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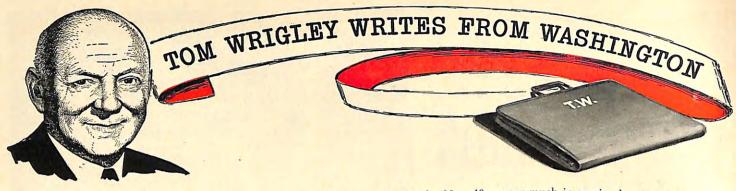
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HIS IS NOT a happy time for many government employees in Washington and throughout the country. No matter who wins in the November election they will be out of a job. A change in administration always brings with it a turnover in patronage even though the same party remains in office. It reaches all the way from the President's White House staff down to the various jobs a member of Congress has at his disposal. Changes in the President's cabinet mean many new faces in government departments. Newly elected Senators and Representatives bring in a host of newcomers, Those they will displace already are anxiously looking for new berths. Some have been in Washington a long time and own their homes here. They want to stay. Others will go back to the states from whence they came. Civil Service, gradually expanded through the years, has brought security to many but there are thousands who still do not come under its provisions, Their jobs depend on the person who hires them. When that person goes they go unless, as in a few cases, they are retained by the newcomer. Everybody elected to office is besieged by a multitude of friends and constituents who want to get on the federal payroll. It's quite a job to spread the jobs around, especially when the present trend is to cut government personnel all down the line.

SEEK CHEAPER HOUSES

Mortgages of about half of all new housing built for sale are now insured by the Federal Government. The President's Materials Policy Commission is seeking to have obsolete building regulations revamped so that more houses can be built for less money. Use of substitute materials, approved by the government, is recommended.

DISPLAY SUB MODEL

Anyone, including Communists, can see what the Navy's new atomic powered submarine will look like by visiting the Naval Museum here where a small model is on public display. You don't see a model of the atomic engine, however.

TV CAMPAIGNING COSTLY

Campaign oratory via TV costs a lot of money but it is cheap figured on a per capita basis. Same with radio. Half hour of open time on a network costs \$28,000,

or about \$1,000 a minute. Maybe 30 to 40 million people see it. If the spot is taken from a commercial program the cost ranges from around \$45,000 to well over \$100,000. First month of campaigning, however, has shown leaders that personal appearances, hand shakes and friendly greetings still get top results. Truman hit the road for 22,000 miles and over 300 speeches four years ago. TV is giving the candidates a break in several directions. Panel interviews, forums and debates have grown in popularity. In fact many are more interesting than set speeches. Each National Committee, under the Hatch act, can spend no more than \$3,000,000, but don't take that too literally. Both parties, it is reported, are getting liberal contributions.

DOCTORS EARN MORE

Commerce Department figures say the average physician last year earned \$12,518, or \$980 more than in 1950, Average lawyer made \$9,375, average dentist \$7,743.

MOST POPULAR MONUMENT

All visitors to the Washington Monument are counted. It's the town's best tourist attraction and to date more than 26,100,000 have peered out of its windows at the top. It looks high but isn't because buildings in Washington are limited to only a dozen stories except the National Press Building, where the press club is on the 13th floor.

"A" SHELLS FOR SHIPS

Perfection of atomic shells which can be fired from naval vessels will greatly add to the striking power of this nation's big battle wagons. The A shells, it is believed, will be fired from the 16-inch guns of the big ships, with a range of 20 miles. At present four battleships are in commission, the famous *Missouri*, called the "Mighty Mo", the *New Jersey*, the *Iowa* and the *Wisconsin*.

PLANE HAS A THRONE

That deluxe C-54 plane built for King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has one gimmick even the famous "Sacred Cow", personal plane of FDR, didn't have—a revolving throne in a court chamber with 18 seats. They say the king tried to buy the Sacred Cow because he liked the electric elevator. That plane, however, is still

very much in service by the Military Air Transport to carry important guests. The king's new plane has an elevator too. Also a magnificent bedroom with an oversize bed. It cost about a million dollars, which to Saudi Arabia's king is just a gush of oil.

WORKING STUDENTS

School bells are ringing again and over a million and a half boys and girls from 14 to 17 are both studying and working, most of them in part time jobs. Back in 1940 working students in this class totaled but 300,000, census bureau reports. The figure now is at an all time it soared to over two and a quarter miltion. These high school workers now are a substantial part of America's mighty labor force. They're our leaders of tomorrow.

COPS ARE COPS

District policemen are not allowed to be taxi drivers or work as sightseeing guides during their off-hours, the Commissioners have ruled. They claim a cop driving a cab he wouldn't be able to

WONDER DRUG PROBLEM

One of the new antibiotic wonder drugs, extremely powerful in checking infections, has been found to cause a dangerous anemia and death in a very few out of hundreds of thousands of treatments. The drug is so valuable, however, that U. S. Food and Drug Administration has no plan to ban its use. Scientists are working on the problem.

CAPITAL CAROUSEL

FBI now has 124.556.405 finger prints Washington newspaper reporters voted Rep. John Fitzgerald Kennedy of Boston the best looking man in the House. Now he's running for the Senate . . . Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., of New York, was second . . . Sightseers are snapping pictures of the first Musselman mosque built in the United States, recently completed, which has a minaret, or tower, 159 feet high exactly like those of the Middle East . . . Army sleeping bags are being filled with chicken feathers instead of wool. GI's can crow instead of bleat in their sleep.

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Looking forward to ST. LOUIS—and back to NEW YORK

S WE GO TO PRESS, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern announces that the 1953 Convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo., July 5th to 9th. The last Grand Lodge Session in this great city of the Mid-west was held in 1939. Head-quarters for the Convention will be the Hotel Jefferson. While thinking ahead to the Convention next summer, all members of the Order who were at the Convention last July will recall pleasant memories of a Convention for which no effort was spared to make it a success.

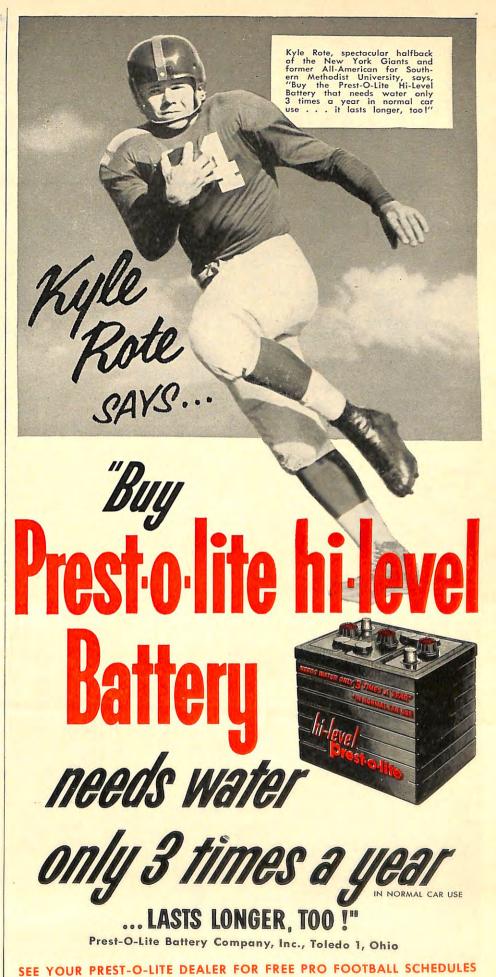
Starting with the Opening Public Session in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Brother Thomas J. Curran, a member of New York No. 1 Lodge and Secretary of State of New York, gave an eloquent and inspired address welcoming the Order to the Empire State. This address that held the attention of many thousands present sounded a keynote that proved an accurate forecast of the events to come. That evening there were other notable addresses by dignitaries, including James A. Farley and Mayor Impelliteri, both members of the Order, as well as Grand Exalted Ruler Davis.

The next morning there was a rousing demonstration by the delegates after Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern was elected and the stirring impression created is not soon to be forgotten. To name only a few more of the many high spots of this Convention: later in the week there was the dramatic Report of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan for the Elks National Service Commission, of which he is chairman. Then there were the Reports of the Elks National Foundation given by Past Grand Exalted Rulers Malley and Thompson, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, covering the outstanding year's work of the Foundation.

As we look ahead to St. Louis next summer, we well know that in this historic city again we will enjoy and profit by another great Convention.

DENVER LODGE SEEKS BRONZE ELK

Denver, Colorado, Lodge No. 17 is interested in obtaining a bronze elk, either full or half size in standing or lying position, for use as a marker for the new Elks' Rest in Fairmount Cemetery. If any lodge has a bronze elk available and would like to dispose of it, letters should be addressed to James J. Pitt, Secretary of Denver Lodge, 14th and California Streets.



Elkdom's Home

BY DICKSON HARTWELL

S OMEONE once defined home as the place where the heart is. A cynic has said it is wherever he hangs his hat. To the mariner it may be the fo'castle, to the ranger the vast forest, to the front-line soldier a wet and shallow foxhole. Whatever it is—wherever it is—home to all men has one common denominator. It is sanctuary.

Home is where it is safe. Home is where all others are outlanders. Home is where a man belongs, even briefly; where he rests his head in comfort and finds respite. Where his person is sacred; where he is master—protector and protected.

These are the things home is made of. To 295 men I spent some time with recently, home is a colonnaded mansion in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in southern Virginia. The place is called The Elks National Home; it is not the name that makes it so, but what it is.

What it is, I discovered, is a remarkable demonstration of good will in action

in a field that sociologists frankly admit baffles them.

Early this year, for example, a serious group of the country's 75 leading experts on the problems of the aged assembled for an intensive three-day conference at Arden House, New York, where Columbia University recently established a center for free discussion of national and international problems.

Leaders in business, medicine, sociology and labor pondered one of the most perplexing and urgent problems of the day. It might be summed up this way: are the increasing number of older people in this country getting a square deal? The answer, after 72 hours filled with cogitation: they are not!

It is a pity those leaders could not have spent a couple of hours with Superintendent Robert A. Scott going through the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia. Bob Scott was there 25 years last August and he could have shown them a thing or two. They would have seen an operation which the several hundred participants would doubtless call the squarest deal they ever had. The men

at the National Home are exactly the kind of people the conclave at Arden House was concerned about—those aged 65 to 80 or so. There are now more than 12,300,000 in the country—and most of them have earned their right to a square deal.

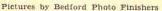
The experts can stop worrying about that segment which is at the Elks National Home. For this impressive yet comfortable place, which all Elks help maintain for Brothers who want to be there, gives its members opportunities which the experts at the Arden House assembly agreed older folks must have—and rarely get.

Sociologists agree that older people—like everyone else—need access to recreational hobbies. There are dozens of hobbies at the Elks Home. One member paints huge murals for the fun of it. Last Christmas he cut out and painted a Santa Claus sled complete with reindeer that was 42 feet long. Brilliantly lighted up at night, and displayed where all could see, it attracted thousands of visitors from miles around. They had never seen anything like it. There are work shops, games of all kinds and a complete dark room, though camera bugs are rare.

The medical experts in this field—geriatricians, they call themselves—insist that older people need full and special medical services. The hospital in the Elks Home is no glorified infirmary. It is one of the most completely equipped of its kind in the State and rates a top class license.

Educators say active interest in current events should be maintained among older people. Every day the Elks Home receives the latest newspapers from Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Seattle, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Des Moines, Philadelphia, Denver and other cities. And for those whose eyesight has dimmed faster than their wit there is a daily session in the library where up-to-date papers are read aloud.

What everybody agrees upon is that oldsters have got to have fun. And the members of the Home have it in considerable measure. They have their own movie theater—a huge affair with roomy, comfortable seats and a stage large enough for big-time. live entertainment. They have their card and billiard rooms, and a





Settled in his room, the new member of this club within a club contemplates the bright sky that will illuminate the days ahead.

At Bedford, the Elks have founded what is truly home for their aged Brothers.

library, occasional picnic suppers and access to the delights of Bedford or nearby Roanoke. Some of them take off for a weekend once in a while.

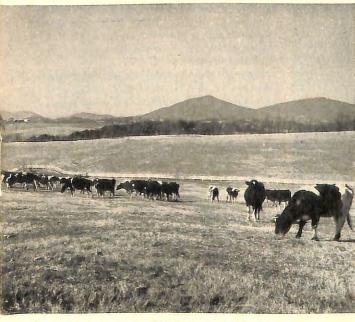
The Trustees of the Home did not work from a list of sociological specifications when in 1902 it was decided to create a sanctuary for retiring Elks. However, they brought forth a real home in both the emotional and sociological meaning of the word simply by doing what comes naturally. And what makes it so, here as elsewhere, is the accumulation of little things; the small niceties that can be mortared—like small bricks out of which come sound buildings, enduring and strong-into the whole of a rich living experience. All the guests at Bedford, for example, are supplied whatever clothing they need by the Home and every effort is extended to insure wide variety.

It is evident in other little things, too.
The dining room is beautifully designed
with symmetrical brick walls rising to a
graceful, oval ceiling of warmly bright,
contrasting cream. At one end is the traditional elk head mounted above an oil
painting of an elk. At the other end are

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New Adventure in Living—a member gets a first look at the impressive entrance to the Elks National Home where hundreds have found sanctuary.



The dairy herd at the Elks Home is the result of many years of planning and is producing outstanding records.



Superintendent Scott points to the fraternal murals in the dining room. Painted by resident Tom Sidonia.

Elks Back

"Know Your America" Week

HAT "Know Your America Week" has great potentialities as a nationally celebrated, annual event in connection with Flag Day was substantiated by the work of certain Elks' lodges sponsoring special programs last June 8th to 14th when "Know Your America Week" was celebrated. The "Week" was originated by the All America Conference to Combat Communism with the aim of bringing the full force of an informed citizenry to bear on democracy's present day problems. The Conference is composed of seventy patriotic organizations and "Know Your America Week" was the result of pilot programs in Buffalo and Milwaukee, as reported in our April issue.

The Elk programs are all the more remarkable when it is taken into consideration that the lodges had less than two weeks to prepare their celebrations. Nevertheless, they prepared their "Know Your America Week" programs with outstanding initiative and imagination and with unusual community benefit.

One of the most outstanding programs was prepared by Miami Beach, Lodge No. 1601, which sponsored a program aimed at symbolizing the need for a greater awareness of the heritage, ideals and working of American democracy. This lodge did not receive the suggestion until May 22nd, but officers took action immediately, although only twelve days were available, and presented a program of great merit under the direction of Lawrence E. Hoffman, Chairman. The program opened on June with Proclamations by the Mayors of Greater Miami designating "Know Your America Week" under the initiative of Brother

Chelsie J. Senerchia, Mayor of Miami, Two days later at a public ceremony, Senator George Smathers lighted the Torch of Freedom which burned for seven days and nights as a symbol of the event. The torch was at the entrance to the Miami Beach City Auditorium. Through the work of the Flag Day Committee, the Miami Beach Lodge took large space in the local newspaper announcing the Flag Day ceremonies to be held Saturday night, June 14th, on the Elks' Lodge Patio as the concluding ceremony of "Know Your America Week". At the services Senior Circuit Court Judge George E. Holt gave the chief address and the American Legion Guard of Honor assisted the ceremonies by presenting the nine Flags that have flown over our country since the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our national ensign.

On June 10th, there was an exhibition of facsimiles of Freedom Train Documents and at the regular lodge meeting on June 12th a Marine Colonel addressed lodge members about the part played by the Marine Corps.

One of the outstanding factors in the success of the Miami Beach lodge program was the wholehearted cooperation given by the local press which ran daily accounts of the "Know Your America Week" activities.

Another lodge that presented an outstanding program was Fall River, Mass., Lodge No. 118. The program opened Sunday, June 8th, by having persons of all faiths attend their respective places of worship and pray for preservation of American freedoms and protection from communist totalitarianism. Monday featured Labor and Management Night with exercises aimed at rededication to the American system of labor-management relations. On Tuesday Government Night was held and the public was urged to take part in the tour of City Hall and the visit to the City Council Chamber. Com-



Officers of Holdenville, Okla., lodge, sponsors of "Know Your America Week". Left to right: Cloe Ellis, C. A. Moore, James B. Sandlin, Dale Middleton, Jack Amrey, T. D. Ramsey, T. I. Hayes, Clyde Dowdy, C. E. Davis, Kize Morse, Bob Willis, J. B. Leftwich and Rev. Norman Stockett.



Presentation to Admiral McCrae during Fall River, Mass., lodge patriotic celebration. Left to right: Michel Ryan, Louis A. Shea, Jr., Chairman, Admiral McCrae, Thomas McGuire and Arthur J. Cormier, Exalted Ruler.



Lighting of Torch of Freedom in event sponsored by Miami Beach lodge. Left to right: Edward T. Newman, June Trau, Exalted Ruler David M. Trau, Jacob Katz and United States Senator George Smathers.

munity Night followed on Wednesday when civic organizations held programs emphasizing the values of the American heritage. The following night Education was honored by events which included the new citizens program at the Technical High School and radio programs stressing the role of education in teaching an appreciation of American ideals. The following evening was War Veterans' Night at the Elks' lodge. Admiral Mc-Crae, of the First Naval District, was the guest speaker and he was presented a plaque with a framed diagram of relative German and Allied Fleet positions at the time of the surrender in 1918. Exalted Ruler Arthur J. Cormier opened the program and introduced Louis A. Shea, Jr., Chairman of the "Know Your America Week" activities. The program closed Monday, June 16th, with the Elks' Annual Flag Day program at South Park. Rear Admiral Leonard W. Bailey delivered the principal address. The ceremonies consisted of a flag assembly. erection of a floral bell of liberty, altar exercises and vocal and musical selections.

Holdenville, Okla., Lodge, No. 1796, also sponsored a splendid "Know Your America Week" program. The program opened Sunday, June 8th, with services in the city's churches. The following day Senator Paul Ballinger addressed the Lions Club at noon on citizenship and on Tuesday the Rotary Club had a Labor-Management meeting of a patriotic nature. On Wednesday the Kiwanis Club held a Government meeting. On the following day there was a youth and school education program in the Civic Center. The Holdenville Elks took a full-page ad in the local newspaper to announce the seven-day ceremony which was climaxed by a Flag Day program of the Elks and American Legion Post. During the week there were spot announcements over the radio each day and the Holdenville press gave the event daily coverage. Considering the time available prior to the event, the results were more than satisfactory and a lasting impression was made on the citizens of Holdenville, according to T. D. Ramsey, Exalted Ruler.

Providence, R. I., Lodge, No. 14, accomplished a great deal during "Know Your America Week" under the Chairmanship of Robert J. Eaton. Governor Dennis J. Roberts of Rhode Island, a member of Providence Lodge, signed the "Know Your America Week" Proclamation. There was a television observance

on Flag Day through Station WJAR-TV.

San Benito, Texas, Lodge, No. 1661, with E.R. H. B. Livingston as General Chairman, had an unusual Flag Day program climaxing "Know Your America Week" in that city. Services were held at the Elks Lodge and consisted of patriotic music and addresses.

From these observances by Elks' lodges in the North, South and West, it is evident that with proper planning "Know Your America Week" can become a national and patriotic event that will immeasurably strengthen our American institutions by making every member of the community more aware of our great traditions and our responsibilities as citizens.



Gov. Roberts signs Proclamation during "Week" sponsored by Providence, R.I., lodge. Left to right: Henry J. McQuillan, Thomas H. Black, Joseph E. Venditto, Exalted Ruler, Gov. Dennis J. Roberts, Robert J. Eaton, Chairman, John A. Gross, Vice-Chairman, and Louis W. Fenner.

ELKS

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES



Above: Pictured with a few of the guests at a party given at the Hyannis, Mass., Elks Fraternal Center for the personnel of the Camp Edwards Band were Judges P. M. Swift and Charles Goode, Police Chief H. W. Lawes, Jr., Board of Selectmen Chairman Victor Adams, E.R. William J. McArdle and the Fraternal Center Chairman, Elmer E. A. Richards.

Above: For the past three years, the Elks of Illinois have put on an Annual Carnival for the entertainment of servicemen at Vaughan Hospital. This picture was taken at the last one.

Right: A photograph taken during one of the frequent and very popular bingo games held by the Alabama Elks Committee in conjunction with the ladies of Montgomery Lodge.





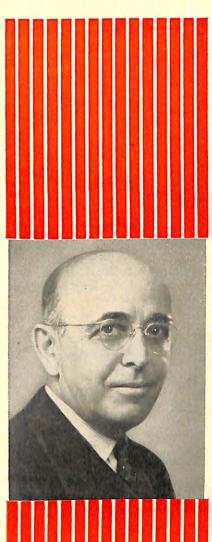
North Carolina Elks and their ladies circulate among the convalescent servicemen they entertain regularly at the VA Hospital in Asheville.



As part of the Wash. State Elks program, J. O. Belcher helps patients collate copies of the Walla Walla VA Hospital newspaper, "Fluoroscoop".

A MESSAGE FROM

THE GRAND EXALTED RULER





My dear Brothers:

Let me talk to you about a subject very close to my heart.

This Grand Lodge Year, 1952-53, in which I'm privileged to lead our Order marks the Silver Anniversary of the Elks National Foundation. I am Foundation-minded, as they say, because I have taken a part in the humanitarian projects of our Order which either have taken inspiration from the Foundation or have been financed, nourished, and encouraged by the Foundation. To me the Elks National Foundation is indeed the heart of Elkdom. I find in working with it and for it that warmth and glow that can be experienced only when one is conscious that he is performing a good and righteous act. I'm very much like you, my Brothers, and all the good-intentioned people—I wish to do so much but find that I can do so little personally because of lack of time or facility or both.

So I have seized upon this fine institution of our Order as the agency by which I may do so much that I wish to do in every department of good works and deeds. Through the Elks National Foundation I'm sending boys and girls to college who otherwise might be deprived of higher education; I'm helping to remold crippled children and give them opportunity for normal lives; I'm breaking down the confining walls and freeing the imprisoned minds of the thousands afflicted with Cerebral Palsy and giving these children of God their chance for a happy existence; I'm supporting summer camps, fresh air recreation centers, playgrounds, and swimming pools for the thousands of underprivileged children born and raised in the crowded cities; I'm fighting disease, healing the afflicted, extending tenderness to the unfortunate; I'm guiding the youth of America and training them for leadership of this wonderful country in the pattern of our great illustrious and patriotic forebears.

Do you wonder that I feel a thrill of satisfaction that while I am walking about as a practical everyday sort of fellow, I'm participating in merciful deeds and contributing to the well-being, success and happiness of my fellow man, and that this realization brings me contentment as I watch the glow of each day's setting sun.

Won't you join me in this daily journey by adopting the same means that I have found so effective and satisfying. Contribute to the Elks National Foundation! Do it now! Do it this year when it will mean so much to me as Grand Exalted Ruler and will help celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Foundation. Come my Brothers, join me in this splendid effort. I appeal to every individual Elk, to every Lodge, to every State Association to make a substantial donation to the Elks National Foundation so that through the combined efforts of over a million Elks, over sixteen hundred Lodges, and forty-eight State Associations there will be recorded for this Silver Anniversary year the greatest annual total in the history of the Elks National Foundation.

You will be giving away nothing. Every dollar donated is "bread cast upon the waters." There will come back to you and your state and your community more in material gain than you have given; and in addition, the happiness that you'll experience will be reward immeasurable.

"What you keep is lost— What you give is forever yours."

Sincerely and fraternally,

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SAM STERN

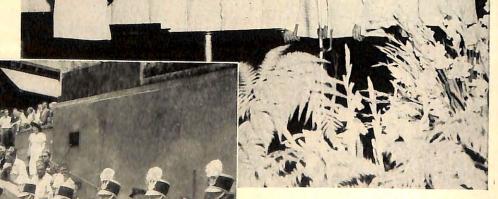
GRAND EXALTED RULER

Winners at the Convention



VERY Elk attending the Grand Lodge Convention is heartened by the inspiring and colorful presentations of the bands, choruses and drill teams. Each year at considerable personal sacrifice these talented groups come to the Grand Lodge Sessions to provide entertainment and dramatic effects. This year there was a particularly fine turnout and on these two pages we show eight of the groups present in New York, namely: The outstanding choruses from Hanover and York, Pa. The splendidly trained drill teams from Pottstown and Lancaster, Pa. The talented bands that came all the way from Fargo, N.D., and Great Falls, Mont. And the youthful and colorful Junior Drum and Bugle Corps from Evanston, Ill., and the Elks Boys Band from Washington, D.C.

The winning Senior Band, from the Fargo, N.D., lodge, in a colorful demonstration on Elks Day held at the Yankee Stadium.



The celebrated male chorus from Hanover, Pa., lodge, again was awarded top honors.

The new national championship drill team from Pottstown, Pa., at Rockefeller Center.



Business Outlook



BY DR. MARCUS NADLER

Dr. Nadler is Professor of Finance at New York University. This article is a follow-up of his forecasts for business conditions in 1952 which ran in January and May.

ISCUSSING the outlook for business in the May 1952 issue of The Elks Magazine, the author stated: "Business activity will continue at a high level during the second and third quarters of this year." Aside from the decline in the steel output caused by the prolonged strike, business activity in the aggregate during the second and third quarters remained at a high level and this high level of activity will in all probability continue for the remainder of the year. The steel strike did, however, have a pronounced effect on the immediate general business outlook. The sharp curtailment in the steel output led to reduced production in many steelconsuming industries, thus creating a new accumulated demand for a variety of commodities. This demand will, however, be filled in the not distant future.

In spite of this newly-created pent-up demand for many articles, particularly consumers' durable goods, aided further by the repeal of Regulation W under which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System had the power to regulate installment credit, it is becoming quite clear that the sellers' market in many lines is rapidly coming to an end. This fact will be of considerable importance not so much in the immediate future but rather toward the middle of next year when competition is bound to be keener than for many years past.

For the remainder of the year the general level of business activity will continue to be influenced by the following forces:

1: Steadily increasing military expenditures which create a demand for raw materials and labor.

2: Large capital expenditures by cor-

for the Fourth Quarter

porations—estimated for the present year at approximately \$26 billion, the highest since the end of the war.

3: High wages. The latter in many cases have increased beyond the rise in the cost of living, so that the real income of workers in most manufacturing industries is higher than before.

Although many sections of the country have been hard hit by the drought, crops, on the whole, are good, farm prices are high and hence farm income will remain at a high level.

The national income of the country continues upward and for the second quarter of 1952 stands at the annual rate of \$288.4 billion as compared with \$274.8 billion a year ago. The disposable income of the people, net after taxes, was, in the June, 1952, quarter, at the annual rate of \$231.5 billion as compared with \$223.2 billion a year ago. Moreover, the people are now not so savings-minded as they were a few months ago and hence a larger percentage of the disposable income is being spent. Thus, for example, while in the last quarter of 1951 personal savings ran at the annual rate of \$21 billion, and in the first three months of 1952 at \$17.3 billion, in the June, 1952, quarter the annual rate of savings was \$161/2 billion.

BUILDING GOES FORWARD

Building construction, although somewhat on a smaller scale than a year ago, so far this year is greater than originally anticipated and the total valuation of construction contracts awarded in the first six months this year amounted to \$7,758 million as compared with \$8,809 million for the corresponding period a year ago. (37 states, F. W. Dodge data.) Employment is at a high level and in all probability will remain at this level until seasonal factors cause a decline.

Although the effects of the steel strike are somewhat inflationary in character. and although the cost of living in the United States, notably food, has steadily increased in the last few months, the forces of inflation and deflation still remain in balance. There are both inflationary and deflationary forces operating in the economy and it is not very easy to draw conclusions as to which will predominate. The difficulty lies primarily in the fact that psychology plays such an important role and that the attitude of the ultimate consumer can have a pronounced effect on the movement of commodity prices.

On the inflationary side the increase in

wages in the steel industry, followed by similar increases in other industries, is the most important factor. At present it is not known what the attitude of the Coal Miners Union will be and whether we are to experience another prolonged strike. A prolonged coal strike would affect not only the coal industry but also a number of others and may bring about not only a slowing down in aggregate production, thereby creating a new pentup demand, but also actually increase the cost of production.

MAY BORROW

The government deficit is still large although not as great as envisaged by the President in the Budget Message of January. At that time it was believed that the Federal government would end the 1953 fiscal year with a deficit of \$14 billion. The revised estimates place this figure at around \$10 billion, which means that the Treasury may have to borrow an additional \$6 billion. Most of this money has already been borrowed by the Treasury and hence no additional open market offering of Treasury obligations may take place during the remainder of the year.

On the deflationary side mention should be made of the following developments:

1: Money is tight and in all probability the Reserve authorities will continue with their present credit policy for the rest of the year.

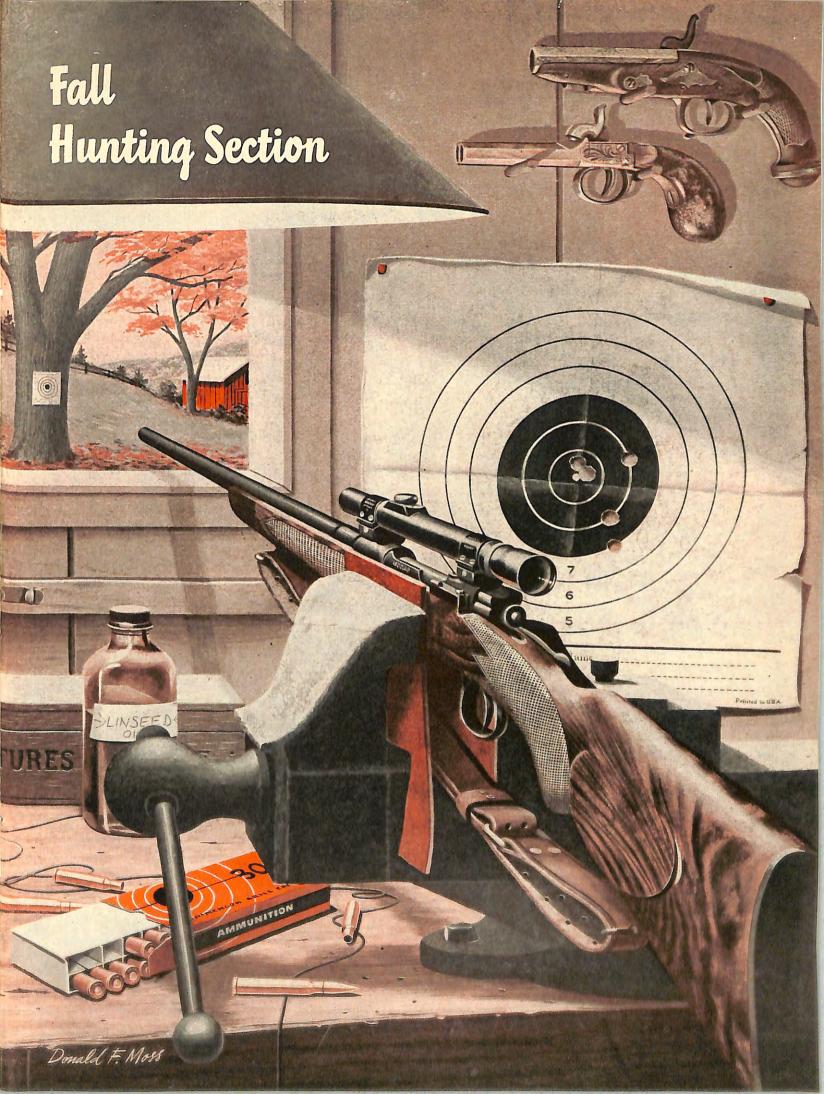
2: Exports from the United States are decreasing as compared with a year ago and in all probability this tendency will continue, particularly as regards manufactured articles. Competition from Europe is bound to increase.

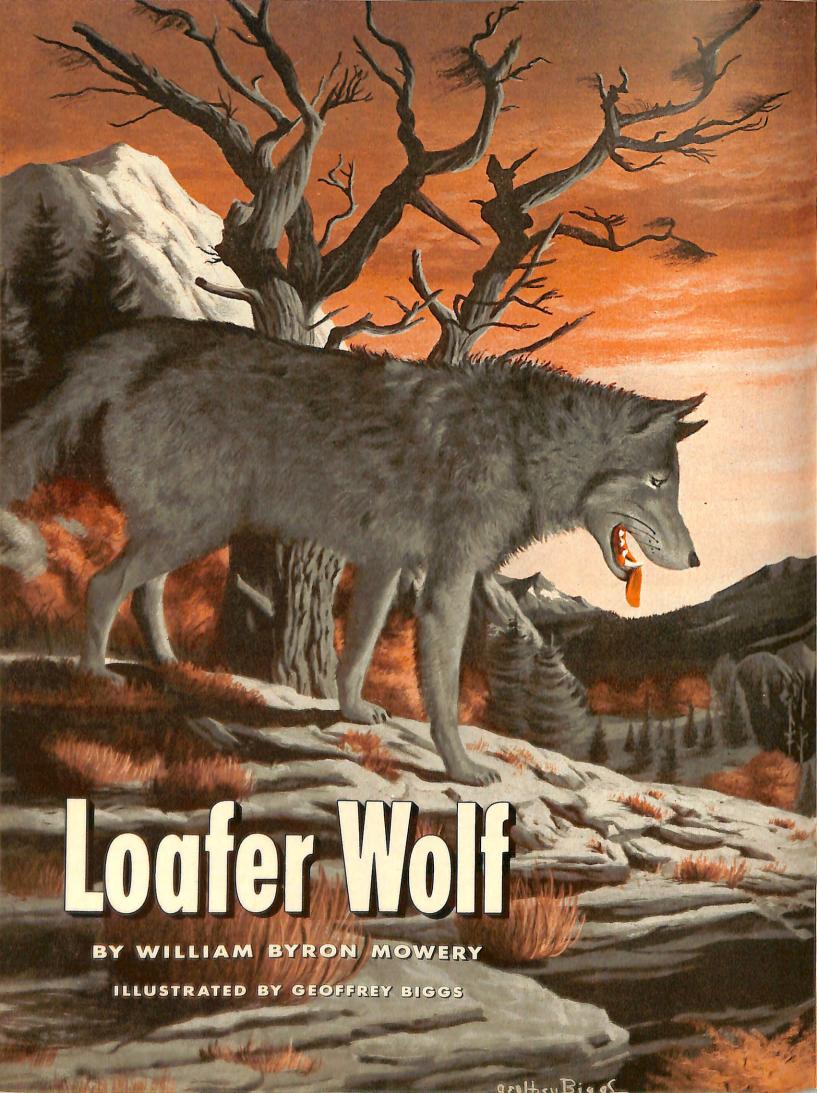
3: The productive capacity of the country is very great and is still increasing. Within a few weeks the losses caused by the steel strike will have been made up and the demand and supply for goods should again be in balance.

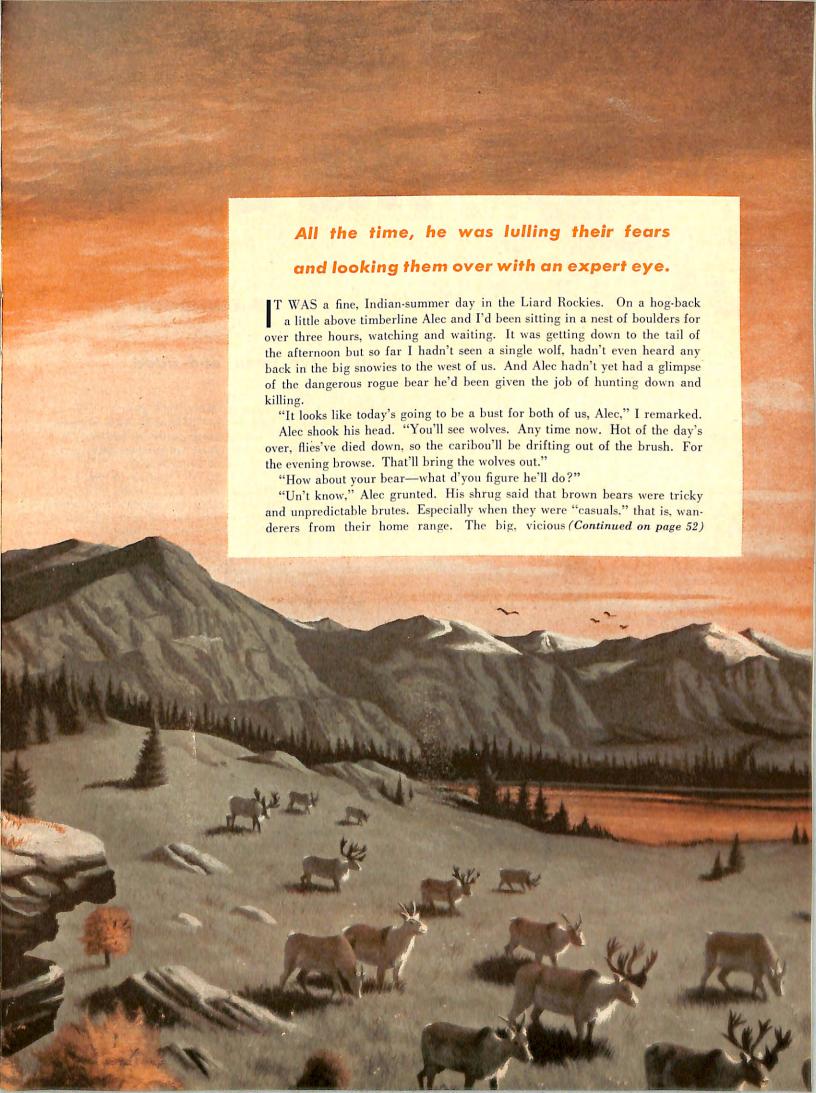
There are, however, certain possibilities which should not be overlooked and they are, briefly, as follows:

1—The outcome of the election. In an election year psychological forces always play an important role. Nobody can predict at present what the outcome of the election will be nor how the people at large will react to the result. In a period when the pent-up demand for commodities is still very great, as in 1948, the outcome of the election could not influence materially the level of business activity as is the case today when the

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Ted's encounters with smart bears have been one-sided.

AM a bear hunter. I state this as a fact for record. I am not a bear killer or a bear shooter or even a bear chaser up trees with hounds. I am simply a bear hunter.

There once was a time when I was not. Since those days, however, the bears and I have had certain experiences—all of which were decidedly to their advantage—and I have changed my mind. I propose to relate what brought about this reversal, as well as the subsequent developments.

It has been my good fortune to observe quite a lot of black bears undisturbed in the wilds. I love to watch them. Many of their actions are surprisingly like those of a person. Their shuffling gait as they sniff and nose around among the down logs and brush appears clumsy almost to the point of being ludicrous. When a bear decides to rip open one of those logs for the grubs inside, however, his strength is terrific. And when they spring into action, either from alarm or some other cause, their clumsiness vanishes instantly. Their movements become incredibly sure and swift.

Once when I was not a bear hunter, I shot a bear. I was deer hunting and he stepped out and I shot him, just like that. As soon as I pulled the trigger and knew that my aim was good, I regretted it. In the West the bears lead a harried existence. Government hunters pursue them relentlessly. Sheep herders kill them on sight. Some areas have no closed season whatever, and rare indeed is the man who will pass up a shot at a bear, even in summer. Old sows and cubs are killed as often as any others. So when I shot that first bear I felt as though I was picking on an animal that already had trouble enough without my adding to it.

For many seasons afterward, I steadfastly refused to shoot at any bear. I saw a lot of them. One fall alone, while hunting in a remote area where stock does not range and where, consequently, the bears are seldom molested, I saw eleven. I looked one of them right in the eye at a distance of no more than forty feet for several seconds. (Apparently I looked worse to him than he did to me: he left in a terrible rush.)

The others, while not so close, still provided fair shots. But I refused to molest them. I had nothing against the bears and I assumed that they had nothing against me. This may have been in error. My bear troubles began the next year.

That fall I shot a deer and hung the quarters, which I enclosed in cotton bags to keep the flies off, on a pole between two trees. The lowest points were about five feet above the ground. He remained there for several days, and when I went to get him with the packer we discovered that a bear had been enjoying a free meal. He had stood beneath the meat bags and eaten his fill.

Pete Barrett hunted with me that fall, and his game was hanging about three miles farther from camp than mine. We rode on to get Pete's first, and when we returned the robber was at his dirty work. Nobody had a gun. The bear glanced calmly at us over his shoulder as we approached and continued his meal. When we got uncomfortably close, he ambled away a short distance and sat down under a lodgepole pine.

This was too much. George McCoy, the packer, had his shepherd dog along. He sicked him on the bear and we rode after them as hard as we could go for half a mile. Bruin finally scrambled into a tangle of down timber and we gave up. This probably was just as well. I don't know what we'd have done with him if we had caught him. I certainly don't want to rassle a bear.

When we went back to load the meat on the pack horses, we discovered that he had eaten about forty pounds of loin —not a bite of anything else. As my friend Al Miller said when his sixteenyear-old boy ordered a \$400 shotgun, "Nothing too good for us Millers!" Apparently bruin figured there was "nothing too good for us bears."

The next fall, hunting in the same area, my wife and I really had bear trouble. First, one slipped into camp while we were out and made off with a side of bacon—our only bacon.

A couple of days later, I shot a deer. Knowing that there were a lot of bears around, I decided to make sure it would be safe until the packer came to bring it to camp. I built a tripod of poles, each twenty feet long and five inches through at the butt, and suspended the dressed carcass from it. The lowest point was a good eight feet off the ground. Then, positive it would be all right. I hunted in the other direction from camp for several days.

When I returned, I discovered that the bears were more clever than I had



and I

Illustrated by William Von Riegen

thought. Judging from the tracks, a whole bevy of them had been there. They had gnawed one leg of the tripod in two. After it toppled over they had eaten every trace of the deer, except for a few scraps of bone and some hair.

I sat on the hillside 200 yards away and watched for six hours, hoping that some more incautious or more-hungry bear would return to the scene of the robbery in search of tidbits that had been missed before. None did.

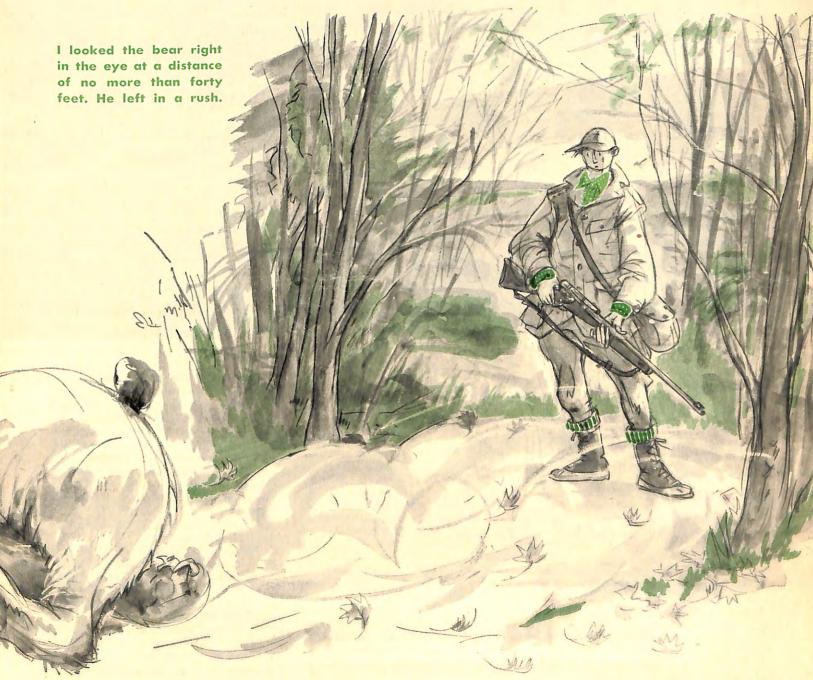
During this long vigil, of course, I was determined to shoot a bear. I was not yet a bear hunter, however. I intended to shoot one of the bears that had eaten my deer, but if I had seen one a mile away from the scene of the crime, on my way back to camp, I probably would not have shot at it. I was wavering, but not convinced. The clincher came after I got in.

As soon as I did, my wife told me that she had spent most of the day guarding her deer because she could tell from the tracks that a bear had been snooping around it within the last few hours. It was about a quarter mile from camp in the other direction. I went back with her and we hung the quarters from a pole between two smooth, slender trees. When we had it twenty feet off the ground we decided it was safe—I was getting to the point where I didn't intend to take any chances.

Then we laid the remaining parts in an open spot and retreated a hundred yards downwind to watch. No bears showed up before dark. The next morning, our bait was gone.

The deer that I had shot was already hung high, a short distance from hers.

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The mystery of the shotgun lies in the fact that the wing shot must literally shoot where they aren't.

"How can you miss?"

BY DAN HOLLAND ILLUSTRATED BY C. E. MONROE, JR.

The uninitiated's question is quickly answered when he tries wing shooting.

SHOTGUN shooting should be easy. Anyone knows that—especially anyone who has never tried it. Inform a nonshooter, for instance, that the shell commonly used on the skeet field contains approximately 650 pellets, one or two of which can possibly break a clay target or bring down a bird in the field, and his comments will assure you that it is easy. Among other things, he is almost certain to ask: "How can you miss?"

Even more interesting than getting this immediate impression is watching the consternation of such a person the first few times he fires a shotgun at a moving target. After a few unsuccessful attempts, he'll probably conclude that some kind of a trick is being played on him, that it wouldn't be possible to fire a pattern of 650 pellets and miss so consistently.

It's enough to make anyone scratch his head when he tries to reconcile the facts



this 30-mile-an-hour target were crossing at right angles to the line of fire, the shot-gun charge would have to be directed 4 feet ahead of it in order to connect. This distance is what is known as lead. It is the basis of all wing shooting.

Lead is a common phenomenon in everyday life. A football player tosses a pass well ahead of his intended receiver in order that they will arrive at the same point at the same time. A person meeting a train leads it a matter of miles. Or, in reverse, a driver on the highway judges the speed and direction of another car, such as one traveling a crossroad, in order not to intercept it. There's no mystery in the fact of lead. The trick is to put it into practice.

Ballistics, applied so successfully to the relatively exact science of rifle shooting, have little place in practical field shooting with a shotgun. There are too many variables: the speed and angle of flight of the target, for instance, and its distance from the gun, not to mention the various human factors involved. Resolving these in the split second that a flying target is within effective range of a shotgun doesn't give much time for ballistics. However, in order to give the gunner a definite idea of the meaning of lead in shotgun shooting, the following table, compiled by the Remington Arms Company, is presented.

LEAD IN FEET REQUIRED FOR A 30-MPH CROSSING TARGET (12-Gauge Loads)

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Dram		Shot	100	Ran	ge in Y	ards	22	
Equiv.	Shot Wt.	Size	10	20	30	40	50	
33/4	11/4	2	1.1	2.3	3.7	5.1	6.8	
		4	1.1	2.3	3.8	5.3	7.0	
		5	1.1	2.4	3.8	5.4	7.1	
		6	1.1	2.4	3.9	5.5	7.3	
		71/2	1.1	2.4	4.0	5.7	7.6	
31/4	11/8	4	1.1	2.4	3.9	5.5	7.2	
7.4	,,	5	1.1	2.5	4.0	5.6	7.4	
	,	6	1.1	2.5	4.0	5.7	7.5	
		8	1.2	2.6	4.2	6.0	8.0	
3	1	4	1.2	2.5	4.0	5.5	7.3	
		4 5	1.2	2.5	4.0	5.7	7.5	
		6	1.2	2.5	4.1	5.7	7.6	
		71/2	1.2	2.6	4.2	5.9	7.9	
31/4	11/4	71/2	1.2	2.6	4.2	6.0	8.0	
		8	1.2	2.6	4.2	6.1	8.1	
3	11/8	4	1.2	2.5	4.0	5.7	7.4	
		4 5	1.2	2.5	4.1	5.8	7.6	
		6	1.2	2.6	4.1	5.8	7.7	
		71/2	1.2	2.6	4.2	6.0	8.1	
		8	1.2	2.6	4.3	6.1	8.2	
23/4	11/8	71/2	1.3	2.7	4.3	6.2	8.3	
	- 40	8	1.3	2.7	4.4	6.3	8.5	

One thing that this table proves conclusively is the futility of using heavy loads for normal field shooting. The inclination of most unsuccessful shots seems to be to resort to heavier and heavier loads. They assume, I suppose, that the heavier powder loads will compensate somehow for their lack of judgment in lead. All they accomplish, however, is to punish their shoulders with the harder-kicking ammunition. Within normal shooting range-30 yards-the difference in lead indicated on the chart between the lightest and heaviest loads of 7½s, for instance, is about 3½ inches. In other words, it is negligible.

At long-distance shooting—50 yards or more—the gunner could naturally assume

that heavy powder loads would be essential. The fact is that long shots are seldom missed simply because of lack of penetrating power of shot. Lead becomes increasingly difficult with distance, and this is the principle cause for missing the long and high ones, but also the pattern becomes somewhat less effective with distance. The range of a shotgun is definitely limited; yet the ability of most of us to shoot is even more limited. Without exception that I can think of, the wing shots in my acquaintance with the most experience behind them don't find it necessary to resort to high-base ammunition. They know their capabilities are limited to the effective range of light loads.

To get back to lead, the figures on the above table mean nothing if the lead is not properly applied. The first rule the wing shot must drill into his head is to swing and follow through. Any lead he applies will be erased immediately if he fails to follow through. As mentioned earlier, a 30-mile-an-hour target will travel four feet in a tenth of a second. It takes easily this much time for the gunner's trigger finger to react to his desire to shoot, for the hammer to fall and for the primer to ignite the powder. In other words, if he applies the proper lead, stops his swing and pulls the trigger, the target will be long gone before the shot gets out there. Some gunners react slower than others; so, by stopping their swing, could easily be shooting 8 or 10 feet behind the target without realizing it. This, I think, is the most common cause for missing. If the swing is continued—if there is a steady follow-through as, and after, the trigger is pulled-it makes no difference what fractional delay there may be in touching off the shell. Many is the ruffed grouse that has been dropped 10 and 12 feet after it disappeared behind a screen of leaves simply because the hunter continued his swing with the bird's flight.

Unfortunately, most gunners who are missing don't realize that they freeze the gun just as they pull. A few dry runs with an empty gun will help overcome this handicap.

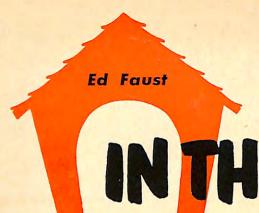
Next comes the matter of applying the proper amount of lead. As interesting as the above table is, it is humanly impossible to make calculations from it in the field. Even if a great variety of leads had been computed from this table for various angles, speeds and distances and well memorized, who has the ability to judge that a duck is exactly 40 yards away, for instance, and is flying 45 miles per hour at a 70-degree angle to the line of fire? Any such attempt would be a disastrous approach to wing shooting.

The handiest method of applying lead is a continuation of the swing-and-follow through method of shooting described above. Briefly, it works as follows: the gun is swung from behind the bird in its line of flight past it and ahead, the trigger being squeezed as the gun passes the target. This tends to apply lead auto-

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of a shotgun with a few easy misses. Even today, after shooting a shotgun ever since I was big enough to lift one to my shoulder, I sometimes stop and ask myself the uninitiated's same question: "How can you miss like that?"

The mystery of the shotgun lies in the fact that the wing shot must literally shoot where they aren't. He seldom aims directly at a target as does the rifle shooter; instead, he fires at an imaginary point in space somewhere ahead of the moving target where he thinks it is going to be a moment later. The explanation is that a shotgun charge travels at a comparatively slow rate of speed. It requires a normal load roughly one-tenth of a second from the instant it leaves the muzzle to travel a distance of 30 yards. A tenth of a second doesn't sound like much time; however, a target moving at 30 miles an hour will go about 4 feet in this fraction of time. Obviously, then, if



Hunting dogs in the field are subject to accidents—here's how to meet the emergency.

IN THE DOGHOUSE

UST how far back the association of men and dogs in the business or sport of hunting goes nobody can precisely say. On the walls of caves inhabited by prehistoric man crude drawings of dogs pursuing game have been found. Likewise, on the walls of tombs and other buildings erected as far off as 4,000 years ago in Egypt frescoes and carvings of dogs depicted in hunting activities are still to be seen. The dogs very much resemble the Afghan hounds and salukis of our own times. Both breeds, incidentally, are seldom seen other than at some of the larger dog shows. Tapestries of the Middle Ages show hunting scenes which include dogs, mostly of a mastiff type.

All of which is understandable when we realize that the dog was the first of all the animals to be domesticated by man. It is easy to believe that hunting, the pursuit of game, was one of the principal reasons why dogs were attracted to men. The attraction was undoubtedly mutual. Men could kill game with bow and arrow or spear at a safe distance but could not track it or bring it to bay as quickly as the dog. The dog, too, could follow the quarry into places inaccessible to men and rout it out for the hunter to make the kill. Thus it wasn't a sporting pastime but a matter of survival-the grim business of getting enough food for the day, or at least to ward off starva-

It is only when history began to be recorded by ancient races that we find evidence of dogs used for hunting as a sport. The dog today, as assistant to the hunter, is invaluable. Due to hundreds of years of training that have been given to some of the breeds, certain of them are experts, skilled as a result of this training plus their instinctive desire to hunt. I speak now of the setters, the spaniels, the pointers, the retrievers and all of the bounds. The first named breeds are classified as sporting dogs and their hunting is largely by scent. The hounds are sight hunters depending upon their great speed to keep the quarry in sight.

Few, if any, dogs are disinclined to

hunt. Even the smallest of the toy dogs often will show surprising desire to perform as huntsmen and this goes for the lady of the species as well as for her brother. In the matters of hunting instinct coupled with ancestral training I recently saw a striking example shown in the person of a young beagle, one still a pup. I was on a neighbor's ground talking with him one morning when young Mr. Beagle nosed his way through some bushes that divided our respective properties. Now as much as I like dogs, I don't extend that feeling to strays and was about to shoo the purp away when suddenly he "froze," nose and tail quivering, body tense, one forepaw raised from the ground. We looked in the direction the dog was pointing and there some ten yards away a rabbit sat on its haunches, unconcerned until it saw the dog. The rabbit then bee-lined for a nearby patch of woods, with the pup streaking after it. "The pooch was a picture when pointing wasn't he?" I asked my friend. "Yes,

he replied, "and I happen to know that he's never been in the field before. Frank (another neighbor) hasn't started to train him but that pup won't need much schooling for rabbits."

Yes, to a man who hunts, a good field dog is much more than just a pet and companion. Such a dog is a full partner and one that is invaluable. A dog of this sort usually, if he has an intelligent owner, is better cared for than the average house pet but short of war and police work such dogs are more likely victims of accidents than the sheltered house dog or even the working farm dog. This isn't because some hunters are bad shots, and certainly not because they are deliberately injured by shooters. The sporting dog in the field working for game does so with zest and enthusiasm but the going is often hard and exhausting. This explains why some of the smaller spaniels are not used very often as hunters. The American cocker spaniel is a good ex-

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Ewing Galloway photo.



Remarkable action shot of a setter after a fallen bird.



Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, fourth from left, presents Elks National Foundation Awards for Montana to Helen J. Haftle who also won third-place National honors, and Richard Waterman, second from left. Left: State Committee Chairman H. L. Zahn; right, retiring Pres. Joseph Wegesser.

VIRGINIA

Approximately 900 Elks, many accompanied by their families, attended the 43rd Annual Convention of the Va. Elks Assn. at Roanoke Aug. 10, 11 and 12, during which Norfolk Lodge won Ritualistic honors over three other entries.

Highlighting the morning business session on the 11th were the very fine addresses delivered by newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett who joined the other visitors in inspecting the 130-acre Boys Camp operated by the Va. Elks near Clifton Forge. This organization has invested approximately \$55,000 in this camp, now in its fourth year of operation with 240 youngsters enjoying the four two-week camping periods this year. A trophy, donated by Mrs. C. J. Siegrist of Newport News, was presented to Ryland Carper as the most outstanding boy at the Camp this year by the Camp Assn. Pres. Morris L. Masinter. John L. Walker, a member of the Grand Forum and Chairman of the State Scholarship Committee, presented two \$400 Elks National Foundation awards, to Miss Beverly A. Rakes of Roanoke. Mr. Walker also gave Ronald K. Wood of Martinsville a \$100 Bond as the winner of the Va. Youth Activities Contest.

John H. Thornton, Jr., of Roanoke was the speaker at the impressive Memorial Services, and retiring Pres. Charles D. Fox, Jr., was host at a breakfast held in honor of Mr. Stern and Dr. Barrett.

The delegates heard a report on the splendid work being done for veterans in the State under the Chairmanship of Morris Lutto, and enjoyed many entertaining social activities planned by D.D. Paul S. Johnson, General Chairman. They decided to meet in Charlottesville next year and elected the following to office: Pres., John R. Schafe, Alexandria; 1st

Vice-Pres., Joseph Marcus, Norfolk; 2nd Vice-Pres., Walter E. Barrick, Sr., Danville; 3rd Vice-Pres., Francis J. Howard, Hampton; Treas., Donald S. McClarin, Norfolk; Secy., Charles F. Curtice, Petersburg; Trustees (five years) Charles D. Fox, Jr., Roanoke; two years John H. Liesfeld, Richmond; Chaplain, V. King Pifer, Hampton; Sgt.-at-Arms, R. Chess McGhee, Lynchburg; Tiler, Dan W. Cheshire, Martinsville.

MONTANA

The 1952 Annual Convention of the Mont. State Elks Assn. was an outstanding affair, celebrating the organization's 50th Anniversary and welcoming Sam Stern of Fargo. N. D., on his first official visit as Grand Exalted Ruler July 24, 25 and 26.

The members of Great Falls Lodge No. 214, headed by Co-Chairmen W. Les Hill, newly-elected Grand Tiler, and E.R. Charles Noble, were official hosts,

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arranging a well-rounded program of entertainment for the nearly 2,000 Elks and their wives who were on hand to represent Montana's 23 lodges.

Mayor James B. Austin extended his city's welcome to the Conventioneers who heard retiring Pres. Joseph Wegesser report that the State's membership had a net increase of 947 during the year, reaching a peak of 20,250. He added that the host lodge led the rolls with 2,424 members.

Concerning the charitable endeavors of this Assn., 22 of the lodges have Bucks Clubs which have expended \$12,000 helping needy children. It was reported that 87 per cent of the lodges made donations to hospitals and dental clinics for children; 100 per cent donated to the Boy Scouts, and 73 per cent to the entertainment of hospitalized servicemen; and to the sponsorship of one or more boys to the Boys State youth camp.

A large delegation of Elk and civic (Continued on page 28)



P.E.R. Guy Tyler of Atlanta Lodge, right, presents the Elks National Foundation Awards for Georgia to first-prize winner Miss Lois Statham and second-prize student Herman Jones during the State meeting. In the background 1951-52 Grand Chaplain Rev. Fr. James A. King appears at left, while Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland can be seen between the students.

News of the Lodges

Albuquerque Elks' Cerebral Palsy Aid Reaps Double Benefits

The Cerebral Palsy Out Patient Clinic and Day School located near Albuquerque. N. M., Lodge, No. 461, was started three years ago and is the first and only functioning project for this affliction in the State. It has grown from a day school for five pupils to an operation that last year examined 125 victims and arranged for home and school therapy for many it could not aid directly.

Its staff, composed mainly of local medical specialists who donate their time and services, has only three salaried members. Its speech therapist is a local girl, Miss Jane Powell, who on July 1st completed her training for this work under a generous grant of the Elks National Foundation. Miss Powell wished to return to Albuquerque to assist the clinic but the budget of the Crippled Children's Society which has assumed sponsorship of the institution, could not supply adequate funds to pay her salary.

To assure their city and State the benefit of Miss Powell's services, and since there was no working project in cerebral palsy among the N. M. Elks at this time.

Albuquerque Lodge voted unanimously a \$3,000 grant to guarantee Miss Powell's employment at the clinic. With the addition of this trained speech therapist to the staff, the clinic expects to double its present annual case load.

Bristol County, R. I., Lodge Instituted at Warren

Bristol County Lodge No. 1860 came into being at ceremonies conducted by D.D. Anthony F. Lawrence before more than 100 Grand Lodge officials and members of the Order. Following this part of the program, E.R. Arthur Cormier and his fellow officers of Fall River, Mass., Lodge initiated 61 new Elks who, with 15 dimitting from other lodges, elected Frederick E. Lohse as their first E.R. Mr. Lohse and the other officers of No. 1860 were installed by P.E.R. Charles Thompson of Providence Lodge.

The event took place after a parade through the center of Warren, scene of the ceremony, and climaxed three months of intense effort by an organizing committee headed by Mr. Lawrence and Jerome A. Bernstein.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F.

Malley was the principal speaker on the program. Others who addressed the gathering were Vice-Chairman Thomas J. Brady of the Board of Grand Trustees, Chairman Edward A. Spry of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, R. I. State Elks Assn. Pres. Thomas Page and Mr. Bernstein.

Manila, P. I., Elks Hold Three-Star Celebration

Patriotism to the United States of America was the keynote of the triple celebration held by Elkdom's only lodge on foreign soil. Existing on special dispensation of the Grand Lodge, Manila Lodge No. 761 selected Flag Day as the date of its Golden Jubilee and burning of the mortgage on its \$500,000 lodge home. Rededicated in 1949 by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, the handsome edifice was erected from the rubble to which it had been reduced during World War II. The 50-year-old lodge which began its existence with 60 members now has 600.

Major General Albert Pierson, Chief of the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group to the Philippines, was the prin-



Above: E.R. Dante Vaio, right, presents Albuquerque, N. Mex., Lodge's \$3,000 gift to Pres. Arthur Spiegel of the Board of Directors and Mrs. George Bryan, a Member of the Board of the Cerebral Palsy Outpatient Clinic, to assist in defraying the salary of a qualified speech therapist for the clinic staff, Miss Jane Powell, a local girl who received a Cerebral Palsy Fellowship grant from the Elks National Foundation.

Right: Parkersburg, W. Va., Lodge officers wear the beautiful ceremonial "collars" presented to them by the family of the late Robert S. Davis.





Above: Miss Claudé Godard representing France in the first annual "Miss Universe" Contest in Long Beach, Calif., rides on the beautiful float sponsored by the local Elks Lodge.

cipal speaker on the program, and P.E.R. Frank Bertell, D.D., and Col. Henry Gilhouser, Chairman of the lodge's Trustees, conducted the mortgage-burning ceremony. The ritual was followed by a dinner-dance at which E.R. and Mrs. A. C. Davis were hosts.

Duncan, Okla., Elks Promote Youth Athletic Activities

The members of Duncan Lodge No. 1446 have the interest of the young people of their community at heart and prove it with a very worthwhile program. During the past year, the lodge has spent well over \$2,000 on its Summer Youth Program in which a great many boys have benefited. Duncan was host to the Statewide Junior Olympics track meet whose first three-place winners were eligible for competition in the Southern District Olympics in Houston.

Stillwater, Okla., Lodge Instituted

Past State Elks Assn. Pres. John M. Collin of Shawnee had the pleasure of presenting the gavel of office to his son Broughton Collin when he was installed as Exalted Ruler of the new Stillwater Lodge No. 1859 by State Vice-Pres. Earl McCroskey. On hand for the ceremony were members from many lodges throughout the area, and many Grand Lodge officials, among them, Chairman Earl E. James of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.



Above: This is the last picture taken of Wis. State Assn. Pres. L. C. Welch, left, before he crashed in his plane on a flight to visit relatives in the State of Wash. His body was found later on the top of a mountain. The picture commemorates the presentation of the Ringling Bros. Memorial to Baraboo Lodge as the gift of the Wis. Elks Assn. Second from left is the Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, second from right, Committee Chairman H. J. Steeps, and right, F. L. Fawcett.



This photograph commemorates the institution of Rhode Island's new lodge in Bristol County.



This magnificent float won a prize for Pittsfield, Mass., Lodge in a recent patriotic parade.



Montmarte, the artists' quarter and colorful center of Bohemian life in Paris.

BY HORACE SUTTON

There's a beautiful new French liner to take you to the unforgettable city—Paris.

REAT CLOUDS of French atmosphere rolled over New York this summer with the arrival of the new French ship, the Flandre. It was like that when the Ile de France came back after the war, all refit and reconditioned. Those who could recall memories of Paris, and there are thousands of these, thought nostalgic thoughts and dabbed at their eyes with handkerchiefs.

The arrival of any new French ship seems to start the process all over again, and it was rather like that with the Flandre, even though her entry was somewhat despoiled by a series of mechanical malfunctions that caused her finally to be towed to port. At any rate the Flandre is a good deal smaller than the United States, reported upon in this corner some

weeks back; she is also somewhat larger than anybody's yacht, although certainly she has that *intime* and yacht-like appearance.

I think it's necessary to begin a description of the Flandre with its swimming pool, since it is the center of a lovely little corner in the aft quarters. The pool, I hasten to tell you, is out of doors, which presupposes that the Compagnic Générale Transatlantique is going to try its hand in the Mer Caribbean. There will shortly, I suspect, be some announcements about winter cruises. Surrounding the pool are a number of sun-sheltered tables supplied by a bar in the corner which somehow give the impression of a very elegant cafe tucked away on a gorgeous estate. It portends many lazy.

luxurious, sun-swept afternoons, men in blue blazers, ladies in summer frippery, exchanging international bon-mots while riding the waves to somewhere that's chic.

As for the interior, the first class cabins are done in that inlaid and paneled wood motif that is so representative of Gallic styling. The quarters are not oversized, nor do they contain the latest products of gimcrackery, yet they manage to be both plush and comfortable, and to convey that rich French feeling long before you have set foot ashore at Le Hayre.

Great spirit and imagination has been shown in the decorations for the children's playrooms, and that goes almost as much for the one in cabin class as the one in first. The offspring of the first class traveler will sit on the fanciest of chairs to watch a Punch 'n Judy Show, while the cabin class tots will be dissuaded from mischief by such lures as a rocking zebra, and a bicycle that doesn't go anywhere.

The Flandre will cruise at twenty-two knots, compared to the record of near forty rung up by the United States in taking the Atlantic Blue Ribbon. She is named for the French province, and is the second ship of her name in French Line service. The first Flandre went into service in 1914 and carried 353 passengers on the curious route from the port of St. Nazaire in France to Vera Cruz, Mexico. The new Flandre is the first passenger ship built in France since the end of the war and follows in size the Liberté and the Ile de France among French Line ships. This later model will carry 378 passengers in first class and 274 in cabin class. There is no tourist class.

About the same time the Flandre arrived, there arrived, too, a small booklet about Paris which bore no title on the cover, merely an exciting, brilliantly colored sketch by Raoul Dufy, A blue Seine sailed under white bridges, watched over by a red Eiffel Tower on one side and a red, white and blue rainbow on the other. A dim suggestion of Sacré Coeur rose in the upper left hand corner.

All this proved to be a handy guide dispensed by French tourist people over here, designed, I dare say, to waken the slumbering spirits that send travelers surging again and again to Paris. This department's spirits were awakened with a minimum of difficulty. "The early morning mists on the Seine, the lazy-plying

barges, the ever-patient instermen, the gaunt leafless trees along the quays in fall, the flowering horse-chestnut trees in spring, the breath-taking vistas from the bridges. . . ." is the way this diabolical little book began.

There was a word about the people who live in Paris, and the mere mention of the types (they say teeps) will bring visions to one's mind of Parisians he has known—"the girl in the shop, the scurrying midinette, the sophisticated mannequin of the Haute Couture, the subway ticket-puncher, the bus conductor, the concierge in the hotel, the garçon in the cafe." These are people any Parisian visitor knows intimately.

This being France, there are some immediate words in the booklet about the purchase and care of wine or brandy. For example, should you purchase direct from a producer, you need an acquit-àcaution on which must be inscribed your passport number, date of sailing and the port from which you depart. There is a word of caution to bear in mind one's state laws. If you carry wine or brandy, which you intend to take home, in your car you must have a congé which you get when you buy the stuff. And on the subject of cars, should you bring one with you, don't lend it to anyone except a nonresident of France and then only with a permit. Don't tamper with this regulation. the fine is seven times the value of your

There are many notes about transportation inside Paris, all of which are bound to stir deep and disquieting longings. There are some words about the Métro. the Parisian subway system, whose station walls glow with posters announcing all that goes on in Paris. The Métro maps which adorn each subway entrance have become a sort of symbol of the city, and I have seen them hanging in the American homes of Francophiles, all laminated. framed and revered like an original Matisse. There are some words, too, about the bus system which I have never mastered with the same finesse as the Métro. One should know about the strange discipline by which normally undisciplined Frenchmen form a line when waiting for a bus, or at stops that are so equipped. take a numbered slip from a dispensing box, and board the vehicle in the order called by the conductor. You've got to be able, of course, to count in French.

Then there are the taxis. All 10,600 of them. They don't seem nearly like 10,600 when you are trying to find one, or, having found one, are trying to persuade the mustachioed driver to take that black hood off his meter and get to work. He will insist that it is a.) lunchtime, b.) dinnertime, or c.) that it is quitting time, and he will take you only if your destination coincides with his.

The booklet lists a series of "Musts," and to my mind the selection is one of the best offered in any guide. It does not say that one *must* tramp to the Eiffel Tower, the tomb of Napoleon, the Arch of Triumph, and other works of iron and stone, although these are indeed things to see. To get the feel of Paris is to see Paris

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The new French Liner "S.S. Flandre" as she sailed from Dunkirk to Le Havre.



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dignitaries, including W. E. Blanchette, Secy. to Gov. John W. Bonner, welcomed the Order's new leader, with the Kalispell Drum and Bugle Corps providing the musical background. Mr. Stern rode in state in the Elks Special, a 1910 White touring car, to the Meadow Lark Country Club where a banquet was held in his honor by State officials.

At the morning business session the Grand Exalted Ruler made an excellent address, pointing out the importance of strict adherence to the principles of our charitable and patriotic Order. Mr. Stern then presented to Helen Joann Haftle of Missoula, the \$700 award she won as third-place student in the Elks National Foundation's Scholarship Contest, and the \$300 award she earned as the State's top scholar. He also gave a \$300 award to Richard Waterman of Helena. The distinguished visitor then recommended that Henry L. Zahn be reappointed as Montana's Scholarship Committee Chairman. Later, he accepted a \$1,000



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation, left, and retiring State Pres. Charles D. Fox, Jr., right, look on approvingly as John L. Walker, member of the Grand Forum, presents the \$400 Most Valuable Student Award for Virginia to Beverly A. Rakes.

check for the Elks National Foundation from Chairman P. E. McBride of the State Board of Trustees.

An impressive Memorial Service was well attended with State Vice-Pres. Oskar O. Lympus delivering the address and the Elks Choraliers adding a great deal of color to the occasion.

While the delegates were in session the ladies, under the able guidance of the Elks' Ladies Committee, were entertained at luncheons, a style show, a Variety Show, and, with their husbands, enjoyed dancing every evening in the lodge's new ballroom where a topflight team imported from New York City put on a floor show each night. Musical groups performed nightly outside the lodge home, with the Great Falls Elks famous Drum and Bugle Corps putting on their unusual Indian act. An excellent Band Concert and Drum and Bugle Corps exhibition were held in the local high school stadium.

In cooperation with the Loyal Order of the Moose, which was also in State

conclave at that time, the Mont. Elks combined their units and held their Convention parades simultaneously, making a gigantic pageant which delighted thousands of spectators.

The 1953 Convention of this Assn. will be held in Havre, the delegates decided, after electing the following new officers: Pres., DeWitt O'Neill, Kalispell; 1st Vice-Pres., Oskar O. Lympus, Missoula; 2nd Vice-Pres., Les Boodry, Miles City; Secy.-Treas., A. Trenerry, Billings; Trustees Peter McBride, Anaconda; Ray Griffin, Billings; Harold Snyder, Cut Bank.

MICHIGAN

The delegates to the 46th Annual Convention of the Mich. Elks Assn. convened in Kalamazoo this year. Among the honored guests of this Meeting were the 1951-52 Grand Exalted Ruler, Howard R. Davis, Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters, Geo. F. Thornton of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, Grand Tiler Irvine J. Unger, Hugh L. Hartley of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, Ind. State Pres. Roy Jorg, Claude Thompson, former Grand Lodge Committeeman, and several Elk officials of Ill.

Over 300 Elks and their ladies attended the banquet in honor of retiring Pres. Jay H. Payne, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman, when awards were presented to the winning Ritualistic and Degree Teams. Ritualistic honors were won by Lansing, first; Niles, second, and Iron River, third. Lansing Lodge's entry also won first place in the Degree Team competition, with Kalamazoo placing second, and Grand Rapids, Owosso and Battle Creek tying for third place.

Before the conclusion of the banquet, Past Pres. Owen J. Gavigan installed the officers for the coming year: Pres., C. A. Ahnstrom, Muskegon; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Chas. T. Noble, Niles; Secy., Leland L. Hamilton, Niles; Treas., James

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Pictured at the Wisconsin meeting, left to right: State Foundation Committee Chairman George Kroening, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Most Valuable Students R. R. Paske and Miss J. C. Kaupie, State Foundation Award winner Duane Williams, State Scholarship Committee Chairman R. M. Naset, State Pres. E. H. Lattimer and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton.





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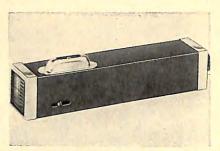
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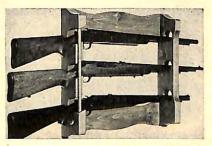




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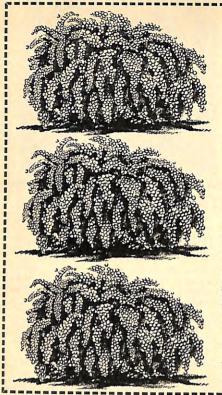


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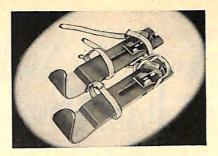
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BY BASIL O'CONNOR

President of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

THRILL of excitement these days pervades the headquarters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in thousands of counties across the land. There are a number of reasons.

For one thing, this is the time of year when we survey the returns of the most recent March of Dimes. This year we are particularly elated because it is now clear that the American people, some 75,000,000 of them, have contributed the precedent-shattering total of over \$41,000,000 to the fight against polio. This is an increase of 24 per cent over the 1951 March of Dimes, when \$33,269,000 was given.

This gives us some hope, at least, that we can come closer this year to matching our financial resources with current polio needs. The National Foundation has approached the end of each of the past four years owing millions of dollars. In 1952, even in the face of rising treatment costs, this heart-warming support from the public at last may prove sufficient.

But more important than the actual increase in figures, is the evidence implicit in them that the citizens of this country are more determined than ever to lick polio—and to lick it through the March of Dimes. Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have joined in this declaration of purpose in no uncertain terms.

Interested always in helping the crippled child, lodge after lodge in all parts of the country has participated in the annual appeal and made substantial cash contributions to the anti-polio crusade as well.

Another and even more significant reason for excitement is the great progress in scientific research recently reported. An important milestone on the long and arduous trail leading to the eventual control of polio was passed not long ago.

Two research scientists, working independently on projects financed by the National Foundation, found that the polio virus exists in the blood stream of experimental animals before *outward* symptoms of the disease appear. If the same condition prevails with children and adults who contract infantile paralysis, its discovery is a big jump toward the conquest of polio. For if viremia (virus in the blood stream) is a prerequisite to paralytic polio in human beings, as it seems to be in cynomolgous monkeys, then the prospect of *preventing* paralysis is good.

Experimental findings suggest that polio virus invading our blood stream can be disarmed by a relatively small battalion of antibodies, acting as shock troops. Such quantities of antibodies theoretically could be mobilized by injecting human beings with a blood fraction or by inducing their production in the body as a result of vaccination.

If these theories some day are borne out, Elks everywhere will have cause to rejoice with every other individual and organization that has supported the March of Dimes with both money and volunteer work. For they will have helped to make possible this next step in the relentless forward march in the war against polio.

And this brings me to a third reason for the excitement in the ranks of polio fighters in the National Foundation's three thousand chapters. Grantees of the National Foundation actually conducted tests in the field last summer which should go a long way toward proving whether or not an effective polio preventive is possible.

We dare not be over-optimistic. Until large-scale tests on thousands of children are completed and their results thoroughly evaluated, we must not allow hope to rise to unwarranted heights. This inevitably would result in great discouragement, if the ultimate victory does not come as easily or as quickly as we had hoped.

Still, those who have participated in the fight on infantile paralysis through contributions to the March of Dimes, or by sponsoring special events on its behalf, have a right to feel proud of these latest, hopeful achievements.

Happily for all of us, the day of the struggling, perhaps starving, scientist, hidden away in an obscure laboratory, under-equipped and with no financing, is past. Today's Pasteurs and Leeuwenhoeks pursue their humanitarian projects in well-organized, adequately-staffed laboratories employing the most advanced instruments and machinery, secure in the knowledge that the American people will support them so long as intelligent effort justifies hope of eventual success. The March of Dimes, with the cooperation of groups like the BPOE, is providing such assurance to polio researchers who today are working on 65 projects in 44 institutions in all parts of the United States.

I salute Elks everywhere who, recognizing the best in such community enterprise, have joined the ranks of those who march on polio through the March of Dimes.

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Cambridge Lodge's bowling team poses with the handsome trophy they earned as Ohio State Elks Bowling Champions. Left to right: Capt. M. D. Barns, John Cunningham, D. O. Hall, Robert Cox and H. H. Schultz.



Officers of the recently-instituted Morganton, N. C., Lodge pictured at the formal opening of their new lodge home when they entertained members and guests at open house. Approximately 225 people attended.



Pictured here is the All-Star Team of Jacksonville, Ill., Lodge Little League in which 250 boys between the ages of eight and 12 participate.



Middlesboro, Ky., Lodge sponsors these teen-age ball players, pictured with James R. Spangler, standing second from left, who is their trainer.



Miss Elizabeth Joan Geoghegan, daughter of a Birmingham, Ala., Lodge member, receives a \$300 Savings Bond as second-prize winner for girls in the Grand Lodge Youth Leadership Contest, from Exalted Ruler James J. Burks. Looking on at left is State Youth Activities Committee Chairman George W. Smithson, right, Lodge Committee Chairman Fred Barbour.



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Morgan pictured with seven of their nine children with Esteemed Leading Knight R. M. Garrick, right, and "Freedom Forum" TV program narrator Elk Freeman Lusk, left, when Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge presented a vitally needed sewing-machine to the Morgan's second most worthy family at the first presentation of this popular program.

Ohio Elks Bowling Trophy Goes to Cambridge Keglers

A huge trophy, emblematic of the Ohio Elks Bowling Championship, was presented to Team No. 7 at a special banquet honoring the title takers at the home of Cambridge Lodge No. 448.

Over 100 members and their guests saw the presentation made by Frank E. Lawrence, Secy. of Toledo Lodge, which was host to this year's tournament. E.R. Elliott Pattison of Cambridge Lodge accepted the award. Each of the team members received an inscribed silver

belt buckle from Eldon Brown of Columbus, Pres. of the Ohio State Elks Bowling Assn., Past State Elks Assn. Pres. V. E. Berg and Arthur Hunkle, Vice-Pres. of the Assn. The championship match score went to Captain Mike Barns of the Cambridge team.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Elks Mourn J. B. McGuinness

John B. McGuinness, a prominent member of St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224, passed away a few months ago at the age of 68. A 28-year resident of the Florida City, Mr. McGuinness came originally from Port Chester, N. Y., He was Exalted Ruler of St. Petersburg Lodge in 1934 and was District Deputy in 1939-40. He also served on many local and State Elk committees, with particular emphasis on work among crippled children.

No. Calif. Elks Traveling Bowling League No Misnomer

The Elks of the Traveling Bowling League of Northern California really get around. The month of March inaugurated



Trustee J. L. Manning, left, and D.D. Frank H. Bertell, right, burn the mortgage on the home of Manila, P. I., Lodge on its 50th Anniversary.



These youngsters were guests of Salisbury Lodge for a two-week vacation at the North Carolina Elks Camp for Boys near Hendersonville.

the third season for the group, and the schedule ends in November. The matches are held the third Sunday of each month with one of the participating lodges as hosts, later entertaining the bowlers and their wives at dinner.

The league comprises ten teams, from Modesto, Sacramento, Sonora, Stockton, Nevada City, Woodland and Grass Valley, vying for a large team trophy which is held by the winning team for a year. Woodland's keglers took it the first season; the Sacramento Seniors, last year. When one team has won it three times it will become permanent owner.

Jacksonville, III., Elks Sponsor Young Diamond Stars

During the past summer, Jacksonville Lodge No. 682, participating member of the Little League Baseball, Inc., operated three leagues in the junior baseball activities of the community. The program, in which approximately 250 boys

between the ages of eight and 12 took part, was comprised of the Twilight League of four teams, and two minor leagues—one four-team group playing twice weekly, the other a three-team league playing four days a week for a schedule of 25 games. Four exhibition games were put on by the Twilight Leaguers under the lights at the Jacksonville Public Park system's field.

All team managers, umpires and scorers were volunteer members of the lodge, and the general manager of the entire program was K. L. Wilson, a member of No. 682 and athletic director of the Ill. State School for the Deaf.

The Jacksonville Elks were hosts to the National Little League Sub-District Tourney which had entries from Jacksonville and Pana, Ill., and Pine Lawn, Mo.



Above: With E.R. Broughton Collin, seated fourth from left, and officers of Stillwater, Okla., Lodge, are Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Chairman E. E. James; D.D.'s R. R. Stanley, Clarence Dietz; State Secy. J. A. Green; Vice-Presidents Earl McCroskey, C. R. Horton; Past Presidents J. M. Collin, William West, David Perry, E. L. Green; Trustees L. A. Wood, Floyd Hyer.



Above: Modesto, Calif., Lodge entertains members of the Elks Traveling Bowling League of Northern Calif. Each team travels a total of 1,388 miles a season.

Right: Some of the 700 children from Angel Guardian Orphanage who had a wonderful day at a carnival as guests of Chicago (No.), Ill., Lodge. With the youngsters are, left to right background, Trustee Jack Hayes, Loyal Knight D. L. Hartigan, E.R. G. T. Hickey, Lect. Knight John Maccono, Committeeman Kenneth Batchelder.



LODGE NOTES

Not long ago, Vice-Chairman and Secv. Thomas J. Brady of the Board of Grand Trustees presented a \$3.418.50 check to the Little Church of Bedford, Va., as the Order's contribution to the maintenance of the church where residents of the ELKS NATIONAL HOME worship. The gift, made in the name of the Home residents. was accepted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Merideth, pastor of the church, with expressions of deep appreciation . . . Two busloads of NUTLEY, N. J., Elks traveled to the home of QUEENS BOR-OUGH, N.Y., Lodge recently to participate in a tribute to Nutley's Mayor, Grand Treas. Wm. J. Jernick, now a member of the Board of Grand Trustees. Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall joined 500 Elks from 42 N. J. lodges on this occasion . . . An interesting note from Frank Epperson of OMAHA, NEB., Lodge enclosed a valuable piece of Elkana, his original membership card. Signed by E.R. L. C. Bolton and Secy. Roy Robinson of OSKALOOSA, IA., Lodge, the card was dated Dec. 2, 1897. Mr. Epperson, who dimitted to Omaha Lodge about 15 years ago. wonders if any other long-time members still have their original cards. His will be 55 years old in a few weeks . . . When it comes to Scouting, the Elks of ORANGE, CALIF., have quite a story in Brother C. R. Pefley, his wife and their three sons. Two of the boys, Albert and Duane, are Eagle Scouts and members of the Explorer group sponsored by Orange Lodge; the third boy, C. R., Jr., is a Star Scout. Their father has just completed four years as Cubmaster of the Elks' Cub Pack, while Mrs. Pefley has devoted five years to being Den Mother of the same group . . . QUINCY, MASS., Lodge awarded five scholarships this year. Two for \$250 each were made to Maryann F. Pusatari and Gerald J. Daly, while Ellen L. Flaherty, who received the Elks National Foundation's \$400 "Most Valuable Student" Award for the State, received a \$75 gift from the Mass. Elks Assn. A \$50 award went to Patricia A. McNamara, and a \$25 gift was received by Herbert O. Hultin. E.R. Joseph E. Brett and Chairman L. Paul Marini of the lodge's Scholarship Committee participated in the ceremony.

Right: Awards are presented to outstanding track athletes by Duncan, Okla., Elks, sponsors of a summer Youth program, after an intramural meet. At left, foreground, Secy. R. R. Sharp, Mayor of Duncan; right, Past State Pres. Ed. L. Green. Other Elks shown with the young track stars are Trustee Paul Sullivan and E.R. Wm. O. Leach, Chairman of the Youth Program, with coach Earl Presley and sports official Hugh Leonard.





Left: Patchogue, N. Y., Elks pictured with some of the 200 children from St. Charles Hospital and 125 from Little Flower Institute who were entertained at the Elks bazaar and carnival. Left to right, Inner Guard Carl Smith, Sr., E.R. Herman Saperstein, Secy. Jack Briscoe and Committee Chairman Harry Macy.

Right: Freeport, N. Y., Lodge's outstanding Little League Baseball Team was very successful its first season under the care of E.R. B. J. Reiner and Youth Activities Chairman J. T. O'Connor, coached by former big-league pitcher Walter Brown and trained by Earl V. Painter, former trainer for the N.Y. Yankees.





On Atlanta, Ga., Lodge's "Public Official's Night," E.R. Lee Evans, fourth from left, and his fellow officers stand in the background behind Gov. Herman Talmadge, fourth from left, foreground, and other State, County and City officials. P.E.R. C. G. Bruce, third from left, foreground, was M. C.

A LETTER FROM JUDGE ATWELL

I have The Elks Magazine for August and there are two things I wish to mention. First. The patriotic painting on the inside page of your front cover is certainly remarkable, and there should be some way that it can be preserved in colors for the various Elks lodges. Second. On page 13 you have a very good picture, and the beginning of a write-up with reference to our dear friend Benjamin's personality, his private life, and his fraternal life. You state that, "Brother Benjamin was the oldest living Past Grand Exalted Ruler." I know you want to be accurate and that statement is not correct. He and I had often talked about our respective ages. He was born in California in 1872. I was born in Wisconsin in 1869. So you see the statistics are against your statement. I was the older, and am still the oldest Past Grand Exalted Ruler. With the kindest regards, and thanking you and your good workers for such a fine magazine, I am

Judge William Hawley Atwell Past Grand Exalted Ruler

September Cover Has **Patriotic Background**

When I received the September issue of the Magazine this morning, I am sure that I saw on its front cover a scene on Wilsey Square in the Village of Ridgewood, N.J. In the picture the railroad along the iron fence is the main line of the Erie. Since the background is toward the east, we witness the glow of the rising sun—the dawn's early light. The street, also in the background, is East Ridgewood Avenue. It was a country road in the days of the American Revolution and, fittingly enough, along it marched the Revolutionary Army under the command of General George Washington, when it moved from its camp at Preakness, now Wayne Township, Passaic County, N.J., to Tappan, Orange Town and Peekskill, New York State, at the end of July, 1780.

The army returned to the Totowa camp, now in Totowa and Paterson, Passaic County, N.J., along this road during the beginning of October, 1780. Many times detachments of the Patriot Army moved over this road. On July 10, 1778, General Washington and his staff lunched at the Passaic Falls, and, that afternoon, rode along this road to Paramus.

You are to be congratulated on the selection of the illustration. As you can readily perceive, it is a site rich in the history of the Revolutionary Days and a fitting setting for the Flag of the United States.

J. Willard De Yoe

Paterson, N.J.

Brother De Yoe is correct. Artist Fred Irvin actually saw the September cover scene of the newspaper boy at attention in Ridgewood early one morning.



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This unusual photograph shows a panoramic view of the grounds and main building of the beautiful Elks National Home at Bedford, Va.

Elkdom's Home

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murals painted at the Home by memberartist Tom Sidonia. They depict the qualities of Fidelity, Brotherly Love, Charity and Justice. The decorum of such a setting might easily be disturbed by a miscellany of shirt sleeves or sport shirts among the diners. But everyone seems agreed that the custom of wearing tie and coat at mealtime is worthy of them and of the Home itself. "It just fits in with the atmosphere," an 80-year old member told me.

Details are what create this atmosphere. The black and white oaks about the place are truly majestic trees. In each court there is a fountain and in the fountain of the central court there are goldfish which will respond to a low whistle at feeding time, darting to the surface and watching expectantly, their mouths going open-close, open-close, with their air of hungry puppies drooling for a bone.

N THE GARDENS are spring blooming iris, rhododendrons, dogwood and daffodils. There is a rose bower and neat hedges that aren't so precisely trimmed as to make a human being feel vaguely uncomfortable, as if he hasn't had a haircut in a week. The lawns are broad and support a pitch and putt golf course. Southern Virginia presents to the world a soft and lovely face. Around Bedford is some of its greatest beauty. The Peaks of Otter, overlooking the town from 4.500 feet, have a graceful majesty. Nearby is the famed Natural Bridge, regarded locally as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Ten miles west is the Blue Ridge Highway, one of the most beautiful motor roads anywhere. To the North is the James River and all around are gently rolling farmlands sloping off toward Appomatox Court House, now a monument to the end of the struggle between North and South.

But natural beauty often is taken for granted. What is most likely to inspire the knowing visitor, who studies carefully the internal operation of the Elks National Home, is that it isn't a "home" in the institutional sense. It more nearly resembles a club within a club. The qualifications for membership—now drawn from 41 states and 222 lodges—may be different from many clubs, but nevertheless they are qualifications, and eligibility to join this group is not achieved merely by routine application.

The club atmosphere is most apparent when a new member arrives. His checking in is accomplished as casually as if he were being welcomed at a private resort, with the single exception of a complete physical examination. He is introduced to the staff and to one or two other members who will see that he meets those who share his interests. He isn't briefed on rules because there aren't any, to speak of. He is told about movie and entertainment nights and meal hours and bus and taxi service (two passengers for 25c) to the center of Bedford, a mile away.

There are other evidences of how personal rights and considerations are recognized at the Home. Every guest has his personal seat in the Harper Memorial Theater, as well as in the dining room. Whenever one of the residents fails to occupy his seat at either dinner or breakfast, without previously indicating his absence, an orderly immediately contacts his room to make sure there is no illness.

And that's about all. No social worker interviews him. No investigator tries peeping into his past. No statistician puts him in the record as another in a series of figures. No amateur or professional psychologist gives him a test. The Home doesn't have such people around. This is not because the Trustees fail to recognize the worth of social workers, statisticians and psychologists. They believe, with heartening simplicity, that such specialists do not belong on the staff of a club.

But where the new member gets a

thorough going over is in the Home hospital, which occupies a wing in the main building. Here a complete medical history is taken and thenceforth every possible effort is made to insure his physical well-being.

The hospital is truly amazing. Visualize a village of 300 people—and the Home is largely self-contained—and reflect on what kind of hospital care it could provide for its citizens. Yet the home has a complete 40-bed institution, practically all in private rooms. There are no wards. It provides for 12,000 clinic visits a year. It has in stock, or immediately available, all the latest proved antibiotics—\$14,000 worth of drugs is dispensed annually from the more than 2,000 varieties that are always on hand.

Its equipment includes the latest diathermy machines, with cautery attachments and tube ultra-violet ray for local, pin-point application. A microtherm machine delivers heat to the bone but the patient feels no heat at all. In 12 minutes he gets the same results as in 30 minutes by former methods. There is an electrocardiograph for reading the heart beat, an oxygen tent, with 12-day reserve supply of oxygen, infrared lamps, a large ultra-violet, an X-Ray room, a fluoroscope and a portable X-Ray. The hospital has its own diet kitchen. One room is set aside for minor surgery.

The laboratory can do all pathology required in the hospital and all standard tests except those which are so specialized that they are unlikely to be necessary in a place such as the Home. The hospital wing is staffed 24 hours a day by registered nurses and orderlies. The presence of these and other subtler facilities are immediately apparent to the trained eye. A few years ago when it was decided to raise up the status from an infirmary to membership in the Virginia Hospital Association, a representative of the state hospital licensing board was invited to make an inspection. This gentleman walked through the place,



asked a few questions, and said, "But of course. We'll give you a license right away."

Back of this rather notable achievement is Dr. Dennis H. Robinson, an alumnus of Duke University, who was young enough to be a flight surgeon with the Twelfth Air Force in World War II and who today is still young enough to fly his own airplane. Through his continuing experience with patients at the Home (his major work is with his own private practice, of course) Dr. Robinson has become one of the most experienced practitioners in the south in the new science of geriatrics, the illnesses of old age.

Another, and perhaps the most unexpected of the pleasant surprises at Bedford today, is the model farm operated by the Home. Last year it turned in a net profit of \$15,949.91, and saved the Home another \$9,000 in cost of food products. This tidy little sum results from as tidy a job of rotation, reclamation and management as any farmer ever put together. The entire property of the Home covers 163 acres and about 100 of them are devoted to intensive farming. The two tall tile silos and three barns, which house equipment and the 40-head Holstein dairy herd, are some 50 yards down a gentle slope from the main buildings. Flanking them is a rich valley with 20 acres of green, succulent alfalfa that yields three cuttings a year. In the distance a few dry cows and some steerswhich provide good beef for the Home's kitchen-graze lazily on 40 acres of lovely pasture.

BELOW is rich bottom land where most of the corn is produced in rotation with soy beans. It wasn't so useful a few years ago. It was gutted and eroded and brushed over with broom sage and stubby and stubborn wild locust trees. About four acres were simply swamp. This field was trisected with drainage tile which emptied into a small stream flowing through the area. Today the land is pay-

ing for this labor and for itself over and over again.

Beyond these fields, in a far corner of the property, are the hog pens where as many as 70 Berkshires at a time are turning into tender pork, bacon and southern ham. The Berkshires are of registered pure-bred stock but the dairy herd has been built up painstakingly by careful breeding over the past two decades. At some times of the year the herd produces as much as 150 gallons of milk a day. After every member has all he wants to drink, the surplus is sold to a local creamery. Some of the cows have excellent records and detailed accounts are kept of production at every milking. Many farmers owning Holstein herds are happy when their cows produce 300 to 325 pounds of butterfat annually. But at the Elks Home farm Doris-dairy cows are always named-was considered a low producer last year with 369 pounds. Ruth and Pearl had 390 and 470 respectively. It is no wonder that last July the Elk's herd won top honors in the reports of the Bedford County Branch of the Virginia Dairymans Association.

Today the main building at the Elks National Home houses the dining room, kitchen, bakery, store rooms, administrative quarters, service area, game rooms, the hospital and is connected to two of the main "cottage" living quarters. In the rear are the Fred Harper Memorial Auditorium, gift of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Virginia, and two more "cottages" containing 115 and 105 rooms each.

By up-to-date hotel standards the rooms are huge—about 12 by 15 feet—bright and well ventilated, and equipped with lavatory and a large closet. Every member of the Home has complete privacy, a room completely to himself: And do they cherish it!

What kind of members does the Home attract? They are a cross section of Elkdom. There are manufacturers and salesmen, engineers and clerks. There are







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policemen, real estate operators, merchants, dentists and at least one horse shoer. There is a surgeon, a locomotive inspector, a club doorman, a mining superintendent and a newspaper editor. A one-time major West Virginia coal operator is there and a cabinet maker, a bushelman, a song writer, a farmer, and a choir singer, who now sings in a choir in Bedford. There is a one-time circus performer, a journalist, a music critic, a man who helped perfect a process for liquefying coal, and a submarine diver, who made his last dive, to a bus submerged in a river, at age 71.

Sometimes a guest at the Home gets itchy feet and wants to get away for awhile, or even to try living elsewhere permanently. Any member can resign any time he chooses. Superintendent Boh Scott usually persuades him to take a 30day leave of absence instead of resigning outright; just a precaution against "unforseen contingencies." Often departing members return quickly either because old friends are no longer around, or because their families are preoccupied with other affairs, or simply because they get "homesick for the old place," as one of them put it.

Operating an organization the size of the Home is a substantial job. All the bread, pies and cakes are baked on the premises. Sixty dozen eggs are used at a single meal and the eggs used today came from the hens no earlier than yesterday.

The Home has its own ice machines, tailor shop and economical sewing room where pillow slips are made out of sheets that become torn. It operates a huge laundry-8,000 pieces a week, with bachelor mending and button service, naturally-and a heating plant that uses 1,500 tons of coal a year. Every day nearly 1,000 meals must be prepared and served. Every day 300 beds must be made and rooms cleaned. Twice a day 40 cows must be milked. These and all of the attendant services require 70 to 75 employees, yet it is one of the biggest bargains in the history of intelligent benevolence. Truly a place to inspire pride in every Elk.

Word of it has gotten around, too. County and state officials long baffled by the increasing problem of giving their older people some sort of a square deal, cannot believe, until they see for themselves, that the Elks have been able to create what is said to be the leading home of its kind in the nation, at a cost far less than they can match, even with secondrate food and dormitory housing. One nearby state institution acknowledges its costs are 50 per cent higher, though its care is poorer.

What all this work of the Elks in behalf of their aged Brothers adds up to can be no better mirrored than in what the son of one of the members told his dad after visiting him at the Home. "It's home, dad", he said, "It's really home."

A City and a Ship

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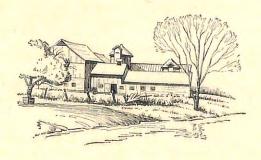
floodlit-Notre Dame, the Madeleine, the Sacré Coeur, the Opéra, the Place de la Concorde, the Arc, all bathed in white light. This you can do any season of the year, for the lights are on from 9 pm until 11 from March to November, from 7 pm until 9 November to March, and an hour later on Sundays.

Another wonderful trick of lighting is the show at the Louvre on Friday nights when the house lights are turned off, and a spotlight turned on selected masterpieces of sculpture.

Among the other musts is a vista of the city (two favorites of this corner are the Champs looking towards the Arc at dusk, and the whole town from the terrace of Sacré Coeur at night). Also, an apéritif at a sidewalk cafe, a boat trip on the Seine, a bowl of onion soup at the open market, dinner on the Place du Tertre or in the Bois de Boulogne, or in the shadow of Notre Dame, or in the St. Germain section where you will be serenaded by chansonniers.

If you're looking for something different there are even trips through the sewers of Paris the second and the fourth Thursday of the month in summer and the last Saturday of the month in the fall. The cost is 20 francs, which is about a nickel.

On the other hand there are other diversions which are somewhat more expensive in Paris. Should you find it necessary to hock something you will be eased to know that the pawn shops are official, are known as Crédit Municipal, or more affectionately as "Ma Tante." Which is to say, My Aunt. Quaint, non?



What Our Readers



Have to Say

Just noticed your article on the Brooklyn farm Club Hornell in the Pony League.

This was quite interesting to me since I am the Brooklyn Club's representative for Texas and Louisiana and incidentally I organized the Ranger, Texas, lodge in 1920; served as its Exalted Ruler for three terms and was appointed District Deputy under the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. M. Abbott of San Francisco.

While with the Atlanta Club in the Southern League I sent such stars to the majors as Connie Ryan, now with the Phillies, Davey Williams with the Giants and Bill Goodman of the Red Sox. All in all I signed and sent to the majors some ten players. Merely giving you this as I am proud to be an Elk and proud to be a member of the Dodgers.

Claude Dietrich

Dallas, Texas

As Past Exalted Ruler of Lowell, Mass., lodge and a member of our Order for twenty-five years, I certainly would miss receiving copies of our Magazine. It is the only method that members of the Order have of knowing what is taking place throughout Elkdom.

Eugene A. Fitzgerald, P.E.R. Lowell, Mass.

The writer of this article has been an Elk for over thirty-two years, but it was not until arriving here at the Veterans Center in Hot Springs, South Dakota, that I realized the vast effort that the Elks will go to do good, and bring cheer to those in need of same.

So I wish to pay my respects and tribute to the Elks National Service Commission. Also to a group of good fellows, BPOE 1751 of Hot Springs, South Dakota. The Committee has furnished talent, and variety for the amusement of the V. A. Hospital patients, and domiciliary Members here. Many pleasant hours have been enjoyed by these men here. So to each and all you very kind people, for your part, we Veterans here thank and salute you.

Frank Logan

Hot Springs, S. D.

Correction

In the digest of the Report of the Lodge Activities Committee which appeared in our September issue we stated that a Special Award of a plaque foroutstanding work during National Newspaper Week was given to Marion, Ill., Lodge, whereas the award should have been made to Marion, Ind., Lodge.

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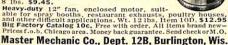
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News of the State Associations

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Highlighting one of the business sessions was the presentation of Elks National Foundation Scholarship and Youth Activities Awards. State Chairman M. J. Kennebeck presented \$400 Foundation awards to Miss Mildred J. Blakeslee of Flint and Mr. Armin F. Haerer of Ann Arbor. Mr. Gavigan gave the Youth Awards to Miss Evalyn Rae Pier of Jackson and Mr. Douglas R. Murray of Muskegon.

Chairman Irvine J. Unger of the Mich. Elks Veterans Entertainment Committee reported that a total of \$10,384.68 had been expended during the previous year for the benefit of the patients of the various VA hospitals throughout the

INDIANA

Fort Wayne Lodge No. 155 was host to the 52nd Annual Convention of the Ind. Elks Assn. when approximately 500 delegates were registered.

Splendid reports were given by officers and Committee Chairman, and State Scholarship Committee Chairman Gerald Powell presented Elks National Foundation Scholarships for \$400 each to Grace M. Cunningham, Terre Haute; Richard J. Barnett, Peru, and Robert W. Lewis, Indianapolis. Past Pres. Dr. A. A. Pielemeier presented the Assn.'s \$35,000 check to John Van Nuys, Dean of Ind. University's Medical Center, and a \$7,500 check to W. L. Ayers, Dean of the School of Science at Purdue, for the continuation of Cancer Research, the favorite project of this Elk organization.

Chairman Claude E. Thompson of the Ind. Ritualistic Committee presented awards to Vincennes, Gary, Tipton and Indianapolis Lodges which took first, second, third and fourth places, in that order, in the Ritualistic Contest. All lodges were represented by one or more officers judged as the All-State Ritualistic Team.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle was the principal speaker at the banquet attended by 322 delegates and their ladies, who saw State Secy. C. L. Shideler present a handsome gift to Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters who was an honored guest.

The delegates accepted the invitation of Gary Lodge to hold its 1953 Convention there; until that time the following will head this Assn.; Pres., P. W. Loveland, Jeffersonville; 1st Vice-Pres., L. A. Krebs, Indianapolis; 2nd Vice-Pres., Cecil M. Rappe, Portland; 3rd Vice-Pres., Herb Beitz, Kokomo; 4th Vice-Pres., Wm. A. Hart, Michigan City; Secy., C. L. Shideler, Terre Haute; Treas., Paul Manship, Noblesville; Trustees: (one year) Frank V. Dice, Peru; (two years) Ray Marx, Anderson; (three years) Norman Freeland, Greensburg; (four years) George R. Means, Hammond; (five years) J. F. Beldon, Seymour; Chaplain, Charles Bender, Wabash; Tiler, Chas. L. Parker, Bedford; Sgt.-at-Arms, Al Schlorch, South Bend.

IDAHO

The 1952 meeting of the Ida. State Elks Assn. took place in Coeur D'Alene. Edwin J. Alexander of the State Associations Committee of the Grand Lodge and Hon. William S. Hawkins, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, were principal speakers before the delegates, who decided on Boise as the site of their 1953 conclave, with a midwinter meeting to take place in Lewis-

Chairman L. J. Peterson of the Ida. Elks Crippled Children's Convalescent Home at Boise delivered a report on this important project of the Assn. which will benefit from the All-Star East-West football and basketball games the Assn. sponsored in August.

T. W. Daken of Caldwell was elected Pres. of this organization, and Hayden Mann of Lewiston, Vice-Pres., to be assisted by three Dist. Vice-Presidents, a 1952 change from the previous five, conforming with the three Grand Lodge Districts; Clifford Warr, Preston, East Dist.; Patrick H. King, Boise, So. Dist., and Loris Winn, Moscow, No. Dist. Nicholas Ney of Caldwell was again appointed Secy.-Treas., and retiring Pres. Ed. G. Yates of St. Maries is Chaplain.

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Business Outlook

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pent-up demand to a large extent has already been met, when the productive capacity of the country is so much greater and when the propensity to spend on the part of individuals is not as great as it was four years ago.

2—The international situation has played an important role during the past few years and any change in this respect can also have a considerable effect on business and consumer sentiment. An improvement in the international situation may induce many people to hold back their purchases in anticipation of a decline in prices of commodities and the possibility of obtaining better-quality goods for less money. On the other hand an aggravation of the international political situation could have the opposite Important developments are effect. bound to take place during the remainder of the year in the international political sphere. Principal of these will be the question whether the general agreement with Germany will be ratified by the respective nations or not. The convening of the 19th Communist Congress of the Soviet Union early in October may also offer a clue to subsequent international political developments. While these developments will not have a direct bearing on business as such they can have a psychological effect on the buying habits of individuals. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance in any appraisal of business.

From the strictly economic point of view one is justified in reaching the conclusion that the greatest dangers of inflation have already passed. Whether this will also be true from the psychological point of view will depend on political developments at home and abroad. In any event, based on the large disposable income, full employment and the general prosperity that prevails in the country one may expect that the Christmas trade



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this year will be satisfactory and should be better than a year ago.

1-Business activity continues at a high level. The steel strike has created a new pent-up demand for commodities using steel and hence the general outlook for durable consumers' goods is better than it was a few months ago.

2-The forces of inflation and deflation continue more or less in balance. Whether they will continue in balance will depend in important degree on the reaction of the people toward both external and internal developments.

3—Based on the disposable income, the high level of employment and high wages. and particularly the decreased rate of savings on the part of the people, the fall and Christmas trade ought to be good and better than a year ago. This applies particularly to the soft goods industries which have already shown a considerable improvement during the last few weeks.

4-The businessman, however, cannot work only on short-run prospects. He must also consider at least to some extent the longer-range outlook for business. In this connection the following facts should be considered, namely: The productive capacity of the country is very large and the sellers' market is rapidly coming to an end. This means keener competition. . . . Competition from abroad is also bound to increase and the United States will not find it as easy to sell abroad as before. . . . Wages are high

and a reduction in money wages is not likely. The only way to bring about a decrease in the cost of production or distribution is through increased efficiency of labor as well as management. . . . Taxes will remain high although the possibility of a minor downward adjustment next year cannot be excluded. . . . High prices and very burdensome taxation have had, and will continue to have, an adverse effect on the buying power of many families whose income has remained more or less stable.

Under these circumstances the prudent businessman will work on the assumption that the sellers' market which persisted for over a decade is rapidly coming to an end and that business is gradually returning to the pattern which existed prior to the outbreak of World War II. Moreover, military expenditures at the present level will not continue indefinitely and a decline in capital expenditures next year is generally expected. The pent-up demand for housing as well as for durable consumers' goods has to a large extent been met and the formation of families in the immediate future because of the small birth rate in the early '30's is bound to be smaller. All these factors must be taken into account before a long-range plan for business can be adopted. Hence, while there are no reasons to be pessimistic, yet considerable caution should be adopted in making plans for next year.

The Bears and I

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The remainder of our stay was devoted chiefly to bear stalking. Maybe it would be more accurate to say that we put in our time entertaining them.

By now, of course, I was determined to shoot the next bear I saw. For years my intentions had been honorable-at least toward bears. Now they had carried the fight to me. Let them beware!

As every true bear hunter knows, how-

ever, making up one's mind to shoot a bear and then actually committing the act are two entirely different things. We played hide and go seek with the black rascals nearly every day. Once, I followed my wife to camp by twenty minutes. As I swung along, I noticed her tracks in the trail. For a hundred yards, a big bear had walked down the path, and the fact that his tracks covered many of



He could not have been more than ten minutes ahead of me.

hers proved that he had been there after she went along. He could not have been more than ten minutes behind her, nor ten minutes ahead of me, yet neither of us saw him.

The woods in our area were crawling with bears that fall. They cleaned up the offal from our game and snooped around, apparently unconcerned at our presence. Yet we didn't see even one. They were better woodsmen than we were. Finally, we packed up and went home.

The following summer while planning my annual hunt into the same country, I decided that the bears had made a fool of me often enough. This fall I definitely would shoot one. Furthermore, I didn't intend to feed them any more good game. Of course, there was the troublesome fact that they did their dirty work at night. A man can't even see a bear, much less shoot him, in the dark.

Finally, I hit upon a foolproof idea. I would buy a quart of whiskey and a quart of honey. When we hung up game, I'd hurry to camp, get my whiskey and honey and a big pan. I'd mix the two liquids thoroughly in the pan and leave it sitting beside the suspended meat. Bears love honey. The first one to come along would pause to drink the sweet mixture before starting his meal. Then he'd soon be too drunk to do any damage. In the morning I would shoot him while he was lying in a drunken stupor.

Time passed. Eventually we were making our preparations for the big hunt, and the whiskey, honey and pan were packed with the rest of our equipment. Once in the back country, it was not long before we had game hanging from a tree. Fortunately, we made the kill early in the morning. I had time to walk to camp and return with the necessary materials for my bear cocktail.

I carefully mixed the two liquids in the pan, then set it in a shallow depression so that the bear, no matter how clumsy, could not knock it over. Finally, I tasted it. It was pretty good. I was sure that no bear could refuse it, but in case he did, I decided, it would not be bad on hotcakes.

That night was spent in restless slumber. I kept imagining a drunken bear, stumbling and crashing through the brush and finally falling down to sleep it off somewhere near the scene of his imbibing. Morning was only the faintest streak of gray in the east when I set out to learn whether my plan had been successful.

The woods were shrouded in darkness

when I left camp, and human eyes could not penetrate the mysterious shadows that still lingered as I approached the spot. I found my steps dragging. "Suppose," I thought, "that a quart of whiskey isn't enough to make a bear dead drunk. Suppose, instead, that it is only enough to make him forget his natural caution. Suppose it kills his fear of man. Maybe the liquor will make him brave, just like it does some people."

These thoughts were not attractive. I found it desirable to sit down on a log with my back against a big tree and wait for daylight. When I could see well, I resumed my cautious approach. I moved very slowly, so as not to make a sound, and watched carefully in all directions as I proceeded.

AT LAST, I came to the point of hill from which I could look down upon the scene of my intended bear shooting. There was not a thing in sight but trees, logs, rocks and brush and my deer hanging undisturbed. Carefully moving on until I could see the pan, I discovered that it still was full. Disappointed, but somewhat relieved as well, I turned around and went back to camp and breakfast.

It was the same story the next morning, and the third. We continued hunting every day. Each morning early I returned to the spot where my deer was hanging, hopefully expecting to see a drunken bear. The camp robbers were gradually picking away most of the offal, but the deer itself and the whiskey-cocktail were undisturbed.

Finally, the time came for us to go home. No bears had come near any of our game. I still don't know whether one will drink a mixture of whiskey and honey—though I think he'd love it—but I intend to find out.

Since they treated me a little better last fall, however, my determination has softened. I don't believe that I could walk up to a bear lying dead drunk, poke the muzzle of my rifle in his ear and kill him. That would be a dirty trick. Instead, when I try the experiment again I intend to take his picture. I want a photograph of a bear with a hangover. (I hope that he doesn't put two and two together while I'm taking them and chase me up a tree.)

In the meantime, I am still a bear hunter. My resentment has cooled to the point, however, where I have decided to be a big bear hunter. The next big bear I see, I am going to shoot—I hope!

In the Doghouse

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ample. He's much smaller than the English type and frequently hasn't the strength and staying power to endure a long day under a gun, although he is a splendid little dog.

In the field the hunting dog risks cuts, bruises, sprains, broken bones and such critters as porcupines and skunks. The latter two are not to be laughed at, nor will they be by any hunter whose dog has tangled with them. I may add poisonous snakes if there are any in the country selected as hunting ground. There are as many home remedies for de-skunking a dog as there are cure-alls for colds. I've even heard of canned tomatoes or tomato juice being recommended as baths to temper the odor of



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Suppose we begin with the accidental gunshot wound, but before going further please know that I'm dealing only with field emergencies, nearly all of which should as soon as possible be subject to treatment by a competent veterinarian. When a dog is shot the first thing to do is to catch the dog, if possible. That is, if the dog is still able to move around. A dog so wounded may run frantically and if at all possible this should be prevented, since violent action only induces more profuse bleeding. It is well to bear in mind that the most affectionate dog thus injured is not only in pain, but usually badly frightened, and may try to bite anyone who handles it. If the owner captures the dog he should talk quietly to it and as quickly as he can put an emergency muzzle on it. Such a muzzle can be made of any fairly long pieces of cloth or torn handkerchiefs. The cloth should be wrapped over the dog's foreface with both ends brought under the chin in opposite directions and along side of the jaws to tie around the head in back of the dogs' ears. No time should be lost in getting the dog to a vet.

F YOU haven't cloth available, a belt may be used, although not so effectively. If bleeding is heavy a tourniquet should be applied above the wounded area. The wound should be washed with clean water and the hair around it should be clipped back about an inch all around the wound. The dogs' legs should be tied and it should be carried off the field to the vet. If you cannot reach a vet for some time then, after washing the wound, a pad of torn cloth should be put on it and a temporary bandage applied. Here is another good reason for the muzzle: if it is a leg wound, few people other than skilled vets know how to bandage a dog's leg in such way that the dog cannot gnaw off the wrapping. If there is a very necessary time lapse between the time the dog is shot and the time you can bring it to the vet, then, in addition to washing the wound, a further wash with boric acid (a teaspoonful to a half glass of water) or a mild antiseptic should be given. Powdered alum will check all but the most severe bleeding. If this does not stop the bleeding because the injury is deep, it may be necessary to sew the wound with heavy linen thread or horsehair. If neither is available, use ordinary string. Each stitch should be individual and about a halfinch apart. A coarse needle should be used and both sewing material and needle should be sterilized. A small part of the lower portion of the wound should be left open for draining and all of the wounded area should be padded as well as bandaged. If you are faced with the necessity of doing this job yourself

be sure that the wound is thoroughly cleansed before sewing or bandaging. If you can't get to a vet, after bandaging put a wide collar of stiff cardboard on the dog's neck to prevent him from tearing the dressing. When applying a tourniquet, alternate the pressure, but don't make it continuous. When the bleeding slows or stops apply the alum.

For sprains you'll of course take the dog out of the field right away. For broken bones, catch your dog, tie it as directed and get it back to your headquarters at once. From there on it is a job for your vet. If it is a broken leg and you have to apply the splints, use very thin wood and bandage the splints. For ordinary cuts and bruises apply mild antiseptics or liniment as required. The important thing when treating a cut is to keep it clean and free from infection. A bruise will require massage with a mild liniment.

Now a snake bite by rattler, copperhead, moccasin or any other poisonous reptile can be, and frequently is, a deadly business. Young dogs are more prone to such accidents than their elders. The younger purp is more brash, has more curiosity and less savvy than the older dog. Most matured dogs develop a wariness when confronted by a snake. But even the older Fidos intent and excited by the business of hunting forget their wisdom and sometimes are bitten. Should this happen to a dog you own, don't waste time hunting for the snake, or even time in killing it. Catch the dog quickly, put the improvised muzzle on it and tie the dogs' legs. Over the bite cut a criss-cross mark with a sharp knife. Make the cut about one quarter inch deep and about one half-inch long. Squeeze until the blood flows freely. If you have access to salt apply it liberally. If the bite is on a leg, use a tourniquet. Bring the dog to a vet as fast as you can. He may be able to give injections that may save its life, but in any event you are going to have a pretty sick dog on your hands.

Sometimes a free running dog, hunting or otherwise, will get bitten unknown to its owner. Often when this happens dogs have been known to seek mud and literally bury themselves in it. The mud seemingly draws the poison from the bite. Again I'll repeat, for a serious injury-anything other than a bruise or small cut-don't try to home-doctor your dog. You may, and there's every chance that you will, wind up with a dog funeral on your hands. If it is a serious injury don't write to a dog writer for advice by mail-and that includes me. Not many people other than those trained in medical affairs, which of course means your vet, can properly diagnose an ailment or adequately describe an injury. The man or woman who has the temerity to prescribe for a sickness or an injury which he or she hasn't had chance to see at first hand-well, I would not have much confidence in that person's advice.

"How Can You Miss?"

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matically. For instance, if the bird is crossing slowly, an easy swing will be sufficient to pass him and only a short lead will result by the time the trigger is squeezed. If the bird is flying rapidly across, however, the gun must be whipped past him, resulting in a longer lead by the time the trigger is squeezed. This system works equally well to adjust the lead for long and short shots. It requires only a small movement of the gun muzzle to produce lead at a distance. Moving the muzzle a couple of inches will change the point of aim about 6 feet at 30 yards, whereas at 10 yards it would change the point of aim only 2 feet. Therefore, if the gunner squeezes just as he swings ahead of the moving bird, whether it is near or far, his lead will be roughly adjusted.

If a bird is approaching directly overhead, as is quite often the case with ducks or doves, the same system holds. The gun is brought up from under the targetthat is, from behind it-swung past him and the trigger squeezed the moment the gun blots him out. This shot, properly carried out, is a lazy-man's shot; the duck will likely fall almost in the hunter's lap.

Of course it would be possible for a gunner to make a hit by pointing somewhere far out ahead of a target, then holding and waiting for the gap to close to the proper lead instead of swinging with it. However, such a gunner would likely have to fire with an apparent 10foot lead, as an example, to compensate for the fractional loss of time as he pulls the trigger, while the follow-through gunner would use a 4- or 5-foot lead for the same target.

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As far as I am concerned, all elsegauge, choke, length of barrel and the like-is incidental to this matter of swinging and leading. Using a gun that fits is probably next most important. An experienced shot can quickly adjust himself to almost any shotgun, but it helps to have one that comes up easily to the proper shooting position without having to be conscious of lining it up before firing.

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hunting I carried a beautiful little 20gauge double. It was a gun to be proud of, and I was, but I seemed to make more noise with it than anything else. At least I didn't bring much home. Then one day I borrowed an automatic. The deer season was open at the same time as the grouse season, and I had a wild notion that I could load a couple of rifled slugs in the chamber while hunting with a single load of 7½s in the magazine. If a grouse jumped, I could shoot at him with the 71/2s; if a deer jumped, I could fire the bird shot out of the way and have slugs for the big game. The system failed completely as far as deer were concerned, but I found that I began dropping grouse like I never had in my life. Although I hadn't realized it simply by handling it, the automatic fit me. Possibly it was the drop of the stock, possibly the fact that the weight was back farther in the gun so that it handled faster, possibly it was the single barrel for sighting.

The fact that I had just one load of bird shot in the automatic may even have had something to do with it. I knew I had to make that one shot good, that I couldn't follow it up with another if I missed. This is sometimes an excellent remedy for missing. A person may be shooting carelessly or too hastily, and hunting for awhile with only one shell in his gun will steady him down considerably.

The two guns I shoot today are strictly a result of circumstance, and yet I do as well with them as any guns I've ever handled. About eight years ago I had my left shoulder smashed to the extent that I could no longer reach the fore-end of a shotgun. I thought that shooting onehanded would be a terrible handicap, but I learned something I wouldn't have discovered otherwise. In order to keep the center of gravity back as near the hand as possible, I bought short-barreled guns: a 26-inch barrel, 20-gauge automatic, and a very light 12-gauge double with barrels only 25 inches long. These guns handle so fast that I think I shoot as well or better with them today than I ever did with longer, heavier guns and two hands.

Where speed is important, as in most upland hunting in brushy country, I'm convinced that a light, short-barreled gun would be advisable for anyone. However, where the gunner can be more deliberate. as is usually the case with such as doves and waterfowl, the longer sighting radius of a long-barreled gun is an advantage.

In waterfowl or pass shooting of any kind, the gunner's shooting ability-his swing, lead and judgment of distances-is what counts. In most upland shooting, however, the gunner's reactions are equally important. I've never considered myself a good shot-and neither has anyone else, I'm sure-but because of the eyes, ears and reflexes I was endowed with naturally, I can hold up my own in most hunting. The first whistle or roar of wings, or even the first footsteps on dry leaves as the bird rushes to take off, sets off something inside me that I have little to do with. As a result of such reflexes, I'm a better shot at a bird that jumps suddenly and unexpectedly than at one I'm prepared for. For instance, if I see a ruffed grouse walking on the ground ahead of me or sitting on a limb with his neck stretched to the sky, I will miss him more times than not. By the time he makes up his mind to fly, I'm too tight to shoot well. For the same reason, I'm poor at traps. Knowing the target is coming, apparently I become too tense. In the field where I am relaxed and enjoying myself, I'm at my best. Conversely, many of the good traps shots I have hunted with don't do too well in the field. They have iron nerves that don't react suddenly enough for an unpredictable bird.

Of course such a man feels bad about missing a big cock pheasant, just as the hunter feels foolish missing a clay target out in the wide open. No one likes to make an easy miss, but the beginner feels it more than the old hand. The beginner stops and thinks about those 650 pellets and wonders where they could have gone, but the experienced gunner has forgotten this spray-gun myth. He doesn't depend on pattern but concentrates on centering every bird he shoots at, something he knows isn't easy to do. If a fellow does enough shotgun shooting, missing is something he gets

Loafer Wolf

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brown that Alec was after probably had come from two or three hundred miles back in the sub-Arctic Rockies, "But," Alec added, "he'll be moving out of that lay-up yonder. Pretty soon. If he winds us he'll come for us. He's a hiyu bad 'un.'

I certainly hoped things would liven up, as Alec thought, because this had to be my last day in the North. I'd been on a quick trip down the Mackenzie, stopping at Simpson, Norman and Good Hope to see what was new along the Big River and chew the fat a bit with old friends. On my way back south the plane had put down at No. Six Camp of the Condomin

outfit, in the lower Liard country, and there I'd run into Alec Muheekoon, the brother of an old-time acquaintance of mine. In just a few days I was due back in New York City to begin my university lecturing, but when Alec told me about the colony of big, silver-gray wolves in the hill-spur across Little Athabwanni Lake, I decided to squeeze out one more day and go along with him. He could hunt his bear and I'd study wolves.

In Woods Cree, "Muheekoon" means "Timber Wolf," and this places Alec in the Wolf Totem of the Squamswap Crees. As guide and all-around bush man for the Condomin outfit, Alec had been working at their No. Three Camp southwest of Resolution, where the company is exploring a huge copper field. But then No. Six developed "bear trouble" and they'd flown Alec down north to tend to it. Along the west shore of Little Athabwanni the Condomin had thirty-some men in the bush-two prospecting teams and a drilling crew-and this prowling rogue bear had thrown a monkey wrench into the works. A hulking big dishface with a vicious temper, it had demolished two location camps and come an inch of killing a couple of men, and the fellows swore they weren't going over there any more till that big siam-siam was shot.

For several days now Alec had been tracking the bear, studying its habits and gradually closing in. He'd discovered that its favorite lay-up during the heat of the day was a little, five-acre tangle of juniper, boulders and old windfall just down the southeast slope of our hogback. It was in there now, with a flock of whiskyjacks quarreling around at it, and Alec was watching the tangle for the brute to come trundling out.

Down toward the northwest arm of the lake several caribou emerged from an aspen belt and headed up the open swale in our direction. Behind them others appeared, more and more-about ninety in all. In straggly files they came up the swale almost halfway to us, then spread out over a twenty-acre moraine flat and began feeding in the fox-tail and dwarf

"Well," I said, "the caribou are out, Alec, but any wolves in this neck of the mountains I'll eat."

I'd no more than said that when five caribou came swinging over the hogback to the north of us and after them came three wolves, chasing them full tilt, with short, excited yeolps.

Two of the caribou were cows, the other three yearlings. One of these, evidently a late drop, was quite small. It couldn't have been over fifty-five pounds. Yet it kept up with the others very easily as the little band diagonaled down the long open slope toward the herd on the moraine flat.

The way those five caribou ran off and left those wolves standing still was surprising even though in the tundra country over east I'd seen that identical thing many times. The caribou weren't particularly scared and weren't running all out by any means, but they made those wolves look like mud turtles. It was a perfect illustration of the fact that in an ordinary chase a caribou-or a moose, elk, antelope, or a mountain sheep on rugged ground-can drop a wolf a mile and a toad hop behind.

The three wolves soon realized they hadn't a Chinaman's chance. A few hundred yards down the slope they broke off the chase, monkeyed around a minute or so, tried to stalk a fat hoary marmot, and then trotted back up and over the ridgeline.

"Young 'uns," Alec grunted. Red turned his head and watched. "Un't know any better yet. Wait till the old 'uns show up. They'll do it different."

As we waited, I noticed that Alec kept glancing at the low sun, with a flick of worry on his swart face, and I knew what was troubling him. If that bear didn't show up pretty soon, he'd have to go down there to its lay-up, beat through that tangle and roust the brute. He didn't like the idea too much. At close quarters, in that mess of brush and rocks, he might not be able to blast it down before it got to him. But at the camp across the lake, thirty-some men were sitting on their thumbs, and also Alec, who had a wife and couple of kiddies at Lesser Slave, wanted the two-hundred-dollar bonus that was in it for him.

WAS worried too. If Alec went down there, he'd of course tell me to remain on the hogback, but I'd have to go along with him. I couldn't sit there on my rump and let a hunting partner walk into danger alone. And I hadn't any desire whatever to go down into that tangle and mix it with that big brown.

Partly to get his mind off that bear, I said: "I know how the tundra wolves hunt caribou, Alec, but how do these mountain wolves do it? I mean, do they take out after a caribou and keep after it till they run it down? That's the idea most people have of the way a wolf makes a kill."

Alec thought back across his years of experience in the northern Rockies. "Never saw it that way," he said. "Mebbe young 'uns'll chase game a ways sometimes. Like we just saw. But old 'uns, no. Un't chase caribou much over half a mile."

So, Alec too had never seen one of those long, grim chases you read about, chases that last for hours, even days. I'd never seen one myself, and the trappers and wolf hunters I'd talked to all said likewise. Mostly this is just another of those myths about the wolf. Like the persistent but utterly groundless belief that wolves will attack humans. The truth is that they never do. Over the last couple of generations the Fish and Wildlife people have thoroughly investigated every alleged wolf attack or even threat of attack on humans, and not one of these reports has held water.

Across on the other hogback a large, silver-gray animal came into sight on the ridgeline. It was so large that I thought at first it was a caribou, a yearling, but when I put the binoculars on it I saw it was a wolf-a big, rangy, hundred-andthirty-pound gray, with rust-colored ears and a wash of black down its backbone. It surely made a picture, standing over there on the skyline in that wild country.

The three smaller wolves which had chased the caribou edged out of some rocks and joined it. Those three were nearly as large as the average full-grown Minnesota wolf (seventy-five to eighty pounds) but in comparison with the big



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dog wolf you couldn't help but see that they were "young 'uns," about seven or eight months old.

Pretty soon two other adult wolves, a cut smaller than the big boy, appeared on the ridgeline. One was a male; I saw him use a boulder as a scent station. The other looked like a female, probably the mother of the cubs.

After a couple of minutes the big boy started down the slope alone. The three cubs frisked after him a rod or so, but he turned his head and looked at them and they went back to the crest. Whether by a growl, snarl or whatnot, he'd plainly given them orders to go back and stay put.

At a casual jog trot, occasionally breaking into the leisurely pacing gait which the wolf has but the dog hasn't, the big fellow dropped down the hillside toward the caribou. He made no effort whatever to keep them from seeing him but trotted along in the wide open.

When he was maybe a hundred yards from the herd, he walked out onto a rock outcropping, sat down on his tail and looked around casually, as though he hadn't the slightest interest on earth in those caribou.

"He aims to take one," Alec said. "Mebbe that'll draw the bear out."

WHAT he meant was that the bear had been robbing those wolves day after day and living high on the proceeds of their hunting. It seemed to have some uncanny knowledge of where and when they made a kill, and it would go there, drive them away and have their caribou for itself. That was what Alec was hoping for now, so he wouldn't have to venture into that tangle after the brute. But he didn't know where the bear would appear and wasn't sure what move it might make. In spite of their shaggy bulk and the dumb look in their little pig-eyes, the big brown can charge a person at an amazing speed, and he's a crafty, deceiving animal, skinful of tricks.

After the big dog wolf had let the caribou see him and get a little used to him, he jogged on down to the moraine flat. Then began one of the most remarkable exhibitions of stalking skill and shrewd maneuvering that a person can imagine. I'd seen wolves use this same general technique; in fact, it's their most common stalking method, but I'd never seen an instance so clear-cut and masterly.

Keeping to that leisurely trot and pace, the wolf first made a circuit entirely around the pasture flat, staying a few rods from the outside fringe of the herd. The caribou nearest him would stop browsing and watch him closely till he'd passed them, and a few individuals moved in toward the center of the moraine, but there was no fright, no stampeding. As plain as day, the wolf's apparent lack of interest in the caribou deceived them into believing they weren't being stalked. But all the time, as he loafed along so inno-

cently, he was not only lulling their fears but looking them over with an expert eve and deciding which one he'd make a try for.

After making that circuit, the big boy jogged out across the middle of the flat. There the caribou were thickest, and they opened up a wide swath to let him through. That is, the animals he headed toward would trot aside thirty or forty yards, watch him till he was past, then fall to browsing again.

For maybe twenty minutes the wolf kept cutting back and forth through the herd at different angles, with the caribou paying him less and less attention. Now and then he would stop a few seconds or even sit down and scratch a flea. As I watched him I was forcibly reminded of the term "loafer wolf." That's what the Great Plains wolf was called by our granddaddies, in the days of the buffalo herds. I'd read various modern explanations of that term and none of them seemed to really explain it. But after I'd seen some tundra wolves hunting caribou -how they loaf around and through a herd like a person who has nothing to do and all day to do it-I knew beyond any question why the plains wolf had been called "the loafer." It's the exact right word. He puts on a bang-up act.

All this time the other wolves stayed up on the ridgeline, silently watching. Even the frisky cubs sat down and kept quiet. From the first to last there was no yelping around, no massed onslaught by the pack, no "relay" stuff or other complicated battle strategy.

To be sure, wolves do sometimes indulge in these fancy tactics. But it isn't their common way of hunting. When you consider that nearly one wolf out of two, by hard-fact figures, perishes from starvation, you realize that as a rule they just don't dare go chasing healthy animals around over the landscape for hours on end. They've got to make their kills with the least possible expenditure of strength and energy. This "loafer" technique is far and away their most efficient method, and it's the technique they use nine times out of ten.

Just how the big dog wolf picked out the animal he considered the easiest to take I couldn't tell and Alec didn't know either. Out on the tundra you'll very often see a wolf chase a small band of caribou a few hundred yards, then switch off and chase another band. He's merely testing them to see if there's a calf that can't keep up, a sick animal, etc. But when he selects a caribou without this test running, he evidently can detect signs of weakness, age or other impairment which humans can't see.

Almost every time when you examine an adult caribou that wolves have killed, you'll find it was either an old "gummer" (its teeth mostly gone), or weakened by excessive botfly grubs, or suffering from one of the various forms of exostosis that are common among caribou.

Pretty soon we saw that the wolf was

narrowing down and focusing his attention on a little knot of caribou, nine or ten of them, at the upper side of the herd. This small bunch contained the undersized calf I mentioned, and I felt sure he was intending to go for it. But no. When he struck, it was at an adult animal, a medium-sized bull.

To us this caribou looked as healthy, strong and speedy as any in the herd. But that wolf knew different. It knew its business.

Still jogging along leisurely, it approached this little knot at an oblique angle, as though intending to go on past. Suddenly-and I mean suddenly-it whirled and plunged at the small group. All the other animals got under way fast and went streaking off in a wide semi-circle, across the swale and down into the main herd. But the bull caribou that the wolf had picked was slow to get going. Cut off from the others, he headed up the swale. He had good open ground and should have run that wolf bow-legged. But something was the matter with him. In that straight, all-out run the wolf gained on him swiftly, caught him after only a three-hundred-yard race and brought him down. There was a short intense struggle and that was the end of it.

I heard Alec mutter excitedly: "Akosaneh! Meesum! (A fine job, Little Cousin)." Forgetting about his half-ton, two-hundred-dollar bear, he had been watching the stalk as intently as I. It was only a small lapse on his part, but when you're dealing with a big brown that's gone vicious, any lapse at all can cost plenty.

F YOU haven't studied wolves very much or thought about their relationship with game animals, the question of whether they take their prey one way instead of another way may seem like a case of fiddledum and fiddledee. But this isn't so. The point I've been thumping on, that the mountain wolf and tundra wolf ordinarily can't catch a healthy animal and don't ordinarily make their kills at random, but deliberately comb a herd and select the weak, old, sick or unfit individuals—this point is tremendously important. It wasn't so many years ago that our Federal Wildlife authorities were bent on the complete extermination of the American wolf. Then they began studying the wolf's habits, noticed that he preyed mostly on animals that were undesirable breeding stock, and came to the conclusion that in reasonable numbers the wolf doesn't harm or deplete a herd but actually improves it by keeping it at a high level of vigor and fertility. They point out that when the buffalo, antelope, elk, Eastern deer and other game herds were at their maximum abundance, they were invariably attended by a large number of wolves.

This study and new understanding has already resulted in certain changes in our game policies. It also may save our wolf from being exterminated. In the few places in the United States where it still exists it is dangerously low in numbers.

Immediately after the big wolf made its kill, the other wolves came rushing down the slope. But that was all I got to see of them; things began happening like that well-known basket of firecrack-

A sudden grunt from Alec was my first intimation of anything wrong. When I jerked around he was getting to his feet and whipping up his gun. Looking past him, I saw the bear, down the slope, about forty-five yards away. It had stopped and reared up on its hind legs and was squinting at us in that nest of rocks, as though puzzled by creatures that seemed to be composed of nothing but hats and heads.

Evidently the bear had moved out to the upper edge of its lay-up, caught our wind and came sneaking up the slope to do us in. It had covered two-thirds of the distance without our hearing or seeing it. If it had kept on coming, if it hadn't got puzzled and stopped and reared up for a look-see, Alec and I might have been in for a lively little time of it.

As it was, the brute not only made a target as big as a barn, but exposed itself to a fatal heart shot. Alec gave it to him three times, and all three shots were bang into the middle of its left ribs. The terrific smash of that one-two-three punch toppled the bear over backwards, and it rolled a little ways down the slope, lashing around with its front paws and plowing furrows with its tremendous claws.

It wasn't very much good after that. But it did get up and try to come on. With those three big slug-holes through its left chest and blood gushing out in streams, it actually got onto its feet and started up that slope to demolish us. A brown bear, the Indians say, has got lots of seepnak. That means it hangs onto life, is terrifically hard to kill.

Alec said, "It's done for," and didn't waste any more ammunition on it. But we waited till it was good and dead before we went down there.

As we looked the huge, shaggy, musky-smelling thing over and realized we'd better be hitting down for our boat, I thought about the little colony of wolves and how the bear had been robbing them, and I remarked: "This will sort of settle their score with this big so-and-so. He fattened up on their caribou; now they'll eat him. Or will they?"

Alec grunted, "Tahpwah!" which means something like "You bet your boots." He said: "Bear meat is strong, sweet. You'll hear 'em. Tonight. From across at the camp. Arguing around over this feed." He was feeling mighty good, mostly about that two hundred bucks. He kicked the dead rogue bear in the ribs, and gave the wolves that old cookshanty yell—"Come 'n git it!"

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To give Scouting in their area a new lease on life, Nashville Elks have devoted many hours to a labor of love for which they readily volunteered. Elks hold every office and serve on every committee in the District set-up. About 50 lodge members, headed by C. Vernon Hines and Thomas M. Stratton, chairman and commissioner of the district, respectively, form the backbone of the organization.

It is estimated that since taking over Central District the Elks have hiked the Boy Scout membership by about 700. With 1,525 active Scouts, the District now boasts the largest membership in its history and this year the Elks hope to step up the membership to 1,650.

But figures don't tell the whole story. Perhaps the largest single benefit resulting from a rejuvenated Scouting movement in Nashville was the blow dealt to juvenile delinquency. Scouting is doing much to eliminate this problem in a section of the city where it was most acute. Boys who formerly spent their time on street corners or formed neighborhood gangs now enjoy the constructive activities of scouting.

The brothers of '72' have given of their resources as well as their time to achieve these results. During the past three years about \$5,500 was appropriated for this project. Scouts have also had access to the lodge facilities for their meetings and other activities. Even the grounds around the lodge have been used as a camp site.

Aside from helping to develop young Americans, the project has proved a stimulating hobby to the Elks themselves. Before becoming active in the program most of them knew little of Scouting. But a good number of them are now experts in various Scout crafts. Lodge members from all walks of life participate and encourage the youngsters by their example Among those who have served on the Scout Court of Honor in Nashville, for instance, are a former mayor, the chief justice of the State Supreme Court, and many other prominent professional and business men.

EDITORIAL

WE FIND THE DEFENDANT . . .



Very recently our attention was arrested by a slogan type of comment penciled in bold letters on some white space of an advertising car card in a suburban railroad train.

"U. S. A. - WORTH ANY SACRIFICE".

Coming upon it so suddenly, we speculated about its author. We thought we could see delineated in the letters of this eloquent message an idealistic young person . . . for who else would shout a newly-discovered truth with such spirit . . . and we thought we could detect in this young person a teen-ager . . . for who but a teen-ager would employ such a medium of self-expression. It was a conclusion to stir new admiration for the youth of today—the young-sters who have been attacked so viciously as a class.

It seems only yesterday that the hot mid-century debate over our teen-agers flared from the press and spread from one radio channel to another. The controversy has since burned to embers, which give off only an occasional spark when a charge is made that the total number of delinquents is more startling than suspected, and a rebuttal that percentagewise such a figure is very small.

May we stir a bright flame from the embers by offering our discovery in defense of today's youth. We would like to suggest that the modern youngster who lettered the slogan here quoted be judged against the car card scribblers of a few decades ago, who were content with such announcements to the public as: "George loves Mary", to mention one of the innocuous scribblings that may be framed in print.

It is a minute item to hold up, we know, the declaration of one teen-age boy or girl, but it is so charged with character and goodness that we hope it may be accepted at its full worth by our members, as it was by ourselves.

VOTING-A PATRIOTIC PRIVILEGE



"That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed". From the Declaration of Independence.

It is all the more difficult to account for the fact that in the Presidential elec-

tion of 1948 but 51 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls, as compared to 78.4 per cent in 1880, when one reflects that the American citizen of today—through forty years of unremitting pressure from foreign ideologies—is far more conscious of the unique privilege he has of determining his form of government than was his forefather of three quarters of a century ago.

He sees as he looks to other lands and other people the specter of masses herded to the polls to mark a ballot according to the dictates of some evil man, and his minions, who are aware that even dictatorships must make a token payment to liberty and therefore demand only ninety-nine to

one compliance from the "voters". He sees in his own home land an independent vote cast in a community balloting booth where he, and his friends, family and neighbors, in secret and good faith give "the consent of the governed".

As the national publication of the B.P.O.E., *The Elks Magazine* maintains a completely non-political editorial policy. But also as the national publication of a great patriotic fraternity, *The Elks Magazine* urges every member of the Order to exercise his great privilege—the right to vote as an American.

"TO MEN AND ANGELS"



Make your best friend an Elk.

You may hear that phrase spoken enthusiastically this Fall as fraternal activity gains pace. Your Lodge leaders, intent on a selective membership increase, will offer it as a basis for a sound increase in our number.

As far as it goes, that recommendation is splendid. It occurs to us, though, that the essential thought in this formula contains a great deal more fissionable material and force for good than of a mere swelling of our ranks.

To make our best friend an Elk is to enrich the lives of ourselves, our friends, and the families of each. That much is evident. What is apparent, too, is that the Lodge benefits through the close association of its members—in the increased membership, in better attendance at meetings, in the greater cooperative spirit lent to programmed activities.

That which is not so readily brought to eye is the fact that this emphasis on friendship binds the entire Order into one solid force to make it an even more effective agency for service to our communities and our Country.

As we learn more about the subverting ends of Communism, we realize what a vital force to America is a patriotic fraternity whose members meet in close association frequently and are one in thought, one in action. For instance, we recently heard a lady scientist, the wife of a man in responsible government position, recount, as part of her recital of the manner in which Moscow is using traitors within our borders, that women Communists are being trained here for jobs in key plants to replace men should a major war occur. The aim is to place these red hirelings in a strategic position to disrupt production schedules, produce defective weapons, or commit more vicious acts of sabotage.

Obviously, in war emergency, with the preoccupations of measures for defense and offense, it would not be possible to maintain a police force large enough to cope with such a treacherous infiltration and entrenchment behind our lines. The responsibility for watchfulness would fall on all of us on the home front. What better group of vigilantes could be found than a fraternity which has always, in peace and war, acted in behalf of its people and its Country.

Let us, then, view the thought, Make your best friend an Elk, in its larger scope. Let us counter the forces working for materialistic tyranny by acting now to fuse our power into one solid bloc and devoting more attention, yet more energy, to the Friendship which Samuel Johnson said was "To men and angels only giv'n." For one thing, we can encourage our best friend to become an Elk. For another, we can really work at the objective of developing more close friendships among our brothers in Elkdom.

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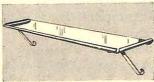
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