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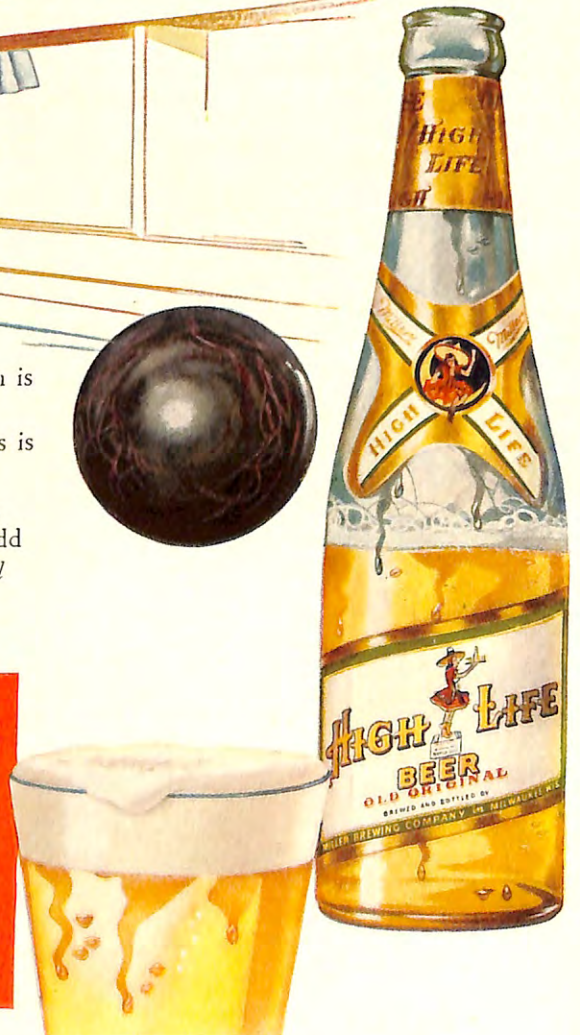
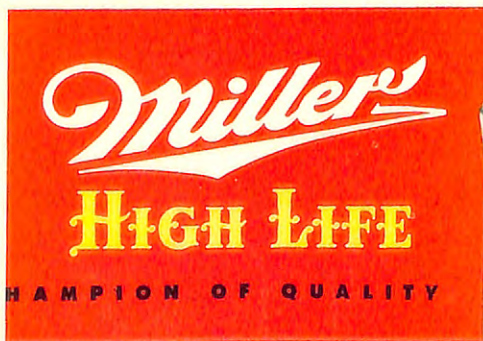
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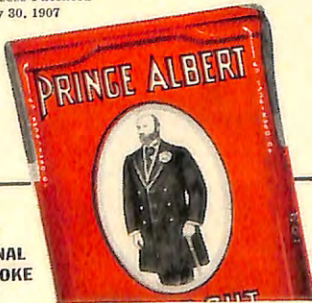
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AN ELK FOR 68 YEARS

ALMOST any day that you drop in at the Elks lodge in Hartford, Conn., you will meet the Dean of Elkdom, Billy O'Brien, who has had an Elk card since 1884 and is 92 years old. Brother O'Brien became affiliated with the Hartford Lodge two years after it was founded and, enjoying the health of a man many years his junior, is an active member of his lodge. As early as 1886, Brother O'Brien was an officer of his lodge and in 1885, when then Grand Exalted Ruler H. S. Sanderson instituted Meriden, Conn., lodge he was a member of the Grand Lodge instituting suite that performed the ceremony.

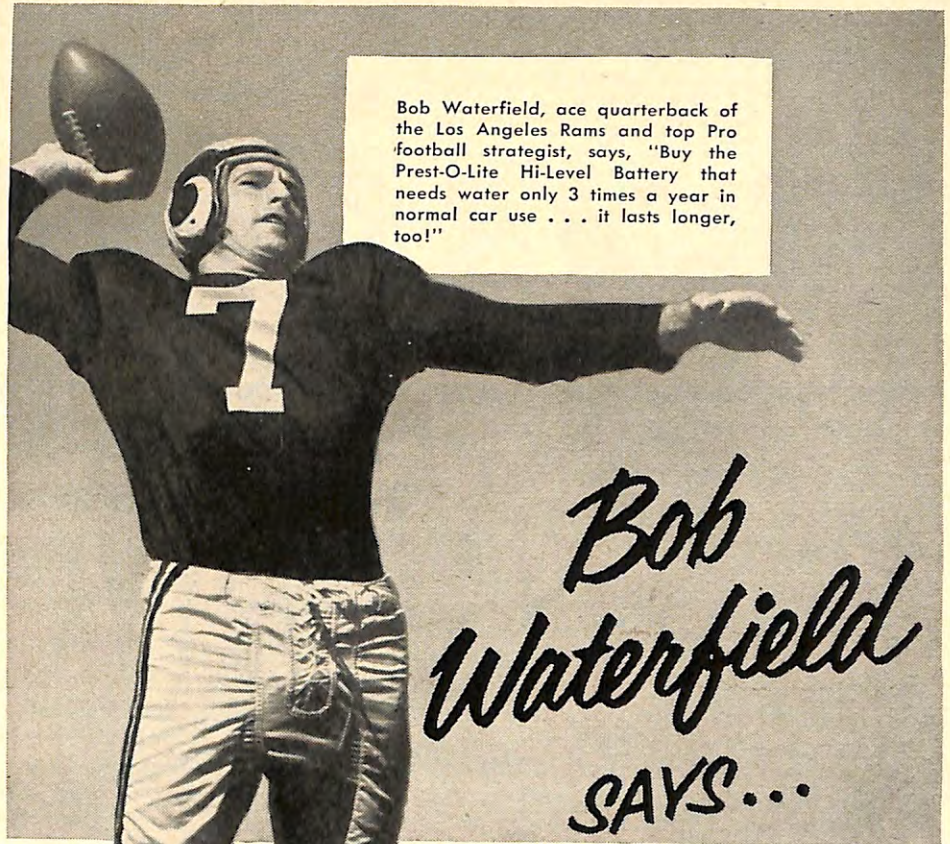
Back in 1892 Billy went into business for himself and opened O'Brien's Cafe, which later was moved a few doors up the street and was known as the Auditorium Cafe. Many celebrities of those days are vividly recalled by Brother O'Brien since they stopped at his place regularly when in Hartford. Mark Twain dropped in now and then, as did Bill Cody. Jim Corbett, John L. Sullivan and Bob Fitzsimmons, heavyweight champions of those days, were frequent visitors, but of all the famous fighters to stop there, Billy O'Brien best remembers Young Corbett who fought Terry McGovern, featherweight champion, back in 1901 and staged one of the greatest upsets in boxing history. Corbett trained for the McGovern bout in Hartford.

We extend sincere good wishes to Brother O'Brien and are pleased to have this opportunity to bring to his Brother Elks' attention his record of service dating back to the infancy of the Order, for most certainly they share our feelings about our oldest member.

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Billy O'Brien reading our August issue.



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STALIN'S TROJAN HORSE

Marches under the name of "Peace", cloaking Communist aggression.

BY BRUNO SHAW

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THE racket you have been hearing from Moscow lately is the familiar clack of wooden hooves. Unlike the ancient Trojan Horse that could only stand and wait until its victims pulled it through the gate, the equine marvel of the Soviet Union gallops clattering to the four corners of the earth.

Firmly astride the prancing Muscovite steed rides the great proletarian liberator Joseph Vissarionovich (Djugashvilli) Stalin, dedicated to the noble task of liberating the free people of the world from their freedom. Already, in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Albania, Latvia, Esthonia, Lithuania, China and north Korea, this humanitarian mission has been accomplished.

For several years now, in those countries, the people no longer bear the burden of deciding what they would like to do or not like to do; who their leaders should or should not be; what to think or not to think; even whether they should live or die. All this, and more, is decided for them now that they have been liberated from the arduous necessity of making their own choice.

The name of the modern-style Trojan Horse which bears the message of the Great Liberator to the far places of the earth, is "Peace."

On October 5th, at the Communist party congress, the first such meeting held since 1939, there was launched the greatest "peace" campaign ever undertaken by Moscow.

The keynote was set by Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet author and propagandist, in his address before the World Peace Council on July 4th, in the Soviet zone of Berlin. It was met with acclaim by the Soviet official press, indicating that the "new look" of Soviet propaganda design had had prior Politburo approval, without which, of course, Ehrenburg would not even have allowed himself to think along these lines, let alone talk.

"Peace" campaigns from Moscow are conducted for specific and special purposes and require no diminution of Hate America campaigns at home. Because of iron control of radio and the printed word in Russia and the satellite countries (except for that which breaches the cracks in the Iron Curtain), Moscow sees nothing incongruous in preaching peace to the peoples whose freedom it hopes to destroy, while preaching hate at home in order to promote fear and hatred of its intended victims.

But in the forthcoming "peace" campaign for which the kick-off was made by Ilya Ehrenburg in Berlin, and for which the signals were called by Soviet Deputy Premier Georgi M. Malenkov at the Communist party Congress in October, to be followed through later in the year by an

"international" meeting in December, something new has been added in an effort to tempt those who reject the surrender-to-Moscow motif. The theme of the new piece, designed especially for members of our Congress and American business and industrial leaders, is: Live and let live.

"It is time the average American understood" said Ilya Ehrenburg in his July 4th address, "that the Russians are not massing to deprive him of his Ford and that the Chinese have no intention of meddling with television programs in the United States and that the Koreans do not lust after Mr. Smith's refrigerator and that the Poles are unconcerned whether the aforesaid Mr. Smith dreams of making not only millions but billions.

"It is not true that we, the Soviet people, hate America. We respect the American people, their genius, their achievements in science, their inventiveness, their industry.

"I believe in the good sense and good feeling of the American people. There is a place for their representatives here, in the World Peace Council. We are waiting for them, and let them know that in the Soviet delegates they will find friends who can understand the different ways of different peoples and who do not want to impose their way of life upon others, but only to save the life, culture and future of the whole of mankind."

At the same time that Ehrenburg was delivering himself of his good-will message, Soviet representatives at the United Nations and elsewhere were denouncing Americans as cannibals who were murdering innocent Korean women and children with Bacteriological Warfare; as imperialists on the hunt for colonial empire; and as vandals impatient to drop the atomic bomb on Russia.

One week after Ehrenburg's sweetness and light manifesto, the official Moscow magazine "News" pushed the Trojan Horse on its way with this comment: "Any unbiased person making a study of the statements by V. I. Lenin and J. V. Stalin over the course of the last thirty-five years—statements made at different periods and under totally different conditions—will arrive at the inescapable conclusion that the Soviet Union regards the peaceful co-existence of the two divergent systems as the inviolable foundation of its foreign policy."

Let us take a look at some of this record, bearing in mind that in the word-mill of the Kremlin the Western democracies become "capitalist" or "imperialist" states, while the totalitarian Soviet Union and its Communist satellites emerge as socialist "democracies." We shall see that both Lenin and Stalin have said time (Continued on page 41)





Photographed during the Ill. N. E. Dist. District Deputy's Conference at Joliet were, left to right: State Pres. Don Patten, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, D.D. Willis G. Maltby and the host E.R., George F. Robinson.



When the Order's leader visited Dixon, Ill., Lodge, he presented 50-year pins to several Elks. He stands at right, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, standing center, and E.R. Elwin Glessner, standing at left. Seated are the 50-year Elks: only living Charter Member Tim Sullivan, Barclay Bowles, Wayne Smith, Charles Duis and James Ballou.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



P.E.R.'s and officers of Bismarck, N. D., Lodge greet Mr. Stern when he stopped at their airport on route to Montana. On his right is P.D.D. J. S. Fevold; and on his left, E.R. Gordon Engen.

FOLLOWING his election to the Order's highest office at the Grand Lodge Convention in New York City in July, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern returned to his home in North Dakota for a brief visit. He was welcomed by a large and enthusiastic delegation of members from his lodge, **FARGO NO. 260**.

En route to Great Falls to address the **MONTANA STATE ELKS ASSN.** Convention, reported in our October number, Mr. Stern stopped at **BISMARCK, N. D.**, to be greeted by a group of members of the local lodge, No. 1199. They included E.R. Gordon Engen, P.E.R.'s J. S. Fevold, P.D.D.; W. F. Kunz, State Vice-Pres.; Paul Brewer, State Trustee; Archie O. Johnson, Leo DeRochford, Treas. of the lodge; F. C. Hauser and Ed Klein; Secy. Wayne Carroll, Est. Lect. Knight Henry Flohr; Est. Loyal Knight Glen H. Jahnke, Publicity Chairman; Inner Guard Ronald Ottes and Carlyle D. Onsrud, member of the lodge's Crippled Children's Committee.

Another stopover on this flight gave the Order's leader the opportunity to visit with members of **MILES CITY, MONT., LODGE, NO. 537**. Among them were S. D. McKinnon, former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, Mayor Farnham Denson, P.E.R.'s Lou Grill, Past State Pres.; W. P. Lakin, F. E. Burkholder and Chris Hanson, and D. A. Ferguson, P.E.R. of Minot, N. D., Lodge who resides in Miles City. Other local Elks in the group were Supt. Casper Wolhowe, David O'Connor and Chuck Pering, all of the State Boys School staff, Asst. Fire Chief Emil Bracht, Jr., Robert J. Scanlan, Manager of the *Daily Star* of which Mr. Grill is Editor, Paul Mann, H. B. Greene and August Albrecht.

The delegates to the **WISCONSIN STATE ASSN.** Convention welcomed Mr. Stern to Green Bay on Aug. 21st when he was the principal speaker at the banquet attended

by more than 500 persons. Mr. Stern was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, and D.D. Andrew W. Parnell was Master of Ceremonies. Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, the new Assn. Pres., E. H. Lattimer of Wausau, host lodge E.R. Kenneth Nuss and Mayor Dominic Olejniczak also spoke briefly. General Chairman for the Convention, James Boex of Green Bay, was elected Vice-Pres.-at-Large of the Assn. Others who took office at this session were Vice-Presidents (N.E.) James Schultz, Appleton; (N.W.) Robert Cowell, Rice Lake; (So.) Sam Slaymaker, Beloit; Secy., Leo Schmalz, Kaukauna; Treas., Wm. H. Otto, Racine; Trustee, Frank W. Fisher, Janesville; Tiler, Fred Theilacker, Milwaukee; Inner Guard, Charles Hervey, Appleton; Chaplain, A. F. Quick; Sgt.-at-Arms, James Franey, Eau Claire.

On Aug. 24th, Mr. Stern attended the very successful clinic held by D.D. Willis G. Maltby for the 16 Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of the lodges in the ILL. N.E. DIST. The meeting, which took place at the home of Mr. Maltby's lodge, JOLIET NO. 296, was also attended by J. Paul Kuhn, a member of the Grand Forum, State Assn. Pres. Don Patten, State Trustee John McGlone, Ill. E. Cent. D.D. Chas. E. Woodruff and P.D.D.'s O. E. Andres, Raymond Sheehan and Franz Koehler.

On Aug. 25th and 26th, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis of Williamsport, Mr. Stern attended the Convention of the PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSN., and on the 27th, the Order's leader addressed the delegates to the OHIO STATE ASSN. meeting. Both these sessions are reported in full on pages 12 and 13 in this issue.

After attending the conference of the Advisory Committee of the Grand Lodge in Colorado Springs, Colo., early in September, Mr. Stern returned to Ill. to participate in the first Anniversary celebration of the thriving PRINCETON LODGE NO. 1461 on the 11th. This was his first official lodge visitation as the Order's leader. With Mr. Stern were Mr. Maltby, Mr. Patten, State Secy. Albert W. Arnold, Ill. N.W. D.D. Monte Hance and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner whose home lodge, DIXON, ILL., NO. 779, Mr. Stern also visited at that time.

The 12th found the distinguished Fargo Elk in Bristol for the Annual Conclave of the TENN. ELKS ASSN., reported on pages 13 and 40 of this issue.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

NOVEMBER	LODGE
1	Sycamore, Ill.
2	Sycamore, Ill.
11	Lewistown, Pa.
15	Baltimore, Md.
22	Bloomington, Ill.

*Subject to change



At the first anniversary of Princeton, Ill., Lodge were, left to right: State Secy. A. W. Arnold, D.D. Maltby, Pres. Patten, Mr. Stern, Henry C. Warner, E.R. U. W. Walton and D.D. Monte Hance.



Following his election to office, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern made a brief trip home to Fargo, N. D. He is pictured here, center foreground, with fellow lodge members who welcomed him at the depot.



In Roanoke during the Va. Elks Meeting were, left to right, M. L. Masinter, Va. Elks Boys' Camp Pres.; D.D. Paul S. Johnson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett, Mr. Stern, John L. Walker of the Grand Forum, retiring State Pres. Charles D. Fox, Jr., and Pres.-elect John R. Schafe.

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Three stars of collegiate football that made great records as pros. From left: Danny Fortmann, a great guard for the Chicago Bears; Mel Hein, all-time center for the New York Giants, and Charley Conerly, currently starring for the Giants.

BY W. C. HEINZ

EACH June, from the 300 universities and colleges of this country that sponsor football teams, there are graduated between 3,000 and 4,000 young men who have played some football. Many of them, of course, have played for small colleges where they have been deprived of the competition that might have made them into potential professional material. Others have failed to distinguish themselves at larger institutions, but into this great grab-bag of talent each year reach the twelve clubs of the National Football League in their constant search for the new stars who will help make winning teams and help draw paying customers through the turnstiles.

The problem that confronts the twelve teams as they sit down each January in a large room in a hotel in one of the cities of the league to draft their selectees out of the graduating classes of the next June is one of separating, without being able to apply the true test of professional competition, the apt from the inept. The methods by which they attempt to do this are basically the same.

During the college football season the dozen professional clubs each employ scouts who cover the West Coast, the Southwest, the Midwest, the Southeast and the East. Each club also has hosts of friends—high school and college coaches who formerly played for the club—who scout informally for it. The clubs study the football magazines and annuals, the sports pages of newspapers from all sections of the country and the findings of national football statistical bureaus. At the end of this research their successes are still largely subject to chance.

In 1935, for example, the New York Giants were training at the Blue Hills Country Club in Pearl River, N.Y. Pearl

River was the home town of a Colgate University guard, and the townspeople of Pearl River as well as the relatives of the boy devoted much of the month of August extolling to the Giants the football abilities of the young man.

"We took that to be local enthusiasm," says Wellington Mara, who, with his brother, Jack, owns the Giants. "Besides, the boy only weighed 175 pounds, so we decided at the next draft meeting that, if the boy still hadn't been picked by the time our thirtieth pick came up, we'd take him."

At the completion of the twenty-ninth round of the draft the comparatively small Colgate guard had not yet been selected. As the teams, one after another, announced their thirtieth, and last, choices, the young man's name remained unmentioned until, just before the Giants were to pick him, George Halas, owner-coach of the Chicago Bears made the guard his final selection.

"The Chicago Bears," he announced, "pick Danny Fortmann of Colgate."

The Giants shrugged it off, but not for long. Fortmann was to become an All-League guard and go down in the history of professional football as one of the greatest little guards of all time.

"Halas," says Steve Owen, coach of the Giants, "didn't know any more about Fortmann than we did. That was sixteen years ago, but we still have to sit around at draft meetings while everybody picks thirty men and gets a lot of men he doesn't want because Halas is still trying to get another Fortmann."

It takes between eight and twelve hours to conduct a draft meeting, as the teams pick one player at a time in inverse order from that in which the teams finished the previous season. In the meeting room are twelve, small tables

and one large one. At the small tables sit the representatives of the teams, and at the large table, conducting the draft, sit the executives of the league.

By the time the clubs sit down at their tables each has compiled a list of 500 or 600 college seniors in which the club is at least slightly interested. The lists of the clubs overlap, of course, with all of the clubs interested in certain outstanding college players, and thus the drafting becomes a nerve-wracking ordeal in which the representatives of the teams sit nervously listening in the hope that a wanted player will survive a round.

The big names naturally go first. Each year there are some players—like Sammy Baugh, of the Washington Redskins, and Johnny Lujack, who played for the Chicago Bears until his retirement after last season—who exhibit a degree of class in college that almost insures they will be successes in professional ball. In 1939, however, the Giants sacrificed their first draft pick for a much wanted player who turned up at training camp with a ring in his nose.

The player was Walter Nielsen, a fullback from Arizona and a fine young man who later distinguished himself in military service. Nielsen, however, was asthmatic and an allergy victim. This was not apparent to the Giants while he was playing in Arizona, but when he arrived at Pearl River he was wearing filters in his nostrils, the filters connected and held in place by a ring.

Shortly after his appearance in camp, Nielsen developed hives, began losing weight and contracted a cough. He was sent to a laboratory for exhaustive tests and then placed in a New York hospital for treatment. It was discovered that he was sensitive to every one of the pollens

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ROD & GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

Ted recalls some pheasant hits—and misses.



IT WAS the kind of day that comes only in October—mellow, golden in the sun, a hint of coolness in the crisp, clean-smelling shade, and a soft haze off across the valley. But it was Sunday, and when I was a boy we did not hunt on Sunday. On Sunday we went to church and in the afternoon company came, almost always, or else we went visiting and I sat clean and uncomfortable, listening to the endless talk of the grownups.

This particular Sabbath, however, a great thing happened. We had attended church as usual in the morning and then company had come for dinner. Now, late in the afternoon, we were all standing on the lawn when a cock pheasant sailed on set wings over the house, above our heads, and on beyond the orchard to land in a little three-acre corn patch across the road.

My father said, "Ted, why don't you get your gun and walk down there? Maybe you could get a shot at him."

There was no time for a reply. I dashed into the house, threw off my Sunday clothes, pulled on my overalls, grabbed my shotgun and a few shells and hurried out. Judy, our collie farm—and hunting—dog, was ready.

We hurried down the drive with Judy obediently at heel. I slipped a couple of shells into the gun and crossed the road. I swallowed my heart for the third or fourth time and started into the corn.

The field was in the shape of a long triangle, bounded on one side by the road, on the other by a ditch that was grown up heavily to weeds, and on the third by a fence. I entered at the closest point, which was the long one. Here the corn had been husked. The stalks were broken down so that I could see to shoot over them, and there were hundreds of hiding places for birds. A gnarled peach tree was over on the ditch bank to my right.

As I reached the corn, I sent Judy on ahead. Spaniel like, she plunged under the broken stalks and began running back and forth, up and down parallel to the rows. Almost at once, before I had taken even a dozen steps, there was a great thrashing and, not one, but two pheasants burst into the air.

Never before had I been given the opportunity to make a double. In fact, this was my first fall of hunting. The sport of wing shooting was a great and delightful and unread volume of which I had only a few weeks previously turned the fly leaf. Now, with the grownups watching, the gods had given me this chance.

I think a boy sees things more clearly than a man. Perhaps the fresh screen of his mind reflects a brighter, sharper image. At any rate, that picture is as vivid today as if it had been painted there in oil. One bird curving toward the tree, the other slanting off to the left; their colors heightened by the low October sun, the golden corn beneath them and the smoky-blue October sky above.

I shot first at the bird flying toward the tree. His wings stopped. He was suspended there when I turned quickly to swing and aim and pull against the other. I watched him tumble down. Then I broke my gun and lifted out the empties, sniffing the sweet scent of the

burnt powder. I reloaded, but I didn't close the gun. Instead I hesitated briefly, then withdrew the shells and dropped them back into my pocket.

There are some things that cannot be improved upon. I might continue hunting and get another bird, or even two more to make my limit, but no moment that day could possibly surpass the one that was just gone by. It was great then and it is great in memory—perhaps the greatest of my hunting life.

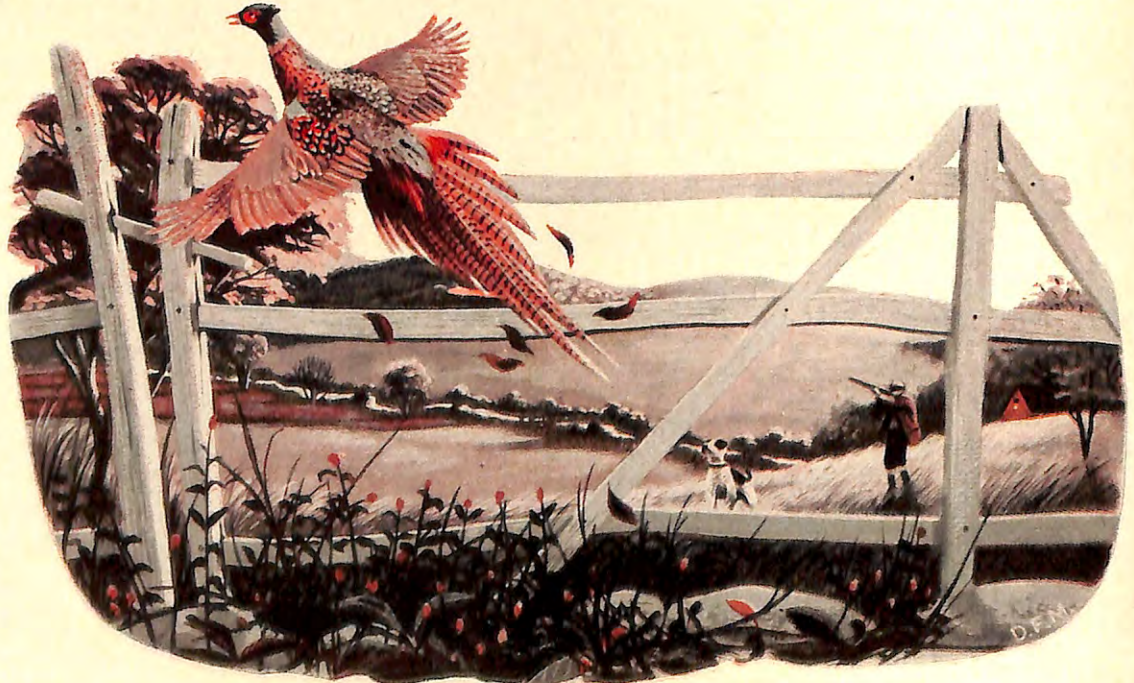
Judy had found one bird. I went and got it and helped her find the other. We walked back to the kouse.

Many of the older generation of hunters who learned to shoot on ruffed grouse and woodcock, or prairie chickens, or bobwhite quail, don't like pheasants. Their feeling has been called prejudice, but I don't think it's that. They simply learned to love the native birds before John Pheasant came along. They can't help resenting him a little, even though they realize that without him there would be no upland shooting in many areas in the year 1952.

I escaped this feeling. In the farming community where I grew up, the native birds disappeared when I was a small child. Pheasants were introduced about that time. They were reaching their greatest abundance when I was blessed with my first shotgun and began courting the art of wing shooting. Consequently, even though I later developed a great fondness for both grouse and quail, the

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Illustrated by Donald F. Moss.



Pheasants know all the tricks and are past masters of the art of avoiding the man with a gun.



This photograph was taken during the dinner held in honor of Chairman James T. Hallinan of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission when he visited Oklahoma to see at first hand the splendid works being done by the Okla. Elks Hospital Service Committees in cooperation with his Commission. Reading from the left clockwise around the table are State Committee Chairman Kenneth Aldrich, P.E.R.'s M. M. Thomas, John Wilson, R. G. Mardt, G. C. White and A. P. Kleinegger, local Chairman, all of Oklahoma City Lodge; Judge Hallinan; Supreme Court Justice Earl Welch; Judge B. H. Malone; Earl E. James, former Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, chairman; Thad Baker, attorney for Veterans; Floyd Brown, Special Representative Elks National Service Commission; Secy., Al Swihart, and P.E.R. Ralph Wunderlich, both of Oklahoma City Elks.

ELKS

NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES



Above: Chairman L. E. Strong of the Ohio Elks Veterans Hospital Program and four young diamond stars talk things over with two of the hundreds of convalescent servicemen who enjoyed one of the regular Elk-sponsored Little League games played on the VA hospital grounds.



Left: On his trip throughout that section of the country to see how things are going with the Elks' Veterans Service Programs, Service Commission Chairman Hallinan, second from left was welcomed by local Elks at the Phoenix, Ariz., airport. At left, P.E.R. Alex W. Crane, third from left, P.E.R. Harry E. Williams, both Past District Deputies; at right, E.R. R. G. Robb.



The Order's leader arrives in Bristol for the Tenn. Elks Assn. Convention. Left to right: David Akard, D.D. Maurice Conn, Pres. Earl Broden, host Exalted Ruler E. H. Daily, Chamber of Commerce Pres. George Summerson, Grand Lodge Committeeman Ed. W. McCabe, Mr. Stern, Pres.-elect Hugh W. Hicks, D.D. John A. Gasell, D.D. W. G. Maltby, Mayor Fred V. Vance, City Mgr. R. L. Morrison.

News of the State Associations

PENNSYLVANIA

The 46th Annual Convention of the Pa. Elks Assn. took place in Erie Aug. 25th through the 28th. More than 3,500 members and their ladies were registered for this meeting at which Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern was guest of honor, addressing both the public meeting on Monday evening and the morning business session on Tuesday. Other dignitaries on hand for this meeting included Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles H. Grakelow, George I. Hall, Howard R. Davis and Grand Secy. J. Edgar Masters, as well as George Thornton of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee.

A highlight of the Convention was the presentation of State Student Aid awards of \$400 each to 23 young men and women. Six others received checks in this amount but were not present at the meeting, and Chairman Grakelow announced that 42 other students would receive lesser district and lodge awards at a later date.

The annual Memorial Services on Wednesday morning were dedicated to the memory of Past State Pres. F. J. Schrader, with Mr. Davis delivering the eulogy. In addition to Mr. Schrader,

Past Presidents James B. Yard, Scott E. Drum, Dr. E. L. Davis and Grover Shoemaker, who passed away during the year, were mourned.

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Elks National Foundation, the Pa. delegates decided to raise an extra \$25,000 for the Foundation and



Past State Pres. Lee A. Donaldson was selected as Chairman of the committee in charge of this effort. Officers for the coming year are: Pres., Harry T. Kleean, Oil City; Vice-Pres., Barney Wentz, Ashland; Secy. (reelected) William S. Gould, Scranton; Treas. (reelected) Charles S. Brown, Allegheny; Trustee for five years, William B. Forsythe, Kane, and for three years, John Niland, Kittanning.

On Tuesday evening, a banquet held by the N.W. Dist. in honor of Pres.-elect Kleean was attended by 450 Elks and their ladies, and the Student Aid luncheon on Tuesday found 100 young scholars and their sponsors in attendance. The meeting adjourned at noon on the 28th, with the final event the huge parade that afternoon for which Past State Pres. Edward Smith was sergeant-at-arms.

WASHINGTON

The genial hosts of Vancouver Lodge made the 50th Annual Convention of the Wash. Elks Assn. one of the most outstanding in its history. Past Grand Exalted Rulers Frank J. Lonergan and Emmett T. Anderson were present and addressed the delegates, as did Grand Lodge Committeeman Edwin J. Alexander.

Many fine reports were made on the various programs of this Assn., and the delegates voted to adopt a major project to which each member will contribute one dollar annually.

In the Ritualistic Contest, the Bellingham entry won first-place honors over Walla Walla and Vancouver, and Long-



Above: Photographed at Beckley during the W. Va. Elks Assn. Convention were, left to right: Past President Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Trustee L. E. Tucker and District Deputy W. H. Craze.

Left: At the Iowa State Meeting, Foundation Scholarships of \$400 each were given to Miss Baila J. Mackey and Wm. S. Dickinson by Committee Chairman Kenneth Magarrell, center.

view was selected as the site of the Winter meeting in January. Officers of this organization are: Pres., Jay Bernstein, Vancouver; 1st Vice-Pres., D. P. Shew, Ballard; 2nd Vice-Pres., John T. Raftis, Colville; 3rd Vice-Pres., William G. Singer, Centralia; Secretary, William Crane, Vancouver, and Treasurer, Adolph Norin, Aberdeen.

WEST VIRGINIA

Nearly 1,300 persons converged on Beckley, W. Va., Aug. 22 and 23 for the 44th Annual Convention of the State Elks Assn. during which Sistersville Lodge's team took top honors in the Ritualistic Contest.

U.S. Sen. H. M. Kilgore, a member of the host lodge, was on hand, as were the State's new D.D.'s, William Craze, Boone Dawson and Warren Morris. Reports were given on the fine veterans work accomplished at the four hospitals in the State, and the Youth Activities report of Aubrey Inge and Ross Irle revealed the W. Va. Elks had spent \$50,000 on this worthwhile program. Barbara Hicks and Jack Fish, winners of the State Youth and Foundation Scholarship awards respectively were present to accept their prizes.

The P.E.R.'s Dinner was attended by 90 former lodge leaders who, with the other delegates and guests, enjoyed a series of social activities which included a cocktail party, breakfast and scenic tour for the ladies, all arranged by E.R. John Schulte, General Chairman.

The following men will handle Assn. business until 1953: Pres., Paul Berwinkle, Weirton; Vice-Presidents (No.) H. Paige Bell, Parkersburg; (Cent.) Nelson Clarke, Martinsburg; (So.) Lawrence Pruett, Beckley; Treas., W. Don Morris, Huntington; Secy. George N. Peters, Weirton; Trustees: A. E. Kallmerten, Huntington; L. E. Tucker, Morgantown; W. Cody Fletcher, Princeton; Elwood Grisell, Moundsville, and Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Charleston.

OHIO

Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern was one of the distinguished guests of the 54th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Elks Assn. in Cedar Point Aug. 24-27. Other dignitaries on hand included Past Grand Exalted Rulers Dr. Edward J. McCormick and George I. Hall, Fred L. Bohn of the Board of Grand Trustees and John C. Cochrane, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

The opening ceremonies were followed by an interesting report given by the orthopedic doctor and therapist of the Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Training Center in Canton. His talk preceded an expression of gratitude made by the mother of one of the patients the Ohio Elks are assisting.

On Monday, following the well-attended and very moving Memorial Services,



Dignitaries on hand for the 54th Annual Meeting of the Ohio Elks Assn. included, left to right: Trustee Chairman E. P. Hoadley, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Pres. Jos. E. Hurst, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Past Pres. Gerald C. Nau, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committeeman John C. Cochrane, and Fred L. Bohn, Grand Trustee.

the business of the Assn. was undertaken, with the delegates amending their Constitution to eliminate the office of President, changing the traditional month of August for their annual meeting to April, and voting to empower the Assn. to elect a board of five to administer the affairs of the Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Program to which the Elk ladies, headed by 20-year Chairman Mrs. Pearl M. Gorie, contributed \$1,100.

At the annual banquet, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hall installed the following officers: Pres., Joseph E. Hurst, New Philadelphia; 1st Vice-Pres., Willard J. Schwartz, Springfield; 2nd Vice-Pres., Louis A. Kuenzil, Upper Sandusky; 3rd Vice-Pres., Herschel J. Deal, Canton; Secy. (reelected) L. E. Strong, Canton; Treas. (reelected) C. W. Wallace, Columbus; Trustee (three years) Stanley Haggerty, Columbus; Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster; Sgt.-at-Arms, Walter G. Springmyer, Cincinnati; Inner Guard, Dorren L. Renner, New Philadelphia; Tiler, Harold S. Green, Toledo. Dale W. Brothers of Youngstown

is the new Pres. of the P.E.R.'s Assn.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick, who delivered an inspired address stressing the importance of the opening and operation of the Cerebral Palsy Clinic, introduced the Order's new leader who gave an extremely interesting talk on Elkdom and all it represents.

TENNESSEE

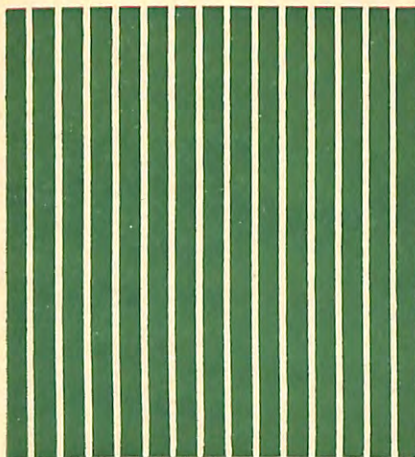
The 12th Annual Convention of the Tenn. Elks Assn. took place on Sept. 12th and 13th with Bristol Lodge No. 232 as host. Six teams competed in the Ritualistic Contest which was won by Knoxville Lodge for the third time, becoming permanent possessor of the handsome trophy.

Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern was on hand for this meeting, addressing the delegates at the afternoon session on the 12th, and again delivering a fine talk at the banquet and dance which concluded the conclave. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was another speaker
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Greetings are exchanged during the recent Pennsylvania Elks Association Convention. Left to right: Trustees John J. Niland and William B. Forsythe, Past President H. Earl Pitzer, Vice-President Barney W. Wentz, President Harry T. Kleezan, Secy. William Gould and Treas. Charles S. Brown.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER



DRIVING by the rows of silent, brown corn shocks silhouetted against an orange harvest moon and feeling the coldness that creeps in with the evening breeze reminds one of many things. Autumn is a time of remembering, a time to consider favors that have been granted us during a hopeful spring and a productive summer. Autumn is a time to offer thanks for the bounties that have befallen us and to set our courage for the eventualities of the coming winter. Autumn is a time of Thanksgiving. What does Thanksgiving mean to us? As we Elks grow a little older, we consider the changing meaning of this day made sacred by our Pilgrim forefathers. When we were kids, Thanksgiving Day meant a day when mother would pile the table higher than usual with the delights that only mother could produce from her steaming kitchen. Turkey, golden brown with an aroma manufactured from hours of basting and turning. Dressing that melted in your mouth. Gigantic piles of smooth, whipped potatoes. To us kids Thanksgiving Day meant a day when parents were more lenient, a day when our cousins would visit us and a day of great friendliness.

As teenagers, Thanksgiving Day took on a broader aspect. We began to realize that the word Thanksgiving meant more than just a title for the fourth Thursday in every November. We began to ponder the fact that thanks were due someone for the gifts of the past year. We began to think of the mysterious powers that granted our large hopes and denied some of our smaller wishes.

However, it is not until we reach maturity that we really feel the true meaning of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is truly American. This fact comes home to us more clearly when we think of the divine mercies and goodness that comes to us as Americans. Thanks may be offered by people in many parts of this battle-torn world because their lives have been spared. Because they have been allowed to live, no, not live but exist, through another year. They dine on crusts and give thanks, warily peering over their shoulders during their thanks lest someone object to the offering of thanks to anyone but their country's ruling forces.

As Americans we have a great deal for which to be thankful. We can choose our government, we can choose our parties, we can choose our representatives. Representation—a word that has no synonym in many countries, a word that we toss off lightly with little thought of the great meaning it has to us, a word which caused our forefathers to break off with nations that would control our destinies.

We have become a great nation, a nation where few people know want, hunger, or lack of the necessities of life. Surely we should give credit to our ancestors, to the people of many colors, creeds and nationalities who had the fortitude to cut away the husk of America and to find the wonderful harvest that lay within. But, more certainly, we should give thanks to our God and to Divine Providence for the many blessings we have to count. As we offer our gratitude let us not forget to ask that good fortune smile also on our less fortunate neighbors in this world that has become so small and so turbulent.

Yes, let us express our gratefulness to God for our full cup. Let us thank him for this great Elks fraternity, for the great land of opportunity in which we live. Let us also pray for his guidance in turning back those who hate God and would destroy our freedom.

Sincerely and fraternally,

SAM STERN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

**DISTRICT
DEPUTY
CONFERENCES**



**AT THE
ELKS NATIONAL
MEMORIAL BUILDING,
CHICAGO**



**AT
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
LODGE, NO. 85**

GRAND EXALTED RULER Sam Stern began his term by holding the four traditional Conferences with his District Deputies. As in former years, these meetings took place in Chicago, Ill., Salt Lake City, Utah, Bedford, Va., and New York City.

At each point, Mr. Stern met with his Deputies located near that area and outlined to them his plans for the year and their duties in helping him carry them out. The Grand Secretary and representatives of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, the Foundation, the Service Commission, the Board of Grand Trustees and Lodge Activities Committee augmented Mr. Stern's instructions with regard to the work they are handling for the Order.

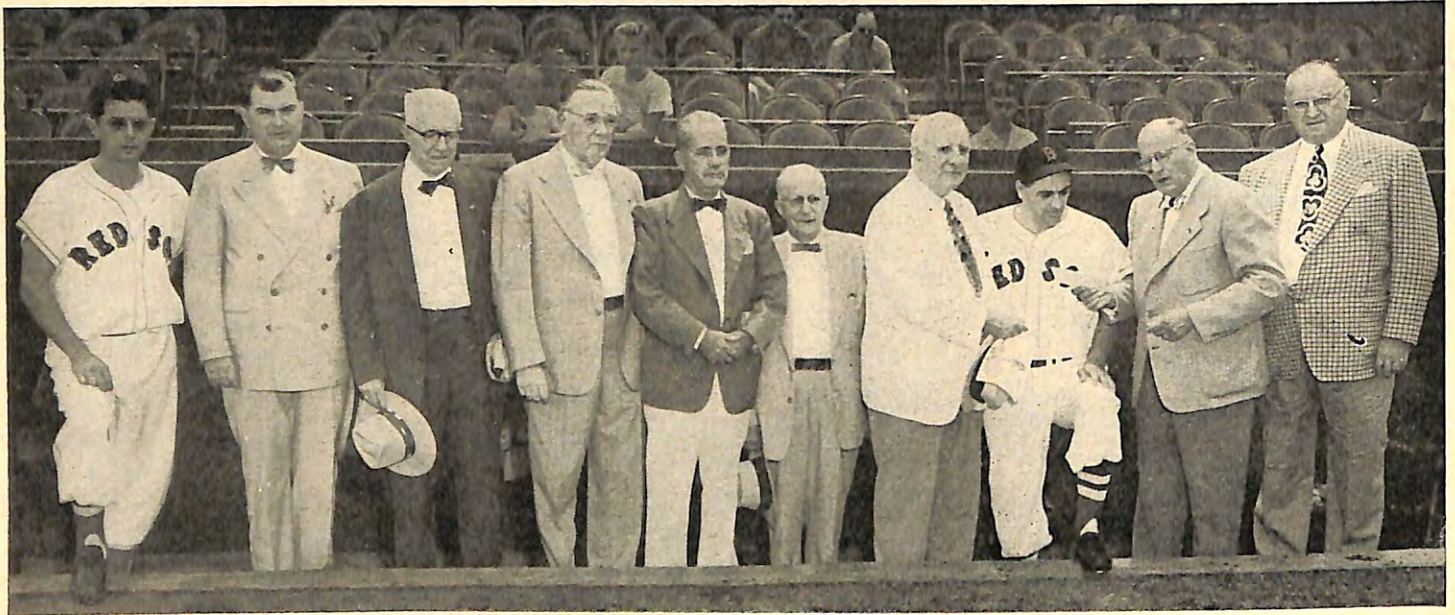


**AT
NEW YORK CITY**



**AT THE
ELKS NATIONAL HOME,
BEDFORD, VA.**

News of the Lodges



In the dugout at Fenway Park in Boston, Vice-Pres. Andrew A. Biggio of the Mass. Elks Assn. presents a check for \$1,923 to Chairman John F. Malley of the Elks National Foundation. The check represented the presence of 1,923 New England Elks who attended this Yankee-Red Sox game, and donated \$1 apiece to the Foundation. Left to right: Dom DiMaggio, Red Sox centerfielder, P.D.D. Dr. Wm. F. Maguire, State Pres.

Dr. Henry I. Yale, Col. F. A. O'Rourke, State Secy. T. F. Coppinger, Dr. Nossi, Mr. Malley, Red Sox Manager Lou Boudreau, a Harvey, Ill., Elk, Chairman Biggio and Co-Chairman T. J. Brady, Grand Trustee. This is the fourth consecutive year Mr. Biggio and his Mass. Elks Baseball Committee have arranged this event in which the Red Sox have cooperated wholeheartedly. The four games realized a total of \$5,215 for the Foundation.

Manitowoc, Wis., Elkdom Passes Half-Century Mark

All sorts of activities were on the agenda for the three-day celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Manitowoc Lodge No. 687. At the opening event, a stag dinner, the original charter was re-

presented to one of the two surviving Charter Members, Charles J. Bourril, by Trustee Chairman A. L. Vits. A surprise feature of the program came when Editor George MacFarlane, a member of the lodge acting for R. T. Bayne, publisher of the local *Herald-Times*, presented to E.R. Cyril Mittnacht an en-

larged portrait of the Old Timers of No. 687. Speaker of the evening was Larry Jansky, a local boy now coach of the WIAA Championship South Milwaukee High School basketball team.

The ladies were honored the second day with open house, followed by a smorgasbord dinner and entertainment.



One of the young ladies who participated in this year's Fishing Rodeo sponsored by Martinsville, Va., Lodge, caused a slight delay in the proceedings by getting snarled up with a fish-hook. Exalted Ruler J. Carleton Wooldridge was too busy freeing her to look up at the camera.



Greetings are exchanged by some of the dignitaries on hand for the gala Golden Jubilee of Manitowoc, Wis., Lodge. Left to right: Toastmaster Charles Brady, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, E.R. Cyril Mittnacht, State Assn. Pres. E. H. Lattimer and State Secy. Leo Schmalz.

The final day's festivities opened with a stag breakfast for officers and program committeemen and closed with the Jubilee banquet and ball. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton was the principal speaker at this event, making special comment on the interesting souvenir booklet which was compiled by P.E.R. R. G. Plumb. State Assn. Pres. Edward Lattimer spoke briefly, and E.R. Mittnacht presented a diamond Elk lapel pin to Mr. Bouril.

Mountain Brook, Ala., Lodge's Anniversary Runs Smoothly

Mountain Brook Lodge No. 1838 celebrated its first Anniversary recently at its home located just outside Birmingham. Situated in a setting of scenic beauty aptly described by its name, this branch of the Order observed its birthday with a special meeting followed by a reception for members and their guests. D.D. A. Jesse Duke was the guest of honor and principal speaker on a program which included talks by E.R. Irving L. Ross, Irving Perlmutter and Harry Reid. Secy. Herman S. Goldstein sang his own parody on the current hit, "A Guy Is a Guy", titling it "An Elk Is an Elk", in which he praised Elkdom and his own lodge in particular.

A Dream Is Realized by Corpus Christi, Tex., Lodge

The hope of many years became a reality recently when hundreds of local and visiting Elks attended the dedication of the new \$125,000 home of Corpus Christi Lodge No. 1628. The structure was planned several years ago, but the war and other factors delayed the project until recently.

The two-day dedication schedule included many entertaining social activities for members and their ladies. P.E.R. George Strauss, who headed the Building Committee, presided at the dedicatory ceremony when E.R. Harry Bamesberger welcomed the large number of dignitaries

who were on hand for the event. D.D. J. R. Moore conducted the ritual, assisted by State Vice-Pres. Lloyd Burwick and P.D.D.'s Felix Gay, E. D. Smith, J. H. Lamm, John Schmidt and W. H. Driscoll. Speakers were State Pres. R. P. Willis and Past Pres. Raymond L. Wright. McAllen Lodge's Degree Team initiated a class of 95 men who heard a special talk given by Vice-Pres. Burwick.

Plymouth, Mich., Elks Open Their New Home

After nearly 18 months of hard work, much of it done by its members, and three years of careful and determined planning, Plymouth Lodge No. 1780 dedicated its handsome new home at ceremonies conducted by the same group which instituted the lodge in 1949. Among them were former Grand Tiler Irvine J. Unger, D.D. Lewis A. Koepfgen, and P.D.D.'s Austin D. Esler, Edward R. Goldman, Russell F. Christie and W. Owen Kline. Chairman John C. Cochrane of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary was the principal speaker on the program handled by General Chairman H. Philip Barney. Former Grand Lodge Committeeman Hugh L. Hartley and State Assn. Pres. Clarence A. Ahnstrom also spoke.

The second of the three-day program featured dancing and a floor show, and the final day was highlighted by a barbecue; E.R. James A. Keyes and his officers welcomed members, their ladies and guests to both affairs.

Winter Park, Fla., Elks Honor Memory of Benefactor

Not long ago, Winter Park Lodge No. 1830 dedicated a handsome tablet to the memory of one of its warmest friends, Pierce L. Graham, who passed away in 1950. In his will, Mr. Graham bequeathed \$35,000 to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home, maintained by the Florida Elks. While many charitable individuals, non-Elks as well as



As part of its observance of its city's 100th Anniversary, Petoskey, Mich., Lodge presented a flagpole and flag to the community. At left is Mayor Emery Nyman, P.E.R., who accepted the gift from E.R. Lawrence Moran, right, wearing the chin decoration which most of the male citizens are sporting this centenary year.

Elks, have made bequests to various homes and hospitals operated by lodges and State Associations. Mr. Graham's gift is the largest single contribution directed to the Harry-Anna Home by any Florida citizen. The principal has been placed in the Home's permanent Trust Fund; only the interest will be used.

The dedication ceremonies, attended by Fla. Elk dignitaries, were held in No. 1830's newly-expanded and handsomely furnished club rooms.



Members of Moscow, Ida., Elks softball team pose with their trophy after winning the Cent. Ida. Dist. Title; later they took third place in the State competition, when three of the players received All-State honors: second baseman Len Labine, pitcher John Schwab and Coach Dick Frazier.



At the dedication ceremonies when Sycamore, Ill., Elks presented a beginning wading pool to the community are Dr. H. J. Trapp, Trustee of the lodge and Board Member of Park Commissioners who accepted the gift on behalf of the Board and the community, and E.R. Roy W. Smith.



Wearing Civil War hats, these Washington State Elks board a Pan American Clipper at Seattle to launch their highly successful "invasion" on southeastern Alaska Elkdom. They were led by Everett Lodge's E.R. Arthur B. Johnson, kneeling at left, and Secy. Frank Platt, third from left, and Seattle E.R. Gerald M. Lindsey, right.



Orange, Calif., Lodge's one-year tuition scholarship to Chapman College in Los Angeles is awarded to Joyce Modell. Left to right: Dr. G. N. Reeves, College Pres., Miss Modell, Committee Chairman Lloyd Benson, Tom Clark, E.R. R. F. Buchheim.



E.R. Albert K. Reque presents Madison, Wis., Lodge's \$300 check to March of Dimes Chairman Elk R. W. Bardwell, as the lodge's Entertainment Committeeman Larry W. Brillioff looks on.



Washington Elk Invaders Won Over by Alaska

Under the leadership of E.R. Arthur B. Johnson and Secy. Frank Platt, 24 members of Everett, Wash., Lodge, No. 479, flew to Alaska for a too-brief four-day visit that will live forever in their memories. Unofficial head of the group which made the first official visit to that part of the U.S.A. ever arranged by a Stateside lodge was "General" George Sleeper, Spanish-American War veteran, whose energies taxed those of the younger travelers. Seattle Lodge, which plans a similar trip next year, was represented by E.R. G. M. Lindsey and C. H. Jeremias, sightless good-will ambassador and official representative of Mayor Allen Pomeroy. State Trustee Chester Semper was also in the group.

The party was welcomed by a delegation of Ketchikan Elks who took them on a sightseeing tour and entertained them lavishly that evening. The following day, with brief stopover visits with members of Wrangell and Petersburg Lodges, the Washingtonians flew to Juneau for an initiation, lodge meeting and dinner with members from Sitka and Skagway.

The visitors report that they were taken by storm by their hosts' incomparable hospitality, the unexcelled fishing and unparalleled mountain scenery.

Nevada City, Calif., Lodge Mourns Charter Member

The members of Nevada City Lodge No. 518 were deeply saddened at the recent death of James F. Colley at the age of 85. One of the original members of this branch of the Order, and always active in its affairs, Mr. Colley was No. 518's first Inner Guard, became its fifth Exalted Ruler in 1904. A member of the Board of Trustees for the lodge for a number of years, he was a member of the Building Committee when the lodge's first home was planned.

Below: This is the committee which handled the recent 25th Anniversary celebration of West Haven, Conn., Lodge when D.D. T. J. Clark presented gifts to all 25-year members. Left to right: P.E.R.'s Adam Bassetti, R. W. Johnson; E.R. F. J. Vellali; Mr. Clark, Chairman F. J. Smith, P.E.R. J. C. Hildrich, and H. J. Kenney.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



WHAT WITH all the campaign oratory about economy in government, the next President may be expected to whittle down White House expenses. It costs millions of dollars a year to run the White House. Some items cannot be slashed, but a considerable saving might be made in vacation and travel costs. The yacht "Williamsburg," with a crew of 110, costs \$190,000 a year, and a navy destroyer escort costs \$875,000 more. Total vacation travel and entertainment costs probably run over \$1,500,000. White House staff expenses probably will remain about the same, or go higher. There are 225 on the payroll and they get \$998,000 a year. Back in Hoover's administration there were 40, receiving \$125,000 in salaries. With a new president moving in on January 20, the White House is sure to attract thousands of additional visitors and the cost of upkeep will be higher. Everybody coming to the nation's capital wants to see the White House. There will be a saving in salary, however. President Truman's take-home pay is \$110,000 a year. He receives \$100,000 a year on which he pays \$40,000 income tax. He gets \$50,000 expense money, which has been tax free. The next President will pay income on that under a new law passed by Congress. The travel allowance of \$40,000 per year remains. The President's air journeys, however, are charged to the Air Force, because he is Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. The plane "Independence," costing over a million dollars, requires over \$100,000 a year for upkeep, operation, etc. There is also the matter of the leasing a score of White House limousines and cars which are kept in top condition and replaced frequently.

CONGRESS LIKES HIM

Herve L'Heureux, founder of the "Prayers-For-Peace" movement, has been assigned by the State Department to be supervising consul general in Germany. A year ago Congress passed a special law so he could remain in the department here as chief of the visa division. Under regulations, Foreign Service officers cannot remain in this country more than four years consecutively. But L'Heureux did such an exceptional job screening admittance of foreigners into this country that Congress fixed it so he could stay on the job another year. Four years

ago he started the "Prayers-For-Peace" idea. Each day at noon he bows his head and for a minute prays for world peace. Thousands of churches and organizations have endorsed it.

COSTLY DEFENSE

All this talk about government economy is silent on one subject—defense spending. No cut is contemplated. On the contrary it will be increased. Congress appropriated \$46.6 billion to pay for an armed force of 3.7 million men during the 1952-53 fiscal year (July to July). The 1953-54 budget according to the Defense Department will be for the same sized military force and by next year costs probably will be higher.

MORE GI PROTECTION

Following the bullet-proof vest, the Army now has another new protective device—a poison gas detector. With this gadget, issued one to a company, GIs no longer will depend on their noses when gas is suspected. They will be warned not only that gas is present, but will also know exactly what kind it is—mustard, phosgene, Lewisite, etc. Phosgene gas, for instance, smells like new mown hay and around hay fields is difficult to detect, especially if the soldier's sniffer is not super-sensitive.

DIPLOMATIC HACKERS

Under a new D. C. traffic rule any one who has diplomatic immunity can't get a license to drive a taxi. It came after a chauffeur for the Saudi Arabian Embassy, who drove a cab on his spare time, was arrested for speeding on two successive nights and flashed his embassy identification card on the traffic cop to avoid a ticket.

AUCTIONS SELL EVERYTHING

Wilton M. Kiefer of the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Justice Department idly looked in a downtown auction room window here and to his amazement saw a small, but very complete, still on display. Needless to say, the still was seized as an illicit contraption. The auctioneer didn't know how it got there.

FASTER BOMBERS

Air Force strategy is swinging away from huge heavy bombers to faster, more maneuverable ships. Bombers such as

the B-36, B-52 and B-60 are flying forts all right, but they cost around \$15 million each and don't fly high enough. Furthermore, the faster, smaller bombers can carry new type A-bombs and probably do a better job.

IMPORTANT HORSE BITE

Under a law signed by President Truman last June 5, the D. C. Recorder of Deeds will begin destroying old documents beginning September 5 next year. They have been accumulating ever since the District was established and it costs \$3,000 a year just for new filing cases, plus salaries for file clerks. Recently, searching through the old papers, however, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution was able to trace her ancestry to a boy whose ear was bitten off by a horse back in 1813.

CIVIL SERVICE APPEALS

According to John Cramer, top writer on federal employment for the "Washington News," it is "almost impossible" to fire incompetent federal workers who have the right to appeal to the Civil Service Commission. Appeals in Washington require an average of 181 days; those in the field 175 days. Employees who win their appeal get full back pay.

WET ELEPHANT

Folks on Wisconsin Ave. thought it was a GOP campaign stunt when they saw an elephant ambling along the street heading in the general direction of Republican headquarters. It was no stunt. "Trilby," a 4½ ton pachyderm, belonged to a traveling circus and they took her to a minute-car-wash laundry for a scrubbing. She didn't like the quick bath and started down the street soaking wet.

CAPITAL CAPS

Defense Dept. cut its Information Service from 279 to 159. The newspaper mat service sent to 1,500 weeklies has been abolished. . . . Today's dollar is worth 55.3 cents of the 1939 dollar, Nat'l. Industrial Conference Board says. . . . Brookings Institution reports U. S. death rate has been cut almost in half since 1900, from 17.2 per 1,000 population to 9.6. Infant mortality has dropped from 130 per 1,000 babies to only 30. . . . Interest on the national debt is over \$320,000,000 a month.



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WITH the shivering season upon us, a sensible man's thoughts quietly turn to dreams of the Southland. It's warm down there, not to say hospitable. A man can bake winter out of his bones, yea, even come home with a mid-January suntan. It does wonders for the constitution, not to mention the ego.

There is hardly a land that's been charted by Rand McNally which is unpossessed of a Riviera. One hears of the Riviera of South China, the Riviera of Northern Chile, the Riviera of the West Indies, and of course the original Riviera, along the Southern French coast. Lately we have been hearing of an American Riviera located, in all places, along the southern shore of the State of Mississippi. It was doubtless the idea of a local Chamber of Commerce man, but after a review of the situation, it looks like the lad might have been right. Anyway, Mississippi's Riviera is a man-made stretch of sand beach that runs for 33 miles from Bay St. Louis to Biloxi. It is bordered by the home of Dorothy Dix, the Dixie White House used by Woodrow Wilson, and by U.S. 90, a fine roadway that runs along it like a parallel ribbon.

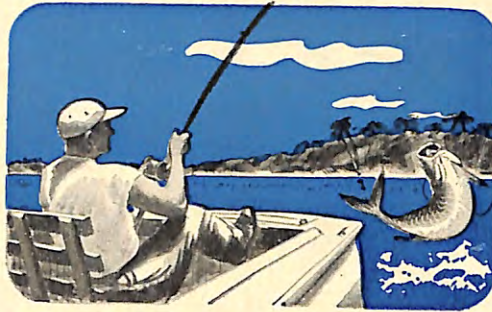
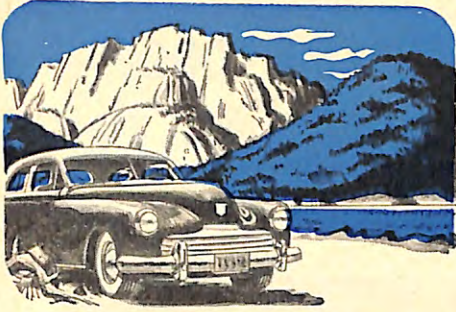
Fish, both the eating of and the catching of, are the big pastimes of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Twenty-one rivers are within an hour's inland drive, many of them lined with fishing camps. Crabbing and spear-fishing are as near as the nearest puddle, and for those who want to go out with rod and line there are tarpon, jackfish, redfish and mackerel. Fish houses make a specialty of shrimp and crabmeat stuffed with flounder and

broiled. Also, gumbo, jumbalaya and such French holdovers as the typical hard-crust long loaves of bread, and drip coffee.

A French force under d'Iberville brought French customs to the Louisiana lands when they came ashore in 1690 in the Back Bay of Biloxi. They spread out into a vast area that became the Louisiana Purchase, a tract which the United States bought from Napoleon for \$15 million in 1803, and cut up into 21 states. The British appeared off the Gulf Coast in 1812 with a formidable fleet, but Andrew Jackson saved the day with the battle that was actually won after the war was over.

With peace and the U.S. flag in the air, the Gulf Coast became a favorite vacationland for the citizens of New Orleans, 48 miles to the west, for the plantation owners to the north, and, many years later, for the Northerners of the Northern states.

Those who travel west will find the lights and the ancient *quartiers* of New Orleans, but those who ride east will run upon the beauty of Alabama's Bellingrath Gardens, 38 miles east of Pascagoula. Bellingrath is one of America's great gardens, with more than 60 acres of ever-blooming plants and over 2,000 different botanical specimens. Some of the world's largest camellias grow here, the progeny of cuttings brought over from France in the middle of the 18th Century. Originally Mr. and Mrs. Bellingrath came from Mobile to establish this site as a fishing camp, but the azaleas grew with such profusion, and the place was so naturally beautiful, that



they exchanged fish for flowers. Now there is never a season in the year when Bellingrath Gardens is out of bloom.

Georgia, in the corner of the South, will provide a winter respite for those making their way to Florida from the Middle West and the East. Particularly its coastal resorts will prove welcome stopover points for those who are palmward bound. Savannah, for example, can offer golf 12 months of the year. Of the city's three courses, two—the Municipal links and the General Oglethorpe layout—were designed by Donald Ross. The General Oglethorpe, which is outside of town, offers a choice of water, golf course or woodland view. There are air-conditioned cottages adjoining the golf course which are favored both by golfers and honeymooners. There is an exchange of privileges and meals with the De Soto Hotel in downtown Savannah and the De Soto Beach Hotel on the Atlantic. The Oglethorpe itself has its own pool, yachting, fishing, crabbing, the usual lawn sports and nighttime dancing, bingo and bridge. Rates start at the Oglethorpe at \$4.50 European, single; \$13 on the American plan (with meals), with doubles on the American plan beginning at \$18 for two. Cottages are about \$24 per day for two American plan.

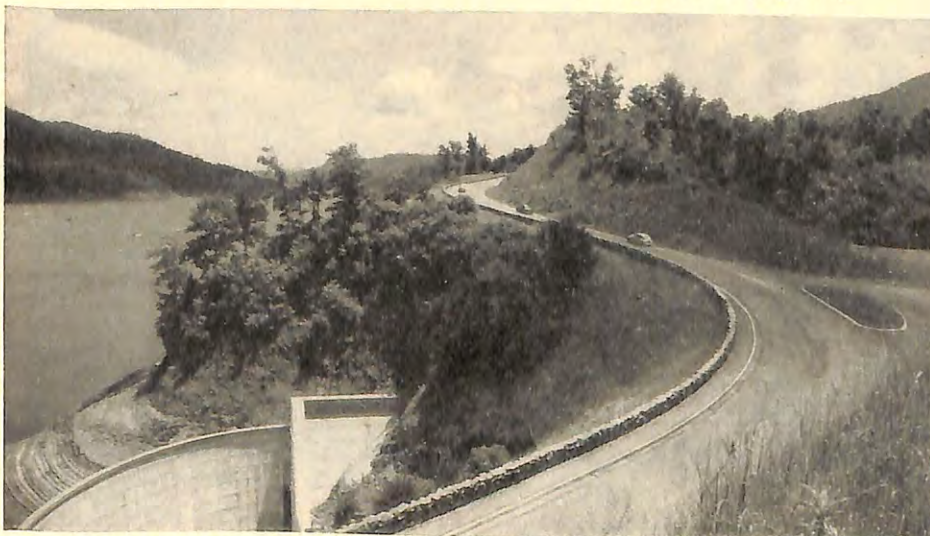
Southward, off Route 17, the highway to the Florida sunlands, is Sea Island and the Cloister Hotel, an elegant resort that chooses its clientele with a sense of selectivity. Those who invade its confines will find an 18-hole golf course, six

tennis courts, a fresh water pool and a salt-water ocean in which to swim, horseback riding, skeet shooting, inshore fishing and surf casting, lawn games, bicycling, and year-around dancing. For anybody who's mad for quail and turkey hunts, a shoot can be arranged and as much can be done for fishermen.

The Cloisters will ask from its guests this time of year, \$27 to \$33 a day for two meals included; \$31 to \$37 a day from February 1 to April 30. Summer-time, the minimum drops to a low of \$23. Beach houses during the present season are \$35 a day for two with meals, and should there be anybody in the audience who would like to settle down, Sea Island has 40 furnished housekeeping apartments for rent at anywhere from \$400 to \$1000, a month that is. The management would like you to submit some references if you're making your first visit.

For those roaming the Carolinas, there are, in the first place, the gardens of Charleston, S.C., Magnolia Gardens on the Ashley River Road, open on Thanksgiving Day, with the camellias blooming from the opening days until the beginning of March and the azaleas taking it from there until mid-April. Middleton Gardens are the oldest formal gardens in the land, having been started by Henry Middleton, President of Continental Congress, in 1741. The camellias here are on view from December to early March, the azaleas, during March and

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NEWS OF LODGES



Left: Seated are Minot, N. D., Lodge's officers with, standing, the class they initiated in honor of C. A. Danielson who recently resigned as director of the Elks Band after fifteen years.

Right: Danville, Va., Lodge's officers pictured with the 16 candidates they initiated recently.



Above: Champion team of the Omaha, Neb., Elks Antlers Bowling League. Left to right, standing: Val Anderson, George Keefe, M. Tomerassen, Capt. Gene Swanson; kneeling, Bill Manley, Ray Kent.



Right: With their coaches, are members of Idaho Springs, Colo., Lodge's Junior Baseball Team.



Exalted Ruler William Goss helps John Purcell load the truck with the equipment necessary for a four-day vacation which the Elks of Billings, Mont., Lodge sponsored for sixteen cerebral palsied children, their nurses and supervisors at the Lions Club Camp in the Beartooth Mountains.



Photographed during a banquet and dance given by Dover, N. H., Lodge during the visit of the French Frigate L'Aventure to Portsmouth Naval Base were, right to left: Maurice Blais; the Consul General of France, M. Jean Lapierre; Mme. Lapierre, and Chairman Arthur Caillancourt.



At left is the Little League Baseball group sponsored by Farmington, N. M., Lodge. Second row, left, is Elk Frank Palmer, Manager.

Below: The athletic activities of the PeeWee Championship Hockey Team are the personal interest of the Elks of International Falls, Minn., Lodge.



Right: Plainfield, N. J., Lodge's E.R. Wm. W. Robertson, second from left, presents awards to the most valuable players of the Junior Baseball League, sponsored by the lodge for the past ten years. Among the awards were tickets to "Joe Black Night" at Ebbets Field when 1,200 Plainfield residents honored the No. 1 relief pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, who began his career in the Plainfield Elks League.



Above: John Bremmer, the youthful speed enthusiast sponsored by Omaha, Neb., Lodge in the city's Soap Box Derby, took second place.



Martinsville, Va., Elks Entertain Young Anglers Again

More than 350 smallfry flocked to Whittle's Lake to take part in the second annual fishing rodeo sponsored by Martinsville Lodge No. 1752; this was 100 more than were on hand last year, proving "the word" really got around.

The Elks supplied free bus transportation to the lake and even handed out fishing lines to children who came un-equipped; Lacy's Worm Farm provided 5,000 worms for bait. From 9:30 a.m. until three in the afternoon, Rodeo Chairman J. D. Bryant reports, the youngsters fished, played, and got hungry—80 pounds of frankfurters and 50 cases of soda-pop disappeared.

There were 200 prizes, most of them donated by local merchants, awarded for all sorts of reasons. The two top winners doubled for honors—Louis Blankenship caught both the heaviest and the longest fish of the day for the boys, and Nancy Saywell hooked the heaviest, as well as second heaviest, for the girls.



Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge presents a Braille Typewriter to the Palo Alto Society for the Blind. Left to right: E.R. William Boaz, Society Vice-Pres. Mrs. C. Lazzareschi, Committee Chairman Frank Boynton, Hervey Rainville, a blind person, and P.E.R.'s L. G. Randall, Secy., and Lorenz Costello.



This is the Sarnia All-Girl Drum and Bugle Band, with five of the members of Port Huron, Mich., Lodge's Past Exalted Ruler's Association, which sponsored the band's presentation of a concert for 5,000 child patients

of the Lapeer Home for the Mentally Retarded. The show, which had tremendous therapeutic value for the handicapped boys and girls of the audience, included band and vocal numbers and several tap-dances.

Louisiana, Mo., Elks Aid Hospital

Committee Chairman L. E. Stark reports that Louisiana Lodge No. 791, has equipped a two-bed ward in the new addition to the Pike County Hospital. The equipment of a similar room by the Trimble Fund, administered by the lodge, has also been authorized. The gift includes beds, dressers, cabinets, tables, chairs, linens and drapes for each room, as well as built-in closets, venetian blinds and lavatories.



The Does, wives of San Antonio, Tex., Elks, photographed during their own picturesque Flag Dedication Ceremony, which won them the title of official national Drill Team at the 1952 Convention of Elks Ladies in Casper, Wyo. The organization, three years old, gives 100% cooperation to the Elks' activities, also has its own program of charities. This unique drill was recently televised.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORK ASSIGNMENTS

John C. Cochrane, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, 840 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo 4, Ohio, announces that the work of this Committee this year will be divided and assigned as follows:

H. L. Blackledge, Fort Kearney National Bank Bldg., Kearney, Neb.—All By-Law revisions, amendments and House Rule approvals, with the exception of those relating to corporations.

John E. Fenton, Land Court, Pemberton Square, Boston, Mass.—All Corporation matters and approvals of Corporation By-Laws.

William S. Hawkins, 320 Wiggett Bldg., Coeur D'Alene, Ida.—Bulletins, Publications and Building Application matters.

Newton M. Todd, B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 888, Long Beach, Calif.—To assist the Chairman in writing Opinions and Decisions which have been assigned to him.

It will avoid a great deal of duplication, and facilitate the work of this Committee, if all Secretaries will cut out and preserve this notice and, when the need arises, direct all correspondence and necessary papers to the Committeeman having the subject matter in charge.



In the presence of his fellow officers, E.R. James P. Reid, right foreground, presents Kittanning, Pa., Lodge's \$2,500 check to Francis T. Benson, Pres. of the Board of Directors of the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital for whose Building Fund the Elks are endeavoring to raise \$5,000.

A Family Affair



A Kenton, Ohio, P.E.R., 82-year-old Tullos Castor, left, with his son, Kent, installed as Chillicothe, Ohio, Lodge's 1952 Exalted Ruler.

This feature illustrates family participation in the leadership of our lodges. It is demanding more space in your Magazine each year, revealing the popularity of the members of family groups in many branches of the Order that is already tops in popularity as America's Family Fraternity.



P.E.R. Edward J. Maloney, right, hands the gavel of office to his son Bernard when he became the leader of Ishpeming, Mich., Lodge.



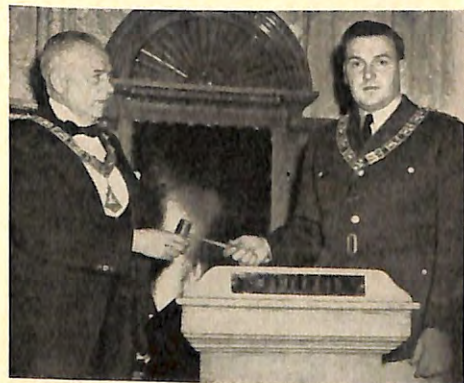
Bishop, Calif., Lodge's symbol of leadership goes to its youngest E.R., Nick Mandich, Jr., left, from his father, P.E.R. and Past District Deputy.



At Noblesville, Ind., Lodge, P.E.R. Sam Weldy, Sr., right, pictured with his son when the younger man assumed office as leader of his lodge.



P.E.R. Thomas J. Heaney, Sr., center, sees his son, right, accept the gavel from retiring E.R. Edward R. Mims of Jacksonville, Fla., Lodge.



P.E.R. Frederick Foster of Dover, N. H., Lodge, left, was installing officer when his son, Lt. Robert H. Foster, became Dover's Exalted Ruler.



Ottumwa, Ia., Lodge P.E.R. Barney Winger, center, installs his son Walter as E.R. as another son, Lloyd, right, who is also a P.E.R., looks on.



Holland, Mich., P.E.R. William McCarthy, center, congratulates his brother, new E.R. L. T. McCarthy. At right, retiring E.R. Donald Slighter.



Six Kalamazoo, Mich., P.E.R.'s look on as another former leader, Edwin Warner, fourth from right, installs his son Robert, third from left, as E.R.



The other St. Joseph, Mo., officers look as pleased as does P.E.R. Walter Meierhoffer, Sr., left foreground, who installed his son as Exalted Ruler.



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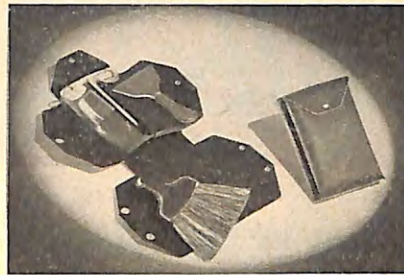
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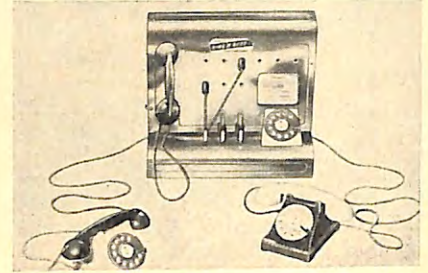


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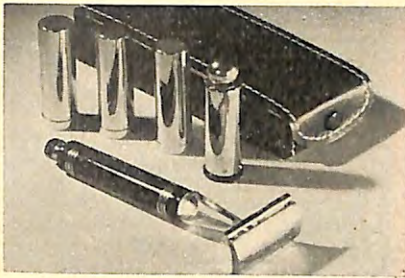
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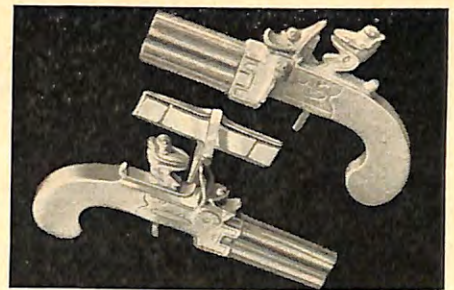
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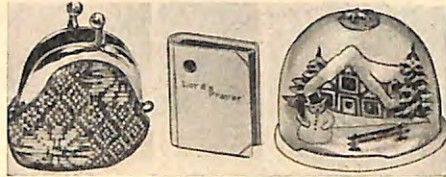


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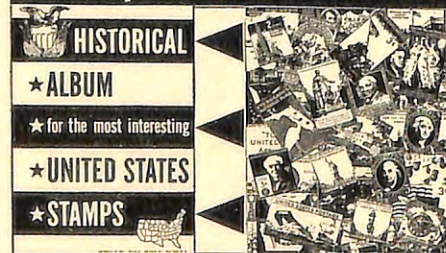


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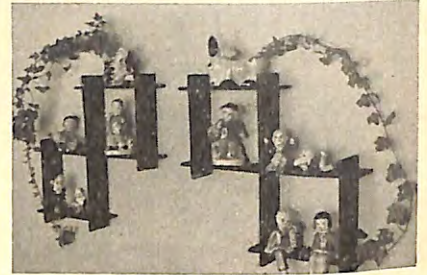
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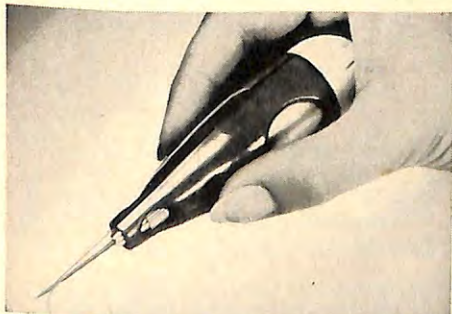
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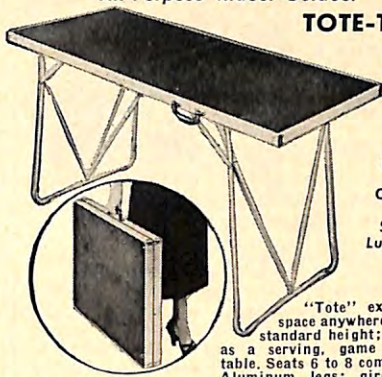


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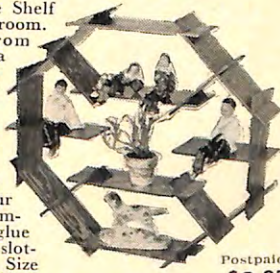
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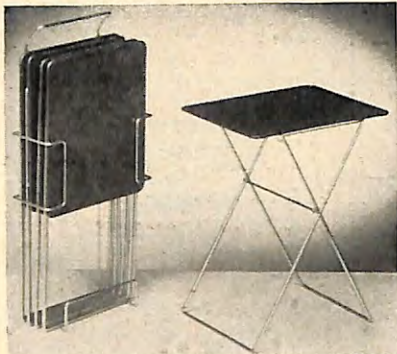
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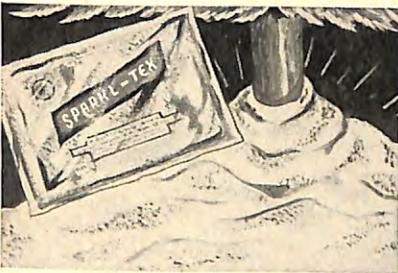
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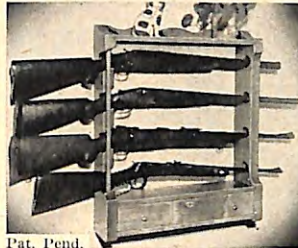


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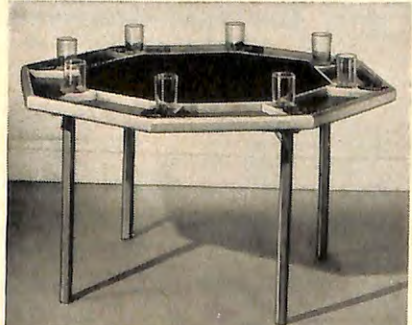
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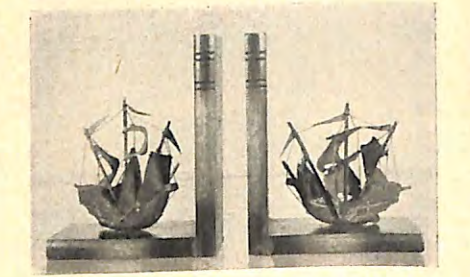
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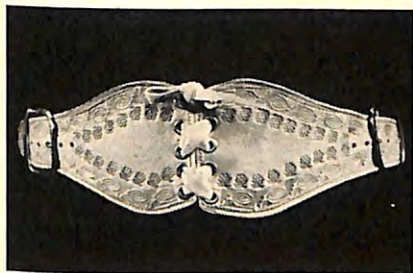
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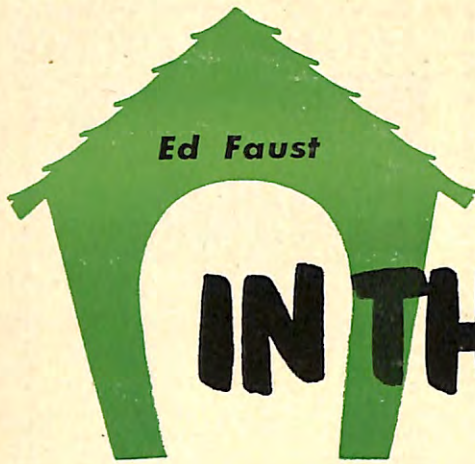
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Ed Faust now corrects some long-standing mistaken impressions about Fido's sister.

IN THE DOGHOUSE

THERE ARE FEW TIMES when the female of any species needs to be defended. As a rule she's pretty well able to take care of herself, as almost any married man, father or brother of a lively lady will tell you. But one of the few exceptions is the sister of Fido. Among many, if not most people, her's is the case of "nobody loves me." For this reason, unless she has unusually fine blood lines behind her and is desired for breeding purposes, she's a drug on the dog market and unless she is exceptional as a show winner or prospective brood matron, dog breeders as a rule when selling her are expected to—and do—ask less than for her brother. Because the stork may visit her, dog buyers view her as a prospective liability and there is some justification for this if the buyer happens to be one of those persons who won't take the time, or haven't the patience, to exercise their dogs under control.

Of course, the dog owner who permits his dog to roam freely isn't usually the most popular person in his neighborhood, and not without reason. The free-running dog, male or female, can become a decided nuisance and frequently a traffic hazard where automobiles are plentiful. Many accidents have been caused because humane drivers tried to avoid hitting a loose dog. Before leaving this subject, let me sound off with the idea that I've long held that the owner of the dog that is habitually permitted to run loose should be held legally responsible when his dog is the cause of an automobile accident. How this could be achieved I don't know; I'm neither a lawyer nor a legislator.

The buyer of a dog will do well to consider the merits of the lady as balanced against those of her brother. Anyone experienced with dogs knows that the female more often is a better bet as a house pet and the reasons are sound.

Let's take a look at those advantages. To begin with, let's ask, what do we want when we get a dog? Affection? Of course, unless we're getting the dog for some special purpose. Well, the lady is usually much more affectionate than

her brother. True enough, the gentleman frequently hero worships his master or mistress but his attention is not so fixed upon the subject of his devotion as is that of his sister. She's not only more affectionate but more gentle. Of the two, she's the homebody and is less likely to wander. On the contrary, Mr. Dog is prone to gallivant and usually only regards his home as an operating base for forays into strange neighborhoods. He's the busybody in search of adventure. If not policed by his owner his home simply becomes a hang-out for hand-outs. If he runs true to form he'll adopt a possessive attitude toward his home but he won't guard it a whit more jealously, if as well, as will his sister. If it's a matter of an intruder, Fido will go to war but, the danger once passed, he'll quickly turn his attention to other things he considers more important.

Not so the lady. She'll remain sus-

piciously on guard longer than the male. Here is a distinct character difference that makes the female a better protector of the home and of young children. Perhaps this stems from the fact that long, long ago when dogs still ran wild and were not domesticated, it was the female that had to guard the home nest and the puppies that occupied it. There are few things more helpless than a new puppy, born blind and scarcely able to creep—natural prey for all carnivorous animals including strangers of his own kind. Being constant in her affection the female is more anxious to please her owner and thus is usually more easily trained. Most dog breeders will tell you that she's more easily housebroken, too. You'll find her less of a scatter-wit. She'll concentrate on her lessons and is not so quickly diverted as is her brother. It's true that the male has certain powers of memory.

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Dachshunds of this quality come only from the finest stock.

LODGE NOTES

When HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., Lodge celebrated P.E.R.'s Night a while back, one of its former leaders, James A. Farley, once Postmaster General of the U.S.A., acted as Exalted Ruler for the initiation of a class of candidates . . . Nine-year-old Jack Taylor, a muscular dystrophy victim, doesn't have much longer to live. For the time left him, the TULSA, OKLA., Elks are letting him use a fine new wheelchair, equipped with its own tool chest. The chair loan is part of a sick-room facilities lending program the lodge conducts . . . We don't know whether they're identical or not, but the twin sons of J. Frank Stultz, whose names are Ben and John, have joined their father's lodge in MARTINSVILLE, VA. . . . Speaking of families, when MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Lodge held its 1952 Fathers and Sons Banquet, four generations of Thielen were on hand—52-year member Al N., former Trustee; Fred A., lodge Treas., and Fred B. and his 14-year-old son. Minneapolis Lodge's Social and Community Welfare Committee sponsored a fine fishing trip for 50 youngsters from the Catholic Boys Home. The big day ended with a huge turkey dinner at the lodge home. E.R. John Hafich promised to make it an annual affair . . . Some 250 QUINCY, MASS., Elks and guests enjoyed the lodge's Annual Clambake and Chicken Barbecue this year, a mouth-watering event . . . An electric fan is only as good as its connections, which is why the fans given by OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Lodge to the Crippled Children's Hospital caused a dilemma; there weren't enough extension cords to go around. Members of the lodge swung into action, soon loaded Secy. Al E. Swihart with enough of the missing items to breeze through the entire situation . . . When D.D. Louis N. Howard called on GOLDSBORO, N. C., Lodge, he was accompanied by all living P.D.D.'s from his own lodge in NEW BERN—Raymond Fuson, now Pres. of the N.C. P.E.R.'s Assn., W. C. Moore and T. J. Mitchell, III. P.D.D.'s Leslie Gardner and J. D. Cooke of Goldsboro escorted him into the lodge room. Mr. Moore is Treas. of his lodge and Mr. Mitchell is Secy. P.E.R. Harry Lipman, also in the party, is a New Bern Lodge Trustee.



Left: Ernest Willis, Treas. for the 1952 Griffin, Ga., Elks' Horse Show, presents checks for \$500 each, profits from the show, to Robert Crossfield, Treas. of Pine Mountain Children's Home, and C. J. Williams, Trustee of "Aidmore", the Ga. Elks Assn. Hospital for Crippled Children, as E.R. John W. Hammond, Jr., looks on.

Right: E.R. Joseph D. O'Brien presents North Adams, Mass., Lodge's \$5,400 check to local Hospital Treas. A. C. Harcourt for its Building Fund as P.E.R. C. E. O'Brien looks on.



Left: At Coraopolis, Pa., Lodge's annual \$250 scholarship presentation ceremony, left to right: Co-Chairman J. K. Moore, recipient Teresa Poor, Co-Chairman John P. Goff, E.R. William H. Brooks.

Right: Jersey City, N. J., presents a station wagon to Camp John V. Kenny for Physically Handicapped Children of the community. Left to right: E.R. Thomas J. Duffy; Est. Lead. Knight V. P. Cahill; former Gov. A. Harry Moore, P.E.R.; Deputy Mayor William Flanagan, and Board of Education Pres. Bernard J. Berry.



Left: E.R. Frank Jenkins, left, and Treas. Clarence Miller, center, present Ontario, Ore., Lodge's \$500 check to Dr. James Flanagan, after he appealed to his fellow members for an autoclave for use in the polio ward of Nysa Malheur Memorial Hospital.

News of the State Associations

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on the 12th and introduced the Order's leader at that time.

Addresses of welcome were made by E.R. E. H. Daily of Bristol Lodge, Mayor Fred V. Vance and City Mgr. R. L. Morrison, with the response given by Ed. W. McCabe, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman, D.D. Maurice Conn presided at the Memorial Services when C. Vernon Hines delivered a moving address, following the invocation by Rev. Fr. J. J. Hickie.

Each Exalted Ruler of Tennessee's lodges gave a brief outline of his lodge's work, revealing a wide variety of activities including a great deal of youth work, assistance to the cerebral palsied, polio victims, and the like, with a total expenditure of \$95,000 for charity during the year.

The ladies were hospitably entertained during this Convention, and many fine social events were participated in by the Elks and their wives.

The nearly 400 delegates registered decided on Columbia as the site of their 1953 session, and elected the following officers: Pres., Hugh W. Hicks, Jackson; Ranking Vice-Pres., S. J. Elkins, Jr., Knoxville; Vice-Presidents: (West), William Neese, Paris; (Middle), Thos. M. Stratton, Nashville; (Far East), Edwin Pace, Johnson City; Treas., John Menefee, Chattanooga; Trustee, John Smith, Oak Ridge; Secy., John Gasell, Jackson; Tiler, Charles Mason, Bristol; Sgt.-at-Arms, Fred Budde, Jackson; Chaplain, C. Vernon Hines, Nashville.

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The 32nd Annual Convention of this Elks Assn. opened Aug. 21st at the home of Baltimore, Md., Lodge. Nearly 1,000 Elks and their friends enjoyed the many fine social events arranged for them during the four-day meeting. Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland was an inspired speaker for the beautiful Memorial Services. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett delivered a splendid address to the delegates, and also presented the \$400 Elks National Foundation award to James Saunders of Frederick.

The delegates decided to carry on their important work at the Cerebral Palsy Institute at Cockeysville, Md., and will continue with construction of their boys' camp which they expect to be in operation next summer. Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Chairman of the Assn.'s Hospital Service Committee, presented a floor show of topflight talent for the entertainment of those in attendance at the Grand Ball Saturday evening. The show was representative of the many given regularly for hospitalized veterans. It is estimated that Mr. Hawthorne's Committee, with Sey-

mour Hall of Washington, D. C., Lodge in charge of hospitals in his locality, have entertained at least 300,000 servicemen.

Salisbury, Md., Elks will be hosts to the 1953 meeting when they will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. New officers are Pres., R. Edward Dove, Annapolis; 1st Vice-Pres., John T. Miller, Frederick; 2nd Vice-Pres., Robin Kirwin, Cambridge; 3rd Vice-Pres., Charles L. Mobley, Hagerstown; Secy., Daniel T. Witts, Towson; Treas., Arthur Kirby, Frostburg; Chaplain, Earl M. Nonnenmann, Cumberland; Tiler, Charles W. Burns, Havre de Grace; Sgt.-at-Arms, Thomas Blades, Crisfield. The Trustees are James Keating, Washington, D. C., Chairman; Brooks Perring, Silver Spring, Secy., George M. Jones, Bladensburg; Perry Topkis, Wilmington; Harry J. McGuirk, Baltimore; Estel Trader, Pocomoke City; W. Edgar Slaughter, Easton, and W. Edgar Porter, Salisbury.

VERMONT

The 25th Annual Convention of the Vermont Elks Assn. took place at Burlington Sept. 26, 27 and 28. A pleasing variety of social activities included a football game between the University of Vermont and Champlain College, and the Convention Ball, enjoyed by 1,200 persons.

More than \$11,000 was raised last year for the Thorpe Camp for Crippled Children at Goshen, the Assn.'s pet charity, and the Veterans Service Committee provided magazines, candy, cigarettes and monthly bingo parties for patients at the VA Hospital in White River Junction, where Bennington Lodge put on a minstrel show.

Montpelier Lodge won the Ritualistic competition and the Barre Elk keggers took the state bowling title. Springfield Lodge was the prize-winner in the Membership Contest, Burlington won the Cribbage Championship and Italo Morandi of Montpelier took top honors in the Golf Tournament.

Following the meeting, the Annual Banquet took place, with Dr. Carl W. Borgmann, Pres. of the University of Vermont, the principal speaker. Other distinguished guests included Gov. Lee Emerson and Burlington's Mayor Edward Moran. The delegates will be entertained by Hartford Lodge in 1953, and elected the following officers for the coming year: Pres., Peter N. Hall, Hartford; 1st Vice-Pres., Archie Buttura, Barre; 2nd Vice-Pres., Dominic F. Flory, Rutland; 3rd Vice-Pres., John B. Finck, Bellows Falls; Secy. (reelected), Roger J. Sheridan, Montpelier; Treas., R. Newton Owens, Rutland; Tiler, Lorenzo V. Dunn, Hartford; Chaplain, Paul F. Hector, Hartford; Sgt.-at-Arms, Alvin L. Southwick, Hartford; Trustees for three

years: Raymond J. Quesnel, Montpelier; Andrew P. Morrison, Springfield; Terrance J. Lanigan, Bennington, and John W. Sweeny, St. Albans.

RHODE ISLAND

John E. Mullen, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and P.D.D. Anthony F. Lawrence were the principal speakers at the 1952 meeting of the Rhode Island Elks Assn. at Weekapaug.

Reports made at this two-day session revealed that the State's six lodges had contributed 721 pints of blood for our Armed Forces, and that their veterans hospital work is outstanding.

Woonsocket Lodge will be host to the 1953 Convention and the following officers were installed by Mr. Lawrence, at the request of retiring Pres. Joseph M. Mattias: Pres., Thomas Page, Woonsocket; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, David Fitzgerald, Newport; 2nd Vice-Pres., Fred Quattromani, Westerly; 3rd Vice-Pres., John W. Moakler, Providence; 4th Vice-Pres., Richard A. Moran, Pawtucket; 5th Vice-Pres., James W. Leighton, West Warwick; Secy., Arthur A. Roberts, Woonsocket; Treas., Edward C. Morin; Trustee (six years), Michael Regauld, West Warwick.

MASSACHUSETTS

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was the inspired speaker at the 42nd session of the Mass. Elks Assn. in Lenox. Two other former leaders of the Order, E. Mark Sullivan and John F. Malley, also addressed the delegates. Mr. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, praised the Elks of this State who are the third largest contributors to the Foundation with donations totaling \$169,130. The Foundation granted \$2,000 in scholarship loans to Mass. this year, in addition to four \$400 awards, including the "Babe Ruth Scholarship" to Robert Faulkner of Attleboro, selected by the Mass. Elks Youth Organization. Speaking for this Committee, George Steele revealed that 22,833 young people participated in the various programs sponsored by the Youth Organization at an expense of \$40,285.

Mr. Malley installed the following officers: Pres., Dr. Henry I. Yale, Peabody; 1st Vice-Pres., Wilfred Paquet, Watertown; 2nd Vice Pres., Andrew A. Biggio, Winthrop; 3rd Vice-Pres., Michael J. McNamara, Brockton; 4th Vice-Pres., John J. Murray, Fitchburg; 5th Vice-Pres., Dr. William Maguire, Wakefield; Secy. (reelected), Thomas F. Coppinger, Newton; Treas., Fred N. Krim, Quincy; Trustees, (three years), Dennis Maguire, Marblehead; William H. Shaw, Adams; Theodore Malinowski, North Attleboro; Edward J. Shea, Cambridge; Joseph C. Masucci, Waltham; (two years) G. F. Connors, Norwood.

Stalin's Trojan Horse

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and time again that there can never be peaceful co-existence between "capitalist" and "socialist" states, and that their statements have been unqualified and final.

On several occasions Stalin has made observations which, to the unwary, might have seemed to indicate a willingness to open the door to peaceful co-existence. Actually, they confirm his adherence to the inflexible Communist theory that the Soviet Union is encircled by capitalist countries and only by destruction of the capitalist countries can the Soviet Union feel itself safe.

THE most recent such statement was made on April 1, 1951, to a group of American newspaper and radio executives travelling in Europe who had sent a telegram to Premier Stalin asking for an interview, and who posed the question: "On what basis is co-existence of capitalism and communism possible?"

Ignoring the request for a personal interview, Stalin wired this reply: "Peaceful co-existence of capitalism and communism is quite possible if there is a mutual desire for cooperation, if there is a readiness to fulfill the undertaken obligations, if there is observance of the principle of equality and not interference in the internal affairs of other states."

Since Stalin would not make himself available in person, there was no opportunity for the American newsmen to ask him: "Who is interfering in who's affairs?" and "Who is failing to fulfill their undertaken obligations?"

In taking up the suggestion of the Moscow "News" that an "unbiased study of the statements by V. I. Lenin and J. V. Stalin" would reveal the peaceful intentions of the Soviet Union, we find a mountain of proof to the contrary. In the "Problems of Leninism," by Joseph Stalin, published in 1934, there is this interesting statement:

"Lenin writes" says Stalin, "that we are living not merely in a state, but in a system of states; and it is inconceivable that the Soviet republic should continue to exist for a long period side by side with imperialist states. Ultimately one or the other must conquer."

It is quite obvious whom the Russians mean when they speak of imperialist states, for on countless occasions high ranking Soviet spokesmen, including Andrei Vishinsky at the United Nations, have accused the United States of being the imperialist state that blocks peace.

The capitalist states are doomed to extinction, according to Stalin, and he offers this "fundamental postulate" by Lenin in proof: "Uneven economic and political development is an absolute law of capitalism. Hence, the victory of socialism is possible, first in a few or even in one single capitalist country taken

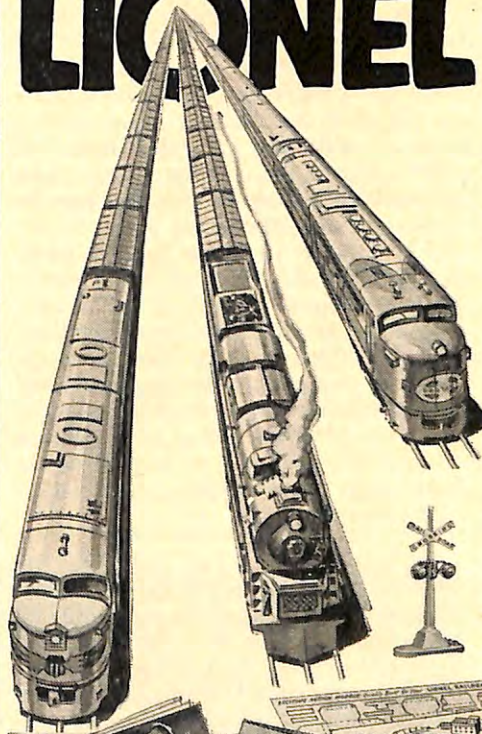
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Lodge Activities Committee

Has Well-Rounded Program Under Way

THE Lodge Activities Committee has an outstanding program under way, with the primary object being accomplishment of Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern's goal of having each lodge actively participate in a Community Responsibility Program. The Committee's Program was presented to the District Deputies at the four meetings held in August and they, in turn, presented it to the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries at their first District Clinic. The Committee urges all lodges to participate actively in local charitable, welfare and civic programs within their own jurisdiction and to engage in at least one major project during the year. This year the Lodge Activities Committee is inaugurating a contest for lodges running outstanding Community Responsibility Programs.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: Every member is urged to cooperate fully with his Exalted Ruler for the "United America Class" to be initiated Thanksgiving week. Lodges are reminded that this class could be the medium to offset loss in membership sustained the past year by reason of non-payment of dues. It carries the theme of Grand Exalted Ruler Stern—"Live Elksdom and Spearhead a United America."

In February the "Sam Stern Birthday Class" will be initiated. This is an opportunity for every lodge to observe the birthday of the Grand Exalted Ruler, on February 11th, as well as the birthday of the Order. It is a most appropriate occasion to pay homage to the founders of the Order.

NEWSPAPER WEEK: The Lodge Activities Committee reports that it was extremely gratified by the splendid response of the lodges for National Newspaper Week, held during the first week in October. Public relations in communities served by Elks lodges is largely dependent upon proper and factual newspaper reporting, and it is vital that the lodges participate actively in this important event. In future issues of this publication there will be full reports on the progress made this year.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: Memorial Sunday Services are mandatory upon every lodge in the Order and should be fittingly and appropriately observed, the Committee states. Awards for outstanding Services will be made at the Convention in St. Louis next July and *The Elks Magazine* will report Contest results. As previously, awards will be made in three groups: lodges with membership over 1,000; 500 to 1,000 members, and under 500 members.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS CHARITIES: This year a contest will be inaugurated for lodges submitting outstanding publicity, including pictures, of Thanksgiving and Christmas charity projects as reported in lodge bulletins or newspapers. Elks lodges are known for their charitable undertakings at Thanksgiving and Christmas and the Committee particularly urges lodges to make a full report to local newspapers and lodge bulletins about special charitable accounts so that the general public will be mindful of these fine projects.

LODGE BULLETIN CONTEST: The Lodge Bulletin Contest again will be conducted this year as a means of appraising, evaluating and extending this practical aid to lodges in increasing and holding membership, as well as getting better attendance at lodge meetings. Announcement of the results of the contest will be made at the Grand Lodge Convention. Awards will be made in three groups, as in the Memorial Services Contest.

P.E.R.'s NIGHT: This occasion should be observed to honor lodge leaders of yesterday with sincere and appropriate acknowledgement of their services, the Committee reminds every member.

MOTHER'S DAY: On May 10, every lodge should discharge the obligation to provide its members with an opportunity to publicly demonstrate their Mother's Day debt to their mothers. The Committee points out that on May 10 special church observance will be appropriate.

FLAG DAY: "Flag Day is truly Elk's Day", the Lodge Activities Committee reminds every member. The turmoil of world affairs makes it doubly important that this year's observance be the greatest in Elksdom's history. The Committee will hold a Flag Day Contest again this year and the results will be announced at the Convention. Awards will be made in three groups, as in the Memorial Services and Lodge Bulletin Contests. A full report of Flag Day observance will appear in *The Elks Magazine*.

Members of the Lodge Activities Committee this year are: Everett E. Palmer, Chairman, Williston, N. D.; William I. O'Neill, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. P. Hebenstreit, Huntington Park, Calif.; T. Emmett Ryan, Albany, N. Y.; Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C.

Note: All reports of lodge activities for awards, including Memorial Services and Christmas Charity, should be mailed to Everett E. Palmer, Williston, N. D., Lodge No. 1214, Hapip Building.

Stalin's Trojan Horse

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separately. The victorious proletariat of that country, having expropriated the capitalists and organized its own socialist production would rise against the rest of the capitalist world.

"International imperialism could under no circumstances, under no possible conditions, live side by side with the Soviet republic. A conflict is inevitable. This is the greatest difficulty of the Russian Revolution, its greatest international problems, the necessity to call forth the world revolution."

Stalin turns, in his exposition of Lenin's doctrine, to consider the crime of the late Comrade Zinoviev who was possessed of the curious notion, until he was liquidated for his "deviation", that it might be a good idea to put the Soviet economic house in order before setting the rest of the world on fire. Grigory E. Zinoviev was one of Lenin's closest friends and co-workers, but in 1927 he was expelled from the Communist party (Lenin had died in 1924), and on August 25, 1936, in the famous trials of the Old Bolsheviks which removed from the earth every possible rival of Stalin, Zinoviev was convicted of "high treason" and shot.

Of Zinoviev's phantasy, Stalin says: "Will it not be truer to say that it is not the Party but Comrade Zinoviev who is sinning against internationalism and the world revolution? For what else is our country, 'the country that is building socialism,' if not the base of the world revolution?"

These, necessarily, are only fragments of the great mass of Communist literature published by Lenin and Stalin. Nowhere in any of it is there the slightest indication that a sound Communist could

possibly hold the view that the Soviet "republic" and any "capitalist" state might peacefully co-exist; or that the Soviet Union would permit a capitalist state to exist one moment longer than it had to.

So much for the credibility of the Moscow "News", Ilya Ehrenburg, and other official spokesmen of the Kremlin, past and present. The question we are faced with is: Why is the Politburo taking this "Live and let live" line now, and what do they hope to gain from it?

No one in the United States, with the exception perhaps of crackpots and outright lunatics, wants war. In our time we have had World War I and World War II. Our people have bled enough and suffered enough, surely, to have earned the right to peace. We are tired of living in a period of "national emergency" almost since the end of World War II. We would like to see an end to high taxes for national defense. And a cold chill of horror climbs our spine even at the thought of the atomic bomb, which the Russians are also now producing, though in what quantity we do not know.

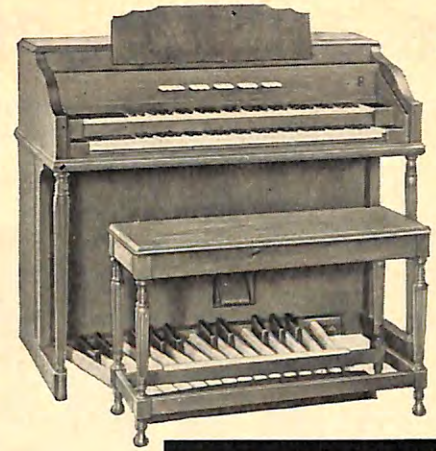
The people of Western Europe, who have suffered far more grievous loss, are even more tired than we are. They would be, and they know they would be, the first fighting ground in any armed collision between East and West.

The Soviet Union, this winter, will pull out all the stops of a "peace" campaign aimed at reduction of United States defense at home and overseas. The main point of attack will be atomic weapons, the possession of which are almost the sole real defense of the Western world today against all-out Soviet aggression.

On November 14, 1949, the Soviet



CORRECTION: Through an incorrect photographic designation, the Drill Team on page twelve of our October issue was incorrectly identified as the new National Championship Drill Team from Pottstown, Pa., whereas this group should have been identified as the Charleston, W. Va., Drill Team. The photograph above shows the Pottstown Drill Team at Rockefeller Center during the Grand Lodge Convention last July when this splendid team won the National Championship.



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Grand Lodge Officers Meet at Colorado Springs



ON SEPTEMBER 4th, 5th and 6th, meetings of the Advisory Committee, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, the Elks National Service Commission and the Trustees of the Elks National Foundation were held, with Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern in attendance, at Colorado Springs. After the meetings, Grand Exalted Ruler Stern announced that the 1953 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo., from July 5th to 9th, Mr. Stern having received the endorsement of the Board of Grand Trustees for the selection of this city for the Convention. During the meetings exceptional hospitality was extended to the Grand Lodge Officers present by both the Colorado Springs and the Cripple Creek Lodges. On the 4th of September, the Colorado Springs Lodge gave a

joint luncheon of the El Paso County Medical and Bar Associations and the Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the meetings. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen presided at the luncheon and Past Grand Exalted Rulers William H. Atwell, Floyd E. Thompson and Edward J. McCormick were the speakers. Past Grand Exalted Rulers Atwell and Thompson spoke particularly to the members of the legal profession at the luncheon and Past Grand Exalted Ruler McCormick spoke especially to the members of the medical profession present.

Deep appreciation of the thoughtful hospitality extended by the officers and members of the Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek Lodges was extended and a sincere tribute was paid to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen for his

splendid management of the general program.

In the photograph above taken at the meeting, standing from left to right are: Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Robert S. Redington and Past Grand Exalted Rulers Robert South Barrett, George I. Hall, Joseph B. Kyle, J. Edgar Masters, Charles E. Broughton, Floyd E. Thompson, L. A. Lewis, James T. Hallinan, Howard R. Davis and John R. Coen. Seated from left to right are: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles H. Grakelow, William H. Atwell, Edward J. McCormick, Henry C. Warner, Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern and Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley, Bruce A. Campbell, Frank J. Lonergan and E. Mark Sullivan.

delegate to the United Nations. Andrei Vishinsky, offered a "peace" proposal to the General Assembly. "The Government of the Soviet Union has made a new effort for peace and international cooperation" said Vishinsky, "and had proposed to the five great Powers that they should reduce their armaments and armed forces by one third."

Today, in Europe, the Soviet Union has 4,000,000 armed troops to the West's 2,000,000. This does not include the Soviet's satellite armies. A reduction of one-third would render the West practically helpless. The odds in 1949, when Vishinsky made this proposal, were even more formidable.

In the air, the Soviet Union has a five-to-one advantage over the West. During the post-war years while we were busy scrapping our air arm with the rest of our national defense, the Soviet Union continued building its own to unprecedented heights.

The only effective weapon—the only

weapon that acts as a deterrent upon direct Soviet aggression in Europe and elsewhere—is the atomic bomb, and, according to report, the even greater instrument of havoc recently perfected by American scientists, the hydrogen bomb. If the Soviet Union, with its preponderance of armed might on land and in the air, could persuade us to outlaw the use of these atomic weapons, it could

literally crush the Western world out of existence.

Two years ago the Soviet Union launched the notorious Stockholm "Peace Petition." Communist cells in the United States, in the form of "peace chapters", circulated it widely and secured upon it the signatures of thousands of well-intentioned but unthinking Americans. The petition, captioned "World Peace Appeal", made only these three points: First, a demand to outlaw atomic weapons; second, a demand for strict international control; and third, a declaration that any government that first uses atomic weapons will be committing a crime.

There was not one word in the entire "peace" petition that called for peace. And it is a matter of record that the United States, even before the Soviet Union obtained the atomic bomb secrets, offered voluntarily to outlaw the use of the bomb provided real atomic weapon control and inspection could be achieved

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—which the Soviet Union has consistently refused.

Of the Stockholm "Peace Petition", Premier Tage Erlander of Sweden said, on July 16, 1950: "I must confess that it is with a feeling of strong disgust that we Swedes witness brandishing of our capital's name in this way in international Communist propaganda."

A resolution of the Youth Organization of the Swedish Liberal Party declared: "The so-called Stockholm peace appeal has no value. It is a gigantic fraud designed to conceal the real intentions of the Soviet Union. If any government is to be accused of sabotaging peace and of opposing an efficient prevention of atomic bomb production, this government would be the Soviet Government alone."

Secretary of State Dean Acheson said of it: "The Stockholm Resolution should be recognized for what it is—a propaganda trick in the spurious 'peace offensive' of the Soviet Union."

"Peace" in the Soviet sense has many meanings, and yet only one. In its manifold sense, one is for peace if he harvests the crops on time; if he supports the five year plan; if he volunteers for extra work; if he supports all USSR projects and hates the western democracies; if he does what he is told to do and makes no trouble. In its comprehensive sense, "peace" means friendship with the USSR and unqualified support of the policies laid down by Stalin. Those who deviate from either of these two definitions are "opposed to peace."

The Soviet "peace" movement as we know it today began at the international congress at Wroclaw, Poland, in August 1948. This was followed by the World Congress of Partisans of Peace at Paris in April 1949. Here the idea was developed for the organization under Communist auspices of national and local "peace" committees throughout the world, using non-Communist fronts wherever possible.

THE Wroclaw meeting four years ago set the keynote for the goal of these movements, in the opening address by Alexander Fadeyev, Chairman of the Soviet Writers' Union, who took as his text a significant quote from Vyacheslav M. Molotov, vice-premier and commis-



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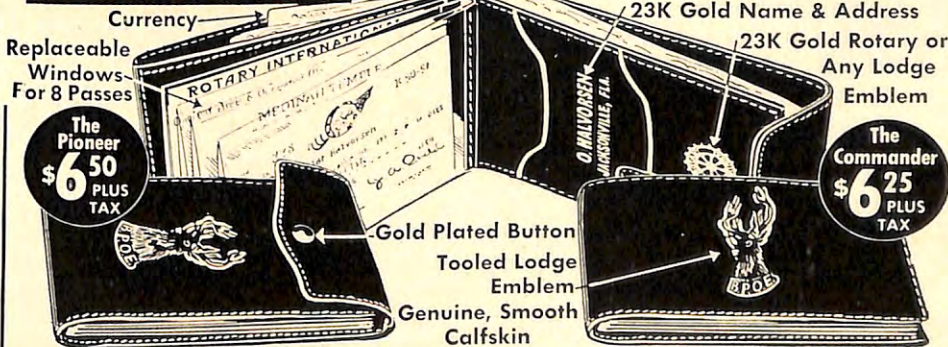
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sar for foreign affairs: "Capitalism has become the curb of human progress, and constitutes the chief danger for peace loving nations. The efforts of imperialists will not save capitalism from annihilation. We are living in a period in which all roads lead to Communism."

Since that time many more "peace conferences" have been held in England, Mexico, India, the United States, France, Germany, China and the Soviet Union. All of them were conducted under Communist auspices, and all of them acclaimed Stalin as the savior of the peace and denounced the United States as the fomenter of war.

These peace movements are considerably more than a propaganda maneuver to befuddle men's minds. They have created a farflung network of international, national, and local committees that are dedicated to the advancement of the interests of the USSR. In control of this movement in each country is a core of confirmed Communists who know precisely what they are doing in using "peace" as a cloak to promote the cause of Communism. But drawn into them are many thousands of innocent persons who are inspired by a genuine desire for peace and who, unaware of the nature of their leadership, lend their names and support to these movements which actually aim to destroy everything in American life they hold dear.

AT THE Communist party congress last month, the name of the master-control of the Soviet apparatus was changed from the "Politburo" to the "Presidium." This change in terminology will be somewhat like the change in the Soviet's foreign-propaganda Comintern when, with promises to refrain from interfering in the affairs of other nations, it was changed to the Cominform. In other words, no change at all.

But a revolutionary government must, somewhere along the line, show something for all the agony its people have endured, if it hopes to keep on promoting revolution. It must make new five-year plans. It must point with pride. It must

move along to the "next step" of the revolution—whether or not there is any such step, or even whether it has moved backward. It cannot be allowed to stagnate, or permit its people to have peace of mind, if it is to maintain a state of hysteria needed to fulfill its primary objective—world revolution. Otherwise even a Communist might lose interest.

And so, following the Communist party congress in October, which was designed to set not only the Soviet people, but the whole world, on its ears, there is planned an international meeting to make known to all that the objectives of the Soviet Union are concerned only with the happiness and welfare of its own people and the promotion of peace in the entire world.

The international meeting will be held on December 6th of this year, at Vienna, Austria. It is heralded as the Conference of the Peoples for Peace, and delegates from all countries of the world, including the United States, are invited.

The meeting will have a super-title—the "Third World Peace Congress", and at Vienna the dual theme of "outlaw atomic weapons" and "live and let live" will be played for all they are worth.

Since no American labor unions or American cultural, educational or scientific groups will wish to send delegates to the Vienna conference, and since there has been quite enough Communist treason and sabotage without encouraging it by granting passports to American Communists for that purpose, this will give the Soviet and satellite spokesmen a fine opportunity to "prove" several things: That Americans who want peace are not permitted by their war-mongering government to voice their democratic sentiments; that the American leaders do not want peace or they would send delegates to Vienna; and that the USSR time after time has urged international peace conferences, while the United States is interested only in making more atomic bombs and death-dealing bacteria, and in fomenting war.

At the Vienna meeting the people of the United States will be the major

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"peace" target. They will be exhorted to exert every possible pressure on the heads of their government, on their Congressmen, and on their troops in Germany and elsewhere. They will be urged to "join with the peace loving peoples of the world" to get "imperialist" troops out of Indo-China, Formosa, Germany and Korea. They will be appealed to as "peoples who want the spirit of negotiations to prevail over solutions by force."

While the Third World Peace Congress at Vienna carries on its work of furthering USSR aggressive policies, the international Communist network of "peace" organizations in the United States will be equally hard at work collecting signatures on petitions that ask us to knock ourselves in the head at home.

If we are really too tired to care one way or the other, or if we are more eager to achieve "normalcy" than we are to guard our freedom, we could, of course, toss in the sponge and cry "uncle" right now. After all, Lenin said as long ago as 1917, in his Military Program of Proletarian Revolution, "Only after we overthrow, completely defeat and expropriate the bourgeoisie in the entire world, and not only in one country, wars will become impossible."

If we have the fortitude to sit it out, and to fight it out where need be, and if we have the wisdom to recognize Stalin's Trojan Horse when it comes our way, this need not necessarily happen. Indeed, the chances are far better than

fifty-fifty that it will not. For regardless of how Ilya Ehrenburg may scoff at our peculiar liking for radio and television sets, and motor cars and movies, it is my opinion that when the people of Russia learn, as they surely must, that working men and women can get something out of life besides dying, they too will fight for peace and freedom for themselves as we did in our time against tyranny over ourselves.

It is encouraging to find, from personal talks with key personnel of our State Department and our United Nations delegation, that no one in authority is being fooled by the Soviet "peace" horse; and that these American officials are in accord on the need to maintain unceasing vigil in the face of Communist aggression that threatens the free world.

It is no less important, they stress, for the American people generally to be equally aware of what is going on and what they are confronted with, so that they may not succumb to Communist pressures or blandishments that are hostile to their own interest.

No matter what changes take place in the Soviet Union's political facade, and no matter what declarations and exhortations come from the Kremlin or from its mouthpieces at Vienna or elsewhere, nothing peaceful can be expected from the Communist manipulators of the Trojan Horse until Soviet actions begin to match Soviet propaganda. Such a hoped for event is not yet even a speck on the distant horizon.

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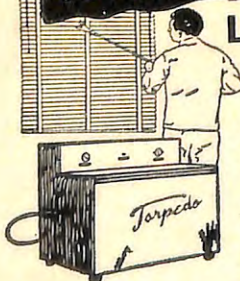


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For those handy to Virginia, the historical sights are a year-around feature. Using Williamsburg as a comfortable headquarters, visitors can wander out to Yorktown, the so-called Waterloo of the Revolution, where Cornwallis capitulat-

ed; and to the Jamestown of Pocahontas and Captain John Smith where English colonists landed in 1607. From October 10th until March 1st, Virginia enjoys what it likes to call its "Leisure Vacation and Travel Season." Leaf-watchers can view the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Skyline Drive; hunters can go after grouse, deer, wild turkey, ducks and waterfowl. And that most irrepresible hunter of all, the antique collector, will be in force at the Virginia Antiques Fair starting October 28th. A number of subsidiary fairs will follow in Staunton and Winchester, and ultimately there will be the famous Annual Antiques Forum at Williamsburg from January 19th through the 30th. Next to a frosted mint julep there is nothing the South loves more than an antiquity.

Pro Grab Bag

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for which he was tested and in which the East abounds, and the Giants were able to use him effectively only after the pollen season had been stifled by the first frost.

The draft system and the far-flung

nature of the college football front also cater to chicanery which further complicates the problem of player selection. In 1944 there was a halfback at Louisiana State who rated tops in the estimation of almost all of the professional

Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern

Pays Respects to His Old Friends



An Elk human-interest incident occurred during the Pennsylvania State Elks Association Convention held at Erie last August, when Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern took time from his many activities to pay his respects to two old friends, Addison and Finn Leech, who are buried in the Erie Cemetery. The parents of the Leech Brothers bought large tracts of property in the Dakotas many years ago and the brothers went out there from Erie to live. There they met Mr. Stern, a resident of Fargo, North Dakota, and a friendship of many years' standing that meant a great deal to Mr. Stern developed. Both of the brothers were prominent in community affairs while they lived in Fargo. Finn Leech was the third Exalted Ruler of Fargo Lodge, serving in 1895-96, and Addison Leech was Exalted Ruler in 1909-10. Both were Charter Members of Fargo Lodge. The Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Erie inspired the "Daily Times" of that city to write a splendid editorial about Mr. Stern and his association with the Leech Brothers and this newspaper also carried a fine news report.

teams. He could do everything expected of a back, but all of the teams except one were touted off him by the report that he had a bad knee. The Philadelphia Eagles who, it was later suspected, were at the bottom of the report, then stepped in and drafted the young man who became an All-League back, one of the greatest ball carriers ever to play in the league and whose name is Steve Van Buren.

In 1937 the draft meeting was held in Chicago, and at that time six of the clubs had in mind, unbeknown to each other, a young man who, each hoped, was a "sleeper." His name is Wendell Butcher, and he played for Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, Minn., a school with a co-educational enrollment of just over 1,000.

Because the school is small and off the beaten path, the six teams separately decided that the other teams probably had never heard of Butcher. Rather than devote a draft choice to a man about whom only they presumably knew, each of the six clubs refrained from mentioning Butcher at the meeting and each was elated when none of the other clubs selected him.

The morning after the meeting a representative of each of five of those six teams boarded a train for St. Peter. On the train, to their common dismay, they all met, and when the five arrived at Gustavus Adolphus it was to discover that Patsy Clark, then coaching the Detroit Lions, had signed Butcher the day before the meeting, secure in the belief that no one else had ever heard of the

boy and that consequently no one else would draft him.

The draft system, as involved as it is, is further complicated by the fact that the teams are allowed to exchange choices. On August 16, 1938, ten of the clubs in the league and many professional football fans were suddenly struck by the curious generosity of Halas of the Bears. It was announced that the Bears were transferring to the Pittsburgh Steelers an end named Edgar "Eggs" Manske, an aging veteran, to be sure, but one of some value. What lay behind this sudden gift to the Steelers was revealed at the draft meeting of December 10, 1938.

The Steelers, who had finished last in the Eastern Division that year, had first pick. At the instruction of Halas they then selected a Columbia University passer, and promptly transferred him to the Bears in payment for Manske. Sid Luckman, the Columbia passer, became the most valuable player in the league, quarterback and brain of the great championship Bear teams of the early '40s that won five Western Division titles and four National League championships.

The present T-quarterback and passer of the Giants is Charley Conerly, from the University of Mississippi. The Giants first became aware of Conerly's potentialities while checking through the weekly statistics. Then they began to watch him closely, and when they walked into the draft meeting at the end of the 1947 season they were determined to get him.

Before the Giants had an opportunity to draft Conerly, however, the Redskins named him. The Redskins already had Baugh, and later in the draft selected Harry Gilmer, of Alabama, another passer. They thus were willing to trade Conerly to the Giants for two other players.

That year, however, a rival league—the All-American Conference—was still in competition with the National League, and the Giants' problems were just starting. In the Conference draft Conerly was picked by the Brooklyn Dodgers, and thus began the bidding.

On New Years Day of 1948, Welling Mara saw Conerly play in the Delta Bowl game in Memphis. The following day he talked with the player in the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, but they came to no agreement. Conerly was weighing the Giants against the Dodgers, so several months later Wellington traveled to Oxford, Miss. He put up at the Student Union building on the campus and met with Conerly three times. To beat the Dodger price he had to give Conerly a five-year contract and a cash payment large enough for the young man to buy some cotton land for his father, a cop in Clarksdale, Miss.

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Memphis and, as he sat back waiting for it to leave, he saw boarding the bus, Carl Voiles, then the Dodger coach.

"I felt," Mara says, "like the cat who had just swallowed the canary."

Over the years, during the competition between new leagues challenging the National League and during the ever-present competition within the league itself, quick thinking, sometimes on the part of the clubs and at other times on the part of the players themselves, has determined for whom the star players perform. In the case of Don Hutson, of the University of Alabama, the credit goes to the club.

This was just before the inception of the draft system, and Hutson, like all college players, was permitted to sign with any club of his choosing. He was visited by, among others, a representative of Dan Topping, who is now half owner of the baseball Yankees and then owned the Brooklyn Football Dodgers, and by Curly Lambeau, then the guiding genius of the Green Bay Packers and now coach of the Washington Redskins.

On the morning of the day of the Brooklyn and Green Bay visits, Hutson signed a contract with the Dodgers. In the afternoon he was persuaded by Lambeau to sign a contract with the Packers. At that time the league office was in Columbus, Ohio, and the rule covering such eventualities stated that the first contract to reach the office, in cases of duplicity, would be the contract recognized.

The Dodger representative immediately put his contract with Hutson in the mail, addressed to the league office. Lambeau sent his contract by air mail special delivery and, as it arrived first, he then became the proprietor of a young man who was to make All-League and come to be recognized as probably the best pass receiver in football history.

In 1931 Mel Hein was graduated from Washington State where, towering to six feet four inches and weighing 235 pounds, he was an All American. This was five years before the National League draft system was instituted, and Hein started dickering with the Providence Steamrollers, then in the league, and with the Giants.

When the Steamrollers met his price, Hein signed their contract and mailed it back. The following day he received, ir. Pullman, Wash., a contract from the Giants and, as the terms were the same and he preferred to play in New York, he arrived at a quick decision that was probably as important to the New York club as any that has ever been made in its behalf.

Hein sent a telegram to the postmaster of Providence. He requested that an envelope addressed from him to the Providence Steamrollers be returned to him unopened, and when the envelope and contract came back, Hein signed with the Giants and went on to be voted the best center in the National League for eight years, to play for the Giants for



A college star who also made good in the pro ranks, Bob Waterfield of the Los Angeles Rams.

fifteen years and to be generally accepted as having been the greatest all-time center, pro or college, ever to straddle a football.

Possibly the finest blocking back the Giants ever owned and one of the best ever to play the game was Nello Falaschi, of Santa Clara. At the 1937 draft meeting Falaschi was selected by the Redskins before the Giants had a chance to pick him. He was ill during the 1937 season and did not play, but that year the Giants got a line on George Karamatic, a back playing for Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Gonzaga is the Alma Mater of Ray Flaherty, a former Giant end who, in 1937, was coaching the Redskins. Flaherty was also in the sporting goods business in Spokane at that time with a man named Bill Hatch, and when Hatch visited the Giants after the game during the 1937 season Owen sounded him out.

"This Karamatic from out your way," he said to Hatch. "He looks like a good ball player."

When Owen said this he watched the effect. Hatch's face showed his surprise, and then he caught himself.

"He's a real nice kid," he said. "He's a swell boy, but he's not much of a football player. He'd never do as a pro."

Hatch left a few minutes later. When he did, Owen turned to Wellington Mara.

"Flaherty is trying to cover up Karamatic," he said. "We'd better draft him."

The Giants, who didn't need Karamatic, drafted him as their first draft choice at the annual meeting before the 1938 season. Before they had left the meeting room George Preston Marshall, who owns the Redskins, traded Falaschi for Karamatic, who played only one season for the Redskins, and the Giants obtained the man who, in the ensuing years, was to make many a play go.

On January 1, 1937, Owen was in Dallas, Tex., attending the Cotton Bowl game between Texas Christian and Mar-

quette. Texas Christian won, 16 to 6, but on the Marquette team at that time were three highly publicized backfield stars. Ray Buivid and Art and Al Gueppe, and Owen, along with representatives of the other professional teams, was there to get a line on them, among others.

What Owen saw convinced him, however, that the man he wanted wasn't any one of these stars, but rather the remaining and little-known fourth member of that backfield. Owen realized that the fourth back, Ward Cuff, was the unsung hero who was largely responsible for the success of the others, and after the game he visited the Marquette dressing room.

"I suppose you want to talk to Buivid, too," Frank Murray, who was then coaching at Marquette, said. "He's over there."

"No," Owen said. "I want to see Cuff."

Owen talked with Cuff and the Giants prepared to draft him at the 1937 draft meeting. Just before the meeting, Lambeau, who was familiar with Cuff because Marquette, located in Milwaukee, is home territory for the Packers, walked up to Steve Owen.

"This Ward Cuff tells me you're interested in him," he said, "but I don't think you'd want him."

"No?" Owen said.

"No," Lambeau said. "He'd mean something to us around Milwaukee where he's got a name, but he's just a small town boy and I don't think he'd go good in New York."

"Thanks," Owen said.

The Giants drafted Cuff. They signed him the following June in a small side-street New York Hotel where Cuff was staying while in New York for the IC 4-A track and field championships at which he won the javelin throw.

Cuff became an outstanding all-around back with the Giants. He had never kicked in college, but the first time he put his toes to the ball for the Giants

he kicked field goals from the 41 and 42-yard lines and won the game, 6-0.

"He was just a natural," Owen says.

There is no hard and fast rule by which even an expert professional scout or professional coach can measure a player, even an apparent natural, until he drafts that player; signs him and puts him in against other professionals. The Giants have been in the National Football League for twenty-eight years, have won eight Eastern Division championships and three league titles and their experiences, in this respect, are serving here as illustrative of what all the clubs go through and the gambles they take as they reach annually into the big grab-bag of college talent.

All the professional clubs will tell you, for example, that often years of close scrutiny and finally a valuable draft pick will be wasted on a boy who, it turns out when you try to work him in with the rest of the team, just doesn't possess the talent he appeared to have. Several years ago the first draft choice of the Giants was a highly publicized Eastern college back who ran, passed and kicked in a manner that made him the most sought after back of the season.

When the Giants signed this young man they celebrated with a press luncheon in a New York restaurant. Many words were written about how much this acquisition would mean to the Giant attack, but when the Giants attempted to work their new star into their backfield they discovered that, while he could do several things well, he could do none of them well enough to succeed in pro ball.

"And one day I was riding behind him in the team bus," Jack Mara says, "and I heard him turn to the player next to him and say: 'I'll be glad when I don't have to play any more football.' Right then it was obvious that we'd made a big mistake."

About ten years ago the Giants drafted an All-Eastern back who had starred at an Ivy League college and whose name still appears occasionally on the sports pages when reference is made to the gridiron history of his school. He was an inspired competitor, was on the potential draft list of most of the teams and was a natural choice for anyone who could get him.

"The first time he ran down the practice field," Owen says, "the bottom dropped out of our dreams. We could see he was just too slow."

There are some players who, while they have distinguished themselves in college and have the necessary size and speed and natural ability to be successful in professional ball, fall short of their potentials. In some cases they are just overwhelmed by the difference between the college and the pro games.

Such a one was, at first, Frank Cope. Cope was a big tackle who had played at Santa Clara. He had been in the Giants camp for about a week when he approached Owen. (Continued on page 52)



New York Giants great back, Ward Cuff.

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"I don't think I can make it, coach," he said. "These other tackles are too fast for me. I'd better go home."

"Let me decide that," Owen said. Cope played for the Giants for ten years and for five years captained the team. In 1945 he was named All-League tackle.

A couple of years ago the Giants drafted a big fullback who had played sensationally for a Southern school. During training he failed to live up to expectations, although he seemed to be trying, and the Giants were unable to analyze his difficulty until they sent him into one of the pre-season exhibition games.

"He fumbled three times," Owen says, "and then started to cry. It turned out he was homesick, so we sent him home."

In attempting to apply some form of measurement to college players, professional coaches and scouts look generally for big men who are fast. In this they are often misled, for some players will add as much as twenty pounds to their actual weights in attempting to get to a professional camp, and others, such as the All-Eastern back, will appear to be fast only because the college competition is slower.

"Then you get coaches who get sold on their boys," Owen says, "and they sell you. A lot of them have never seen pro football and have no idea what it requires. You get all these kids and you try to figure out what each kid's potential is and whether you're getting it out of him. The difference between an amateur and a pro in any sport is the art of relaxation, and until you get a kid relaxed you don't get the most out of him. You get a fellow who loafs, but he may have so much ability that he can outplay a kid with great heart. Sometimes a kid with less ability will make you pick him over a potentially better man."

SUCH a man was Orville Tuttle, who had played guard for Oklahoma City University, but stood only five feet nine inches, although he weighed close to 200 pounds. When Tuttle turned up in camp the Giants gave him only an outside chance to make the club.

That same year—1937—the Giants had drafted one of the outstanding college linemen of the previous season, a guard who towered over Tuttle and who had more of everything but hustle. Squads are limited in the National League to thirty-three players, and when the day to pare the candidates arrived, the choice between the two guards was a difficult one.

"Normally you pick the big guy," Wellington Mara says. "You need bulk in this league, but still we couldn't overlook Tuttle. The big guy had all the potentials, and Tuttle had all the spirit. When they'd walk up to the line for a play Tuttle would holler: 'Come, boy! Come, boy!' Then he'd whistle, loud, through his teeth. So, we took a chance

and kept Tuttle who played great ball for us for six years.

"Now, sometimes in a situation like that," Mara says, "the guy you release will get sore. Usually they get sore at me, not big Steve, but this time the other guard got sore at Tuttle. He went up to him and he said: 'Listen, you phony —. If I could just whistle I'd have made the team instead of you.'"

Another such, who forced his way onto the Giants with his competitive fire, was Johnny Dell Isola, who was an All-American center at Fordham University. The Giants signed him, but at that time, in 1933, they were loaded with talent which was to win for them three consecutive Eastern championships and one league title, and their regular center was the great Hein.

"John made his first impression on us," Wellington Mara says, "when he and his roommate, a big, red-haired coal miner named Knuckles Boyle, got into a fist fight while playing touch football during a warm-up session. We knew then that he had fire enough, but he still couldn't beat out Hein."

In his first two seasons, with the Giants, Dell Isola played little. At one time he actually threatened Owen with bodily injury if Owen persisted in not playing him and, finally, in the 1934 play-off game with the Chicago Bears he saw his chance.

This was the famous "sneaker" game. The Giants, trailing and beaten badly at half time on a frozen field, donned sneakers between halves and ran up twenty-seven points to win the title, 30 to 13. In the closing moments of that game, with the Giants now safely ahead, the crowd swarmed to the borders of the field, and it was difficult for Owen and others on the bench to see what was happening as the game moved to its close.

In the hysteria in the Giants dressing room following the game, however, Owen caught sight of Dell Isola. His uniform had been muddied and he was sporting a black eye.

"What happened to you?" Owen said, knowing he had not sent Dell Isola into the game.

"Well," Dell Isola said, "I thought Hein looked a little tired in there so I went in to give him a rest."

It was off this that Owen decided he would have to find a place on the team for Dell Isola to play. The next year he converted him from a center to a guard, and four years later Dell Isola was voted All-League at his position.

"But when you draft these players you're guessing at a lot of things," Owen says. "Athletes reach their peaks at different times. Some peak in their senior years in college, and some peak after they've been pros for a couple of years. You draft a boy and he can't come to camp until he gets his hay crop in or another boy runs an ice-cream parlor and August is his biggest month. Professional football is a gamble."

Professional football is a big grab-bag.

In the Doghouse

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I've seen too many instances of this to doubt it, but on the whole his memory is not as retentive.

The female will have more regard for your belongings, although as a teething youngster she will want to practice on your shoes, gloves or anything else that's chewable. However, being more easily disciplined, she'll abandon that bad habit sooner than young Mr. Dog. It has been my experience that the female is less inclined to be noisy and less inclined to needless barking. Of the two she is definitely not the boisterous one. If you have ever been annoyed by one of those canine chatter-boxes that continually sound off for no reason you'll understand how important this is. Nothing, well almost nothing, can be more of a neighborhood nuisance than the persistent barker. The male is the one who is more likely to declare himself, either to answer a distant challenge or because of insomnia or for no reason at all. Another point in favor of the female is that she is less likely to be belligerent than the male. Being more gentle she's more the peace-lover, but when she does go to war she can be every bit as damaging as her brother and if she is defending her home, her puppies or someone she loves she can be a fighting fury. No, to her a battle isn't gay adventure but very much a matter of business. Her ferocity, once it is aroused, is often greater than that of the average male. As a matter of fact, the most savage dog-fight I have ever seen was a battle between two females.

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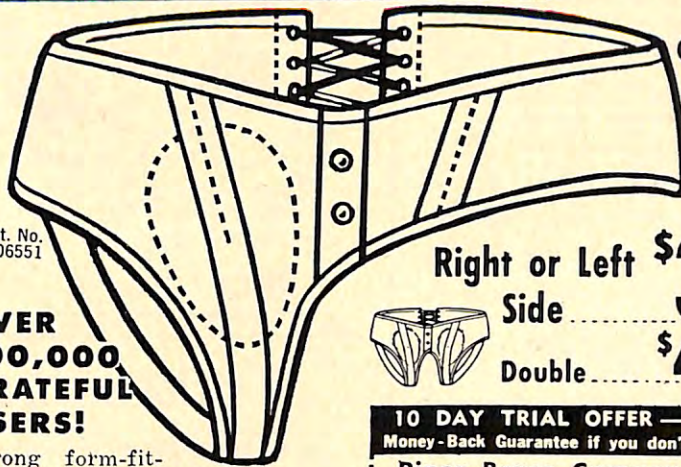
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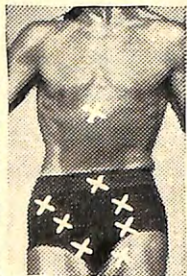
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Of course, the surest of all preventives is to have the female spayed. I'm frequently asked about this and unless there's a very good reason I usually advise against it. Too often the business of spaying seems to destroy the dog's initiative, slows it up and inclines it to become lazy and put on excessive weight. True, it may make the dog still less inclined to wander if it is permitted to run freely and may make

it even more gentle and affectionate, but this can't be counted upon as being sure. The operation should not be performed until the dog is at least seven months old, but should not be deferred for long after. The older the dog, the more serious becomes the surgical job and more painful in its after effects. At seven months or thereabouts the dog is near to maturity yet not fully grown. It should only be done by a skilled veterinarian who is likewise a good dog surgeon. Rightly done the operation is not dangerous. Of course, it should never be attempted if the dog is ill.

Rod and Gun

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cunning ringneck will always occupy a warm spot in my heart. And cunning he is, too.

One day last fall, my brother Burt, Pete Barrett and I were hunting Eide-miller's orchard when a cock pheasant demonstrated this trait with marked success. We were working out a long narrow point. Pete was on the right, Burt on the left and I was in the middle. The two dogs were ranging back and forth across the rows.

Suddenly, one of them pointed in the weeds at the edge of the trees on Burt's side. He cut across to the dog's left. I hurried out of the trees on his right. Pete, who had 50 yards farther to walk, was hustling straight toward the dog, up the slope between two rows of trees, when the rooster flushed.

Considering the setup, I would have said that this bird didn't have one chance in a hundred to escape. Somebody was in position to cut him off no matter which way he flew—almost. One route offered him a chance, and he took it.

Instead of flying out of the orchard into the open or flaring up over the trees as we expected, he flipped out of the cover in an arc tight above the dog and hurtled back down the hill, straight toward Pete and not a yard from the ground. Neither Burt nor I could shoot and, of course, Pete couldn't either until the pheasant passed him. Naturally, he was startled. By the time he could whirl to shoot, it had pitched over a fence and was flying away, low and safe behind this screen.

Actually, a pheasant is not a hard bird to hit. He flies fast once he gets going but, being heavier, he doesn't have the instant acceleration of the bobwhite. Nor does he have the dodging flight of the woodcock. He just jumps up and flies and nobody should miss him in the open.

Yet one of the most spectacular missing bees in which I ever took part occurred where there was nothing between the bird and the guns but perfectly clear air. The target was a cock pheasant which, whether by intent or accident, took the only course that gave him a

ghost of a chance. He made it good, too.

Dan Holland, my wife and I were hunting a narrow strip of cattails and sweet clover that headed around a spring on a very steep hillside. Dan was at the head of it. Ellen and I were climbing up along the sides, about 20 yards apart. The dog was working in the cover between us and a little ahead.

The bird flushed in the center of the triangle formed by the three of us when we were 50 feet below Dan. He pitched downhill. Dan shot twice. Ellen shot twice. I shot twice. The rooster sailed away unharmed.

It was so awful that we all had to laugh, even though we didn't have the slightest excuse for missing. Everybody knows that you have to shoot under a bird flying downhill. We knew it, but the habit of shooting at rising birds is a hard one to overcome.

Of course, not all the tricky ones get away. Once when my reactions were quicker than they are now I pushed a pheasant out of the end of a tight little cover. He, too, doubled back over my head. I shot when he was no more than eight feet from the muzzle, and feathers filled the sky. By some miracle, I didn't blow him to bits. The charge of shot beheld him as neatly as you could do it with an ax.

It is no accident that pheasants survive in densely populated areas. They know all the tricks, and so long as farming practices don't deprive them of food and cover they get along. Hunters never could kill them all. In the East they retreat to bog swamps shortly after the opening guns. In the West they take to tule swamps, sagebrush and other impossible cover. Even where they don't have these natural advantages they are past masters of the art of avoiding the man with a gun.

LAST fall, a friend and I hunted a weedy, brushy swale on the farm that belongs to a fellow I know. We entered it near the middle of one side and made a complete circle. The dog acted birdy several times, but the only shot we got was a long one at one cock that flushed wild.

As we walked back toward the house we met my farmer friend coming out of the field with a load of sugar beets. "Too bad I didn't have a gun," he said. "Just after you went into the bottom, seven pheasants came legging it out, right past where we were working. Three cocks and four hens. They ran clear across the beet field and into the neighbors' corn."

The only way to get pheasants after they have been hunted a few days is to outguess them. In this case, of course, we didn't think they'd desert the good cover we were hunting to run across an open beet field. Many times it is obvious that they will attempt to sneak out, however, and then stationing one hunter in the logical spot often pays off. There

always is a real thrill of satisfaction in out-figuring the foxy rascals.

Several years ago, my wife and I hunted a long, narrow cornfield three or four times during the course of the season. Ordinarily it is possible to drive pheasants out of corn and then the hunter standing at the end of the rows gets some fast shooting. This particular field, however, was laid out approximately in the shape of a banana with the rows running crosswise. It was surrounded by pasture land. Instead of leaving it, the birds would flush and fly low over the corn to pitch into it again near the other end. I believe we could have driven them back and forth all day without one ever flying out over the grass at the ends of the rows, and the corn was so high that we couldn't see to shoot while in it.

Finally, it occurred to us that they might be cutting the corner on the inside curve of the banana on their way from one end of the field to the other. We decided to try standing there at the edge of the corn while the dogs made them fly. It worked. We let down three.

Occasionally, whether by luck or intent, I am fortunate enough to get a pheasant pinned down dead to rights. They outwit me so often that this always provides a lot of satisfaction. I cornered one that way last fall.

We were hunting a beet field and the dog came on point. I hurried toward him. When I still had thirty feet to go I happened to glance down just as I stepped from the crest of one row to another. There, crouched in the depression between the rows and half sheltered by the spreading beet leaves, was a big cock pheasant. He was between my feet and I was looking him right in the eye.

The pointing dog was quickly forgotten—after all, he could be on a hen. This bird was a cinch. I could have picked him up—and maybe I should have. We tried to stare each other down for thirty seconds. Then he couldn't stand my looks any longer and leaped into the air, flying straight away, right down the row and not five feet off the ground.

I shot once too quickly and missed him by a yard. He curved to the left. I shifted my feet, remembered that I still had plenty of time, held carefully and missed again!

Then we put up the bird that the dog still was pointing. It was a cock and the shot was my brother's and he killed it clean.

Experiences such as this are what make pheasant hunting the sport it is, of course. Maddening though they are, they make the fruits of victory just that much sweeter when everything breaks right. The fluffed shot, the bird that outwits us, both are forgotten at the crack of nitro when the gun swings true. The green-bronze are cut short, the wing-beat stopped, the puff of feathers against the soft-blue October haze, these make the picture to remember.

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EDITORIAL

THE MODERN FRATERNITY



When the Grand Lodge, at the New York convention, voted to discontinue the use of the blindfold in initiation ceremonies, it opened the eyes of many members to the fact that the last symbol of secrecy has now been discarded by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Our membership of more than a million, we feel sure, derived keen satisfaction from that act. They are identified so openly and so completely with the American scene—in fraternal activities to which they invite their non-Elk friends, in their charitable works designed to benefit their communities, in their special efforts to serve their Country in times of crises—that even one of the gadgets of secretiveness to which current members felt heir seemed out of place to them.

This action caused us to reflect that as the Order has increased in numbers and importance, it has cast aside those puerile and pointless customs which, from the start, clouded its true objectives and misrepresented its character to the general public.

The first trapping to be tossed into the scrap heap was the colorful but absurd regalia worn at 19th Century lodge functions. Then the apron was taken off and put away in 1895. The official badge followed in 1902. An official grip or handclasp, a poorly-kept secret, was formally outmoded in 1904. Secret passwords lingered for some time. At first, on a particular occasion, new passwords were used for each day, although in general use these open-sesames were changed each month. Later, they were changed twice a year, and still later but once a year before the custom was forgotten. A test oath was used for a time, but it lost favor in 1911. The introduction of "goats" into the initiation ceremony was abandoned several years ago. And now in the discard is the blindfold, the last item of distraction, the final obstacle to the initiation of a new member in a manner insuring, not only his personal dignity but his complete respect for the Brothers he is to join.

Oddly, the very act of throwing away this last symbol appears to have a symbolism of its own. It suggests that new members, in entering the Order, do so with nothing hidden from their sight. They can see, in advance of their acceptance, that in the preserves of Elkdom, an Elk, while enjoying a full, active social life, follows a pathway which points his steps to Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. They know that the Elk pauses here and there to lend a hand, in concert with his brother Elks, to someone less fortunate than himself who finds the going rough, and that he renders such service to his land as lies in his power. The new initiates will find no occult mysteries, no other secrets for success in living.

We wonder, sometimes, whether the singular prac-

tices listed here had their origin in the minds of the early members of the Order, or were borrowings from other organizations. Secret grips, ornamental regalia, whispered passwords appear to have had roots in a society such as the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, which Charles A. Vivian had in mind as a pattern for the Elks. Whatever their origin, we are well rid of them, for they have no place in a Fraternity tailored to the modern American standard.

"FOR GOD'S MERCIFUL DEALINGS"



Two lines from Alice W. Brotherton's poem set the mood for Thanksgiving Day—

"Heap high the board with plenteous cheer, and gather to the feast,
And toast the sturdy Pilgrim band
whose courage never ceased."

Indeed, line by line they spell out the manner in which many people live this holiday.

For some, Thanksgiving is an appraisal of tangible goods and a feeling of how lucky they are to live in a land of plenty. For others, the day evokes the deeper sentiment of harking back to that first Thanksgiving in 1621 when Governor Bradford proclaimed it a day for "public prayer and praise for God's merciful dealings with us in the wilderness."

It occurred to us that the 332nd celebration of Thanksgiving this year might well be rededicated to the same purpose, for the wilderness which the Pilgrims conquered with Divine help has been recreated, through the maniacal and scheming acts of man, a world-wide wilderness where want and distrust are in evidence, where malice lurks in dark places.

We in America indeed have enjoyed "God's merciful dealings" and have much to be thankful for. Since our first awareness of the holiday is the activity connected with preparation of the feast, we might start our Thanksgiving by acknowledging the God-given ingenuity through which the men on our farms and in our industries have created today's abundance. But that is only the beginning. We must add a devout expression of gratitude for the valor of our troops on the bloody hills of Korea, who, though disclaiming heroism, nevertheless are etching acts of supreme courage on the tablets of history. We could voice our sense of obligation to those unselfish people who give up their time on this day to spread cheer among the less fortunate, like the brother Elks who will be distributing food baskets to the needy. We should find within ourselves deep thanks for the spirit of those brave souls, trapped just inside the black curtain, who risk everything to keep hope for eventual liberty and the fire of resistance burning among their countrymen. We ought not forget to express appreciation for the friendship of our allies who stand with us, some despite great problems, apprehension and hardships, to champion the cause of Freedom.

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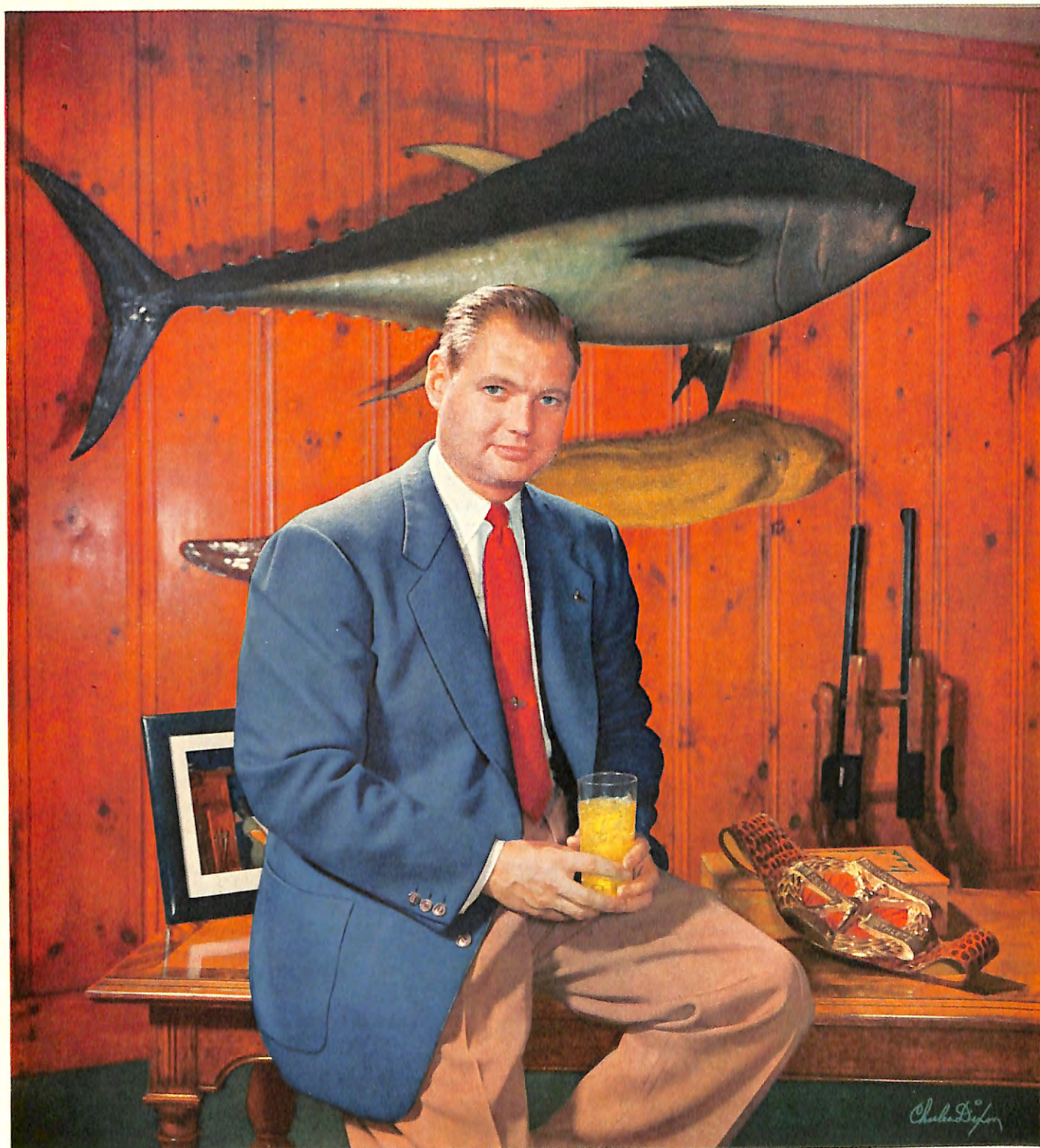
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