conclave, delegates were welcomed by E.R. Wm. Van Essen, General Chairman G. W. Sweet and other local Elks, and that evening a dinner for State
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Below are West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge's Little League Baseball players who vied with seven other teams during the past season. Manager Bob Grafton stands at right while Coach Louis Crosby appears at left.



Below: This Little League group of Prescott was declared the Arizona Champion in the Tournament sponsored by Prescott Lodge under Rudy Espinoza and Andy Zinkl.



Below: These are the Little Leaguers of Norwich, N. Y., Lodge who took a game from the Bath Elks' Team at a contest played for the patients at the VA Hospital.



Above: AABA Tourney tickets are given to Johnstown, Pa., Lodge's Little League members by Maurice Meinert, following a banquet closing the season. Looking on are Elks Home Assn. Pres. Frank Ruff and E.R. F. J. McCormick. The Elks gave a cup to Tournament's runner-up team.



Clinton, Mass., Elks' Annual Outing Well Attended

The annual outing of Clinton Lodge No. 1306 for the benefit of the lodge's Veterans Charity Fund was a distinct success. A picnic and chowder luncheon were enjoyed by 250 patrons, with the main event of the day the concert program presented by the 18th U. S. Army Regimental Band of Fort Devens. Composed of 60 pieces, the musical aggregation gave great pleasure to a crowd of 1,200. Among those participating in the event, for which Robert E. Freel was General Chairman, were E.R. William E. Claremont and his officers, P.D.D. George O'Malley and many others.

State Championship Alliance, Ohio, Bowlers Fêted at Banquet

Members of the No. 6 team of the bowling league of Alliance Lodge No. 467 were honored recently with a banquet at the lodge home. The team won the five-team title at the 10th Annual State Tournament in Springfield this year. The trophy was presented to Capt. Joe Mills by F. L. Kimmel, Pres. of the Ohio Elks Bowling Assn., while the Assn.'s Secy., C. W. Stoneberger, made individual awards to the team members.

Carl Stoops, Pres. of the local Elks Bowling League, presided, and short

talks were made by those mentioned above, as well as State Bowling Assn. Vice-Pres. Frank Sellner and host lodge E.R. A. C. Foreman.

Greenwich, Conn., Elks Welcome D.D. Sommers

D.D. Joseph E. Sommers of Naugatuck paid his official visit to Greenwich Lodge No. 1150 recently, and was greeted graciously by a large group of the membership. Following a steak dinner at the "Town House", the group proceeded to the lodge's new home for the regular lodge session. A buffet luncheon closed the program.

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Assn. officers took place. Much of the time given to business was taken up by an illustrated lecture on cerebral palsy.

E. J. Curry of St. Paul was elected President until the 1952 meeting in Alexandria. He will be assisted by 1st Vice-Pres., Dr. M. H. Carlson, Brainerd; 2nd Vice-Pres., Dr. John D. Mitchell, Duluth; 3rd Vice-Pres., Joseph Manderfeld, Mankato; Treas. (reelected), Oscar C. Paulson, Thief River Falls; Trustee, V. L. Howerton, Virginia, who will serve with E. Archie Cook of St. Cloud, and John Meurer of Minneapolis; Chaplain, Thomas H. Lyons, Duluth, and Tiler, Anthony Randig, Mankato.

Minneapolis Lodge took the State Ritualistic Championship for the second consecutive time, in a contest participated in by teams from Hibbing and Rochester Lodges.

Thousands of people witnessed the huge Elks parade in which many bands, drum corps, floats and marchers participated, after which the host lodge entertained the delegates at a reception. The Convention banquet, held in the Armory, was attended by over 500 Elks and their ladies who were welcomed by Mayor Levi Johnson. Ralph Strasen acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the special speaker, Bert A. Thompson, Activities Coordinator of the Grand Lodge who delivered an impressive address.

COLORADO

The 48th Annual Convention of the Colo. Elks Assn. took place during the second week of Sept. with Pueblo Lodge No. 90 providing fine entertainment for the more than 1,500 delegates and their ladies. Among the distinguished guests were Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, who delivered two impressive addresses during the four-day conclave, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen and Grand Est. Lect. Knight L. G. Mehse. Former Grand Chaplain Rev. George A. Nuckolls was an inspired speaker at the Memorial Services.

Greeley Lodge's Ritualistic Team, which took top honors in the National Contests the last two years, won first place in the State competition. At the business sessions a special and continuous program was outlined for the maintenance of Elks Laradon Hall, the school for exceptional children sponsored by the Colo. Elks during the past three years.

Colorado's new officers are: Pres., C. J. Williams, Walsenburg; Vice-Presidents, Ralph Rieves, Colorado Springs, and R. A. Drehle, Littleton; Treas., Victor De Merschman, Grand Junction; Secy., Frank H. Buskirk, Montrose; Tiler, Fred L. Applegate, Lamar; Sgt.-at-Arms, Donald O'Rourke, Telluride; Chaplain, Frank Furphy, Walsenburg. Fay A. Bennett of Salida was elected a five-year Trustee, to serve with Byron Albert, Fort Collins; R. I. McBroom, Pueblo; Wilbur Wambaugh, Leadville, and Glenn Ellington, Delta.

NEW MEXICO

E. L. Harbaugh of Roswell was elected Pres. of the New Mexico Elks Assn. at its 1951 Convention in Hobbs, and Artesia was selected as the 1952 meeting place.

Chairman M. B. Chase of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee was an honored guest at this conclave at which it was decided to place a complete and comprehensive cerebral palsy program in the hands of a committee of 15, representing each lodge in the State. Chairman James Baird of the Assn.'s Cerebral Palsy Committee reported that the lodges had paid \$30,400 to the Fund, on the \$80,000 which has been pledged.

More than 600 Elks and their ladies attended this meeting, at which the 109 delegates elected the following officers: Vice-Presidents (N.), George A. Fleming, Las Vegas; (S.), James H. Kinkema, Lordsburg; Secy., H. G. Zike, Roswell; Treas., James B. Thompson, Albuquerque; Trustees: Samuel Teitelbaum, Gallup (one year), A. L. McKnight, Hobbs (three years); other Trustees are Ashley C. Thompson, Albuquerque; Joe A. Falletti, Raton, and Bill Colvert, Carlsbad.

Entertainment included a chuck wagon supper, a Dr. I.Q. radio program, and a dance. A breakfast and trip to Carlsbad Caverns were special features provided for the ladies.

FLORIDA

Walter J. Matherly of Gainesville, Dean of Business Administration of the University of Florida, was elected Pres. of the Florida State Elks Assn., Inc., at its Convention in Daytona Beach this year.

Jacksonville Lodge took State Ritualistic Team honors over four other entries, and the guest of honor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz who addressed the delegates, presented the \$300 "Most Valuable Student" Award to Elizabeth Ann Osborne. Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a \$35,000 check to the Harry-Anna Home from an estate, and an \$800 check from the Elks National Foundation.

Other guests included Past Grand Esquire Chelsie J. Senerchia, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight James A. Dunn, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Walter I. Hawkins and Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee Chairman W. A. Wall. Officers of this group until the 1952 meeting in St. Petersburg are Vice-Presidents Al Coe, Sanford; L. Lester Crook, Clearwater; Hon. Harold Spaet, Miami Beach; Alton B. Boyd, Panama City, G. P. LeMoyne, Fort Myers; Treas., Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee; Secy., James J. Fernandez, Umatilla; reelected to the Board of Directors, for a term of five years, Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami.

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Cracking the Iron Curtain

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spirit that accompanied it. From here on, you are listening to Stanislaw Mikolajczyk:

The kind of power the Kremlin dreams of is the kind of power exercised by the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt—total mastery of a population of slaves.

In 1939, the slave population under control of the Kremlin was 300 million. Now, 12 years later, it is 800 million. What it will be 12 years from now depends upon how the Western World reacts to this menace to civilization, the nature of which the Western World, at long last, is beginning to understand.

There are few families in any of the ten captive countries behind the Iron Curtain which have not, in the past five years, lost one or more of their members to a forced labor camp. Millions of "disobedient" citizens, wakened by a knock on the door at midnight, have been carried off to slow torture and death.

If supplied with a "normal" food allowance, the average victim is able to remain alive for about three years, but no more. If he fails to produce the "norm" set for him, he is deprived of food and worked longer hours, and his life expectancy dwindles to a few months. If he is sick when he gets to the slave camp, he will be driven to death in a comparatively few days.

From an economic point of view, this might seem a foolhardy waste of human productive resources, for even slaves would produce more if given better treatment. But that is not the Kremlin's sole objective. In its captive countries there are still millions of educated middle-class men and women whose very existence is considered a threat to the Communist world.

And so the slave camps play a dual role. They produce raw and finished materials with forced labor and liquidate the laborer at the same time. They maintain their labor force at a fairly constant rate by operating in meat grinder fashion—taking the living into their maw, grinding the victims into mass graves and refilling the gaps with new "recruits" from the populations of the captive countries, loaded onto freight cars at midnight.

Not all "disobedient" persons in the captive countries are dispatched to slave labor camps. Some are considered potentially useful where they are, either because of some special ability or because of their influence in their local community. In these cases, persuasion will be used.

"Come along with us," a native Communist agent will urge. "After all," he says with apparent logic, "what alternative have you? We have been sold out by the West. There is absolutely nothing we can do by ourselves. No one in the world outside our country knows of our condition or wants to do anything for us

if they do know. If you resist, you will be punished. If you come along with us, you and your family will be safe."

Until recently, this argument was tremendously effective. For years, newspapers and radio, under total Communist control, brought only one message: "Russia is the friend of mankind. Russia is the only powerful nation on earth. Western capitalism is doomed. In Europe and the Far East the people are rising against the decadent West. Communism soon will conquer the world."

If, day in and day out, year in and year out, this is all you hear, and all you know—how long can the human mind and spirit stand out? If it is true that no one in the world is thinking of you; that the West, which liberated the world from Nazism, has now withdrawn in isolation or lost its will or power to resist; that the collapse of the Western World is inevit-

able and the rise of Communism throughout the earth certain beyond all doubt—why not give in? Why subject your family to the threat of terror and yourself to the shameful fate of a maltreated work animal?

Thus the last spark of hope dies out. The will to resist is gone. There is no desire to play the Communist game with sincerity, but that is not expected of you. All that is asked of you is that you conform, and persuade your friends to conform. That is all. You know that, eventually, because you are not wholly reliable, your time will come to be shipped off somewhere; that the knock on the door at midnight will carry you away, as millions of others have been carried away. But not now. Now, for a while, you can have peace. The in-between kind of peace of knowing that you have been deserted by the world,

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that until you have finished serving your purpose for your new masters you may sleep throughout the night. And so you join the Party, or at least resign yourself to its demands, and become "obedient".

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How? When?

These are important questions in the minds of our people behind the Iron Curtain. But they are not the most important questions. The most important questions now have been answered. Like one who has fallen into a dark pit, the essential need is to have your cry for help heard, and to hear in turn the call of a rescue party, assuring you that you have been located, that your plight is understood and that efforts are being made to get you out.

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It is not so important now, how or when. It is sufficient for the moment to know that there will be a termination date. You may not live to see it, but your children and your grandchildren will. And that, surely, is enough.

BELA FABIAN

BELA FABIAN was president of the Independent Democratic Party of Hungary, and a member of the Hungarian Parliament for 17 years. He has fought a physical as well as verbal war all his life against the alternating Red and White Terrors of left and right totalitarian despots in Hungary. He was confined in no less than nine different concentration camps, including the particularly dreadful gas-chamber extermination camp, Auschwitz. That he lives at all is a miracle. That he has written and had published a number of revealing books about the Communists has added

greatly to Western knowledge of Russian policy and programs. His most recent book, "Cardinal Mindszenty", was published in the United States just two years ago.

How effective are American efforts to reach the people behind the Iron Curtain in Hungary? Let me tell you, said Bela Fabian, what happened when Radio Free Europe made its first broadcast to my country on July 6th of last year.

This incident took place in the lobby of the Hotel Bristol, in Budapest. Every evening, for several years, the radio in the lobby had been tuned in to gypsy music. That evening was no different from the thousand others that preceded it. Suddenly the music stopped, and listeners gathered in the lobby were electrified by a voice which said: "This is Radio Free Europe. We are going to tell you the truth. We are going to tell you about the falsity of the Russian propaganda you have had to listen to." And this it proceeded to do, thoroughly. This was a new impact. From that moment on, all over Hungary, wherever there are radios there are listeners to Radio Free Europe.

Let me tell you a story that describes whether people in my country are listening to what we in exile say to them. It concerns a young woman who approached a policeman wearing a wrist watch and asked him, "Officer, can you tell me the time?" Looking up in the air, the policeman replied, "It is just nine o'clock."

"How do you know?" she said. "You didn't look at your watch."

"That is not necessary," he said. "If you'll just look up, you will see everyone closing their windows. That means they are tuning in to Radio Free Europe. It comes on at nine o'clock."

Now you want to know, even if the people listen, what good does it do? When our people are told that there is a strong free world outside the Iron Curtain, what good is that to them?

It is good for many reasons. We who speak on Radio Free Europe to our own people, speak to them about their own troubles. We do not spend our time telling them how wonderful it is not to be a slave of the Kremlin. They know that.

They want news of what is going on inside their own country. They suspect that what comes to them from the People's Radio and from their Communist newspapers is less than the truth.

Of what benefit is it for them to learn the truth? We have hundreds of letters from all kinds of people behind the Iron Curtain in Hungary. This one, from a woman who is a wife and mother, tells us: "We do not have enough food, we have no medicine when we need it, and our living conditions are very bad. But we do not mind this now. It is better than food and medicine for us to get your good, honest radio program."

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the Russians have their army, and where the NKVD sees all and hears all. But what is possible is the promotion of resistance and sabotage. And now that our people know that there is hope for them in the outside world, this goes on in spite of the Russians.

In the past eighteen months, no less than three Ministers of the Interior in succession have been executed by the Russians. They were not traitors to the Kremlin. One of them was John Kadar, a faithful Communist, who was personal secretary to Matyas Rakosi, General Secretary of the Communist Party, the highest ranking Communist in Hungary.

All three were executed on the charge of being "American spies". Actually, they were killed because they had failed to accomplish what their Russian masters in the Kremlin at Moscow demanded of them—an end to passive resistance by the Hungarian people.

GRIGORE GAFENCU

GRIGORE GAFENCU, in the late 1930's, was Minister of Foreign Affairs in King Carol's coalition government of Romania. He was a leader of the National Peasant Party, and previously had held several high government posts.

In Romania, the voice of Radio Free Europe is not widely heard, for there are not too many individually owned radios in that country. Curiously enough, this does not render the Radio Free Europe ineffectual so far as Romania is concerned, according to Mr. Gafencu. Its effect comes to the Romanian people in reverse, so to speak, as he explains in his story of what is going on behind the Iron Curtain in Romania, which follows:

During the past year, Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America have been broadcasting to the Romanian people about conditions inside their country and about the growing resistance to Russian aggression. Night and day, the Communists have been firing barrages of propaganda over their own radio stations in a frantic effort to combat this news from the outside world.

Even though our people may not hear most of the American programs, they know that in the United States their condition is sympathetically understood. They know it because, when the Communist radio tells our people, as it constantly does, about "plots" by the United States and Britain for an "aggressive war," they learn that the Western world is girding itself well against our enemies.

A few weeks ago, in San Francisco,

there was held the conference to sign a peace treaty with Japan. Forty-nine nations which had been at war with Japan signed that treaty. The Soviet Union and its satellites did not sign it. Over the Communist radio in Romania, the United States was denounced as an imperialist nation which now had made a treaty of war, not peace, against the Soviet Union. And so, again our people knew that the Western World was standing fast against Soviet aggression.

The Romanian people do not believe that war is inevitable, but they are not afraid of war. The confidence and reliance they once placed on France and England now has been transferred to America. As long as they know, even from Communist sources, that the spirit and will of America is strong, their own faith will not grow dim.

What we Romanians are deathly afraid of, is a policy of "containment". We believe that a policy of containing Russia on the other side of the present Iron Curtain will solve nothing. Our spirit is kept alive only by one belief: that the United States and allied nations will grow so strong that they can insist that the captive nations of Europe must be liberated; that self-determination of nations according to the Atlantic Charter must be enforced; and that this principle, when the Western World will have grown strong through its present program of rearmament and atomic weapons development, must be implemented.

This is a challenge in which there must be acceptance of the risk of war in the struggle for peace. In defying the Kremlin at San Francisco, the Western World accepted that risk.

Time is of the essence to captive nations behind the Iron Curtain. There is growing up a new generation of children under the control of the Kremlin's agents. That they may grow up indoctrinated with a hatred of the West and a loyalty to the Kremlin, is a great danger to the freedom of our country and to that of other nations such as ours.

My people live in hope of freedom. They wait to share the fight for their freedom. But the battle must not be too long in coming, else we, and others in our plight, will be lost.

VACLOVAS SIDZIKAIUSKAS

VACLOVAS SIDZIKAIUSKAS was Lithuania's Minister to London. The Hague, Berne and other Western capitals before the war. He was Director of Civil and Criminal Law in Lithuania, and has held many other government positions of



authority at home and abroad. He converses fluently in English, French, German, Russian, Polish and Spanish, in addition to his own language. Seized by the Nazi Gestapo in March, 1941, he spent 20 months as prisoner No. 24,477 in concentration camps at Soldau and Auschwitz.

Lithuania is probably the smallest captive country, in population, behind the Iron Curtain. Its last census, before the war, totalled a little less than 3,000,000. But the smallest thing in Lithuania is its Communist Party, which numbers among its members only 700 persons.

Escape from Lithuania is less difficult than from other captive countries in Europe, according to Mr. Sidzikauskas, because Lithuania borders on the Baltic Sea. Information from Lithuania, therefore, is available frequently from those who make their way to England, Sweden and Norway through the Kremlin's Iron "sieve".

Mr. Sidzikauskas tells us his people are convinced that the end of Kremlin domination is on its way, and that the encouragement given by the people of America will hasten that devoutly-to-be-sought-for event. Here is the way he sees this situation developing, in his own words:

IN Lithuania, the people wait for their day of liberation. For them the Voice of America radio program has confirmed their faith that the outside world has not abandoned them. On that radio program, the lies of Soviet propaganda have been contradicted; and soon, within the next few weeks, the new transmitter of Radio Free Europe of the Crusade for Freedom will begin operating to Lithuania, and then we shall be able to tell our people not only the truth about America, but the truth about what is going on in Lithuania, which they can only guess at now.

In the past ten years, the people of Lithuania have learned that while conquerors come and go, none goes of his own accord. They are convinced, from their experience, that a peaceful release from Communist enslavement is remote. They believe that since Communism relies solely on force, only force can destroy it. They know that the nature of Communism is dynamic, and that unless it expands it will burn itself out, and so it must expand or die. They believe the free nations are faced with a choice between two extreme courses: either capitulate to Russia, or fight.

The Crusade for Freedom, the Voice of America and other agencies that bring the truth behind the Iron Curtain are the most important instruments of our time. They encourage our people to adapt themselves to their present situation instead of destroying themselves by premature revolt. They show our people how to obstruct the schemes of the Kremlin, and yet prevent deportation from overtaking them; they inspire our men and women to remain intact for the day



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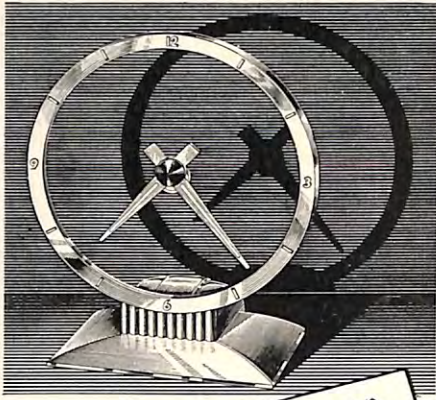
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STEFAN OSUSKY

STEFAN OSUSKY was Minister of State of the Czechoslovak Government-In-Exile, in London, during the war. He was a close confidant of President Eduard Benes, but he did not subscribe to Benes' belief that the destiny of Czechoslovakia must be linked to Russia because Russia would be the one remaining great Power on the continent of Europe after the war.

Here, in Osusky's own words, are the reasons why Czechoslovakia was resigned to bleak despair for several years after the end of the war, and why despair has now given way to exciting hope:

For several years the Czechoslovak people were convinced that their future was hopeless. From the Western World came no sign that their predicament was understood. Though the official Voice of America rebuked the Russians when it began to be heard through the Iron Curtain, nevertheless it observed the rules of the game of diplomatic relations and was guided by the fact that the Communist puppet government of Czechoslovakia was recognized by Washington. From the Voice of America our people learned that their lot was known in the United States, but they entertained no hope that anything would be done about it.

Early last year something new was added, when Radio Free Europe began its broadcasts to Czechoslovakia. Sixteen million Americans had voluntarily subscribed funds for this new effort. That one fact in itself—that so many millions of Americans were tossing their dollars into this effort of their own free will—created a revolution in the minds of our people. What this has accomplished, in the face of Soviet brutality for the slightest deviation from Communist authority, is almost unbelievable.

The Communists cannot retaliate by depriving the people of their radios,

for the continuance of Soviet power in Czechoslovakia depends largely on hammering away at the people constantly over those same radios. They are the Kremlin's principal means of enforcement of Communist authority.

During the war, the Nazis were confronted with the same problem. The Czechoslovak Government-In-Exile in London proved then that the voices of our exiles could keep hope alive and resistance at a high pitch. What is taking place in Czechoslovakia today proves it now.

Early this year Klement Gottwald, the Communist puppet President of Czechoslovakia, demanded delivery to the government of 2,500,000 tons of wheat. The peasants complied with less than half that quantity, only 1,200,000 tons, and the Communists have been unable to find out what happened to the rest. It is nowhere to be found.

In June of this year, Deputy Secretary General Josef Frank, a member of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, declared that the Czechoslovak three-year economic plan had been a failure.

At the end of the war, the Russians took 34 per cent of all the machinery in Czechoslovakia and transported it to Russia in the vain hope that Czech workers would follow. Now the Russians are beginning to return it whence it came in the hope that Czech workers may be persuaded to produce for Russia's needs in their own homeland. According to reports from Czechoslovakia, they are just two years too late.

The great variety of programs inaugurated by the Kremlin to whip up production, to make the people subservient, to teach adherence to the Kremlin's Party Line, are beginning to fall by the wayside. Purges are taking place of loyal Communists who are unable to deliver in accordance with the Kremlin's budgets and quotas. Three of Czechoslovakia's leading Communist officials are now in prison, only for that reason: Vlado Clementis, Foreign Minister; Karel Husak, Premier of the Slovak Govern-

**The Crane, the Oyster
and the Fisherman**

THE Kremlin is no lion. It is a jackal that feeds on the kill of others. Communism has grown to its present proportions over the prostrate bodies of nations that have torn each other asunder.

Nowhere in the world has the Kremlin gained adherents through the power of persuasion or on its own initiative. The strength of every captive country first had been sapped by sabotage and treason, or its power to resist destroyed by Nazi or Japanese aggression.

The history of the past two decades has strengthened the Kremlin's belief in the Communist theory that the capitalist world will destroy itself. It should also provide a lesson to the capitalist world, which a Chinese proverb illustrates well: When the crane and the oyster quarrel, the fisherman picks both up—The Author.

ment; and Laco Novomesky, Minister of Education.

The history of the people of most of the captive Iron Curtain countries is a long record of captivity by one empire builder or another; they achieved self-determination in 1918, but no freedom; they became captives of Hitler who impressed upon them that the Germans were a superior race; they are now enslaved by Stalin, whose Communist officials treat them like serfs.

For the people of those captive countries, the complete circle has been made—from feudal serfdom to Communist serfdom. They want neither. Promises of liberation from the grip of Soviet Russia must offer them something better than fetters of a different kind from those they now endure. The only thing they want, and the only thing they would be willing to lay down their lives for—is the principle of the Equality of Man.

If we set our sights on that principle, there will be no Third World War. The Communists, through their periodic purges, are undermining the pyramid of their strength. What is left is a band of desperate men in the Kremlin who fear each other, and who are held together only by the common bond of fear of Stalin.

Stalin is ill and growing old, and there are four principal contenders for his throne: Malenkov, Bulganin, Molotov, and Beria. There can be no consortium of power in a dictatorship. On the day that Stalin dies, one of these four must take over. When that happens, Stalin's successor must, of necessity, liquidate the other three and all their followers; and in their place substitute supporters of his own. This will mean, in Russia, as it has meant every few years, a purge of thousands upon thousands of officials down through every stratum of Soviet life—and a consequent further weakening of the Soviet state.

On the day that Stalin draws his last breath, the hollow shell of Soviet unity will break with a resounding crash. On that day the sabotage, resistance and underground activities of the captive countries will be unleashed; the peoples behind the Iron Curtain, with the help of the Western World, will make their break for freedom; and the power of the Kremlin at long last will be destroyed.

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Author's Note: "Why," I asked Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, "do the people of your country think we are doing all this? It takes great amounts of money, much valuable time, and tremendous numbers of people. We Americans are looked upon by most of the world as dollar-chasers, busy competing with each other for profits; and as a nation, competing for profits with other nations. If that is what we are, and what we do—why are we doing this?"

"We know," answered Mikolajczyk, "that this is true only in part. We know

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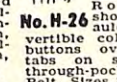
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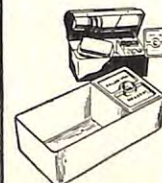
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from a spirit of idealism, after you have it; and that, very importantly, you now understand that we are living in a smaller world than existed before the war, and that your own security is inevitably bound up with our own."

Rod and Gun

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in a shanty on stilts that was completely surrounded by children. I guess he was a good guide in that he knew the boundary lines of the area we were supposed to hunt in. Maybe I have put that wrong. He seemed to know more about where we were not supposed to hunt, for every time we found a likely looking bit of cover he warned us off. He knew the boundaries of that plantation the way Ted Williams knows left field.

Corey and Mac had to go back, and we decided to start at daybreak and hunt hard.

Optimism such as we three had was hard to dampen. We killed a few birds, but the second day was no better than the first one. On the third day it looked as though we were going to come into our own. Corey's setter found a spanking big covey, and we lined up and did our duty. Of course, we didn't kill as many as we thought we were going to when the covey exploded. It is seldom that I do. It is so easy to lay down a nice double as you walk up behind a pointing dog. It is something else again when the birds are in the air and twisting away.

Bright and early we called for our guide at his cabin and were told by a colored woman that Jake's mother had been taken ill suddenly and Jake was already gone with her to the hospital. Motioning to a half-grown boy standing at the end of the porch, she said,

"He'll take you birdin'. Maybe he'll smell on 'em for you. He knows more about quails than his pappy."

"What's his name?" Corey asked.
"Franklin D. Roosevelt Parrish," answered the old lady.

We watched them as they sailed down the hill and out over a big broom sedge field to scatter far and wide just the way we would have ordered it. Now we would locate them one at a time and take turns working on the singles.

Before we were out of sight of the car Franklin had shown us two coveys of quail. He knew the boundaries of the plantation, and to play safe we asked him if we could follow the coveys and shoot singles. He assured us that we could. After we had worked on the scattered birds of the second covey we started back, but Franklin said there was another covey right here at the base of the hill. We couldn't believe him, but he insisted until Corey and I walked along with him while Mac waited.

"Y'all caint go down thar," announced Jake. "Them birds is offen our land."

"Right thar," he said, pointing at a little thicket through which cat briars twined edged with lespedeza. Just then Corey's setter swung toward it and froze in a solid point. I think the dog should have honored Franklin's point and backed him as a good dog should, for certainly Franklin found the birds and pointed first.

There they were scattered out as nicely as if they had been laid out by hand. There we were, drooling at the mouth. And there was Jake, and Jake said—No! He sure broke our fever, but we turned away and went on looking for another covey that would stay within bounds.

We moved in and the covey came out, and I got that double. Now this was something to stop and talk about. I was about to tell just how I did it when suddenly Franklin said, "Thar's that man!"

I have always thought there was an affinity between the share-cropper Negro of the deep South and bobwhite. The best place to look for birds is often around the garden plots back of a Negro cabin—if the occupant of the cabin doesn't object, and he usually does. He hunts, but he rarely hunts quail. He satisfies his stastivic urge and his stomach with rabbits and 'possums while quail he likes to have around the house.

We stopped talking and could hear someone coming down a nearby road.

By evening we had regained a little of our former optimism, for we had one more day. By now we knew the plantation almost as well as Jake did, and we knew where we had found birds. We could at least hunt where we knew birds had been, even though there hadn't been many of them. It would have been so much nicer to have reported that bang-up quail hunt we had hoped for, but I can only put it down as it happened. We could hunt until noon on this last call as

"What man?" I asked.
Franklin's eyes seemed wider than usual. He had settled some toward the ground as though he was about to flush. "Man who owns dis place," he whispered. "We better git from here."

Again we didn't follow the singles. It was nice while it lasted, but we had no desire to trespass and we told Franklin that we were well satisfied and would be on our way. Returning to the car, Corey and Franklin carried on quite a conversation. It went something like this.

"Who were you named for?"
"Me?"
"Sure. Who was Franklin D. Roosevelt?"
"Tha's me."

"You mean you never heard of any other Franklin D. Roosevelt?"

"No, suh."

"What does the D stand for?"

"It stands 'fore Roosevelt."

Dumb? Maybe so and maybe not. Negroes have a keen sense of humor. Maybe he was entertaining us. At least his head was working when we reached the car.

We chipped in and gave him three dollar bills for his mornings work. He looked at them and blinked his eyes, then turned to Corey, who gave him the money:

"Capt'n, you caint quit huntin' now. I knows whar there's five more covays. Yassuh! Five of 'em. One of 'em so tame you can call 'em right up. They's whar

we call the town birds. They's right behind the store at the crossroads. And y'all can get somethin' to eat there. They's got ice cream, coca-cola and candy."

I would like to say that being experienced men of the world we just laughed, finished putting our guns away and left. But we're hunters, eternally optimistic, willing to grab at any excuse to keep from putting guns away for the season. We loaded Franklin in the car and went to the crossroads store to look for the town covey. Midday and as hot as a firecracker! Not a feather did we find. After we gave up the expedition and drove away Franklin was standing in the doorway with ice cream, coca-cola and candy.

For Elks Who Travel

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coins for buttons. Peons with 20 baskets atop their heads brush past socialites who have a house with swimming pool at the edge of town. And tiny Mexican lads who don't speak English peddle the English-language "Mexico News", a tabloid which carries six pages of American comics and virtually every syndicated column available.

Typical of the hotels in Cuernavaca is the Mandel, just outside town on the road from Mexico City. It drips with bougainvillea and green foliage, has a lovely Spanish aspect and a deep cool swimming pool. Every room has a bath. A double room with three meals a day costs less than \$10 for two people. Should you want to bother with running into town for your meals, the European plan rate for two is about \$4 a day. Dinner at the hotel would cost about \$1.25.

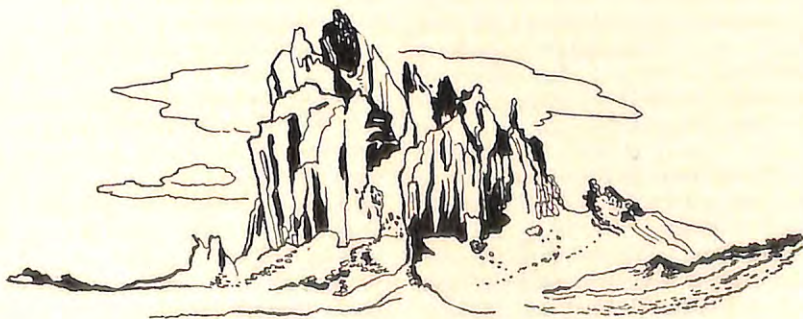
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Cuernavaca, which incidentally has an elevation of 5,000 feet, and is warm and sunny, is about 40 miles from Mexico City. Fifty-two miles farther on is Taxco, a tiny cobblestoned little town splattered all over a hillside. It is so uneven that the hotels, particularly the Rancho Telva and the Victoria, are built on several different levels. The only flat part of town is the square, which is dominated

by the famous church of San Sebastian y Santa Prisca.

Cortes and his cohorts found great deposits of silver in Taxco, but it took a French miner named de la Borda, two centuries later, to develop the place as a silver center. De la Borda got so rich that he built the church and gave it to the town. Taxco is still in the silver trade and there are dozens of shops all over town which offer a fantastic variety of jewelry, candelabras, salad forks, ashtrays, and whiskey glasses, all of silver. Many also sell beautiful articles fashioned of shiny tin—picture frames, Indian masks, waste paper baskets—none of which cost much more than a dollar. Other stores, taking advantage of the presence of tourists who presumably have been lulled into a buying mood, offer paintings, dresses and furniture. Among the better sights in town is the home of Fidel Figueroa, a Mexican artist who has amassed a wonderful collection of old Mexican things and loaded them into a showplace of a house. Aside from his living quarters, he uses part of the space to display his oils and water colors, and his sister maintains a gift shop on the same premises.

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A Day for Misty

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until McDougals and Duffeys have become almost as numerous as the pine trees on Indian Hill. Not many of them have ever gone away from the valley and stayed. Of course, the young men went away to the wars, but those who were fortunate enough to come safely through returned to build their homes in the valley.

Until four years ago the two families never mixed except on one day of the year. The McDougals stayed on their side of the creek and the Duffeys on theirs. They were not enemies, but one would not exactly call them friends. That has all been changed. Now they mix and mingle at all times of the year. That change did not come by accident, but through the superb courage of Misty Marie. That's why I heaped her mound high and put a rich pine knot at her head.

For two generations the families have been rivals in the raising of blooded fox hounds. Almost by the time they can say "Mama", the youngsters are taught to blow a hunting horn and recognize the voices of the different hounds. Red foxes have always had their dens around the rim of the hills and have set a pattern of fast running for the McDougal and Duffey packs.

Until four years ago the McDougals and Duffeys met on that one day of each year to pit their packs against each other and thereby discover the best hound in the valley. This event was an all-day affair and brought out every man, woman, child and hound from both sides of the creek. It always began with a lot of good natured bantering, but that quickly ended when the oldest man of each clan sounded a horn and the hounds were brought forward. From then on there was a tenseness which never ended until the last race was run.

For the hounds it was no pink tea affair. There were no ribbons to be won and no rewards except maybe a pat on the head and an extra feed. Nothing counted in those trials except skill, speed and endurance. Sometimes there were as many as a hundred hounds and all were released at the same time. They were ex-

pected to go forth at once and seek the trail of a red fox. They were expected to trail him until they put him on the run, then run him until he was caught or forced to hole up. In either case they were supposed to go at once in search of another one and thus continue until the final horns were sounded. Any hound which failed to do these things would soon find himself sold across the hills, or even given away to some fellow who didn't care what kind of a hound he owned. It was a certain fact that a hound which failed to do his best at these trials forever forfeited the right to wear a McDougal or Duffey collar.

These events were always judged by the oldest man of each clan. Both were unusually expert in their knowledge of hounds, and it is interesting to note that there was never a disagreement at the close of the day as to which was the best hound. There was always sure to be one outstanding enough to be recognized by both men. Since the beginning of my 'teen-age days the leaders of the clans have been Kane Duffey and Uncle Loftus McDougal. Kane is a short, bowlegged fellow with the traditional handlebar mustache of the older Duffey men and a head as bald as a September onion. Uncle Loftus is a giant with a Santa Claus beard and long gray hair which always looks as if it had just been in the path of a tornado. The opinions and judgments of these two men are usually highly considered by the members of their respective clans. Not only is this true in the matter of hounds, but also in most everything else.

It was at one of those annual hound trials that I first took notice of Mona Duffey. That's a strange thing to say, since by law the McDougal and Duffey kids had always been required to attend the same school. I had been seeing Mona since she was in the first grade, but had paid no especial attention to her except to notice that she had dark hair and eyes and always seemed a bit scrawny for her age. If I had ever spoken a word to her I didn't remember it.

It's strange how a fellow can see a girl

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all of his life and then suddenly really see her for the first time. But that's what happened to me. It happened on the day that our Singing Mary first won the meet over the Duffeys' Traveling Man. It was in the middle of a race that I first noticed Mona. She was standing against a pine tree and leaning slightly forward toward the surging pack. The hill wind was touching her hair and rippling the green plaid skirt she wore. I noted then that she was not scrawny at all, but small and slender and dainty.

As if feeling my eyes upon her she turned and looked straight at me. I would never have believed that a Duffey or anyone else for that matter would ever make my heart jump like a scared rabbit, but that's what happened when she smiled at me. It was a brief smile, but it was sufficient to change the course of my life. It did so many things to me that I didn't even smile back until she had turned away.

In a few minutes, however, I gathered the courage to move over and lean against the opposite side of the pine. "They're breathing on his heels," I said.

Her eyes met mine around the trunk of the tree, and color flooded her face. "Yes," she replied after a moment, "they're driving him hard. Which McDougal hound is that leading the pack?"

"Singing Mary," I told her, thinking more about the softness of her voice than about my hound crying at the head of the pack.

"Uncle Kane's Traveling Man is trying hard to catch her, but I don't think he can do it."

"He may," I said. "He was good enough to win last year."

"One year makes a lot of difference, though," she said.

"Yes," I replied. "One year makes a lot of difference." I was remembering that I hadn't even noticed her a year before.

WE didn't say much more that day, but I was conscious of her presence even when the hounds drove a white-tipped red straight across the hill in plain sight of everyone. Singing Mary was still leading, with Traveling Man crowding at her heels and the rest of the pack strung out behind. At any other time I would have yelled my head off, but I just stood still, remembering that Mona Duffey was leaning against the other side of the pine.

Singing Mary was the winner at the close of the day. Kane Duffey was the first to admit it. "It's her day, Loftus," he said. "It's her day and she won it fairly."

"Traveling Man gave her a close call, though," said Uncle Loftus. "He was breathing on her heels every step of the way."

"But that was the best he could do. Like you and me, Loftus, he's been around too long to do much more winning."

"He's a great hound, though," said

Uncle Loftus. "Great enough to win four times in a row."

"From now on he'll just be a great has-been," said Kane sadly.

"Well, Kane," said Uncle Loftus slowly, "a great has-been is better than a never-has-been-great."

It was really a sad day for the Duffeys. They had built high hopes on Traveling Man's making his fifth straight win. Their hopes had died long before the end of the day. Though game to the last, Traveling Man had gradually lost ground until Singing Mary was crying far ahead when the last fox took to his den.

It had been a great day for me. My hound had won, but even as I snapped my chain to her collar, I was watching my chain to her collar, I was watching Mona Duffey. I jumped when Uncle Loftus roared, "Pat her on the head, Boy. She deserves it." I jumped and then realized that he was talking about the hound.

That day marked the beginning of something which caused much talk among the McDougals and the Duffeys. I began to cross the creek to see Mona. Such a thing had never happened before. No McDougal had ever crossed to court a Duffey, or a Duffey to court a McDougal. For several weeks no one said anything to me or to Mona about it. We gathered enough snatches of conversation, however, to know that our folks were talking.

Finally I went to see Mona one evening and found her Uncle Kane sitting alone on the porch. He came straight to the point. "Boy, what are your intentions on this side of the creek?" he asked.

I stammered a little and then managed to get it out. "I'm aiming to marry Mona," I said.

He nodded and stroked both ends of his mustache. "That's what she tells me," he said slowly. Then his manner became brisk. "But it won't work," he said. "The Duffeys and McDougals have never crossed their foxhounds or their children, and there's no sense in beginning it now."

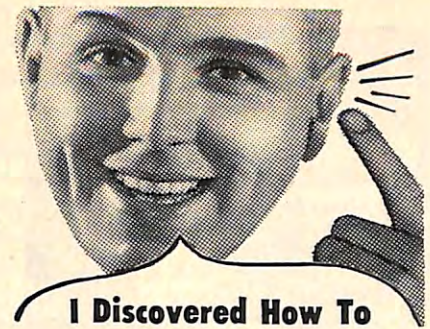
"Why won't it work, Uncle Kane?" asked Mona, who had come to the door behind him. "Why isn't there sense in it?" she pressed before he had time to answer her first question.

"It just wouldn't," he replied, twisting his neck so he could see Mona. "It just wouldn't and I'm against it. No good could possibly come of crossing a Duffey and a McDougal."

We argued and pleaded, but it did no good. He simply repeated over and over, "No good could possibly come of it." His parting words were, "I'm not telling you to stay on your side of the creek, young man. I'm just saying that I'm against any marrying between McDougals and Duffeys."

Mona and I talked for a long time that night, but could think of nothing which might change her Uncle Kane's mind. "We ought to just go ahead and marry in spite of him," I finally blurted angrily.

"We could do that," said Mona thought-



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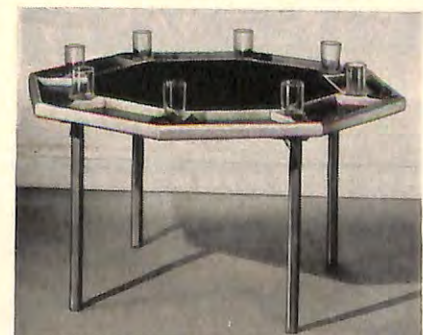
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fully, "but Martin, it would mean that we would have to live outside of the Valley. Things would never be pleasant if we tried to live here. Even if we came back for a visit, things would not be right. You and I love this Valley, and there must be some way in which we can build a home within its boundaries and live at peace with our families."

"I'll talk to Uncle Loftus tomorrow," I said glumly. "Perhaps he won't be against it, and maybe I can persuade him to talk to your Uncle."

I talked with Uncle Loftus, all right, but he stomped the floor and roared like an angry lion. "Kane Duffey is right," he said. "No good could come of it. Be just like spitting into the wind, and there's a proverb which says that a man who spitteth into the wind spitteth in his own face. We're all right on our side of the creek and the Duffeys on theirs. Let well enough do."

I was sick and disgusted with such clannish foolishness, and more than half a mind to fly the coop with Mona and stay beyond the Valley. Common sense told me, however, that we would be wanting to return, and if we went against the wills of the two old men there would be no returning in peace.

"If there is no other way," said Mona, "I'll go with you, and we'll stay away from the Valley forever. But let's wait awhile, Martin. Surely there will come a day when we can marry and live in peace in our Valley."

The days which followed had no wings and their slow crawling brought no hope for Mona and me. I saw her once a week

and we dreamed dreams which seemed as hemmed in as valley echoes. They just bounced against the walls of the old men's opposition and came right back into our laps. We felt that there were McDougals and Duffeys who favored our marriage, but, according to family custom, they would never speak out against the opinions of the old men.

Those days of hopelessness were winter days. Finally they passed, and Spring came to the Valley. One bright morning I began the building of a new kennel fence. It was the time of year when most McDougals and Duffeys tried to raise a fresh supply of puppies. I was building the new fence with the intention of raising a litter from Singing Mary. She had plenty of time to raise them and still be ready to try for another win at the annual meet. She had been shut up in her house for several days, and I could hear her whimpering softly as I hammered on the fence.

I was hammering and thinking of Mona when suddenly an idea struck me with such force that I dropped the hammer and stood still scratching my head and thinking. Out of the idea came a plan. If it worked, it might mean that Mona and I could marry with the blessings of the old men. If it failed, they would be more set against our wedding than ever. It was a long chance, but it would be better than waiting month after month without doing anything.

That night I asked Mona if she could borrow Uncle Kane's hunting horn for me. "I'll just want it two or three days," I told her.

"Sure I can borrow it for you," she

**LACK OF CIVIL DEFENSE INVITES
DISASTER, HALLINAN WARNS**

ANY community that has failed to organize an efficient civilian defense program is inviting disaster," Chairman James T. Hallinan of the Elks National Service Commission warned last month in making a second appeal to Elks lodges to take the lead in establishing adequate protection for America's communities against enemy attack.

The warning followed announcement by this government, later confirmed by Soviet sources, that Russia had touched off a second atomic blast.

Chairman Hallinan said that Elks lodges had adopted the Order's Civilian Defense Program in many communities since its formation last spring, but too many have neglected this responsibility.

"Inability of governmental agencies to achieve an adequate state of preparedness makes it more urgent that we, as Elks, who are leaders in our communities, assume the responsibility to provide the best possible protection for our families, our homes and our country. Our largest cities, great industrial centers that constitute the arsenal of freedom, are practically defenseless against atomic attack despite the repeated warnings that Russia, the outwaring."

The National Service Commission again urged Elks lodges to adopt the Civilian Defense Program as a major activity. Chief points of the program are:

1. Establishment of a Lodge Civilian Defense Committee;
2. Offer of lodge's physical facilities for use as decontamination, communications or first aid center;
3. Enlistment of lodge's able-bodied membership in civilian defense organization.

said. "It's hanging in yonder on the gun peg now. I know he's not aiming to hunt for a few days because his rheumatism is giving him trouble. You can take it and he won't even miss it. But why do you want it?"

"Just for an experiment," I said. "The most important experiment I ever made."

That's all I told her, but I got the beautiful silver-banded horn which had been in the family for generations. I got it and handled it tenderly until I returned it.

Singing Mary's puppies came in due time, but only one lived and I called her Misty Marie. She was a trim little thing. Most of her body was white except for a black saddle back. Her legs and head were tan, and all four of her feet snow white. Never in my memory had there been a hound in the valley colored like her.

I reared her carefully and said not a word to anyone about her. Not even to Mona. She was four months old by the time of the autumn hound trials. Of course, I left her at home and carried her mother. I stood with Mona as Singing Mary won again. Traveling Man was too old to try that year. I should have thrown my hat into the air and shouted over the victory, but I just stood and watched silently as the two old men patted Singing Mary's head. I watched and thought bitterly of the old men.

Well-bred fox hounds begin to learn early that their sole purpose in life is to run fox. I began to train Misty when she was six months old. I didn't let her run in the valley because I wasn't ready for anyone to see her or hear her voice. I carried her with her mother far beyond the hills, and there she learned her first lessons. By the time she was ten months old she was running mighty close to her mother's heels. At a year I could tell little difference in their speed. She had also learned to trail and hug a track with uncanny skill. Her voice sent tingles up my spine. She gave it in a series of fast chops interspersed with high-pitched yodels which always called for an encore of beautiful echoes.

AS the time for the annual trials approached, I began to be afraid of my plan. After all, it seemed like rank foolishness to run a pup of sixteen months against veterans of the trails. What if she should be disturbed by the crowd on Indian Hill and by the strange hounds? What if she should make such a poor showing that she would become the laughing stock of the crowd? I had confidence in Misty Marie, yet those questions troubled me. Then, too, I realized that I wasn't being fair to her, because I knew that many ambitious young hounds had been physically wrecked by being thrown too soon into hard races against stiff competition.

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they were dreams which had waited too long already.

When the horns sounded and I led Misty around to the casting point, there were many eyes upon her and much whispering by McDougals and Duffeys. I was pleased that she seemed undisturbed by the crowd or by the other hounds. She wagged her tail happily and pulled at the chain as if anxious to be off on the trails. A cousin was holding Singing Mary, and the old hound touched noses with her pup as if to say, "Don't be afraid. I'm here."

When the hounds were released Misty raced away with the pack. All talk then was in muffled tones as everyone listened for the opening hound. My eyes sought Mona, and I found that she was watching me questioningly. I knew she was wondering why I hadn't told her about the pup. I didn't go to her then because I didn't want to answer her questions until I knew what Misty would do.

TEN minutes after the hounds were cast, my spine tingled as I heard a high-pitched yodel. All around I could hear McDougals and Duffeys asking, "Whose hound was that?" I was the only one who knew that it was the trailing voice of Misty Marie. In a few minutes there came two fast chops followed by another yodel. That meant the trail was warmer. Then the voice of Singing Mary joined that of her daughter. Other hounds began to give mouth, and soon the wily red was on the run.

Even as the pack roared around the edge of the hill I could hear Misty. Others were hearing her, too, and trying to identify her.

"It's not one of ours," said Kane Duffey, shaking his head.
 "Nor ours," said Uncle Loftus.
 "It's my pup," I put in.
 "Your pup?" questioned Uncle Loftus.
 "How old is she?"
 "Sixteen months," I said.

Word soon passed through the crowd that the hound with the beautiful new voice belonged to me. Mona smiled when she heard it. That smile more than repaid me for all the trouble I had had in raising Misty.

The pack began to climb the hill toward a regular crossing about three hundred yards from where we stood. It was easy then to tell that Misty was running ahead. The crowd surged toward the crossing, and was no more than a hundred yards away when the fox crossed. He was a large fellow with a white-tipped tail which was swinging merrily as he ran at full speed.

The roaring of the pack filled our ears as it topped the hill. Into plain view came Misty, running with head high and giving mouth at every jump. She was a full thirty steps ahead of her mother, and the next nearest hound was that distance behind Singing Mary. I was too excited to say even a word as they swept over the hill and out of sight.

There was a moment of complete silence. Kane Duffey was twisting one side of his mustache and Uncle Loftus was stroking his beard. Kane was the first to break the silence.

"Did you say sixteen months?" he asked, looking at me.
 "Yes," I said. "Sixteen months."
 He shook his head slowly. "I never saw a pup run like that," he said.
 "Nor I," said Uncle Loftus.
 "A thousand-dollar mouth, too," said Kane half to himself.
 "Or a thousand and a half," said Uncle Loftus.

Well, it was Misty's day. All day long she swept across the hills crying at the head of the pack. There was great astonishment among the McDougals and the Duffeys. They were accustomed to good hounds, but they had never heard a puppy run like that. When the day was ended and she came to the horn, they crowded around and looked at her with admiration.

Then Kane Duffy asked me the question I had been expecting. "What is her breeding?" he asked.
 "She is the daughter of Singing Mary," I said.

"Who was her sire?" he asked impatiently.
 "Traveling Man," I said loud enough for everyone to hear.

"What?"
 "Yes," I said. "Traveling Man. I borrowed your horn and blew him in one night when everyone was asleep. This is his daughter. She is a cross between a McDougal and a Duffey. I call her Misty for her mother's mother, and Marie for her daddy's mother."

Uncle Loftus and Kane Duffey looked at each other for a moment, then roared with laughter. The crowd joined in.

When Uncle Loftus could talk he looked at me and said, "Martin, you're pretty smart."
 "Yes," agreed Kane. "almost smart enough to be a Duffey."

Well, that was a day Mona and I shall always remember. We built our house down by the creek, and often McDougals and Duffeys sit together at our table. They, too, will always remember that day, and the clear sweet voice of Misty Marie. She will be spoken of many times as McDougals and Duffeys hunt their hounds together along the banks of our swift flowing creek, or on the crests of our pine-clad hills.

But that day left its mark on Misty Marie. This morning when I went out to feed her I found that she had gone down the last long trail. She lay as if asleep, and her head was toward Indian Hill.

So I carried her to Indian Hill at sunrise, and heaped her up a good mound and put a pine knot at her head while the wind sang a dirge among the pines and a woodpecker beat a solemn drum on a hollow oak. Then I blew two long blasts on my horn, and the echoes came back to linger where I stood.

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the kennel is kept—whether it's clean and whether the dogs seem happy and healthy. Of course, a buyer should get the necessary papers on the dog—certificate of registration and pedigree—if the dog is a pure-bred. These papers should be made out by the breeder or seller of the dog and notification sent to the American Kennel Club (if the puppy already is registered) so that the transfer can be noted officially in the AKC books.

When selecting a puppy the wise buyer will choose the lively, aggressive tyke that stands out from the others in the litter and is unafraid when he is handled by a stranger. If the pup bosses others in the litter, so much the better. A healthy-looking pink tongue is important evidence of the pup's condition, unless it's a chow chow; then the tongue should be black. (Incidentally, contrary to a popular misconception, for all other breeds black on the roof of the mouth is no indication that the dog is pure-bred.) A clean breath is also important to a healthy puppy, and its eyes should be clear and bright, particularly the whites. By the way, here's a trick to pass on to prospective dog owners. If, when called, a pup turns his eyes toward you before turning his head, this is a good sign of his alertness and an indication of good health (a sickly pup is seldom wide-awake).

THE careful buyer also avoids the puppy with the swollen tummy, unless the purchase is made right after feeding time—which we wouldn't say is exactly the ideal time to buy a dog. The balloon stomach may be evidence of internal parasites, and while all dogs are troubled with such pests at some time or other, it's a good idea not to start off with a youngster that's already bothered this way. The healthy pup will have a lustrous, glistening coat; the unhealthy one will probably wear a coat that is dull and bedraggled.

Okay, I know how you feel about this, so let's get it off your chest—a very young dog should not be bought as a playmate for a very young child. No youngster under seven or eight should be permitted to rule the destiny of a puppy three or four months old, which is the best age to buy a pup. Even the most good-natured child occasionally gets pretty rough with its pets.

Another thing you'd better tell our puppy shopper is not to worry if the dog suddenly gets shy and retiring and remains so for a week or more after being introduced into its new home. Remember, it's just become part of an alien world. Fortunately, most puppies adapt themselves to new environments quite readily.

The lady from Miami also asked us what price she should pay for the pup. Now, how can we answer that? It depends on the quality and breed of the

dog—its breeding has much to do with it; another factor is just how anxious the owner is to sell the pup. Sometimes an excellent kennel will find itself overstocked, and there's no profit in keeping a dog into adulthood unless it happens to be a good show prospect. For a dog that is not of show promise, but is sold as a house-pet, the cost is much lower, naturally. Furthermore, the size of the breed has a lot to do with the price; it costs the owner or breeder a lot more to raise a husky St. Bernard than it does to bring along one of those little fellows of book-end size, or one of the smaller terriers or spaniels. Of course, Mrs. T. S. will have her pup inoculated against distemper soon after she gets him; this isn't a guarantee that the dog won't contract the disease, but it's so nearly certain that the precaution should not be overlooked.

M. F. of Lewiston, Me. (don't know whether he's an Elk or not) wants to know how to go about making his dog a fighter. You tell 'im, pooch—the answer is, DON'T. Dog-fighting is outlawed, properly so, and, besides, the war-like house pet can be a fearful nuisance and possibly a legal liability.

J. O'T. of Alexandria, Va., finds dog-bathing a problem. That's easy—any of the reputable, advertised dog-bathing preparations, soaps, etc., are good. Let's tell Mr. O'T. about that dry bath, which solves the usually messy problem of dog-dunking; it's also recommended by vets as a scourge to fleas and other undesirable dog boarders. Anyone else who wants to know about it need only drop us a line.

L. F. of Tacoma, Wash., asks what he should put in his puppy's dinner pail. Here are a few suggestions for a four-month-old pup. A little fellow that age can absorb five feedings a day, but not all full-size meals. For example, for breakfast a raw egg broken over an unsweetened cereal (the egg can be alternated with a cup of milk). At noontime, a quarter of a pound of chopped meat—raw or cooked beef, cooked lamb or veal, never pork. To the meat add a crumbled slice of toast, a quarter of a dog biscuit or a whole puppy biscuit. In midafternoon, a portion of dry puppyfood with a cup of milk. In the evening, another quarter-pound of meat (cooked horse-meat is excellent) to which can be added an equal amount of commercial puppyfood. When using the commercial dog foods, you'll usually find intelligent feeding instructions on the cans. Nearly all the well known, advertised puppy and dog foods are dependable and nutritious. The prepared dog foods seem to contain some special items that are particularly savory to most dogs and it's seldom that Rover walks away from his meal before it is finished. Now, what's wrong?

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CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER



The U. S. Supreme Court's decision upholding the conviction of the 11 members of the American Communist Politburo for conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of this government by force was regarded by some as a weakening of the safeguard of the right of free speech which Justice Holmes erected when he enunciated the doctrine of clear and present danger 32 years ago. Such a fear rests upon a conception of the doctrine that is so narrow as to rob it of all logic and justice.

It is well to remember that Justice Holmes, in establishing the test of clear and present danger, also declared that, "If the act (speaking, or circulating a paper), its tendency and the intent with which it is done are the same, we perceive no ground for saying that success alone warrants making the act a crime."

In line with this was the majority opinion delivered by Chief Justice Vinson in the Politburo case. Discussing the clear and present danger doctrine, the Chief Justice declared that it "cannot mean that before the government may act, it must wait until the Putsch is about to be executed, the plans laid and the signal is awaited". The Court held in effect that the conspiracy was a clear and present danger even though the conspirators had not acted, or probably would fail if they did act, to put their conspiracy into effect.

Those who feel that this judgment represents a fresh viewpoint in American law will be interested to know that it is right in line with an opinion handed down 29 years earlier by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, when he was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois. That opinion sustained the conviction of William Lloyd Bross and others for violating an Illinois statute very similar to the Smith Act, under which the 11 Politburo members were prosecuted. Chief Justice Thompson's remarks are well worth quoting. He declared:

"Manifestly, the legislature has authority to forbid the advocacy of a doctrine designed and intended to overthrow the government without waiting until there is a present and imminent danger of the success of the plan advocated. If the State were compelled to wait until the apprehended danger became certain, then its right to protect itself would come into being simultaneously with the overthrow of the government, when there would be neither prosecuting officers nor courts for the enforcement of the law. . . . It is not necessary that there be a real or actual effort to carry out the program."

Sound law is simply the application of common sense, and that strikes us as being common sense indeed, then, as now.

Events of the intervening 29 years have amply sup-

ported Justice Thompson's warning, made in that opinion, that, "it behooves Americans to be on their guard to meet and combat the (Communist) movement, which, if permitted to progress as contemplated, may undermine and endanger our cherished institutions of liberty and equality".

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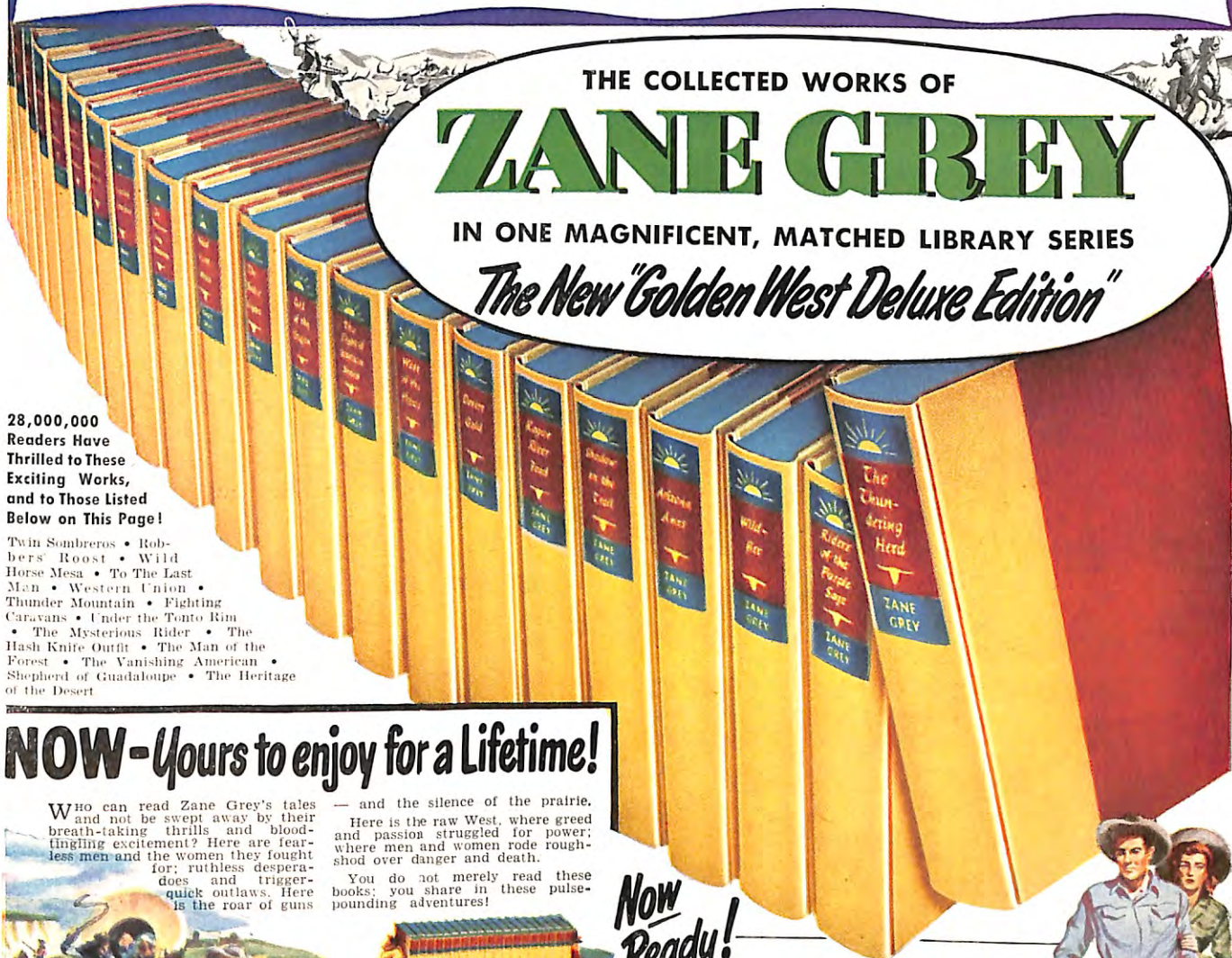
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