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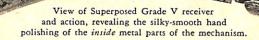
ARTIST Hy Rubin's symbolic and patriotic painting of Elk activities and institutions reminds members of the Order that in their national publication, The Elks Magazine, latest reports and news of these activities are to be found.

The important Boy Scout Program, the notable work of the Service Commission in aiding veterans and members of the Armed Forces, the work in cerebral palsy of the Elks National Foundation—these are but a few of the benevolent activities covered regularly in the Magazine. This month, for example, there is a feature article about the Youth Activities Committee and the work accomplished May Day by the Committee and lodges to educate

American youth in a patriotic stand against communism. Members can look forward to a feature article about the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., which is scheduled for a future issue. The article will include photographs taken at the Home. This article will be followed by an article about our great Memorial Building in Chicago, and then an article about the notable achievements of the Elks National Foundation through the years.

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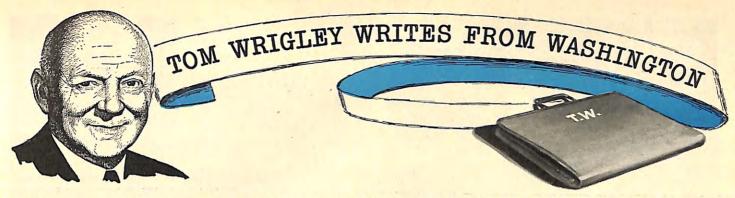
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OR a lot of candidates who have been nominated, the National election in November is no contest. The same applies to the electoral votes of many states in regard to President and Vice-President. Nominees for Senator and Representatives from states, where they are on the side of the dominant party, can sit back and take it easy. In effect, they're in already. These areas where the outcome is virtually a certainty include the Democratic South and the rock ribbed Republican states of the North. Take Mississippi for example. There are some 170,000 Democrats and about 4,000 Republican voters, roughly speaking. Or take Maine. No one in his right mind bets Maine will go Democratic. Many of these states seldom see a presidential candidate during the campaign. The war is waged in contested states which may go either way. Big battlegrounds are N. Y., Pa., Ill., Calif., Mass., Mich., Ind., Ohio, Md., N. J., etc. So-called "sure thing" states usually are left alone. August is the month for mapping political tours. In September the big guns will go into action, to blaze away through Monday, Nov. 3. Election day is Nov. 4. Votes in the electoral college total 531; necessary to elect, 266.

DIXIE VICTORY

The House was ready to pass a law forbidding the flying of any "foreign" flag over an army or navy installation when someone observed that it would also prevent displaying the Confederate Flag. Down went the idea on a 68 to 2 vote.

UNCLE SAM'S UNCLE

Uncle Sam is borrowing billions from banks on the biggest scale since World War II. Reason is that the Government needs the money to meet terrific defense costs and finally had to go to the banks to get it. The new fiscal year opened July 1 with a \$3.5 billion, 23/8 per cent bond issue to banks and big investors. That's only a starter. Under the rearming program the government spent \$8.2 billion more than it got in taxes in the last fiscal year. The present 12 months will put us \$14.4 billion in the red, it is estimated. The Treasury took up bank borrowing reluctantly, but had to because sales of new bonds to the public have been disappointing. The banks quickly gobbled up the offer. When the government sells bonds to individuals, it syphons

off buying power and there is no increase in the money supply. It's a check against inflation. When the government borrows from banks, the money supply increases because the banks take the bonds and give the government credit for the amount. Government withdrawals against the account serve as new additional money-in other words inflation. At the present time the Government can borrow \$4 billion a year from Social Security Funds, which is far above payments. The rest has to come from borrowing from individuals, companies and now from the banks. The 23/8 per cent issue matures in five years. It is expected it will cover Treasury cash needs until Fall.

DOCTORS IN UNIFORM

During August 400 doctors will be taken into the armed services. All will be selected from the "priority one" classification—medical men who were sent to school under government expense, or who were deferred to receive medical education during World War II and served less than 90 days thereafter. One hundred will go to the Army, the rest to the Air Force. Doctors called for service generally volunteer, thereby securing not only commissions but also \$100 a month extra pay. To date, only three actually have been drafted.

EXPLAIN AIR JUNKETS

Free plane rides to Europe at government expense have been well defended by Defense and Mutual Security officials. Newspapermen, farm paper editors and business men have been taken on the junkets in military air transport planes. The government puts them on regularly scheduled MATS flights. They pay their own hotel bills, meals, etc. In Europe they are flown in regular Air Force equipment already on the continent.

POSTMEN TEST SOLES

If your postman seems to be unduly interested in his shoes during this summer weather, don't get the idea his feet bother him. He's probably testing out leather soles for the Department of Agriculture. On one shoe he has a sole tanned with imported tannic acid. On the other a sole tanned with a product from canaigre, a sweet potato plant of the Southwest. Imported tannic acid comes from chestnut trees, which are scarce in

this country. In case of war Uncle Sam might not be able to get enough imported acid to keep his soldiers properly shod so experiments are being made to see if the home grown substitute is as good as the real stuff. Postmen making the tests are keeping records of how far they walk and over what kind of surfaces.

BLOOD NEEDED

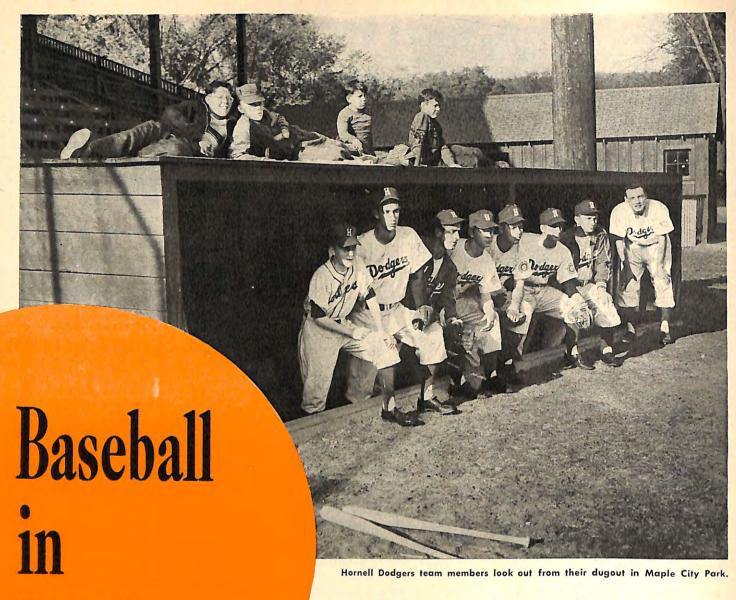
Federal Civil Defense is stockpiling synthetic blood plasma to have it available if an emergency occurs. It cannot duplicate the functions of human blood but is useful in treatment of shock due to surgery, hemorrhage or burns. One order was for 1,200,000 pints. This proves the vital importance of the Elks blood bank drive.

FLYING HIGH

Navy test pilot Bill Bridgeman, who broke all altitude records as announced by the Defense Department, actually reached a ceiling of better than 79,000 feet, which means a world record of more than 15 miles above the earth. The plane was a Douglas "Skyrocket."

CAPITAL CHOWDER

When the steel industry is tied up by a strike, daily loss in production is 262,-000 tons, Iron and Steel Institute says. . . . About 48 per cent of draft eligible men are rejected for physical, mental or moral reasons General Hershey, Draft Service Director reports. . . . Your government bought a lot of dirt at \$6 per bushel, the price paid for flaxseed. It was put in freight cars under the flaxseed and not discovered until after payments had been made. . . . Census says two thirds of the population or 96,467,868 people live in cities. New Jersey is most urban state. . . . Cigarette output will rise three per cent this year. . . . Average acre of farm land is now worth \$81.64, compared with \$74.69 last year and \$34.26 ten years ago. . . . Price controls are off on ancient autos. Any old jalopy over 20 years old can be sold at any price. Some of the antiques are really worth a lot of money. . . . One organization is on record as not wanting government assistance in any way. It's the National Association of Foremen. . . . Ride the Senate subway car and meet important people. On a recent trip, sightseers rode with Vice President Barkley, Secretary of State Acheson and High Commissioner McCloy.



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D Minor

It's in Class D baseball like the Pony League that the Musials, Maglies and Roes get their start.

Photos by Sidney Torpy Hornell "Evening Tribune" HORNELL, N. Y.

HIS IS IT, the grass roots of baseball. Here, in southwestern New York, is one of several hundred tiny freshets that constantly swell the stream of talent running in a never-ending tide to the major leagues. Here is where the diamond gems of tomorrow get their initial polishing. Here is Class D baseball.

Without the Hornells there would be no major league baseball as we have come to know it today. There would, of course, be big-time baseball in the Yankee Stadium, in Wrigley Field, in Shibe Park, in Briggs Stadium, in Ebbets Field, but it would be played without that vital assurance the fans now enjoy, "This is the best, the very best," a sentiment that baseball has nurtured so carefully in the last generation. Without D ball, and the subsequent higher echelons of development leading up to the major leagues, there would be that ever-gnawing question of, "This is major-league baseball, but supposing there's a kid somewhere who's even better?..."

The Hornells take care of that for

major-league baseball. If there is any boy in the United States worthy of playing professional baseball, the D leagues afford him his first opportunity. After that he is the master of his diamond fate. He travels as far as his talents and desires dictate.

Hornell, New York, is a city of about 15,000 people, a "railroad" town in the valley of some eye-stunning Allegheny foothills. From one-third to one-half of its population depends for its livelihood upon the Erie Railroad, which uses Hornell as one of its big division points, so it's pretty easy to figure what the chief topic of most any conversation will be.

That is, in the winter time. Once Spring rolls around, and right through September, the railroad must share conversational twin-billing with the Hornell Dodgers.

The Dodgers? How did a little city out in the potato-growing and dairying country on the fringe of the Pennsylvania oil fields come up with a nickname like "Dodgers"? Isn't that supposed to signify the frenzied pace of Brooklyn, New

York's most populated of five boroughs?

It's simple. The Hornell club adopted the name back in 1950 when it entered into a "working agreement" with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Before that it had been briefly the "Hornell Red Sox," in deference to a one-year agreement with the Boston Red Sox, and before that the "Pirates" during the five-year period that the Pittsburgh ball club operated in Hornell.

Hornell is one of eight teams in a circuit which bears the delightfully-appropriate name, Pony League. This has nothing to do with shaggy little animals from the Shetland Islands, nor is it intended to convey the impression of diminutiveness-ability-wise or otherwise. It stems from the fortunate juxtaposition of the initials of the various areas which the League embraces— P (Pennsylvania), O (Ontario), and N.Y. (New York). Pennsylvania gives it an interstate flavor. The Hamilton team, 150 miles away over in Ontario, Canada, makes the League the only international one in Class D.

THE Pony is one of the strongest leagues in organized baseball, taking in from D right up through the seven other echelons to the majors. During the war it was one of two D Leagues that continued uninterrupted operations. The Appalachian, down through Tennessee and Virginia, was the other, which probably makes some sort of a case for baseball in semi-mountainous regions.

In 1951 the Pony League outdrew all of the 18 other D loops, and Hornell outdrew all the other seven teams in the Pony. There were 74,086 paid admissions to Hornell's Maple City Park, which were 85 more than were drawn by the Tigers over in Jamestown, N. Y.

Well, why the hootin' and hollerin' over beating out one of the other clubs by 85 admissions? And what about that 74,086? Don't the Yankees or the Cleveland Indians occasionally cram in that number of people for a single night game? Why the fuss?

Well, first, the Jamestown team that trailed the Hornell club by that slim figure in attendance has a park with twice the seating capacity, and a city with almost treble the population of Hornell. That 74,086 is a figure that the Hornell people look upon with a great deal of pride.

Look at it this way. Last year Brooklyn drew about 1,300,000 in the most densely populated segment of the world's largest metropolitan center. Disregarding the rest of the city of New York and the surrounding areas, let's just take Brooklyn and match its population of almost 3,000,000 against the Brooklyn Dodgers' 1,300,000 performance at the turnstiles. To equal the draw of its Class D affiliate some 350 miles northwest in the general direction of Niagara Falls, the Brooklyn Dodgers would have had to

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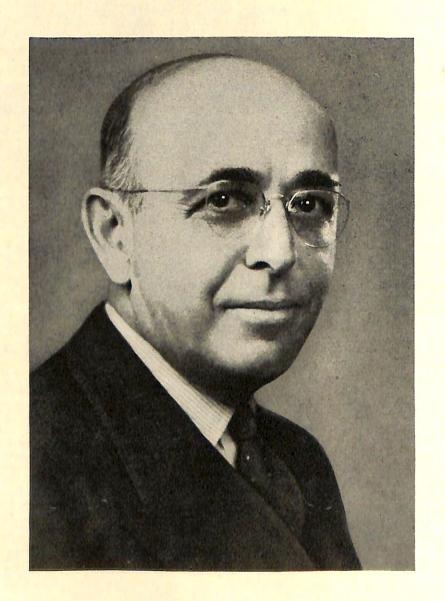
In the Pony League, meal money is \$2.50 a day on the road, and nothing at home. Understandably, the boys eat well, but inexpensively, cafeteria style. Here they gather in the local Texas Cafe at midnight for a bite and to talk over the game.



George Clicquennoi, President of the Hornell Baseball Association, at left, Doc Alexson, Manager, and Business Manager Lou Briganti with Governor's Cup won last year in play-off. Below: To cut costs, the boys live in boarding houses. Pitcher Rene Masip, seated, and his battery mate, Frank Scannelli, share the same room.



THE SPEECH OF



Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge No. 260, elected Grand Exalted Ruler on July 14 at the Grand Lodge Session held in New York.

ACCEPTANCE

of SAM STERN

*HIS is the happiest and greatest moment in my life. You have bestowed upon me the highest honor within the gift of our great Order-that of Grand Exalted Ruler. Words fail me adequately to translate my emotions on such a great occasion. I am indeed very grateful to each and every one of you. In the many years of our existence, the leadership and destiny of our Order have been in the hands of the greatest and ablest men that we could choose. My Brothers, I approach the responsibilities of this high office with the greatest humility and invoke the blessings of our Heavenly Father that during the coming year we be guided by His Spirit to the end that we reach greater heights, and that I exercise and discharge the great responsibility entrusted to me to the credit of our Order and its membership, so that during my tenure in office we continue to achieve and put into practice the noble principles of our Order. I accept the honor with sincerest gratitude and appreciation. Again I say to you, accept my thanks.

This year's progress could not have been rendered without the diligent activities of our Grand Exalted Ruler, Howard R. Davis, who by precept and example set a standard of service which caused our leadership and the rank and file of our membership to extend themselves in all of our undertakings. His tireless and effective service is a great contribution to the splendid record of progress made last year.

I am very grateful to our beloved Past Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable James G. McFarland, who has been my mentor and counselor for many, many years. May we all be privileged to be guided by your experiences and your wisdom for many years to come.

Brothers, I wish to pay special tribute and express deepest gratitude and appreciation to that great citizen and renowned Elk in the Northwest, Brother Hal Davies of Minot, North Dakota, for nominating me for the office of Grand Exalted

Ruler. I shall always be grateful to him.

Friendship is a cherished possession. For many years it has been my privilege to enjoy the friendship of one of the greatest contemporary Americans and a great Elk—the Honorable James A. Farley—whose public career and devotion to humanitarian causes has been inspirational to all of us. In seconding my nomination, he was indeed generous and, as always, very eloquent. I appreciate his recommendations and endorsement. I shall always treasure that great friendship. Jim, I extend to you my deepest and sincerest appreciation.

I consider it a great privilege that the Honorable Thomas E. Whelan, our Ambassador to Nicaragua, has traveled far to come here on this occasion and second my nomination. Brother Whelan is one of the illustrious sons of the state of North Dakota, a long-time member of Grand Forks Lodge No. 255, and a dirt farmer from our Red River Valley. I especially express to him my appreciation and thanks for being with us and participating in this Grand Lodge Session.

As you know, I come from the great state of North Dakota. I became a member of Fargo Lodge No. 260 in 1910. Not only has my own Lodge, but also all the lodges of my state

and the lodges of my neighboring states demonstrated their loyalty to me throughout my career in Elkdom. They have looked forward with eagerness to this day. It was their encouragement and cooperation that gave me the opportunity to attain the honor of Exalted Ruler of my own lodge, president of the North Dakota State Elks Association, and the honors conferred on me by this Grand Lodge. I express to each and every one of them my sincerest thanks. I wish that each were here today to witness the culmination of their wishes, their dreams, and unstinting efforts and sacrifices.

Again I say to each of you, thanks for the inspiration that you have given me. I say to you "that I hope you may be proud of me in the discharge of my responsibility during my tenure in office, and that with humility and modesty I may add and contribute to our accomplishments."

THE world is presently in a state of chaos and confusion. The rights of man for which we fought and bled, and are fighting for today, are seriously threatened by forces within and without our land. The clarion call is for peace, amity and enjoyment of the bountiful resources and beauty which God in His Infinite Wisdom has bestowed upon all people. We have been in the vanguard combating the ills and abuses caused by materialism and selfishness. Our Order typifies Americanism. We have demonstrated not only to our own membership, but to the country as a whole, that we do not resort to preachment, but are daily translating into realities the cardinal principles of our Order.

Our program is one of expansion. Those who work the hardest in Elkdom develop an even more profound love for it as they work for it. From our service to each and every community in the Nation we can draw a true symbol of what government owes to its citizens. It is history that citizenship has given all to government. The time must come when government must settle the moral debt upon which its very existence is built and begin paying off that obligation. It is time that government must be returned to citizenship so that it will be in safer and freer hands. It is leadership now which must possess those fundamental articles of faith which form the faith of all liberty-loving Americans. The greatest of these articles is an unswerving belief in basic human rights.

Our national government is engaged in a great program of national defense to make us impregnable against any attack from without our borders. We are ready for any sacrifices and for any duties which defense necessarily may entail.

Subversion in any form must be eradicated in our land. The record of our Order is engraved indelibly on the tablets of our national history. Among our Brothers have been the leaders in the glorious feats of war—leaders who have shared in the constructive achievements of peace.

Strange philosophies of hate and intolerance are spreading through the world, preying on the minds of frustrated and hopeless men. Let me tell you with all emphasis that no alienism can menace our liberties and (Continued on page 44)

Greenwich, Conn., Elks used their own ingenuity to encourage the ingenuity of the city's youngsters, making their Youth Day observance a hobby and handicraft show with 25 prizes. Six little artistic Sullivan children, from five to 14 years, shared the first prize. Five of them are shown being congratulated by judges and sponsors.

They Made MAY DAY American

Varied and interesting programs receive wide acclaim

NE of the year's most popular programs was the observance of Youth Day, when hundreds of lodges paid tribute to America's future citizens. Since our space is limited, we cannot publish all the photographs we received, and have selected these, as representative of many outstanding observances.

Several lodges stressed the civic side of life in their programs, with the full cooperation of mayors and civic officials. New Rochelle, N. Y., Columbia, S. C., and Newport, R. I., Lodges had leading students take over City Hall duties for the

day, and Winthrop, Mass., Lodge held a four-hour Town Meeting in which civic leaders participated with the student panel. Five selected young Americans discussed government procedure at the San Diego, Calif., Open Forum, a program followed also by Cynthiana, Ky., and Lewistown, Pa., Lodges.

Hundreds of observances included the presentation of Outstanding Youth Leadership Awards, several augmented by scholarships. The Gainesville, Ga., Elks, for instance, presented \$500 scholarships to two deserving students, besides honor-

ing their Sea Scouts. Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge, which has been making large scholarship grants and cash prizes for 16 years, selected Youth Day for this purpose, awarding a total of \$1,150 to 25 students. Goshen, Ind., Lodge awarded a \$300 scholarship, too.

Port Arthur, Tex., Lodge honored its top "Most Valuable Students" while the Port Huron, Mich., ceremony was followed by an exhibition put on by the Elks' Scout Troop. Movies and open house were included in the Newton, Mass., event, and Martinsville, Va., Lodge's affair spread through a week.

Two awards were given by the Elks of Newark, N. Y., Lyndhurst, N. J., Quincy, Mass., Lake Worth, Fla., Boulder City, Nev., San Benito, Tex., and Fulton, N. Y., where an afternoon event featured a model airplane show, Boy and Sea Scout exhibit and performances by four school bands.

Four awards were made by Clifton, N. J., Lodge, one going to the young man who appears on the nationally distributed Elks May Day poster. Five Bonds were awarded by Chicago (South), Ill., Lodge whose program was participated in by several famous sports figures. Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge's Junior Baseball Team got in on the party, and 73 students were honored at Rock Hill, So. Car., Lodge's banquet when four Bonds were awarded. Oconto, Wis., Lodge also made four awards, while the Lakewood, Ohio, Elks gave three.

Beaumont, Tex., Binghamton, N. Y., Okmulgee, Okla., Roanoke, Va., and Helena, Mont., Lodges held their observances at the communities' schools, while the Sea Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Boy Scouts were guests of honor at Albany, N. Y., Miami, Fla., San Pedro, Calif., Somerville, Mass., and Delray Beach, Fla., ceremonies.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz presented Fort Pierce, Fla., Lodge's

Right: Hon. Jay H. Payne, Past State Pres. and Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee member, the principal speaker on Jackson, Mich., Lodge's outstanding Youth Day Program, posed with two of the six students who won honors in the Jackson competition, Robert Webber and Miss Evalyn Pier, who also won the Youth Leadership Award for the State.



Left: Bayonne, N. J., Lodge's Youth Committeeman Harry Moloney, center, presents the handsome trophies to the top contestants in the Youth Leadership Contest, Stanley Kochanek and Mary Ellen McFadden. Smaller trophies went to seven semifinalists, while ten runnersup received certificates. All 19 "ran" the city for a day



Left: Outstanding young citizens of the County were honored at the Bremerton, Wash., Elks' "Youth Night" ceremony. E.R. Irving Allen, left, assisted by the Scholarship Committeemen, presented U.S. Bonds and scholarships to ten students.

Below: Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Lodge was one of those whose Youth Day did double duty with the presentation of both Youth Leadership Awards and "Most Valuable Student" scholarships. E.R. George H. Sonnichsen and Lecturing Knight J. W. Wayne, Committeemen E. H. Anderson and H. J. Evans and P.E.R. J. H. Gridley appear with the young competitors.

Bonds to its two outstanding young people, later dedicating the 40-acre recreation park the Elks will operate for the Little Leaguers, and at San Antonio, Tex., Lodge, a special program and banquet were held for 60 carefully selected students.

The Robinson, Ill., Elks sponsored the Crawford City Track and Intellectual Meeting in which 500 students participated, vying for trophies, and the Portland, Me., affair honored its Boy Scouts and 59 sons of members. Bartlesville, Okla., Lodge imported the amusing Hugh Davis Animal Show for a morning performance for nearly 1,000 youngsters, and afternoon and evening appearances at the local Boy Scout Exhibition.

All in all, May Day's accent was strictly on youth and its unlimited opportunities under the American banner.



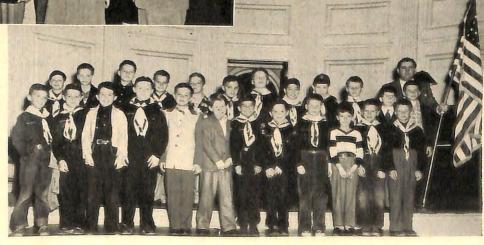


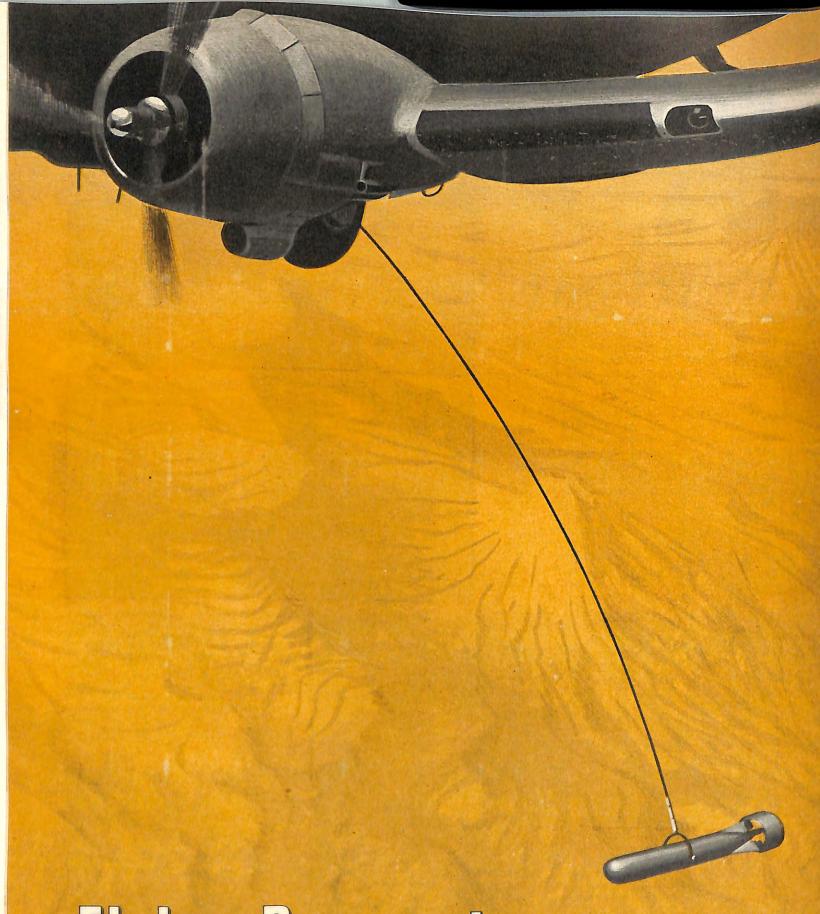


Above: The idol of all real American youngsters, the major-league ball player, was well represented at Chelsea, Mass., Lodge's May Day Sports Night by Johnny Pesky and Walt Dropo of the Detroit Tigers, and Ivan DeLock of the Boston Red Sox who posed with two of the hundreds of young fans who attended the program. Others pictured include Rev. W. D. Rowlands, Rev. Daniel J. Scully, Committeemen A. L. Brown and T. I. Panitch and E.R. Alfred Levenson.

Above: The public meeting which marked May Day in Medford, Ore., saw awards presented by E.R. V. Aubrey Norris, left foreground, and Committee Chairman E. D. Becken, right foreground, to local boys' leader, William McAllister, Jr., who also took boys' first place in the State Contest, and Marilyn Bohnert, who took second-place State honors for girls. The others are Elks National Foundation Scholarship winners and junior city administration officials.

Right: The Youth Day Program of Milford, Conn., Lodge included the presentation of a Flag to this Cub Scout Pack the lodge sponsors. Scoutmaster Joseph McKiernan holds the banner.





Flying Prospectors

Electronics has moved geologists to the air searching for oil and rare minerals in remote areas

By DICKSON HARTWELL

THE mysteries of the earth's crust, where vast stores of vital oil and ore remain hidden, are being probed today by flying prospectors who search for bonanzas with a new, almost magical gadget. At 180 miles an hour they are traversing forbidding desert, impenetrable jungle and defying Arctic winter cold.

One of the most momentous discoveries by prospectors using this new device was made right in our own back yard. For 50 years prospector-geologists have been combing the surface of Eastern Pennsylvania looking for evidence of the rich iron ore deposit they suspected was somewhere underneath. Some of them must have walked unknowingly across the location of the deposit, a spot worth millions to its finder. They missed it because they couldn't easily detect what kinds of rocks made up the subterranean world beneath their feet.

By using the new "flying eye"—an instrument that can probe for the rock formations that may contain precious ore—airborne prospectors hired by Bethlehem Steel Company discovered this bonanza in less than 30 days, at a for-peanuts cost of only \$56,000. Bethlehem Steel bought up 1,750 acres and now, a year later, is sinking two mining shafts down to the ore, the first step in a development investment that will total \$34,000,000.

The device responsible for this fabulous discovery is called an airborne magnetometer. It was a secret War II creation used to stalk enemy submarines a hundred feet or more

beneath the Atlantic Ocean. Since its post-war release for commercial use, by searching through the solid rock, in Canada it has uncovered in a few weeks nickel deposits in areas so remote costly ground parties might have taken years to discover them. With the flying eye suspended from a plane, large desert areas of Tunisia, of India, Africa and South America—places where new underground reservoirs of petroleum may be found—have been accurately charted at three miles a minute. The government of Venezuela has hired flying prospectors to explore huge chunks of its remote jungle and savannah; the first step in what may prove to be a broad-planned inventory of its mineral resources.

In Mozambique wild elephant herds, rhinos and lions have combined for decades with malaria and sleeping sickness to discourage geological exploration. But oil men have long wanted to get a close-up picture of the geology of this forbidding area. With the airborne magnetometer, flying prospectors for Gulf Oil Company were able to get a picture of 25,000 square miles of Portuguese East Africa terrain where few, if any, Europeans ever have set foot. Every day the plane did the work of a month for a large ground party, at a fraction of the cost and virtually without peril.

The flying eye is an electronic instrument with a brain no bigger than a cigaret. It registers with amazing sensitiveness the variations of magnetic strength caused by strata of the earth's crust. The (Continued on page 40)

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ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

ACTIVITIES

Below: A reproduction of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service citation which the Order received in appreciation of the splendid work of the Elks National Service Commission on behalf of disabled veterans. Right: A photograph taken during the impressive presentation ceremony in Washington, D. C., when William M. Frasor, Exec. Secy. of the Commission, second from right, accepted the citation from Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. At left, Vice-Admiral (MC) Joel T. Boone, U. S. Navy Retired, VA Chief Medical Director. Right: Gen. F. R. Kerr, Asst. Administrator and Chairman, of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTARY SERVICE



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The Veterans Administration, on behalf of the veteran-patients and domiciliary members, gratefully acknowledges the selfless devotion to volunteer duty in the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Program of members of the

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

Your national organization, as a member agency of the Veterans Adminustration Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, has worked shoulder to shoulder with the Veterans Administration staff and with over forty other great veterans, welfare, and service groups toward a mutual goal—to provide the best in care and treatment for the men and women disabled in their and our dedicated endeavor—to preserve the American ideal of freedom.

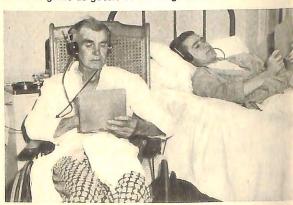
Your organizations contribution to this Nation-wide cooperative mission on behalf of the disabled veterans is an eminently fitting example of our great democracy in action. The leadership and guidance which your national officials have provided and the day-to day devoted service of your members in communities over the entire country have brought a new and increasingly more meaningful significance to the volunteer spirit in America

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 21, 1952





This group of veterans from Fort Custer was photographed outside the Detroit, Mich., Lodge home when they came to see a Detroit Tigers' baseball game as guests of the lodge members.



Concentrating on their cards, Fayetteville VA Hospital patients participate in one of the Arkansas Elks' bingo games with the assistance of a public address system set up in the ward.



RAYMOND BENJAMIN

Past Grand Exalted Ruler

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER Raymond Benjamin, a charter member of Napa, Calif., Lodge, No. 832, and Vice-Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, died at his home in Westport, Conn., on June 18. He was 79. Brother Benjamin was the oldest living Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

Born in Vallejo, Calif., in 1872, Brother Benjamin attended local schools in Suisun and was graduated from Napa College in 1890. He studied law in San Francisco and in 1893 was admitted to the California Bar.

Brother Benjamin's long, illustrious career as an Elk began in 1903 when he was initiated into Napa lodge. He was elected Exalted Ruler in 1904.

In 1908 Mr. Benjamin was appointed Grand Esquire and a year later became a member of the Judiciary Committee on which he served four years. As chairman of this important body in 1912-13 he made a lasting contribution to the Order through his work on enactment of an entirely new judicial code. Another service Brother Benjamin rendered to the Order he loved so well was the compilation of the volume entitled "Decisions and Opinions", setting forth in abbreviated form the decisions of the Grand Forum since its establishment. This comprehensive

work which delineates the solutions to those questions and legal problems most frequently arising in lodge administration has proved an invaluable asset to the Order.

Brother Benjamin was elected Grand Exalted Ruler in 1914 and it was at this Session of the Grand Lodge that he paved the way for settling a prolonged controversy over the existence of State Associations. He appointed a special committee headed by Brother Bruce A. Campbell to formulate a plan for the organization and official recognition of State Associations. As a result, the following Grand Lodge gave official authorization to the State Associations, defined their powers and provided for their organization.

Yet another evidence of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin's continuing labor of love for the good of the Order is the ritual ceremony opening all Grand Lodge Sessions, which was instituted during his term of office. Brother Benjamin was also responsible for creation of a lapsation committee to reactivate delinquent members and for the establishment of "Old Timers Night".

On completion of his term as Grand Exalted

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ILLINOIS

News of the State Associations



Lloyd Maxwell, left, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and Senior Past Pres. of the Iowa State Elks Assn., confers with newly elected Iowa State Pres. Lynn Swaney at the recent State Convention.



Smiling with understandable pleasure are the members of the Okay Farm and Motor Company of Kearney who won honors as a team in the Twelfth Annual Nebraska State Elks Bowling Tournament. Reading in the usual manner, standing: Leonard Lane, Mike Hollinger, Emmet Crawford, Carl Nicolarsen; kneeling: Roy Rammage, Fred Pscherer.

The 49th Annual Convention of the Ill. Elks Assn. took place in Chicago May 16, 17 and 18. With Convention head-quarters at the Hotel LaSalle, the Elks of Chicago Lodge No. 4, headed by E.R. Mario H. Guidarelli, General Chairman, were official hosts, providing a full program of entertainment for the nearly 1,000 delegates and their ladies.

Officers for the new term are: Pres., Don C. Patten, Sycamore; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Denham Harney, Jacksonville; Secy. (reelected), Albert W. Arnold, Lincoln, and Treas. (reelected) Ray Hinch, Chicago (South). Vice-Presidents are Le-Roy Allison, Lincoln; Frank A. Schollian, Evanston; Arthur C. Sauer, Mendota; Bennett Tate, West Frankfort; Noel C. Dawson, Mount Carmel; Karl W. Kaveler, Alton, and Clyde DeBok, Monmouth. Trustees are John Moore, Kankakee; J. J. McGlone, Harvey; Dawn A. Smith, Rockford; Ray Tibbs, Mount Vernon; Frank A. Carson, Danville; Theodore Kramer, East St. Louis, and Leroy E. Murphy, Quincy.

Ritualistic honors were taken by De-Kalb Lodge, defending champions, with Mattoon, Evanston, Carbondale, Pontiac, Carlinville and Macomb Lodges following in that order. All-State Champion Officers are E.R. Rex M. Adams and Est. Lead. Knight Russ Bailey of Mattoon; Est. Loyal Knight John Ronan, Est. Lect. Knight Conrad Hallgren, Esq. George Olsen, Chaplain Loyal Austin and Inner Guard Cal Gillen, all of DeKalb.

Reports revealed that more than \$20,000 was spent in Crippled Children's work, including 3.012 examinations at various clinics resulting in 6.389 days of hospitalization. Since the 1951 meeting the Veterans Service Committee reported the expenditure of \$15,644.04 on entertainment and purchase of needed articles for hospitalized servicemen.

Scholarship and essay prizes totaling \$2,800 were awarded by the Youth Activities Committee. This figure includes the three \$400 "Most Valuable Student" Awards given by the Elks National Foundation.

Special features of the session were the Memorial Services and the State Banquet attended by 325 persons. Pres. Wm. S. Wolf was Master of Ceremonies and U.S. Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, a member of Pekin Lodge, was the principal speaker following his introduction by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson. An honored guest was Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis who was introduced by his predecessor, Henry C. Warner. Other dignitaries of the Order on hand included Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell and J. Edgar Masters, the Grand Secretary, and Ind. State Elks Association President Roy Jorg. Other prominent Ill. Elks present included Grand Trustee Dr. N. H. Feder, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeemen George F. Thornton and John E. Giles; Past

Presidents Floyd E. Cheney, Sam Ryerson, Dr. Marcus M. Archer, Joseph M. Cooke, J. Paul Kuhn and Wm. M. Frasor, Exec. Secy. of the Elks National Service Commission.

NEBRASKA

The 40th Annual Convention of the Neb. Elks Assn. took place in Columbus June 7, 8 and 9. All 21 lodges of the State were represented and about 100 former leaders of these lodges attended the P.E.R.'s Pow-Wow held in conjunction with the conclave.

Special guest of the sessions was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner who addressed the delegates and installed the new officers. Led by President H. L. Blackledge of Kearney, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, these officials are 1st Vice-Pres., Andrew D. Mapes, Norfolk; 2nd Vice-Pres., Roy D. Greenwalt, Scottsbluff; 3rd Vice-Pres., Paul D. Zimmer, Falls City; 4th Vice-Pres., W. K. Swanson, McCook; Treas., F. C. Laird, Fremont; Secy., H. P. Zieg, Grand Island; Trustees: J. M. Fitzgerald, Omaha; Clyde E. Burdick, Ainsworth; Wm. J. Vifquain, Lincoln; J. R. Mc-Nannay, Hastings, and Elmer Bradley, Columbus.

Among the visitors who saw Scottsbluff Lodge's entry take the State Ritualistic Championship over Kearney and five other teams were P.D.D. Walter F. Scherer of Colo., D.D. Tom H. Lowman and P.D.D. Fred H. Kelly of Kans. and P.E.R. A. R. Perasso of Sioux City, Ia.

FLORIDA

St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224 was host to this year's Convention of the Fla. State Elks Assn. May 24, 25 and 26. Over 1,000 Elks and their ladies were registered, representing all but one of the State's 56 lodges.

Pres. Walter J. Matherly presided at the business sessions which were attended by many luminaries of the Order in-(Continued on page 39)



Grouped around their trophies are the Nevada Elks Championship Ritualistic Team members of Ely Lodge, and individual winners, representing Boulder City, Elko, Las Vegas and Ely Lodges.



The men who will head the New Mexico Elks Assn. are, left to right, seated: Pres. Robert Boney, Vice-Presidents Fred Dilley and Pete Caviness, Secy. Glenn Panlener, Treas. James Thompson; standing: Trustees A. L. McKnight, William Colvert, Ashley Thompson and James Kinkema.



Photographed in pleasant conversation at the Illinois Elks Assn. Convention in Chicago were, left to right: Retiring Pres. William S. Wolf, Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis and President-elect Don C. Patten.



Past State Pres. J. Louis Fisher, right, presents the Elks National Foundation's \$400 Most Valuable Student Award for Utah to Leon Douglas Smoot who also received awards from the State Association and Provo Lodge.

Aboard the

UNITED STATES

BY HORACE SUTTON

N 1912 A YOUNG naval architect named William Francis Gibbs had a dream about a 1,000-foot ocean liner that would clip the waves at a record speed. Forty years and 1,200,000 blueprints later that dream emerged as the S.S. United States, largest and fastest ship ever built in this country. She is destined to return the Blue Ribbon of the Atlantic to Uncle Sam for the first time since 1852. Most important, she can convert quickly from a luxury passenger liner to a speedy troop ship, travel 10,000 miles without refueling, cart a whole division across the Atlantic in less than four days.

The United States is not the longest ship afloat. She measures 990 feet against 1,031 for the Queen Elizabeth and 1,018 for the Mary. Her length was kept down so that she could fit easily through the Panama Canal in case she was called upon to carry troops from one coast to the other. Neither is she the heaviest liner. She tips the beam at 53,300 tons against the 80,000 tons of both Queens, but her weight has been kept down by the wide use of aluminum. It has been said that the United States is probably the most fireproof, seaproof, destruction proof ship affoat. The publicity men who grind out the facts like to point out that the only wood aboard is in the butcher's blocks and the pianos. Even the batons are aluminum, a fact which led one correspondent to point out that some mighty nasty fires have started in batons. There is also wood in the shuffleboards provided for deck games, but the sticks to push them are aluminum. Otherwise, railings, deckchairs, lifeboats -equipment which is always woodglistens silver in the sun.

To ward off annoyances such as torpedoes, the new ship has been given two hulls. She is said to be safe from anything except a direct hit in a vital zone. The Cadillac of the seas, she rides smoothly and effortlessly. Even when her skipper, Commodore Harry Manning, opened her up on this shakedown run, there was no vibration. Only a slight, nearly imperceptible roll gave any indication that the ship was clipping the

Atlantic at considerably better than 30 knots.

Dressed for her role as a luxury liner, the United States is a good deal more quiet in tastes than recent American ships and certainly simpler than some of the famous foreign liners, the Ile de France and the Liberté in particular. Where designers wanted to install large picture windows, the Navy stepped in and insisted upon portholes. There isn't much that's attractive about a porthole, although in the first class dining room they have been handsomely and effectively screened with sheets of frosted glass. Trans-Atlantic grand dames who have been fond of sweeping down a grand staircase in flowing gowns will have to be satisfied with just walking through a portal. The dining room is all on one level.

Most of the first class gaiety will resound largely from a salon known simply as the Ballroom, fitted with red chairs and glass panels embossed with a seaweed motif. It has a bar on one side and a Meyer Davis dance band on the other. Mr. Davis, who provides the music for the nation's spiffiest social events, will also provide it in all three classes aboard the United States.

Probably the most striking of rooms is the first class smoking lounge which has been decorated in a daring blue and green scheme. Draperies with sparkling metallic thread hang from the windows. Writing desks studded with bits of aluminum gleam in a corner. There is a piano on hand for informal jamming.

Second class public rooms, on the aft end, are large and airy, but trimmed of expensive decor. There is, to be sure, a dance floor and a stage to hold one of the Davis dance bands, and such talent as is likely to show up on an ocean crossing.

One departure is the inclusion of an intimate, and to my mind, charming à la carte restaurant for the benefit of people who simply don't want to eat by the clock. Although meals at sea are traditionally bountiful and included in the fare, well-heeled travelers can pick and pay on

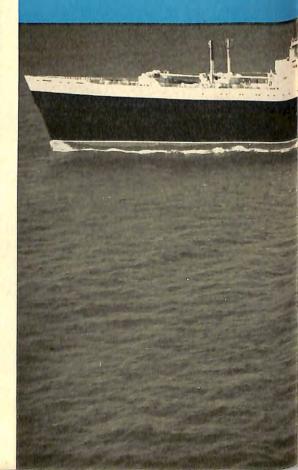
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Our new sea queen

Atlantic Blue Ribbon

to Uncle Sam.

returns the





News of the Lodges



Members of the Wisconsin State Elks Association were guests of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge at dinner and the initiation of 50 members. Left to right: Pres. L. C. Welch, Lodge Secretary John Kohl, E.R. Arthur J. Chadek, P.D.D. John C. Fay, Judge William I. O'Neill, Past State Pres.



The Dalles, Ore., Lodge's \$1,000 check for the Elks National Foundation is presented to D.D. John N. Mohr, second from left, by Chairman Roy Powell of the Committee handling the fund-raising campaign. At left, E.R. Jack Lambert, right, P.E.R. H. J. McKee who instigated the program.

Interlodge Visits in Montana

Not long ago the officers of Great Falls, Mont., Lodge, No. 214, traveled to Shelby where they initiated a class of candidates for their hosts of Lodge No. 1696. Welcomed royally, the visitors were treated to a fried chicken dinner and an evening of pleasant fraternal sociability.

Tallahassee, Fla., Elks Give Hospital Life-Saving Device

A \$1,900 Monaghan respirator has been donated to Memorial Hospital by Tallahassee Lodge No. 937. The device aids breathing difficulties of, and restores breathing to, patients ranging from infants to 250-pound adults. This is made possible by the fact that it is equipped with six shells of different sizes to be placed around the patient's chest. It also carries a special attachment to help bring up collapsed lungs.

The only similar equipment at the hospital was a large iron lung, given by the Elks several years ago, which was made for adult polio victims and could not be used by babies, nor was it practical in other respiratory cases. The respirator was purchased with the proceeds of the

lodge's annual Charity Carnival and was presented to Chairman W. T. Moore of the Hospital's Board of Directors by P.E.R. R. W. Ashmore, Jr. Present at the ceremonies were E.R. Murray Crawley, Dr. Joe Bistowish, Chairman of the Committee in charge, P.E.R. C. E. Gray and Trustees Marvin Collins and J. J. Bond, as well as several hospital officials.

Manitowoc, Wis., Elks Place Accent On Youth

It will be cold weather before nearly 450 high school students stop talking about the post-prom party Manitowoc Lodge No. 687 threw for them. The Junior prom, of course, is an annual event that has been going on for years, but the Elks' shindig, which began at midnight and ended at three a.m., was a brandnew idea, and a very good one.

Tables were set up around a small dancing area in the huge ballroom of the lodge home, tastefully decorated in night-club decor, but the crowd was so large that extra accommodations were fixed up later on the balcony, the lounge and the stage.

Robert Hamachek was Chairman for the very well publicized and successful affair, and Al Buettner of Milwaukee's radio station WTMJ was a busy Master of Ceremonies, conducting many "stunt" contests in which the students participated. E.R. Cy Mittnacht and more than 25 other members of the host lodge waited on tables, taking the teen-agers' orders for the generous menu of refreshments the Elks provided for their guests.



At an Open House inspection of the Armed Forces Examining Station at Fort Hayes, 1200 persons witnessed the presentation of silk American and 2nd Army Flags to the Station by representatives of Columbus, Ohio, Lodge. Left to right: Exalted Ruler Bert A. Carlos, Jr., Col. C. S. Brandner, C.O. of the Ohio-Kentucky Recruiting Dist.; Major William P. O'Malley, Station Cmdr.; Capt. Roy E. Gray, the Major's predecessor; Sgt. Al Pearson, and Est. Lead. Knight Earl E. Miller.



Joseph Cookson, right, presents Pottsville, Pa., Lodge's donation of baseballs and bats for boys participating in the city-sponsored recreational baseball league program to George Dimmerling, Pottsville's recreational director.



E.R. Irwin Logan, left, receives a check for San Pedro, Calif., Lodge's Charity Fund from Elk V. L. Stagnaro, Pres. of the Los Angeles Harbor Shrine Club, during the annual dinner and meeting of the two groups at the Elks lodge home.



P.E.R. Dolph Toben, left, receives an Honorary Life Membership in Washington, Mo., Lodge from Secy. Anthony Beckmann, right, as E.R. Emil Tessmer looks on. Mr. Toben was honored in recognition of his outstanding Ritualistic work.



Boston, Mass., Lodge honored its Secy., W. J. Strout, at a testimonial dinner attended by a capacity crowd, including 15 P.E.R.'s. Pictured when the guest of honor received a gift from his fellow Elks were, left to right: P.D.D. Dr. P. J. Foley, Mr. Strout, former State Assn. Treas. Hon. Laurence Curtis, E.R. Edward J. Goodfellow and P.E.R. I. J. O'Connor.



When D.D. Gerard de Blonk visited Mitchell, S. D., Lodge he issued a challenge to individual members to subscribe to the Elks National Foundation. P.E.R. Ray Starnes, center, accepted the challenge, conducted a drive which netted \$3,500 in \$100 memberships from 24 P.E.R.'s, and present officers. Left, P.E.R. Arthur Newman; right, E.R. Clyde Palmer.



At San Benito, Tex., Lodge's annual scholarship presentation ceremonies, E.R. H. B. Livingston was pictured with San Benito High School graduates Helen Booth, who received a year's scholarship to Texas Southmost College, and Alan Moore and Barbara Allen, who received \$250 awards.



Claude Engberg, ticket manager, left, shows a book of tickets for this year's Intermountain AAU Boxing Tournament, sponsored by Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge to E.R. Frank Gilbert and Otto Vombaur, seated. Frank Zimmerman, Leo Pignanelli, Chairman Parker Campbell look on.



These Old Timers of Oshkosh, Wis., Lodge were honored at a special session they conducted. Their age totals 752 years with 460 years in Elkdom. William Bouck is a 53-year Elk; Charter Member Charles Hahn, center, a 56-year member; William Rasmussen, 50 years.



E.R. George London, left, sees Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, third from left, present Life Memberships to five of 16 Gary, Ind., Elks of over 65 years of age, over 30 years' membership. They are Blair Headrick, Charles Martin of Anniston, Ala., Isaac Bloom, Jacob Sensibar, Charles Knost. The other veterans received their cards by mail.



These young ladies are Girl Scouts sponsored by McPherson, Kans., Lodge and hold the highest Scout award, the All Curved Bar.



These Champaign bowlers took the III. Elks title, \$150 prize and individual diamond medals, topping the Centralia keglers by two pins.



E.R. Alan Hems, sixth from left, backed up by his fellow officers, presents Calexico, Calif., Lodge's \$500 to furnish a room in the new local hospital to Board Chairman W. K. Bowker, Jr. Right: D.D. J. Ward Casey; second from right, Hosp. Adm. Joseph Weitzen.



Photographed from the stage of the theater are youngsters of the Police Athletic League as they awaited the movies and refreshments provided for them by the Elks of Elizabeth, N. J., at a program during which Captain Gustave R. Steffens of the city's Police Department, who is also the Chairman of Elizabeth's Youth League, delivered an address.



This Elk-sponsored baseball team of the Billings, Mont., Little League of six groups has not lost a game, up to the present time.



The Elks of International Falls, Minn., Lodge have been sponsoring the basketball activities of these youngsters for the past two years.

Memorial to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert Dedicated



At the Services dedicating the Memorial to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert were, left to right, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and James R. Nicholson, S. John Connolly, Past Exalted Ruler of Beverly, Mass., Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Monsignor Arthur Quinn, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall and late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin. Placing the wreath on the monument is Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis with Mrs. Regina Hulbert, widow, and members of the family.

N MAY 31ST, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks dedicated a Memorial to Murray Hulbert, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, at his grave in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, New York, at the hour of eleven. The dedication service was conducted by Monsignor Arthur Quinn, Chaplain of the New York State Elks Association, Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis delivered the eulogy. The Memorial was unveiled by Lawrence Michael Kenney of Bayport, New York. ten-year-old grandson of Judge Hulbert. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert died in April 1950.

About fifty were present at the services, including a delegation from Judge Hulbert's lodge, New York, No. 1, mem-

bers of the family, including Mrs. Hulbert, his daughter, son-in-law and three grandsons. Also present were the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, James R. Nicholson, John F. Malley and George I. Hall, as well as James A. Gunn, President of the New York State Elks Association.

Judge Hulbert was Grand Exalted Ruler in 1928-29. He was named Federal Judge in 1934 and served until his death. Earlier he had served two terms in Congress, as Commissioner of Docks in New York City and as President of the city council.

In his moving eulogy at the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert, Grand Exalted Ruler Davis said, "Murray Hulbert needs no tablet erected to his memory by those of us who knew him. He built his own memorial in the fullness of the life that he led, by the roles he played in the drama of this great city of New York, by his career in both the legislative and judicial branches of our national government, and finally by the record he wrote as our fraternal leader. . . . Nothing we can say here can add to or detract from that record. As his name is carved on this memorial, so is the record of his deeds engraved upon the hearts of all Elks who knew him.

"Murray Hulbert is one of those who has taken that last mysterious journey, and of him we can say as we dedicate this memorial, 'He was a fine American citizen and a true Elk.'"

SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Because the Grand Lodge Session in New York opened July 13th, a later date than has been the case for the past several years, The Elks Magazine will run the annual coverage of the Grand Lodge Session in the September issue. Accounts of the proceedings of the four Business Sessions, as well as the Public Session and

Memorial Services, will be reported fully next month. Proof that "Know Your America Week", which was sponsored June 8th to June 14th by the All-American Conference To Combat Communism, has outstanding possibility was evidenced by the programs that Elk lodges conducted that week. Working with limited time notices, some of our lodges did outstanding and important work that week in their programs. A report of what these

lodges accomplished will be featured in our September issue. Arthur Daley, who started covering professional football for the New York Times when the game was in its infancy, will write in September about how this great sport has come up with age and has become a national game witnessed by thousands of spectators in contrast to the days when it was difficult even to give away tickets to the professional football games.

BY DAN HOLLAND

ROD & GUN

In August, fish feel the heat, too, and test a fisherman.



THERE'S no luck in fishing. At least that's the way a certain type of fisherman figures. All such things as the tackle and its use and the place and time of fishing mean a lot more than mere luck,

but, according to his way of thinking, there is something far more important than any of these. This is fish-analysis. Consistent success, he says, starts with the ability to read a fish's mind.

When such a man starts out to catch a fish, he simply puts himself in the position of that fish—figuratively speaking, that is—then acts accordingly. In other words, he visualizes himself in the fish's element and reasons how he would react to various conditions: to high water and low water, to cloudy water and clear water, to cold water and warm water. Most important, he tries to picture the fish's food as it appears from the underwater position and attempts to conceive how it goes about capturing this food. If he analyzes the situation correctly,

there's nothing to it from there on. He'll soon have fish to fry.

I have attempted this advanced approach to fishing, but with only limited success. I can't seem to get into the right mood for it, especially when it comes to picturing nightcrawlers, hellgrammites, crawfish and leopard frogs as delicacies. Also, being a rather poor swimmer anyway, I see myself slowly starving to death trying to chase down a red-fin dace. However, for the fisherman with a lively imagination and a lot of patience; this system is the real answer.

NE fisherman I know—a dry-fly enthusiast of the most involved type—wasn't satisfied with mere imagination. He went deeper, delving into his study of fish analysis in a more literal fashion. He filled his bathtub with water, lay on his back on the tub bottom with a rubber tube in his mouth for breathing purposes—not being adequately equipped with gills—and took up a temporary fish-like existence. From this submerged position he dropped various patterns of dry flies on the water surface above his face in order to study them in detail from

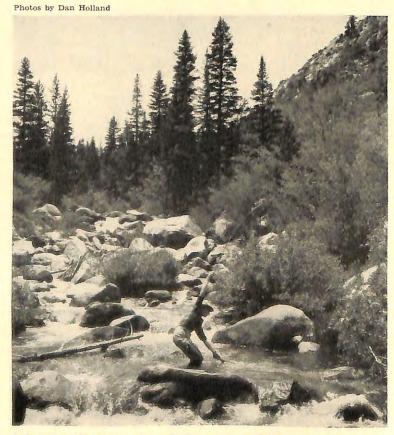
beneath. Then, for sure, he knew exactly how each one appeared to the trout. He felt at this point that he had definitely achieved the trout's point of view.

There was something missing in the picture, however. These dry flies he had observed were supposed to imitate specific live insects on which trout feed and he had no way of knowing how these naturals appeared from the fish's-eye view. It was obviously necessary to compare the real insects with his feathered imitations to prove anything. Trying to accomplish this was almost his undoing. It wasn't too difficult to capture various Mayflies and caddis flies along his favorite streams but the success of the experiment ended there. Once submerged in the tub he shook these captives out of their containers, but they refused to land on the water over his face. They took wing and settled on the curtains, the mirror, the bowl and everywhere except on the tub water. He finally gave up. The contrary insects made him so nervous he was forced to abandon the whole experiment.

If a man could refrain from taking his study quite as seriously as did this particular fisherman, this literal exploration of a fish's element would be a good one for August. The hotter the day, the more appropriate it would be. Occasionally I have gone in for it, although seldom on purpose. Usually a moss-covered rock or a slippery log has started the experiment and the next thing I knew I was as flat on the bottom as a flannelmouthed sucker. Such an incident is disastrous in April, but in August it can almost be a pleasant interlude. The only trouble is that I have always been too confused at the moment to take advantage of the opportunity to observe the surroundings and thus increase my knowledge of the ways of fish.

Once I did have a good chance to make a study of underwater conditions. I was given an assignment to write an article on a group of men who made a sport of underwater fish-spearing in Florida. In order to cover the subject properly, I put on goggles and swimming fins and dove into the depths to observe how they did it. The swimmers pursued snappers, sheepshead, redfish and whatnot, and I pursued the swimmers. When they were in range of their prey, they plugged them neatly with their varied assortment of spear guns. It was quite effective, but I had the feeling that these were frustrated fishermen who had resorted to this means

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Falls and rapids aerate water, replacing oxygen needed in a good fishing stream.



Harry Laibman of Malden, Mass., Lodge is pictured with some of the youngsters he takes to the circus each year. This generous Elk has been providing the happy excursion for six years for a total of 1,700 children who enjoy all that goes with a day at the circus under the watchful eye of Mr. Laibman and six other adults, as well as two registered nurses to handle any emergencies.



This is Greeley, Colo., Lodge's outstanding Chorus which has a fine record of service to patients in VA Hospitals and local institutions. Director Marvin George, front row, center; accompanist Dale Dykins, second row center, are faculty members of the Colorado State College of Education.



This busy scene was photographed as approximately 175 Independence, Kans., Elks left the lodge home to sell season tickets for the games played by the Independence Browns, a farm club of the St. Louis Browns. The Elk-sponsorship of this program was requested by the Independence Baseball Association to insure them financial success. It did; in one day, the Elks sold 26,410 tickets.

LODGE NOTES

LUBBOCK, TEX., Lodge has acquired new distinction with the organization of an outstanding band. Equipped with striking uniforms, the group has a great deal of talent, played at Carlsbad, N. M., for the Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis visit and performed at the recent Texas Convention . . . LOS ANGELES, CALIF., Lodge held a special meeting in recognition of "World Trade Week". Planned in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, the event featured the presentation of "Miss World Trade", represented by motion-picture actress Barbara Bates. Actor John Payne and long-time screen favorite Anna May Wong were speakers ... Thousands of mothers received tribute on Mother's Day, but few, if any, were as old as the one who received a personal visit and roses from three P.E.R.'s of GREELEY, COLO., Lodge, R. E. Hanna, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight O. J. Fisher and State Treas. Wm. R. Patterson who were accompanied by the lodge's Visiting Committeeman J. B. Sweatt. She is Mrs. Myrtle B. Moss and she celebrated her 105th birthday in April ... In recognition of 46 faithful years of service to QUINCY, MASS., Lodge, 200 of his fellow Elks honored P.E.R. James H. Maloney, Sr., at a testimonial dinner. Three of his sons heard Dr. Maloney extolled by Mayor David S. McIntosh and E.R. J. E. Brett. E.R. for two terms, Dr. Maloney was a Trustee 31 years, is now a Director for the Quincy Elks Home, Inc., for which he was Treas. many years . . . It pays to be an officer in PORTER-VILLE, CALIF., Lodge, especially if you like nuts. At a recent meeting, ten bags of assorted nuts were raffled off at three chances for a dollar for the benefit of the summer camp fund for the Boy Scout Troop the lodge sponsors. Every member present bought three tickets, putting 168 chances in the box for selection. Of the ten winners, seven were officers, including the E.R., the three Knights and three Trustees . . . PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Lodge's Entertainment Committee, just to be sure everything would go nicely, put on a full dress rehearsal in June for their Fall Outdoor Clambake. About 150 persons enjoyed the bake which couldn't be distinguished from the real thing, except that it took place indoors.

The

Grand Exalted Ruler's



Officials at the Glendive, Mont., reception, left to right: Host E.R. E. V. Provost, Wolf Point E.R. Kenneth Voss, D.D. Desmond J. O'Neil, P.E.R. Lee Benton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner. Williston, N. D., E.R. Gil Stenehjem, Mr. Davis, Sidney E.R. Chet Johnson, State Pres. Joseph Wegesser, Billings E.R. William Goss, Williston P.E.R. George Harvey and State Vice-Pres. DeWitt O'Neil.



Pictured at the luncheon given by Sidney, Mont., Lodge in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Davis are, left to right: E.R. Chet Johnson, Mayor James Osborne, P.E.R. of Glendive Lodge, D.D. O'Neil, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Mr. Davis, State President Wegesser, P.E.R. Everett Palmer of Williston, N. D., State Vice-Pres. DeWitt O'Neil and Williston, N. D., E.R. Gilbert Stenehjem.



Dignitaries pictured at the home of Milton, Pa., Lodge include, front row, left to right: P.D.D. M. B. Enterline, Loyal Knight M. C. Sterling, D.D. G. J. Ellenberger, E.R. Geo. D. Beatty, Mr. Davis, Pa. State Pres. Pitzer, P.E.R. Ned C. Cook, Lect. Knight Al G. Williams and Esq. Richard Wagner.

RAND EXALTED RULER Howard R. Davis was the guest of WASH-INGTON, PA., LODGE, NO. 776, on May 19th when he participated in its 50th Anniversary celebration with Pres. H. Earl Pitzer and Vice-Pres. Harry Kleean of the Pa. Elks Assn., Chairman Lee A. Donaldson of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge and D.D. Frank Long. At the banquet that evening, E.R. Raymond Martin introduced

Secy. William D. Hancher who acted as Master of Ceremonies, and the 350 diners heard Mayor Elmer Wilson and Hon. Roy Carson extend a cordial welcome to the noted guest.

The following day, the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Treas. William J. Jernick took part in gala festivities at DOVER, N. J., LODGE, NO. 782, marking its 50th birthday and the dedication of its handsome new home. About 200 Elks attended

Visits

the dinner at which P.E.R. William Ely was Toastmaster and the Order's leader was welcomed by E.R. Ray Trevena and Mayor John Roach. Among the dignitaries in attendance were State Pres. Joseph P. O'Toole and D.D. William Evans.

O'Toole's homecoming was celebrated on the 21st of May by NEWARK, N. J., LODGE, NO. 21, with a reception and dance for 1,100 Elks and their ladies in the ballroom of the Essex Hotel. Following his introduction by E.R. Joseph J. Smith, Secy. Edward Reilly presided as Master of Ceremonies and the Grand Exalted Ruler took occasion to compliment Mr. O'Toole on his successful administration as leader of the N. J. Elks Assn. Taking part in this tribute were Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall, Grand Treas. Jernick, N. Y. State Pres. Frank D. O'Connor and D.D. Evans.

On the 23rd, Mr. Davis, Pres. Pitzer and Tiler Hubert Gallagher of the Pa. Elks Assn. and Mr. O'Toole attended the Golden Jubilee celebration of NEW BERN, N. C., LODGE, NO. 764, which was host to the Convention of the NO. CAR. STATE ELKS ASSN., reported in our July issue.

On the 24th, Dr. G. P. Joseph, E.R. of MYRILE BEACH, S. C., LODGE, NO. 1771, welcomed the official party to the SO. CAR. ELKS ASSN. Convention, also reported in our July number, and, two days later, SI. PETERSBURG LODGE NO. 1224 was host to the distinguished visitors who arrived to participate in the FLA. STATE ASSN. meeting, an account of which appears elsewhere in this number.

On June 3rd the Grand Exalted Ruler was the guest of BEDFORD, PA., LODGE, NO. 1707, attending a dinner-dance with 350 Elks and their ladies that evening. Hon. J. Colvin Wright and E.R. Frank P. Hughes extended greetings to the distinguished guest and P.E.R. John S. Buchanan was Toastmaster. Pa. State Pres. H. Earl Pitzer, D.D. George Ellenberger and Past Pres. Harry Stegmaier of the Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn. were also present.

The following day found Mr. Davis at the home of ALTOONA, PA., LODGE, NO. 102, under whose sponsorship his own lodge in Williamsport was instituted. A dinner-dance was enjoyed by 400 members and ladies when P.E.R. Ross Roberts was Master of Ceremonies following his introduction by E.R. Earl Blair.



Left: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, Mr. Davis, and E.R. H. L. Winter, seated left to right, are pictured with D.D. Fred Glover, State Secy. Nathan Poffenbarger, D.D. R. W. Burk, State Pres. Dewey E. S. Kuhn and P.E.R. Wm. H. Craze at the Morgantown, W. Va. celebration.

Below: North Dist. Pennsylvania Elk officials who greeted Grand Exalted Ruler Davis and his party, photographed at the home of Kane Lodge.

The Order's leader addressed the delegates to the 46th Annual Convention of the MICH. STATE ELKS ASSN. on June 14th and in the evening spoke at the Assn. banquet on the subject of Flag Day. The noted visitor was welcomed by E.R. Robert E. Warner of the host lodge, KALAMAZOO NO. 50, whose P.E.R. H. W. Read was Master of Ceremonies. Other Elk luminaries present for this event were Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Grand Tiler Irvine J. Unger, Grand Lodge Committeemen George F. Thornton and Hugh L. Hartley, Past Grand Est. Lead. Knight John K. Burch and Benjamin F. Watson, former member of the Grand Forum.

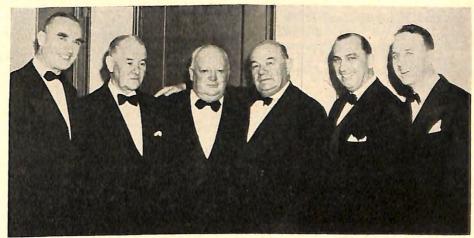
MILTON, PA., LODGE, NO. 913, greeted Mr. Davis on June 17th when he delivered one of his inspired addresses at a banquet attended by 200 Elks with P.E.R. Ned C. Cook as Toastmaster. E.R. George D. Beatty and County Judge William Troutman welcomed the guest of honor.

Accepting an invitation extended by State Pres. Joseph P. O'Toole, the Order's leader was the special guest of the N. J. STATE ELKS ASSN. meeting on the Atlantic Shore with ASBURY PARK LODGE NO. 128 as host. Mr. Davis addressed the delegates at the afternoon session June 20th and that evening he spoke again before 450 Elks and ladies attending a dinner and dance, following his introduction by P.E.R. E. J. Eckstein of Atlantic City Lodge who was Master of Ceremonies. The following afternoon the Grand Exalted Ruler led the Assn. parade and that evening crowned the Beauty Queen of Asbury Park.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., LODGE, NO. 2, paid tribute to Howard R. Davis on June 22nd when 300 members and ladies attended a dinner to which the honored guest was welcomed by E.R. Meyer A. Abrams and Hon. Adrian Bonnelly representing the city. P.E.R. John L. McIntyre was Toastmaster, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow introduced Mr. Davis, the program's principal speaker. Pa. State Pres. Pitzer was again on hand for this event, as were D.D. Richard T. Frisby and delegations for half a dozen other Pa. and N. J. lodges.

This was the final visit of the 1951-52 leader of Elkdom before the close of his highly successful and eventful term.





At Newark, N. J., Lodge when 1,500 persons paid tribute to State Pres. Joseph P. O'Toole were left to right: Grand Treas. William J. Jernick, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Mr. O'Toole, Mr. Davis, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall and N. Y. State Pres. Frank D. O'Connor.



P.D.D.'s and other officials are photographed at Scranton, Pa., Lodge's banquet with, seated, left to right: State Membership Committee Chairman Barney Wentz, P.D.D. and State Secy. W. S. Gould, Director of Public Safety W. M. Lonsdorf, Hon. Michael J. Eagan, P.E.R., Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, D.D. John P. Dennebaum, P.D.D. Joseph F. Conrad and State Pres. H. Earl Pitzer.

submitted to the Grand Lodge at New York in July.



ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

N HIS Annual Report to the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell reviewed the activities of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, of which he is Chairman, during the fiscal year ending May 31.

Memorial Building

This Memorial to all Elks who served in World War I and World War II, but particularly to those who made the supreme sacrifice in those conflicts, was originally dedicated July 1926 and then was rededicated in September 1946, after the close of World War II. The Memorial Building is considered by well-informed persons to be one of the finest buildings of its kind, if not the finest, in the entire world. During the year ending May 15, 85,523 persons visited the Building. Since its erection 1,660,828 people have visited the Building and acclaimed its beauty, dignity and grandeur.

The concern which the Commission engages to appraise the Building each year found a reproductive value of \$4,607,103.54, a sound value of \$4,292,822.10 and an insurable value of \$4,124,059.44, Chairman Campbell reported. At the end of the current year the appraisal shows an increase of approximately \$150,000 in the insurable value of the Building. This increase has been covered by insurance.

The Memorial Building is now 26 years old and it is to be expected that the expense of renewals and replacements will increase each year. Another consideration is that during the war it was necessary to defer maintenance. These extraordinary items over and above ordinary expenses amounted to \$8,066.72. Exact figures for the next year could not be determined at the time Mr. Campbell submitted his Report, because of fluctuating prices, inability to secure material at the proper time, and possible increased wages for the workmen. However, it is established that about \$8,000 in repairs will be required during the coming year. Operation and maintenance expenses for the Building are paid out of surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine. This amounted to \$72,249.17 during the year.

Memorial Books

At the last Grand Lodge Session, the Commission was authorized to print 10,-000 additional memorial books and this was done at a total cost of \$23,571.33, Mr. Campbell stated in his Report.

The Elks Magazine

This was the 30th year of publication of The Elks Magazine as the official publication of the Order. During the year 12,889,591 copies of the Magazine were published, an increase of 425,416 over the previous year. Seven issues of the Magazine consisted of 60 pages, including covers; five issues had 52 pages, making a total of 680 pages for the year. The total number of pages, including covers, was 730,582,612, an increase of over 12 million pages. Total number of copies of the June, 1952, issue was 1,088,-848 as compared to 1,054,528 in June, 1951. For the year ending May 31, surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine were \$253,944.55. These earnings were \$6,-521.58 less than in 1951; \$11,380.94 greater than in 1950, and \$51,751.19 greater than in 1949, Mr. Campbell

For the year, the total per capita publishing costs were 99.8 cents. Of this, advertising income contributed 23.6 cents and miscellaneous .4 cents. This leaves a net cost per capita of 75.8 as compared to 74 cents for the previous year. The cost per capita increase results from increased salaries and wages, costs of paper and printing and binding. It would have been even greater if there had not been a reduction in the average number of pages per copy printed this year.

Advertising income for the year amounted to \$247,404.52 and represented an increase over the preceding year of \$17,198.72, a little over seven per cent. The increase was 31 per cent over 1950. The increase this year was partly due to increased advertising space and partly to increases in advertising space rates. The new rates were adopted to meet, even partially, the increased costs of production due to economic conditions over which neither the Commission nor the operating management has any control, Mr. Campbell reported. During the year 895 advertisements were run in the Magazine as compared to 758 for the previous year.

INCOME AND EXPENSES

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

Income:		
Magazine Subscriptions\$	1,046,031.00	
Advertising	247,404.52	
Miscellaneous	4,949.51	\$1,298,385.03
Publication costs and expenses:		
Magazine paper\$	362,250.04	
Printing and binding	199,479.01	
Engraving	21,028.21	
Departmental expenses (as show	yn by schedul	e):
Editorial	97,586.56	
Advertising	134,192.81	
Circulation	160,840.05	
Administrative and general	67,937.89	
Miscellaneous	1,125.91	1,044,440.48
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Postal Rates

Reference was made in the Report last year to a bill pending in Congress calling for a marked increase in the postal rates for commercial Magazines. While an increase in Second-class mailing rates was adopted, it was not as drastic as the original bill and, furthermore, it does not apply to *The Elks Magazine* and other publications of a similar nature not organized for profit.

Public Relations

Mr. Campbell reported that in the field of public relations for the Order excellent coverage was given to the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago last Fall by the Chicago papers and radio and TV stations. The Publicity Department supplied material in advance of the 136 scheduled visits of Grand Exalted Ruler Davis, including individual stories, mats and photographs.

An outstanding Public Relations Program was that of Marion, Indiana, Lodge, the home town of Oatis, the Elk who was imprisoned by Czechoslovakian communists as a spy. The Marion Elks obtained signatures to a petition urging President Truman to take action to acquire Oatis' release. Arrangements were made by the Department for a delegation from Marion to meet White House Press Secretary Short to present the petition. The Washington press and radio were supplied with detailed coverage of this story.

The Youth Activities Committee did outstanding work and the Public Rela-

tions Department worked closely with this group. Publicity material on Youth Leadership and National Youth Day was distributed to all Exalted Rulers for use in local papers. Accompanying it was a copy of the proclamation issued by Grand Exalted Ruler Davis. The Public Relations Department prepared the Youth Day proclamation, drafted suggestions to help lodges prepare a Youth Day Program and otherwise cooperated with the Committee.

District Deputies were furnished with releases announcing their appointments as soon as they were confirmed. The Department received 283 clippings as the result of this effort.

The Department also worked with the Grand Exalted Ruler on the Boy Scout movement. At the beginning of the year, just before Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle left office, he distributed a Report on the extent of the Order's sponsorship of Boy Scout units. This Report was released to local papers and later in the year, at the request of Grand Exalted Ruler Davis, the Department made up a list of lodges not sponsoring Scout troops. Mr. Davis then wrote to these lodges and urged them to broaden their Youth Programs by sponsoring a Scout troop.

Two national magazines of standing made use of material supplied by the Public Relations Department. Pathfinder, a news magazine with a circulation of 1,200,000 ran an illustrated article about the Elks Armed Forces Blood Campaign. The American Weekly, published by the Hearst Company appears in 23 newspapers and has a total circulation of 10,000,000. This publication carried an article, with photograph and art work, about Elks Laradon Hall, the Colorado Elks Association's school for persons afflicted with cerebral palsy.

Two articles from the Magazine were distributed to 500 newspapers and 560 radio stations. The first article—about communism and part of a long-range series of articles to combat this insidious evil—resulted in requests for nearly 35,000 reprints. The second article was about our educational system and 8,000 reprints of this article were distributed at cost to school boards, PTA groups and individuals.

In summing up the year of public relations work, independent of Convention publicity, the total of newspaper clippings received by the Public Relations Department was 36 per cent ahead of 1951. It should be noted that this total may well be considerably larger because by no means all of the clippings are forwarded to the Public Relations office. However, including Convention publicity, a total of 6,211 newspaper clippings were received during the year, Chairman Campbell reported.

Disposition Of Earnings

During the 30 years of its existence, the aggregate surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine* have amounted to \$6,162,

951.13. The Commission already has turned over to the Grand Lodge \$5,406,-823.75, or an average of \$180,000 a year. This in turn has been turned over to the Grand Lodge and has been used for various purposes, including the building of an addition to the Elks Home in Bedford and the decoration and maintenance of the Memorial Building, as well as contributions to the War Commission and the Elks National Foundation and for the establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, which now amounts to \$520,000. Furthermore, the income from the Magazine has been used for general Grand Lodge expenses.

If it had not been for the earnings of the Magazine, the per capita tax for many years would have been materially increased. However, Mr. Campbell pointed out in his Report that as a result of the amounts turned over by the Commission to the Grand Lodge out of the surplus earnings, the budget had been balanced, a provision has been made for a Reserve Fund and other expenditures previously mentioned have been met. This year the Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings of the Magazine the sum of \$175,000, thus making an aggregate of \$5,654,072.92 turned over to the Grand Lodge during the 30 years that The Elks Magazine has been in existence. After this payment is made, the Commission will have a surplus as of June 1, 1952, of \$508,878.21. In the opinion of the Commission, good business judgment under present conditions requires that the surplus be maintained at this level.

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

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

REPORTING to the Grand Lodge Session in New York, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, stressed the work of the Foundation during the year in serving the Order as an agency for good works in all fields of philanthropy. The Foundation offers an opportunity to those who wish to endow worthy projects by making a life-time gift, or bequest. During the year, total donations to the General Fund of the Foundation from all sources amounted to \$186,974.61. This, together with profits on disposition of securities and accretions to the Phillips Fund, a bequest of George B. Phillips, Ajo, Ariz., Lodge, No. 1576, increased the Consolidated Principal Fund to \$2,832,-716.67 as compared to \$2,643,114.25 at the close of the previous fiscal year. Additions to the Principal Fund came from these sources:

State and District Assi	ns \$ 6.020.00
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Lodges	100,232.00
Individuals	77,884.75
Miscellaneous	2,817.00

\$186,974.61

In the Foundation Report, Mr. Malley pointed out that 43 per cent of the donations came from five States—namely, Pa., Calif., Mass., Ill., and Wis. In addition to the Consolidated Principal Fund of \$2,832,716.67, the Foundation has a Security Depreciation Offset Fund amounting to \$100,299.49. This reserve provides against possible losses from the sale or redemption of securities, as well as possible loss of premiums in lieu of amortization. The entire amount of this Fund is invested in government securities. When added to the Consolidated Principal

Fund, it brings capital assets of the Foundation to \$2,993,016.16.

Appreciation

The Report of the Foundation particularly emphasized the splendid help received from Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis who, during his term of office, continually urged the importance of every Elk being a contributor to the Elks National Foundation Fund. Appreciation also was expressed to the National Memorial and Publication Commission for making available the facilities of The Elks Magazine to publicize the purposes and accomplishments of the Foundation during the year, with particular emphasis on the publicizing of the Foundation's efforts to meet the critical shortage of trained workers in the field of cerebral palsy.

Founder Certificates

At the end of the year, 21 of the 48 States showed every lodge recorded as subscribers for Honorary Founder Certificates. The list is as follows:

Arizona Nebraska Colorado New Hampshire Connecticut New Jersey Delaware North Dakota Pennsylvania Iowa Kentucky Rhode Island South Dakota Maine Utah Maryland Michigan Vermont Minnesota Wisconsin Wyoming

However, 12 States were close to 100 per cent enrollment and each had at least 90 per cent of the lodges subscribing. North Dakota is the only State with all

lodges recorded as fully paid Honorary Founders and Permanent Benefactors.

In his Report, Mr. Malley urged each lodge and State Association to make a donation to the Foundation annually. "This practice would impose no financial strain and would be an easy and effective method of building up the Foundation to an amount that would more accurately reflect the generosity and purposefulness of our Order," Mr. Malley said. All Elks are invited to enroll as Participating Members of the Elks National Foundation and a Certificate is given to any member who donates \$100 to the Foundation Fund. "Though You Can't Give A Million, You Can Be One Of A Million To Give", in the words of the Foundation's Slogan.

Current Distributions

Two years ago the Elks National Foundation announced a new venture in the field of humanitarian service in the firm conviction that hope and opportunity for a happy, useful life could be offered to thousands of little children and others handicapped by cerebral palsy. To date, \$50,000 has been appropriated to train doctors, therapists, nurses, teachers and other persons qualified to treat cerebral palsy. This sum has been expended as speedily and as wisely as possible under the best advice. Grants have sent 63 qualified persons through courses of specialized training in the treatment of cerebral palsy. Many of these have completed their courses of study and now serve on the staffs of cerebral palsy treatment centers sponsored by State Elks Associations, as well as other organizations in various parts of the country. In addition to the \$50,000 grant, the Foundation has donated to the Cerebral Palsy Programs fostered by the State Associations in their respective States. The Cerebral Palsy Program of the Foundation has evoked commendation from the officials of medical institutions and universities and from eminent doctors and sociologists, Mr. Malley points out.

Other Benefits

This year the "Most Valuable Students" awards, one of the most important programs of the Foundation, was increased \$3,000 to a total of \$15,000 and equally divided among deserving boys and girls who wish to further their education. Awards for 1952 will appear in our September issue. Every State is eligible to receive one or more Elks National Foundation Scholarships. These Scholarships amount to \$400 each and are available for award to the students selected by the State Associations for the purpose of entering college or to have them continue their college courses. Similar scholarship privileges are extended to Alaska and the Possessions. For the current year 89 Scholarships were awarded by selection of the State Associations. During the year the Foundation Trustees made the sum of \$5,025 available for awards by the

Youth Activities Committee for outstanding youth leaders selected by that Committee, Mr. Malley reported.

One of the most urgent situations the Order was required to meet during the year was the necessity of providing aid to those who suffered from the floods in the Middle West last spring. In addition to the great support that the lodges made available, the Report of the Elks National Foundation shows that a special distribution of \$3.050 was made by the Foundation.

Conclusion

Closing his Report, Mr. Malley pointed out that the Elks National Foundation Permanent Trust Fund was established within the Grand Lodge of the Order for the purpose of fostering, assisting, promoting and financing the charitable, educational and benevolent activities of the Elks. The Fund has been raised entirely by voluntary contributions. The principal

is invested in United States Government Bonds and other sound securities and must remain intact as a permanent fund. The income only is used, and the entire income is available for distribution because all administrative expense is paid by appropriation from the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

"The Elks National Foundation is an admirable agency for perpetuating good works in the charitable, benevolent and educational fields and every Elk should participate in the work of the Foundation by contributing to the Principal Fund", Mr. Malley stated.

During the year direction of the Elks National Foundation was provided by these seven Trustees, all of whom are Past Grand Exalted Rulers: John F. Malley, Chairman; the late Raymond Benjamin, Vice-Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; Robert S. Barrett, Treasurer; Charles H. Grakelow; L. A. Lewis and Dr. Edward J. McCormick.

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

"S INCE the appointment of the Elks National Service Commission, our major activity has been in behalf of the disabled veterans. The conflict in Korea has added many additional casualties to our hospital list. New Veterans Administration hospitals are being opened and our Brothers and their ladies are expanding our programs to include these new hospitals," Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman, stated in his Annual Report to the Grand Lodge.

"It has always been the desire of our Commission and our Committees everywhere to impress upon the mind of the veteran, regardless of his handicap, that the support of our fraternity is behind him in endeavoring to equip him with the essentials of making him a useful member of his community", said Chairman Hallinan.

The main objective of the Commission has been to bring hope and cheer to patients in the hospitals and to attempt to make them realize that they are an integral part of their community. Chairman Hallinan particularly expressed appreciation to the lodges and Brothers who had so wholeheartedly cooperated with the Elks National Service Commission in putting over its program for veterans.

Recognition Ceremony

May 21st of this year, General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, called a meeting in Washington of all members of the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services for the purpose of presenting citations to each national organization who served on this Board. The B.P.O.E. has been a member of this

Advisory Committee since its inception and in recognition of its leadership received a special citation. In addition to General Gray, speakers at the gathering were President Truman. Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone and General F. R. Kerr. The program was broadcast to all V.A. Hospitals.

Fraternal Centers

During the year Fraternal Centers were opened in Honolulu, Hawaii; Fort Walton and Key West, Florida, and Okmulgee, Oklahoma. For various reasons the Centers at Columbus, Georgia; Geneva. New York; and the new Centers at Fort Walton and Okmulgee were closed during the year. The Okmulgee Center was closed because the Air School was eliminated. The Fort Walton Center was closed because the original plans for setting up suitable quarters did not materialize, and activities are being held up until a new plan has been approved. All other Centers are operating most successfully and are greatly appreciated by the men and women of our Armed Forces who enjoy their hospitality, Chairman Hallinan reported.

Courtesy Cards

These cards were issued last year and continue to be in great demand, Judge Hallinan stated in his Report. Cards are issued to blood relatives of members now serving in the Armed Forces who were under 21 years of age at the time of induction. The purpose of the card is to extend courtesies of our Clubs to these young non-members. It is the sincere hope of the Commission that lodges will

honor these Courtesy Cards when they are presented, for they show exactly what the words Benevolent and Protective mean to Elks. Cards may be obtained by writing to the Elks National Service Commission, Room 606, 292 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

Stickers

The Commission designed this sticker to provide a uniform method of assuring that when an Elk Serviceman presents a card stating that his dues will be paid for the duration, there will be no confusion in the mind of anyone examining the card. All cards bearing that sticker should be honored, Chairman Hallinan advises. Stickers now are available and will be furnished to all lodges without charge upon request to the Commission. Letters should be sent to the address above.

Stationery to Korea

During the year it was brought to the attention of the Commission that there was a great need of writing material for the men in Korea. The Commission immediately sent 100,000 letterheads and envelopes and then repeated the order a few months later. Some noteworthy mail was received from the boys in Korea as a result of this contribution to their needs.

Keep In Touch

The Commission strongly urges every Elk to keep in touch with those of our families, brothers and friends now fighting in Korea. Writing a letter to a boy or girl serving in the Armed Forces cannot be too strongly emphasized. It is obvious that they are doing their part in keeping in touch with family and friends, or they would not have reported the shortage of stationery. The Commission asked Exalted Rulers to stress the importance of keeping these contacts in their lodge bulletins.

Finances

Finances for the regular program this year were secured through the balance of \$292,914.05 remaining from last year's budget; \$84,426.30 from the Grand Lodge per capita assessment 1950-51; on account \$282,158.45 contributed by the Grand Lodge through the 35 cents per capita paid by members as of April 1, 1952; \$25,000 appropriated to the Commission by the Grand Lodge for the expense of office maintenance in connection with the activities of the Commission: \$102.02 for the sale of "Keep Awake America" stickers and \$690.00 donations from lodges to the Fraternal Center Fund and other Programs. This makes a total of \$685,300.82 as of May 31, 1952, Chairman Hallinan states. Total Programs, including General Administrative Expenses, Hospital Program and Elks Fraternal Centers, for the fiscal year is \$308,303.97. leaving a balance as of May 31, 1952, of \$376,996.85. At the Grand Lodge Session

in Chicago there was unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing an assessment, not exceeding \$1.00 per year per member, to be expended under the direction of the Commission. Judge Hallinan was very happy to report that the Commission was successful in carrying on its program without the necessity of asking for the assessment.

From May 31, 1951 to May 31, 1952, the following lodges contributed—New York, N. Y., \$500; Woonsocket, R. I., \$90.00, and Ossining, N. Y., \$100.

Manila

The original agreement with the Brothers of Manila Lodge No. 761 was that any reimbursement received from the United States as war damages up to \$250,000 would be returned. In 1950 the government paid P178,087.36, leaving a net amount of P169.137.65 after the attorneys' deductions. This money is now on deposit in trust to the Commission in a Manila Bank. At that time the exchange rate between pesos and dollars was 25 per cent. It has since been reduced to 17 per cent. After careful consideration, the Commission voted to request transfer of this money from the Manila Bank to a New York Bank and it is expected that this transfer would be consummated in a couple of months.

Concluding his Report, Chairman Hallinan expressed the sincere gratitude of the Elks National Service Commission for the opportunity that has been given to render services to disabled members of our Armed Forces and to lend its support to the patriotic programs of this nation. The Commission sincerely appreciated the outstanding cooperation received from members of the Order and their families who have unstintingly given of their time and effort to help put over the successful programs for the year. All members of the Commission are unanimous in the opinion that the work should be carried on and feel that the activities of the Elks National Service Commission have done much to increase the power and prestige of our Order and, in addition, have brought thousands of outstanding American citizens to membership in our fraternity.

Members of the Elks National Service Commission submitting the Report are: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman; Past Grand Exalted Rulers E. Mark Sullivan, Secretary; Henry C. Warner, Vice Chairman; David Sholtz, Treasurer; George I. Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Frank J. Lonergan, Wade H. Kepner, Charles E. Broughton, Emmett T. Anderson and Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

HERE has been a tremendous increase in Youth Activities throughout the country this year, the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee stated in its Annual Report. Our membership and the Youth our program serves have participated more enthusiastically than ever before and lodges and State Associations in greater number than in any previous year have provided Youth Programs for boys and girls. While it is impossible to give exact Youth Activities figures, the Committee pointed out that a survey shows that more than 2,000,000 boys and girls were helped by Elk lodges and State Associations throughout the United States and its territories at an estimated cost of \$2,600,000. Youth Programs reached 500,000 boys and girls over the number served last year, at an aditional estimated expenditure of \$600,000. The Committee estimates that this year 1,280 lodges carried on Youth Programs and that approximately 80 per cent of the subordinate lodges and 90 per cent of the States and territories engaged in youth work of one form or another.

Awards

A Youth Committee "Participation Certificate" suitable for framing and certifying that a lodge engaged in Youth Work during the year was sent to each lodge reporting Youth Activities Programs. Kelso, Washington, Lodge, No. 1482, was presented with the National Championship trophy for providing the most outstanding Youth Program in the nation. The national prize to the State Association for the most outstanding work in promoting and carrying out the Program suggested by the Committee was awarded to Colorado.

Program Promotion

The Committee reported that it placed all its resources behind the promotional aspect of the Youth Program. Announcements were issued, including in April a special Youth Day News Release. The Committee again endorsed the work of the Girl Scouts and urged all lodges to give this movement the same support and cooperation they offered to the Boy Scouts. Many lodges continued to support the Boys Clubs of America and, in many cases, the lodges and their facilities were made available to juvenile groups for use under the supervision of members of the Order. Furthermore, considerable work has been done for the physically retarded children who require special attention.

In order to encourage leadership in youth work, the Committee, through the

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Above: This class of 41 members was initiated into Long Beach, Calif., Lodge in honor of retiring E.R. M. H. Montgomery and P.E.R. A. B. Cheroske. The latter, unable to attend the ceremony, addressed the class by means of a taperecorded transcription of his speech.

New Home Dedicated by New Lodge in Baytown, Tex.

Baytown Lodge No. 1649, one of the youngest in the State. is proud of its fine new home. Estimated to be worth \$75,000, the building was dedicated during a gala three-day program.

Fifty new members were taken in on initiation and reinstatement at a special meeting, and the following day, the home was open to the public, with refreshments and souvenirs for all visitors. On the final day, the formal ceremonies began with the Flag-raising ritual conducted by the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by No. 1649. Later, the actual Dedication Services took place, led by the lodge's P.E.R.'s. Past State Pres. Raymond L. Wright was the principal speaker and addresses were also delivered by D.D. Harry H. Holton and E.R. Ben. D. Jones.

Right: These young athletes are gridiron stars of Easton, Pa., under the sponsorship of the local Elks Lodge.

Below: Union City, N. J., Lodge's Crippled Kiddies' Committee presents a wheelchair and braces to two cerebral palsied youngsters, Marie Gatti and Gail Gaito. Left to right the Elks are Publicity Committee Chairman Harry Burnham, E.R. William Meyer, Crippled Kiddies' Committee Chairman Michael Puso and Est. Lect. Knight Sidney Lasser.

Below: This \$1,000 water-proof cement-block cabin was presented by Rock Hill, S. C., Lodge to the local Police Worthy Boys Camp to which the lodge will send a group of youngsters for a week's vacation. Left to right: Bldg. Committee Chairman J. L. Dotson, Secy. James E. Parker, Jr., Chief of Police E. M. Hanna, E.R. A. H. Moore, Jr., and Committeeman Clyde Yoder.





These Bronx, N. Y., Elks assisted in making the lodge's Monster Card Party to aid The House of Calvary Cancer Hospital a success. The Committee was headed by P.E.R. Sidney Wennik.







This striking real-life replica of the portrait of Whistler's Mother was part of the 1952 Mother's Day Services of Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

Left: E.R. Ernest Hafner, with P.E.R.'s and Trustees, burns the mortgage on the home of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Lodge.



Right: Incoming E.R. Robert H. Foster, standing, left, and retiring E.R. William F. Pforte, standing right, present Life Memberships to this group of long-time Dover, N. H., Elks



Above: Meadville, Pa., High School "Bull Dog" Basketball Team, Champions of Section 10 of Pa., pictured at a dinner given in their honor by the lodge, standing behind the lodge officers headed by E.R. R. S. Stauffer, seated fifth from left.



Members of long standing who were honored by Appleton, Wis., Lodge, on Old Timers Night.



Pictured with the new McKesson portable oxygen tent are Lawrence, Mass., Elks who donated it to the local Fire Dept., and Alderman W. J. Casey and Fire Chief E. A. Retelle who accepted it.

Shelby, N. C., Elks Work Miracle at Boys Camp

Under the leadership of E.R. D. M. Bowen, members of Shelby Lodge No. 1709 staged their own "miracle day" when the badly-needed additional dormi-

tory was erected at the No. Car. State Elks Assn. Boys Camp at Hendersonville in a single day's intensive construction effort, using materials donated by Elks from other lodges.

The concrete foundation was poured two weeks earlier around roughed-in



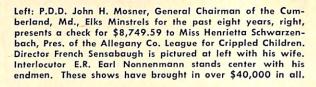
Above: Mrs. R. M. McEvoy, Pres., of the Emblem Club of Mobile, Ala., Lodge, presents \$400 to Chairman J. A. Marques of the lodge's Crippled Children's Fund to which these ladies have subscribed \$3,088.05 in the past five years. Mr. Marques, who is totally blind, has handled the Mobile Elks' crippled children's and orphans' work since 1939, being responsible for the raising of \$80,845.39 for this work.

plumbing donated by J. G. Dudley, Jr., of Shelby. Boyce A. Whitmire, director of the Camp and Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight, had the highest praise for E.R. Bowen, and the contributions of contractors Virgil McIntyre and Charles Thomas whose crew of 11 men brought the building to swift realization. The dormitory has increased by 80 the camp's capacity.

Dodge City, Kans., Elks Dedicate New Home

The patriotic and fraternal goals of Elkdom were emphasized by D.D. Tom H. Lowman, principal speaker at the dedication program of Dodge City Lodge No. 1406. At the impressive ceremony, Mr. Lowman was assisted by P.D.D.'s Fred H. Kelly, Glenn Edwards, Clarence Klein, Roscoe Moore, Darrell Douglas and Clay Hedrick. James Behan and U. G. Balderston laid the symbolic altar stones of the building. Later joint Flag Day Services were conducted by Garden City Lodge officers with representatives of Hutchinson, McPherson, Newton, Salina, Dodge City and Abilene Lodges participating. The lodge home, acquired from the Santa Fe Railroad and remodeled into a handsome edifice, was open to the public for the rest of the day.

Right: Alexandria, La., Lodge sponsors this group of potential baseball stars pictured with, standing left to right: M. A. O'Neil, E.R. J. Lee Moak, P.E.R. Roy Yerby and Mgr. Leo Beck.







Above: This group of Hartford, Conn., citizens became Elks recently.



Omaha, Neb., Lodge presents an \$850 whirlpool bath machine to the Visiting Nurses Association physical therapy department at the University Hospital. It will be used in the Joseph G. Buch Room, maintained by the Elks in honor of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler. Left to right: P.E.R. Clifford N. Ogden, Jr., VNA Executive Director Leeta Holdredge, polio patient Terrence Knutzen and Exalted Ruler Dr. James D. Bradley.



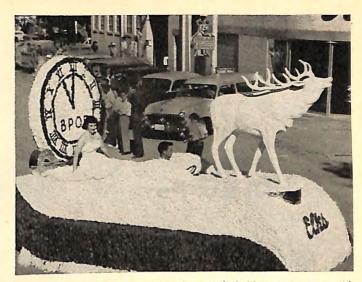
Above: When a third Superior Court was instituted in Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, Calif., Lodge presented an American Flag to the court. Left to right: Est. Lect. Knight Bernard McLain, Loyal Knight James R. Payne, E.R. W. E. Pfister, and Judge Charles McGoldrick, a member of the Order.



The first to enlist in the WAVES through the Idaho Falls, Ida., Naval Recruiting Station since the call for volunteers was issued last Nov. are honored at a dinner given by the local Elks and presented with travelalarm clocks. Left to right: E.R. H. R. Packard, Chief Quartermaster R. A. Ulmer, Joan Estelle Hult and Elma Ethel Crofts, the new WAVES Recruiter Virginia Eddy and Elk Committee Chairman John J. Struckus.



Robert Hamachek, right, Chairman of the Post-Prom Party given for Junior High School students by Manitowoc, Wis., Lodge, greets Phyllis Joefner and Gerald Christel, two of the more than 400 young guests at the party.



This photograph was taken during the parade held in conjunction with the Carlsbad, N. Mex., Elk-sponsored rodeo when the float, designed and constructed by Exalted Ruler Hampton Martin, passed through the streets.

Carlsbad, N. M., Elks Rodeo A Spectacular Success

Over 8,000 persons turned out for the opening performance of the 5th Annual Rodeo put on by Carlsbad Lodge No. 1558. The fast-moving, week-long series of events, which included four dances and opened with a parade almost two miles long, drew thousands of satisfied thrill-seekers from all through southwestern New Mexico and western Texas.

The pageant, led by Marshal C. F. Montgomery and E.R. Hampton Martin, included many magnificent floats, with the International Minerals and Chemical Corp. entry, depicting the history of the State, taking the grand sweepstakes award. In the Western division, the Junior Chamber of Commerce tepee float won, while the patriotic group award went to the VFW. The parade included hundreds of horses, among them several sheriffs' posses.

The rodeo itself, under the direction of

Everett Colborn, veteran rodeo producer, had 130 contestants, among them Casey Tibbs of Pierre, S. D., the world's champion all-round cowboy. Events included bareback and saddle bronc riding, Brahma bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, with Harry Tompkins of Dublin, Tex., emerging as all-round champion. One of the most fascinating highlights was the colorful Lightning C Ranch quadrille performed by 16 cowboys and girls on matched horses.

Salina, Kans., Elks Ladies Bowling League Dinner

This year's meeting and dinner of the Ladies Bowling League of Salina Lodge No. 718 was an elaborate affair, with the tables decorated appropriately in the bowling motif. Each team was named for a bird, and its members found their table by locating a picture of their namesake roosted atop a nest filled with their prize money. Centerpieces were fully-equipped

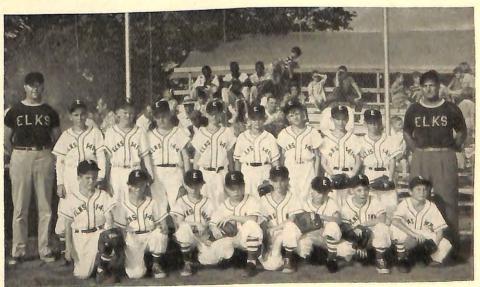
miniature bowling alleys with actual action shots of the bowling alley, taken on league night, depicted by tiny figures made of pipe cleaners, their faces scaled-to-size snapshots of each bowler. All this was the work of Merk Ryan, the year's most consistent bowler, and Letha Dean who, with the new President, Grace Andreen, Ted Bean and Mary Peterson, received perfect attendance awards.

Among the many prizes awarded, first-place trophies went to the Eagles, headed by Capt. Helen Wilson, and including Janys Ryan, who also received a special prize for a triplicate score, Lola Hill, Hazelle Spaeth and Genie Williams; individual high went to Mildred Yowell who also took individual handicap honors with Lucille Phillips. First-year bowler Hazelle Spaeth won the achievement award by raising her average 30 pins.

After retiring Pres. Rita Green introduced the new officers, the meeting was adjourned and the evening was spent playing bridge and canasta.



Photographed at Glendale, Calif., Lodge's 20th Annual Press Night are, right, Roy N. Clayton, who has been Chairman of the event since its inception, and Exalted Ruler C. Wallace Ericson.



The Panama Canal Zone Elks in Balboa are proud of these youngsters they sponsor. Managed and coached by P.E.R.'s Edward J. Kunkel and James O. DesLondes, P.D.D., the team won the championship of the Pacific Little League over five other teams. At a recent banquet honoring the boys at the locige home the League President, Elk Rufus Lovelady, gave the lodge the C.Z. Governor's Trophy.

Properly trained, almost any pup is by nature good watch dog material.

IN THE DOGHOUSE

HE uses of dogs are many but it's not my intention to devote this sermon to all of them. Instead, I'd like to write about one of the most important services Fido often renders his owner-that of watchman. I do this because I'm so often asked by readers just how to train a dog to be a good watch dog. The watch and guard instinct is present in nearly all dogs. With some it may be less pronounced than with other dogs, but it is not difficult to sharpen in a dog that is naturally alert. True, there are some dogs that are so lackadaisical or so friendly that they just won't give a darn if a prowler walks off with all the family's jewels. Not long ago there appeared in one of the New York City newspapers a story which told of the sad experience of an auto supply store owner whose till had been tapped by one of the light fingered gentry on a midnight raid. The owner swore a big swear that that wouldn't happen to him again and so he bought one of the largest and ugliest looking purps he could find. He made no effort to find out if the dog was a good watchman, nor did he try to train if for this duty. He simply locked up his store each night for some weeks and went home confident that his property was being safely looked after. This went for a little more than three weeks. Then one morning he arrived at his store and found not only had his cash register been stolen but to add insult to his injury he found this note, "Thanks Pal, for the dough. Your dog took such a liking to us that we took him too." Had that owner taken the little time required to train his dog he might have still had his money and his dog too.

Ed Faust

I recall talking some years ago to a man who had just been given a long lease by New York State to a room in a big stone house on the Hudson River. The house was Sing Sing and the lease was for ten years. The man was rated a good journeyman burglar. In the short time I talked with him I asked how he or those in his business, if it can be called such, dealt with the problem of a dog in the house that was marked for burglary. He assured me that the pro-

fessional usually avoided such a place and the size of the dog had nothing to do with this. "Sure," he said, "some crack-brained kid may take a chance but a man with experience in this racket steers clear of a place that has a dog unless he is sure that it's one of those friendly kinds." He went on to explain that any dog, regardless of its size, that can sound an alarm is a professional housebreaker's pet aversion.

This sounds logical when you consider that the one thing the burglar wants is quiet when he is on a job and even the smallest pooch, if alert, can create a fearful din that can awaken an entire neighborhood. In this I've been concerned with Fido as a watchman; when he is asked to play a role as guardian that's something else that I'll take up

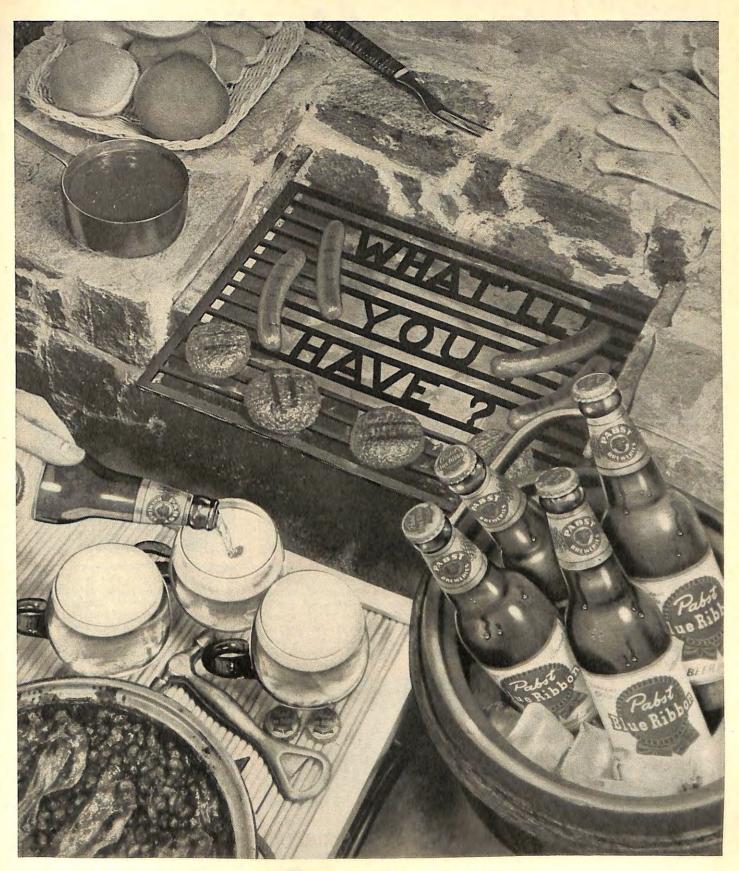
later. Yes, the professional simply wants to do his scallywagging undetected, unobserved and to be assured of a quick and safe getaway. That sort of fellow is smart enough to know that his crime is doubly serious if he is caught bearing arms and the penalty is frequently made heavier for him. Far from shooting it out, he prefers safety all around, particularly for him. And a small, noisy dog reduces his margin of safety to what you might say is practically zero. Now as for the business of our four legged friend being assigned to do guard duty. he'll have to be one of the medium to larger size dogs, although an active, twenty-pound terrier if thoroughly aroused can be a slashing, punishing. mean little cuss. Here I'm going to quote

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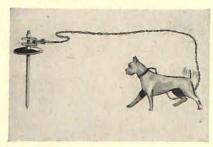
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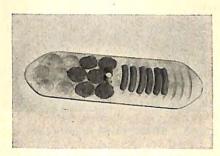
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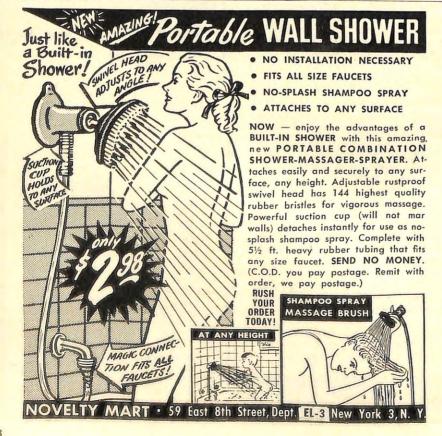
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News of the State Associations

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cluding Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, Chairman Wm. A. Wall of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, Chelsie J. Senerchia of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight James A. Dunn, Pa. State Assn. Pres. H. Earl Pitzer, N. J. State Assn. Pres. Joseph P. O'Toole, Pa. State Tiler H. A. Gallagher, Edward A. Dutton, former member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, 14 Past Presidents of the Fla. Assn. and 25 P.D.D.'s from that State.

Over 500 Elks and their ladies attended the impressive Memorial Services, conducted by Past Pres. Wall, at which Elwood Nance, Pres. of the Univ. of Tampa and an Elk, delivered the oration.

The five district champions competed in the Ritualistic Contest, with Miami Lodge taking top honors, followed by the Jacksonville, Tampa, West Palm Beach and Gainesville entries in that order.

Florida's lodges donated \$121.304 to direct charities during the year, of which \$75,738.36 went to the maintenance of the Fla. Elks' Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital. The lodges reported further expenditures for general welfare purposes of \$40,202.94 making a total of \$161,506.94 for the 12-month period, during which time five new branches of Elkdom in Fla. were instituted with a net gain of 1,559 members.

The delegates adopted an additional article to the Charter establishing the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Trust Fund with the following as Trustees: Mr. Sholtz for a seven-year term; Mr. Senerchia for six years; Robert L. Bohon for five years; Mr. Matherly, four years; Carl G. Rose, three years; Mr. Wall, two years and P.D.D. Claude L. Johnson, one year. All but Mr. Rose and Mr. Johnson are Past Presidents.

A highlight of the session was the introduction of Johnny Saulberry, his wife and their eight-month-old baby. Mr. Saulberry had been a patient at the Harry-Anna Home in 1934-35, a victim of severe osteomyelitis. Now completely cured, he is a successful Orlando business man. As Mr. Saulberry thanked the Elks for saving his life, several delegates approached the stage and presented checks for the Home totaling \$13,711, and subscribed \$10,600 to the Trust Fund.

Grand Exalted Ruler Davis presented to Ambrose B. DePaoli of Hollywood, Fla., the Elks National Foundation's \$400 Most Valuable Student Award.

St. Augustine will be the host lodge for the 1953 meeting until which time the following will handle the Assn. business: Pres., Victor O. Wehle, St. Petersburg; Vice-Presidents (N.W.), Charles H. Overman, Pensacola; (N.E.), W. T. Knight, Cocoa; (Cent.), J. Porter Tyner, Plant City; (So. Cent.), A. E. Kirchman, Belle Glade; (So.), Claude A. Campbell,

Homestead; Treas., Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee; Secy., James J. Fernandez, Tampa; Historian, Howell A. Davis, Palatka; Tiler, Horace W. Bittenbender, St. Petersburg; Sgt.-at-Arms, Peter Gessner, Deland; Chaplain, Rev. W. Pipes Jones, Palatka; Organist, George W. Hulme, Lake Worth.

MISSOURI

Kansas City Lodge No. 26 was host to the Convention of the Mo. State Elks Assn. late in May when more than 400 Elks and their ladies participated in the three-day session.

Convention highlights included the presence of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell who was principal speaker, and guest of honor of the Convention. An innovation was the inauguration of the Mo. Elks Bowling Tournament in which 20 teams participated under the direction of General Chairman Charles K. Summersby and Tournament Mgr. William Lippelmann.

Ben B. Hanis of Kansas City succeeds R. J. Betlach as Pres. for the coming year. He will be assisted by Vice-Pres.-at-Large, J. Howard Hannah, Springfield; Vice-Presidents (E.) Anthony J. Beckmann, Washington; (N.W.) Jack Otte, Maryville; (S.W.) Taylor Francisco, Clinton; Trustees (E.) L. M. Cleek, Columbia; (N.W.) John Cosgrove, Jr., Kansas City; (S.W.) Walter Schweikert, Joplin; Treas., M. F. Thurston, Columbia; Secy., Clyde J. Ellis, Kansas City; Marshal, Guy D. Moore, Joplin; Inner Guard, Henry F. Schultz, Hannibal; Chaplain, Nicholas M. Blassie, St. Louis, and Tiler, Robert M. Ullery, St. Joseph.

NEW MEXICO

A total of \$15,000 was voted to be set aside for cerebral palsy work by 200 Elks at the N. M. State Assn. Convention in Artesia. A committee named by the new Pres., Robert Boney of Las Cruces, will have a full-time physiotherapist to work with Dr. W. L. Mineer, chief surgeon of the Carrie Tingley Hospital. Carlsbad Lodge was the first to make a donation to the fund with a \$1,697.40 contribution to the first year's operation.

Over 500 persons enjoyed the many social events of the four-day conclave during which Past Grand Exalted Ruler John

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1952

Roanoke	Aug. 10-11-12
Green Bay	Aug. 21-22-23
Baltimore	Aug. 21-22-23-24
Beckley	Aug. 22-23
Cedar Point	Aug. 24-28
Erie	Aug. 24-28
Greeley	Sept. 18-19-20
Burlington	Sept. 27-28
Monterey	Oct. 1-2-3-4
Laconia	Oct. 17-18-19
	Green Bay Baltimore Beckley Cedar Point Erie Greeley Burlington Monterey

R. Coen of Denver, Colo., was a featured speaker. Colo. State Pres. C. J. Williams also addressed the delegates. Retiring Pres. Edward Harbaugh reported that the membership of the 15 lodges had increased from 6,087 to 7,290 in the past nine months, during which period State Elks Veterans Service Committee reported an expenditure of \$1,525 to entertain hospitalized servicemen.

The Las Vegas Ritualistic Team defeated the Carlsbad entry to take the cup provided by Gus Donkers of Albuquerque; each member of the team received a handsome gold tie-clasp carrying the Elks' emblem. Albuquerque Lodge will present a traveling Ritualistic Trophy at the 1953 meeting in Gallup, to be given for permanent possession to the lodge which wins it three times.

Mr. Boney's fellow officers are: Vice-Pres. (No.) Pete Caviness, Clovis; Vice-Pres. (So.) Fred Dilley, Roswell; Treas., James Thompson, Albuquerque; Secy., Glenn Panlener, Las Cruces; Trustees: A. L. McKnight, Hobbs; William Colvert, Carlsbad; Ashley Thompson, Albuquerque; James Kinkema, Lordsburg; Henry Balocca, Gallup.

IOWA

Three hundred delegates, representing 36 of the lodges attended this year's Convention of the Iowa Elks Assn. at Dubuque June 6, 7 and 8. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner was the principal speaker of the meeting during which the following officers were installed by former Chairman Lloyd Maxwell of the Board of Grand Trustees: Pres., Lynn Swaney, Cedar Rapids; Vice-Presidents: (S.E.) Wm. F. Maize, Fort Madison; (W.) Leo Gardner, Shenandoah; (N.E.) Robert Davis, Waterloo; Secy. (reelected) Sanford Schmalz, Muscatine; Treas., A. P. Lee, Marshalltown; Trustees: Frank Margolin, Sioux City; Wm. C. Brunk, Ottumwa, and for three years, Leo P. Ronan, Decorah.

P.E.R. Leo Cobley reported on the work the Assn. is doing at VA Hospitals, and announced the installation of a television set for the patients at Oakdale Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

Iowa's State winners in the Youth Activities Committee's Leadership Contest received \$50 checks from J. J. Mc-Keever of Dubuque, a member of the State Youth Committee, and Kenneth Magarrell of Council Bluffs, Chairman of the Iowa Elks National Foundation Committee, presented the State's "Most Valuable Student" awards of \$400 each to first-place winner William S. Dickinson and second-place student Miss Baila J. Mackey, both sponsored by Muscatine Lodge. This Assn.'s strong interest in youth is further noted in its sponsorship of a Boys Camp Program, in which every lodge in the State participates.

Youth Activities Committee

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generosity of the Elks National Foundation, again arranged to promote a Youth Leadership Contest and awarded \$6,700 in United States Savings Bonds to boys and girls whose leadership activity distinguished them as worthy of recognition. The results of this interesting and important Contest will be announced in our September issue.

In addition to the national awards, a \$100 United States Savings Bond was made available to every State Association participating in the Youth Contest. The Bonds were awarded to the top-ranking contestant in the jurisdiction of the Association. Forty-six State Associations participated in this important activity, the Committee reported.

Cooperative Work

Once again Elkdom moved forward in the important Boy Scout Program. Now there are 619 Boy Scout Troops sponsored by the Elks, whereas five years ago there were only 253 units sponsored and served by the Order. On February 12th Grand Exalted Ruler Davis sent a special letter to every Elk lodge in conjunction with the 45th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and in April the Committee received a fine letter from Mr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive, thanking the Committee for its outstanding services to Scouting.

National Youth Day

The Grand Exalted Ruler designated May 1st as Elks National Youth Day and called upon every lodge to pay tribute to America's Youth on that date. A full report of that outstanding event is carried elsewhere in this issue. In the opinion of the Committee, Elk observance of National Youth Day was the highlight of the year's program. The Committee very strongly recommends that May 1st be established as Elks National Youth Day.

mittee expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis for his inspirational leadership and the Committee also thanked Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan, as well as John F. Scileppi, member of the Grand Forum and former Chairman of the Youth Activities, for the outstanding support that they have given to the Committee. Special recognition also was given to the Public Relations Director of the Order, Otho DeVilbiss, who cooperated so ably with the Committee in putting over the program for the year, one of the most successful in the history of this important Elk Committee.

In concluding the Report, the Com-

Members of the Youth Activities Committee submitting the Report are: Edward A. Spry, Chairman, Jay H. Payne, Russell L. Binder, Robert L. DeHority and A. F. Bray.

Flying Prospectors

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earth has a magnetic field varying in intensity from 30,000 to 70,000 "gammas," which are simply a measure of magnetic intensity. Variations in this intensity reveal combinations of sub-surface rocks, their structure and even their content. From 100 feet, for example, the metal

in a 4,000-pound automobile will register about two gammas. From six feet away the magnetometer can register accurately the magnetic intensity of the metal in your wrist watch. As a cardiogram charts heart action, the magnetometer records rocks underground, provid-

ing a map that helps geophysicists locate likely places to look for oil and minerals.

The vital role of this wonderful instrument has been dramatically illustrated in the Allard Lake region of the wilds of Quebec. To appreciate how the magnetometer fits into modern exploration one must know how important exploration has become to our survival and advancement. There is, for example, a metal called titanium with which most people are unfamiliar. Some enthusiasts hail it as the wonder metal of the century. During the war when we were desperately short of lead and zinc pigments for paint, titanium dioxide was found to be far superior. It lasted longer, it didn't fade, it was non-poisonous and it was easier to spread.

This was important industrial news, of course, and it sent corporations like the New Jersey Zinc Company scurrying to locate new sources of titanium ore. When titanium was put through its paces in dozens of tests, engineers found they were working with an amazing new metal.

For titanium proved to be lighter than aluminum and stronger than steel. Moreover, it resists corrosion better than either of them. Seawater doesn't affect it. Rust is negligible. Of course the Navy and Air Force want it, despite its current cost of around \$5.00 a pound. Future aircraft development is being handicapped seriously because a lighter, stronger metal is absolutely essential. Titanium, say some experts, is the answer. There has been only one hitch; finding a cheap and quick process for separating metal from the ore. When this process is worked out—and it

Gimbel Honored for Aid to Convention



Judge James T. Hallinan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, presents original cover painting from preconvention issue of The Elks Magazine to Bernard F. Gimbel, president of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau. The colorful painting, which depicts convention delegates on sightseeing trip to Empire State Building observation tower, was executed by Fred Irvin, Presentation was made to Mr. Gimbel for his der's National Convention Committee.

is now expected soon—the demand for titanium ore will be almost incalculable.

With such urgency and such a bonanza in prospect, it is understandable why, in 1942, Kennecott Copper Corporation and New Jersey Zinc found themselves stumbling over one another in the Quebec wilderness trying to act as casually as if they weren't up there looking for something special. Officials of both companies had read a report of a Canadian Government prospector who had taken a canoe into the back country and had come across what he believed were indications of ilmenite, the titanium ore likely to be most suitable for processing. Neither

Kennecott nor Jersey Zinc could confirm the prospector's report that summer, but they protected themselves anyhow by acquiring a lot of claims. A lot of small fry were milling around the area, too, sniffing suspiciously, but they didn't find anything either. In fact, up to four years later nobody uncovered anything that the canoeing prospector hadn't described, and that wasn't much.

In 1946, with the race growing hotter every minute, Kennecott was back in the picture with ground parties hiking over the area carrying \$10-compasses guaranteed to jiggle strangely in the presence

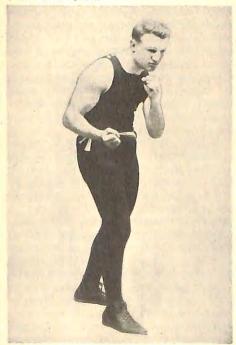
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AL McCOY CORRECTS THE RECORD

Here is a letter that The Elks Magazine received from Al McCoy, former middleweight champion, just as this issue went to press. We are running it in its entirety because we know that it is of interest not only to all Elks but to anyone interested in boxing. Al is a member of Inglewood, Calif., Lodge.

JUST read an article by W. C. Heinz in your July issue—"Charlie the Champ Maker." There are a few errors about myself in the article that I would like to correct, particularly since I have been an Elk for years and want my Brother Elks to know the facts as they actually happened. In the bout in which I won the middleweight title from George Chip, back in 1914, Mr. Goldman says I hit Chip with a left to the jaw and he went down, hitting his head on the canvas with a thud. Actually, I hit Chip with an uppercut that landed right in the stomach. He went down with a thud all right, but did not hit his head. He sat down, and from that position took the count and I

Ring Magazine photo.



Al McCoy as middleweight champion.

then was middleweight champion of the world.

Mr. Goldman says that with that punch I accomplished what I never dreamed possible. That statement couldn't be farther from the truth. Do you think for one moment I would enter the ring with Chip, or anybody else, if I didn't think that I could beat the man? Bear in mind that I was only 20 years old and, like all young fighters, figured that I could beat anyone my weight, which I did to become champion.

Charlie also says, "I didn't think he could win". Chip's manager didn't think the way Charlie did. I received \$400 for the match, which I offered to bet with Jimmy Dime, Chip's manager, that George couldn't stop me. Jimmy turned down the bet because he knew that I had beaten Gus, Chisty, whom Chip had fought and barely got a draw. The article gives the impression that my stopping Chip was nothing but a miracle. All I can say is that I was a southpaw and that my job as a fighter was to hit my opponent and knock him out—and that is exactly what I did to George Chip. Nothing miraculous about it.

Here are some more facts that perhaps slipped the memory of Mr. Goldman. I fought the light-heavyweight champion of the world, Jack Dillon, and beat him. I boxed Harry Greb in the first 10-round fight in Pennsylvania, receiving the decision of the press. I also received the decision of the press over Jimmy Clabby of Brooklyn and Soldier Barfield, who had beaten Mike Gibbons. I boxed Billy Murray twice in great fights. As a welterweight, I fought and beat Willy Fitzgerald and was the first fighter to knock out Dave Seide, the original "iron man". I also won from Dave Kurtz and Jack McCarron. I boxed Dillon four times, Chip three times and Harry Greb three times. That certainly indicates that I didn't win the title with a lucky punch. Chip had two chances to regain the title and couldn't do it.

I am writing because I want my Brother Elks to know the facts about myself and that I had a ring record that any fighter could be proud of.

Fraternally yours, Al McCoy

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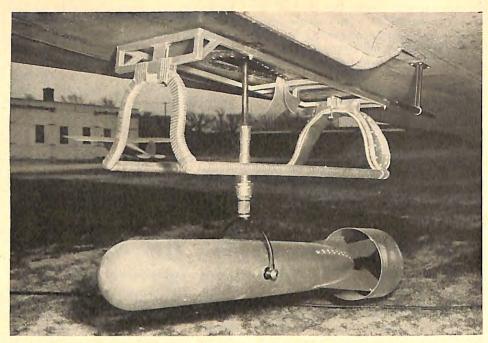
of ilmenite. Here and there one of them gave an encouraging wiggle, but it was slow going. Then in a small area a compass danced so vigorously that a geologist hacked away the ground cover of moss and saw a big, lush outcropping of ilmenite beaming up at him. It was at this point—about five years after they had started investigations—that Kennecott abandoned the toy magnets and the slow foot work. They called in Aero Service Corporation of Philadelphia which, with Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc., was one of just two companies authorized to use the flying magnetometer.

Two months after Aero Service's crew took off on its first flight, data had been collected for Kennecott which defined and uncovered the world's largest ilmenite mine, containing the world's richest titanium ore—enough to supply the United States for many years. Mining engineers and geologists agree that another decade of ground work would likely have been needed to gather the vital data which the magnetometer picked up in 60 days. The flying survey cost just \$53,000.

Instead of bumping into one another on secret surveys, Jersey Zinc and Kennecott pooled their claims and their knowledge of chemistry and mining and formed a joint corporation to develop the area. They have built docks, a railroad, a smelting plant and work camps for an investment so far of \$35,000,000. Last year they took out 350,000 tons of ore. This year our armed forces will get up to 5,000 tons of titanium metal, enough to start the exhaustive proving-up tests which accompany any radical change in military specifications. As an admiring engineer remarked, "Nice work, magnetometer!"

The principle behind this amazing instrument isn't new. Swedish prospectors in the 17th Century used crude dip needles to search for iron ore for what was one day to become Sweden's great steel industry. More refined and accurate magnetic devices were being used 20 years ago. Even the Russians had made a similar instrument and had flown it from an airplane. But it was too crude to do useful work. A reliable instrument wasn't produced until Victor Vacquier, of the laboratories of Gulf Research & Development Company, set out to make a device that would not only be highly sensitive but, even more revolutionary, could be used efficiently from an airplane. Early in 1941 they took the instrument to Preston R. Bassett of The Sperry Gyroscope Company. Bassett was enthusiastic and offered the use of Sperry's "flying laboratory" to test the magnetometer in flight. The tests were an outstanding suc-

When the National Defense Research Committee heard of the tests a wall of secrecy was immediately built around the entire operation. The Committee asked Gulf to make adaptations "for military use." The need was obvious. Hundreds



When plane goes aloft, magnetometer is let out at end of a 70-foot cable and towed.

of thousands of tons of lend-lease cargoes were being sunk. There was no efficient defense against the submarine. Planes could drop depth bombs on U-boats if they could find them. But a submerged submarine was difficult to see and the subs seldom surfaced except at night. Here, apparently, was an instrument that could detect the iron mass of a submarine to a far greater depth than it could submerge.

Vacquier and the Gulf staff went to work to meet this challenge. The instrument finally perfected is virtually the same as the one in use today. Soon the Navy, Gulf, General Electric, Sperry, Bell Telephone Laboratories, and the National Defense Research Committee were all in the act, working to manufacture this unique instrument that showed promise in cracking the submarine's defense. Finally most of the work was concentrated in the Bell Labs and the Airborne Instruments Laboratory directed by Columbia University.

Because it is still the only effective instrument for underwater submarine detection the Navy regards the results of its use in War II as classified information. But recently in maneuvers the magnetometer again dramatically demonstrated its amazing military worth. The Navy scheduled a typical problem in which surface craft were to attempt to locate a submarine as a test of various devices. A sub was sent into a 100square-mile area in the North Atlantic with instructions to get lost. The cruisers and destroyers swept in and began the search. On the edge of the maneuver area a magnetometer equipped blimp hovered for two hours as the ships traversed and detected nothing. Then the blimp commander headed into the search zone. Twenty minutes later he signalled the sub's exact location.

By 1943, just after the magnetometer

had been proved as an anti-submarine device of spectacular proportions, the Geological Survey of the U.S. Department of Interior was growing concerned over the possible effect of a long war on our diminishing minerals resources. Copper, nickel and iron were being consumed at an alarming rate. The great Mesabi ranges in Minnesota, backbone of our steel industry, which had yielded 1,500,000,000 tons of fine ore, could last no more than a few additional years. New sources obviously were needed.

The Geological Survey asked the Navy to release a magnetometer for experimental prospecting and called in Aero Service Corporation, the oldest air mapping organization in the country, to test the device. Using the only plane available, a high speed, single-engine craft, Aero enthusiasts flew about the country at tree top level happily mapping igneous rock formations. As the novelty wore off sobersided executives began to wonder what would happen if the single engine conked out at that altitude. The prospect for magnetometer and pilot was equally dismal. A twin-engine plane was requisitioned from the military and such planes have been used ever since.

In 1947 the first commercial survey was conducted in Ontario, where a crew of flying prospectors arrived in January with the temperature at 30 degrees below zero, to search for new nickel deposits. The cold made no difference to the magnetometer. During these early mineral surveys corporations ordering them were highly skeptical of the device, and they sent company engineers and geologists into the field with the magnetometer crews to keep a close check on their work. They began to find that the magnetometer data checked with what they already knew of some of the geologic formations there in the bush. And as the surveys progressed they found this new exploration tool leading them to important new areas.

So, each evening the mining company geologists would scan the records from the day's flights. If they found a promising series of squiggles in the record, they ordered staking parties to establish claims the next day-sometimes in country so remote that not even an airplane had flown over it until 24 hours before. Never before had the interval between reconnaissance and claim staking been so short.

Such a circumstance of making accurate deductions merely from the magnetometer reading is extremely rare, however. Translating this data into geophysical maps is a highly technical, laborious process requiring two hours of labor for every mile of airplane flight, and the airplane flies at around three miles a minute.

HE plane used by prospectors looks no different than an ordinary Beechcraft, or DC 3, except for the magnetometer which is cased in a bombshaped shell on the underside of the ship. Inside the plane there is a novel camera for making a continuous picture of the ground and complex electronic and recording equipment. The plane is manned by the crew of three; pilot, copilot who runs the camera, and magnetometer operator. When the plane is over the survey area the operator cranks down the magnetometer on a 70-foot cable so that it trails below and behind the plane, unaffected by its metal. The co-pilot operates the camera, which takes a continuous film strip of ground flown over, thus picturing the flight path.

In his lap the pilot has a long photographic strip map with his flight path clearly marked with parallel straight lines. Since existing maps are not detailed enough the pilot had to make this map himself on an earlier photographic reconnaissance. He flies back and forth along the flight lines holding as close to the course as possible. When the magnetometer is operating the altitude of the plane is usually 500 feet above the ground where the air is usually very rough.

The value of the magnetometer in certain explorations is clearly shown in a flying survey recently completed by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company in the Bengal Basin area of India and East Pakistan. The area to be surveyed covered 73,000 square miles, considerably larger than North Dakota and considerably more remote. To have done the job on foot would have been impractical, if not impossible. But a Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc., crew was comfortably based in Calcutta and took off from Dum Dum Airdrome daily until the big job was finished. Instead of the constant hazards and discomforts of ground work the crew encountered only one difficulty. One of the huge and notorious Calcutta buzzards crashed into the plane on its first flight, bending the leading edge of a wing and grounding the plane for a week.

The total cost of this survey was \$315,-000. If the information collected saves Standard Vacuum from drilling even one dry wildcat well it will pay for itself perhaps three times over.

Some remote sections create special problems. When International Nickel Company sent flying prospectors on a search for ore up near the Arctic Circle, 15,000 gallons of gasoline had to be slogged 200 miles across the frozen tundra by tractor train. To refuel the amphibious plane three Indian canoes were lashed together to make a raft and gasoline drums were ferried to the plane.

Since the magic magnetometer is commercially only five years old no one knows how far its usefulness may spread. The United States Geological Survey and the Minnesota Geological Survey collaborated on a 45,000 square mile magnetometer charting of the area west of the Mesabi in an attempt to extend the ore reserves in this area. Analysis of the first 20 per cent of the data shows strong indications of magnetic action similar to that of the Mesabi, in neighboring counties. In Northern Michigan the "flying eye" has helped locate additional deposits of hematite, an iron ore which is nonmagnetic, far beneath the glacier rock deposited there ages ago. The hematite didn't register on the magnetometer, but certain other tell-tale rocks associated with it did, revealing its existence. Some large iron ore deposits, once considered too contaminated with sulphur to be valuable, are being surveyed, not for iron but for the sulphur itself, now grown valuable.

The magnetometer has uncovered new deposits of asbestos, another critical mineral. In one summer the flying eye covered 1,200 square miles of Maine, delineating areas most likely to yield up asbestos. There is some hope that Maine may one day join Canada and Vermont as an important supplier of this versatile

Aside from oil, iron ore, ilmenite and asbestos, the magnetometer can pick up certain occurrences of chrome, copper, sulphur compounds, gold and tin. Strangely, it locates most easily what it may never be used to search for. It reveals the presence of diamond bearing formations instantly and clearly. But the high price of diamonds is artificially maintained by a monopoly. The known supply already far exceeds the demand. If a new Kimberley mine were located the monopoly would quickly buy it out or absorb it. There is no promise of cheap diamonds in the flying eye.

Nevertheless, the magnetometer is here to stay. By its capacity to reveal unknown resources the world has become incalculably enriched. It is no wonder that geologists and geophysicists hail the flying magnetometer as the most spectacularly useful exploration tool of this generation.





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Speech of Acceptance

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unity so long as we preserve our way of opportunity and equality for all.

It is of paramount importance that it be our continued goal to unite all the elements of our social and economic structure into one great partnership to convince ourselves, and the world, that there is no distinction of classes here in the United States of America. We know of only one class; that is the American Class. There is no conflict of creeds in the United States of America. We know of only one creed; that is an American Creed.

We believe in the dignity of man; the freedom of the individual. We believe in social justice and in education. In preaching social justice, we must also lay equal emphasis on social duties. The unbridled passion of bigots led by unprincipled demagogues is most dangerous to democracy. To bring out the best in men of different backgrounds is profoundly and constructively significant in our Order.

I say to you that the declaration of the Framers of our Nation that all men are created free and equal must flourish as a living principle, as fundamental as the laws of nature themselves. Leadership must conceive of our American form of government as the only possible form of government not because it is sacred in and of itself, but because it is the only

form under which men can be free and share equally in opportunity.

We Americans are determined, as never before, to preserve the American way of life. Ours is not a land to submit its people's destiny to any form designated as dictatorship. Our lives and our futures depend upon the fullest preservation of our republican form of government.

It is generally recognized that in our own land and in the world at large we are experiencing continuous emergencies and mounting tensions. No group suffers as acutely in such crises as our young people—both in terms of personal security and the opportunity to plan and lead a satisfying, meaningful and fruitful life. Bearing such condition of affairs in mind, the service our Order renders youth has become especially vital.

In contrast to other countries marshaling their youth in compulsory regimented formations to be instilled with the idea that the citizen is made for the State, and not the State for the citizen, our lodges throughout the length and breadth of the Nation have invited youth—yes, not ordered them—and by joint participation of adults and youth, the blessing of freedom and the joy of living in a country where every citizen is free and independent with the right to participate in Government.

On Our Elks National Youth Day we

demonstrated to our youth the virtue of our free America. On that day our youth are inspired to become militant Americans so that they may build for a better America tomorrow. On that day we demonstrated to the world that May Day in our country is Youth Day, a day in which our youth consecrate themselves to make liberty forever in America. We have truly and justly translated the slogan of our Grand Exalted Ruler, "Serve our Order today for a better America tomorrow."

In the midst of all of this, the spirit of hope and confidence has moved Elkdom to look to the future, at the same time continuing our normal day-to-day operations and outlook for a greater America and a better world.

Let us walk down the highway of life in dignity and with pride of our traditions. We hold no fears "For the Lord is our God and His dominion endureth forever." We are the proud possessors and inheritors of the achievements of those who preceded us. It, therefore, behooves us to carry on so that we hand down to our children and grandchildren the kind of Nation that was bequeathed us.

May we be strong and courageous of heart, unfaltering and dauntless in spirit and determined to build our beloved Order to greater heights and glory for the good of America—our beloved land.

Aboard the S.S. United States

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their own time here in the restaurant. To keep things on an ethereal level, bright stars—or perhaps they are patterns of enlarged snow flakes—gleam from dark walls.

On the other side of the ship, directly across from the starry beanery, is a cocktail lounge decorated with copies of sand paintings traditionally executed by Navajo Indians. Sand paintings are made on the ground with the use of pigments. A medicine man might choose from among a hundred different sand paintings and perform a string of rituals around it, all to invoke the proper gods. Copies of sand paintings were made by Peter Ostuni, who first saw the Navajo art on a 15,000-mile hitch-hiking trip 20 years ago.

The United States has broad decks for games, but since it is destined primarily for the North Atlantic run, its swimming pool is inside. Decorating one end of the pool are sets of colorful signal flags which spell out the invitation, "Come On In The Water Is Fine." There are two complete theaters, one for first and cabin class and a separate one for tourist class. Both will feature first-run movies.

A crew of 1,000 will care for 2,000 passengers during normal peaceful days. Those seeking ultra luxury quarters will find a number of suites along the outside

rim of the ship, some equipped with sitting rooms. Inside first class staterooms, like most cabin class rooms, are compact and furnished for the utmost in utility. There are metal chests of drawers, narrow metal closets, functional aluminum hangers. Every stateroom, first or cabin class, has its own bath or shower. What is most important is that every stateroom on the ship, like all the public rooms, is air conditioned. Individual controls in each room will permit travelers to be warm, cold, or cool as they desire. The complete air conditioning unit-the ship has 60 systems—will permit troops, sometimes stacked six deep in the holds, to travel to the most torrid tropics in comparative comfort.



Whereas the America of the United States Lines sails to Cobh, Le Havre, Southampton and Bremerhaven, the United States will content herself with stops at the popular tourist ports of Le Havre for France and Southampton for England.

She will be more expensive to sail on than the America. Minimum first class space in the up-coming off season will rack up at \$350; \$220 in cabin class, and \$165 in tourist. Add about \$5 to \$10 if you're going to France. Add another \$5 to \$10 if you plan to go in the summer season.

This nation has not injected such a sharp note of competition into the transatlantic seagoing picture since 1875, when the St. Louis, the New York and the Philadelphia were steaming back and forth between Europe and New York. Those three ships all flew the flag of the United States Lines.

For the last time an American ship held the Blue Ribbon, mythical title for the fastest ship on the Atlantic run, you have to go back just 100 years. In August of 1852 a ship called the *Baltic* of the Collins Line, long since out of business, made the westbound run from Liverpool to New York in nine days and thirteen hours. She averaged a speed of

13.34 knots an hour, and clipped the two-

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year-old record of the Cunard ship Asia, which had made it in 10 days, 11 hours, The Baltic's record stood on the books until 1863. She was a sidewheeler and weighed 3,000 tons, about one-eighteenth of the United States. Travelers were agog at some of her improvements—a barber chair, steam-heated cabins, a bell system for signalling, and a rack above the tables in the dining room to hold glasses. State emblems were used for decorations, a design which has been repeated in the new United States.

Whereas the Baltic cost a mere \$800.-000, the tab on the United States is expected to come to some \$73,000,000 when all the bills are paid. It could, of course, have been built in a foreign shipyard without U.S. government subsidy. Actually, U.S. Lines paid \$28 million and the Government kicked in \$42 million, a gift which caused a flurry from the President the day the ship sailed out of its berth in Newport News for delivery in New York. Mr. Truman and Comptroller General Lindsey Warren thought that the Government had contributed too much subsidy by about \$10 million.

Regardless of that, as we went to press our new queen of the seas steamed into New York Harbor the proud holder of the Trans-Atlantic record both ways. Her average speed "between lights" (by that is meant Ambrose Light to Bishop Rock) was 35 knots, or about 40 land miles per hour. Westbound time for the 2,902-mile trip was 3 days 12 hours 12 minutes, almost 10 hours better than the Queen Mary's record time. As the "United States" docked, she received a rousing welcome-well attended by Elks at the Convention.

Raymond Benjamin

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Ruler in 1915, Brother Benjamin was appointed a member of the National Home Commission, which had charge of the construction of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va. He was Vice-Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees from 1934, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee, at the time of his death.

His election as District Attorney of Napa County in 1902 began a long career of public service. Re-elected in 1906, he resigned a year later to accept appointment as Chief Deputy Attorney General of California. Following his resignation from this position in 1919 he engaged in law practice and was author of several important laws, including the California Alien Land Law of 1915 and the Criminal Syndicalist Law of 1919. In 1921 he was appointed Special Assistant to the United States Attorney General, in charge of the government's oil land litigation in California and Indian Reservation Affairs at Benning, Calif.

A prominent figure on the national political scene, Brother Benjamin served as assistant to every chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1919 to 1936. In 1929 he was appointed by President Hoover to conduct an official investigation of the conduct of Alien Property Affairs of 1917-21 in the Philippine Islands. The following year Mr. Benjamin moved to Washington at President Hoover's request and was a confidant of the President until his retirement in 1933.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin was president of the Colmena Oil Company. He was a Mason, a member of the Bohemian Club, San Francisco, the National Press Club, Washington, D. C., and of the San Francisco, Calif., and American Bar Associations.

A brilliant lawyer whose boundless energy and determination crowned his every endeavor with success, Brother Benjamin had a long career of public service marked by an unwavering devotion to duty. As an Elk during most of his adult life, Brother Benjamin worked with as much diligence and fervor for the Order and its objectives as he did in pursuit of his own career.

The many contributions he made to the Order for its improvement and continued success will remain as a fitting tribute to the memory of Brother Benjamin. The Order will feel deeply the loss of one of its truly great leaders.

Brother Benjamin is survived by his wife and daughter. The Magazine staff extends its sympathy to them and to his thousands of friends who knew and loved this great Elk.

In the Doghouse

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from an article I wrote some years ago. It dealt, in part, with a book I had read, written by a man who is generally regarded, among dog breeders, as one who knows what he is talking about and believe me he does in spite of what follows.

He breeds big dogs. In his book he says that all things considered, the big dog is better off located in a big place. (Which isn't always true.) He further says that such a dog employed as guardian had best be tied up at night because so restricted it could not attack an intruder and could thus easily be shot. If shot, of course, its owner could not hear it bark. Now people employing big dogs for guard purposes usually have something of more than average value to be guarded and are not often victims of the casual sneak thief but are singled out by professionals in housebreaking.

Faust, you've rambled enough. Get on to the business of telling the customers how to train a dog to be a good watchman. To begin with, there's no reason why a dog as a house pet should not be

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trained to be your watch dog although he may not be a giant in size, sufficient to be a guard dog that would be feared by anyone determined to collect your valuables. As long as he can make a noise, your dog can be depended upon to scare off all but the casual, inexperienced thief. As I've said, the watch and guard instinct is ingrained in nearly all dogs. Your dog is here today only because his primitive ancestors practiced eternal vigilance for self-preservation. Thus Nature herself has given you a big head start in the schooling of your dog for these duties. Among some of the letters I have received are inquiries about training a dog to be a tough citizen as guardian. I'm not going into this subject. For the average house pet, such training should be barred. A dog so trained can be, under certain circumstances, a very dangerous dog to have around. Yes, there are ways to so train them. The armed forces used such methods when training dogs for certain war duties. But you, as the owner of an average house pet, would find such a dog a distinct liability. You'd probably spend a good part of your time in a court room, with your lawyer defending you against damage suits. Even war dogs, so trained, have to be untrained before being turned back to civilian life and some that can't be untrained are destroyed as too dangerous to a peaceful community. Of course, there are some instances wherein dogs in civilian life are required to be savage guardians of property, but they are not common and need no discussion here.

To train your dog as watch dog let me emphasize that, above all else, your dog should be taught that he is your dog and not the bosom pal of every friend, neighbor, acquaintance or visitor. This means that either you or some one member

of your own family should feed that dog. Never permit the neighbors or strangers to do this. If you do, your dog is then likely to be anybody's dog. Never permit him to be sheltered, except in emergency, by anyone else. He should be taught that your home is his home. Having a highly developed streak of possessiveness, most dogs will be ready to guard that which they think they own and I've never seen a well treated, normal dog that didn't think he owned the home of his Boss. Another precept is: don't let your dog be a neighborhood gadabout; see that he stays in your home and is not permitted to wander freely. When exercising him keep him on a leash unless you have him thoroughly trained to follow you "at heel." If you haven't the time to take him out and you have the grounds, then erect a dog trolley for him. If you don't know what this is then write to me and I'll tell you how this is simply, easily done. I'm assuming that most people know what this trolley business is, hence I'm not describing it here. Not only is it advisable to keep your dog at home to train him as a watchman and help develop his "home sense," but another practical reason is that you will keep him from damaging your neighbor's property and so make bad feeling for you. Also, for his own protection, this will keep him away from other dogs that may carry germs of sickness and what's more, prevent his being struck by a motor vehicle. Another important reason, too, is that more than one careful driver, in trying to avoid hitting a dog, has suffered painful injury and even death. I've mentioned this in a previous article and refer to it again because I feel so strongly about it, having seen an instance in my own village where a woman driver, in trying to keep

from hitting a dog, wrapped both herself and her car around a roadside tree. She was badly injured. In my opinion, the owner of that dog, an animal that has long roamed at will with its owner's permission, should have been held legally liable. Unfortunately, there is no law that enforces such liability in my neck of the woods.

There are very few dogs that will not respond to the ring of a door bell or knock on the door. If confined outside they'll show some excitement at the sight of a visitor. If, when indoors, your bell rings or there is a knock on the door pretend great excitement. Try to convey that excitement to your dog. Use such words as "Who is it?" "What is it?" Rush the dog to the door with you but be sure you have him well held by his collar. You don't want him to get excited to the point where he'll attack the visitor. When admitting your caller talk quietly to the dog to ease his excitement.

Have someone, preferably a stranger to the dog, prowl around the outside of your house at which time assume an alarmed alertness yourself. Talk sharply to the dog again with the "Who's that, what's that?", business. A few quiet but penetrating "Sic 'ems" will help too. Have that person doing the prowling fumble with your doorknob or tap on your window without revealing himself. Try these methods particularly at night. It is best that whoever does the prowling for you be not immediately admitted to your home. A smart dog might detect a deception here and your training lessons as far as that individual is concerned will bog down completely. It should not require many such lessons for your dog to get the idea. It goes without saying that you shouldn't always employ the same person to do the prowling.

Rod and Gun

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of getting even with the fish they couldn't catch on hook and line. Of course I didn't learn anything about how a fish feeds, or even how he behaves when left to his own devices, but I did have a good opportunity to observe the fish's "window" at the water surface. However, I didn't even profit much by that. My viewpoint is definitely not that of a fish. I happen to be rather fond of my own element and I had to overcome a constant desire to swim up through the window into it. All the fish I've ever hooked have had opposite inclinations. The only thing I learned from the experience was to stay out of the water whenever possible. I believe I suffer from aquaphobia anyway, as a result of too many troutstream dunkings.

Fortunately, it isn't necessary to make such a personal inspection of a fish's habitat to be a success with rod and reel. Nevertheless, a certain amount of fishanalysis is helpful, especially this time of year. If a man is going to fool them with any regularity during the heat of August, when the waters are clear and warm, he has to figure them out.

Certain things are obvious. For instance, we know for a fact that some species of fish are drastically affected by hot weather. Lake trout and land-locked salmon retire to the coolest depths of their lakes in midsummer, and the only possible way to catch one of them is to fish down where they live. Even walleyed pike are inclined to drop down ten or twelve feet to a more comfortable layer of water. Other species of fish are not so noticeably affected, but even though their reactions are not made obvious by such migrations to deeper water, certainly they do react to the heat. Take any bass pond and notice how many fish appear to be feeding on a hot afternoon. For all the activity there is, it would be easy to assume that there wasn't a bass alive. However, listen to the same pond in the quiet of a still, cool night and it will be a different story. Some of the

many bass splashing around will sound as big as a dog.

It's only good sense to figure that such bass-or pike, or muskies or any other game fish-appreciate a little relief from summer heat. Even though some of them thrive in a hot climate, they are not invigorated by the peak of the hot season any more than are animals and people. Following this to its logical conclusion, it pays to fish the shady spots. Cast under docks and piers, along rock ledges or fallen logs; work the shaded shore of the lake; try to draw fish out from under the pads and from the shadow of weed beds. Also, if anything, fish a little deeper than would normally be the case. After sunset and early in the morning it doesn't make much difference. In fact, along toward dark a bass will hit a surface plug better in midsummer than any other time of year.

It's in streams where the most subtle changes take place. Trout are definitely affected by summer conditions. Like bass, they are most easily taken in the cool of the evening, but they can be taken in the middle of the day if everything is done just right. Stream trout at any time are comparatively confined, most often living in a pool which can be covered in every detail by the fisherman's cast. Now, during low water, they are even more confined and concentrated. The August fisherman can be pretty certain that his offering doesn't pass unseen. It's simply up to him to make it be seen in the proper way. The fish may not be as easily convinced as when they are on their spring feeding spree, but it's this challenge which makes summer trout fishing so interesting.

Quite often it is possible to spot trout in low water, although this is an art in itself. When the water is clear enough to see the trout, it is also clear enough for the trout to see the fisherman. A trout exists by his eyes and his alertness, being the constant prev of such as otters, mink, turtles, fish hawks and herons, to say nothing of larger trout; so it is a good bet that it will spot the fisherman long before the fisherman spots him. Once seen, of course, the fisherman might as well go swimming as to try to take that particular fish. The sight of a man makes a trout lose its appetite in a hurry.

With caution and experience, however, this trout-spotting can become profitable. An unsuspecting trout so located is a lot of fun to fish for, and as often as not he can be caught. Certainly there is a much better chance of catching it than of catching one blind. A few rules to follow are: one, of course, to use a long leader; two, to cast well up current from him so that the falling line or leader can't startle him; and, three, not to make

any unnecessary casts. In other words, if the trout obviously sees the fly and refuses it, then it is a mistake to try it a second or third time. It is easy to tell by the fish's reactions if the fly is seen. If so, it should be changed immediately to another pattern of nymph, dry fly or whatever to find one that does appeal. Under these clear-water conditions an imitation must be more precise than is the case earlier in the season.

As far as learning to spot the fish in the first place, there are rules for that too. For one thing, polaroid glasses which cut much of the glare and reflection from the water surface are a definite aid. So equipped, the next rule is to look at the bottom. It is often much easier to locate a fish by his black shadow than to see the fish itself since its back has such a ghostly camouflage. In making the approach on a likely hole, move slowly and keep low. Also, it is an advantage to have the sun at your back, and an essential to have a solid background, not open sky, behind you. By combining these things in an approach, and just to see if I could do it, I have crept close enough to an unsuspecting trout that he was within reach of my rod tip before he spooked. One last suggestion: when walking a stream, never pass up the opportunity to peek carefully over a high bank or peer off a bridge into a pool below. And don't give up after one quick look. It sometimes requires five minutes or so to make out a fish, but when the eye settles on one, often more will begin to appear miraculously. A sucker, by the way, can immediately be identified because its front fins-those just behind the gillsare broad and are held at right angles to the body while a trout holds his more



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back along the body in stream-lined fashion; so there is no reason to waste an hour showing good flies to a two-pound sucker.

This low-water trout fishing is a sort of combination of hunting and fishing and can be a lot of fun. Also, a man who is good at it is a worse hazard to a trout stream than a whole family of otters.

Of course, if in summer a stream becomes too hot, up in the seventies, trout may go off their feed. A good supply of oxygen is essential to their well-being, and warm water doesn't hold oxygen.

make the turnstiles click at an absolutely fantastic rate of almost 15,000,000 customers for the season. And at that rate anyone would have to be a blithering idiot not to turn in his government bonds and mortgage the house in order to buy stock in the Brooklyn National League Baseball Club. The stuff would have been paying dividends on its dividends!

But while this rate of patronage is an accepted fact in Hornell, the Hornell Dodgers pay no dividends, and never will. It is a cooperative operation run by the Hornell Baseball Association, a group of public-spirited citizens who are absolutely crazy about baseball and intend to stay that way. There's only one paid administrative employee of the Hornell ball club, its business manager, and they really get that last full measure out of him. He does everything from making deals in the siphoning-off of excess talent to the driving of the club bus on the road trips.

Lou Briganti came to Hornell after the war as a playing-manager for the Pittsburgh Pirates' farm organization. He resigned in '46 over a misunderstanding but he was reluctant to return to New York City where he had been brought up and where he had gained considerable fame as a championship high school pitcher almost 20 years ago.

His arm had conked out on him in Class A competition in Albany, N. Y., in 1940 and four or five years of Army service didn't help toward its revivification. He was too old to pitch except perhaps in Class D, but Lou was in love with the breath-taking scenery, and liked the people in Hornell. So did his wife, like him, a New Yorker. So Lou Briganti got a job selling cars and stayed in his adopted Steuben County.

He's never been sorry because, after two harrowing years, one of independent operation, the other under the Boston Red Sox, Hornell asked the Dodgers for a working agreement. And when it got it, the Hornell Baseball Association asked Lou Briganti to take over as the boss again.

Briganti is one of four men who control the destiny of the Hornell Baseball Club. The others are George Clicquennoi, If a stream becomes too warm, then it is a good idea to fish in rapids or in a pool at the foot of rapids or below a falls. Fast, broken water is well aerated in spite of being warm.

Some hot-weather fishermen make good use of a stream thermometer. There usually are springs here and there along a stream bed, and some of the small feeder streams may be much colder than the main stream. Consequently, certain stretches of any stream are cooler than others, and these stretches will very definitely contain more trout. In fact, if the water becomes really warm, some of the

trout may actually move up into the tributaries even though they are small.

All in all, because there is logic to it and because a little work and experience will pay off handsomely, mid-summer fishing is just about the choicest of all. Even if the reward doesn't happen to be there in the form of continuous action from the fish, there's no more pleasant way to spend a hot August day than floating in a canoe on a cool, breezy lake or else standing water-cooled hip-deep in a trout stream. In fact, I think I'll go trout fishing right now, and I don't intend to wear any boots.

Baseball in D Minor

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a spare, slow-speaking principal of one of Hornell's five grammar schools; Alex (Doc) Alexson, the playing-manager of the team; and Fresco Thompson, the Brooklyn Dodgers' vice-president in charge of farm operations.

Thompson is probably the No. 1 figure in the entire Hornell operation. Ironically, he must function exclusively by long-distance. Hornell is but one of perhaps a dozen working-agreement clubs and it's pretty obvious that it must be a long-range job, done mostly by telephone.

The Brooklyn club, ergo Thompson, assigns the players to Hornell at the start of each season, and then moves them about as it deems fit. In other words, as a working agreement club, Hornell each Spring receives a team ready to play on opening day, right off the Dodgers' Vero Beach assembly line. As part of its agreement it pays the cost of transporting perhaps 20 boys to Hornell from Florida.

The price is less than it would be to train the boys in Hornell for a comparable time.

Brooklyn doesn't insist that the Hornell club be known as the Dodgers but everyone concerned thinks it's a rather nice gesture. If there wasn't a working agreement with any particular club and there was an organized club in Hornell it would probably revert to the old Maple Leafs (it is the Maple City), the same name it carried in the one ill-starred year when it was on its own.

What does Brooklyn get in return for giving Hornell a team which represents a scouting and training investment of perhaps one hundred thousand dollars? The right to draw upon it for talent as it's needed, the right to send other boys down from higher classifications on "option," and the right to indicate that boys on the Hornell club be given their outright release. Everything is done, of course, in



close collaboration with the club and with an awareness of its needs, but the Brooklyn Dodgers have the final word, a fairenough arrangement since without them there probably would be no professional ball club in Hornell, at least not a winning one.

The Dodgers' on-the-spot representative is its field manager, Alex (Doc) Alexson, a fellow who never advanced beyond minor league ball as a first baseman but whose leadership qualities caused the Brooklyn brass to tap him for a managerial role early in Doc's post-war playing career.

He works as closely with Lou Briganti, the Hornell Baseball Association's man, as a Siamese twin. Apart from their respective wives, each is the last person the other sees each night, the first he greets in the morning over coffee in the Texas Cafe. A minor-league operation would founder if there was any lesser arrangement between the man in the office and the man on the field, or if there existed a personality difference.

Unlike Briganti, who is of Italian extraction, Alexson is of Greek derivation. He comes from Ipswich, a small town north of Boston, and played minor-league ball in the Pony League over in Jamestown after several years in service with the Eighth Air Force. Doc Alexson is now part and parcel of the city of Hornell. His second child was born here last year, delivered by Dr. C. E. Patti, the team's nocharge physician.

Doc (the nickname stands for nothing) Alexson was a big hitter in the Pony League when he was the property of the Detroit club. After two years of leading the league in hitting the Tigers failed to "protect" him in the draft and he was grabbed by Nashua, the Dodgers affiliate in the now-defunct Class B New England League.

Doc went to spring training in 1949 as part of the Mobile club, the Dodgers' AA affiliate in the Southern Association, but it soon became apparent that there wouldn't be any need for him. The Dodgers were flooded with first basemen (they later sold off three to the Cubs, Preston Ward, Dee Fondy and Chuck Connors) and they took Alexson aside and advised him that he'd be pretty old before a Triple-A or major-league job opened for him in the Dodger organization.

But, they asked, would he like to manage?

There was a job open at Valdosta, Ga., in the Georgia-Florida League. It was Class D of course, but Doc was young and just how far he went depended entirely on himself.

Doc Alexson took the job and then, the following year, when the Dodgers went into Hornell, Doc moved North. He had a tough row to hoe, even though the people were crazy over baseball. The year before the Red Sox had installed Marius Russo, the former Yankee pitcher, as manager, and Russo hadn't done any better than a fifth-place finish with a club a

lot of people thought was one of the best ever to play in Hornell.

But Doc Alexson wasted little time in making a place for himself in the community. He did it by carving a niche for his team in the Pony League. He came through 100 per cent in 1950 with a pennant winner, and last year his Hornell Dodgers won the Governor's Cup playoffs. There isn't much else Doc Alexson can do to enhance his stature in Hornell except to keep on winning and there isn't much more the townspeople can do to show their appreciation for him.

Unfortunately, it is an association that must come to an end in the very near future because Alexson, although still young enough to play first base in D ball, is a career manager. The Dodgers have bigger plans for him. Matter of fact, he turned down a single step up the ladder this past spring to return to Hornell.

NLIKE the major leagues where the manager has all sorts of assistants and helpers, Alexson's job is strictly a dozen-in-one proposition, a situation dictated by the stringent economics of a professional baseball operation in the minor leagues. What does he do that a major-league manager doesn't?

Well for one thing he never sits down during a game. When the Hornell Dodgers are in the field he's playing first base. When they're at bat he's coaching in the first-base box. Seven of the eight managers play as well as manage in the Pony League and they do the same. Who coaches at third? One of their brighter players.

For another, Alexson conducts his own bed check, a job usually handled in the major leagues by the equipment manager (in Hornell the equipment handling usually consists of Alexson yelling, "C'mon, a couple of you big hitters, grab some of these bats and stick 'em in the bus') or a trainer. The bed-check in the minors is a matter of grave importance because you're handling eighteen and nineteen-year old kids and the moral obligation to take care of them, frequently based on promises made to parents, exists, as well as the financial obligation.

Like the majors, the Hornell club has a midnight curfew in town on non-game nights, a later one following home games, and a somewhat later one after the club gets back from a bus jump. This permits the kids to get something to eat after a span of perhaps eight hours.

Checking on the kids isn't as easy a matter as when a club is quartered in a hotel and the checker can go around rapping on doors. The boys are quartered in seven different places, a half-dozen homes and the local Y.M.C.A. If you go rapping on doors you're more than likely to disturb the good people who have taken in the boys as roomers at a modest \$4.00-\$4.50 per week.

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the window when a pebble rattles off it. Doc hasn't broken a window pane in two years now but he doesn't know how long his luck will hold out.

This year Alexson's discipline routine has been complicated somewhat by the international aspects of his squad. It is tri-lingual. English, French and Spanish are spoken in the clubhouse. The French-speaking kids can handle English, however, so Doc has only the Cuban delegation to contend with.

He has three young Cuban boys on his squad. One of the two pitchers, a right-hander named Ricardo Lopez, acts as interpreter for the other two. The others are Rene Masip, also a right-hander, and Ultus Alvarez, a red-headed outfielder from Santa Clara.

When Alvarez arrived in Hornell he had a working English vocabulary of three words, "Okay, apple pie." In the interest of getting his Cuban boys more familiar with the English language at a more accelerated rate, Alexson has broken them up, rooming them with boys who speak English only. It can be a little rough in the mornings until Señors Masip and Alvarez make contact with Señor Lopez.

Lopez, troubled by a sore arm in the spring, more than earns his way. In addition to acting as the Hispano-American lingual link he also serves as third-base coach.

HE French on the squad is spoken by Stan Deneka, a fine right-handed prospect from Montreal, and Moe Galand, an ex-outfielder. Galand, being converted into a shortstop, hails from the French-speaking area around Woonsocket, R. I., the territory that sent Clem Labine and Chet Nichols up to the majors, and, many years ago, Hall-of-Fame second baseman Napoleon Lajoie.

There also are a couple of Negroes on the club, but their presence poses no problems. Ever since the Dodgers came into Hornell there have been colored boys on the club and it's significant that their progress has always been upward, although John Williams, a pitcher who had been as high as Class A with Elmira, was shipped back to Hornell last spring in an effort to cure his sore arm. Right now a Negro boy, Maurice Wills, of Washington, D. C., is the favorite player on the Hornell squad, having supplanted Don Zimmer in the affections of the townspeople.

Zimmer was a kid from Cincinnati who tore the Pony League apart a couple of years ago playing shortstop for the Hornell Dodgers. His picture is the only individual one adorning the walls of the Hornell Club's tiny business office under the Maple City Stadium. He is now at Fort Worth and should he ultimately replace Pee Wee Reese as the Dodgers' shortstop there'll be any number of people in Hornell able to boast, "I told you so."

Like Zimmer, Maury Wills is an in-



The bus isn't new, and with 20 aboard it's crowded, but it gets the team to the game and back. Hamilton, Ontario, is the longest jaunt—150 miles.

fielder, a converted pitcher. He could have gone higher this year after spending 1951 at Hornell but there were only three Class C clubs to which the Dodgers could send him. It was either Santa Barbara, Calif., Great Falls, Mont., or Greenwood, Miss. Wills, who is married and has a couple of children despite his tender years back in Washington, didn't want to go so far. The Hornell people, of course, were deliriously happy to have Wills back.

If Wills makes the majors it will be a tribute to careful planning from the time he could barely toddle. His father, Guy, had played semi-pro ball around Maryland and Washington, D. C., and he did everything to encourage Maury's talents. At Cardozo High School young Wills excelled in all sports and played half-back on some rather good football teams. When he didn't pitch on the baseball team he played third base.

There were all sorts of college scholarships offered him. Maury remembers seven, but his father was insistent that he accept a professional offer from Brooklyn. He had first caught the eye of Dodger scout, Rex Bowen, during a newspapersponsored tryout in Griffith Stadium. Later he was invited to a regular Dodger tryout, where he was signed for a modest bonus to a Class D contract.

At Vero Beach in 1951 Wills was one of several hundred Class D prospects. He remembers rather vividly how he became an infielder.

"We were all lined up and they called out for the catchers. Maybe three or four fellows stepped out. Then they called for the infielders and another three or four fellows stepped out. The fellow running the practice laughed and said, 'I guess you're all pitchers,' so I said, 'I played third base in high school.' So they made me an infielder."

Wills is an infielder now and a good one. He can make the double play and he throws to first base with the cross-body whip that is the hallmark of all good second basemen. Chances are he'll be in B ball or higher in 1953.

When he does advance it will come as a welcome bit of news to him, financially. No one has ever grown rich playing D ball. Rated off their \$150-a-month salaries (that's months of the playing season, not months of the year), the Class D ball player is in much the same financial category as a messenger boy, perhaps lower.

His predecessors had it no better. When major leaguers like Ralph Branca, Sal Maglie, Jerry Coleman, Warren Spahn and Andy Seminick, to name only a handful of the 75 major-league players who came out of the Pony League, played in this same loop the monthly salary was a munificent \$75. And meal money was \$1.25 a day instead of \$2.50.

As in the majors, meal money is given the players for road trips only. At home they pay for their own victuals. Food in Hornell is good and ample, and you can eat yourself under the table for \$1.50 at supper if you stay away from steak, but you'll do precious little saving on a Class D baseball salary if you want to eat well, pay your room rent, and buy the "Sporting News" each week.

Practically every restaurant and cafeteria in town tries to give the boys something extra. The cafeterias have meal tickets with \$5.50 worth of victuals for \$5.00. Every restaurant offers some kind of a culinary prize for hitting a home run. And the people with whom the boys room are always slipping them a meal on some pretext or other.

When the team takes to the road, however, they get that \$2.50 per day meal money, usually after the game. (In the majors it ranges between \$6.00-\$8.00.) Lou Briganti, the business manager who drives the bus, hands it out when the kids

get back to Hornell. If it's a long drive to Olean or Batavia he gives it out right after a game and the boys eat before they make the return trip home.

Would you like to ride the Hornell bus on a short road trip? The bus, a '48 Reo school-type, seats only 20 and it isn't as comfortable or as smooth-running as some of the newer Flexibles around the League, but the run over to Wellsville is only 22 miles and the scenery is breath-taking. Since we leave at 5 p.m. from the Hornell ball park you'll be able to enjoy a daylight ride.

You'll have to squeeze in because the bus carries the 16 players, the driver, a newspaperman or two, the radio announcer, and all the playing equipment strewn in the aisle. Let's sit up in the front seat with Doc Alexson-but don't trip over those bats and the catcher's shin-guards lying there by the driver's seat.

Ed Murphy, the radio announcer for the 1,000-watt WWHG, has his equipment parked in his lap. In the majors the radio job requires a team of anywhere up to four men (two announcers, an engineer and a statistician). Murphy, a former catcher at the University of Illinois, is young enough and enthusiastic enough to be them all rolled into one.

He carries his microphone in a battered tool box, along with an all-purpose screw-driver, lugs his heavy remote control box, and stuffs his statistic sheets into his hip pocket. He plugs Old Ranger Beer, the product of the Hornell Brewing Company, which sponsors the broadcasts both home and away, and he has several other daytime shows back in Hornell. Like the players, he too is serving a rigorous apprenticeship.

When Murphy goes on the air he stays there until he's finished and when he's on he knows that everyone who isn't at the game in Hornell or much of the surrounding area is listening to him. As he ascends in baseball broadcasting he will find that the saturation ratio of his listening audience will diminish with each step upward.

ORNELL gets a lot of baseball broadcasting but this is one of the few minor league operations which claims that it has helped rather than hurt. The Yankees network comes in here, so does the Giants'. The Brooklyn Dodger games are heard only when the other two clubs are idle. The local games are broadcast both home and away.

At the Wellsville, N. Y., ball park, Tullar Field, where the older of the local fans claim that John McGraw played his first professional game, Ed Murphy sets up his mike and box in one corner of the tiny press box. Next to him will sit either Andy Lamb Jr., a sports reporter from the "Evening Tribune," Hornell's one newspaper, or Lamb's boss, Lou Simon, the sports editor.

Then there'll be the fellow who runs the scoreboard off an electrical punching apparatus, the reporter from the "Wellsville Reporter" (in this instance she is the only girl reporter in the Pony League, Gean Crichton) and the Wellsville official scorer. He gets one dollar for scoring the game, plus two tickets for his wife and daughter. If anyone else squeezes into the press box he simply has to stand.

Hornell's biggest rivalry is with Wellsville, currently a St. Louis Browns farm. If the New York Giants came in there eventually and stocked it with a good team the people in Hornell think it would be the greatest thing ever to happen in the 14-year history of the Pony League. It would give it a genuine Giants-Dodgers rivalry.

After this particular bus ride you watch Stan Deneka, the Canadian kid, pitch a one-hitter, robbed of his first no-hitter in organized ball (he had three in high school) by a bloop single over third-base, hit by the rival pitcher in the sixth inning. Such a performance in the majors would have him surrounded by reporters after the game.

In Wellsville, however, Deneka throws his clothes on and makes for the bus, pausing en route to pick up a hot dog and some coffee at the concessions stand which has remained open for an additional 15 or 20 minutes to catch the trade of the departing visiting players. The people who run the stand are fully aware of how hungry a nineteen-year old boy can become between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Then Doc Alexson counts noses in the bus and Lou Briganti drives it out onto the highway for the trip home. Doc Alexson has had a long day, but it's far from over. He slips into a seat alongside an infielder and quietly advises him that he executed a play improperly during the game. He's a teacher as well as a field manager and when he turns in his report the following morning, mailed along with the box score clipped from the "Elmira Advertiser", he'll probably mention this.

Doc Alexson has to be a diplomat, too, in this situation; he must keep his voice lowered so that no one else is aware of the baseball lesson being administered on the highway.

Then the bus is back at the Hornell ball park and the boys unload the equipment. The gray road uniforms are taken in, hung up to dry. Briganti hands out the meal money. The boys break up and make their way to the cafeterias; Doc Alexson and Lou Briganti climb into Doc's car and drive down town to the Texas Cafe for a final cup of coffee.

It's late and, with a good victory, there's not too much to discuss. But on the nights when they've lost a tough one they're liable to hash it over for hours. Then it'll be two or three o'clock before they get to bed, and seven-thirty when they get up.

It's not enough sleep for a growing boy, of course, but Doc and Lou have longsince stopped growing. Besides, you don't need much sleep in the D leagues. Just a burning will to win is sufficient.



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EDITORIAL

THE NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER



Sam Stern has been a member of Fargo Lodge No. 260 for over forty years.

He served through the chairs of his lodge and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1924-25.

For several years he has been chair-

man of the Board of Trustees of that lodge.

In 1927 he became President of the North Dakota State Association and in 1941 and 1943 he again accepted the responsibility of that office. In 1928 he was District Deputy for the state.

Early in his service in Elkdom he became interested in assistance to crippled children. He was very largely responsible for the adoption of that work by the Elks of his state. For many years he served as chairman of the North Dakota State Elks Crippled Children Committee.

He has been Chairman of the North Dakota State Crippled Children Commission since 1941, having been appointed or reappointed by three governors of that state.

He has been state Chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis since its inception.

His service in the Grand Lodge embraces a membership for three years on the Good of the Order Committee, a year on the State Associations Committee, two years on the Lodge Activities Committee and seven years as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

He comes to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler well prepared by Lodge and Grand Lodge service and experience and knowledge of the problems and workings of our Order on all levels.

A successful banker and merchant, he has been in position, and he has had the inclination, to devote a great deal more time and effort to Elk affairs than is the privilege and the practice of most members of the Order.

In addition, he has found it possible to serve in many important positions in civic and humanitarian movements, both local, state and nation-wide.

His experience in and devotion to the Order and his background of business success and public service presage a successful administration of the Grand Exalted Rulership.

39,337 IS FAR TOO MANY



In Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters' annual report to the Grand Lodge, extracts from which appear in the July issue, there are some disturbing statistics of vital significance to the Order. While Elkdom's membership again moved forward, reaching the highest

point in our history, 39,337 Brothers were lost to the Order from lapsation.

The matter of saving worthy members is uppermost with all Elks who are interested in the welfare and progress of the Order. Taking the initiative, Grand Exalted Ruler Davis considered the problem paramount during his year in office and hammered the point continuously in his addresses to lodge meetings throughout the country and in his Messages in the Magazine. This served to alert many of the lodges and unquestionably the total would have been far higher except for his campaign.

A survey of the causes of lapsation, started by Grand Exalted Ruler Kyle and continued by Grand Exalted Ruler Davis, proved that in thirty per cent of lapsation cases the reason was that the member had changed his residence to another city. There are two ways that this important cause of lapsation can be corrected—the member's home lodge can maintain contact with him to uphold his interest and maintain his membership; the lodge in the city to which he has moved can get in touch with him and interest him in affiliating with the lodge. If these two practices were instituted by all subordinate lodges, it is quite apparent that it would not only strengthen each lodge by obtaining, or holding, worthy Brothers but also it would materially reduce the number of lapsations.

But in the final analysis, lapsation will be held at a minimum—a minimum certainly far below 39,337—only by every good Elk extending the hand of fraternal fellowship and assuming the responsibility of making every member of his lodge—but particularly the new member or the older members whose interest seems to be lagging—realize his important role in furthering the good work of his lodge during these troubled years.

BEYOND THE GOAL



Recently the Bloomington, Illinois, Pantagraph published a well-merited editorial tribute to the Elks of Pontiac Lodge No. 1019.

The editorial referred to the splendid results achieved by the members of Pontiac lodge in raising a fund for a

proposed three-story addition to St. James Hospital.

Last Fall, the Lodge undertook the responsibility of spearheading a county-wide drive for \$150,000, the sum needed to complete the building fund. After donating \$30,000 of the amount themselves, the Pontiac Elks put the drive for the remainder into high gear. So vigorously did they conduct the campaign, that they sped past their goal and rolled on to a fund which was 35 per cent in excess of the original objective. As a direct result of their enthusiastic work, the members have had the reward of seeing the building plans revised for a larger addition to the hospital.

This inspiring effort serves as an example of the wonderful spirit in which the members of our Lodges step in when they are needed and give generously of their time and their abilities to further a worthwhile community project. It is a striking instance, too, of the dynamic power of Elk organization and leadership ap-

plied to civic affairs.

We feel sure that the million members of our Order outside Pontiac join us in an expression of thanks to the Pantagraph for describing this Elk action as "one of the most successful club or lodge efforts of the year", as well as our warm congratulations to the Elks of Pontiac and the citizens of Livingston County on their praiseworthy achievement.



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