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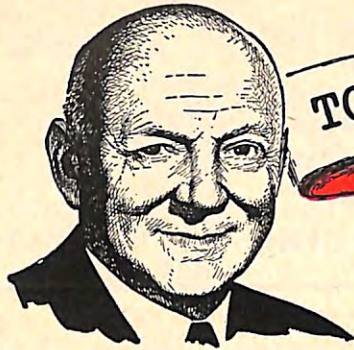
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



IT'S CHERRY blossom time in Washington, the season of the year when thousands of visitors come to the Nation's Capital to look at the entrancing mantle of white which rings the tidal basin. This year the festival, beginning April 2, is a five-day affair, and in circus superlatives would be called colossal and mammoth. It's an elaborate show with a huge parade of floats. As we look back over the years, the cherry trees, presented by the Japanese government as a gesture of friendship, are a living example of good public relations. A statue or a monument would have been acceptable, of course, but every cherry tree around the basin is worth a million dollars and more to this world center. From the material point of view, you could figure the money spent by cherry blossom visitors each year in the hotels, restaurants and stores of Washington, the railroad, bus and airplane fares, the garages and parking lot fees, the movies and the theatres, in the millions of dollars. Beyond that the people who come to see the blossoms are truly inspired by their sheer beauty. Beautiful things promote love and friendship. All through the dark days of World War II the cherry blossoms bloomed each Spring, and those who thrilled at their delicate lacery somehow or other felt the everyday folks of America and the common people of Japan wanted peace, not war. Pearl Harbor and the war are now things of the past. Perhaps the cherry blossoms will have a deeper meaning, a reminder every springtime that the United States and Japan are friendly neighbors even though the broad Pacific lies between the two countries. Now that all is serene and the peace treaty signed, perhaps the cherry blossoms will be good and bloom at the right time instead of coming out too early or too late for the festival.

ENGINES OF DESTRUCTION

Changes in military destructiveness are taking place more swiftly now than at any time in history, Air Force Secretary Finletter declares. Development of jet propulsion is terrifying in its amazing possibilities. It now takes nearly 24 months to produce combat and heavy transport planes, meaning the time between appropriations and actual delivery. A World War II fighter plane weighed 9,500 pounds, had 1500 horsepower, a climb of 35,000 feet and a top speed of

around 500 miles per hour. Today's fighter planes weigh 14,000 pounds, have 10,000 horsepower, a climb of 45,000 feet and a top speed of 700 miles an hour. In World War II it took 1,100 drawings to make a fighter plane. Now it takes 6,572. The World War II fighter had 515 wires totalling 1,545 feet. Today the fighter has 5,500 wires totalling 22,916 feet. That's why it will be another year before our new planes begin rolling off assembly lines in quantities.

MELLON MEMORIAL

Another beautiful attraction, the \$325,000 Mellon Memorial Fountain, will be unveiled during April. It is located in front of the magnificent National Gallery of Art and at the present time is housed in what Director David E. Finley of the gallery calls a "wretched box". The bronze and granite fountain honors Andrew W. Mellon, former Secretary of the Treasury who gave the art gallery to the nation in 1941. It was completed too late last Fall to landscape the grounds and turn on the water. A central spout of water will fall into a small upper bowl from which the overflow will fall into a main basin of bronze and then roll into a lower granite pool about 53 feet in diameter. Cost of the memorial was financed by a group of Pittsburgh citizens.

LEOPARD SKIN RUG

The unpretentious Korean Embassy out Massachusetts Avenue in a section known as "embassy row" has something the big mansions might envy. It's the rug of 60 matched leopard skins, 18 x 9 feet in size, which disappeared from Chang Duk Palace in Seoul a year ago and turned up in Pueblo, Colo. Army Sgt. Elverne H. Giltner bought it from a peddler for \$25 and sent it home. His parents turned it over to the Customs Service and it has been placed in the Embassy for safe keeping. Eventually it will be returned to its owner in Korea. A nice room-sized rug, worth \$100,000, which the Red invaders didn't get.

SURPLUS LABOR AREAS

Labor Department has listed 18 areas where a surplus of labor exists and to which government contracts and purchases should be directed. They are: New York, Detroit, Providence, Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton, Grand Rapids and Flint, Scran-

ton, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Fall River and Lawrence, Altoona, Brockton and Lowell, Atlantic City, Asheville, Manchester, Terre Haute and Laredo. All of these areas have unemployment of 6 per cent or more and are favored spots for defense orders.

FOOD GIVE-AWAY

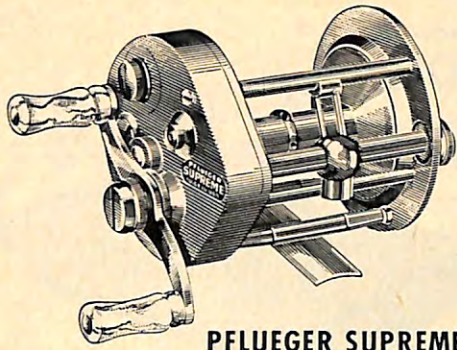
The District Board of Education gives away huge quantities of surplus food to schools and institutions here. The give-away is tied in with the National School Lunch Act program designed to get rid of food bought by the Agriculture Department. Figures for the school year include potatoes, 1,644,800 pounds; butter, 113,792 pounds; apples, 12,000 bushels; dried eggs, 32,000 pounds and dried milk, 68,000 pounds. In addition the District got \$215,783 in cash payments under the lunch act.

SHORTAGES UNKNOWN

Extent of shortages in government acquired wheat and corn stored in private warehouses will never be known. It's too expensive a job for the Agriculture Department to check. Uncle Sam put up \$1.4 billion dollars for the grain in order to keep prices up. It is stored in some 12,500 places and Agriculture has only 15 inspectors to watch it. These inspectors check the grain for deterioration to keep it from spoiling. They have no time or facilities to check it for quantity. To keep track of illegal grain sales by checking warehouse records would cost \$20 million a year, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan says.

CAPITAL CUTLETS

More than two million workers were disabled last year by work injuries. . . . Threats against the life of the President increased 43 per cent last year, U. E. Baughman, Secret Service chief says. There were 3,629 threats. . . . A Senate study estimates new farm machinery will replace 1,500,000 workers by 1960. . . . Some hotels already are receiving room reservations for next January's inaugural parade. Who will be in it? . . . Employment is expected to reach a record 63,000,000 persons by mid-summer. . . . Value of the nation's output of goods and services reached \$328 billion for the past year, compared with \$283 billion the year before.



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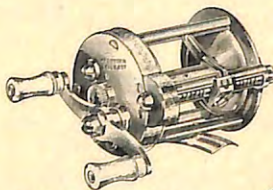


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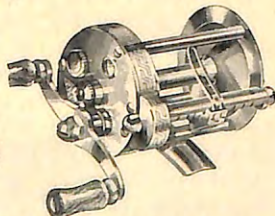
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What Our Readers



Have to Say

I am just one member of the great family of Brother Elks but I wish to express, and join with the thousands in congratulating you and your editorial staff, our appreciation for one of the outstanding, fine magazines: *The Elks Magazine*. It is one of the best mediums in promoting the cardinal principles of Elkdom—so much needed by the sick world as a cure which would lead to true peace.

Very Rev. Msgr. N. J. Woloshuk
Ambridge, Pa.

A bouquet for the covers of your magazine. The man in charge of these interesting true-to-life pictures is to be complimented for the great art of these pictures. They are better than many magazine covers of today.

Mrs. Curt Gross
Greenlawn, L. I., N. Y.

I have been reading *The Elks Magazine* from the time of its inception, and it is and has been an outstanding publication, promoting the fraternal and social interests of Elkdom.

James W. Doncaster, PER
Beaver Falls, Pa.

Mr. Stanley Frank's article, "Are We Cheating Our Children?" which appeared in the March issue of *The Elks Magazine*, is one of the best articles I have ever read concerning our public school crisis.

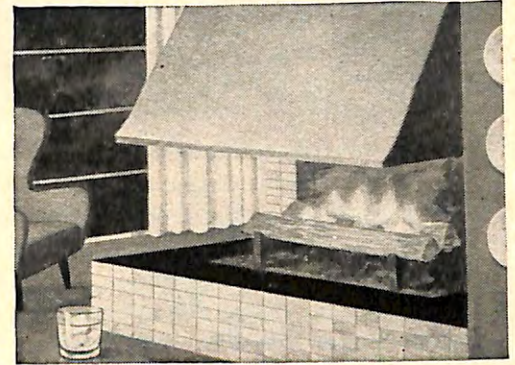
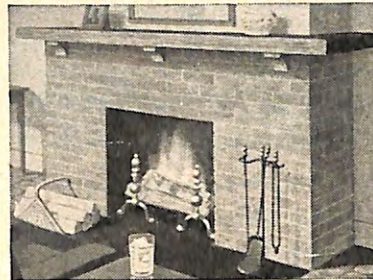
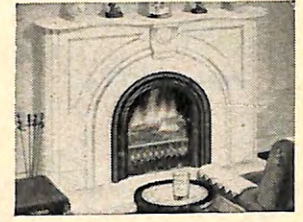
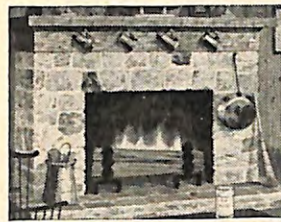
Rex Putnam
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Division of General Education
Salem, Ore.

I have carefully read Mr. Frank's article, "Are We Cheating Our Children?" and it is my opinion that you and Mr. Frank deserve a big vote of thanks from the boys and girls of America. I know that all professional educators will be grateful to you.

D. D. Cooper, President
Montana Education Association
Townsend, Mont.

I certainly appreciated Mr. Frank's article, "Are We Cheating Our Children?" and am most grateful for the interest thus shown in the crisis facing our public schools.

Corma A. Mowrey, Director
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Buffalo and Milwaukee celebrate the cause of Freedom.

THE All-American Conference to Combat Communism—composed of 60 organizations representing a cross section of American life—emerged from the planning phase when the cities of Buffalo and Milwaukee recently staged observances that effectively demonstrated the value of the Conference's program of patriotic education and inspiration.

Pilot programs to test this approach to the fight on subversion were Buffalo's Know Your America Week, held October 26 to November 1, and Milwaukee's Freedom Week, held December 7 to December 15. Organizer of Know Your America Week was Paul Wamsley, Acting Secretary of Buffalo's Board of Education, and the National Education Association's representative on the All-American Conference. Mainspring of Milwaukee's Freedom Week was Robert W. Hansen, prominent attorney there and General Counsel of the All-American Conference.

So successful were these community-wide movements that they are being used as models for similar programs in other cities under sponsorship of local units of organizations comprising the Conference. Buffalo and Milwaukee have pointed the way to an inspiring rededication to the fundamental principles of dynamic Americanism. And as a result, the week of June 8-14, 1952, has been set aside for national observance of Know Your America Week. This date is particularly advantageous since it offers all Elk lodges an opportunity to coordinate their mandatory Flag Day ceremonies with this nation-wide, patriotic event.

The Conference was organized three years ago when patriotic, veteran, fraternal, educational, labor and religious organizations, among them the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, decided to pool their resources to wage an all-out battle against Communism. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle represents the Order on the Conference's Executive Board. Acting as a clearing house for member groups, the Conference collected and distributed information

on activities of Communists and Communist organizations, as well as information on activities of organizations engaged in counteracting subversive movements. Valuable though these efforts were and are, Conference members recognized the need for positive grass roots action to emphasize the value of our democratic society in contrast to Communism's negative character. Buffalo and Milwaukee were selected to test the application of the idea.

KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK

Buffalo, N. Y.

DURING these seven days, the people of Buffalo joined in a community-wide analysis of the freedoms, privileges and responsibilities that belong to citizens of a free nation. It brought together the clergy, the schools, labor organizations, veterans and fraternal groups, commerce and industry, press and radio and the city's government in a tremendous tribute to America's greatness. Fifty-one local units of organizations affiliated in the All-American Conference took part.

Scope of the observance is revealed by the themes for each of the seven days. "The Nation We Honor" was the theme for Friday's opening day program. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Chairman of the All-American Conference, addressed 9,000 school teachers at the dedicatory program in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium. His address was carried by the National Broadcasting Co. on its Public Affairs program.

"The Jobs at Which We Work" was the theme of Saturday's program. Highlights were addresses by Frank Edwards, national news commentator for the American Federation of Labor, and Kenneth Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation, who delivered a tribute to labor at a civic luncheon attended by labor, management and civic groups; participation by Mr. Wells on University of Buffalo's radio-TV Roundtable on the subject "What Is Freedom?" and visits to shrines in tribute to President Theodore Roosevelt on his birthday.

Special church services, radio and television broadcasts and pilgrimages to

Flag ceremony officially opening Know Your America Week in Buffalo.



Buffalo Responds to Freedom Call

The enthusiastic response of Buffalonians to "Know Your America Week" proved that the vast majority of citizens are loyal Americans but that, because leaders have failed to activate the patriotism of these citizens and to direct their efforts, organized minorities, offering pretty sounding schemes, too often have been able to make inroads on our time-honored principles.

Buffalo's "Know Your America Week" focused the attention of the whole city on those freedoms that we take so much for granted and warned that, if we are to perpetuate our American way of life, a continuous, vigorous, positive program for teaching its principles and supporting its ideals must be instituted in communities throughout the nation. Labor, management, educational and professional groups, patriotic and fraternal organizations as well as the press, radio, and motion picture industry gave complete support to this dynamic Americanism project which Buffalo now recommends for a nationwide observance of the week of June 8-June 14, 1952.

PAUL WAMSLEY
Chairman
Buffalo K.Y.A. Observance

historic shrines marked Sunday's observance of the theme "The Faiths by Which We Worship".

Some 120,000 school children conducted special programs on the theme "The Schools Our Children Attend" on Monday, and throughout this week material of special patriotic significance, including reading matter and audio-visual aids, was employed in the schools. A school cadet corps, transported by a 40 and 8 Voiture, gave an outdoor demonstration of the "Romance of Old Glory" at 12 schools. "Howdy Doody" Bob Smith, a product of Buffalo's schools, presented a nation-wide telecast from New York in honor of the school children of his native city. The Girl Scouts held a mammoth rally. Climaxing the day were the finals of the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Voice of Democracy" ora-

Milwaukee Shows How to Serve Freedom

Freedom Week in Milwaukee accomplished several things. It strengthened awareness of our Constitutional guarantees of liberty under law, at a time when some are tempted to abandon our heritage. It projected the thinking of the community to worldwide aspects of the struggle for human freedom and against Soviet slavery. It demonstrated the vitality and significance of the voluntary organizations in the community and developed specific ways in which such groups can serve the cause of freedom, not just during one week but during every week in the year.

ROBERT W. HANSEN
Chairman
Milwaukee Freedom Week



Youngsters at Public School No. 51, Buffalo, hold flag raising ceremony.

torical contest with candidates from 22 schools competing. The two winners broadcast their talks the following day.

"The Laws Under Which We Live" was Tuesday's theme. School children made excursions to the Board of Supervisors, City Council meeting and to the Courts. Federal Judge Irving Saypol of New York addressed 1,500 lawyers at a luncheon arranged by the Erie County Bar Association. Congressman William C. Miller addressed an audience that witnessed an impressive pageant staged that evening by the Council of Patriotic Societies which stressed devotion to the Constitution.

"The Communities in Which We Live" was an appropriate theme for Wednesday, Hallowe'en. Twenty community Hallowe'en parades and programs featured patriotic costumes, floats, marching groups and musical organizations. Forty national groups were guests of the International Institute at an international tea. Literature stressing brotherhood in community life was distributed throughout the city, and radio and television programs accented this theme on programs during the day.

"Our Responsibilities and Duties" was

the theme for the final day of a week that had emphasized rights and privileges. With election day near, "Know Your Candidates" programs were held; booths in stores and theaters recruited blood donors and civil defense workers; banks emphasized purchase of Defense Bonds and the Armed Forces conducted drives for enlistments. Mrs. Suzanne Stevenson, President of the Minute Women of America, addressed a large gathering on "Responsibilities". Honors were paid to a contingent of soldiers of foreign nations in Buffalo on leave from Korea; war service medals were awarded, and two events stressed care of our disabled veterans. In the one, patients in a Veterans Hospital were entertained at a hospitality evening, and in the other, Don Wilson, national commander of the American Legion, presented Bell Aircraft Co. a citation for its record in employing disabled veterans.

Chairman Wamsley gave special praise for their wholehearted support of the Week to radio and television stations, motion picture theaters, which presented promotion trailers and patriotic features, the stores for window displays and Buf-

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The story of the Bill of Rights enacted by the Milwaukee Players.



The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

GRAND EXALTED RULER Howard R. Davis, beginning his travels through the Southern part of the country, stopped at the home of **BALTIMORE, MD., LODGE, NO. 7**, on Jan. 21st. Over 300 Elks attended the banquet given in honor of the distinguished visitor who delivered a stirring talk. Among the guests were many civic officials, and members of Easton and Towson Lodges, and of the Md., Dela. and D.C. Elks Assn. Chairman of the affair was P.D.D. Daniel E. Sullivan, former Pres. of the Assn., and among the Elk dignitaries present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, D.D.'s James Latham and Edgar J. DeMoss and E.R. John S. Wyatt

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of the host lodge. P.E.R. Joseph DiDomenico acted as Master of Ceremonies.

On the 22nd, the Grand Exalted Ruler, Pa. State Pres. H. Earl Pitzer and P.E.R. Hubert Gallagher of Gettysburg, Pa., Lodge were guests of E.R. Charles Kirsh and other members of **RICHMOND, VA., LODGE, NO. 45**, at a dinner and a lodge session attended by 400 local and visiting Elks. Among the luminaries on hand were Gov. John S. Battle and State Pres. Charles Fox, Jr.

The next day, the visitors were warmly welcomed at the home of **RALEIGH, N. C., LODGE, NO. 735**, by E.R. Franklin T. Dupree, Jr., D.D. D. Staton Incoe and N.C. Secy. of State Thad Eure. State Assn. Pres. George Skinner joined the party, and the day's program was climaxed by a dinner-dance attended by 350 Elks and their ladies. During his stay there, Mr. Davis learned that the host lodge had taken the lead for the State in the Blood Bank Program; its 480 members have already contributed 1,471 pints to our Armed Forces.

On the 24th, the official party drove to the home of **KINSTON, N. C., LODGE, NO. 740**, to be greeted by E.R. J. W. Leggett who took the visitors and a large group of members on an inspection tour of Camp LeJeune, the U. S. Marine Training Base. Major Gen. E. A. Pollock and Brig. Generals W. S. Fellers and S. Creswell were hosts to the Elks at luncheon in the officers' mess. That evening, the Order's leader was guest of honor at a dinner-dance for 200 Elks and their ladies.

When Mr. Davis made his official visit to **SUMTER, S. C., LODGE, NO. 855**, during the afternoon of the 25th, he found the Elk-sponsored blood bank unit in full operation in the lodge home. On this occasion, he received a certificate of commendation for his efforts in this program from Mrs. J. P. Booth, Jr., S.C. Regional Chairman for the Red Cross. Later in the day, the distinguished Pennsylvania Elk was made an honorary member of Cub Scout Pack No. 332, PeeDee Council, and a member of the Boy Scout Council of the area. That evening, he addressed 250 Elks and their ladies to whom he was introduced by E.R. H. B. Richardson. With Mr. Davis were State Pres. Arthur Moore, Jr., and P.D.D. Marston S. Bell.

The 26th found the official party as guests of E.R. B. B. Sheppard and members of **ORANGEBURG, S. C., LODGE, NO. 897**. A dinner-dance attended by 300 followed a radio broadcast that evening, with P.E.R. Fred W. Herlihy as M.C.

The next day, **GREENVILLE, S. C., LODGE, NO. 858**, was honored by a visit from the leader of this Fraternity who attended a dinner for 200 Elks with Ex-



Dignitaries of Elkdom, including Judge McClelland and Grand Chaplain Fr. King, see Mayor Lewis B. Wilson of Macon, Ga., present a police club and badge to Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis.



Sayre, Pa., Elk officials with their guest. Front row, left to right: Est. Loyal Knight J. L. Potter, Mr. Davis' Secy. Earl J. Husted, D.D. J. P. Dennebaum, Chaplain Rev. L. W. Lunn, Mr. Davis, E.R. J. T. Scanlin, Pa. State Elks Assn. Pres. Pitzer and Est. Lead. Knight J. E. Sluyter.



At Columbus, Ga., Lodge, left to right: E.R. J. B. McCollum, Mr. Pitzer, Mr. Davis, Judge John S. McClelland, H. A. Gallagher of Pennsylvania, State Pres. O. B. Leverett and E. A. Duffon.

alted Ruler L. P. Langston presiding.

On the 28th, the three Pennsylvanians crossed the mountains into Tennessee, and that evening they were entertained royally by E.R. Louis T. Stachel and other members of **KNOXVILLE LODGE NO. 160**. Wayne Parkey acted as Toastmaster at a dinner for 200 persons, among them Mayor George R. Dempster who extended his city's official welcome, and State Pres. Earl Broden and D.D.'s George Dykes and Thomas Stratton.

The 29th found the Order's leader in still another State, when he was honored by **ATLANTA, GA., LODGE, NO. 78**, at a banquet in charge of E.R. G. W. Brubaker.

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A tradition was perpetuated in Atlanta, Ga., as the Order's present leader paid tribute to the memory of a Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Walter P. Andrews, on a pilgrimage in which he was accompanied by Hon. John S. McClelland, Grand Chaplain Rev. Fr. James E. King, D.D. L. S. Jamison, Special Deputy R. M. McDuffie, State Pres. O. B. Leverett, Edward A. Dutton, former Grand Lodge Committeeman, Pa. State Pres. H. Earl Pitzer, E.R. G. W. Brubaker and Secy. Tom M. Brisendine of Atlanta Lodge, Gettysburg, Pa., P.E.R. Hubert A. Gallagher, Macon Secy. B. J. Fowler.



At "Aidmore", the Crippled Children's Hospital maintained by the Georgia Elks Assn., Mr. Davis talked things over with a young patient.



Above: At Newark, N. J., Lodge were, left to right: Commissioner S. J. Moran, Mr. Davis and former Grand Trustee Henry A. Guenther.



Above: At the testimonial dinner given by Camden and other lodges in the N. J. So. Dist., left to right: State Pres. John P. O'Toole, Grand Treas. William J. Jernick, Mr. Davis and host E.R. Allen S. Dolgin.



Right: The Order's leader inspects the Passaic, N. J., Co. Elks Cerebral Palsy Center as guest of Passaic Lodge. Left to right: Committee Chairman P.E.R. D. A. G. Lyons, E.R. E. J. Riggio, Jr., D.D. Arthur Snyder, Clifton's Mayor Fred deVido, State Pres. O'Toole, Mr. Davis, Grand Treas. Jernick, Passaic's Mayor Morris Pashman, Center's Trustee Chairman Judge John Celectano and Paterson's Mayor Lester Titus.

ELKS

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES



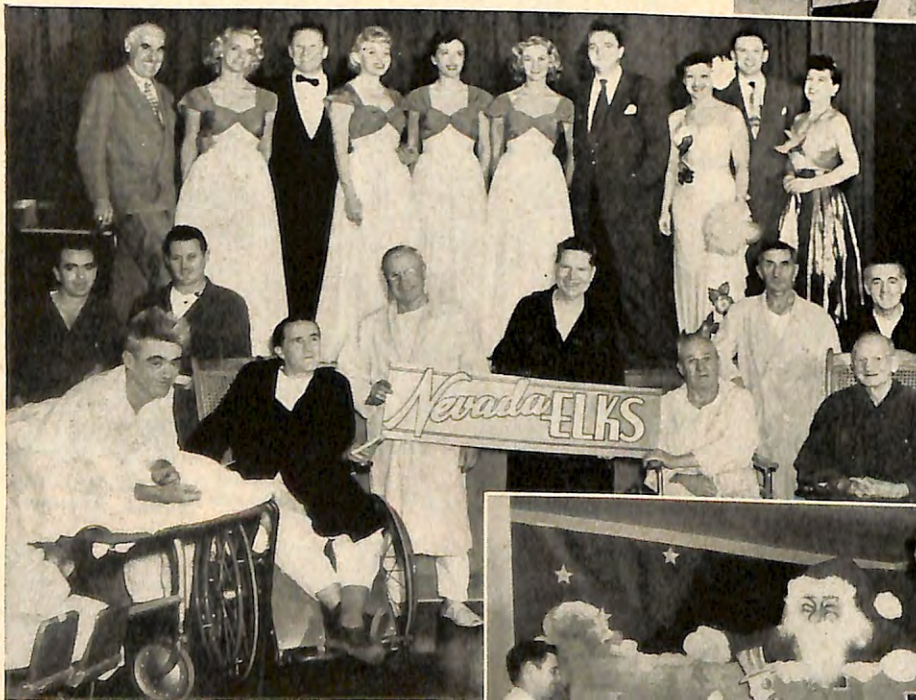
Amputee Korean War veterans at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco, pictured with E.R. and Mrs. Alan MacLeod and Elk committee members and entertainers who participated in the Christmas party the lodge put on in conjunction with the Calif. Bay Dist. Elks. Each veteran received a personally addressed gift, and presents were left for those on leave.



During the huge Holiday program, a smiling patient at Will Rogers Hospital in Oklahoma City, in the presence of his visiting wife, receives a gift from Oklahoma City Lodge's Committee Chairman Jack Kleinegger, standing left, and State Service Commission Chairman Kenneth Aldrich.

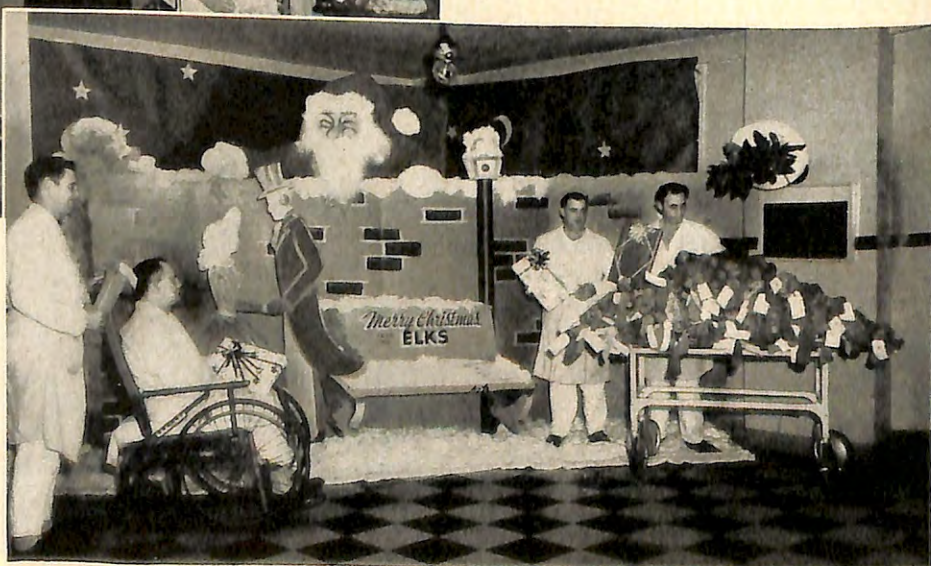


Above: Hospitalized servicemen at Fort Wayne, Ind., show their appreciation by applauding one of the shows the Elks put on for them.



Above: Some of the veterans and the vaudeville troupe which entertained them during the Christmas party and show presented by the Elks Hospital Service Committee at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Reno, Nev.

Right: A few of the patients at the Columbia, S. C., VA Hospital, in front of the Elks' attractive Christmas display. Gifts, cigarettes, candy and fruit were given to every convalescent, with prizes to participants in the Christmas broadcast, and door prizes for ambulatory patients.



RED CROSS

praises

ELKS BLOOD CAMPAIGN

PRAISED by the American National Red Cross for its "impressive achievements," the Elks Armed Forces Blood Campaign headed into the closing three months of the drive with the entire organization geared for a rousing finish.

E. Roland Harriman, President of the Red Cross, in a letter last month to Grand Exalted Ruler Davis, voiced appreciation for the Order's outstanding spirit of cooperation with the Defense Blood Program. Mr. Harriman's letter, which is reproduced on this page, said that local chapters have reported the impressive achievements of Elks lodges throughout the country, and assured the Grand Exalted Ruler that Red Cross chapters and blood donor centers would continue to cooperate with the Order in its effort to procure a million pints of blood for the nation's fighting forces.

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis acknowledged this expression from the Red Cross as a "well-deserved tribute to the thousands of patriotic Elks throughout the Order who have responded with such tremendous and inspiring enthusiasm to the country's appeal to support our Armed Forces with our blood."

President Harriman expressed regret that it has not been possible to provide blood collection facilities for all parts of the country, but said that this was due to practical and economic considerations. Some additional facilities have been set up recently, however, enabling several areas to participate in the Blood Campaign. Bloodmobile service has been extended to the state of Maine; a Red Cross blood collecting car has been placed in operation over the Great Northern Railroad in Minnesota and North and South Dakota; a blood donor center with bloodmobile service was scheduled to begin operations in Salt Lake City in March.

Lodges in those areas were urged to take full advantage of these developments by scheduling blood collection clinics at once. Exalted Rulers taking office in April were asked to continue lodge blood programs without any interruption as a result of the change in administration.

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis announced that certificates of meritorious achievement will be awarded to each lodge meeting its blood quota, which in all cases is

equivalent to one pint per member. Lodges that qualify for these certificates should give the Grand Exalted Ruler official notification that they have met their quotas.

Reports indicate that many lodges have already reached their quotas, and many more are within striking distance.

On the honor roll of lodges that have surpassed their quotas are (first figure is collections, second is quota) Newman, Ga., with 269 and 195; Greenfield, Mass., 547 and 525; Raleigh, N. C., 1,491 and

480; Gainesville, Ga., 410 and 396; Evanston, Ill., with 1,675 and 1,500; Nenominee, Mich., 536 and 495; Walnut Creek, Cal., 336 and 213; Rocky Mount, N. C., 279 and 177; Plymouth, Mich., 330 and 150; Hemet, Cal., 245 and 240; Susanville, Cal., 1,071 and 492, which was 218 percent of its quota; Mt. Vernon, Wash., 596 and 573; Winter Park, Fla., 186 and 127, and Dowagiac, Mich., 537 and 487.

For pointers on successful blood program, turn to page 51.



THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 4, 1952

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have observed with a great deal of pleasure the outstanding activity of the membership of your organization in behalf of the Department of Defense Blood Donor appeal for the Armed Forces. The whole-hearted, enthusiastic participation of your organization's membership in the Blood Donor Program has been most commendable.

As the agency responsible for the coordination of blood collections for defense purposes from the civilian population, the Red Cross must look to the responsible citizenry of each community for the continued success of this very vital program. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, by its exemplary cooperation in the recruitment of blood donors, and by placing local lodge buildings at the disposal of the Blood Program to conduct blood-mobile operations, has greatly contributed to the success of this tremendous national effort. Reports from our local chapters attest to the impressive achievements of the Elks Lodges throughout the country and we wish to assure you of the continued cooperation of our chapters and blood centers.

We regret that we have not been able to make blood collecting facilities available to the membership of your organization in all sections of the country. I sincerely share your concern for these limitations which, as you know, are due to obvious practical and economic considerations.

In expressing the appreciation of the American National Red Cross for the outstanding spirit of cooperation by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, I trust that we shall continue to merit the confidence of your membership in attempting to meet this great humanitarian need.

Sincerely,

E. Roland Harriman
President

Mr. Howard R. Davis, Grand Exalted Ruler
Grand Lodge B. P. O. E.
36 East Fourth Street
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

News of the Lodges

Melrose, Mass., Lodge Holds 1,000th Meeting

When Melrose Lodge No. 1031 held its 1,000th meeting early this year, many of its old-time members were on hand. They included P.E.R.'s Arthur G. Ledwith, P.P.D., Wm. T. Fahy, Arthur L. Marr, Frank H. Goodwin, Wm. D. Reidy and Arthur F. Sawyer; Treas. Michael M. Burke; Tiler George Copp; Life Members George Rhodes, Fred M. Churchill, Edgar Carleton, Francis Hunt and George

H. Carter; John Mullane, Wallace W. Brackett and Elmer E. Maihiot.

The ages of this group totaled 1,259 years, an average of 78.6 each, the oldest being P.E.R. Goodwin who is 92.

Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge Welcomes D. D. Lorenzi

Accompanied by his Deputy Grand Esq., P.E.R. Vern Huck, D.D. Frank Lorenzi made his homecoming visit to Los Angeles Lodge No. 99 and was wel-

comed by a large group of fellow members, including Past Grand Exalted Rulers Michael F. Shannon and L. A. Lewis, both of California.

Highlighting the evening was the initiation of 41 men who became Elks in tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis. During the meeting, D.D. Lorenzi presented his son's application for membership to E.R. Dr. Clark D. Ryan. The young man is now serving with the Armed Forces in Korea, and E.R. Ryan requested that he be permitted to act as E.R. at young Lorenzi's initiation in the event that he returns to the United States after Dr. Ryan's term of office has ended.

Rochester Lodge Handles Minnesota Helping-Hand Project

In 1918, the Minn. State Elks Assn., realizing that scores of visitor-patients to the famed Mayo Clinic are Elks, inaugurated a program to assist them and their families. Located in the medical city, Rochester Lodge No. 1091 was the logical agency for this fine work. P.E.R. Paul Grassle, Sr., and Secy. Roy K. Shaddock were the first to take on this job. However, the program increased so rapidly that in 1939 Elk L. N. Haggerty was appointed to handle it exclusively and permanently.

He is now one of the busiest men in town, giving 24-hour service to Elks who



At McMinnville Lodge for the midwinter meeting of the Ore. State Elks Assn., left to right: Vice-Pres. L. A. Cline, Housing Committee Chairman Jake Wortman, Pres. Dr. Kirby Fortune, lodge Secy. K. A. Hartzell, P.E.R.'s Hans Soll of The Dalles; J. H. Moore of Prineville; host E.R. H. A. Parrett.



Homecoming D.D. Frank Lorenzi is honored by Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge. Left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, E.R. C. D. Ryan, Mr. Lorenzi and Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.



Pictured here are the members of Weehawken, N. J. Lodge's Veterans Committee, and entertainers who visited some 70 veterans, including one WAC, at the Jersey City Medical Hospital, distributing gifts to all.

are patients, and to members of their families who visit them. Among the services are telephone calls, letters and wires to patients' relatives, meeting both patients and visitors on their arrival, finding accommodations for them, and, of course, visiting the Elk invalids in the various hospitals, convalescent homes and rooming houses of the city.

Only 25 per cent of the Elks aided in this way are from Minnesota. Between June 1st and October 1st, 1951, for instance, Elks from 29 States, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Philippines were assisted.

This fine work is accomplished through an efficient notification set-up between the lodge and hospitals where each male patient receives a card on which he may indicate his fraternal affiliation. A duplicate is given to Mr. Haggerty who goes to work immediately, doing all he can to make each member's stay in Rochester a little more pleasant.

Athol-Orange, Mass., Lodge Instituted

Over 800 Elks from Massachusetts and surrounding States were on hand for the institution of Athol-Orange Lodge No. 1837 and the installation of its officers led by E.R. Francis A. Reynolds. Dr. Reynolds has been affiliated with Boston Lodge for 31 years and is largely responsible for the existence of the new branch of the Order. A total of 159 men are Charter Members, 105 being initiates and 54 transferring their membership from other lodges.

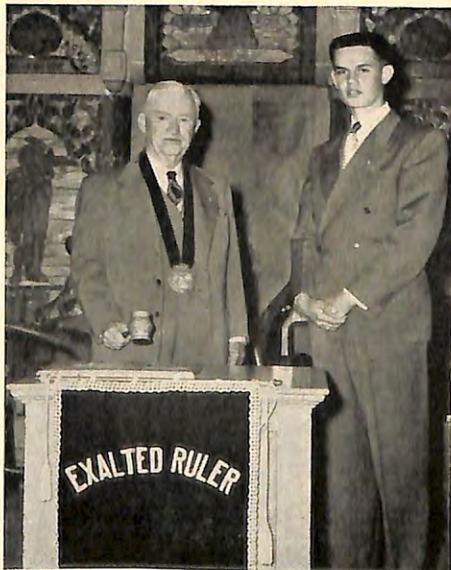
Not long after this event, a Ritualistic Contest, won by Fitchburg over Gardner Lodge, took place at Athol-Orange. The competition was judged by State Pres. William Burns, Past District Deputies John Moynahan, George Steele and Thomas Dowd, and P.E.R. J. Joseph Lyons of Brookline Lodge.



At Appleton, Wis., Lodge's first annual "Grand Lodge Night" honoring present and former Grand Lodge officials, were, seated, left to right: E.R. F. J. Barlow, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, former Grand Lodge Committeeman A. W. Parnell, Past State Pres. Standing, P.D.D. J. M. VanRooy, Lead. Knight Frank Jenkins, Past Pres. Ray J. Fink, State Inner Guard C. C. Hervey.



E.R. C. C. Vogel presents Port Huron, Mich., Lodge's \$1,204.16 check to March of Dimes Co. Chairman G. Y. Duffy and Mrs. C. J. Bjorquist of the Natl. Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Co. Chapter. In background are members of P.E.R.'s Assn. which sponsors annual party for this purpose.



Sr. P.E.R. R. E. Butler, 53-year Prescott, Ariz., Elk, with the youngest member, James D. Hunter, initiated by his father on P.E.R.'s Night.



Dignitaries on hand for the launching of Athol-Orange, Mass., Lodge included, left to right: State Assn. Pres. William Burns, D.D. James F. Clarke, Dr. F. A. Reynolds, E.R. of the new lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, and Edward A. Spry, Grand Lodge Committeeman.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Arlington, Mass., Elks Observe 30th Anniversary

One of the most enjoyable events of the year took place when Arlington Lodge No. 1435 celebrated its 30th Anniversary. The affair, a well-arranged banquet, took place at Robbins Memorial Town Hall, in order to accommodate the large number of well-wishers.

The principal speaker on this occasion was Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, and among the other dignitaries on hand were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Vice-Chairman and Secy. of the Board of Grand Trustees Thomas J. Brady, former Grand Treas. John F. Burke, D.D. Richard D. Armstrong and Chairman M. L. Sorensen and E. L. Frost of the Board of Selectmen.

Arlington Lodge, well known and admired for its splendid Youth Activities Program, has recently purchased a handsome new home.

Borger, Tex., Elks Home Ruined by Fire

Fanned by a stiff breeze, an early-morning fire destroyed the greater part of the four-year-old building which housed Borger Lodge No. 1581 on the second floor, and the First National Bank on the ground floor. Owned by the Elks Bldg. Corp., the edifice was gutted by flames which caused an estimated damage of \$150,000.

The fire, believed to have started in the kitchen of the Elks lodge, quickly engulfed the interior of the lodge rooms which had recently been redecorated at a cost of \$5,000. Included in the fire loss was about \$18,000 in furniture and fixtures, of which only \$8,000 was insured.

With traditional Elk resilience, the members of Borger Lodge went to work immediately to get back on their feet.

Below: Some of the Elks Youth Club members of Lexington, Mo., pictured at one of the parties held weekly for them at the lodge home.



Committee Chairman Sam Alpren presents a console radio-phonograph to the Sisters of the Healy Asylum Orphanage, as part of Lewiston, Me., Lodge's program aiding children of the community.



Elk and school officials at the dedication of the new \$2,000,000 high school in Salem, Ill., are pictured here with the 60-foot flagpole and banners donated by the Elks who also gave the school 40 American Flags and stands for each classroom.



Elkdom's CHRISTMAS CAROL



Capt. Alexander Berger, 4th Army Food Service School, an Elk, presents to E.R. Homer McClaugherty of San Antonio, Tex., Lodge, some of the toys repaired by the Service School men for patients at the Texas Elks State Assn. Crippled Children's Hospital.

FOR MANY YEARS, because of space limitations, we have been unable to publicize one of the most widespread, and typically Elk, activities—the Christmas charity programs which are held in so many hundreds of Elk communities each year.

Since it seemed regrettable that such splendid work should pass unheralded in the Order's official publication, this year it was decided to handle the Elk Christmas story as the reports of various other Elk observances have been handled so successfully during the past few years. And so it became the pleasant duty of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge to catalogue these submissions in the three customary groups, and our pleasant duty to report the Committee's decisions as to the three most commendable in each category.

GROUP I

Concerning those lodges whose membership is over the 1,000 mark, the Committee reports that the San Antonio, Tex., Elks' program deserved the highest praise. Over 2,000 gifts were delivered in a three-day tour of the city, with perhaps the most unusual part of the program being the presentation of more than 300 toys, rebuilt and repainted by men of the 4th Army Food Service School at Fort Sam Houston, to the little patients at the Texas Elks Crippled Chil-

dren's Hospital. This meant about ten different toys for each child from the servicemen who did this job under the supervision of Capt. Alexander Berger of the School, a member of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge. The WACS stationed there got in on it too, by wrapping each article in Christmas paper. The lodge's annual Christmas tree party for 200 children included a magician, movies and the inevitable Santa Claus who presented gift-filled stockings to each child, and Christmas Eve found a caravan of trucks trundling through the streets, distributing over 1,500 packages to about 20 hospitals, old folks'

homes, and children's homes, and bulging baskets of food to 30 or 40 needy families.

Another lodge in the southern part of the country took Number 2 honors in the Number 1 category—Miami, Fla., whose program was divided into two parts: first, the annual party for more than 1,200 underprivileged children who, besides receiving gifts, and a visit from Santa Claus, saw 12 animated cartoons and a

one-hour vaudeville show at the Tivoli Theater, which is managed by Elk Charlie Waldron who donates the theater each year for this party. The second part of the program consisted of the distribution of over 200 baskets of food to needy families in the area.

Third-place honors are claimed by Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge whose observance revealed great effort and cooperation on the part of the entire membership. A series of entertaining shows was put on by P.E.R. Eddie Gamble for about 1200 patients at the Rancho hospital, and the children of the John Bosco School. The program was climaxed by the usual party for underprivileged children at the high school, and the distribution of 326 baskets of food to less fortunate citizens by 90 Elks using about 25 trucks for the purpose.

GROUP II

Top honors for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members go to another Texas branch of the Order, McAllen Lodge, whose favorite guests are the younger tuberculosis Latin-American patients in the Weaver-Baker Hospital near McAllen which is situated near the Mexican border. Santa Claus, who is the "Edgar Bergen of Mexico", put on a terrific show for the youngsters who received candy and all kinds of presents. These children see movies every Saturday afternoon as guests of the Elks.

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This pleasant scene took place during the award-winning Christmas party given by the Elks of Hillsdale, Mich., Lodge, when happy guests received many gifts.

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



APRIL is an important month in every one of the 1,600 subordinate lodges of our great Order.

It marks the beginning of the administrative year in every lodge. It presents a clean page, one upon which the record of the coming twelve months will be written.

April thus becomes a month of Challenge, a challenge to the best there is in us—lodges officers and members alike.

April is also a month of Opportunity, presenting as it does unlimited possibilities of revitalized fraternal life, of fresh and eager leadership, of renewed interest on the part of the rank and file. New horizons beckon, and the pace of our Lodge life quickens as we hopefully set out on new fraternal adventures.

April comes to us with the freshness of Spring, with the promise of renewed life all around us. And Mother Nature's response finds an echoing upsurge in the hearts and minds of all of us.

April in the Order of Elks is definitely a forward-looking month. This is as it should be. And April's aspirations can become December's realities if we but have the courage and the determination to be just a little better lodge the coming year than in preceding ones.

It is our wish that every subordinate lodge have a highly successful year. But wishing will not make it so. It is not as we dream, but as we do. Our visions, our hopes can become something more than shadowy 'mists only through careful planning, proper organization and intelligent operation by lodge leaders, followed by whole-hearted support from all members.

A truly great lodge leader is one who can not only plan and purposely pursue, but one who is able to inspire others to travel with him toward the goals he has set for himself and his lodge. No Exalted Ruler can do a real job alone. He must have the happy knack of procuring the coopera-

tion of others. And it is enthusiastic, inspirational leadership which commands such cooperation.

Fortunate is the Elk lodge that has this combination of virtues so necessary for success. Yet they are inherent in every lodge. Men will follow a determined leader with an appealing, useful program.

The welfare of any Elk lodge rests largely on the shoulders of the Exalted Ruler and lodge officers. This is a big responsibility, it is true, but in committing this obligation to you, Exalted Ruler, the Brothers of your lodge paid you the compliment of having faith in your ability to discharge that responsibility. Confirm that faith by your whole-hearted acceptance of the leadership reposed in you.

The path before you is clearly defined. Pay early attention to ritualistic work; you are all officers in new chairs.

Plan to make your lodge meetings more interesting.

Begin now your program of social sessions, putting as many of your members at work on these as you possibly can; it helps assimilate them.

Set for yourself a goal of community and welfare work, with special attention to the youth of your city.

Work with your Lodge Trustees on the important matter of a budget, so that your lodge may be in a sound financial position.

Get your teeth into these things early, Brother Exalted Ruler and lodge officers, and your members will realize they have in you real leaders and will be eager to follow you.

April is the month of Challenge. April is the month of Opportunity. April is the month of Renewed Life. Let us embrace these things so that we can

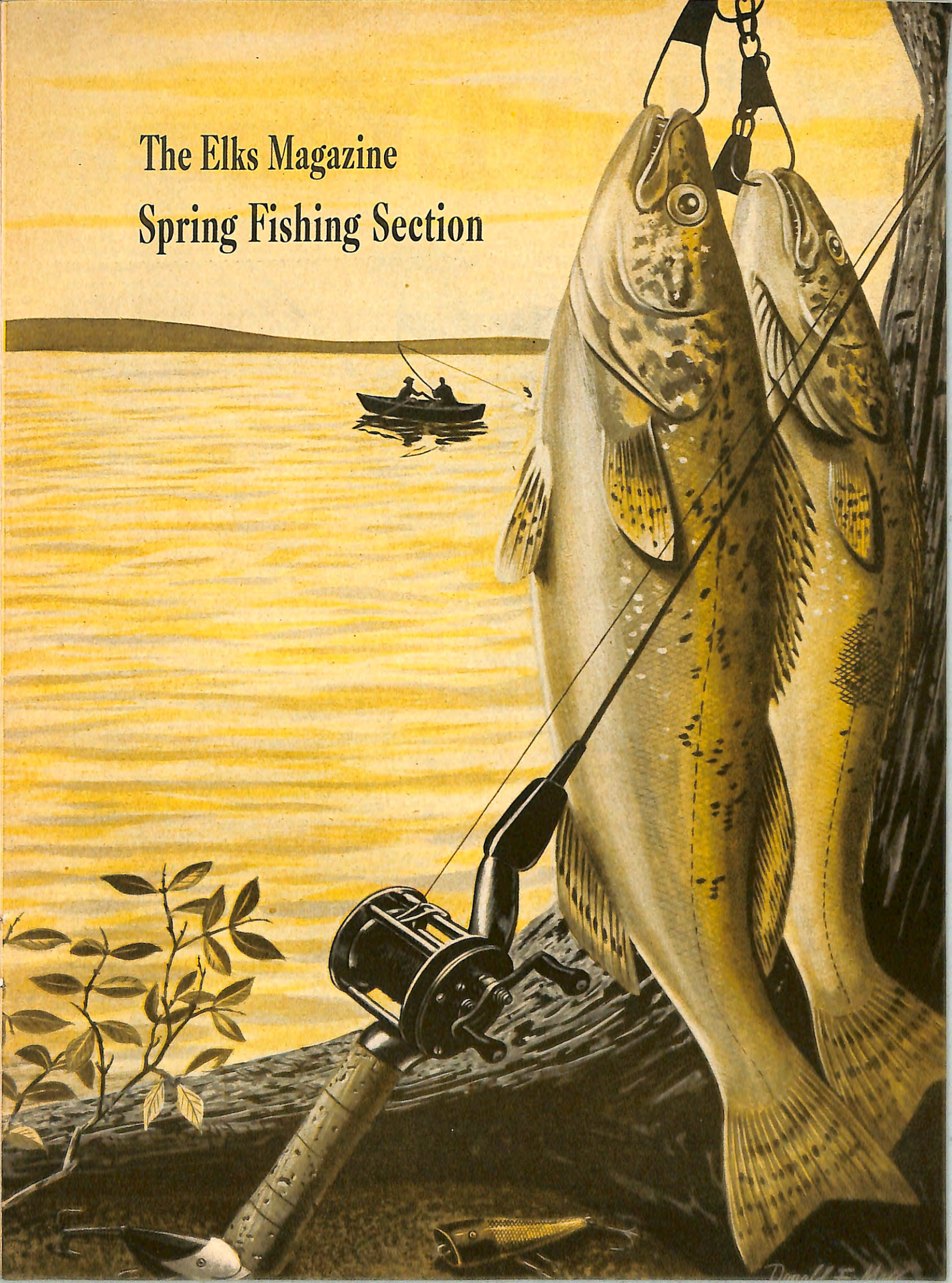
**SERVE OUR ORDER TODAY FOR A
BETTER AMERICA TOMORROW**

Fraternally yours,

Howard R. Davis

**HOWARD R. DAVIS,
GRAND EXALTED RULER**

The Elks Magazine
Spring Fishing Section



* InFLYenza



BY DAN HOLLAND

Fortunately, there are a few gifted souls who, if approached with the proper inducement in the form of currency, will part with their works of art.

***A strange, periodic malady affecting fishermen. Seldom fatal . . . to the fish.**

A FRIEND of mine—he's a trout fisherman—raises bantam chickens, a project which is obviously the main effort of his little farm. The chickens are all over the place: on the porch, in the barn, on top of the car and, especially, in the garden. The garden is his wife's project, so that's all right. She manages to get an occasional mess of pole beans and a Hubbard squash or two, but that's all.

Anyway, nothing is too good for the banties. In addition to a menu of garden-fresh tomatoes, peas and beet greens, they get the best of prepared foods together with the most considerate attention. Their privilege extends to all quarters. For instance, it is recognized that they are entitled to peck and annoy the old dog if they please, on which occasions the dog has discovered he is supposed to

wag his tail and otherwise show evidence of pleasure over the antics of the little fellows.

Last week disaster fell on the household. An uninformed fox slipped in and killed four banties. The atmosphere was tense. My friend and his son had to sit up all night to do it, but at the break of day the son felled the thieving fox with a well-placed load of fours, and there was peace again.

The banties are never eaten nor sold to market. They have a much greater mission in life. My friend, being a trout fisherman, is a fly tyer, and bantam roosters have especially lustrous, long-fibered hackles, ideal for the making of high-floating dry flies. The roosters, of course, know this by now. They realize their existence is not one of complete calm and luxury. When the fisherman and his son appear with long-handled nets, making as if they were going to do a little innocent butterfly collecting, the roosters take to the tall trees. They can fly like pheasants, and they do when necessary.

On a couple of such occasions when the fisherman has discovered a new hatch on the river—honey duns, perhaps—and is in immediate need of that particular fly pattern, I have known him to load his shotgun in desperation, but he has never quite brought himself to shoot down the honey-dun cock. Instead he has sat out the hatch forlornly, waited until total darkness and snatched the desired chicken from its roost. The next afternoon, of course, instead of honey duns there's a

hatch of blue quills, and another rooster is due to lose a half-dozen prime feathers.

The hackle-removing operation is quick and apparently painless, although it is a cut to the rooster's pride. He shakes himself and struts around all ruffed up for a moment, telling the fisherman what he would do to him if he weren't so big; then he quickly dismisses the injustice with a few final unkind words and returns to the garden.

The bantam project has been such a success that next year my friend is planning to add to his flock a few jungle cocks, golden pheasants, guinea hens and other fine-feathered fowl. His wife, an incurable gardener, has become interested in raising various cacti.

Fly tying isn't necessarily so involved, however. I know. I once had a room devoted to it. The room originally was my bedroom, but I soon found it necessary to sleep in the guest room, a place I had found convenient for storing some of my extra fly-tying materials anyway. After that, guests had the entire barn to sleep in. But I finally quit tying flies. The only reason I gave it up was that I like to fish, and I discovered I didn't have time for both.

Fly tying is quite simple, actually, after having acquired such tools as a special vise with mirror, a couple of pairs of scissors, tweezers, dubbing needles, forceps, hackle pliers and the like, along with some beeswax, a variety

of shades of fly-tying silk with bobbin containers, varnish and lacquers. An example of how simple it is is the following standard pattern, one of the famous Halford Series of dry flies. This is Halford's recommended dressing for the female Brown Mayfly.

Wings: Rouen drake dyed golden bronze-green.

Head hackle: brown partridge.

Shoulder hackles: two pale-ginger cock hackles.

Body: undyed raffia grass with six close turns at tail end and five open turns of ribbing of pale madder-brown horsehair.

Whisk: rabbit whiskers dyed a very dark chocolate brown.

Hook: No. 12.

After importing from Norway a No. 12 forged-steel, Model Perfect hook, it is obvious from the above that all the fly tyer must do to make a female Brown Mayfly is gather together a Rouen drake, a pale-ginger cock, some raffia grass, a pale madder-brown horse, a rabbit, a little dye and a carrot (for the rabbit). With such tools and materials assembled the job is about done. The actual tying of the fly is simple, accomplished as follows:

Place the hook in the vise with the point covered by the jaws of the vise and the eye toward the right. Take the bobbin (not dobbin) containing the tying silk in the right hand and hold the end of the silk firmly alongside the hook with

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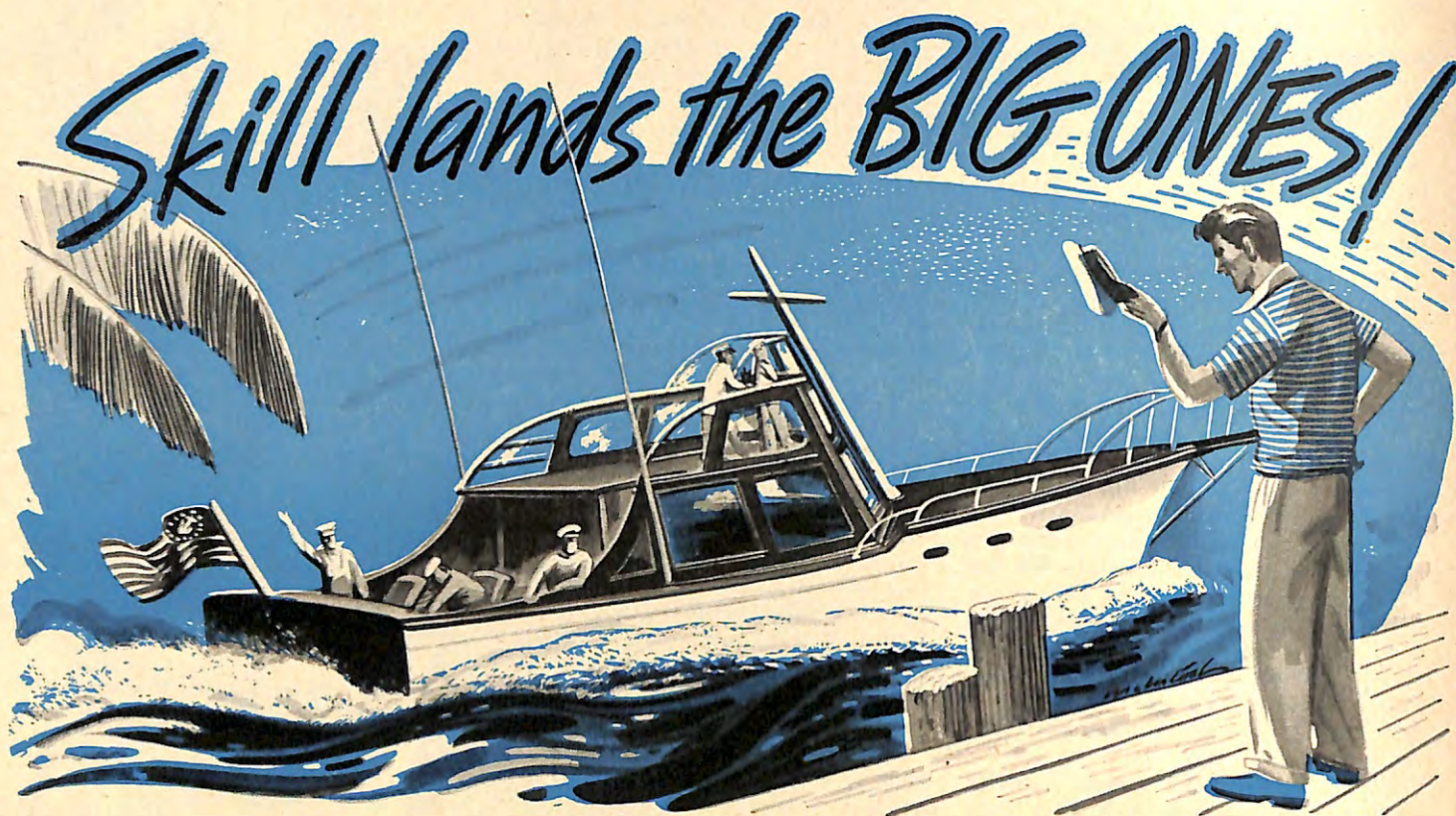
When a fly tyer becomes absorbed in his art, nothing about the premises is safe.

ILLUSTRATED

BY WILLIAM VON RIEGEN



The rabbit whiskers should be dyed a very dark chocolate brown. This task is easier if the rabbit has been removed from the whiskers first.



Experienced, skilled fishermen catch the record fish.

BY VLAD EVANOFF

LAST AUGUST, Phil Chasin was trolling at dusk one day off Montauk Point, Long Island, for striped bass, using an eelskin as a lure. Suddenly he got a terrific strike, and a large fish leaped clear out of the water. During the next twenty minutes the angler had his hands full as the fish fought furiously in its attempts to throw the hook. Finally it was subdued, brought alongside of the boat and gaffed by the captain, who let out a yell when he saw the fish. For instead of a striped bass, they had caught a monster bluefish which later weighed 20 pounds and set a new world's record on rod and reel.

Now, the first reaction is to call this outstanding catch pure luck and give little credit to the angler or captain. And it's true that they were going mainly after striped bass, and luck did play a part in that a big bluefish was in the area at the time and happened to see the lure. But when we consider all the facts and analyze them, we see the catch in a different light and realize that the skill and knowledge of both the angler and captain also played an important part.

The captain of the boat, Gus Pitts, is a well-known veteran who has helped his angler customers catch plenty of fish.

He knows his fishing area intimately and knows when to fish at the right place and at the right time. And while they were mainly going for striped bass, it's a well known fact that bluefish often feed together with stripers near shore. And the eelskin lure is hard to beat as a lure for either striped bass or bluefish. So it can be seen that it was no coincidence that they were fishing at the right place, at the right time and using the right lure. The angler was no novice, either, for he had been fishing Montauk waters for the last 19 years; and it certainly took skill to fight the big bluefish and boat him.

Well, then, how about that 15-year old kid who broke the world's record for channel bass with a catch of an 83-pounder? A boy at that age couldn't know much about fishing, and luck must have played a big part in his catch. Here again, we have to go behind the scenes to get at the real truth. Zack Waters Jr., who made the catch, had several years of fishing experience behind him. He'd taken as many as 8 channel bass in one day, a black drum even bigger than his record channel bass, a 50 pound white marlin and numerous smaller fish. So the boy was far from being a novice.

The day he caught his 83 pound channel bass from a boat at Cape Charles, they had been fishing since early morning. An approaching squall in the after-

noon caused all the other boats to haul anchor and head for shelter. But Zack Waters kept his line in the water until the last minute, although everyone else on his boat had pulled his in. He got his big strike and landed the fish during a rising wind which created a choppy sea. The lad showed persistence in keeping his line in the water and skill in landing the fish: two qualities possessed by all good anglers.

ONE FORM of salt-water fishing requiring plenty of skill and knowledge is surf fishing, especially for striped bass. The angler must know his water, weather, tides, lures, casting and habits of the fish. It is only natural, then, that year after year the veteran anglers are the ones who chalk up the records. But the world's record striped bass, held by Charles B. Church, has stood since August 17, 1913. The huge 73-pound fish was taken off Cuttyhunk, Mass., from a 13-foot boat rowed by Church's brother-in-law. They had to get close to shore in a rough sea among treacherous rocks to hook the fish. And it took a lot of tricky maneuvering by the boat handler and skillful playing of the fish by the angler before the striper was safely in the boat.

But the fact which stands out, and proves that the catch was the result of years of experience, persistence and

know-how, is that it took Church 28 years to catch the record striper. That's how long he had been fishing Cuttyhunk waters. During that time he took 3 fish in the 60 pound class and many in the 50, 40 and 30 pound classes. In fact, in so far as big fish are concerned, Church is the champion striped bass angler of all time.

THE RECORD for tuna, held for ten years by Dr. John B. Vernaglia, was won with a 927 pound fish. It was the first tuna caught by the doctor. In the controversy of skill vs. luck, big-game fishers claim you don't have to have much skill or knowledge to catch tuna, and point to Vernaglia's feat. Many of these same anglers don't know that the doctor had hooked several large tuna before he landed his record fish. On the other tuna trips the fish were lost for various reasons (the line broke, hooks pulled out and so forth). Just the same, these previous battles, while not successful, all added to Vernaglia's skill—which payed off when he hooked the big fish.

Often overlooked is the fact that in big-game angling much of the credit for any fish caught must go to the guide or pilot of the boat. He's the one who supplies the proper tackle, rigs the bait, locates the fish, maneuvers the boat to help the angler and finally boats the fish. Most big-game anglers readily admit that a skillful boat captain can make it much easier for them. A good boat captain or guide can make up for many mistakes made by the angler while fighting a fish. Knowledge the angler lacks the captain furnishes when his boat is chartered.

When Vernaglia's tuna record was topped in 1950 with a 977 pound fish, it was two veterans at the game who did it. The angler was Commander Duncan Hodgson of the Royal Canadian Navy and the boatman and guide was 65-year old Percy MacRitchie. Hodgson caught his first tuna in 1927, and MacRitchie guided Hodgson's father-in-law when the first tuna on rod and reel in Nova Scotia was taken way back in 1911. The present record tuna was also caught the hard way, from an 18-foot dory rowed by MacRitchie.

Of course, luck or chance—call it what you will—does play a small part in most kinds of fishing and a big part in some catches. The angler obviously has little control over the way a fish takes a bait or lure. This is especially true in big-game fishing, where the place the hook takes hold may mean the difference between a short fight or a long drawn-out battle. Big fish weighing up to 600 pounds have been landed in a matter of minutes. A hook in a fish's eye, for example, usually paralyzes it so that it can be brought in quickly. Fish hooked deep in the stomach also give up soon. On the other hand, there have been cases where swordfish fought for 20 hours or more with two or three people taking turns at the rod, only to lose the fish in the end.

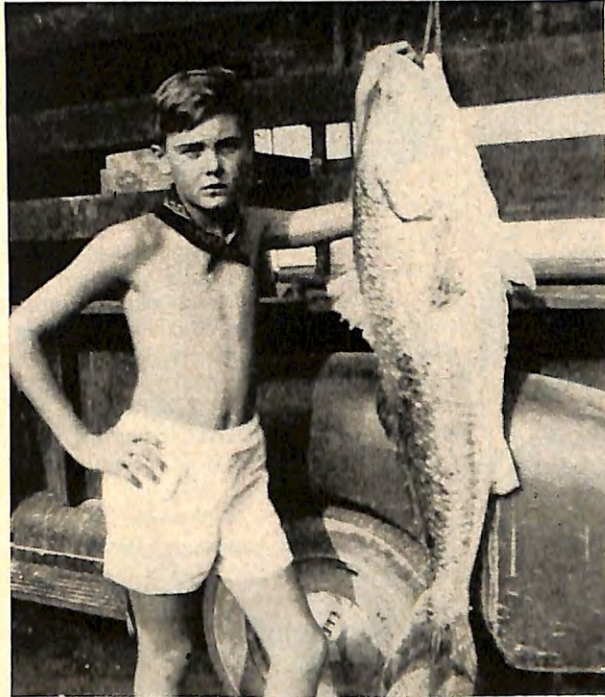
Such fish are usually hooked in the back or some other part of the body where it is difficult to control them or tire them out.

Sharks can also disqualify a record fish when they tear chunks out of it. The present world record for striped marlin, for example, was set by a 692 pound fish taken in 1931. But the late Zane Grey took a striped marlin off Tahiti in 1930 which when beaten and brought alongside the boat was attacked by sharks. They bit huge chunks out of the fish,

tearing off an estimated 200 or 300 pounds of meat. Even so it weighed 1040 pounds. But it was disqualified as a record fish because of the mutilation. Even a skillful angler is often helpless to do anything about attacks by sharks.

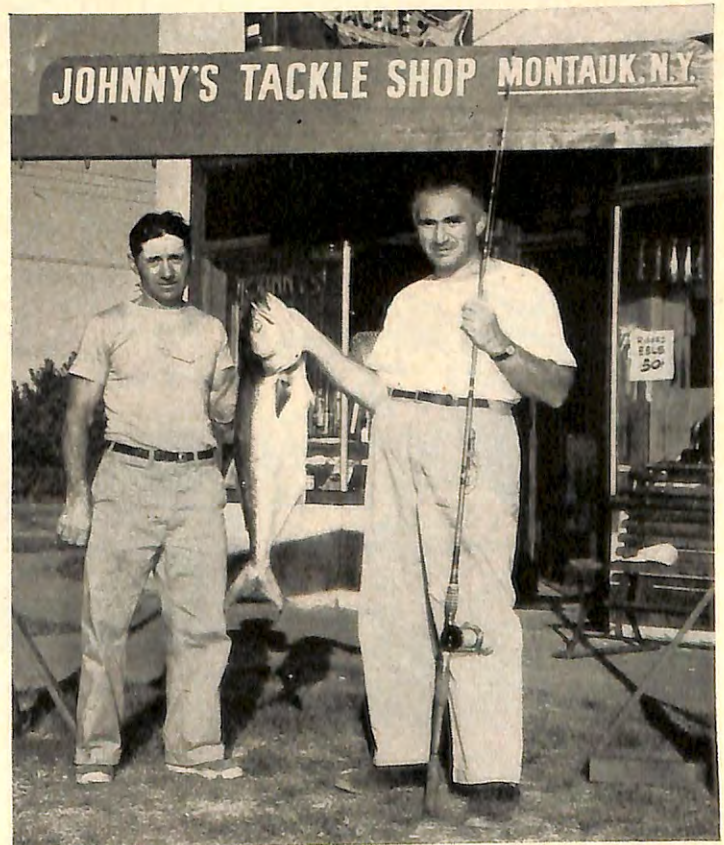
The story is much the same in fresh-water fishing. The veteran anglers who know their waters intimately through years of experience come out on top both in the numbers and in the size of the fish caught. Perhaps the best example is the

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Zack Waters, Jr., at the age of 15, broke the channel bass record by catching an 83-pounder. But it wasn't all luck, because Zack already had several years fishing experience.

The 20-pound world record bluefish caught last year by Philip Chasin, at right. With him is Captain Gus Pitts, veteran Montauk skipper on whose boat the record blue was caught.



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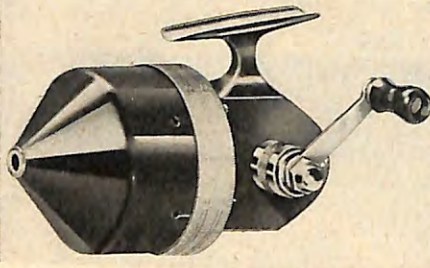
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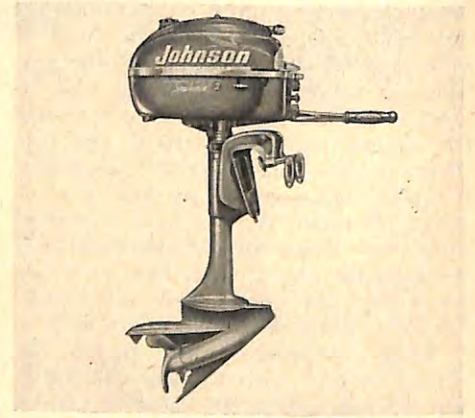
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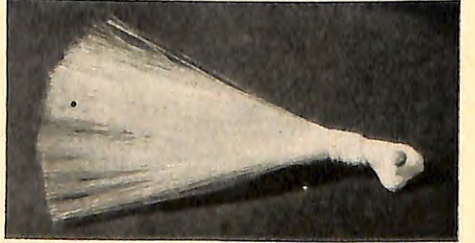
New departure in fishing lures are these Zamboni Weedless Snag-Proof plugs. The line attaches directly to the hook which is built into the body of the plug, insuring that virtually every fish hooked will be hauled in. Pair consists of a surface popper and a diver finished in deep crystal enamel that lasts for years. Gift boxed, \$3.65 postpaid. Zamboni Weedless, Box 18, Owatonna, Minn.



Neverslip Anchor Rope Lock handles 3/16" to 1/2" rope and will support a 200-lb. anchor. When the anchor is pulled up it is snubbed automatically and need not be taken inside the boat. Retail price is \$3.50. Metal Edge Tab Co., 7249 Arsenal St., St. Louis, Mo.



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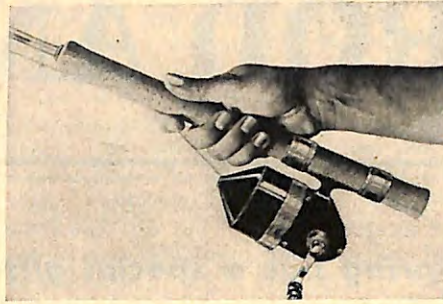
These flyhooks are mounted on Mitako steel hooks and are tied in a number of popular patterns by skilled Oriental craftsmen. Assortment of 12 flyhooks are set in cork strips and packed in wooden boxes large enough to accommodate additional hooks. If not available at local dealer, the flybox assortment may be ordered directly from the Minnesota Fishing Tackle Co., Box 644E, Minneapolis, Minn. \$1.50 per box postpaid.



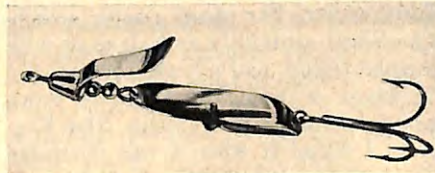
Aluminum tubing and nylon fabric have been used to construct this a light-weight and sturdy pack. Large size weighs 2 lbs. 6 ounces; smaller size only 1 lb. 14 ounces. Features include padded and fully adjustable shoulder straps, two large box-type pockets and adjustable nylon back bands. Large size is \$23.50; smaller size, \$21.00. A. I. Kely Mfg. Co., P. O. Box 3453, Glendale 1, Calif.



This new boat accessory pouch provides handy storage space. It is made of heavy waterproof duck. Comes in red, silver or ivory. Pouch fastens at the top inside edge of the boat with open screw eyes and is readily detached. Size of the pouch is 11½" high by 28" long, with a full-length zipper opening and protective flap. Lafayette Supply Co., West Lafayette, Ohio.



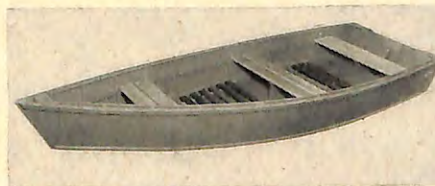
Spinning Reel seats behind the hand, fly rod style, for better balance. Snug fit to handle of rod permits forefinger control of the line at all times. Drag adjustment and non-reversing mechanism of the reel can be easily operated without interruption to fishing. All parts of the reel are enclosed. It is constructed of aluminum alloy and finished in green baked enamel with chromed crank and large white handle grip. Gear ratio is 4 to 1. List price is \$27.50. Shakespeare Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.



Loose Caboose lure is all metal, non-rusting, with sparkling finishes. Weighs ½ oz. and overall length is 4". Has simple interchangeable hook feature and is furnished with hook illustrated above. Advance Tackle Co., Youngstown, Ohio.



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Spring has a special gift for anglers—brook trout.

ise and her gift to anglers is, I think, the best of all.

This is the certain knowledge that comes one morning when the air is soft as velvet and the sun is sparkling on the dew: a little brook somewhere is ready. Wherever there are trout, there are trout brooks, and I think that each of them fills a very special spot in the heart of some angler.

A trout brook is different from a river. A river is big and obvious, and everybody knows about it, but brooks are mostly secret, like good grouse covers, to be fished cautiously and alone or with a valued friend, and not too often.

I know a brook that winds down through a swamp in southern New England. I found it when I was partridge hunting in the fall, and I watched a pair of natives spawning. When spring came, I went back. Fortunately, a boyhood friend, with whom I had fished many other brooks, had come to visit me. He was on his way home from the South Pacific, and he needed a quiet spot.

I loaned him some tackle. We dug a can of worms in the garden. We took a skillet and a coffee pot and some bread and butter and jam. Then we started in near the head of the swamp and followed the brook away down into its most secret places. We fished slowly, stalking each miniature pool and lowering our worm-baited hooks into the water the way that we had learned to do when we were boys.

We stopped often to sit in the sun and talk about old times, or just to sit, and we didn't catch very many fish. Occasionally, however, when a hook touched the water of a pool or the current sucked it down among the washed-out roots of a hemlock, there would come that vibrant, electric tug. Then we'd raise the rod carefully and lift a red-spotted, purple-shaded swamp jewel into the sunlight.

We had six, or maybe eight, at noon, and we built a tiny fire and boiled our coffee and fried our trout in sizzling butter. When the skin was rich brown, cracked in spots to show the pink inside, but still keeping some of the bright markings and the white edges of the fins, we took them out and laid them tenderly on slices of buttered bread. Then we ate them, one by one, carefully so as not to lose a single precious crumb. We ate them in our fingers, the way brook trout should be eaten. We had some bread and jam for dessert, and then we drank

our coffee and smoked and talked and dozed. It was a good day. I think it helped to tie up some of the loose ends from the South Pacific.

FISHING a brook is different from trout fishing in a larger stream. A brook is friendly and intimate and secretive. You can't fight it. You can't hurry. You really need a special frame of mind to fish a brook.

That is one reason why spring is the time for angling in the little streams. You need to be lazy. The early sun takes care of that. You must not demand too much because most brooks have no large trout and not a great many small ones.

I think it was fishing a brook that taught me whatever modicum of patience I may now possess. This stream, which was only a few miles from the farm where I grew up, was small enough to step across at any swift spot. It came down through a spectacular canyon and the bottom of this rock crevice was thickly grown up with willows, alders and other brush.

The trout were native cutthroats, black spotted, with brilliant parr marks, and they were surprisingly numerous for a stream so small. Westerners call them brook trout, or natives, and they are wonderful boy's fish because they take any fly or a worm or grasshopper hungrily.

The neighbor boys and I spent many happy days along this brook. We explored the recesses of the canyon, scaled its cliffs and caught its trout. At first, boylike, we were always impatient, racing from one pool to the next, crashing through the brush, scaring most of the fish before we had a chance to catch them.

It would be nice to say that I learned my lesson of patience all at once from some master angler. The learning was not so simple, however. It took a long time. We gradually discovered that we caught few trout when we hurried from pool to pool, each trying to outdo the other. We found that it was better to fish more in the tempo of the brook, loafing, resting, approaching each pocket as carefully as a coyote stalking a ground squirrel. A few pools fished cautiously yielded more trout than many fished in a hurrying, impatient manner.

Trout in brooks are always wild. They know that they are vulnerable to kingfishers, herons, otters and other enemies.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

IT WON'T be long until the last snow patches have disappeared from the north slopes, and in the sunny spots the first violets will be pushing up through the damp mold. The alder leaves will be the size of squirrel ears, and waxy fresh. The peepers will be making the swamps ring with their music, and the sweet, moist odor of newly plowed soil will hang rich in the evening air.

Spring, with all her promises, will be upon us soon. She will bring great gifts to all of those who live upon the land; for their year will begin anew; and to young lovers; and to boys with baseballs and marbles and tops (or do boys spin tops any more?); and to girls with books and roller skates, after school. But of all the promises that spring makes, and of all the gifts that she brings, her prom-



Brook trout taste best cooked over an open fire soon after they are caught.

Consequently, they are more timid than those in larger streams. The slightest movement within their range of vision is enough to make them dart into the shelter of an undercut bank or a tangle of washed-out willow roots. Even the shadow of a rod or careless footsteps on soft earth will frighten them. Therefore, stealth is the first requirement of brook fishing, and no hurrying, impatient angler can be stealthy.

The tackle for brook fishing need not be elaborate. In fact, thousands of trout have been caught by anglers using nothing more than a few feet of line and a

Photos by Ted Trueblood.



To catch trout from brooks, you must approach each pool cautiously, frequently lowering your hook into the water without even seeing it.

snelled fly, tied to a slender willow. As is the case in most other sports, however, the right equipment adds to the pleasure.

One of the best outfits for fishing the little, brushy streams consists of a telescopic steel rod, an automatic reel and a G level line, with a light leader not more than a yard long. Little casting is necessary, and this rod can be pulled out to any desired length or slid together for convenience.

Most anglers, of course, use their regular fly rods, reels and lines—the same tackle with which they fish for trout anywhere. It works fine, too, but for bait fishing—and bait must be used on most small brooks, because of the difficulty of fishing flies in such close quarters—much better equipment has become available since the war. This is spinning tackle.

The fisherman with the right spinning outfit is set up for worm fishing in a fashion that would make the old timers green with envy. His light line is all but invisible. It runs so freely that he can lower his bait over a cut bank without jiggling the rod tip even once. He can let his worm drift away downstream into the promising, unfished spots. For the short casts required, he doesn't need a single split shot. He can do a better job of fishing far more easily than we ever could before.

It is not the tackle you use, however, nor the number or size of the fish you catch that makes brook fishing in the spring so pleasant. Part of it is the seclusion and quiet of the swamp or canyon or shaded, woody dell. Part of it is simply being out of doors on the first sweet days of spring. Part of it is the jewel-like quality of the fish you do catch—for the trout from brooks, regardless of species,

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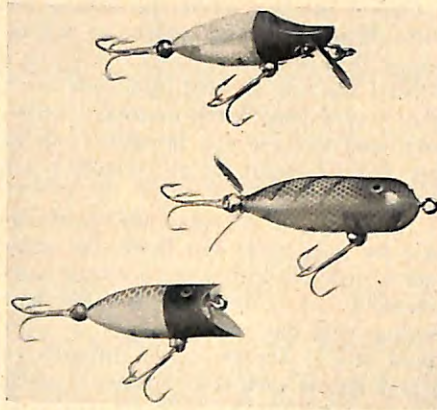
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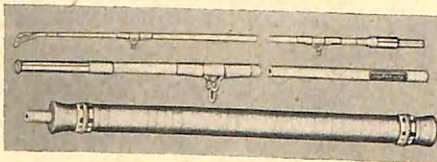
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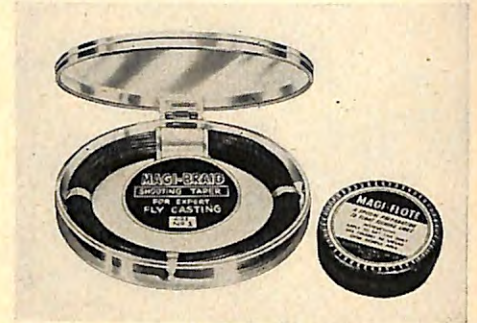


Orchard Industries, maker of the Actionglas rod, offer a new, two-piece Actionglas spinning rod with a list price of \$14.95. Shown above is Model No. 1966, available in 6½' length, and designed for spin fishing with ⅛, ¼ and ½-ounce lures. Orchard Industries, Inc., 18404 Morang Drive, Detroit, Mich.



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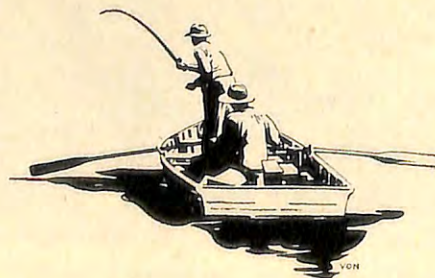
fish. The flatfish lure also is excellent for muskellunge, bass and other fresh water game fish. Made of plastic in 10 colors. Prices are \$2.00 for 5" lure, \$2.25 for 5½", and \$2.50 for 6". Helin Tackle Co., 3669 Meldrum, Detroit 7, Mich.



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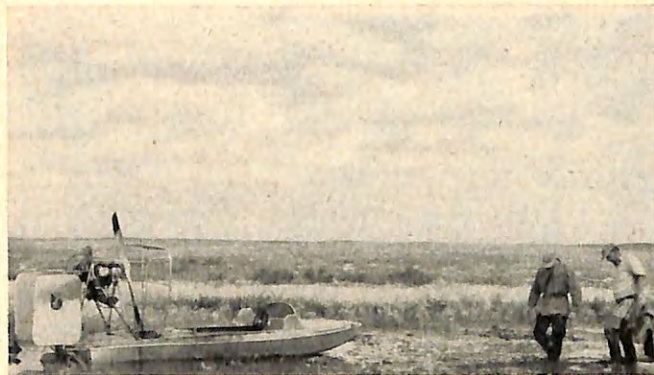
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NEWS OF THE LODGES



Left: Photographed on P.E.R.'s Night at Bluffton, Ind., Lodge are, foreground, the candidates initiated by the former leaders, standing in background. Others pictured are present officers.

Below: Officers, candidates and members of Webb City, Mo., on the official visit of D.D. Samuel L. Highleyman, seated third from right, with E.R. James F. Collier on his right.

Medford, Ore., Elk-Sponsored Student Government Day Report

The second annual Student Government Day, sponsored by Medford Lodge No. 1168, was a distinct success. Elected by their senior high school classmates, Student Mayor William McAllister, Jr., and 36 other young officials were sworn in and given Elk-provided certificates of office by Mayor D. L. Flynn.

The students, aided and accompanied by regular city officials, took over the duties of their various offices for the entire day. That evening, with Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna and school officials, they were guests of the lodge at a dinner conducted by E.R. Franklin H. Van Pelt and Secy. Ernest L. Scott; Dr. Wm. C. Jones, Dean of Administration of the University of Oregon, was the principal speaker. Later, the students returned to City Hall for the Council Meeting to which their parents were invited.



Above: Hillsboro, Ohio, P.E.R.'s who were honored at a special program, represent 167 years in Elkdom. The former leaders initiated the candidates pictured in the front row.

Below: View of the obviously successful Father-Son Banquet of Pontiac, Mich., Lodge.



LODGE NOTES

MEADVILLE, PA., Lodge sponsored a fine musical program for the patients at Erie Veterans Hospital. The Meadville Club Male Chorus gave 20-minute concerts on each of the four floors of the hospital. Ice cream and cookies were distributed by the lodge; cigarettes by the Pa. N.W. Dist. Elks Assn. After the concert, the choristers were guests of **ERIE** Lodge where they presented another program . . . We hear from **LONG BEACH, CALIF.,** Lodge that its "Class of the Year" numbered 54 candidates, one of the largest groups ever initiated there . . . When 45 men became members of **RIVERTON, WYO.,** Lodge, 22 of them were natives of Lander, the nearby town where the ceremony took place. The class honored Riverton Lodge's Trustee Mike Mohr. On hand were State Pres. Fred Houchens and Senior P.E.R. C. E. Meranda, P. D. D. . . . George V. Helmann, Sr., recently completed 25 years of devoted service as Secy. of **HASTINGS, NEB.,** Lodge whose members held a special program in his honor. Among candidates initiated as a tribute to Mr. Helmann was Johnny Hopp of the N. Y. Yankees . . . **PITTSFIELD, MASS.,** Lodge's all-male Minstrel Show was a big success at both performances put on for the public for the benefit of its Charity Fund. The program was repeated for the Boys Club, City Infirmary and the VA Hospital at Leeds, 42 miles away . . . Speaking of veterans, our February National Service Commission page carried a photograph showing a young Army corporal, Roland Frye, using the telephone made available for servicemen, free of charge, at the **COLUMBIA, S. C., ELKS FRATERNAL CENTER.** Although we didn't know it, the corporal was calling his girl in North Dakota. It wasn't until he received a letter from the young lady telling him she'd seen the picture in the Magazine that the soldier found out the telephone call had been publicized nationally in photographic form . . . State Vice-Pres. M. A. Jacques presented the N. H. **STATE ELKS ASSN.** Cup for Ritualistic Excellence to E.R. Edward E. Hubbell and others of the **LACONIA** Lodge team which, by virtue of winning this award three consecutive years, now retains permanent possession of it.



Pulaski, Va., Lodge officers pictured at the Elks National Home with one of the residents, R. P. Aylor, member of Pulaski Lodge. Left to right: Lect. Knight W. S. Blackburn, Loyal Knight J. E. Huddle, Mr. Aylor, E.R. C. D. Seagle; second row: Lead. Knight W. L. Tate, Esq. Clark Owen, Inner Guard S. S. Cecil, Secy. D. W. Ratcliff.



These Lake Worth, Fla., Elks are responsible for the success of the lodge's Charity Ball which realized \$1,450 for the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home, maintained by the Fla. Elks. Left to right: MC Bloyd Sarman, Committee Chairman A. T. Tomberelli, Charles Gardner, Lou Vogel, Esq. Geo. Brand, Jerry Lopez, Est. Loyal Knight B. A. Happel, E.R. F. S. Cuyler, H. J. Mooney and City Comm. Jos. Gallo.



This photograph commemorates the presentation of a blood refrigeration unit to Glenn County Hospital by Willows, Calif., Lodge. With hospital staff members are Exalted Ruler Arno J. Poggi, Sr., Secy. H. E. Ruedy and S. J. Bognuda of the lodge.



Arnold Carroll, left, and Beeler Owens, two of the Middlesboro, Ky., Elks who helped their lodge collect \$423 for the March of Dimes.



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There are even such things as inland water cruises, and among the most famous are those run by Canada Steamship Lines down in the St. Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers. You can sightsee in Montreal, board the ship in the early evening and arrive in Quebec early the next morning for a two-hour stopover. Then the steamer slides on to Murray Bay for a look at the magnificent Manoir Richelieu Hotel and the Tadoussac Hotel. By twilight, the Saguenay has been invaded for an eventide look at Cape Eternity and Cape Trinity, a pair of local abutments that tower higher than Gibraltar. There is a stop in Quebec on the way back that provides time for a visit to Ste. Anne de Beaupré and also for a look around ancient Quebec itself.

Ships, yes *ships*, of the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railways criss-cross the Great Lakes, stopping at Canadian ports, and the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Co. cruises the lakes under the American flag. The Greene Line offers old-fashioned steamboat tours down the Mississippi.

But for those who really want to go to sea, there is an exciting sailing schedule to choose from. For those who live handy to the East Coast, the Furness Bermuda Line has announced a variety of trips to the nearby islands and the

Caribbean aboard the famous Queen of Bermuda and the new Ocean Monarch. Seven-day triangle cruises to both Bermuda and Nassau on either the Monarch or the Queen will be leaving New York May 3, May 17, June 7, June 28, July 19 and Sept. 27. A nine-day cruise on the Monarch to Nassau and Havana is earmarked for May 26th departure with prices beginning at \$225. On June 15 the Monarch takes a 12-day excursion to Port au Prince, Haiti; Cartagena, Colombia; and Kingston, Jamaica, with fares at \$300 and up. Haiti, the Negro Republic, has overtones of France. Cartagena, with Spanish overtones, was a treasure port where the Conquistadores stashed their silver and the pirates tried to steal it. Kingston is the British capital of Jamaica, and a great place to buy English woolens and chinaware—not to mention Jamaica rum. The Monarch will also take off for the northlands on July 5, July 26, August 9 and August 23, escaping the heat to the Saguenay, Quebec, Halifax and Bermuda. The tariff begins at \$300 for a 12-day excursion.

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The Grace Line, which is in the cruise business the year around, has two different types of trips to the Caribbean and South America. Both sail every Friday from New York, and since their itineraries are comparatively short they fit nicely into regulated vacations. No passports are required, and since the ships touch another continent, there is no U. S. tax. Weekly 12-day de luxe cruises aboard the 225-passenger sister ships, the Santa Rosa and the Santa Paula, stop in at the storybook town of Wil-



Iemstad in Curaçao, in the Netherlands West Indies; at La Guaira and Puerto Cabello in Venezuela; and at Cartagena in Colombia.

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Built for cruising the warmer climes, the Santa ships all have outdoor tiled swimming pools. All staterooms are outside and have private baths.

Weekly 16-and 18-day casual cruises are operated by Grace on their air-conditioned cargo-and-passenger Santas, which carry just fifty-two passengers. These voyages put in at Puerto Cabello in Venezuela, Aruba in the Netherlands West Indies, Maracaibo, Venezuela, and Baranquilla, Colombia. The mixture of the Spanish cities of Colombia and Venezuela with the Dutch islands of Curaçao and Aruba make a pleasant contrast. The buildings in the Dutch towns are brightly painted and decorated with peaks and gables like the houses of Amsterdam. The shopping quarters have become an international bazaar.

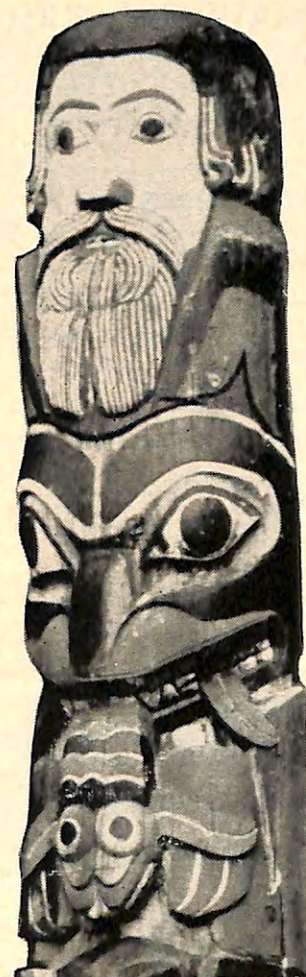
The Great White Fleet of the United Fruit Line, which used to ply between

New York and Guatemala, has shifted its operations to the Caribbean. It now runs 17-day cruises to Havana, the Panama Canal Zone and Cartagena and Santa Marta in Colombia, with rates beginning at \$395. Passengers have two full days and nights in Havana, using the ship as a hotel, before the cruise swings down to Cristobal. There is an optional land trip across the Isthmus to see the Canal, stopping overnight at the famous El Panama Hotel looking down on the Pacific, and the ship then swings over to the north coast of South America and then back to New York. All told, United Fruit's new cruise offers eleven days at sea, six days on shore.

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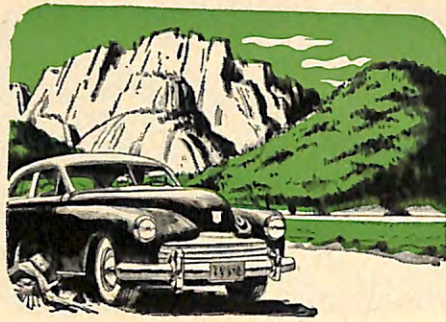
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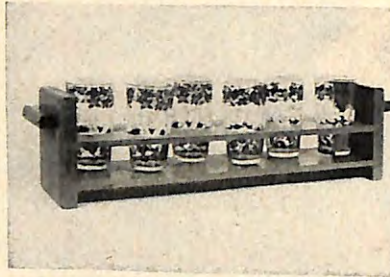


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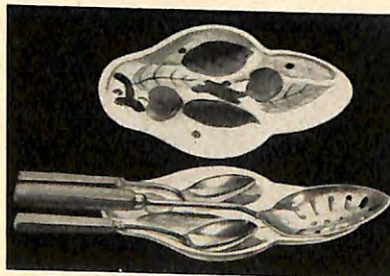
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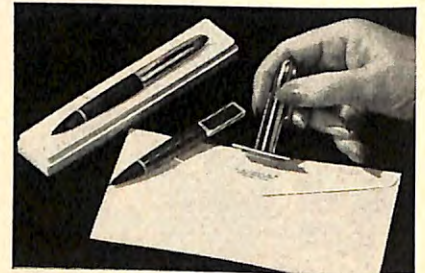
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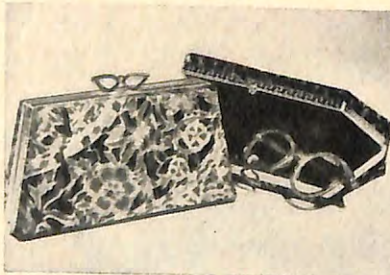
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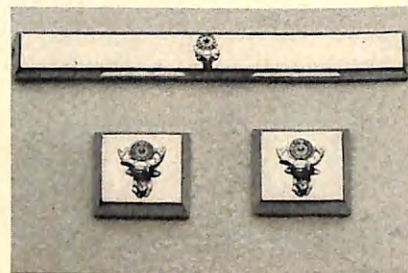
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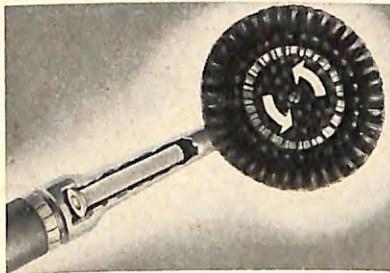
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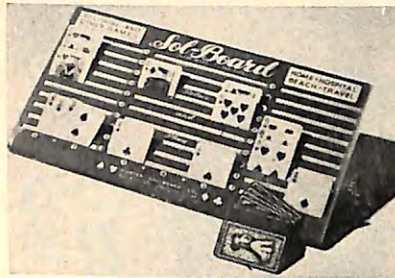
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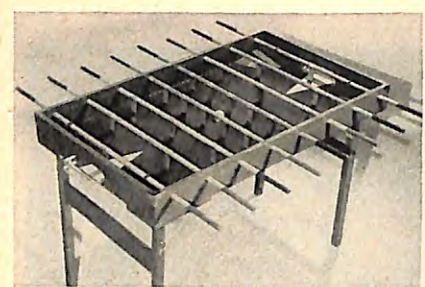
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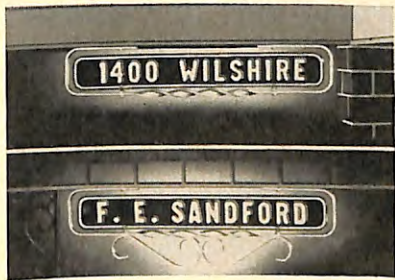


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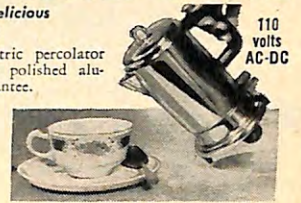
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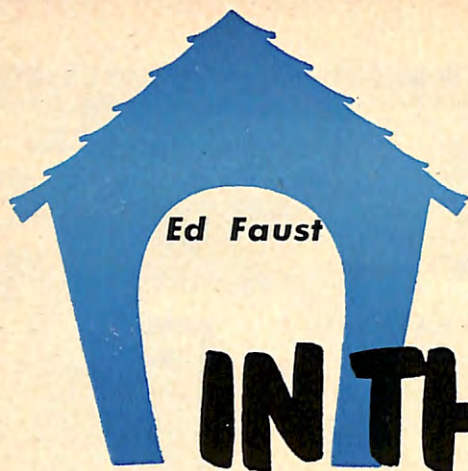
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Ed Faust

IN THE DOGHOUSE

Ed Faust has answered thousands of dog questions, so this month he asks a few.

HAVE YOU ever seen a cheesehound? Now, don't ask, "Who do you think you're kidding?" If you know the breed, you'll know the answer. If not—well, first let me relate a recent experience.

As any New Yorker will tell you, in that metropolis you're liable to see anything. But I was by no means prepared for the shock of finding myself following a small, unleashed black bear through a crowded railroad terminal one morning. True, the night before had been rather large, but hardly of the proportions that produce early-morning zoological novelties.

The animal was shaggy-coated and moved with a rolling, bearlike gait, and I moved along with it, fascinated. Then, as it turned its head to peer anxiously at the man walking beside it, and slightly to its rear, I saw, to my relief, that it wasn't a bear; it was a dog.

The man gave a terse command, and so I knew he was the dog's boss. "That's a well-trained Briard you have there," I remarked.

"Yes," he replied absently, and then, in a surprised tone, added, "How did you peg the breed? They're rather scarce over here, you know."

"A friend of mine breeds them and I've seen a few at the shows. Cheesehounds, eh?"

"That's what we call them," he grinned.

The cheesehound, so-named affectionately by its breeders, is the Briard, a fine, powerful, intelligent dog—not a hound, but very much a working dog that for many years has been employed as guardian and assistant herdsman in its native France. The cheese label developed from the fact that this dog, Chien Berger de Brie, acquired its name from the Province of Brie, home of Brie cheese.

Now, it's not without reason that I began this month's sermon with a question; after all, in the many years I've been writing your dog page I've answered thousands, and from here on it's going to be turn-about—you're going to be on the receiving end for a change. . . .

1. *Q.* What dog is named after an American city? (He's a chipper

little fellow. Maybe you own one; the breed is one of the most popular in the country.)

- A. The Boston terrier, whose origin was in the vicinity of Boston during the middle of the Nineteenth Century.
2. *Q.* What breed is the police dog?
- A. There is no such particular breed; several are used for police work. Any bold, intelligent, large dog can be trained for police duty. Dogs were first used for this kind of work in Germany, mostly German shepherds. The work these dogs did attracted such attention that today many people still believe this breed is the "police dog". Others so used include the Doberman pinscher, Airedale, boxer and schnauzer.
3. *Q.* What is the speediest of all dogs?
- A. The greyhound, the dog used most

widely for racing. It has been clocked at 25 seconds for a quarter of a mile.

4. *Q.* What distinguishes the dog from all other animals in relation to human beings?
- A. The dog is the only animal that will defend its master's life and property.
5. *Q.* Do dogs ever become insane?
- A. Yes.
6. *Q.* Why do dogs bury bones?
- A. This is an inherited, primitive instinct. For the dog of long ago, life was either feast or famine, depending upon his success as a hunter. After the game was killed, the dog would bury uneaten portions of the food to hide them from other animals.
7. *Q.* One of our earliest Presidents imported dogs from England.

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Photo by Ylla.



Speaking of questions, what is this Golden Retriever thinking about?



Above: The officers and Board of Directors of Scranton, Pa., Lodge, with their guest of honor, 57-year Secy. William S. Gould, seated fourth from left, at his 80th birthday celebration.



Below: When Modesto, Calif., Lodge's \$130,000 mortgage was burned, P.E.R.'s Wm. Zeff, left, E. L. Kyte, right, dressed for the lean years; P.E.R.'s J. W. Fritts, F. W. Halley, second and third from left, for better times. Others, fourth from left to right: State Pres. J. B. Morey, E.R. Ted Martz, State Vice-Pres. Myron Frew, Warren Jaggard, who was first E.R. in new home.



Above: E.R. Robert Christie, seated fifth from left, with officers and Committeemen of Morristown, N. J., Lodge who handled the busy three-day program including a party at the VA Hospital in Lyons, the lodge's birthday celebration, and a party at the Morris County Welfare House.

Right: Ten of the seventeen surviving Charter Members of Sterling, Colo., Lodge who received Honorary Life Memberships on P.E.R.'s Night, pictured with Exalted Ruler Russell Y. Weber.



Right: E.R. Paul Brewer pins an Elk 50-year membership emblem on the lapel of Charter Member M. L. Gallagher of Bismarck, N. D., Lodge.



Left: E.R. Warren Bulloch, left of Cedar City, Utah, Lodge presents to Athletic Director Cleo Petty, center, of Branch Agricultural College a \$250 check for its Athletic Fund, and a \$113 check raised through a dance sponsored by the Elks and the Coaches Club, whose Scholarship Comm. Chairman, Ralph Thomas, stands at right.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

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These Charter Members of Harrisburg, Ill., Lodge, prominent in civic affairs over many years, received Life Memberships at a recent meeting. Left to right: D. B. McGehee, J. M. Pruett, P.E.R. John B. Lee, E. B. Webster, H. T. Towle, and Dr. R. B. Nyberg. All are between 72 and 80 years of age.

Sterling, Colo., Lodge Honors Charter Members

A class of 21 men was initiated into Sterling Lodge No. 1336 on Old Timers' and P.E.R.'s Night, when 17 of the lodge's 106 Charter Members received Honorary Life Memberships.

Instituted in 1916, Sterling Lodge had Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen as its first leader. Mr. Coen was one of the seven Charter Members who were not on hand to receive this tribute.



The officers of Washington, Mo., Lodge with the class initiated in honor of P.E.R. Anthony J. Beckmann, a P.D.D., and present Secy. of the lodge, as well as State Ritualistic Committee Chairman.

Phoenix, Ariz., Elks Report Several Activities

One of the most progressive lodges in Arizona, Phoenix No. 335, reports two interesting activities. One of them was the initiation of a class of 99 candidates initiated at special ceremonies attended by three Past Grand Exalted Rulers, J. Edgar Masters who is Grand Secretary of the Order, L. A. Lewis and George I. Hall. The group is the largest to be initiated into the lodge in many years.

Another event was the honoring of 25 of the lodge's 51 Old Timers with the presentation of Life Memberships. These men, all over 65 years of age, received this honor in recognition of their continuous membership in the order for thirty years.



Wellington, Kans., Lodge officers and class they initiated in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Davis.

WHEN YOUR PHOTOGRAPH IS TAKEN

at some Elk event in the future, and if you are one of the thousands who wear glasses, why don't you remove them while the picture is being shot?

Naturally, most indoor shots have to be lighted by flashbulbs and since these reflections show on the glass, and cannot be removed by retouching, the appearance of the photograph would be vastly improved if the glasses were temporarily in your pocket.



Elk C. Ray Hare, left, Chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign, accepts Salisbury, Md., Lodge's \$154 check from Entertainment Committee Chairman E. Winfred Davis, right. Center is E.R. Roy Moore.



At St. Joseph, Mich., Lodge's Annual Old Timers Party, Exalted Ruler E. G. Yircott, right, is pictured congratulating three 35-year Elks, left to right, Fred Schlutt, Club Manager Charles Archut and Henry Gast.

CANDIDATES FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICE

FARGO, NO. DAK., LODGE PRESENTS A CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER

FARGO, N. D., Lodge, No. 260, proudly presents Past Exalted Ruler Sam Stern as a candidate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, to be elected at the 1952 Grand Lodge Convention in New York City in July.

For more than forty years, Mr. Stern has actively served the best interests of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Lodge, State and Nation. As his service has grown in scope with the years, added duties and responsibilities have been executed with a capability and faithfulness that have earned him an enviable record of achievement.

Mr. Stern was initiated into Fargo Lodge No. 260 on Dec. 10th, 1910. After serving through the various chairs, he was elected Exalted Ruler of his Lodge in 1924. As Exalted Ruler he proved himself to be an able leader, nor did his activity lag with the completion of his term. His continuing efforts have aided materially in making Fargo Lodge one of the outstanding Lodges of Elkdom; for years he has been Chairman of the Lodge's Board of Trustees.

P.E.R. Stern served as President of the North Dakota State Elks Assn. in 1927, and was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for North Dakota the following year. For years he served as Chairman of the State Elks Crippled Children's Committee and is one of the founders of this movement in the State, originally started through the efforts of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch.

In 1929 Mr. Stern was appointed a member of the Good of the Order Committee of the Grand Lodge, serving with distinction for three years. He was a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee in 1935-36, and of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge between 1940 and 1942. He was again elected President of his State Association in 1941, serving in that capacity until

1943. At the 1944 Grand Lodge Session in Chicago, he was elected a member of the Board of Grand Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, and in New York in 1946 he was again elected to the Board for a term of five years, acting as Chairman in 1950-51.

Sam Stern was born in Fargo and has maintained residence there all his life. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. His business interests include mercantile, real estate and banking.

Mr. Stern served in the U. S. Army during the first World War. He has been active in the civic affairs of his community and State. He has served as President of the Fargo Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Community Chest, member of the Fargo Planning Commission and member of the Salvation Army Board. During World War II he was active in every war effort, serving on the U.S.O. State Committee and the Navy Recruiting State Committee, sponsored by the Elks Lodges of North Dakota. He is very active in the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and has been its State Chairman since its inception. Mr. Stern is Chairman of the North Dakota State Crippled Children Commission, appointed in 1941 by the late Governor John Moses, reappointed by Governor Aandahl and again by Governor Brunsdale.

In view of Mr. Stern's long and distinguished service to the Order, and knowing he is well qualified to conduct the duties of the office in a manner that will be of the greatest benefit to all Elkdom, Fargo Lodge solicits your support of him for election to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Paul Euren, Exalted Ruler

Frank V. Archibald, Secretary

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GRAND SECRETARY MASTERS IS PRESENTED FOR REELECTION BY CHARLEROI, PA., LODGE

SINCE 1927, J. Edgar Masters has been serving the Order loyally and efficiently as its Grand Secretary. Realizing his tremendous ability and well aware of his enviable record, his fellow members of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494, have again offered him as a candidate to succeed himself in this capacity.

J. Edgar Masters became affiliated with the Order in 1903 and was Exalted Ruler of Charleroi Lodge in 1908. In 1911, he was appointed Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, later serving as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Social and Community Welfare. Between 1915 and 1920 he was a member of the

Board of Grand Trustees, and led the Order as its Grand Exalted Ruler in 1922. Between 1923 and the year of his election as Grand Secretary for the first time, Mr. Masters was a member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

In addition to his Elk activities, Mr. Masters was Treasurer of Washington County, Pa., for four years. He also served well as President of the Southwestern Pennsylvania State Normal School Board.

The members of Charleroi Lodge feel sure the 1952 Convention delegates will share their pride in reelecting Grand Secretary Masters.



Learning that Sacred Heart Hospital needed fire-protection equipment, Garrett, Ind., Lodge raised \$12,012 for that purpose. Here, Campaign Chairman, E.R. W. A. McDanel, right, presents the check to Sister Superior Mary Daniel. Committeeman Anthony Lemish, P.E.R., stands at left.



At Marinette, Wis., Lodge's Football Dinner, E.R. Eugene Ravet, center, presented Most Valuable Player Awards to Don Stepniak, second from left, of Marinette High School, and Jack Kopish, second from right, of Lourdes High School. Left, Coach Howie Stiem; right, Asst. Coach Joe Oreshoski.



At Detroit, Mich., Lodge's testimonial dinner to Grand Tiler Irvine J. Unger, he received a Merit Award Plaque from Toastmaster Frank G. Mitzel, P.E.R. Left to right: State Pres. Jay H. Payne, the guest of honor, Mr. Mitzel, P.E.R. Russell F. Christie and Exalted Ruler Lynn Streit.



Participating in the burning of the mortgage on the home of Visalia, Calif., Lodge are, left to right: Bldg. Assn. Member Harry Locey, Bldg. Assn. Chairman George Tschumy, Trustee Chairman Charles Hammer, Charter Members C. C. Lary and Program Chairman George Young.



North Little Rock, Ark., Lodge's check for the Polio Drive, well over its \$1,004 goal, is presented by P.E.R. Percy H. Machin to Area Chairman of the Drive, Mrs. Vivian Church. Secretary Joe Loebner and E.R. John H. Atkins, left and right background, witness the transaction.



Before a crowd of 520, Special Deputy C. B. Mudd, left, reads the Charter at the institution of Hermiston, Ore., Lodge, to E.R. Frank Wells, as Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan and Grand Lodge Committeeman Frank Hise, third and fourth from left respectively, look on.

Garrett, Ind., Elks Aid Sacred Heart Hospital

Last year, the Ind. State fire marshal recommended that certain fire-protection equipment be installed in Sacred Heart Hospital so that the institution would be allowed to continue operating. Learning that the hospital did not have the funds, Garrett Lodge No. 1447 contacted Sister Superior M. Daniel, offering to underwrite the expense of a drive to raise the necessary \$12,000.

Not long ago, the Sisters received a \$12,012 check from the Elks at ceremonies at the hospital where the Sisters served a dinner to their benefactors.

Later they adjourned to the recreation room where the Sisters were entertained with motion pictures thoughtfully provided by their guests.

Phillipsburg, N. J., Leaders Do a Job for Plainfield Lodge

Led by E.R. Charles D. Frinzi, the officers of Phillipsburg Lodge No. 395, in the company of 50 other members of the lodge, made a trip to Plainfield Lodge No. 885. The purpose of this safari, made in a chartered bus, was to have the Phillipsburg leaders initiate a class of candidates for their hosts.

At the meeting, Rev. Fr. Thomas J. O'Dea, formerly of Phillipsburg and now

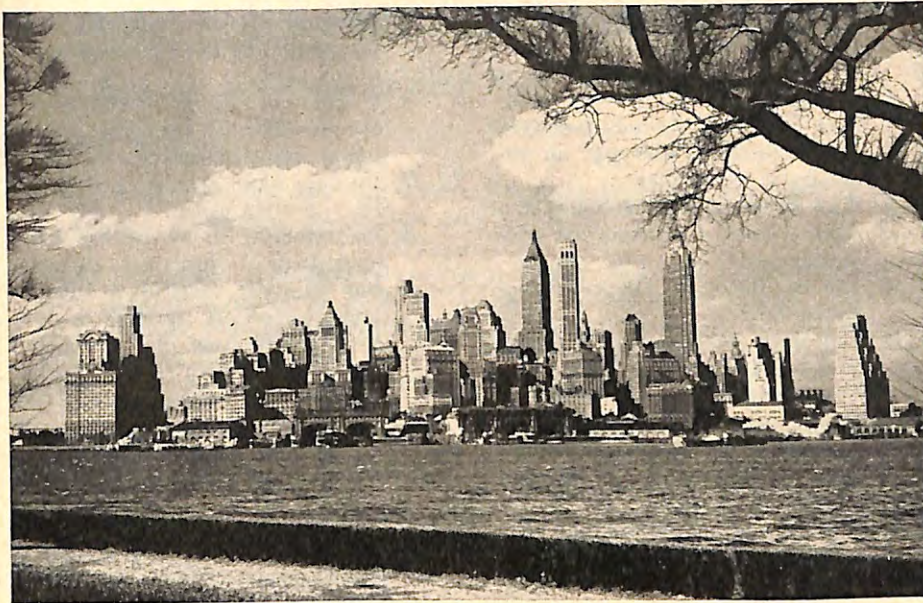
of Plainfield Lodge, spoke on his associations with the Phillipsburg Elks.

Illinois Elks' Billiard Tourney

The 1952 Ill. Elks three-cushion billiard tournament, one of the features of the Midwinter Roundup in Champaign, had 24 top-notch competitors. Springfield Lodge's Gene Randolph took first place and a \$75 cash prize.

Chairman Art Sackett reports that other winners included Bud Stinson of Champaign, who won the second-prize \$43 award; Don Tozer of Decatur, taker of the \$25 third prize. Harry Hagen, Decatur, winner of the fourth-place \$15 prize, also won \$12 for high run.

New York for YOU in '52



Lower Manhattan skyline as seen from an island in the Harbor.

ADVANCE reservations for accommodations for over 10,000 delegates and visitors to the 1952 Grand Lodge Convention in New York City would indicate an all-time high in attendance. Despite the tremendous demand for accommodations so far in advance of the Convention, the Convention Committee has been able to arrange housing satisfactory to all, thanks to the cooperation of State Associations, lodges and individual members in forwarding reservations.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, General Convention Chairman, said that the 1952 Grand Lodge Reunion seems headed for a record in hospitality as well as in size. Requests for arrangements for breakfasts, luncheons, banquets and other functions planned by state groups promise an unusually heavy calendar of social events. Many states are planning elaborate displays for their headquarters rooms, with interesting souvenirs for distribution. Recognizing this friendly rivalry, the Convention Committee has arranged to make a special award for the most distinctive headquarters.

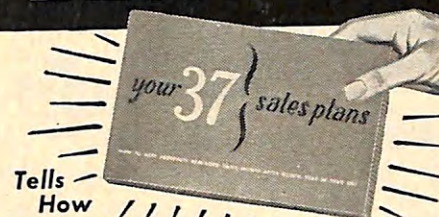
The announcement that the band, drill team and glee club competitions will be staged in famed Rockefeller Center Plaza, with finalists appearing in the pre-game ceremonies at Yankee Stadium before an expected gathering of over 50,000, has stimulated great interest. Many lodges have expressed their intention of participating, and many of the units are conducting fund raising affairs in their lodges to finance the convention trip. Attractive first, second and third prizes will be announced in the next issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Final arrangements for Elks Day at the Yankee Stadium have been made. This is the first time that a day at the Stadium

has been dedicated to a fraternal organization. Inasmuch as the pennant contending Cleveland Indians meet the Yankees on that day, the Yankee management anticipates a heavy ticket demand from local fans. It has, however, set aside for advance sale, over 10,000 of the choicest seats between first and third bases. In order that state delegations can be seated together, the committee will set aside blocks of tickets on application. Regular admission prices will prevail. Box seats are \$2.50; lower stand reserve seats \$2.00; mezzanine reserve seats \$1.75. Those who wish to be seated with their state delegation should transmit ticket requests through the State Association. Individual lodges can, however, make application directly to Bryan J. McKeogh, Convention Director, Room 606, 292 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. (Phone Lexington—2 8493) Ticket requests will be honored in the order of receipt. To be sure of choice accommodations for this unprecedented Elks gathering, lodges or State Associations should get their requests in as soon as possible and arrange to make payment later. Full radio and television coverage will attend the pre-game ceremonies and the story of Elkdom will be broadcast during the game. This unusual attraction is expected to draw over 50,000 Elks who reside within commuting distance of Yankee Stadium. Many neighboring lodges plan bus caravans. Others are making arrangements to bring bus loads of patients from veterans hospitals, and groups of youngsters from orphanages as their guests.

Judge Hallinan and his Committee are completing the details of the Convention program. The tentative official daily program will appear in the next issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

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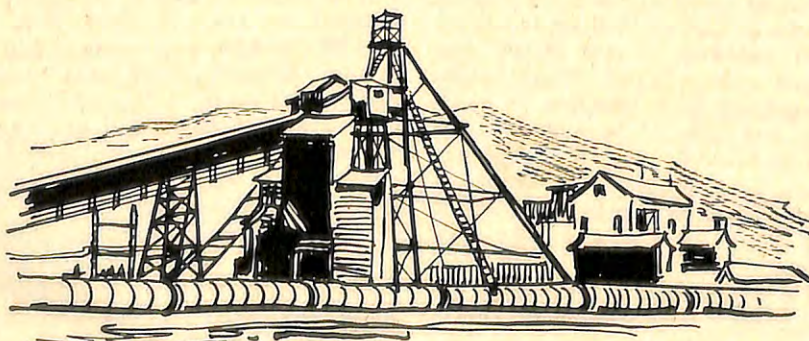
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In the Doghouse

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- Who was he? Can you name the breed he imported, and why these dogs were brought to this country?
- A. George Washington. The dogs were English foxhounds imported by Washington, who was an enthusiastic fox hunter.
8. Q. What breed, native to Middle Europe, is noted for saving the lives of travelers?
- A. The St. Bernard. The country—Switzerland.
9. Q. Can dogs hear sounds that human beings cannot detect?
- A. Yes, they can hear sounds pitched higher than the human ear can receive. It is on this principle that the design of "silent" dog whistles is based.
10. Q. What important service did dogs render in the discovery and exploration of hitherto unexplored territory?
- A. Byrd, Peary, Amundsen and many others found them invaluable as sled dogs in traversing Arctic and Antarctic regions.
11. Q. What breed is named after a dog-catcher?
- A. The Doberman pinscher, named for Herr Doberman, one-time dog-catcher for the town of Apolda, Germany.
12. Q. If you *must* pet a strange dog (better not) what is the best way to begin?
- A. Always approach the dog from the front, never the rear. Follow the example of dog-show judges: let the dog smell the back of your closed fist, since the dog gets acquainted largely through its sense of smell. Should the dog suddenly snap at your hand, keep it fisted so that he cannot get the grip he could if it were open.
13. Q. Why is the name Fido so often bestowed on dogs?
- A. It is derived from the Latin *fidus*, meaning faithful.
14. Q. What large American university has a dog for its mascot?
- A. Yale—its mascot is the bulldog.
15. Q. Can all dogs swim?
- A. Yes.
16. Q. What are the two most important measures a dog owner should take to protect the life and well-being of his dog?
- A. Inoculation against distemper and the purchase of a license, where one is required, to keep the dog.
17. Q. Do dogs have, as some people believe, a sixth sense?
- A. No scientific evidence has been submitted. A practical explanation of their sometimes unusual and mysterious actions is that they result from the dog's uncannily perceptive senses of scent and hearing, whence they derive information that is not available to man's duller senses.
18. Q. What is the rarest color among dogs?
- A. Blue.
19. Q. What medium-size dog is named after a county in Ireland? (A clue—its color is unique among animals.)
- A. The Kerry blue terrier, named for County Kerry; color, blue.
20. Q. If the roof of a dog's mouth is black, is this an indication that he is pure-bred?
- A. No. Mouth color means nothing, except for the chow which *must* have a black mouth.
21. Q. What is the breed of the little white dog that accompanies the black Scotty in the advertisement of a well-known Scotch whiskey?
- A. The West Highland white terrier.
22. Q. Are there any breeds noted for being dull-witted or vicious by inheritance?
- A. Positively no. There are some in all breeds that may possess either or both characteristics. Dogs have individual personalities—just as people do, each differing in intelligence and behavior.
23. Q. What American retriever, named after a large southern body of water, had its origin as the result of a shipwreck?
- A. The Chesapeake Bay retriever, a breed resulting from the crossing of two dogs, said to be Newfoundlands, which were rescued from a vessel sunk off the Maryland



A G.I. AT THE FRONT THANKS THE ELKS FOR BLOOD CAMPAIGN

A letter to Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis

Dear Brother Davis:

I am writing you this letter to express the appreciation of myself and men in my unit for the Elks program to collect blood.

I am a member of El Monte, California, Lodge No. 1739, so receive The Elks Magazine regularly. Some of the men here expressed doubt when your program was first announced but the follow-up articles and pictures have assured them that the Elks are aware of the "Police Action" going on here and for that they are grateful.

We are in a position to know the value of blood. Two weeks ago our platoon of tanks picked up nine wounded riflemen who were being shot up while on patrol. We rushed them to our rear area and radioed for medical aid. In spite of all we could do one of them bled to death on my sleeping bag before the medics arrived. It is a terrible thing to realize how short a man's life is when measured in flowing blood.

Your articles on Americanism, Communism and Blood have made me very proud to be a member of the B.P.O.E. They have also made a deep impression on the other members of my unit. No other organization seems as aware of the state of our Country and the world as a whole.

I am extending my best wishes to you and our Order for a very successful year.

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24. Q. Can all dogs bark?

A. No. The basenji, a breed native to Central Africa, used for hunting, cannot bark. However, when excited they make a soft sound oddly like a yodel.

25. Q. Is the bite of a dog that is not mad poisonous?

A. No more than any other similar wound that would require merely being kept clean and free from infection.

26. Q. Is rabies (hydrophobia) common among dogs, or exclusive to dogs?

A. No, it is not common; relatively few people have seen true rabies. There are two forms—active and inactive. In the former the dog becomes violent, rushing around blindly, snapping at anything in its way. The second form causes the dog to seek dark places and behave in a sulky manner. This is the more dangerous form because it is harder to detect infection in the dog. Although it does not indulge in wild fits of biting, it

may bite if molested. The mad dog will drink water, contrary to popular belief; it ceases to drink only when its jaws lock. It does not foam at the mouth, but drools stringy saliva. Any warm-blooded animal can contract rabies.

27. Q. What is the largest dog, and the smallest?

A. Largest is the Irish wolfhound—33 inches at the shoulder (where dogs are always measured for height). The St. Bernard is smaller (27 inches) but heavier, top weight being around 200 pounds. The smallest dog is the Chihuahua, maximum weight one pound.

28. Q. What should you do when confronted by a dog you believe may attack you?

A. Try to withdraw slowly, quietly. Don't initiate an attack. Speak to the dog firmly, but not loudly. Try to keep fear out of your voice and manner. Don't make any sudden, violent moves.

29. Q. Do dogs ever mate with wolves?

A. Yes, many of the Arctic breeds have mated with wolves.

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the left hand. Next, take several wraps around the shank of the hook. Now, with your other hand, tie in the rabbit whiskers at the tail near the bend of the hook (this is easier if the rabbit has been removed from the whiskers first), being careful to keep a steady tension on the tying silk. Now, with your free hand, select the proper pale-ginger cock shoulder hackles, strip off the fluffy fibers at the base, hold them in place with your other hand, being careful not to allow anything to slip, and tie in at the butts with the points forward. Hold everything in place, pick up the hackle pliers, if you can find them, grasp one of the hackles by the point and wind tightly about the shank, clockwise, remembering to maintain a steady tension on the tying silk as well as the hackle. Hold this hackle in place and wind on the second one with another hand, teasing out the hackle fibers with the dubbing needle as you do so. Scratch the itch on your nose with your elbow and ignore the telephone when it rings.

I forgot the wings! They should be tied on before the hackle. Remove the hackles, and I'll start again from the beginning. Or maybe it would be easier to go out and buy a book on fly tying. Every fly tyer should have several of these, which can be held open to the proper page of instructions and clarifying illustrations while the fly is being tied with the other hand.

Some of the complex patterns are a little more difficult to tie than this little Mayfly, but nothing to become alarmed about. There's really no cause for alarm until you discover yourself beating your head against the wall and cracking the new plaster.

STANDARD fly patterns number in the thousands, and accepted materials for their concoction run to such items as polar bear fur, condor quills, fur from the flank of an Australian opossum, feathers from a tomtit's tail, emu plumes, fur of the sacred African monkey, casowary feathers, jackal tails, porcupine quills and feathers from the marginal coverts of a dotterel's wing. However, with all this, no fly tyer worth his salt is satisfied with the standard patterns or these accepted materials. He must strike out, expand into the realm of the unknown and come up with new combinations from strange and exotic materials. It's all the fish can do to keep up with them, no matter how smart he is.

Like all such intrepid fly tyers I once designed a new pattern of fly. Practically all of mine defied classification, I admit, but this particular one was conceived with purpose and proper contemplation. This trout dry fly carried the dignified name of Grouse Louse. It all started on an otherwise undistinguished October

afternoon when I discovered that over the ear of the ruffed grouse lay some small and extremely sparse hackle-like feathers. What could be more appropriate, I thought, than a fly made from the feathers of the ruffed grouse, the king of game birds, to take trout, the finest of game fish? This definitely was one of those heroic moments of discovery I had read about.

The pattern was not contaminated with any sundry materials. All that went into its manufacture were three or four of these tiny grouse feathers, some thread and a No. 16 short-shanked hook. The feathers were wrapped about the hook hackle-like and the fly was tailless, like a Spider. Later I changed the design to a No. 18 hook, but this was only after much research and painstaking study. Supposedly a dry fly, the grouse feathers refused to float a No. 16 hook, and only rarely could the smaller No. 18 be made to float.

Some months after I completed the design—after hours in the fly-tying room and more hours of practical application on the stream—I had a glorious moment with the Grouse Louse. That was the afternoon I caught a trout on it. It all happened rather suddenly and, as is often the case with such dramatic moments, I couldn't describe to myself later the exact sequence of events. However, I recall it was a calm day and a quiet pool, and I was admiring the fact that I had made a Grouse Louse float when suddenly a trout took it. And I actually landed it! The trout was not large—in fact, I had to throw it back—but no matter; the Grouse Louse was a success. After that I didn't have to fish with it any more. I retired it respectfully. Without any doubt it was the most worthless fly ever conceived, which I consider some distinction.

When a fly tyer becomes wholly absorbed in his chosen art form, nothing about the premises is safe. This goes for everything from the canary down to the lead-pipe drain from the kitchen sink. The bear rug won't last long, and the various feathers and doodads on a woman's hat are especially appealing. I once made a small, white streamer fly out of hairs trimmed from the tail of my pointer, a patient creature named Tuck, which fly I of course dubbed a Tucktail. Actually, I think the name occurred to me first; then I made the fly. All it accomplished, however, was to improve Tuck's looks. He had a little too much hair on his tail for a pointer of his class, and I was tired of having well-meaning enthusiasts comment: "Bet he can give a 'coon a merry chase!"

A couple of fly-tying friends of mine, Ward and Gary Starbuck, actually worked at devising a completely worthless fly on one occasion. It was while

they were on a bass-fishing trip at the Belgrade Lakes in Maine during the special spring fly-fishing season. At this time of year the bass are on their spawning beds and will strike in anger at anything that comes near. The limit during this special season is just two bass a day. The combination of the numbers of bass and their eagerness to strike made this limit too easy, so the Starbucks spent their evenings attempting to conceive something the fish wouldn't hit. After an hour of concentrated labor, Gary would hold up some monstrous combination of fur and feathers and declare proudly: "They won't touch that one!" However, with all their effort, they failed to fool the bass. The fish struck everything, good and bad.

MANY fishermen take fly-tying materials with them on such a trip, and a few who go at it seriously carry a portable kit right to the streamside. When the first Mayfly of the evening hatch comes to the surface, splits its nymphal case and unfolds its delicate wings, the fisherman is on the job. If he can beat a trout to the prize, he snatches it up and, like a rustic Michelangelo, commences to create in fur and feather a replica of the filmy creature. If he is really a master and a fast worker, he may complete the creation before dark; then woe be to any trout which happens to rise within his reach—unless, of course, the eager fisherman snaps off the dainty fly on a hemlock bow the first cast.

I have known a few real geniuses among fly tyers. It is true that a rising trout, especially one that is big enough to be worthwhile, can be selective to the extreme. If a Size 14 Brown Sedge is hatching, he won't bite on a Size 12. And he doesn't want an Olive Sedge; he wants a brown one. The extreme to which a fly tyer seems to go isn't all ridiculous

Rod and Gun

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are always more highly colored than those from larger, less-sheltered streams. And part of it, of course, is simply being fishing again.

The big rivers usually are high and muddy in the spring. They call for hard wading in icy water and frequently give nothing in return for long hours of fruitless casting. The little streams flowing from thick woods, with a heavy carpet of leaf mold underfoot, always clear up first. They often provide the best fishing of the first few weeks.

I recall a day early in the season several years ago when my brother Burr and I spent the greater part of our time driving madly from one stream to another, searching for water that was clear enough to fish. At last, late in the afternoon, we came to a little brook tumbling down out of a rocky gorge. He caught our first trout, a nine-inch rainbow, where it emptied into the muddy river.

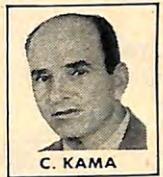
We started fishing up it. The first quar-

ter mile was too fast, and we caught nothing. After we had passed this stretch we came to a narrow valley, pinched in between high bluffs, where the stream flowed more slowly. Here there were little pools and riffles and beaver dams and other spots that trout like, and the water was clear. Apparently other anglers had been discouraged by the lower, racing water and turned back because there were no signs that the stream in the valley ever had been fished. There were no footprints, no empty cigarette packages, no gum wrappers.

The trout, though small, were plentiful. We caught what we wanted easily, and on flies—which isn't always possible in brooks. And maybe I shouldn't say that they were small. After a fruitless day, when you've just about conceded that you'll go home skunked, a ten-inch trout is pretty big. We got several that size. Perhaps the best thing of all about fishing the little brooks is that they flow

by any means, although the fixes he gets himself into may be. When fish—trout or any other—are selective and demand an exact representation of their food of the moment, both in form and in presentation, then fishing is at its most fascinating. Combining this situation with fly tying is the ultimate in angling sport. Unfortunately, we don't all have the touch necessary to make perfect reproductions. Those who don't shouldn't become discouraged. I never was able to copy the standard patterns as shown in the book. One of my first, intended to be a Brown Hackle Bivisible, looked like a backlash. I was persistent, however. I stayed with it for a number of years, and I got better and better. I caught trout on wet flies I had tied, and on dry flies I had tied, and even on nymphs I had tied. I delved into the mysteries of the bucktail and the optic streamer with further success. With years of practice and startling accomplishments behind me, I still couldn't tie flies to look like those in the book. It was discouraging. I bought another book, and my flies still didn't look right. In desperation I wrote a book of my own; then, at last, I could tie flies just like the illustrations. It did me a world of good.

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in such wonderful, secret places. This appeals particularly to boys, of course, but it holds a great fascination for men, too. After all, men are only boys with too much responsibility.

I once fished such a stream so close to New York City that you would scarcely believe me if I told you—and, of course, I won't. In order to reach it, I had to park my car beside the highway and hike a quarter of a mile through the woods. There was a lake nearby, and the brook slipped into the end of a long backwater, under a tangle of alders so thick that most bass fishermen on the lake never noticed it.

It was a rainy spring day. I walked through the dripping trees and found the brook just as I had hoped it would be. It was up a little and the least bit cloudy—ideal for worm fishing.

I slipped along it cautiously and caught half a dozen plump natives. One of them was an honest foot long, too, which is a real brook trout in Westchester County. Of course, I got soaking wet in the process, but I didn't mind

that. It wasn't cold, and the woods are different—and well worth visiting—on a rainy day in April.

When I got back to my car, I discovered that a young game warden was waiting. Probably he suspected that I had been fishing in the lake for bass, and the bass season was closed. He asked to see my license and my catch. Everything was in order, but he looked and looked at my trout. He fondled each one separately. They must have been the first natives he'd ever seen—or else he was dumbfounded to discover that they existed so close to New York City.

He had the wit not to ask me where I caught them or else, again, he probably didn't know that there was any place to fish but the lake. Maybe he's still trying to catch a brook trout out of it!

At any rate, he was a very pleasant fellow, and his brief visit sent me home in a delightful frame of mind. He left me with the feeling that I had accomplished something, and he let me keep my secret. This was the way it should be. All good trout brooks are secrets.

They Let Freedom Ring

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During Milwaukee's Freedom Week, Elk citizenship certificates were given to newly naturalized citizens at the Elks Club. Richard S. Falk, Chairman of the Americanization League of America, is shown presenting a certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graebner, formerly residents of Hungary.

falo's three Savings Banks, which distributed 50,000 posters depicting the "Romance of Old Glory."

FREEDOM WEEK
Milwaukee, Wis.

MILWAUKEE'S community observance, bringing home to its citizens the too-often taken for granted liberties enjoyed by Americans, actually spanned nine days. It opened significantly on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, and closed with equal significance on December 15, the 160th anniversary of the

adoption of the Bill of Rights. Here, too, each day carried a theme that emphasized one of the freedoms we cherish.

Appropriately, the opening day theme was "United for Defense", in observance of the tenth anniversary of the attack that brought the U. S. into World War II. Veterans' organizations led in organizing a patriotic gathering at which Under Secretary of the Navy Francis W. Whitehair was the principal speaker.

Highlights of the daily programs explain the tremendous impact this event had on the people of Milwaukee:

December 8, Fellowship Day—The

theme "Free in Fellowship" stressed the freedoms of assembly and association. Programs gave emphasis to youth fellowship.

December 9, Freedom of Worship Day (Sunday)—Catholic and Protestant churches and Synagogues throughout the city devoted services to the subject of the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion.

December 10, Citizenship Day—The theme "Freedom of Choice" was carried out in programs that pounded home the duties and responsibilities of free citizens. The Milwaukee Junior Chamber of Commerce distributed copies of the Bill of Rights to public and parochial schools throughout the county. Judge William I. O'Neill was Chairman of Milwaukee Elks Lodge's Citizenship Day Committee that arranged a patriotic program in Elks Auditorium, with cooperation of the Eagles. A feature of this program was the presentation of awards to a group of recently naturalized citizens.

December 11, Freedom of Speech Day—Robert E. Kennedy, Chief editorial writer of the Chicago Sun-Times, spoke on Freedom of the Press at a luncheon sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and the Milwaukee Jewish Council. The Rev. Clemens Zeidler addressed a joint meeting of the Press Club and Blackstone Club on "The Story of John Peter Zenger". Participating in an evening panel discussion were Edwin Aspinall, Superintendent of Schools, Mooseheart, Ind.; Henry Heineman, Chicago, member of the Board, American Civil Liberties Union; Carl B. Rix, Milwaukee attorney and past President of the American Bar Association, and Arthur S. Ehrmann, editor of the Eagle Magazine, Moderator.

December 12, Freedom of Opportunity Day—This day's events stressed freedom of opportunity. They included a dramatic production entitled "Mr. Human Being", and a telecast interview on "The Balance Sheet of Human Relations".

December 13, Freedom of Education Day—Women's groups sponsored a series of events emphasizing the importance of schools in a free society.

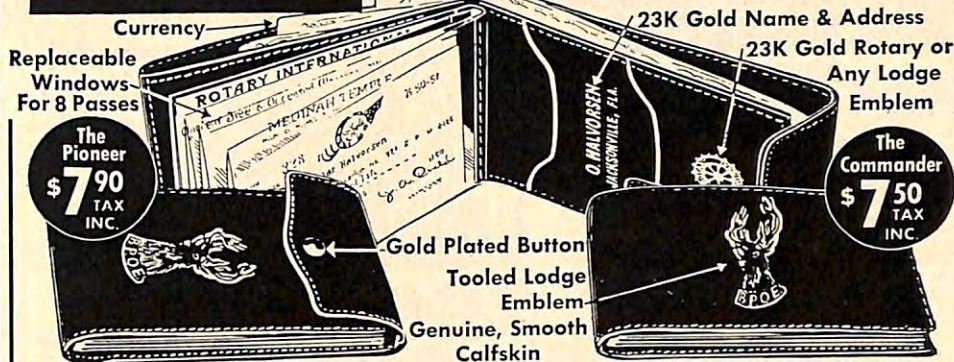
December 14, Liberty Under Law Day—The All-American Conference to Combat Communism opened a two-day meeting in joint sponsorship with Freedom Week. Events included three panel discussions on "That All Shall Be Free", and "The Struggle for Freedom in the Soviet Empire"; workshop discussions and luncheon and dinner meetings. Four Russian exiles—a housewife, a teacher, an engineer and an actor—made up the first panel. An educator, an official of the American Federation of Labor and a State Department official composed the second. The third was conducted by a history professor, an Army chaplain and representatives of the American Latvian Association and the Friends of the Fighters for Russian Freedom.

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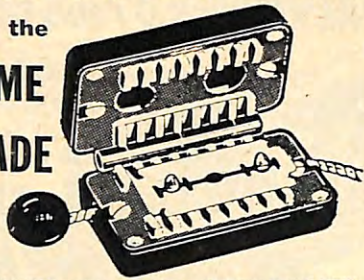
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Two hundred delegates attended a workshop meeting at which a former FBI counteragent, a labor leader and a representative of the American Legion discussed "Security with Freedom."

Don Wilson, National Commander of the Legion, the Rev. John F. Cronin, assistant director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Rabbi Ernest F. Lorge, an Army chaplain, and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America, spoke at a luncheon meeting on "Liberty Under Law".

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, minister of New York's Marble Collegiate Church, addressed the dinner meeting on "This Nation Under God"; Father Edward J. O'Donnell, president of Marquette University told the story of Milwaukee's Freedom Week and Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Chairman of the Conference, spoke on "What Price Freedom Now".

December 15, Bill of Rights Day—"Partners for Freedom" was the theme carried out in a pageant presented by the Eagles, a Bill of Rights rally staged by the Odd Fellows, and a Freedom Town Hall in the public auditorium. Many nationality groups participated in the Eagles' pageant, "Let Freedom Ring."

Ferenc Nagy, exiled former premier of Hungary, and Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former Polish premier likewise exiled by the Reds, spoke on conditions behind the Iron Curtain.

More than 100 groups and agencies contributed something to Freedom Week.

Among them, the Boy Scouts distributed posters. Libraries arranged exhibits of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Americanism posters, entered in a contest sponsored by an American Legion Post, were displayed by an art school in the Public Library. The American Federation of Musicians provided music. Newspapers and radio and television stations cooperated wholeheartedly in this "community-wide program to promote better understanding of, and greater devotion to, the freedoms that we acclaim", as the Milwaukee Journal described it editorially.

The Buffalo and Milwaukee units of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism accomplished several important results with these pioneering efforts. Among them, the fundamental principles that make up the American way of life were lifted out of the abstract and the oratorical, and given a solid reality related to the lives, the hopes and fortunes of men, women and children. It was demonstrated that the best way to fight Communism was to sell Americanism. It was brought home to Americans that they have a great deal to fight for, not just an enemy to fight against. The bringing together of many organizations for a common purpose on the common ground of Americanism submerged divisive forces and emphasized the unifying influences in our community life.

What Buffalo and Milwaukee have done, can be done in any community in the United States to the vast benefit of that city and the nation.

A PROCLAMATION

LET FREEDOM SPEAK THROUGH THE LIPS OF
AMERICA'S YOUTH, TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks hails the young people of our great Nation and upholds them in every honorable endeavor.

Above all, Elks are proud of America's Youth for their devotion to liberty, justice and honor.

Therefore, in tribute to the Nation's Youth, I, Howard R. Davis, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, do proclaim May 1, 1952, as Elks Youth Day.

I call upon our 1,060,000 members grouped in 1,598 Elk Lodges throughout the Country to arrange suitable ceremonies on that date to honor the Youth of their respective communities for their stalwart resistance to the insidious campaign of Communist propagandā and other subversive influences designed to undermine our form of Government; for their many valuable contributions to the development of a better society and for their application to the tasks of Youth in preparation for future leadership in a free nation.

May Day is a fitting date for this deserved recognition of America's Youth. While subversives stage noisy demonstrations for Communism's philosophy of regimentation, dictatorship and the destruction of human rights, let us join with Youth in a triumphant demonstration for American ideals which will inspire and encourage tomorrow's leaders to continue and increase their contributions to the preservation of our liberties.

HOWARD R. DAVIS
Grand Exalted Ruler

TIPS ON BLOOD PROGRAM

HERE are some practical suggestions to guide Elks lodges in organizing and carrying out an Armed Forces Blood Program.

1—Confer with your local Red Cross on arrangements to collect blood by bloodmobile, by railroad blood car, by group visits to the blood donor center if there is one in your city, or by scheduling dates for individual donors. If there is a private blood bank in your city, cooperating with the Red Cross in the blood program, consult officials of it on the best possible arrangements. Find out, also, if blood collection facilities are available at any nearby Armed Forces post. Learn all necessary details that will help you to plan and conduct your program smoothly.

2—Make a card file of donors. Get as many pledges as you can. Canvass your members, their families, friends and business associates. We want blood from Elks and non-Elks. Urge donors to give as often as regulations permit; we're not limited to a pint per person.

3—If your lodge is dependent on bloodmobile service, try to schedule a series of visits so you can plan ahead. When the unit calls, have on hand the number of donors that can be taken in the time allowed, plus a few spares to replace any rejected. Notify your donors that the unit is coming, and contact them again to be sure that they will be on hand definitely.

4—Set up the mobile unit in your lodge building. Give the Red Cross all the help you can, including, if possible, serving of refreshments to donors and staff workers.

5—Keep records. Arrange with donor centers to get the names of all donors recruited by your lodge, whether Elks or non-Elks. Ask your donors to state that they were recruited by you. This is no problem when your donors are taken as a group or when your lodge sponsors a clinic.

6—Publicize your blood program as widely as possible. It will arouse interest and stimulate your fellow citizens to give their blood.

7—The Department of Defense asked the people for 3 million pints of blood by July 1. The Elks quota is 1 million pints. Your state's and your lodge's quotas are equivalent to one pint per member. The Red Cross is the collection agency designated by the Armed Forces. The blood it collects becomes the property of the Department of Defense to be used by it as whole blood, plasma or blood derivatives for the treatment of men wounded in Korea, for hospitalized veterans and to build up reserves to a safe level.

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Skill Lands the Big Ones

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changes in the muskellunge record in recent years. No other fresh-water fishing can be more exasperating than angling for big muskies. These fresh-water tigers are solitary fish which usually pick favorable feeding locations in a lake or river and stay there. The best musky fishermen know these locations and always give them a workout, either by casting or trolling. But the musky doesn't strike too readily, and it may require days, months or even years of effort to hook one of the monsters. Persistence and knowledge of the fish's hangout pay off. The newcomer to these waters must hire a guide or locate the spots himself before he can hope to have much success in muskellunge fishing.

During the past 15 years the muskellunge record has changed hands 8 times; but two anglers, Percy P. Haver of Detroit and Louis Spray of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, have held the world's record 5 times between them. Of the other three anglers, two were also experienced musky fishermen. Spray, who has held the record three times, is the recognized world champ at the present time, thanks to a 69 pound, 11 ounce musky he took in 1949.

When it comes to numbers of fish, the skillful angler has an even greater advantage. It takes only one fish to break a world's record, and it is always possible for a novice to be at the right spot at the right time with the right lure. But in taking fish consistently from our heavily fished waters the green angler can't compare with the veteran who has the know-how.

The truth of this was shown in an interesting experiment by the Michigan

Department of Conservation. Five miles of stream and seven lakes were set aside for the research work. A total of 1,226 anglers who made some 2,233 fishing trips were interviewed at check points where they were required to register before being given permits to fish the area. They were checked in and out and had to tell in detail the length of time fished, what lures or bait they used and what they caught. Close to 7,000 hours of fishing time was put in by these anglers.

One of the first facts which emerged was that the skilled and experienced anglers caught the most fish. About 10 per cent of the anglers accounted for the majority (61.6 per cent) of the trout caught. Later the Conservation Department doubled the population of the legal trout in the stream by stocking some 360 fish to a mile. They found that the skilled fishermen took still more fish, while the others caught about the same number as before. A surprising fact was that of the 2,233 trips checked, more than half failed to produce a single fish. Even though the waters were heavily stocked, more than half of these trout were wasted—never caught by the anglers.

All this indicates that the skilled anglers are in the minority. The average angler needs plenty of experience and knowledge to increase his catches. If he depends on luck or chance he's going to waste a lot of days when he could have had action instead of being skunked.

Despite this, you will still see plenty of anglers who wear "lucky" hats or jackets or carry four-leaf clovers, rabbit's feet or similar charms. Some spit on their bait before they drop it into the water. Still others leave their landing

Nova Scotia Bureau of Information photo.



Big-game fishing like this tuna being brought in off Nova Scotia is a cooperative game where the credit for any catch must be shared by the captain, mate and angler.

nets or gaffs at home because they insist they bring bad luck. They claim that when they bring them along they don't get any strikes, but when they leave them home the fish hit like crazy. They fail to mention the big ones they lose when they try to land them without a net or gaff. Almost every fisherman has his pet lure which is supposed to be luckier than the others. The same goes for the rod, reel or line favored over a room-full of alternates.

THESE days few people try to find the time or have the patience to become skilled fishermen. Instead they deliberately or unconsciously make use of someone else's knowledge. Those who can afford it hire boat captains and guides who do everything but reel in the fish. Or the anglers depend on skilled friends to take them out and show them the ropes. Some join fishing clubs and benefit by the experience and knowledge of the members. Or they wait until the fish are running in such numbers or biting so recklessly that everyone makes good catches.

But they would make more progress and get more satisfaction from fishing if they tried to increase their own skill and knowledge. A good angler practices casting with suitable tackle until he is ac-

curate and can reach good distances. He becomes familiar with the waters he fishes until he knows the location of every hole, weed bed, sunken tree or rock. He studies the habits of the fish until he knows how they act under varying water temperatures, weather and food conditions. He studies fish foods and how they are used as bait or how he can imitate their appearance and action with lures. He is a keen observer and notices every subtle change on the water which indicates the presence of fish. He questions experienced anglers and consults books on fishing to learn from the experiences of others and to round out his own knowledge. Naturally such a background takes years to acquire; and no angler ever reaches perfection. That's one of the main reasons why fishing holds such a fascination for the estimated 20,000,000 anglers in the country. There is always something new to learn in fishing.

Perhaps the angler of the future will be a more skillful fisherman because he learned the finer points of the sport in college. Don't laugh—Pennsylvania State College, the University of Miami and other schools have already introduced fishing courses. What better recognition do we need of the importance of skill and knowledge in angling?

Elkdom's Christmas Carol

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Second-place honors in this category went to Price, Utah, Lodge whose committee members once again worked late into the night preparing huge boxes of food for distribution on Christmas morning to hundreds of needy families in Carbon and Emery Counties.

Winding up the story for Group II is the Sioux City, Iowa, Elks' program which took care of over 300 less fortunate families. A. R. Perasso, who has been Chairman of the Program Committee for the past 35 years, again handled the distribution of food baskets.

GROUP III

Hillsdale, Mich., Lodge was awarded first place in this group, with its 12th Annual Christmas party for underprivileged children having an overflow crowd. The 65 guests who were invited by the schools and the Salvation Army, were joined by 400 Elks and their children at a turkey dinner. Later, everyone adjourned to the beautifully decorated lodge room where a dream-like Christmas scene, all lighted up, had been arranged for the delight of the youngsters.

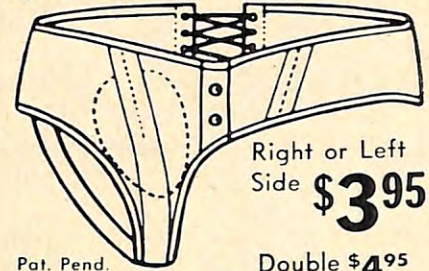
One of the Order's smallest lodges, Lordsburg, N. M., won second-place credits in Group III with the distribution of 14 baskets valued at \$35 each to needy families in the area.

Bucyrus, Ohio, Lodge takes a bow for third-place honors in this group. Its program included a party for 850 children at Schine's Bucyrus Theater. This party has become a tradition to such an extent that grandchildren of many who attended the first Elk Christmas parties were on hand for the 1951 affair.

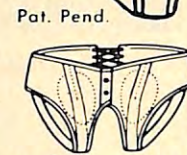


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The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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Officers and P.E.R.'s of Lowville, N. Y., Lodge appear with Mr. Davis and his Secy., Earl Husted.

Among the 150 guests were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland who introduced the honored guest to the diners, Grand Chaplain Rev. Father James E. King, State Assn. Pres. O. B. Leverett, D.D. L. S. Jamison and Special Deputy Roderick M. McDuffie. During his stay Mr. Davis visited "Aidmore", the Ga. Elks Assn.'s Hospital for Crippled Children.

On the 30th, Grand Exalted Ruler Davis attended a noon luncheon at **GRIFFIN, GA., LODGE, NO. 1207**, with about 300 Elks and Kiwanians. E.R. Homer D. Grissom was Chairman for the program during which Mr. Davis delivered one of his inspired talks on Service to Humanity. Judge McClelland, State Pres. Leverett and D.D. Jamison accompanied him.

The evening of the 30th found the travelers and their escorts as guests of E.R. Carl L. Beard and other members of **MACON LODGE NO. 230**. Mr. Davis addressed 150 Elks, following his introduction by Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland, and then carved a birthday cake commemorating Judge McClelland's birthday. Grand Chaplain King, D.D.'s Jamison, J. Campbell Jones and W. E. Hoyle, and **VIDALIA, DUBLIN, SAVANNAH, ELBERTON and BUCKHEAD, GA., and ORANGEBURG, S. C.**, Elks were present.

On the last day of the month, the party

traveled to Columbus. The Grand Exalted Ruler took this opportunity to visit the huge infantry training school at nearby Fort Benning as the guest of the Commanding Officer, General John H. Church. That evening he addressed 200 Elks and their ladies at a dinner given by **COLUMBUS LODGE NO. 111**. E.R. John B. McCollum was in charge of arrangements.

The official party crossed the State line the next day, and were guests of members of **MONTGOMERY, ALA., LODGE, NO. 596**, led by E.R. William A. Smith. That evening, a dinner-dance was held for 200 Elks and their ladies; among the guests were State Assn. Pres. Earl Shelton and D.D.'s Joe Foster and John P. Kunz. Mayor Gayle welcomed the visitors.

On Feb. 2nd, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his companions were guests of **PENSACOLA, FLA., LODGE, NO. 497**, at dinner attended by 175 local and visiting Elks following a meeting with lodge officers and P.E.R.'s. E.R. Clem I. Myers introduced P.E.R. C. H. Overman as Toastmaster, and Mayor Charles Mason, a retired Admiral of our Navy, extended the city's welcome. Among the guests were D.D.'s Finley Moore of Fla. and Kunz of Ala., George F. Thornton of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee and Fla. State Assn. Secy. James J. Fernandez. During

the afternoon, the official party made an inspection tour of the Naval Air Training Base and the Naval Hospital.

Another military post, the Eglin Air Force Base, was visited by Mr. Davis on Feb. 4th, when Col. Robert Kennison was his host. Later, **FORT WALTON, FLA., LODGE, NO. 1795**, headed by E.R. Luther Clary, was luncheon host to the entire party.

PANAMA CITY, FLA., LODGE, NO. 1598, was the next port of call, when the travelers were joined by Fla. State Assn. Pres. Walter J. Matherly. A dinner was followed by a lodge session when 21 men were initiated by E.R. M. S. Fields and his officers in the presence of 200 Elks.

Luncheon on the 5th was a pleasant affair with E.R. John J. Bond and members of **TALLAHASSEE LODGE NO. 937**. More than 150 persons heard the Grand Exalted Ruler's important address. That afternoon and evening were spent at **GAINESVILLE, FLA., LODGE, NO. 990**, the home of Pres. Matherly, with E.R. J. Pierce Smith in charge of a fine program.

The morning of the 6th found Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and his party at the famous Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children in Umatilla, maintained by the **FLA. STATE ELKS ASSN.**, prior to a luncheon at the home of **EUSTIS LODGE NO. 1578**. E.R. Ralph E. Rhodes presided.

That evening, after his introduction by Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, Howard R. Davis addressed 500 Elks at a dinner given by **WEST PALM BEACH LODGE NO. 1352**. Among those present were D.D. Charles H. Peckelis, Willis V. McCall and Frank J. Holt, Chairman William A. Wall of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, Sam Stern and Hugh W. Hicks, former members of the Board of Grand Trustees, and Chelsie J. Senerchia, Mayor of Miami and a member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge.

As guests of **FORT LAUDERDALE LODGE NO. 1517** on the 7th, the Northerners enjoyed a banquet at which Past State Pres. Arthur O'Hea presided, and then attended a lodge meeting during which 25 men were initiated in honor of Mr. Davis by E.R. George C. Nichols and his officers before 400 local Elks and representatives of the other lodges in the District.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

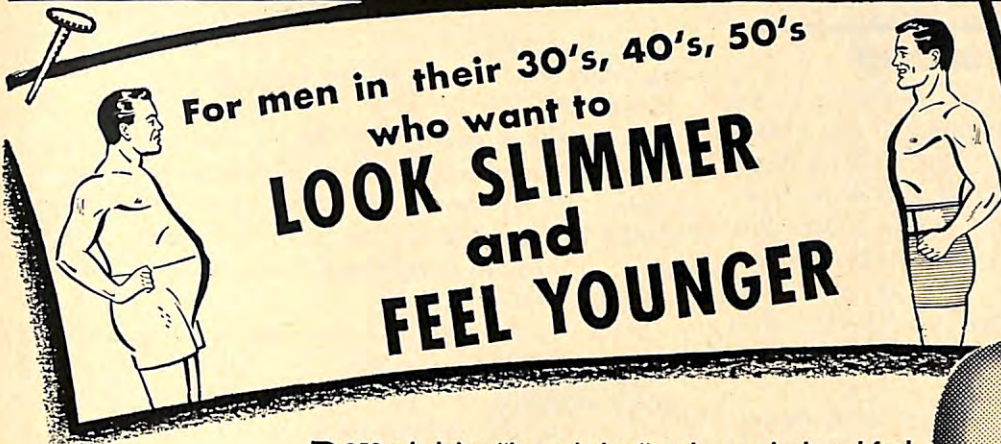
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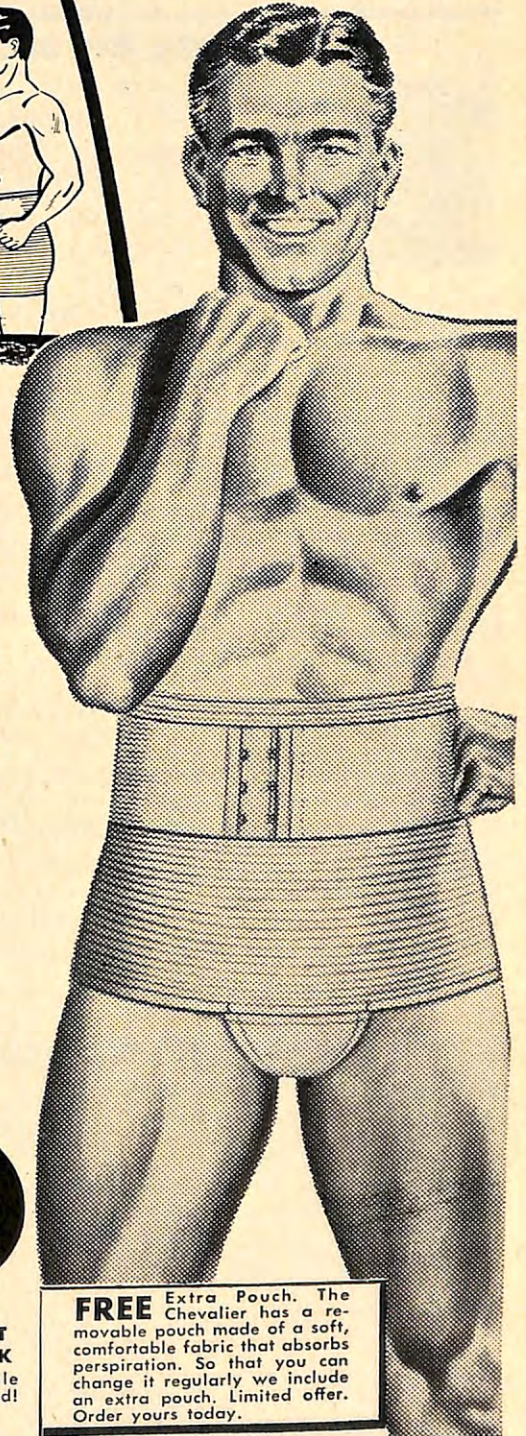


The Grand Exalted Ruler sees E.R. H. B. Richardson of Sumter, S. C., Lodge make his blood donation during the Elk-sponsored drive, in the presence of a radio announcer and Red Cross representatives.

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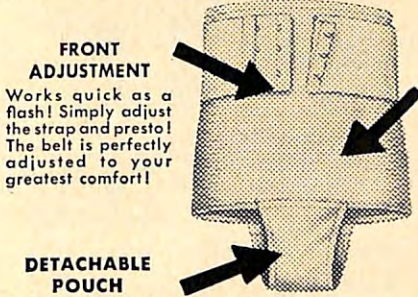
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EDITORIAL

THE PLEDGE OF BLOOD



One of the most impressive demonstrations of recognition of that quality in the character of the members of the Order of Elks that makes them responsive to every appeal to their love of their fellow man and to their loyalty to their country and its government

that was ever offered, was the pledge that Grand Exalted Ruler Davis made to Secretary of Defense, Robert A. Lovett.

When the Grand Exalted Ruler said to the Secretary: "Secretary Lovett:

"Of the three million pints of blood you need for the boys in Korea before next July, I pledge the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to provide one third. ONE MILLION PINTS".

He knew his Elks.

It was a case of justifiable confidence; and the members of the Order, true to the standards of past conduct, true to the humanitarian and patriotic principles and practices of the Elks, will make good the Grand Exalted Ruler's pledge. And no greater proof of the need for every Elk to support this pledge could be offered than the inspiring letter on page 45 which the Grand Exalted Ruler received from a Brother Elk at the front in Korea just as this issue was going to press. We call every Elk's attention to this sincere expression of faith in one of the Order's greatest acts of service to our Country.

APRIL RESOLUTIONS



There is a general observance of the practice of adopting resolutions in respect to personal habits and conduct when a new calendar year arrives, and it is, of course, to be hoped that all Elks make good resolutions at that time—as well as at other times—and,

far more important, keep them.

However, it would seem that a member of an Elk lodge, no matter what he resolves to do on January 1st, might properly consider the adoption of a good resolution on the first of April.

The seeds sown in April by a brother of the soil bring a rich harvest later in the year—a harvest which, if properly stored and preserved, is capable of contributing materially to one's strength and capacity for accomplishment in the years to come.

The brother of a lodge of Elks who sows the seeds of loyalty to, and continuing support of, the new Exalted Ruler and the officers of his lodge installed in April, may be certain that the harvest for his lodge and for himself will be one rich and continuingly beneficial.

It is not difficult to imagine how tremendously advantageous to a lodge it would be if that large percentage of the brothers who have not been attending lodge sessions

regularly resolved to do so when the new officers are installed.

Every Elk is enriched by the heritage handed down to him by those who have preceded him as members of the Order, and, by their labors and their loyalty, have established for the fraternity an enviable record of humanitarian community service and patriotic activities and accomplishments.

If one does not aspire to an office in his lodge, if there are sound reasons why he cannot give the necessary time to the activities of committee membership, surely he can, at least, attend meetings and thereby contribute to the strength, enthusiasm and power of accomplishment of those who carry the burden of lodge leadership.

It was in April, 177 years ago, that the shot heard round the world was fired at Concord Bridge.

If every Elk now inactive were to resolve, and keep that resolve, to attend the meetings of his lodge, a shot would be fired for Elk principles and practices, the reverberations of which would reach wherever our country's flag is flying and the spirit of Elkdom lives.

HE HAD WALKED AWAY



When they looked for him he had gone.

The rescue crew of the State Police, with several trucks and a wrecker, were just about to admit defeat in their attempt to rescue the truck driver trapped inside the cab of his overturned and burning truck.

And then the big man happened along, stepped through the assembled group of officers, drivers and wreckers, ripped off the door of the cab, practically tore the cab apart, delivered the apparently doomed man into the arms of his astonished would-be rescuers and disappeared.

He Had Walked Away

He had done the tremendous good deed he saw an opportunity to do. Doing that good deed was to him the important thing. In thanks, in public acclaim, he was not interested. The deed was the thing.

It mattered not to him that by waiting only a minute he would receive the heart-felt, grateful thanks of the wife whose husband had been miraculously restored to her and that over the Associated Press wires to all the great area covered by its service and reaching millions of people his name would have gone as that of a hero.

What a lesson to all of us! What a reminder to us of that principle of the Order of Elks in observance of which, in performing our acts of charity, our acts of service to humanity, we should do so unostentatiously, without expectation or hope of thanks, without expectation or hope of public knowledge of their acts.

When we have done an act of kindness, of charity; when we have performed a humanitarian service and the beneficiaries or bystanders seek to acclaim us, may they be obliged to say—"He has walked away."



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