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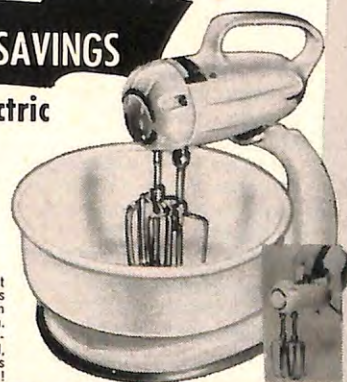
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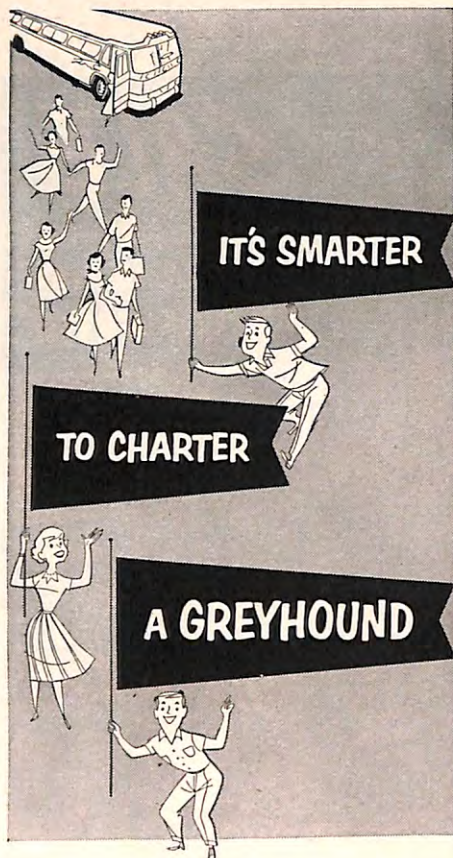
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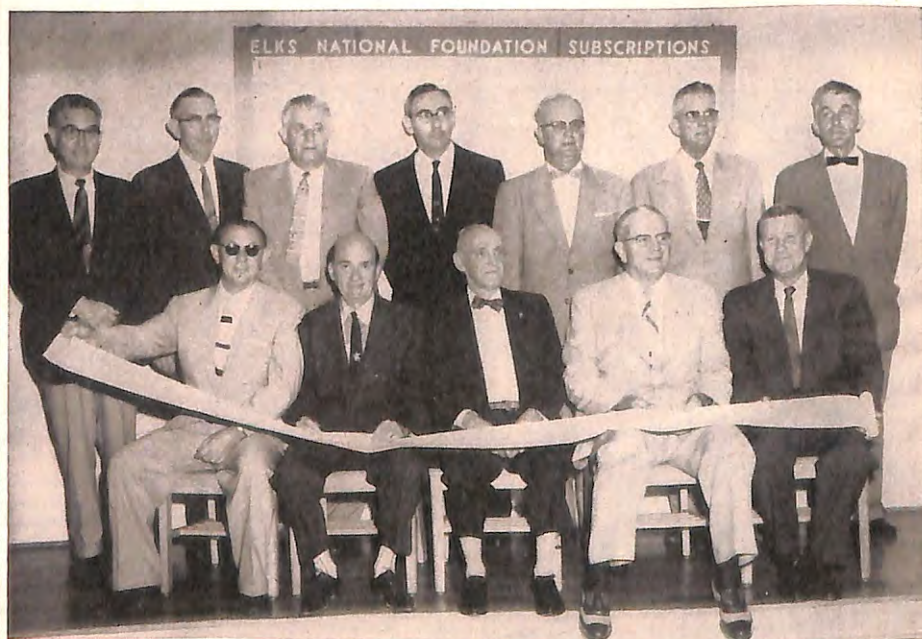
University sets up telephone wires between class rooms and the students' homes. Despite her handicap, she graduated near the top of her class and is a striking demonstration of what Elks National Foundation Scholarships can accomplish.

In desperation a young service man, a member of our Order, home on leave turned to the telephone book to find the "Elks" for a much needed helping hand. He called the office of the Elks National Foundation in Boston.

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The staff of the Foundation got busy. Through contacts, arrangements were made for the child to be placed in an excellent institution before the father returned to duty. He is deeply grateful and very proud that he is an Elk.



Salisbury, N. C., Lodge Elks National Foundation committee members hold a list 9 feet long of lodge contributors to the Foundation. This lodge had the highest per capita contributions in the Order during the past year. Seated from left: Charlie Heitman, Will Nurick, Foundation Chairman Bob Jones, John Rusher and Ed J. Lewis, Exalted Ruler during the drive. Standing from left: Cordell Mills, Palmer Laughridge, Nelson Parker, Leston Parks, Exalted Ruler Grover Wiles, George Rike and Tommy Thompson.



# SALESMEN GETTING UNBELIEVABLE WEEKLY CHECKS DEMONSTRATING SENSATIONAL NEW LIGHTING DISCOVERY FOR FACTORIES, STORES, OFFICES



Stuart G. Nelson, President  
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The bare facts about this invention are so fantastic that they sound like wild exaggerations. Yet every statement is true —

as you will see when you read my letter. Preliminary sales work shows fortunes will be made by the salesmen who have the vision to see the tremendous possibilities in the swelling National surge toward "better seeing." Read with care. It may be another decade before you have another opportunity as important as this.

To enable you to understand this opportunity I will have to tell you the difference between "lighting" and "illumination." Lighting is the source of light—illumination is the useful result of lighting. You install lighting to provide illumination.

Different human activities require different kinds of illumination. And the illumination varies in two ways: (1) The amount of light delivered, and (2) The color or character of the light delivered.

Until recently all of man's inventive genius was aimed at producing more light from a given amount of electricity.

The search for more light culminated in the development of the Fluorescent lamp. Per watt of current used it gave a higher level of light than any incandescent lamp — about two-and-a-half times as much. It gave a whiter, stronger, more brilliant light. The nation's storekeepers, offices, and manufacturing plants switched to Fluorescent with breathtaking speed. But then came a shock.

## A backlash

Fluorescent lamps are affecting the eyes of the people who work under them. Eye strain has risen to an all time high level. Nervous disorders are on the increase. The efficiency of employees is showing a serious drop-off due to tensions caused by eye strain.

The cause? GLARE! Glare is reflected light entering the eye at an angle different from the angle at which the eye is focused. Fixture manufacturers have adopted scores of louvers for their fixtures in an attempt to cut down glare. But these louvers cut down the amount of light delivered to the working area—particularly as they become crusted with dust.

And, in spite of partial reduction, glare continued.

## until—

Sometimes — more often than not — inventors and engineers who know the subject best, get so complicated in their thinking that they overlook the simple things. And most great inventions are simple.

## A simple invention

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But wait. One more surprise!

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## An instant success

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# THE GOAL IS AN ALL-OUT VOTE

By John C. Cornelius

President, The American Heritage Foundation



Once again. The American Heritage Foundation is holding a national, non-partisan "Register, Inform Yourself and Vote" campaign. The goal is nothing less than an all-out vote in the coming fall elections.

And the potentialities? Higher than ever. For this year more than 104,000,000 Americans will be eligible to vote by the time the polls open. This includes over 53,000,000 women, some 4,000,000 new young voters and 300,000 newly-naturalized citizens.

Our themes are three-fold:

"Is your name in the book?" is a suggestion to be sure to register and vote on time in the local as well as national election. "Vote—but don't vote in the dark" stresses the importance of an informed electorate. And finally, "See you at the polls" is a call to be sure to enter that booth on Election Day.

Cooperating with The American Heritage Foundation is The Advertising Council and 130 national organizations. Among these is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

There is much that the Elks can do and will do to help. Does a new neighbor have to fulfill local and state residence requirements? One of your Order will advise him. Does a G.I. need an absentee ballot? One of you will tell him how to get it. At summer picnics and autumn rallies you will be there, talking to friends and fraternal brothers about the candidates and issues and importance of voting.

I know this because of your aid to physically-handicapped children, your college scholarships, youth-building program, help for hospitalized veterans and Service Centers for the Armed Forces—all of your long history of philanthropy. Wherever there is a need, a member of your Order is at hand.

Certainly there is a need now.

Unlike some lands, in this country there is freedom to choose the officers of government, from the town or village mayor to the President. An overwhelming vote in the fall election would prove to a turbulent and changing world the continuing greatness of "government of the people, by the people and for the people" in the face of the challenges of the day.

This is a salute—and thanks—to the Elks for joining with us in this crusade for a total vote.

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# UPTOWN STORY

BY WILLIAM FAY

**Chandler Garth won the afternoon card game  
and all the money. Then his luck ran out.**

LOGAN, the detective lieutenant, wore his best suit of clothes and he felt stickily self-conscious. It seemed to him a man with any self-respect would not be standing here at the hotel entrance, waiting and hoping for a charitable greeting from the girl in the camel's hair coat.

"That's Rita?" a detective named Fiari asked. "That's the woman in your life?"

"In my past," Logan corrected him. "Away past, Joe."

"Well, she looks real nice."

"Thanks," Logan said.

Really all you could see at this distance were her tallness and the easy grace of her stride. She was coming through a park on the far side of the Grand Concourse, walking slowly with a man named Chandler Garth. Logan loved her; that's all he knew, and he would probably eat any crumbs of kindness she was willing to bestow at their first meeting in seven years. He pitied himself for the smallness of his shame. It was grey October and the wind was strong. The maple trees wore yellow crowns and gave their leaves begrudgingly to the wind that swept the park.

"This Chandler Garth is ready money," Fiari said. "He's quick with a buck and very few women hate him, except his wives."

"I didn't ask you to rummage in his business, Joe."

"That's part of our friendly service," said Fiari, a benignly impudent man. Logan's rise to a lieutenantcy had not affected their relation-

ship. "A guy in your position is entitled to know the score," Fiari said. "You'd do the same for me."

Logan almost wished the other detective hadn't come along right now, so chockful of volunteer facts and figures. But he didn't argue with Fiari. He had known him too long, he liked him too well, and, in his loneliness, he had confided much to the man he worked with, day after routine day. According to Fiari, Mr. Chandler Garth, of Odyssey Film Productions, had arrived in New York with Rita Landers two weeks before, having suspended operations in Hollywood.

"Did he have to pick the Bronx?" Logan asked.

"I don't know. Probably he couldn't rent anything in Manhattan. That's the way it is with all these television studios. They pop up in Queens or Brooklyn and now the Bronx, any place where the real estate isn't fifty per cent uranium. This Odyssey outfit's all set to do two dramatic shows and a whole flock of filmed commercials. Garth is the boss and the girl—hey, the closer she gets, the better she looks—well, she works for him."

"You mean she writes television scripts, don't you?"

"That's not what I heard. They told me she works for Garth. She handles all his personal affairs. I didn't see her at the studio, but I got talkin' to the help. You say she used to write things for the radio?" (Continued on page 43)

Phillips reached for one stack of 50's and let them separate and fall to the table like leaves.

ILLUSTRATED BY HARVEY KIDDER



# News of the STATE ASSOCIATIONS



Former Grand Lodge Committeeman John Hafich awards the "McFarland-Stern Past Grand Exalted Ruler Trophy" to the Montana State Ritualistic Champions from Polson. Left to right: Est. Loyal Knight Dr. C. H. Gordon, Inner Guard D. L. Harris, Lect. Knight K. A. Johnson, State Chairman Ray Kelly, State Pres. Clarence Mieyr, Mr. Hafich, E.R. D. Q. Jordan, Lead. Knight T. A. Farrell, Chaplain R. E. Wickard, Esq. D. S. Harris and Candidate G. G. Fisher.

## WASHINGTON ELKS ELECT WM. C. KING AS PRESIDENT

At the opening business session of the three-day Washington State Elks Assn. Meeting at Tacoma on June 14th, William C. King of Bellingham was elected President. He will be assisted by Felix Rea, Ephrata; F. George Warren, Olympia; Walter Hagerman, Ellenburg, St. Clair Spence, Longview, and Clarence Simmonds, Seattle, as Vice-Presidents; Erling Johnson, Tacoma, Treas.; Barney Moran, Omak, Trustee-at-Large; Tom Randall,

Lake City, Recording Secy.; Robert Arnett, Bellingham, Sgt.-at-Arms; Oscar Sterrett, Mt. Adams, Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms; Norbert Grove, Tacoma, Chaplain; J. O. Huntington, Walla Walla, Inner Guard, and Clayton Knighton, Wenatchee, Tiler.

Over 2,000 persons were in attendance at the Convention, a highlight of which was an Open Meeting for Elks and their wives at which various awards and presentations were made. These included a \$12,161.61 gift to the Children's Orthopedic Hospital from the Bucks Fund; four scholarship awards totaling \$1,200; Youth

Leadership awards, and eight scholarships, totaling \$4,400, for students in the therapy field, which is part of the Assn.'s Major Project. Incidentally, its progress in this effort was happily portrayed by the appearance of little Debbie Smith whose doctor has declared her cured. The little lady was welcomed to the Convention and given her first bicycle which she later rode from the lodge building to her hotel.

Following the running of the new film on the Association's project, Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson who delivered an outstanding address on "The Influence of Elksdom on Our American Way of Life", which was received with a standing ovation. Mr. Alexander, by the way, was named Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Elks Major Project, Inc.

Entertainment included a salmon barbecue, prepared by the Puyallup Indian Tribe, water sports and other interesting events, with golf and bowling activities and several banquets. The Association will next meet at Vancouver on January 18th and 19th.

## BEMIDJI TEAM INITIATES ALL-MINNESOTA CLASS

The State Championship Ritualistic Team from Bemidji Lodge initiated an All-State Class composed of candidates from various lodges during the four-day meeting of the Minnesota Elks Assn. at Red Wing. The ceremony took place on June 14th, the opening day of the session.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and Sam Stern addressed the delegates and witnessed the presentation of more than \$1,200 in scholarship and Youth Leadership Awards.

Committee reports indicated an increase in welfare and youth activities, with a total of \$78,503.89 spent by the State's lodges on charitable programs.

It was announced that the Assn.'s Major Project, the State Elks Youth Camp for deserving children, would be open for four two-week camping periods, accommodating 72 boys at each session.



Honored guests of the South Carolina Elks Assn. were these young students who received \$4,000 in Elk State Leadership and Scholarship awards at special public presentation ceremonies at Columbia.



The South Dakota Elks' All-State Ritualistic Team stands behind Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland, the Order's 1955-56 leader John L. Walker and former Grand Est. Lect. Knight Hollis Brewer.





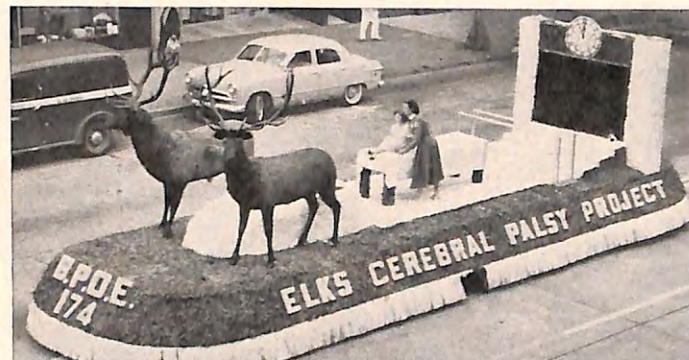
Arizona Conventioners at Flagstaff included, left to right, Past State Presidents S. O. Morrow and Duncan Graham, D.D., and retiring Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.



At the Michigan Elks Assn. Banquet were, left to right, John K. Burch of the Grand Lodge Pension Committee, former Grand Tiler Irvine J. Unger, retiring Pres. L. A. Koepfgen and incoming Pres. Robert Burns.



Among the officials at the 54th Annual Convention of the Wisconsin Elks Assn. were, left to right, Past Pres. Alfred E. LaFrance, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and retiring Pres. Kenneth F. Sullivan.



This beautiful float, delineating the outstanding Major Project sponsored by the Washington State Elks Association, was entered by Tacoma Elklodm in this year's State Convention parade in that city.

International Falls Lodge will be host to the 1957 Convention, with the following in office until that time: Pres. Walter Jung, Thief River Falls; Vice-Presidents L. R. Benson, Rochester; Norman Hansen, Alexandria, and Chester Nelson, Crookston; Treas. L. E. Moening, Owatonna; Secy. C. W. Wilkinson, Duluth; Tiler William E. VanEssen, Brainerd; Chaplain Cecil Brown, Rochester; Sgt.-at-Arms M. P. Hunziker, Willmar; Trustee E. Archie Cook, St. Cloud.

#### OVER 2,000 NEW JERSEY ELKS MARCH AT COAST RESORT

An estimated 75,000 persons applauded the parade of 2,000 marchers and 50 contingents in the New Jersey Elks Assn. Convention parade at Asbury Park June 9th, as a climax to the two-day meeting. In the vanguard were Dr. Louis Hubner of Union City, installed as the organization's 1956-57 President, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Acting Mayor R. J. Hines, P.E.R. and Treas. of the host lodge, and many other Elk and civic notables.

The marchers competed for 13 awards, judged by four Army officers from Fort Monmouth, with the William R. Thorne Perpetual Trophy going to Lakewood Lodge as the most outstanding in marching, music and appearance.

Principal features of the opening day of the meeting were a banquet attended by 425 persons, and the installation of Dr. Hubner and his fellow officers by

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick. These officials are Vice-Presidents Joseph R. Smith, Ridgefield Park; Danville V. Crossta, Newark; Nelson L. Tropp, Elizabeth; Kenneth R. Seekell, Irvington; Michael A. Meaney, Mount Holly, and William Wicks, Lambertville. Harold Wertheimer of Atlantic City is Secy., August F. Greiner, Perth Amboy, Treas.; Franz Ortoff, Bridgeton, Tiler; Grover E. Asmus, Hoboken, Chaplain; Harry A. Burnham, Union City, Organist; Charles Goll, Lyndhurst, Sgt.-at-Arms, and Lawrence G. Sangi, Washington, Inner Guard. Trustees are Harry H. Smith, Englewood; James H. Driscoll, Orange; Theodore Grimm, Bloomfield;

George Hirtzel, Elizabeth; Emanuel Eckstein, Asbury Park, and Charles Hotaling, Red Bank.

Sub-Chairman Bart Boyle of the Assn.'s Crippled Children's Committee presented \$1,000 scholarships to two crippled high school students, Lynn Donaldson and Richard W. Kopp.

The Fall Meeting of this group will take place at Pompton Lakes Sept. 30th.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE ELKS CONVENE

Approximately 100 New Hampshire Elks took part in the 1956 Convention of their Assn. at Rochester May 25th, 26th and 27th. Elected to office at that



A marcher's eye-view of the reviewing stand during the thrilling New Jersey Elks Assn. Convention Parade at Asbury Park revealed many State, civic and military officials, led by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick and Dr. Louis Hubner, newly elected President of the group.





The Minot Elks Band and its majorettes, pictured during the No. Dakota Convention Parade.



At the luncheon honoring Judge James T. Hallinan during the New York Convention were, left to right, Presiding Justice Gerald Nolan of the State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Dept., incoming Pres. Francis P. Hart, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan, retiring Pres. F. J. Fitzpatrick, Chief Judge Albert E. Conway of the State Court of Appeals, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall and former Postmaster General James A. Farley, Past State Pres.

time were Pres. Lucien Langelier of the host lodge; Vice-Presidents Guy A. Rich, Littleton; John A. Goggin, Claremont, and Ralph R. Rosa, Portsmouth; Secy. Berton D. Bryant, Rochester; Treas. Dennis E. Brennan, Rochester; Tiler Wells Tenney, Concord; Sgt.-at-Arms John T. Delany, Littleton; Chaplain John L. Babb, Rochester; Trustees Edward C. Therriault, Nashua; Joseph L. Collette, Claremont; R. E. Finnegan, Berlin; Raymond F. Wentworth, Dover; John A. Hughes, Concord.

### **SOUTH DAKOTA ELKS HOLD THREE-DAY MEETING**

Over 850 persons registered for the South Dakota Elks Assn. Convention at Rapid City June 8th, 9th and 10th, when Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland were special speakers. Other distinguished guests included Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Hollis Brewer and former Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow.

A report from the Assn.'s Crippled Children's Committee revealed that clinics had been held in 12 cities of the State in which there are lodges, at which 1,344 children had been examined by specialists, a diagnosis made and treatment prescribed free of charge. Where the

parents were unable to afford the treatment, this too was taken care of by the South Dakota Elks. The clinic program was conducted at an expense to the lodges of the State of \$5,171.05, of which more than half was paid by the Assn. At this meeting it was decided to establish a Crippled Children's Endowment Fund, contributions to which are to be made voluntarily, rather than by assessment, with emphasis on donations as memorials to deceased members.

Open house and conducted tours of the Black Hills were on the social agenda, with a parade led by State Pres. Kenneth L. Roberts and his father, riding twin palamios. Rapid City Lodge won the

Attending the North Carolina Meeting were, left to right, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, State Pres. W. R. Pritchett, Jr., retiring Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, Past Pres. H. E. Olsen, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Secy. of the State Thad Eure and Durham Lodge's E.R. J. C. Woodall.



golf tourney and team trapshoot, with sharpshooter Ronnie Michels of Mitchell Lodge and Yankton golfer Jim Binder taking individual honors. The Ritualistic Contest, held earlier in the year, was won by Watertown Elksdom.

The meeting closed with a very fine Memorial Service at which Mr. McFarland made the main address. Until next year at Brookings, the following will have charge of Assn. affairs: Pres., L. J. Gregory, Yankton; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Kenneth L. Roberts, Rapid City; Vice-Pres.-Elect, Lee Gulberg, Sioux Falls; Vice-Pres., No., Ross E. Case, Watertown; Vice-Pres. So., R. E. Morgan, Mitchell; Vice-Pres., West, Don Fletcher, Deadwood; Secy., R. W. Hanten, Huron; Treas., M. M. Korte, Aberdeen, and Chaplain, Rev. Carl Looke, Rapid City. Harold Williams of Rapid City is a five-year Trustee, serving with Gerard de Blonk, Brookings; Martin Cogley, Sioux Falls; Harold Ricketts, Mitchell, and Ronald Felker, Madison.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA ELKS AWARD MANY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was the guest speaker at a public meeting held June 15th when eight \$400 scholarships and one \$300 award were presented by the South Carolina Elks. These are in addition to \$7,000 in scholarships awarded by the lodges of the State which also presented \$1,100 to local Youth Leaders, the State Leaders receiving a total of \$500 in Bonds.

This presentation ceremony took place on the opening day of the three-day conclave attended by 250 persons, with Columbia Lodge as host.

Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker addressed the business session on the 16th, as did Judge McClelland, when Mr. Walker paid special commendation to Rock Hill Elksdom on its outstanding work for the Elks National Foundation.

The Ritualistic Contest closed with Sumter Lodge capturing the title, followed by Rock Hill and Columbia Lodges in that order.

Heading the State group for 1956-57 are Pres. W. H. Turner, Columbia; Exec. Vice-Pres. Thomas W. Kerlin, Sumter; Vice-Pres., West, Dr. R. C. Mikota, Gaffney; Vice-Pres., East, James P. Jervy, Jr., Orangeburg, and Secy.-Treas. James E. Parker, Rock Hill.

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## A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

### "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA"

WITH the accomplishments of the past so vividly written into the record at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, we embark upon another year which can be one of golden opportunity.

One of the finest gifts a Grand Exalted Ruler can receive was presented to me at Chicago by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker. His "Salute to the Grand Exalted Ruler Class" can project 30,000 new members in the Order.

More than 15,000 were pledged by the 875 lodges participating at that time and it is my earnest hope that every lodge will join the movement before its conclusion this fall. It is a gift to the Order I really appreciate.

Leadership of Elkdom is a distinct honor, for the Order consists of leaders. Every member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is an American gentleman, dedicated to leadership in the practice of Americanism.

Since the glorious records of our Elks National Foundation, National Service Commission, Youth Activities Committee and other charitable works were unfolded at Chicago it has been my privilege to meet with many of our leaders.

Conferences with all District Deputies and State Presidents have been held at Salt Lake City, our splendid Elks National Home at Belford, Va., and the beautiful Elks Memorial Building in Chicago, and all are enthusiastic in their great zeal to "Develop Elkdom's Resources."

At these meetings the work of the Order was thoroughly explained by representatives of all the Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees. Our course has been chartered and our objectives determined.

Elkdom is no stronger than its weakest link, so this year's program has been geared to the grass roots. It is tied to the responsibilities of the individual and can be successful if every Elk will cooperate and direct his energies toward the basic objectives. They are:

- I Will Share in "The Heart of Elkdom"
- Insist on 10 per cent Gross Gain in Membership
- Intensify Youth Activities
- Initiate Selective Membership
- Institute One New Lodge in Every State
- Inspire America's Defense and Its Defenders
- Invite 10 Reinstatements in Every Lodge
- Instruct Officers in Use of Manual
- Impress 100 per cent Paid-up Membership
- Indoctrinate and Activate New Members
- Instill Pep in Clinics
- Improve Lodges in Community Service

Combined, they present a challenge to conquer new horizons. Elkdom is only beginning to expand its resources and make them available to an appreciative America.

Our accomplishments of the past are but our inspirations for the future.

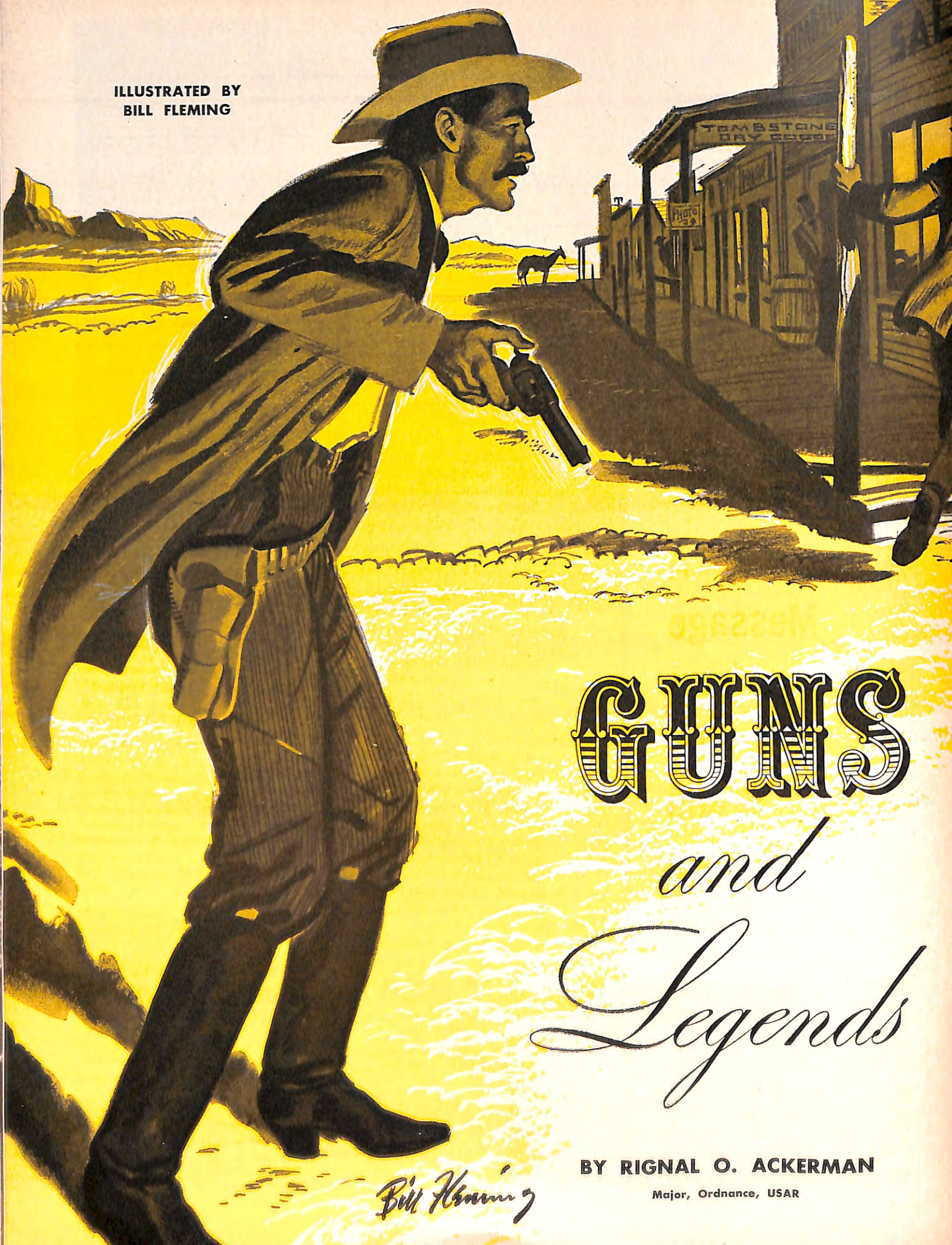
Together we can develop and nourish "A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA."

*Armed L. Bohn*

GRAND EXALTED RULER



ILLUSTRATED BY  
BILL FLEMING



# GUNS and Legends

*Bill Fleming*

BY RIGNAL O. ACKERMAN

Major, Ordnance, USAR





As for "shooting from the hip", most quick draws did not place the weapon in that location at all.

### ***How fast were the gunfighters?—and how accurate the stories about them?***

WHEREVER the American male gathers for relaxation, there will be heard tales of our early Western frontiers. Invariably, one figure emerges predominant, to fire the imagination of every listener. The cold gray eyes, the quiet voice, the brown fingers brushing worn gun butts—all this spells The Gunfighter.

As witness to the romantic appeal of this traditional figure, a motion picture on the theme a few years ago won the industry's highest award for the year.

The gunfighter furnishes material for a flood of reputed fact and much that is admitted fiction. Throughout it all, there remains an undercurrent of generally accepted inaccuracies.

The greatest confusion concerns the historical periods with which certain types of firearms are connected. The standard side-arms of the earlier Western trailblazers were the knife and tomahawk,

as the clumsy smooth-bore pistols of the flintlock era never gained favor in that region. Therefore, it was not until the first great period of Westward migration that the true gunfighter first made his appearance. Covering roughly the middle third of the Nineteenth Century, that epoch saw the development of percussion muzzle-loaders. Those which are of particular interest here include the tiny derringer, the pepperbox of gold-rush days, and Samuel Colt's first revolvers. Metallic-cartridge breech-loading weapons came into use after the Civil War, and we usually think of the 1870's and 80's as the peak of the gunfighting era of the West.

Every firearm consultant or writer comes to expect certain stock questions concerning this period: "How accurate were the early guns?" "What speed were the famous gunfighters capable of?"

While such questions are extremely

controversial, there are certain facts which leave little room for dispute.

There has never been a miraculous short-cut to accuracy in firearms. It was a gradual development, with each age of history making some contribution. The advent of the breech-loader had much less effect on this factor than is generally believed. Actually, the earlier breech-loading weapons could not compare with the finer muzzle-loaders, and they were some years in catching up.

As for speed of firing, that has not been improved nearly so much within the last century as has loading speed. The human element must be considered, also. In an age when experienced pistolmen are the exception rather than the rule, this becomes an increasing handicap.

Some interesting results have been obtained in support of these logical conclusions. One occasion, an experienced

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# Our Most Valuable Students



FIRST AWARD \$1,000  
Dianne Kasnic  
(Conway), Ambridge, Pa.



SECOND AWARD (TIED) \$900  
Carole P. Young  
New Castle, Pa.



SECOND AWARD (TIED) \$900  
Patricia M. Foster  
(Hardwick), St. Johnsbury, Vt.

WHILE the Elks National Foundation originally allocated \$30,000 for the 1955-56 Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Students awards" competition was so keen that there were several ties with the result that a total of \$32,000 was awarded. Both Dianne Kasnic and Edward Muns, the top winners this year, were at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago and spoke briefly but most appreciatively of the assistance they had received from the Foundation in furthering their advanced education. The presentations to the two winners at the Convention were made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, a Trustee.

In addition to the ten major awards, there were forty-eight \$500 awards, as follows:

**Winners in the Girls' Division were:** Betty J. Pritchard, Sumter, S. C.; Patricia W. Branstetter, Pasco, Wash.; Melanie Schlapak, Ambridge, Pa.; Joyce S. Nishimura, (Wajoawa, Oaho), Honolulu, T. H.; Joan J. Ruthmansdorfer, Two Rivers, Wis.; Mary Ann Conovaloff, Glendale, Ariz.; Emily R. Coforth, (Claremont), Pomona, Calif.; Carol L. Sanders, Frederick, Md.; Della P. Godowitch, Ontario, Ore.; Jacquelyn L. Starr, New Kensington, Pa.; Nancy L. Dixon, Brownsville, Tex.; Shelby A. Westfall, Charleston, W. Va.; Geraldine Johnston, (Nucla), Montrose, Colo.; Barbara M. Woodland, (Shelby), Muskegon, Mich.; Delores A. Steiber, Mitchell, S. D.; Gayle E. Runke, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Leilani Bomgardner, (Slater), Torrington, Wyo.; Walda J. Corbett, Somerville, Mass.; Marjorie E. Gillespie, Columbia City, Ind.; Jean A. Nelson, Kearney, Neb.; Dorothy L. Brazda, (Cicero), Cicero-Berwyn, Ill.; Fay E. Ross, (River Edge), Hackensack, N. J.; Sheila A. Sorensen, Albuquerque, N. M.; Mary S. McCone, Mandan, N. D., and Cynthia A. Talbot, West Warwick, R. I.

**Winners in the Boys' Division were:** James B. Cox, Brighton, Colo.; Jess A. Armas, Nampa, Ida.; Joseph G. McCarthy, Lowell, Mass.; Carl A. Olsson, Winthrop, Mass.; Burton A. Dudding II, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Darryl D. Bindschadler, Laramie, Wyo.; James T. Gresham, Griffin, Ga.; Joseph F. McBride, (St. Louis), Alma, Mich.; Dennis B. Nelson, Long Beach, Calif.; Robert B. Scott, Glendale, Ariz.; David H. Neely, New Smyrna, Fla.; David L. Thomas, Dixon, Ill.; Ronald R. Dawe, Atchison, Kans.; Charles G. Wade, Covington, Ky.; Morris Stampfer, Lafayette, Ind.; Albert H. Simons, (Brandon), Sioux Falls, S. D.; James R. Michie, Salt Lake City, Utah; W. Conrad Hoskins, (Dayton), Walla Walla, Wash.; Eli J. Glatstein, Muscatine, Ia.; Daniel T. Harrington, Fall River, Mass.; James M. Lanus, Nashville, Tenn.; Thomas M. Dixon, Stockton, Calif., and Gunars G. Putnins, New Castle, Ind.



FOURTH AWARD (TIED) \$700  
Frances G. Parrish  
Valdosta, Ga.



FOURTH AWARD (TIED) \$700  
Marcia A. Montin  
Walnut Creek, Calif.



FIRST AWARD \$1,000  
Edward C. Muns  
Miami, Ariz.



SECOND AWARD (TIED) \$900  
Maurice A. LeBlanc, Jr.  
Fresno, Calif.



SECOND AWARD (TIED) \$900  
John M. Thomas  
Kearney, Nebr.



SECOND AWARD (TIED) \$900  
Douglas H. Sargeant  
Cedar Rapids, Ia.



SECOND AWARD (TIED) \$900  
Jan S. Hogendorn  
Oskaloosa, Ia.



# Elks National Foundation

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

THE Elks National Foundation Trustees announce that THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in scholarship awards will be distributed at the 1957 Grand Lodge Session. This announcement of the "Most Valuable Student" awards should be of interest to the students of every community who are leaders in their schools and colleges. For more than twenty-two years these awards have made it possible for many superior students to continue their college courses under favorable circumstances. The awards offered this year are:

	Boys	Girls
First Award .....	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Second Award .....	900.00	900.00
Third Award .....	800.00	800.00
Fourth Award .....	700.00	700.00
Fifth Award .....	600.00	600.00
Twenty-two		
\$500 Awards .....	11,000.00	11,000.00
	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>

### ELIGIBILITY

Any student in the graduating class of a high or college preparatory school, or in any undergraduate class (except senior) of a recognized college, who is a citizen of the United States of America and resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, may file an application.

### MERIT STANDARDS

Scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism, general worthiness and financial need are the criteria by which applicants will be judged.

### FORM OF APPLICATION

The Foundation Trustees furnish a blank entitled "Memorandum of Required Facts," which must be filled out in type-writing and made a part of the student's presentation. The Trustees do not furnish any other blank nor do they insist on any special form of application. Experience has shown that the interests of the applicant are advanced and the time of the Trustees is conserved by orderly, concise and chronological presentation on paper approximately 8½" x 11" (the usual business-letter size), bound neatly at the left side in a standard binder or cover (8¾" x 11½") which can be procured at any stationery store. Remove all letters from envelopes and *bind the letters flat*. Exhibits evidencing notable achievements in leadership, literature, athletics, dramatics, community service or other activities may be attached, but the applicant should avoid submitting repetitious accounts of the same aptitude. *Elaborate presentation is unnecessary*. Careless presentation definitely handicaps the applicant.

The bound application, with exhibits and letters, *must not weigh more than ten ounces*.

In addition to the "Memorandum of Required Facts," which should be first in the cover, we suggest as essential details the following, preferably in the order indicated:

1. Recent photograph of the applicant. (Not a snapshot.)
2. A statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the applicant in his own handwriting, summarizing activities, accomplishments and objective of further education which the applicant thinks qualify him for one of the scholarship awards.

3. A letter of not over 200 words from a parent or other person having knowledge of the facts, presenting a picture of the family situation and showing the applicant's need for financial assistance to continue in school.

4. The applicant's educational history *from first year of high or college preparatory school* to date of application, supported by school certificates signed by the proper school authority, showing the courses taken, the grades received and the rank of the applicant in the class. The different methods of grading in the schools of the country make it desirable that the school authority, in addition to furnishing the formal certificates, state the applicant's average in figures on the basis of 100% for perfect and applicant's relative rank in class.

5. A comprehensive letter of recommendation covering character, personality and scholarship of the applicant from at least one person in authority in each school.

6. Two or three letters of endorsement from responsible persons, not related to applicant.

7. A letter of endorsement signed by the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction of which the applicant is resident, *stating that he has reviewed the application and verifies the substantial accuracy of the statements contained therein*.

*Applications that do not conform substantially to the foregoing requirements will not be considered.*

Only students of outstanding merit, who show an appreciation of the value of an education and who are willing to struggle to achieve success, have a chance to win our awards. Experience indicates that a scholarship rating of 90% or better and a relative standing in the upper five per cent of the applicant's class are necessary to make the group that will be given final consideration for the awards.

Scholarship Awards are conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate course leading to a degree in a recognized college or university. Upon receipt of notice of enrollment from the proper officials, Elks National Foundation check for the amount of the award will be forwarded to the college or university to establish a credit for the student.

### FILING OF APPLICATIONS

The application, verified by the proper subordinate lodge officer, must be filed on or before March 1, 1957, with the Secretary of the State Elks Association of the State in which the applicant is resident, in order that it may be judged by the Scholarship Committee of said Association and, if approved as one of the quota of applications allotted to the State, be forwarded to our Chairman not later than April 1, 1957.

The officers of the subordinate lodges are requested to give notice of this offer to the principals of the high and preparatory schools and the deans of the colleges in their vicinity, and to cause this announcement to be published in the lodge bulletin. Members are requested to bring this announcement to the attention of qualified students.

Requests for blanks and other information should be addressed to John F. Malley, Chairman, 16 Court Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

### APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BEFORE MARCH 1, 1957

*The National Association of Secondary-School Principals has placed this contest on the Approved List of National Contests and Activities for 1956-57*



# ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND

**In every-day language, here are basic facts that lie behind shotgun shooting.**



**M**Y DAD tells a story about a bunch of fellows at a duck camp who became involved in a discussion about the number of shot in a shell. A newcomer at the camp had casually brought up the subject, then sat quietly in the corner smoking his pipe. Finally someone turned to him and asked, "What do you think, Bill? How many shot are there in a shell?"

Bill reached in his pocket, came out with a 12-gauge shell loaded with No. 6s, shook it, hefted it in his hand a couple of times and tossed it to the man who had asked. "I'd say about 275 in that one, maybe a few more," he answered.

"You're way off," someone else in the crowd broke in. "There are a lot more than that, maybe 500."

"Three hundred and fifty," volunteered a third member.

After the discussion had warmed up properly, Bill asked if anyone would care to make a little wager on the subject. He had plenty of takers. When it turned out that his estimate was the closest and he had collected the money, someone wanted to know how he had guessed so close.

"It wasn't difficult," Bill answered. "There wasn't a duck that flew within a country mile of that blind where you fellows stuck me today; so, while you were doing all that shooting, I was slitting open shells and counting them."

To save others his trouble, there are approximately 223 No. 6 shot per ounce. In other words, in a 3¼-dram 1¼-ounce load, there would be about 279 pellets.

The following table gives the number of pellets per ounce of shot for the various standard sizes.

SHOT SIZE	PELLETS PER OUNCE
2	88
4	136
6	223
7½	350
8	409
9	585

This is fundamentally an illogical article, dealing as it does with such shotgun facts, because cold figures play a very minor role in shotgun-shooting success. The ability to hit a moving target with a shotgun depends primarily on physical attributes—reflexes, timing and judgment

of speed and distance—not on the knowledge of such things as the velocity and penetrating power of No. 4 shot. Yet, many hunters are interested in the science of shooting, or ballistics. This is written for them, the shooters who want to know some of the basic facts which lie behind shotgun shooting.

And the above set of figures—the number of pellets in a shot charge—has an importance not recognized by some shooters. For instance, there are those who insist on using No. 2 shot for duck hunting, believing, no doubt, that the larger the shot the better their chances of bringing one down. In an ounce and a quarter of No. 2s there are only 100 pellets as compared to about 279 No. 6s; and in the same load of 7½s there are approximately 438 pellets. The resulting differences in the density of shot pattern with the various shot sizes is obvious.

**T**O BRING DOWN a flying bird instantly, a pellet must strike a vital spot: the head, neck or wing bone; otherwise, even though mortally wounded, he likely won't fall where he can be retrieved. This vulnerable area is small; thus the advisability of a dense pattern. The hunter who uses No. 2s, with their comparatively sparse pattern, handicaps himself considerably.

Which brings us to the subject of how shot sizes were determined. If anyone

knows their origin, I wish he would tell me. I don't. A speculative Remington Arms man came up with a formula that works, even if he did have to start with the answer and work the problem backward. He says the key to the situation is the number 17. If the diameter of the shot in hundredths of an inch is subtracted from 17, the result will be the size of the shot. For instance, the diameter of No. 6 shot is .11 of an inch. Eleven from 17 leaves 6. This holds true right down the scale, as the following table will show, but where the 17 came from in the first place, I wouldn't know.

	DIAMETER	SIZE
17	.08"	9
17	.09"	8
17	.095"	7½
17	.11"	6
17	.13"	4
17	.15"	2

Almost as strange—and an equally useless bit of information—is the gauge system used for classifying the various sizes of shotguns. The number of the particular gauge is determined by the number of balls of pure lead, each of a diameter equal to the bore of the barrel, which weigh one pound. A lead ball with a diameter equal to that of a 12-gauge shotgun, for instance, weighs 1/12th of a pound, while one the diameter of a 20-gauge weighs 1/20th of a pound. Of course, there has to be an exception to this rule. This is the 410. This gauge is actually .410" in diameter.

What is the maximum range of a shot-  
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Photo by Dan Holland



In the field, these trained pointers help more than a shelf of books on ballistics.



# A GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR

## For Your Service Commission



Above: Manny Williams, third from left, accepts the Elks National Service Commission banner which he has carried to Europe on his five-week, Elk-sponsored entertainment tour. Pictured with him are his wife, and, left to right, Massachusetts Elks Charles G. Sullivan, P.E.R. of Somerville Lodge; P.D.D. John J. O'Connor of Boston; and P.E.R. J. W. Bergin, Trustee Joseph Naliere and P.E.R. F. M. Coran of Winthrop Lodge. Mr. Bergin is a member of the Mass. Veterans Hospital Committee. At right: Manny Williams is photographed with the Elks' banner and some of the servicemen who have been entertained by the magician under its auspices.



**T**HERE'S a very funny magician working "The Hardship Circuit" in France and Germany, performing for our thousands of "forgotten" servicemen there. His name is Manny Williams, he hails from Brookline, Mass., and he carries the banner of the Elks National Service Commission on this tour.

Aware of the need for diversion in our Army posts in Europe, Chairman James T. Hallinan and Secretary E. Mark Sullivan of the Elks National Service Commission talked over the idea of the Commission's underwriting the expenses of an entertainer to these remote outposts, as a sort of Elk's Good Will Ambassador.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sullivan put his abilities as a talent scout to work and conferred with officials at Loring Air Base in Limestone, Maine, where the Elks are already respected as producers of the first "live" show ever performed for our men there. That's where Mr. Sullivan learned

about Manny Williams and the tremendous reception the men at the base had given him. He learned too, that Manny's popularity had reached the ears of government officials in Washington who had decided to send Manny and his wife on the five-week European junket. However, while Uncle Sam would see to it that Mr. and Mrs. Williams were nourished, transported and housed during their trip, nothing was said about financial reimbursement—that's where the Elks stepped in.

And so, it is with your financial assistance that Manny Williams is helping to relieve the monotony of life for our servicemen at these isolated spots.

Manny and his wife, who serves as the magician's assistant on the tour, are letting his audiences know of the role Elksdom is playing in this tour. In a letter written from Germany by the magician "after 16 dates in some of the most far-off and isolated spots in France", Manny

told Mr. Sullivan, "These boys don't know how to thank the Elks enough; in fact, one of the boys already has sent a letter to the Portsmouth, N.H., Elks . . . thanking them and saying he wants to join the Elks as soon as he gets out of Service". Manny adds, "I should carry applications with me."

Manny Williams is known as "The Laughing Trickster" and works hard messing-up magic to live up to that title. Although he prefers short engagements and small audiences, he accepted one stint at Boston's Latin Quarter where he appeared with Frank Sinatra. He is a musician who doesn't play anymore; an artist who no longer draws, and if it hadn't been that a couple of agents saw him when he did a VA Hospital show "just for fun" several years ago, he might still be in the wholesale grocery business instead of bringing cheer to our military personnel as your Good Will Ambassador.



## ELKS LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS

**W**E HAVE HAD so many requests for an Elks Lodge accommodation list that we plan to publish portions of the list from time to time in our travel columns. This sixth installment will be followed, as space permits, in later issues, until the entire list is published.

Following the complete publication, we plan to incorporate all this information in a pocket-sized booklet for our traveling readers. If your lodge is not listed, it means we have received no answer to our request for information sent out last May.

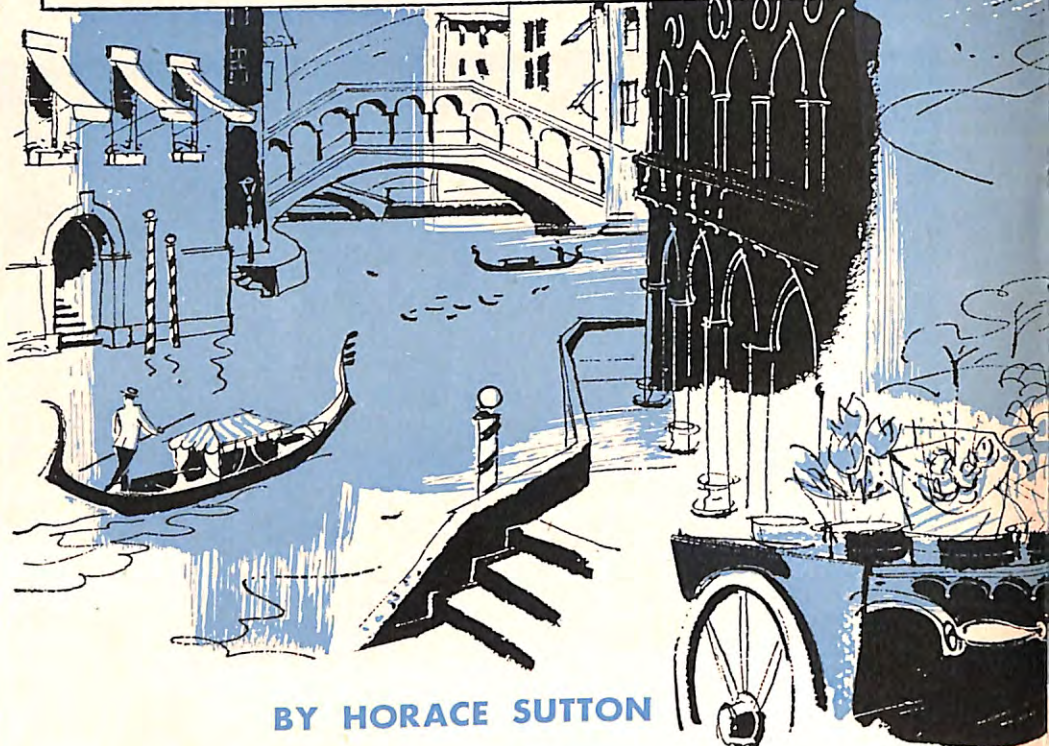
### FLORIDA (Continued from August)

PERRY *No Accommodations*  
PLANT CITY *Cocktail Lounge*  
POMPANO BEACH *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
ST. AUGUSTINE *Cocktail Lounge*  
ST. PETERSBURG *Rooms (Elks only) Lunch-Dinner (Winter only)*  
SARASOTA *Lunch (To Elks only) Cocktail Lounge*  
SEBRING *Cocktail Lounge*  
SOUTH MIAMI *No Accommodations*  
STARKE *Rooms (Elks only) None*  
STUART-JENSEN *Bar*  
TAMPA *Rooms (Elks only) Lunch & Dinner (Elks & Wives) Bar*  
TAVERNIER *Dinner (Wed. Night only) Bar*  
VENICE *Cocktail Lounge*  
VERO BEACH *Cocktail Lounge*  
WAUCHULA *Cocktail Lounge*  
WEST PALM BEACH *Lunch & Dinner Cocktail Lounge*  
WINTER HAVEN *Lunch & Dinner Cocktail Lounge*  
WINTER PARK *Cocktail Lounge*

### GEORGIA

ALBANY *Cocktail Lounge*  
AMERICUS *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
ATHENS *Lunch & Dinner Cocktail Lounge*  
ATLANTA (CASCADE) *Lunch & Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
AUGUSTA *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
BAINBRIDGE *Cocktail Lounge*  
BULKHEAD (ATLANTA) *Lunch & Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
CALHOUN *Lunch & Dinner Cocktail Lounge*  
COLUMBUS *Cocktail Lounge*  
COVINGTON *Lunch & Dinner, Bar*  
DECATUR *Lunch, Cafeteria*  
DUBLIN *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
EAST POINT *Bar*  
GAINESVILLE *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
GRIFFIN *Dinner, Bar*  
LA GRANGE *Lunch & Dinner*  
MACON *Lunch & Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
MARIETTA *Lunch & Dinner Cocktail Lounge*  
MILLEDGEVILLE *Lunch & Dinner Cocktail Lounge*  
MOULTRIE *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
NEWNAN *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
ROME *Dinner, Cafeteria, Cocktail Lounge*  
SAVANNAH *Lunch, Cocktail Lounge*  
STATESBORO *Rooms (Elks & Others) Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
THOMASVILLE *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
TIFTON *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
TOGGOA *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
VIDALIA *Dinner, Cocktail Lounge*  
WAYCROSS *Dinner*

## for Elks who TRAVEL



BY HORACE SUTTON

**Our travel writer returns from Europe and is even more convinced of the merits of off-season trips.**

**T**HE jam in Europe this summer from which I have just disentangled myself is certainly one of the most forceful reasons for traveling in the late season that anyone could conjure. The European travel interests who have been beguiling us to come in the fall with bromides about "Thrift Season" and such would, it certainly seems to me, be much better off if they would acquaint the stay-at-homes with two big factors, and these are crowds and weather.

I cannot bring myself to join those astral gazers who insist the peculiarities of the weather these past few seasons had all to do with the bombs which have been detonated in the Siberian wastes and the Pacific vastnesses. But whatever the reasons—and I am willing to admit that they are quite beyond me—there is no getting past the true fact that the weather in Europe, last summer and this, has been as wet as a minor monsoon. Well maybe that's going a bit far, but there has been continual rain, dew, clouds, and cloud-

bursts from the spring right up to mid-July when I left for the relative safety of the U.S.A.

What I will, for the purposes of this discourse, classify as northern Europe, by which I mean not only Scandinavia but northern France and the Low Countries as well, have been plagued by cold, rain, and worse. The residents are getting to believe that one cannot count on good weather until August nowadays—whether it be the bombs or whatever—anywhere in Europe save perhaps the Riviera and Italy. Indeed even *those* sea-girt strands had the chilliest of springs.

Copenhagen, when I arrived in that city of marvels late in June, was blowing with what any Easterner would recognize as October days. Although my bags were packed with all sorts of cotton clothes, I hardly got out of my one flannel outfit the whole time there. I had, as well, plenty of use for my raincoat. In short, Mid-Summer Week, which I spent pleasantly enough in Denmark, hardly seemed





ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL

like mid-summer. In all fairness I want to say that a final touch-back at the fringes of Scandinavia in mid-July showed that the good weather had at last arrived, and there were promises that August would be its usual affable self.

I wish, weatherwise, I could say the same for such capitals as Amsterdam and Paris where the sun was the rarest of sights, and that goes for July as well. On the other hand I had merely to cross the Alps from Amsterdam to Milan to find the sun shining warm and friendly. Crossing to Venice, I landed at the airport on the Lido, that small sandbar a half-hour boat trip from the water-bound city. The sun here too shone with vigor and it didn't lag for an instant, except to rest at night, during the seven days or so I spent around the Adriatic resorts of Italy and Yugoslavia.

Venice itself was jam-packed with an assortment of international voyagers, particularly Germans, English and Americans, but also Danes, Austrians and Swiss. The Lido, which is a resort, as compared to Venice, the city of sights and smells, was hardly full, and I couldn't help but think that Americans were missing a good bet by sticking to the crowded northern capitals about which I will have a word in a moment. The Excelsior Lido,

which belongs to the same chain that operates the Excelsior in Rome and Naples, and the Gritti Palace and the Royal Danieli in Venice, to mention a smattering of its holdings, must assuredly be classified among the best hotels in Europe, if not all the tourist world. At \$20 a day for rooms, meals and service and taxes, it is, for luxury hotels here or abroad, an outstanding buy. Of course it was filling fast and I was informed by the manager that he was sending back to the states more letters of regret than confirmed reservations. The rush centers around the Venice Film Festival—they are hoping that Marilyn Monroe Miller will show up—which comes late in the season. However, it would be a sound piece of advice. I think, for any American with plans of next year, and a yen to put up at a top-notch resort place abroad to consider the Lido, with its gorgeous stretch of beach that runs for miles and miles, as an early hideout next year.

Yugoslavia, which I invaded from the controversial city of Trieste, now back in the Italian fold, was having a bit of a time, due, I was told, to the series of rate changes which the Yugoslavs imposed during the late winter. These moves were said to have had the travel agents at wit's

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## TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



**A** NATION-WIDE coordinated crack-down of traffic violations is getting under way with the President's Committee For Traffic Safety holding four regional conferences. The Bureau of Public Roads has a \$200,000 appropriation to study highway safety. Estimates by the National Safety Council, and they are remarkable for their accuracy, put traffic deaths this year at 40,000. State Governors, comparing traffic figures, have found that tighter enforcement and stiffer penalties have cut down traffic accidents. Four states—Washington, Connecticut, New Jersey and Rhode Island—are really throwing the book at speeders and drunken drivers. Jail terms and revocation of driving permits are the two most effective checks. The House Committee in its survey is studying speed, intoxication, traffic control at intersections and fatigue. Thruways and toll highways have created a new problem in keeping drivers on long stretches alert and awake.

### EASY TV PICKINGS

Newspaper reporters pick up some easy money when appearing on "press conference" TV programs. The old price of \$100 per performance has gone up to \$125 or more for a half hour of smart talk.

### YAM COSTLY JUICE

Cortisone, the wonder drug for arthritis and other ailments, is made chiefly from the root of a wild Mexican yam called barbasco. Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming has been looking into any monopoly aspects of its manufacture by a Mexican corporation. Meantime, scientists are working ceaselessly to produce the drug by other and cheaper means, perhaps from soy beans. There is even a chance it may be produced from coal. If that happens prices will drop. When first discovered in 1950 cortisone sold for \$4,000 an ounce.

### CONFUSION IN CIVVIES

Ruling to permit the 11,000 armed-forces officers in Washington to wear civilian garb has caused a lot of confusion. Around the Pentagon most officers stick to their uniforms. At social gatherings folks can't tell a general from a Congressman. Some of the big brass in civvies are being saluted just out of habit when regulations say you salute the uniform not the man. Back in the good old days an officer could put on a sport coat and slacks and

sneak into the burlesque at Jimmy Lake's Gaiety Theatre, but they don't need civvies now. There isn't any burlesque.

### HE FEEDS MOSQUITOES

A doctor at the National Institutes of Health who is immune to mosquito bites puts his arm in the mosquito box and feeds them so they will be in good condition for experiments. In the wonder laboratories of the Institutes all sorts of animals and bugs are used, even a breed of giant cockroaches three inches long which are immune to DDT.

### \$25,000 FISH

Giveaways and contests are keeping Internal Revenue agents busy these days and they're right on the job to get Uncle Sam's cut. Right now they're waiting for someone to catch a striped bass turned loose in Chesapeake Bay with a tag worth \$25,000 to the fisherman who lands it. A Baltimore brewery is back of the stunt.

### HONOR NAVAL HERO

Back in 1941 Congress okayed the presentation to Ireland of a statue of Commodore John Barry, naval hero of the American Revolution. It was to cost \$20,000, be cast in bronze 12 feet high and unveiled in the little seaport town of Wexford where Commodore Barry was born in 1745. The plan was to have the presentation in 1945 as a bicentenary ceremony. World War II, however, put the program in a pigeonhole but at long last it has been revived. The statue has been brought to Ireland by the U.S. destroyer "Charles S. Sperry" and will be erected in Crescent Quay, Wexford, and before long the unveiling will take place with six Senators and six Representatives from Congress doing the honors. Another statue of Commodore Barry is in Franklin Park in Washington.

### ZOO OLD-TIMERS

A big white Siberian crane recently celebrated its 50th anniversary in the Washington zoo. It's probably two or three years older. Dean of the exhibits is a galapagos turtle which came to the zoo in 1898. The sex of the crane has never been determined, Director William Mann says. They call it "Dancer".

### WAR ON LAMPREYS

Ten years ago Great Lakes fishermen caught \$5,000,000 worth of lake trout a

year but now the take is practically nothing. Lamprey eels which attach themselves to fish and kill them are the main cause and sportsmen everywhere are working to get rid of the lampreys. Congress put up \$350,000 last year and has another \$615,000 for a second try at electrocuting the eels in the creeks where they spawn.

### BILLIONS FOR BUILDINGS

Few citizens realize the extent of the government's building expansion program which will cost \$2,000,000,000 a year for some time to come. Alterations to the East front of the Capitol are estimated at \$42,000,000. New office space for Senators and Representatives will take \$119,000,000. The new Central Intelligence Agency in nearby Virginia will need \$56,000,000. Others are Bureau of Standards, \$10,000,000, and Atomic Energy Commission \$10,000,000. The government owns 384,000 buildings which cover 50,000 acres but every government department is pushing for more space. We even need thousands of new postoffices.

### PILLOW SPEAKERS

Walter Reed Hospital where the President was a patient has a thousand thin pink plastic radio speakers about the size of a dollar which can be tucked under the pillow and bring in programs from four different stations, including the hospital's.

### WASHINGTON WHACKS

The Sheraton-Park Hotel has a miniature railroad running around the grounds taking guests to the garage, pool, tennis courts and such. . . . Fifty-two officials in the Pentagon rate the title of "Mr. Secretary." . . . Name plates are at last being put at entrances of Federal buildings. . . . Secretary of State Dulles, already over the 350,000 mark, may hang up a 400,000-mile record for travel by January 1. . . . Over 3,000,000 tons of uranium ore are being mined in this country. . . . Bureau of Standards is trying to find out how kids react when trapped in an icebox, to help design one which is foolproof. . . . U. S. spent \$445,000,000 in Okinawa and will continue to occupy the island for quite some time. . . . Hold onto your hat, political campaign breezes are beginning to blow and press releases are flooding newspaper offices. . . . Scientists at the National Institutes of Health can't figure out why fighting fish fight. They're just like humans.



# CONVENTION CAMERA



Immediately after their election on July 8th, the Grand Lodge Officers gathered for this group picture. From left: Member of the Grand Forum Judge A. F. Bray, Grand Inner Guard D. E. Biser, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Thad Eure, Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Douglas E. Lambourne, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Ruel H. Smith, Grand Treasurer Edward A. Spry and Grand Tiler John P. Martin, Jr.



Meeting in the Registration Room as the Convention opened, from left: George T. Hickey, Chairman of the Chicago Elks 1956 Convention Committee; Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson; Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee; Jack O'Connell, Assistant Convention Director of the Chicago Convention Bureau, and Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee.



The 1956 National Champion Ritualistic Team from Memphis, Tenn., Lodge, from left: Esquire Clyde M. Sanders, Chaplain Robert C. Kinney, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Judge W. Tillman Grant, Jr., Esteemed Leading Knight William C. Watson, Jr., Exalted Ruler Archie M. Day, Jr., Esteemed Loyal Knight Edgar D. Collins, Inner Guard Dr. D. Frank Trundle and Candidate Frank G. Copeland.



As Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, opened his report at the Convention, he invited a delegation of California Elks to enter the Ballroom and bring to the front of the stage rolls of leather which will be used in veterans hospitals for therapeutic purposes. Leading the delegation were Montana State President Clarence Mieyr, left, and California State President James Nielsen, right.



One of the most dramatic moments of the Convention occurred the morning of July 12th when Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, presented a flag to each of the Exalted Rulers of the three first-place lodges in the "Show Your Colors" Contest this year. These flags, which were flown over the Capitol in Washington on Flag Day, were obtained through the assistance of a member of Congress, Russell V. Mack, who is a Past President of the Washington State Elks Association. In this photograph Brother Mack is shown at his desk in the Capitol Building.



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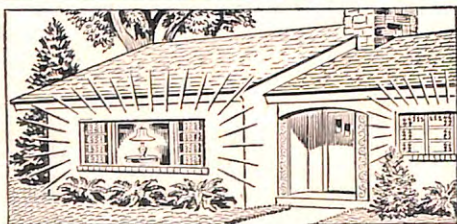
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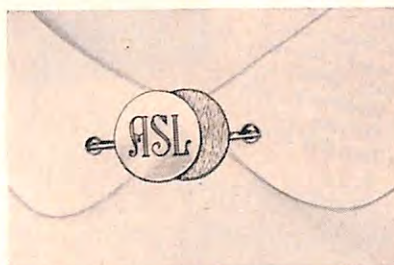
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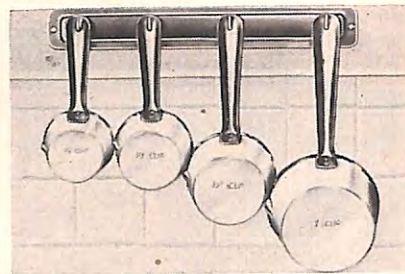
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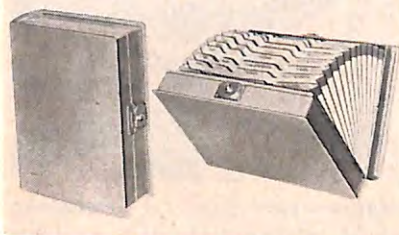
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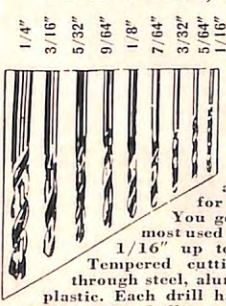
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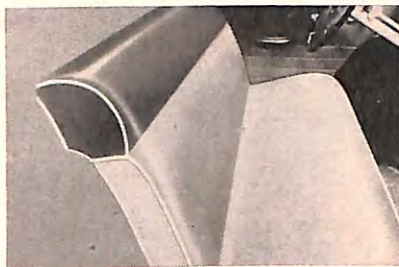
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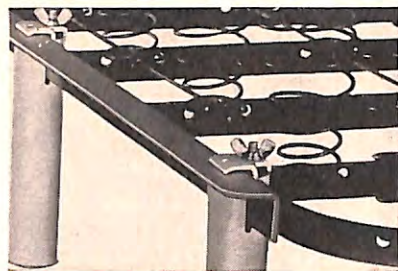
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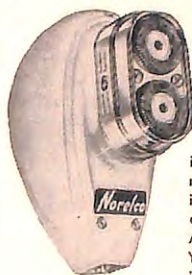
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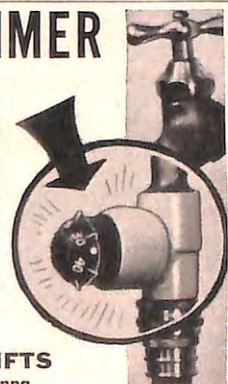
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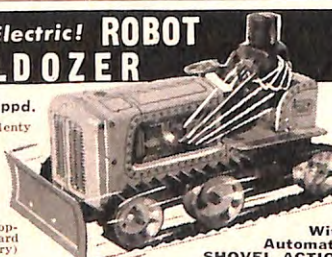
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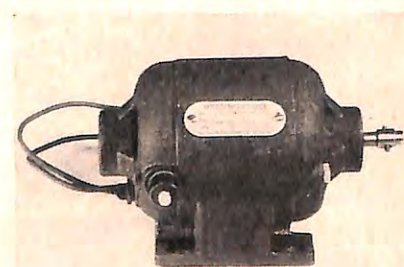
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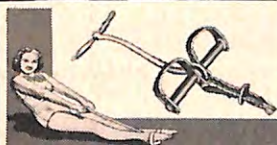
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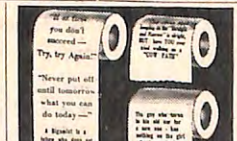
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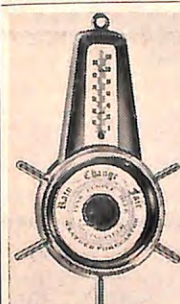
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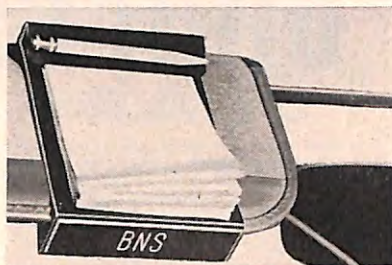
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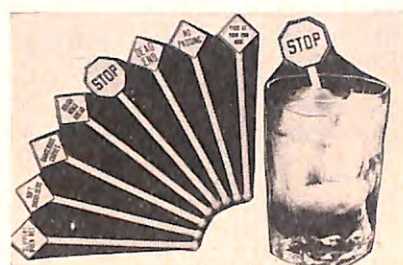
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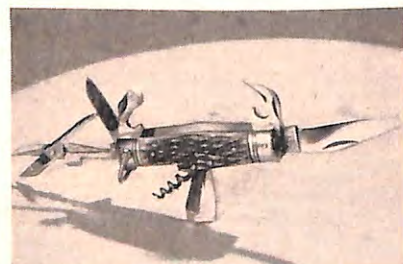
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# In the Doghouse

**Dogs that have helped to make people famous.**

RECENTLY one of these dissertations dealt with dogs owned by Presidents of the United States and it was with no little pleasure that I heard from sundry readers who were good enough to comment on the article and in some instances remind me of incidents relating to dogs that I didn't know. The article afforded a welcome break in the routine of writing about the problems that perplex the average dog owner who is concerned with the care, grooming, feeding, etc. of his purp. In assembling the facts about dogs of the White House I also came up with some information that may be of interest to those who read these reviews. It relates to dogs owned by other famous people.

Some years ago in discussing various breeds, their origins and development, I told about the Afghan hound, its great antiquity and the purposes of the breed. If you were reading these essays at that time you might recall that these dogs were believed to be one of the oldest breeds that we know. Sculptured representations of dogs greatly resembling the Afghan have been found in tombs of Egyptian kings dating back to more than 5,000 years ago. From the many images found in those tombs we know that the Afghan was a favorite of the Pharaohs. When the vault of Rameses II was opened, images of four of his favorite dogs were found.

Cheops, who began the building of the great pyramid at Gizeh, had as constant companion a hound named Abakaru. When the tomb of Tutankhamen was opened in 1922 two statues of his dogs were found. I well recall what a sensation the discovery of that ruler's last resting place caused. If you were reading newspapers thirty-four years ago you, too, will remember that for many days this was a front page story, being rated as one of the most important Egyptological finds ever made. History tells us that King Tut bossed Egypt more than 3,000 years ago.

Another ruler, Ashurbanipal, the mighty King of Assyria of biblical times, some 2,500 years ago, is known to have had four favorite dogs, one named "He who must bark", the others "Mischief maker", "Holder of enemies" and "Biter of enemies". It is assumed that the dogs were named for their characteristics and those who back-track into history further assume that the dogs were, in order, an Assyrian collie, a variety of terrier, and

two animals of an ancient mastiff breed.

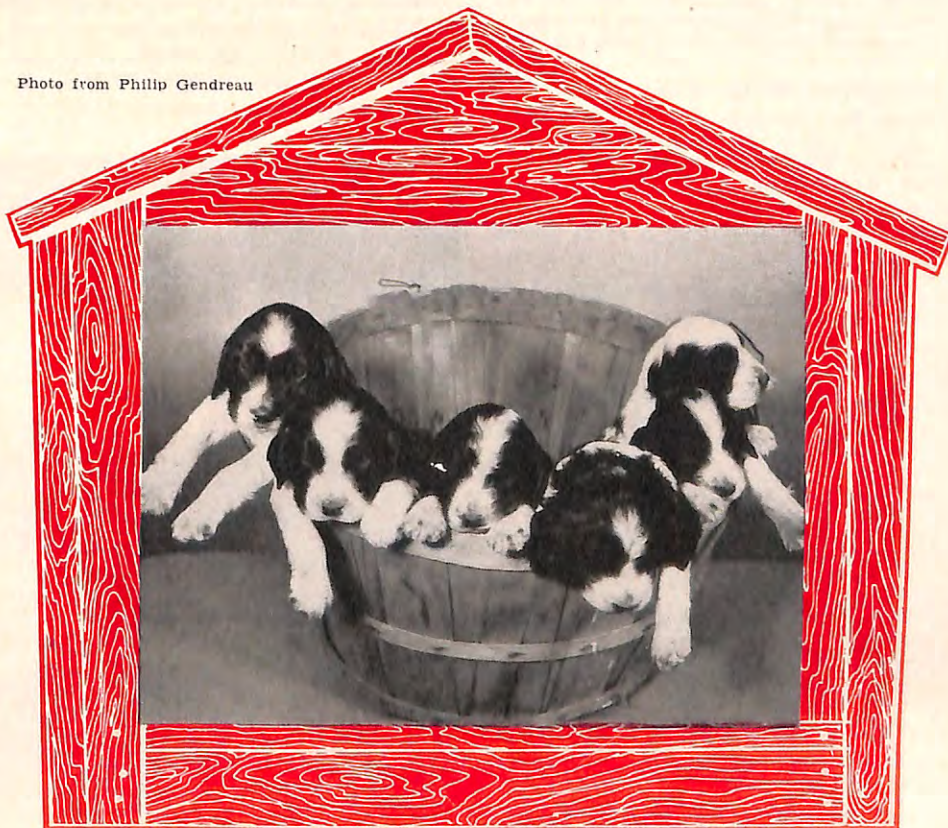
Moving along to more modern times, practically yesterday when measured against the days of ancient Egypt and Assyria, we find that in the early part of the 17th Century the Prince of Condé, famous French General during the reign of Louis XIV and one of the world's great soldiers of his time, found a bewildered great dane on the battlefield of Fleurus in southern Belgium and adopted him. The dog was companion to the Prince even into military battleground councils and there's a story to the effect that often at the end of such deliberations the General would say, "Well gentlemen, having heard your advice let's hear what a *veteran* has to say". Following this, he would seriously explain to the dog what the assembled officers had said and just as seriously ask the dog's opinion. Sometimes the dog would go to the side of one of the staff and offer his paw. The tale further relates that the advice of that officer would be followed by the Prince. Whether this is historical embroidery or whether the

Prince was a joker who had already made his own decision that happened to agree with that of the officer we'll have to write off as another military mystery. It is written that one time the dog yawned and left the room and the General ignored all advice, saying, "I agree with the dog. We march at noon." The concensus of opinion had been to delay movement but because of the surprise march the enemy was beaten and an important battle was won.

Sir Walter Scott, who you'll recall wrote "Ivanhoe" and other historical romances, owned the deerhound, a typical dog of Scotland, named "Bevis". Bevis was only one of several dogs that Scott had. Another of his favorites was "Maida". The great English animal painter Landseer made a portrait of Sir Walter with the dog and when Maida died Scott dug the grave and buried her on his Abbotsford estate. To do this he cancelled a dinner appointment with this line "... on account of the death of a very dear friend."

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Not trying to be famous. Just six cocker spaniel puppies looking for a good home.



# News of the Lodges



Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, fourth from left, foreground, with E.R. Louis F. Caratini on his left, with the other officers of San Juan, P. R., Lodge, including his son Est. Lead. Knight John F. Malley, Jr., third from right, foreground. This picture was taken when Mr. Malley visited the lodge as a representative of Grand Exalted Ruler Walker.



E.R. W. L. Oakes, right, presents Danville, Va., Lodge's annual \$250 scholarship to Benny Biggs, George Washington High School honor graduate.

## Springfield, Mass., Elks Honor Boy Scouts

During the second annual Catholic Retreat and Camporee of the Hampden County Boy Scout Council, Springfield Lodge No. 61 presented a large nylon American Flag to the Council at public ceremonies. It was accepted from Program Chairman James E. Mitchell by Council Pres. Charles M. Healey, Jr. As part of the ceremony, P.E.R. W. Lee Costigan gave a reading of the history of our Flag, with the assistance of Scout leaders. The sons of many members of the Order were among the 400 Scouts attending the Camporee which was directed by Reverend Father Bernard L. Doheny, the Council Chaplain.

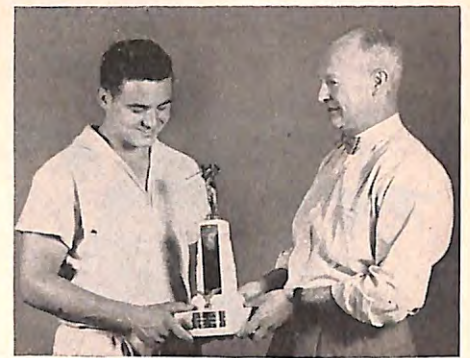
No. 61 has a very active youth group which meets weekly and conducts its work on an annual budget of \$1,000. The Safety Sticker program launched by this lodge has been adopted all through the western part of the State. Its Father-Son and Father-Daughter Nights are second to none and its Youth Leadership program is one of the most important on the

agenda. Of great interest, however, is the fact that it is one of the few lodges in the East which sponsors a Boy Scout Troop composed entirely of cerebral-palsy victims.

## Sports Cars Race for Pomona, Calif., Elk Charities

Although they're neophytes in the business, members of Pomona Lodge No. 789 had faith in sports-car racing as a means of making money for their charitable program. They proved that faith by constructing a two-mile track at the Pomona County Fairgrounds at a cost of \$17,000.

The lodge and the California Sports Car Club combined to put on the first weekend road races at the track in June. So successful was this venture that \$16,000 was realized for the Elks' charities. There are



Est. Lead. Knight H. S. Prouty, Chairman of North Platte, Neb., Lodge's Youth Committee, presents the trophy emblematic of the championship in the 2nd Annual Elks Western Nebraska Youth's Invitational Golf Tournament to Sam Sloan, son of Elk Clair Sloan.



Middletown, N. Y., Lodge's Fund-Raising Committee Chairman V. J. Bergamo, left, presents a check to Chairman Wm. A. Schrade of Horton Memorial Hospital's Board of Directors to complete payment on the lodge's \$2,400 pledge to its building fund. Looking on at right is Est. Lead. Knight Donald Beakes. The lodge also presented a \$250 gift to the city's Little League.

no "operating costs", since all work at the track is performed by members of the lodge free of charge.

Present plans call for two events each year. The initial card drew 25,000 fans; the second event, to take place next month, should be even more successful.



When Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. John L. Walker visited Wyoming, they were entertained by Sheridan, Greybull, Cody and Jackson Lodges. Photographed at the Cody reception were, left to right, Mr. Walker, D.D. Henry H. Hecht, host E.R. Harold Stump and State Pres. Geo. K. Forster. Posing with Mr. Walker, seated center, with Mr. Hecht on his right and P.E.R. Houchens on his left at the Jackson event were, standing, left to right, Charles Sanford, Cody E.R. Stump, Est. Loyal Knight Robert Wray of Cody, and host E.R. C. P. Miller, Art Rogers, P.E.R. Harold Livingston, Secy. M. G. Hawkins and Trustee Clinton Van Vleck.

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# Camp Barrett Is Dedicated



Above, right: Looking on as Scouts raise the Flag at Camp Barrett are, left to right, P.D.D. Rosell T. Pickrel, Rev. D. E. Lewis, Assn. Secy. R. Edward Dove, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, former Grand Est. Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett, retiring Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and Assn. Pres. Paul K. Shutt, Sr. Above: With the first contingent of boys to enjoy the camp are Baltimore Lodge Trustees J. L. Manning, Chairman, Guy Bryant, Secy. Harry McGuirk, Est. Lead. Knight Charles Kreachman and Est. Loyal Knight Thomas Flynn.

Camp Barrett, named by the Elks of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett, was dedicated July 1st at impressive ceremonies. Rosell T. Pickrel, P.D.D., former Grand Lodge Committeeman and Secy. of Washington, D. C., Lodge, was Program Committee Chairman and presiding officer.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson served as dedication officer, following his introduction by the Order's 1955-56 leader, John L. Walker. Dr. Barrett, who has contributed substantially to the funds which made the camp possible, spoke briefly, as did Pres. Paul K. Shutt, Sr., of the sponsoring Association. Other participants included Assn. Secy. R. Edward Dove, Rev. Philip V. Lucitt, C.S.C., Rev. Donald E. Lewis and the Boy Scout Troop No. 335 from Annapolis, Md. Mrs. Florence Daley and P.D.D. Ambrose Durkin were soloists, with selections by the Washington Elks Boys Band.

Situated on a 150-acre tract not far from Annapolis, Camp Barrett has facilities for 200 boys, with each dormitory accommodating 16 youngsters and a counsellor. One of the most modern and best equipped camps in the country, it includes a mess hall seating 200, a recreation building, shower and lavatory building, infirmary, swimming pool and a parking lot. It was completed at a cost of \$125,000.

Efforts to organize a boys' camp were first made at the Association's 1946 Convention when a fund-raising campaign was launched. On receiving permission to use part of Camp Ritchie, a National Guard Camp, for this program, for five years the Elks sent about 600 boys to camp there each summer. When Camp Ritchie was sold to the Federal Government, the Elks began their search for a permanent camp site. It was located in 1952.

Below: Winners of a total of \$1,200 in scholarships are pictured with Quincy, Mass., Elk leaders at a presentation ceremony on Father's Day. Left to right are Committee Chairman L. Paul Marini; Sylvia A. Eliopoulos, \$400 award winner; Joanne P. Russell, a \$300 winner; Lorraine I. MacLean, \$500 winner, and E.R. A. M. Cardarell.



Above: For 18 years Iowa Elks Day has been held at Ak-Sar-Ben Race-track in Omaha, Neb., with most western Iowa lodges participating, and expenses underwritten by Council Bluffs Elksdom. This year's Elks' purse went to jockey L. Byers riding Platitude, pictured here with owner G. Murphy, trainer Fred Murphy, third-generation Elk Mayor C. H. Woodward, Jr., Lloyd Caswell and E.R. L. A. Ferguson. P.E.R. H. S. Woodring has been Chairman of this program for 18 years.





Above: Co-Chairmen Bayard Stevens and George Ferguson of Hendersonville, N. C., Lodge's Scholarship Committee stand behind the students rewarded at a special program. Left to right are Most Valuable Students and \$100 award winners Wm. C. Drake and Margarette L. Garrett, and Youth Leaders Dixie Lee Jackson and Donald Heilig.



Above, left: In a successful effort to avoid automobile accidents following the graduation dance at the local high school, Appleton, Wis., Lodge's Youth Activities Committee sponsored an all-night dance, followed by an early buffet breakfast, for 450 students and their dates. Elks and their wives acted as chaperons and presided at the buffet table.

Left: These Asbury Park, N. J., Elks were photographed as they cast a memorial wreath into the Atlantic Ocean at the approximate scene of the crash of the Venezuelan airliner which took the lives of 74 persons in June. Participating in the tribute are, left to right, James Duval, George Wagner, William Zelenz, Edward Hutchinson, Victor Porter and Joseph Liebesman, Chairman of the lodge's Special Events Committee.

## FLAG DAY AT THE HOME

ONE OF THE finest Flag Day Services in the history of Bedford, Va., took place on the spacious lawn of our National Home this year.

Superintendent Thomas J. Brady invited U. S. Congressman Richard H. Poff to be the principal speaker, and his inspiring address was applauded by several hundred persons from the area. The solemn and colorful ritual was conducted by the officers of Roanoke, Va., Lodge, assisted by local patriotic organizations.

Music was furnished by the Bedford Firemen's Band which played a brief concert prior to the ceremony. Members of the local Boy Scouts took part in that section of the ritual devoted to the history of the Flag.

A new feature of the observance was the participation of a detachment of about 40 men from the 649th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. A selected group from the detachment raised the Flag while their companions stood at attention.



Bedford Girl Scouts and Brownies occupied a special section near the scene of the ceremony, lending a note of youthful color to the proceedings.

Congressman Poff opened his address with a statement on the ideals for which our Flag stands, the American ideals of liberty, justice and equal opportunity. A member of a B-17 bomber crew in the Pacific during World War II, he spoke at some length on the world situation and the military program with which the

United States is preparing to cope with it.

In the performance of the Order's Flag Day Ritual, Roanoke Lodge's Exalted Ruler C. M. Oakey conducted the introductory exercises, Chaplain S. F. Parham, Jr., the prayer, and Esq. J. M. Young, Jr., the history of the Flag, with D.D. Frank G. Payne, Jr., making the response.

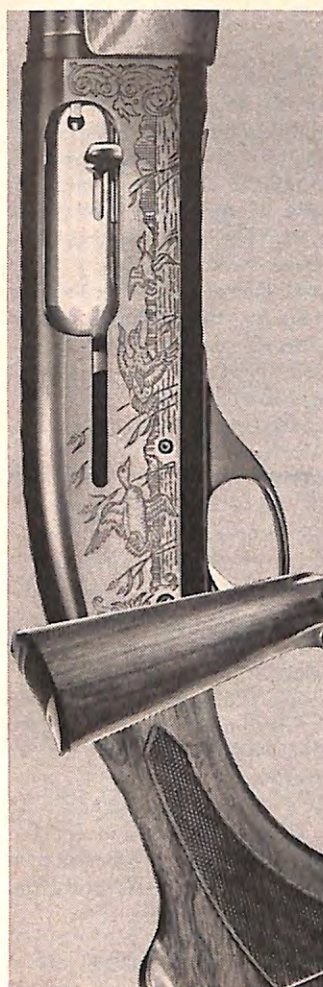
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8	565	70
9	500	61

One of the most interesting results of his calculations is the fact that a light standard load carries almost as far as this

heavy load, within about five per cent of the distance; also, that the light load has a striking velocity of only two feet per second less than the heavy load.

Again, it must be emphasized that these calculations have nothing to do with hunting ranges. They are merely the extreme horizontal distances to which shot can be projected. I don't know how to translate the foot-per-second striking velocity except that I have been struck several times by such spent shot. It comes down out of the sky like sleet, not with killing force at all, but it could be dangerous to the eyes.

**A BIT OF TERMINOLOGY** which puzzles some shotgun shooters is that concerning choke in a shotgun barrel. What exactly is meant by full choke, modified choke and improved cylinder; and just what effect do these have on the fire power of a gun?

A shotgun barrel is slightly constricted at or near the muzzle to control the spread of shot. This is called choke, and the degree to which it is constricted determines the particular choke. Specifically, the various chokes are classified in the following manner: the percentage of pellets which fall within a circle of 30-inch diameter at a distance of 40 yards. A full choke is supposed to keep 65 to 75 per cent of the load within this circle; a modified choke, 45 to 55 per cent; and an

improved-cylinder barrel, 35 to 45 per cent.

The prime purpose of choke in a barrel is to control the dispersion of the shot. In order to retain a dense pattern for long-range shooting, a tight choke is necessary; for close shooting, it is advisable to spread the shot more rapidly. Choke has no other practical value in shooting, this in spite of the not uncommon belief that a full choke makes a gun shoot much "harder." Tests have shown that for the same load over a 40-yard range the difference in time of flight between a full-choke barrel and a cylinder-bore barrel—that is, a barrel with no choke whatsoever—is only .006 of a second, too infinitesimal to be of any possible consequence.

Another set of facts determined by research experts in the arms and ammunition company laboratories concerns the effect of wind on shot. Anyone who has shot at a high duck seemingly standing still in the face of a strong wind has discovered that the wind does have an appreciable effect on the flight of shotgun pellets.

Windage, or drift of shot, has been calculated for all the various loads and shot sizes. Small-size shot is blown slightly more than large shot, as would be expected. Not to be expected, however, is the fact that shells with light powder loads experience slightly less wind drift



than do heavy loads. The difference is too slight to be of any importance—only an inch or two at normal ranges—but the phenomenon exists nevertheless.

The following table shows the deflection in inches caused by a 30-mile-per-hour wind blowing at right angles to the line of flight of the shot. These figures indicate the windage as calculated for a 3¾-dram, 1¼-ounce load—in other words, a

SHOT SIZE	DISTANCE		
	30 yds.	40 yds.	50 yds.
2	9"	15"	23"
4	10"	17"	26"
6	11"	19"	29"
7½	13"	22"	33"

high-base, express shell—but to all practical purposes the effect is the same on all 12-gauge loads.

These figures are directly proportional to the velocity of the wind. For instance, a 20-mile-per-hour wind blowing at right angles would drift the shot 2/3rds as much; a 40-mile-per-hour wind would cause a deflection 4/3rds as great as that shown in the table.

Considering the size of the shot pattern and the many other variables that enter the picture, the effect of the wind is of practical importance only when it is strong and when the hunter is firing at fairly long ranges; then, however, it can

definitely mean the difference between a hit and a miss.

Which brings us down to the all-important fact in shotgun shooting, and this is the relatively slow rate of speed at which the charge travels. Shotgun pellets leave the muzzle of a gun at a seemingly great rate of speed, 800 miles per hour or better, but the highest-speed rifle bullets have a muzzle velocity three times this fast. Moreover, the speed of the shotgun charge diminishes rapidly: at 200 yards the rifle bullet is still traveling at 1,900 miles per hour while bird shot has all but expended itself.

This relatively slow speed of a shot-

## News of the State Associations

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### WM. M. DANIELS TO HEAD UTAH ELKS ORGANIZATION

William M. Daniels of Price was elected the 1956-57 President of the Utah Elks Assn. at its Convention in Price on May 17th, 18th and 19th. Six hundred persons were registered for the meeting, at which retiring Pres. Thomas J. Schow presided.

Serving with Mr. Daniels are W. E. Blaylock, Ogden, 1st Vice-Pres.; Jack Parsons, Logan, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Rex Harris, Cedar City, 3rd Vice-Pres.; Kenneth H. Roth, Salt Lake City, Secy.; William Greer, Ogden, Treas.; Jack Smith, Jr., Price, Chaplain; H. H. Owen, Salt Lake City, Sgt.-at-Arms; Hamilton Laird, Eureka, Inner Guard, and Dr. F. A. Miglorie, Price, Tiler.

### E. MARK SULLIVAN IS GUEST OF MAINE CONVENTION

The 28th Annual Convention of the Maine Elks Assn. took place at the Belgrade Hotel in the famous lake region on June 29th and 30th and July 1st. Over 300 Elks and their ladies were in attendance, including special guests Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. E. Mark Sullivan, and Gov. and Mrs. Edmund S. Muskie.

The annual President's Ball and entertainment followed the banquet at which Mr. Sullivan, Gov. Muskie, Grand Lodge

### STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Tennessee	Gallatinburg	Sept. 13-14-15
Colorado	Loveland	Sept. 20-21-22
California	San Jose	Oct. 10-11-12-13
Alaska	Juneau	Oct. 10-11-12-13-14

Youth Activities Committeeman Brian M. Jewett and the new State Pres. Joseph J. Cummings spoke.

On Sunday morning, the Annual Memorial Services were held, with all 15 lodges of the State participating, together with a memorial suite comprised of Pres. Cummings, Past Pres. A. J. Henry, D.D.'s Robert Martin and Alfred L. Bolduc, P.D.D. Charles F. Harlow and P.E.R.'s Harold Fielding and Lawrence Murphy. Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Daniel E. Crowley delivered a moving eulogy.

The delegates, who saw Biddeford-Saco Lodge rewarded for its outstanding Youth Activities Program, elected the following men to serve with Mr. Cummings, an Augusta Elk: Vice-Presidents Dr. W. D. Mazzacane, Biddeford-Saco; Charles Howland, Old Town; Alton A. Lessard, Lewiston, and J. Neale Bither, Houlton. Two-year Trustees are C. F. Harlow, Sanford; L. G. Cates, Portland; Lawrence Murphy, Rumford; George A. Chouinard, Lewiston; H. V. Fielding, Bath; C. M. Stilphen, Rockland, and G. A. Palmer,

Biddeford-Saco. Serving as one-year Trustees are J. G. Bollier, Gardiner; G. W. Drew, Augusta; C. E. Cowin, Old Town; Bernard Morway, Waterville; P. J. Dombek, Houlton; Raymond Babineau, Bangor; Felix McQuade, Millinocket, and Wm. P. Menneally, Presque Isle.

Edward R. Twomey of Portland was elected Secy. of the organization for the 28th consecutive year. Mr. Twomey is also the Assn.'s Treas. Mr. Jewett is again the group's Administrative Assistant.

### WISCONSIN ELKS MEET FOR 54TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Among the officials of the Order on hand for the 54th Annual Convention of the Wisconsin Elks Assn. at Madison May 17th, 18th and 19th were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, Grand Lodge Committeeman Arthur J. Geniesse, former Grand Lodge Committeeman Frank W. Fisher and many Past Presidents of the Assn. Retiring Pres. Kenneth F. Sullivan presented a \$1,000 check from the organization's Crippled Children's Commission to Rufus Wells, representing the Easter Seal Society which operates Camp Wawbeek for handicapped youngsters.

Many interesting events were provided for the entertainment of the more than 600 Elks and their wives who attended the meeting during which the following officers were installed: Pres., Arno J. Miller, Portage; Vice-Pres.-at-Large, Arthur J. Chadek, Milwaukee; Secy., Leo H. Schmalz, Kaukauna; Treas., Wm. C. Herrmann, Manitowoc; Trustees, A. J. Geniesse, Green Bay; Frank W. Fisher, Janesville; J. M. Van Rooy, Appleton; Wm. J. Eulberg, Portage, and L. W. Webster, Rice Lake; Tiler, Fred Theilacker, Milwaukee; Inner Guard, Charles Hervey, Appleton; Sgt.-at-Arms, James G. Franey, Eau Claire; Vice-Pres. (N.W.), Bert Becker, Marshfield; Vice-Pres. (N.E.), Carlton Mauthe, Fond du Lac; Vice-Pres. (So.), Ben Meyer, Baraboo; Chaplain, A. F. Quick, Kenosha.



Charles C. Bowie, newly elected President of the Texas Elks Assn., left, receives the gavel of office from Interim President Howard Stapleton as E.R. J. R. Hill of Fort Worth Lodge which was host to the 1956 Convention, looks on. Mr. Stapleton, Vice-Pres. of the Texas West District, served out the term of Pres. Emmett C. Bunch who passed away in April.



gun charge accounts for the mechanical necessity of lead when shooting at a moving target. Since ballistic experts can determine the time of flight of a shotgun charge at any distance, the exact amount of lead necessary can be calculated to the inch for a target of known distance, speed and direction of flight. For instance, to take an extreme case of lead, suppose a dove were traveling at 60 miles per hour directly across the path of the gunner at a distance of 50 yards. With the heaviest load of 12-gauge 7½s-3¾ drams of powder—the computed lead necessary to offset the time of flight of the pellets is a surprising 15.2 feet.

All of which is important to know. In fact, the necessity of leading a target is the most important single thing to know about shotgun shooting. You can't hit them unless you get out in front of them. But other than this basic knowledge, such exact figures mean nothing.

**T**ESTS have been conducted with an electronic device hooked up to both a light bulb and the trigger of a gun to determine the reaction time of various individuals. The moment the light flashed on, the person being tested pulled the trigger. The resulting time interval with different men varied from .15 to .40 of a second. A bird traveling at 60 miles an hour moves 88 feet in one second, or, in other words, about 35 feet while the individual with the slow reaction time is getting the trigger pulled. Even during the fastest reaction interval—.15 of a second—a 60-mile-per-hour target travels 13 feet. Take this simple fact plus the necessity of judging speed distance, angle of flight, etc., and it immediately becomes obvious that the human element far overshadows the calculated fact of lead.

No one is certain of his own reaction time, and even if he did know it the mental gymnastics necessary for various targets would be too complex to allow a man ever to hit anything. The basic fact that lead is necessary is important, but otherwise all such figures mean nothing in practical wing-shooting. The solution to the problem—the answer to hitting a moving target with a shotgun—lies in developing a smooth swing and follow-through. If a gunner is swinging with his target, his trigger reaction time means nothing; if he stops his swing as he shoots, he has lost everything regardless of computations.

Here is the formula, and it is not too difficult to master. Swing with the target from behind, then squeeze the trigger as the barrel passes it. If the bird is moving fast, the swing will necessarily be faster in order to pass it and a greater lead results automatically. This—swing, pass the target, squeeze and follow through—plus the burning of lots of shells are what go to make up a successful wing-shot. The facts and figures are interesting—and they may win a few bets—but by themselves they won't bring home any game.

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## LODGE NOTES

*Clearfield, Pa., Lodge recently initiated 57 candidates as a tribute to P.E.R. George W. Fox, Sr., a P.D.D. and former Trustee of the Pennsylvania Elks Assn.*

*San Angelo is one of the first lodges in Texas to adopt the policy of sending a check to the Texas Elks' Crippled Children's Hospital instead of sending flowers to sick lodge members and their families; the latter will receive a note expressing hope for their recovery and telling them that a check has been sent to Ottine to assist in treating the children there. It is estimated that this assistance should amount to \$35,000 annually.*

*Youthful Willoughby, Ohio, Lodge has a 50/50 Club made up of about 15 Elks and their wives. The group is producing Home Talent Shows which have made such a hit that many lodges in the District have requested that the shows be performed for them.*

*Jerry Navarro, Secy. of New York Lodge No. 1, resigned in June and was succeeded by P.E.R. Eugene G. Heffernan. Mr. and Mrs. Navarro have taken up residence in Leisure City, near Homestead, Florida.*

*The New Haven, Conn., Elks are mourning the passing of 81-year-old Arthur G. Wright who served as their Organist for 47 years. A devoted and active member for 54 years, Mr. Wright was voted a Life Membership five years ago. He is survived by two daughters, a son and three grandchildren.*

*Over 200 Auburn-Opelika, Ala., Elks and their families celebrated their Fifth Anniversary with a buffet supper and dance. The Elks' ladies provided colorful decorations and supervised the supper arrangements under the direction of Custodian George Turner.*

*Palo Alto, Calif., Elksdom presented \$4,350 in scholarships this year. Topping the list was a \$1,600 Political Science Award to Darryl Henderson, a Fremont Union High School graduate.*

*Hancock, Mich., Lodge recently presented Honorary Life Memberships to six Old Timers who represent 306 years of Elksdom. Past State Pres. Frank J. Duda was the principal speaker at the program honoring C. A. Wright, 55 years; W. C. Douglass, 51 years, and Dr. James Fisher, Edward Haas Michael Messner, Sr., and Ben Weider, 50 years.*



Photographed at Orlando, Fla., Lodge's first annual Father and Son Banquet are a few of the approximately 100 persons who attended the program featuring entertainment by a dance group, colored travel slides and a talk by Juvenile Judge Mattie Farmer.



The Past Exalted Rulers' Assn. of Newport News, Va., Lodge sponsored June 2nd as "Virginia Day" as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, on proclamation of Mayor A. M. Monfalcone. As part of the program attended by 150 persons, Mr. Walker launched a fund-raising campaign for the Elks National Foundation. Pictured at this outstanding program were, left to right, P.E.R.'s W. W. Martin and Roy D. Long, Sr., State Assn. Pres. F. J. Howard, Mr. Walker, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett who was an inspiring speaker, Past State Pres. R. M. Ward and P.D.D. E. V. Foretich, Sr. During the day, the Walter Reed School's cerebral palsy clinic was visited.



Displaying their trophies are the winners in the Sixth Annual Junior Golfers Tournament sponsored by Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge. More than 200 girls and boys participated in the week-long session of golf lessons, topped by a three-day tournament, following which the young people were guests of the Elks at a buffet dinner. With the successful entrants are E.R. Robert Jahn, third\*from right, back row, General Chairman N. D. Andersen and golf pro George Orullian.



Reuben Davis, left foreground, receives a diamond-studded lapel pin marking his 50-year membership in Laredo, Tex., Lodge from P.E.R. Clyde Brennan. Looking on are E.R. Ray E. Stubbs, third from left, and other officers and Past Exalted Rulers of the lodge.



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## Guns and Legends

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pistol shooter tested an 1849 double-action percussion pepperbox against a modern army automatic. This latter weapon was in the hands of another man, of just average experience. In a speed trial there was little to choose between them, but the 1849 relic had more vital hits on the man-sized silhouette target. This should indicate that results depend more upon the man than upon the exact ignition system used.

Incidentally, these particular weapons were chosen because each one, in its day, has had the reputation of being incapable of hitting the proverbial barn door. One of these assertions is almost as short-sighted as the other.

Inexperience fosters such hasty opinions. Inexperience was one handicap our early gunfighter did not labor under for long. If he had, he would never have lived long enough to enter that hall of dubious fame. In that hard school he had one chance of survival—to be complete master of his nerves, his emotions and his weapon.

Such outstanding exponents of the art as John Wesley Hardin and Wild Bill Hickok maintained their skill with constant practice. Forward rolls, pinwheels, border shifts and a dozen other maneuvers served to keep the fingers supple and

dexterous. In shooting practice, also, a number of flashy stunts were indulged in. Seldom were these used in a serious gunfight, however.

One of these stunts was the "fanning" of a Colt single-action revolver. Here, the gun-arm was braced solidly against the hip. While the trigger was held in its rearward position, the other hand repeatedly slapped back the big hammer. While it is true that this was the fastest method of emptying that model, several disadvantages prevented fanning from being resorted to very often when "the chips were down". Accuracy was more easily attained with other speed methods, and these were less hard on the mechanism over a period of time. Furthermore, both hands were required to fan one Colt.

Of the several famous gunfighters who later wrote of their earlier experiences, all agree that fanning was usually restricted to horseplay or to leisure practice.

The two-gun man, however, was no fiction-writer's dream. He was the logical outgrowth of a day when revolvers required considerable time to load. The psychological advantage went also to the more heavily armed man. Just one point bears mentioning here—the two weapons were more likely to be fired alternately than simultaneously.

Here we come to some gun gymnastics which were dazzling but essential. In an emergency, it was sometimes expedient for the two-gun artist to employ the "border shift" so as to use both guns with the same hand.

The left hand, for example, might toss its gun upward a couple of feet. Then it would receive an empty gun from the right hand. The right hand would catch the descending left gun and continue firing. It would be difficult to imagine a more impressive bit of juggling, but it often served a very practical purpose.

Another device of the experts was the "road agent's spin". The development of this stunt is often attributed to Curly Bill Brocius, the king of southern Arizona's cattle rustlers. Marshal White had approached the outlaw and asked him to hand over his Colt. Curly Bill extended the .45 toward him, but first, hanging from his trigger finger by the guard. The officer reached for it with his own right hand.

After the Marshal's interment in Tombstone's boot hill, Brocius established his innocence. It was purely an accident, he explained sadly, that the gun spun back into his waiting palm and exploded. Since we can hardly believe that Tombstone citizens were quite that naïve, we



## The Flag at the Altar

At the Grand Lodge Session in Cincinnati in 1896 the Committee on Work and Ritual, of which Arthur C. Moreland of New York Lodge No. 1 was Chairman, submitted a ritual which was adopted and which provided that at the opening of a lodge of the Order the American Flag should be placed upon the altar, the open Bible placed upon the Flag and the emblem of the Order, the Antlers, placed upon the Bible, and that the altar arrangement should remain that way throughout the meeting of the lodge.

From time to time question has been raised by various people as to the propriety of using the Flag in that manner.

The report of the Ritualistic Committee in 1930 included a statement that in order to get a clear ruling, that Committee had placed the matter before Colonel W. C. Sweeney, Commander of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, who had his Adjutant, Captain Townsend, confer with the War Department which issued a circular setting forth clearly that the Flag should never be used as a decoration or a drapery by military organizations but should always be left free.

The report added that the Department made it clear, however, that it did not seek to establish rules and regulations for civilian practice or to interfere with any use of the Flag by civilians so long as its use was generally respectful.

In 1940 Past Grand Exalted Ruler Holland, fully explaining how the Flag was used on the altar in Elks lodge rooms and that the desire of the Order was at all times to show respect for the Flag, and that if the use being made of it was considered as showing disrespect, a cus-

tom which it had maintained for many years would be considered by the officers of the Grand Lodge with a view to discontinuing the practice.

He further stated that it was the unanimous opinion of those consulted that the use which the Order was making of the Flag on the altar was evidence of the great respect shown the Flag and that it could not be construed as showing disrespect.

In May of 1954 the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Defense stated in response to a criticism of the Order's use of the Flag on the altar:

"The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, nationally and at the community level, has always been foremost in cooperating with the Department of Defense and the Armed Forces in matters of importance to our national defense and we certainly would not wish to give anyone any idea that we consider the Elks use of the Flag inconsistent with the customs and traditions respected by all patriotic Americans."

At the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee stated that in the opinion of the members of his Committee, legislation enacted by the United States Congress in December of 1942 is not restricted in its application to military organizations alone but that it is applicable to "civilians, civilian groups or organizations".

The report of the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary further stated:

"Elkdom is recognized as the greatest fraternal patriotic organization in America. The criticisms that have been directed towards our use of the Flag come

from not only Elks but from patriotic organizations, who are no more patriotic than we are, but who are, in their rituals, within the law quoted.

"Many of the members of those patriotic organizations are likewise members of the Order of Elks and they judge our use of the Flag by the same standards as prevail in their organizations and as prescribed by law.

"Although these criticisms are not widespread they are of sufficient importance that we, as a Grand Lodge, must take a positive position either standing on the ground that we now stand on and ignore the criticism or comply with the applicable law."

The matter was referred to the Committee on Ritual. The Committee recommended that the present practice be discontinued and that the Flag in the arrangement at the altar be carried on a staff.

When the report of the Committee on Ritual was presented to the Grand Lodge the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

And thus has been terminated a practice which Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan characterized a few years ago as follows:

"The Elk symbols of this love of God, of country and of countrymen, are the Bible, the Flag and the Antlers. The arrangement of these symbols upon an Elks altar is both reverent and patriotic in concept of ascending inspirational power, and possesses sublime beauty and deep import. It is in full accord with the religious and civic traditions of the American people and the customs and laws of our government."

can only surmise that White had been less popular than the bluff, hearty *Curly Bill*.

Sometimes a single-action Colt was transformed into the so-called "slip-hammer" gun. The trigger was taped back or else removed altogether. The hammer spur was filed smooth, and possibly altered in shape. As the gun was being drawn, the joint of the thumb cocked the hammer. This was released just as the muzzle whipped into alignment with the target.

With proper practice, this was a deadly fast piece of business. Even if the trigger finger fumbled the rather small guard, it did not affect the speed of the shot.

"Throwing down" was the procedure for rapid emptying of the remaining chambers. This originated with the muzzle-loading revolver, which often jammed if not tilted back over the shoulder in cocking, so that burnt caps could fall free of the cylinder mechanism. From that position, the muzzle was literally thrown down for the release of the shot.

When the most popular Colt breech-loader still had to be cocked for each shot, a similar motion was adhered to.

The muzzle was allowed to tip up with the recoil, until the hammer was engaged by the thumb joint. In throwing down, the weight of the barrel assisted in cocking. Again the hammer was allowed to slip from under the thumb, just as the barrel fell into line. Recoil tipped the muzzle up, and the cycle was repeated.

Throwing down with a "slip-hammer" alteration was considered the fastest practical method of emptying a single-action Colt. The men who developed it were not the type to hang their lives upon an untested grandstand play, by any means.

As for the legendary "shooting from the hip", most of the various quick draws did not place the weapon in that location at all. The more natural position was with the elbow just normally flexed, the weapon held in front of the body anywhere between eye level and waist level. For extremely short ranges, pointing was instinctive and certainly did not require sights.

However, the filing off of sights was not generally practiced, regardless of popular opinion. Of various guns of the famous which are now on display, practically

none show this mutilation. The Colt museum has a letter from *Bat Masterson*, the old-time fighting marshal, in which he ordered a higher front sight than usual on his new .45. Also, our modern Federal agents constantly demonstrate that sights do not retard a draw.

Another present-day authentication of these various principles was furnished by *Ed McGivern* of Montana. In recent years, Mr. McGivern conducted exhaustive experiments with early revolvers and electrical timing devices. Officially witnessed tests again proved our point. The better quality weapons of which we write were undeniably capable of straighter and faster shooting than any average man could do. The human element was still the deciding factor.

Before we leave this controversial segregation of truth and myth, further examples might be cited.

Don't be taken in by stories such as the one concerning *Hickok's* ability to shoot the corks from bouncing, rolling bottles, without ever cracking the glass. We know he was an expert pistolman, who wouldn't be, with a lifetime of hard



daily practice? His ivory-handled pair of cap-and-ball Colt .36's could still group well today. On the other hand, they wouldn't consistently shoot that close even in a machine-rest. Not too many of our present handguns would, for that matter.

This is a classic example of the gross exaggeration in which uninformed writers are prone to indulge. In such cases, the mechanical principles involved are so completely ignored as to make one suspect that they were not understood in the first place.

Even more inconsistent is the sage who blandly assures us that if any of these earlier weapons ever hit anything, it was pure luck. No one could make exhaustive tests of muzzle-loaders without learning the fallacy of that opinion. For a further revelation, one might attend the annual National Championship Muzzle Loading Matches.

The truth is to be found somewhere between the two extremes. While guns of that era were not mere scrap-iron, they had their limitations. So did the men who used them. Therefore, it is logical enough to expect certain individuals to be outstanding among the gunfighters. Skill with weapons was a natural requirement of the period and environment. Psychologically and physically, some men were just bound to excel.

One of these was Wyatt Earp. Marshal Earp faced the worst outlaws of his day, emerging unscathed by nothing short of a miracle. His draw was his life-insurance, yet he did not consider a twelve-inch gun barrel any handicap. Earp's favorite .45 Colt Peacemaker was especially made up in this length for him, and included a detachable shoulder stock. Having been presented to him by dime-novelist Ned Buntline, this variation of the Colt became known as a "Buntline Special".

The novelist also gave one to William Barclay Masterson. Unlike Earp, "Bat" Masterson cut his .45 barrel to a stubby four and three quarter inches. His dazzling speed in "getting the drop" on a lawbreaker seldom made it necessary to pull the trigger. Thereby hangs a humorous anecdote.

It was some years after Bat had left

### Judiciary Committee Assignments

Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, William S. Hawkins, Coeur D'Alene, Ida., Lodge, announces the following assignments for work on the Committee this year: John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., By-laws and House Rules; Benjamin F. Watson, Lansing, Mich., Corporation By-laws, including by-law amendments for incorporated lodges; Frank O'Connor, Queens Borough, N.Y., Bulletins & Publications; Jacob L. Sherman, Denver, Colo., Special Assignments.

### FLAG DAY, 1956

*Here is a complete listing of those lodges whose entries in this year's Flag Day—Show Your Colors Contest were rewarded by the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities:*

#### GROUP I

- 1st Appleton, Wis.
- 2nd Williamsport, Pa.
- 3rd Vancouver, Wash.

#### Honorable Mention:

- Boise, Ida.
- Elkhart, Ind.
- Ketchikan, Alaska
- Las Vegas, Nev.
- Miami, Fla.
- Pasadena, Calif.

#### GROUP II

- 1st Bellaire, Ohio
- 2nd Moundsville, W. Va.
- 3rd Norwich, N. Y.

#### Honorable Mention:

- Alliance, Ohio
- Concordia, Kans.
- Fairbanks, Alaska
- San Benito, Tex.
- Santa Maria, Calif.
- Tulsa, Okla.

#### GROUP III

- 1st Leadville, Colo.
- 2nd Midwest City, Okla.
- 3rd Holiday Isles (Madeira Beach), Fla.

#### Honorable Mention:

- Bloomfield, N. J.
- Dunkirk, N. Y.
- Madisonville, Ky.
- Manchester, N. H.
- Rocky Mount, N. C.
- Shenandoah, Pa.

law enforcement, for a quieter job as Sports Editor of the "New York Morning Telegraph". A persistent souvenir hunter wanted a gun that Bat had used in his early days as a marshal. He hounded the editor until Masterson promised him a gun, to get rid of him. Having bought an inexpensive used .45, the practical joker in Bat came to the fore—he cut twenty-two notches on the butt. When the delighted pest asked for details, the only answer was that Indians were never counted.

For the balance of his life, Masterson tried vainly to put an end to the rumor that he had accounted for twenty-two men—a rumor that still persists.

While the gunfighter did not invariably carry the single-action Colt, this was admittedly the favorite model. Originally brought out in 1873 for army use, it was immediately adopted by the entire frontier for its ruggedness and simplicity. Though it had to be cocked for each shot, it still outsold contemporary double-action revolvers by a wide margin. In the army's .45 caliber, it became known as the "Peacemaker".

The Colt company wisely started to chamber their single-action revolver for the same cartridges handled by the Winchester 1873 lever-action rifle. In .44-40, .38-40 and .32-20, these rifle and pistol combinations met with instant popularity. For many years thereafter, they comprised the standard armament of the Westerner. The idea of one's rifle and six-shooter using interchangeable ammu-

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nition was more practicable in the days of black powder than it would be today.

In the Winchester calibers, this Colt became officially known as the "Frontier Six-Shooter", while such nicknames as "hog leg", "plow handle" and "his honor" invariably referred to this model.

While the Colt single-action led in popularity, many other fine weapons saw favor. Among these were a Remington single-action, Colt and Smith & Wesson double-actions, and the tiny but potent .41 derringers of various makes.

The notorious "Billy the Kid", William Bonney, was slight of build and his hands were as small as a girl's. For this reason, he chose the smaller double-action "Lightning" model Colt in .41 caliber.

On at least one historic occasion, though, the outlaw reverted to the .44-40 "Frontier". This gun is also known to have been favored by Jesse James, John Wesley Hardin, Cole Younger and many others.

It is reasonable to suppose that each of these men owned various guns at different times. Wild Bill Hickok, in addition to his pair of Colts, carried two .41 Williamson derringers. When he was shot from behind, a Smith and Wesson .32 rimfire was found in his pocket, and he was buried with a favorite Sharps rifle in the casket.

Tombstone's Doc Holliday, the tubercular dentist whom Earp described as the fastest man he had ever seen, was another who liked the Colt double-action Lightning. His preference for polite social occasions was a nickel plated .38.

Gunfighters developed many ingenious devices, to shave a fraction of a second from drawing time.

John Wesley Hardin made a vest with two slanting pockets across the front. In the cross draw which placed him at the head of the list for number of notches, his Colts had to pass each other. A less accomplished man would have fumbled, but only once.

One of the oddest gun-rigs on record is that of Buckskin Frank Leslie. This member of Tombstone's elite did not use holsters. Each engraved Colt had a metal stud on its frame, by which it was suspended from a slotted plate on his belt. Merely having to pivot each gun upward to fire, it is small wonder that his speed became known throughout the Southwest.

The story is told of Buckskin Frank's "difficulty" with Billy Claibourne. In the Arizona of that day, "difficulty" was the polite term used for anything from mayhem to murder.

Frank was serving as bartender in the Oriental saloon. Claibourne, a reckless cowpuncher with a reputation to match Leslie's, was becoming drunk and offensive. With some aid from Leslie, Billy slid to an ignominious halt against a horse trough out in Allen Street.

A few minutes passed. Then Frank was told that Billy was waiting outside, planning to reopen the discussion with a sawed-off shotgun. Frank laid down his

## The Order Congratulates Brother Allman

During the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, news was received that Dr. David B. Allman, Fellow American College of Surgeons, had become President-elect of the American Medical Association of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick is a former president. On behalf of the Order, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker sent Dr. Allman a congratulatory telegram under date of July 9th. Dr. Allman has been a member of Atlantic City, N. J., Lodge No. 276, for more than 40 years and he expressed his thanks and deep appreciation of the telegram in a letter to Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson.

cigar and the glass he had been polishing. Stepping silently out of the side door, he walked to the corner. He quietly spoke Billy's name, then a gun crashed. Leslie spit pensively at the horse trough, and returned to his bar.

As he finished polishing the glass, he was heard to make one comment, "He died nice."

There are those who consider Buckskin Frank the deadliest gun artist the Arizona Territory ever knew. We can only guess at the outcome, however, had he ever taken on such a man as Billy Claibourne's erstwhile employer, John Slaughter. Small, dapper and with beady eyes like the snake whose strike his draw resembled, Slaughter was an ex-sheriff who became a cattle baron. Whenever a horse was stolen, Slaughter insisted on trailing the thief alone. He would always return with the horse but never with a prisoner, and no explanation was ever drawn from him.

John Slaughter, like Wyatt Earp, scorned the use of anything less conventional than the standard low-hung belt holster. On the other hand, there is an unconfirmed story that the use of the spring-clip, side-opening speed holster originated with James Butler Hickok, while he was marshal of Abilene, Kansas.

This could easily be true, for Wild Bill Hickok was more inclined to try new gadgets than were many of his contemporaries.

Shoulder holster, spring-clip holster—there is not a type in use today that wasn't known then. The only exception is the "buscadero" gun belt, with loops for two holsters, as popularized by Hollywood. A recent development, this is the one style they didn't have.

Simply carrying a six-gun in the waistband, for a flashing cross draw, was more universally practiced than one would suppose. This is still extremely popular with southwestern law-enforcement officers, except that the gun now is generally over the hip. A holstered revolver is worn much higher and at a sharper angle than in earlier days. Good equipment is still designed with one objective, however: utmost speed when speed is called for.

The fast draw is part of our American heritage. No people have ever developed it as we did in the latter part of the last century. It is inevitable that some gun owners will wish to try it themselves. For those, perhaps a brief word of advice would be appropriate.

Choose a revolver for this purpose, of top quality and excellent mechanical condition. Do not think of loading it until smooth proficiency has been gained, perhaps not even then.

Before trying a draw, become thoroughly familiar with the balance and "feel" of the weapon. Any "rolls" or similar stunts may be practiced with the empty gun over a mattress. (Forward and backward rolls are simply complete spins of the revolver, with the trigger finger in the guard, the butt being caught as it comes into the hand.)

The holster should fit the gun snugly, yet there must be no trace of clinging when a draw is made. Position the holster so that the hand may fall naturally to the gun butt.

All emphasis is placed upon smoothness of motion, rather than speed. As fumbles are gradually eliminated, speed will take care of itself.

Before one considers himself the equal of yesteryear's stalwarts, a final fact should be borne in mind. Paper targets do not shoot back.

## THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER AS A MEMORIAL

Instead of a floral offering on a member's death, Latrobe, Pa., Lodge gives a book to Adams Memorial Library. Here, E.R. C. E. Menozzi presents two copies of "A History of the Order" to Librarian Sara McComb in memory of Dr. L. C. Thomas, the lodge's first E.R., and P.E.R. W. S. Flack. Looking on are Secy. A. J. Gareis, right, and Dr. Thomas' son.





# A Family Affair

**Elk Families in the limelight  
at Installation Time, 1956**

Reading like a Who's Who of Eastern Elkdom is the panel of officers who initiated William J. Jernick, Jr., son of the 1954-55 Grand Exalted Ruler, as Exalted Ruler of Nutley, N.J., Lodge. Seated, left to right, are Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, Wm. J. Jernick, George I. Hall and James R. Nicholson. Standing are retiring Pres. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick of the N. Y. Elks Assn., retiring Pres. William R. Thorne of the N. J. Elks Assn., E.R. Jernick, Frank D. O'Connor of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, Dr. Louis Hubner of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee, Chairman John F. Scileppi of the Grand Forum and Joseph F. Bader of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. Not pictured are James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities and Past State Pres. Charles Wibiralski of N. J. Serving as Assistant Grand Esquires and Honor Guards were five District Deputies, five State Vice-Presidents and a corps of former State Assn. officers, P.D.D.'s and P.E.R.'s, as well as Gov. Robert B. Meyner and Mayor H. W. Chenoweth.



Below: When he was installed as E.R. of Seattle, Wash., Lodge, E. J. Druxman, left, was pictured with his father, Nate, and brother, Calvin, both Elks.



Above: Arthur V. Essington, right, who was Exalted Ruler of Rockford, Ill., Lodge 31 years ago, hands the jewel of office to his son, Raymond L. Essington, when the younger man was installed as 1956-57 Exalted Ruler of that lodge.

Left: When Ludington, Mich., Lodge held its installation this year, its new Exalted Ruler, William F. Gilbert, was installed by his father, P.D.D. F. E. Gilbert.

Right: A proud moment for the Tobin family came when Thomas M. Tobin, Jr., was installed as E.R. of Yonkers, N. Y., Lodge by his father, P.E.R. Thomas M. Tobin, Sr., in the presence of his brothers, P.E.R.'s Francis P. and John E. Tobin.



Left: R. E. Costello, Sr., right, P.E.R. of Belleville, Ill., Lodge and a former D.D., passes the Exalted Ruler's gavel to his son R. E. Costello, Jr. Looking on is retiring E.R. Roy J. Mank.

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*The Province of Nova Scotia is a real haven from hay fever. The average index for the province is 1.9 and based on the Canadian Department of Agriculture's index anything under five is very good. Here's how some of the various parts of Nova Scotia are rated: Ingonish Island, 1.2; Ingonish Beach, 1; Baddeck, 0.4; Antigonish, 0.4; Truro, 0.2;*

*Digby, 2.8; Yarmouth, 4.9; and Halifax, 1.9.*

★ ★ ★

Tourists this summer in New York City will be able to rent small, British-built Fords, easy to handle in New York's heavy traffic. Four door sedans cost \$5.00 per day, plus 8 cents per mile.

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*Improved facilities for the visitor, camp grounds, roads, trails, etc., in nine national park areas in Colorado are planned by the Department of Interior. It is expected to take ten years to complete the \$16,000,000 program and \$6,000,000 is allocated for the improvement of Rocky Mountain National Park.*

★ ★ ★

Increased traffic to Cape Hatteras National Seashore will move faster this summer. Free State Ferries across Oregon Inlet have been placed on a 30-minute departure schedule for the summer. First ferry leaves Nag's Head side at 5 a.m. Last ferry leaves Hatteras side at 7 p.m. There are four ferries with 20-car capacity making the run across Oregon Inlet.

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*A new \$5,000,000 race track in Panama City, Panama, has been completed and is named after the late president of Pan-*

*ama, Jose A. Remon. Modern grandstands, clubhouse, paddock and a large artificial lake in the center of the track, stocked with ducks, herons and swans, provide a pleasant setting for the track fan.*

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The latest edition of Pan American's "New Horizons" is offered in a hard-cover format. The new pocket-sized travel guide is available at all Pan American ticket offices, authorized travel agencies or from Pan American Airlines, Box 1111, New York 17, N. Y. In this edition there will be helpful hints for those going to the U. S. S. R. and it also includes new sections on Yugoslavia and the Grand Cayman Islands in the British West Indies.

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*Northwest Orient Airlines has worked out with the Japan Tourist Association three special sight-seeing tours of 3, 5, and 7 days. The trips cover Tokyo, Nikko, Kyoto and Nara. These tours are available on either a conducted or independent basis with rates ranging from \$50 per person up, and include hotels, railroad travel, meals, sight-seeing trips and guides.*

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Panagra, Pan American and Braniff have reduced family excursion rates to South America by 30 per cent.

## For Elks Who Travel

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end, and the emptiness of the hotels in the Adriatic resorts certainly showed it. There isn't the oppressive social consciousness one finds in Russia—indeed, the dance music sounding across the sea from the resort of Opatija could well have been supplied by any capable college band in the U.S.A. But the hotels have a certain seediness everywhere I would judge, except perhaps in Dubrovnik, once known as Ragusa. Germans and Austrians overrun the small Yugoslav resorts whose attractions—it would seem—beyond the sea itself, are the prices. With the exception of Dubrovnik there were virtually no Americans at all. For anyone looking to a complete change of scene and of populace, Yugoslavia is an excellent buy for traveling Americans, those, I mean, who do not expect the shiniest of plumbing, the thickest of carpeting, and the most modish decor.

That brings me, by the most circuitous of routes, back to the situation in the capitals to the north (and west). London, for a traveler without a reservation, might as well be a city to overfly. I watched a friend of mine without a reservation spend three days on the long distance phone from Copenhagen trying to obtain a pillow in London without luck.

Holland was so filled with travelers that reputedly there were signs at the border of Belgium urging tourists without

reservations not to bother crossing into the Netherlands. I must say, therefore, that I was quite surprised to see the Dutch tourist office advertising in the Paris edition of the New York "Herald Tribune." I was equally perplexed by the Dutch effort in creating a Rembrandt Week, complete with all sorts of colorful hijinks, which, while honoring the anniversary of that great painter, also, most certainly, was planned to attract still more travelers to that sorely-tried land. I say "sorely-tried," because getting a room and bath in a hotel in Amsterdam these days is like trying to get four on the aisle for "My Fair Lady" tonight. I must say that with the mash of tourists in Amsterdam and The Hague, the show on Broadway might prove infinitely more enjoyable. Hotels are required to hew strictly to the limits of the traveler's reservations and woe betide the man who arrives without one.

I am at a loss to explain the fatal fascination of Amsterdam or The Hague, or why there is such a rush to northern Europe, where the weather is shaky, in obvious preference to the Mediterranean where the early season—I mean late June and July—was certainly surer. Nonetheless, the tourists were there in record numbers, coursing through Amsterdam's famed canals in the dozens and dozens of glass-topped, underslung boats, gawking at the ancient buildings, listening to the frantic chatter of the guides who were spitting out the statistics in half-a-dozen languages as if it were a contest in high-

speed linguistics. The trouble of course was that the boat would have had to go too slow if they had conducted their spiels either more slowly or more fully.

Despite the trouble with lodgings, the canals at night, all strung with bulbs, do make an entrancing sight. Moreover, any number of spots make a practice of serving drinks and dinner at the waterside. But aside from the places of traditional European menu and elegance—the Amstel, the l'Europe and the Doelen are some—one may also eat for next to nothing at Dutch short-order delicatessens known as "broodjes," which is to say, "little bread." Here you can come buy sandwiches on rolls, mostly, and paved with anything from a gouda cheese to a lump of tartar steak. The other noon, an accordionist was serenading the various *broodjes aficionados* with song and music.

I flew over tourist class on one of Pan American's new DC-7s which stretch endlessly it seems from tail to cockpit. Coming home with one of their comfortable Boeings, snug in a berth during the long Atlantic night, the reasons for different classes of air travel on the Atlantic were never more clear to me. The meals were palatable on tourist class, and surely they were more ostentatious than I really needed on the first-class President flight coming back. But I did enjoy the room and the berth, and I shall rue these intermediary days when the new planes will be too fast for a full night's sleep, but not fast enough to whisk one from here to there ahead of the boredom.



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## In the Doghouse

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It was Maida who caused Scott to write, "I have sometimes thought of the final cause of dogs having such short lives and I am quite satisfied it is compassion to the human race; for if we suffer so much in losing a dog after an acquaintance of ten or twelve years, what would it be if they were to live double that time."

Those who know their Shakespeare will recall that dogs are mentioned in several of his plays and when we consider that dogs were then so much used for utility and sporting purposes rather than as the pets of today this is understandable. In his "Othello", we find Iago in a meeting with Cassio saying to himself while coaxing the former to another drink, "He'll be as full of quarrel and offense as my young mistress' dog." This is only one of the times among others that the great poet referred to dogs.

The unfortunate Marie Antoinette, victim of the terrible French Revolution, while being taken to the Bastille was accompanied by her dog "Thistle" who trotted behind her cart. It is a matter of record that "Thistle" remained at the gates of the prison for several days thereafter. It is written of the equally unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots that as she was led to her execution her small spaniel followed her and was perhaps the only friend she had on that dreadful day.

Going back to our authors, we learn that Charles Lamb, Byron and Pope often mentioned dogs in their writings. Dickens was another whose fondness for dogs was pronounced. A dog "Timber Doodle," described by him as "a small, shaggy, white terrier", was given to him while he toured the United States. Many of his letters mentioned the dog. At one time he owned two mastiffs, one was "Turk", who was killed in a railroad accident. He also owned a dog "Sultan" and, evidently not a fanatic about breeding, had at one time a large cross-bred purp.

The Belgian dramatist Maeterlinck, who wrote among other classics "The Blue Bird", authored these words on the death of a little dog, "He knows what to devote the best in him. He knows to whom above him to give himself..."

Coming closer to today there's the eloquent tribute to the dog that was the sole topic of a court room speech by George Graham Vest, later to become United States Senator from Missouri. The dog was "Drum", a nondescript hound that was shot by its owner's neighbor. The owner sued and engaged Vest to represent him. In an impromptu speech of some 375 words Vest delivered a classic plea that has lingered in the literature about dogs for more than eighty years and will perhaps continue to linger for many, many years to come. The speech and the details connected with its origin were subjects of an article in these pages.

## Uptown Story

(Continued from page 7)

"She was doing that 'Uncle Bunny Bedtime' thing for kids when she left for the coast in '48. She had lots of literary friends. I remember in school she was always doing fancy compositions."

"Were they any good?"

"No—terrible," Logan said with regret, "but I could be wrong."

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Rita didn't want to see him? What would he do then? He'd die inside himself like a strangled trout. Yet, knowing Rita, he was certain she'd be kind. He didn't expect her to recall the old days with any flood of sweet nostalgia that remotely matched his own. Nor was she exactly a girl any more; she was a woman now; it was half their lives ago that he first took her to a high school dance.

"I think she sees you," Fiari said then. "She don't look mad about it, either. Good luck."

**M**R. CHANDLER GARTH, of Odyssey Films, had never, so far as he knew, been in the Bronx before, and it were in transit to New England. People said this was unavoidable, but they were much too snide about it, he thought, because he liked the Bronx real well, and he was neither dumb nor a snob. He liked things that were serviceable to his comfort and his practical designs. Here in the Bronx the rental price of a modern studio had proved exactly right. In the fourteen days since operations had begun he had not been bothered by his current wife or any of his previous ones. The Boulevard Arms Hotel, facing the Grand Concourse, was as pleasant and need-fulfilling as the near-by studio. The uptown air was purer than Manhattan's air by several tons of floating dust—that much the Bronx Chamber of Commerce had made plain.

"Wait a minute, Chan—please wait," the girl beside him said excitedly. "It must be—certainly it's Eddie!"

Mr. Garth's secretary had spoken with a hushed, romantic breathlessness she had never before displayed. Considering his own repeated failures with this virtuous and strictly arm's-length blonde, it was surprising to see her (especially a girl of Rita's size) go rushing like a flushed gazelle to grasp the extended hands of the large, hardly beautiful man who was standing on the curb. It could be the Bronx air, Mr. Garth supposed, but in any case it was reassuring to find her capable of responding in this way. Then, not believing it graceful to linger, he went into the hotel.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Garth."

"Good afternoon."

It was Saturday, about noon. Chandler Garth walked into the cocktail lounge and placed a large film container on the bar. He had a martini—one martini, then he ate some cheese-bits from a bowl. The house detective, whose name was Phillips, came into the bar. He was a massively built, soft-treading man, and an interesting thief to know. Mr. Phillips had some cheese-bits and a glass of seltzer which the bartender poured with distaste. The bartender walked away and Phillips said to Mr. Garth:

"How many will there be?"

"Six players, myself included."

"You'll want things sent up—same as last week?"

"Probably coffee and sandwiches and

a bucket of ice. I don't have to bribe a gumshoe to phone 'room service,' do I?"

"No, sir; but with the kind of money you play for, and the kind of people you'll have sittin' in—one guy a known bookmaker—it just don't jibe with the penal law—section nine-seven-oh. That's why you pay me."

Chandler Garth, who enjoyed playing honest cards in skilled, frankly professional company, gave Phillips twenty-dollars. Mr. Phillips peeked at the folded bill and was not impressed. "This is for protection, friend? Or for the first pot of coffee?"

"Get out of here."

Phillips smiled and so did Garth. A certain amount of spirited rascality gave flavor to the events of any day, in Garth's opinion. That's why it always puzzled him when a girl as intelligent and attractive as Rita Landers carried virtue to fanatic lengths. It would be a matter of no consequence to him if she were stupid, glum or undesirable. But that wasn't the case. He watched her coming into the bar—alone. She looked buoyantly pleased. Garth felt the first twinge of jealous regret he had known in years. He disliked himself for it.

"Who was the guy?"

"An old friend," Rita said. "A nice friend. Someone special, Chan. We went to school together."

"I can believe it. You've still got that ring-around-the-rosy look in your eyes."

"What of it?"

"Nothing of it. I'd just like to congratulate the paragon who can get a rise out of you. What is he, anyhow—a boy scout leader? An evangelist?"

"He's a cop," Rita said.

"A—what?"

"A policeman. A lieutenant of detectives. No 'Martin Kane, private eye,' no 'Sergeant Friday' or 'Mike Barnett,' but the real thing—flesh and blood and maybe a hundred and forty dollars a week: He's for me, I hope, and it's not something I thought up in the last five minutes. 'Uncle Bunny's Bedtime' show," she added derisively. "I should have had my head examined then."

"I think you're crazy right now," he said.

"Because the price isn't right? Is that what you mean?" She accepted the daiquiri the bartender had prepared. She had shrugged off her coat and handed it to Garth, who folded it and placed it on a chair. As little as she approved of him, they were friends and equals, and her ease with him was complete. This was because she wasn't looking for anything, he realized. Her literary ambitions had disappeared with Uncle Bunny. Examining her talents and finding them limp, she had been satisfied to forget them. "His name is Logan—Eddie Logan," she said wistfully. "He was always gentle. He was always nice. He could lick any kid on Alexander Avenue."

"He sure didn't talk to you for long

## THE ORDER MOURNS DEVOTED OHIO ELK C. W. WALLACE



"Colonel" C. W. Wallace, who retired in April as Secretary of Columbus, Ohio, Lodge, No. 37, after 30 years at that post, passed away June 29th, the day following his 83rd birthday.

An Elk since 1902, Col. Wallace had served No. 37 as Exalted Ruler in 1910. In 1914 he was a member of the Building Committee which erected his lodge home. He had been Secy. of the Ohio Elks Assn.'s Foundation Scholarship Committee in 1933 and Treasurer of the Assn. in 1940. He served on the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee in 1938-39 and as Antlers Councilor of the Grand Lodge in 1941-42. He had been twice honored by the Grand Lodge for his charitable, patriotic and civic activities.

Devoted to Elkdom, for many years Col. Wallace never missed a lodge, District or State Meeting, and attended every Grand Lodge Session for half a century. In 1935, he acted as General Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee when that meeting took place at Columbus.

In addition to his Elk activities, he had been a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Director of the National Federation of Catholic Societies and regional director of the National Catholic War Council.

He is survived by two daughters, a sister and four grandchildren.



# STATUTES AMENDED AT CONVENTION

At the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago several amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes were passed and William S. Hawkins, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, summarizes the intent of these amendments as follows:

Amending Sec. 206 so as to permit a Home, Club or Lodge to be established and maintained within the basic jurisdiction of the Lodge, whether within or without corporate limits.

Amending Sec. 56 of the Grand Lodge Statutes so as to make more workable the use of its revolving funds.

Amending Sec. 114 so as to prohibit any member from simultaneously holding more than one office in the Lodge, elective or whatever.

Amending Sec. 137 and 192 so as to eliminate unnecessary paper work presently required in connection with reports.

Amending Sec. 103 requiring a newly instituted Lodge to pay its pro rata share of the Grand Lodge assessments, based upon the number of full months remaining in the Lodge year.

Amending Sec. 152 so as to make the investigation of candidates' applications

more workable, particularly as concerns large classes and lodges.

Amending Sec. 123 so as to make the Exalted Ruler an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees without vote and defining him as the executive officer of the Lodge.

Amending Sec. 66 so as to grant the Board of Grand Trustees the power to settle claims arising out of the operation of the Home.

Amending Sec. 5 so as to clarify the voting procedures at Grand Lodge elections.

Amending Sec. 208 so as to clarify the leasing of property of others by a subordinate lodge.

Amending the Ritual of the Grand Lodge as concerns the manner in which the Flag is used, removing it from the altar and placing it on a standard to the right of the altar and amending other portions of the Ritual so that it will be consistent with the requirements of the National Flag Code.

Amending Sec. 17 to increase the number of members of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee from five to six and to fix their terms as six years.

outside."

"He's working, and he's not the brassy type. He's going to phone me tonight—after eight, when he's free. We'll probably go for a walk and have a hot pastrami sandwich."

"I can't afford to lose you to a dumb cop, Rita."

"You can afford to lose a lot of things," she told him stormily, "and you probably will, so don't ever say 'dumb cop' to me again. You'll lose your shirt and your studio and your fourth wife if you keep playing poker with that same little tankful of sharks you had up here last week."

"You think so, dear?"

"They won't be coming for the subway ride." She picked up her coat and indicated the box on the bar. "This is for the Hartley Agency, isn't it? Do you want it mailed?"

"No—young Hartley's coming by to pick it up—either before or after the theater, so he and the old man can run it off at home tomorrow. There's only four hundred feet and one commercial on the big reel, but they want to see what we've got. I'm going to run it off once more before my guests arrive."

"Then you won't need me?"

"Only to see that Hartley gets this when he comes for it. I'd like you to type out a copy of our production schedule to give him. Any time before eight. I'll leave the film upstairs."

He watched her walk off with a blithe display of happiness that made him feel less endowed than he was willing to concede. Ah, well, he thought, to each his compensations. He picked up the film box and left the bar. The elevator took him to the seventh floor.

WHEN it was almost eight o'clock, in the 44th Precinct, Bronx, Lieutenant Logan began to pluck the pins from a newly purchased shirt. He had never been a very stylish man. Even so, while buttoning the shirt, and tucking the tails in his trousers, he began to inspect the bow tie worn by Detective Fiari.

"Is that the kind you hook on, Joe? A ready-made?"

"It's a tie-it-yourself," Fiari said, "and it cost two dollars." He undid the tie. "You want to buy it or rent it?"

"No," Logan said. "It's too pretty."

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# "FREEDOM'S FACTS" — Teen-Agers and Red Politics



*This excerpt from "Freedom's Facts," a monthly bulletin of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, is of particular interest to Elks this month because of the Order's sincere, nation-wide program to guide American youth along constructive lines. Membership in the Conference consists of fifty national organizations, including the BPOE, and for several months The Elks Magazine has been publishing timely excerpts from "Freedom's Facts," which is devoted to exposing various aspects of communism.*

There are about 13,000,000 teen-agers in the United States and each one of them is a potential target of a new Red recruiting campaign.

Recognizing that young people and their problems are becoming more important as issues in American political life, the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party sat down one day in June 1955 and came up with a set of recommendations. One was that the Party should do more work than it has been doing among students and teen-agers, particularly since problems affecting youth

such as education and juvenile delinquency were becoming major national political issues.

That brought up the question of what the Party should do and how it could use American youth to influence political change in the direction the Communists desire.

Martha Stone, long-time Director of the Party's Youth Commission, reported in "Political Affairs" of January 1956 that the Party had made two major decisions: One was to concentrate on the issue of juvenile delinquency; the other was to develop a special teen-age program aimed at building up membership of the Labor Youth League and, ultimately, of the Communist Party itself.

## What They Really Mean

Stripped of its flamboyant language, her statement means that the Reds have decided to join in the effort to eliminate juvenile delinquency mainly for the purpose of gaining support for Communist-approved collectivist legislation from American groups sincerely interested in youth.

And why all this extra effort to subvert American young people and American teen-agers? The stated reason is "to help forge the labor-youth alliance as an integral part of the democratic people's coalition we want to build in the '56 electoral campaign". Or in other words, the

purpose is to exploit American youth and its problems to further Communist collectivization of the United States.

This problem is of such importance that it deserves the special, final observation concerning vulnerability of teen-agers to scheming Communists, made in a recent report by the Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security.

The report, "A Handbook For Americans", states: "The adolescent tends to rebel against the domination of his parents and adults generally. He is seeking a medium through which to declare his personal independence. In a sense he is maladjusted. The Communist movement, for its own insidious purpose, offers him a circle in which he believes he will be taken seriously. It will publish his articles in a youth magazine. It will offer him an audience for his artistic talents. It will make him executive secretary of some front organization and give him authority he has never had before."

It cannot be urged too strongly that American groups working with young people, especially with teen-agers, warn them about this stepped-up Communist effort and continue to develop strong programs which will give these youngsters a full and wholesome outlet for their talents, their emotions, and their energies. Whenever Communists are found in youth work, they must be exposed, isolated and thoroughly discredited.

"You'll look bad, anyhow," he was reminded, "and you won't be able to blame it on a necktie. You look numb as a frozen grapefruit, right this minute."

"What about it?"

Fiari shrugged. "It'll pass," he said. "Here—button your collar and raise your chin. You'll look nice in a bow tie." Fiari, swift and expert with his hands, stepped back, admiring. "Mmmm," he said, "your gorgeous. Go look in the mirror."

"I'll take your word."

"She gave you the real big 'hello,' didn't she?"

Logan tried to be casual. "It was all right," he said. "It was better than it figured to be, after so many years." But he couldn't disguise the way he felt. "It shouldn't have happened so easily, Joe; I'm beginning to hope for real."

The other cop, a warm, sentimental man, punched Logan's arm lightly, solemnly, and he suppressed the bright remarks that he was tempted to indulge. Fiari was a good man.

"Good luck to you, boy," he said.

NO ONE HAD BOTHERED to wish good luck to Chandler Garth who by the evidence at hand was not in need. He had drawn such fantastic cards in big

league company that by eight o'clock his guests had prudently departed. He wasn't sure of how much money he had won, although he could almost estimate it from their recent and anguished farewells. All he knew was that the bulk of the money, in 50's, 20's and 10's, comprised the kind of figure which, if mentioned airily, would sound like the smoking room exaggeration of a fool in search of prestige. Mr. Garth didn't feel he needed that kind of applause.

"Yes?" he said. Because the door had opened in the anteroom. He was aware the film case, resting on a table there, and destined for the Hartley Agency, had not been picked up. "Rita?"

It wasn't Rita. It was Phillips, the house detective, putting his keys back in his pocket. Garth watched him carefully, coolly.

"What do you want?"

Mr. Phillips walked through the reception hall and into the large sitting room where Garth and his profits were equally conspicuous. Garth didn't get the same impression of genial rascality he had found so amusing in this man at other times. Cigar smoke still hung heavy in the room. The ice cubes in a metal bucket on the floor had turned to water. Nothing enriched the room as

greatly as the money in clear view. The house detective was sensitive to it.

"You did real good, huh?"

"I did all right, in my way, if it's any of your business," Garth replied. "Here's fifty dollars. Now get out of here. You're bought and paid for, like a bad plate of eggs."

Phillips's smile had faded, but his mouth remained moist at the corners. His breathing was heavy. He came closer. It were as though the money, so green and abundant, in orderly stacks, had the power to draw him on.

"A lot of it, isn't there?" Phillips said. "I saw your hot shot friends goin' out through the lobby, like I told you they should go—two at a time, then Hennessey, the bookmaker, all by himself. I figured the way they looked that they left somethin' up here more than their cigar butts." Phillips reached for one stack of 50's and let them separate and fall like leaves. "We'll split it in half, you an' me." His powerful hand was sweaty as a sponge. "This way you don't go to jail under that section seven-nine-oh of the penal law I mentioned to you before."

Garth hit at the heavy, possessive hand, but Phillips only laughed at him. Garth rose in fury and tried to strike the



big man's face. Phillips fended the blow, then slapped Garth's cheek with contemptuous, rebuking ease. The equation of rich man and purchased flunky had been erased. Garth wasn't a coward, but the coldness of fear was in him. He could feel the hatred of the powerful man he had openly despised. In their close struggle he tried to knee Phillips in the groin. A strong hand smashed his mouth. Garth wanted to scream, but pride prevented him. How like a hundred tee-vee dramas of his own and others' contrivance was this real and terrible experience. *God help me*, he thought in strange appeal to something in which he did not believe. He tried to trip Phillips then, to break from his smothering grasp. They went down together—Garth and the full, free-falling weight of the other man; something crashed into his skull and that was all for Chandler Garth. . . .

Phillips, having climbed to his feet, looked down at the result of their struggle. The silver-plated bucket was overturned; the mouth of it was visibly bent; the water ran on the carpeting; and Chandler Garth was dead. Nothing kept him from prudent flight but the money so irresistibly there. He fought his nerves enough to realize it still was possible, were he discovered here, to claim this was the way he'd found the body. As a house detective, observing Garth's departing guests—among them a known bookmaker, it would have been his right to investigate. But he couldn't claim this if his own clothes bulged with a dead man's money.

He began to search for something in which the money could be placed, then hidden away—not here, of course—not in this suite of rooms the cops would comb like the Commissioner's cat, but somewhere—the empty suite next door, perhaps—squeezed tight behind the grooves of a radiator, or secreted in some other, better place, until time had made it safe. He pressed the money into single bulk, then kept it in his hands, like a man holding fast to a peeling football. In the anteroom, on the surface of a table there, he saw a carton not less than fourteen inches square and several inches deep. He put the money down and opened the canvas straps that crisscrossed on the box. It was clearly labeled HARTELY AND HARTELY, with a mid-Manhattan address. He removed the metal film case that rested snugly in the carton. He replaced it with the 50's, 20's, 10's and scattered 5's, pressing them tightly, making them fit, closing the straps, then testing the total weight. It seemed neither heavier nor lighter than the container of film he now raised in his hands. He was holding the film like some tuneless tambourine, wondering what to do with it, when someone tried the door. He sprang back from the sitting room, not closing the door from the anteroom, not having time. He leaned against the intervening wall, his heart

thumping heavily, while a key turned in the outer door.

"Chan? Are you still here, Chan?"

That was all he heard. He knew her voice. Then she was gone, the door closing firmly. It was silent then and Phillips breathed more freely. Very cautiously he returned to the anteroom. The table was bare. The money was gone with the girl.

Now, if ever in his life, he believed he could kill with intent. But he didn't dare go after her. He couldn't risk being seen. Having no place to conceal the film case, he held on to it. He walked past the body of Chandler Garth to the French doors opening on a narrow terrace. He opened them. The autumn wind came from the East, full blast against him. Far below him was the hotel parking lot; beyond were the darkened bulk of a public school, some factories, the New York Central tracks. He closed the French doors against the wind, securing them. He moved warily and unseen on the narrow balcony; then he stepped over a low partition to the similar doors of the adjacent suite. He used one key from his ring of keys, but the doors were stubborn. He placed the metal film case on the balcony's ledge and succeeded in opening the doors. He reached back for the film case with a sweated hand, but he reached too quickly, too eagerly. The smooth-surfaced case slipped from his moistened fingers. He lunged for it and struck it with the butt of his hand. It went off into the darkness, falling, falling. . . . He remained there, trembling, waiting to hear the crash of it. . . .

IT'S A GREAT NIGHT for a murder,"

Logan said bitterly to one of the uniformed cops. He came down in the elevator from the seventh floor, having viewed the body of Chandler Garth. In the lobby, he draped his topcoat over the fat arm of a tufted chair. The house detective, a man named Phillips, was leaning against the desk, talking to the night clerk. A clock above their heads said it was ten minutes after nine. The "homicide" men were upstairs and down, so that Logan could say, at least with professional accuracy, "This case is no skin off me."

"You're not attached to homicide, Lieutenant?"

"No," Logan said to Phillips. "I'm here for laughs."

He walked over to where Rita Landers was sitting, her long legs crossed, a package held in her lap. He stood there, looking down at her, evicting from mind any unwelcome notions growing there, electing to have his heart decide what he believed about this damned mess on the seventh floor. "Come on," he said, "I'll buy you a drink." She got up and went with him into the cocktail lounge. They found a table and a waiter came over.

"I'll have a beer," he said. "Rita?"

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"A beer would be fine."

They sat near a window, well apart from other, occupied tables. They could hear the constant traffic on the Grand Concourse. The waiter returned, setting down the bottled beer and the goblets. Rita just sat there.

"You all right?" he said.

"I'll be all right."

"Well, take it easy," Logan said.

Without realizing it, against this background of police activity, he had become more secure and less self-conscious in her presence. He hadn't arrived at the Bronx's fanciest hotel until ten minutes after the police who had responded to the call. He'd been buying flowers for an important date—a \$10 spread of chrysanthemums, the color of bronze and the color of wheat, though what had happened to them, Logan couldn't say. He had put them down some place and forgotten them when he heard the news from the other cops—that Chandler Garth was dead. A chambermaid had discovered the body at 8:17.

"Tough, wasn't it?" Logan said.

She was pouring beer carefully into his glass. "I think so, Eddie." Her eyes were swelled from recent tears. She wore a gay and becoming dress that was copper-toned, with a Walter Raleigh kind of collar fluffy at her throat. Black, cloth-covered buttons descended from the collar line.

"You saw him when?" Logan said.

"Around noon, as I told the sergeant. He was expecting these friends. The same names I gave. The crowd he gambled with."

"You mentioned Arthur Hennessey. We know that Arthur doesn't play for box tops, Rita. That's why they pressed you with so many questions. Naturally they'll pick up Hennessey and the others, quick as they can. They'll attempt to find out if there was any kind of an argument—cross-question these fellows separately, try to learn if Garth got clipped, for one thing. What kind of a person was he?"

"I liked him," Rita said.

Her quick response dug into Logan sharply. "I didn't ask you that," he said. "How was he—well, morally?"

"He wasn't too bad and he wasn't too good," Rita said. "He believed in nothing and he lived in a kind of moral limbo—all by himself in the middle of nothing." She raised her glance to meet Logan's own. "Judged by our parents' standards, Eddie, or the rules under which you and I grew up, Chan was pretty well bankrupt."

"They were pretty good rules."

"I didn't say they were not."

"And at eight o'clock you went to his rooms?"

"That's right. Around eight—far as I know."

"And you saw nothing? Suspected nothing?"

"In God's name, Eddie, you heard me answer these same questions for the ser-

geant, didn't you? I went into the little foyer there and I picked up this box of film—the same four hundred feet of it that I'm waiting to give a Mr. Julian Hartley. It's part of a little drama called 'A Nice Time To Die,' plus one shaving soap blurb. You want to open it and look at the pictures?"

"No," Logan said. "Of course I don't."

He hadn't meant to challenge her. He had meant only to arrange more clearly in his mind the events of the day and their proper sequence, that he might more effectively assist her.

"I'm sorry," he said.

"It's all right. I'd forgotten the film until it was almost eight o'clock. Then I remembered I had to type a production schedule for the agency and attach it. I never got around to that, but I don't imagine the Hartleys will care much now. Eddie, please, let's not debate things—not you and I."

It seemed only natural for their hands to meet and touch on the table, for the years to roll away, for his heart to swell like the bladder of a blimp. He could feel the warm, almost hungry pressure of her fingers. She wept very softly and Logan's own eyes blurred. Of all silly things, he could see, distortedly reflected in a goblet of beer, the jazzy design of Fiari's tie.

"There now," she said, "I ought to be cured."

She stood up, holding the box of film. They returned to the lobby. Sergeant Meola, of homicide, was watching them. Phillips, the hotel cop, was still on the scene—an immense man, with his big jaws working overtime, talking to a uniformed cop. Rita went to the desk and asked, "Did Mr. Hartley phone?"

"No, ma'am."

The tears were gone now, but her face looked strained and tired. "If he does come, you can call me," she instructed the clerk. She turned to Logan then. "Thanks, Eddie—thanks for everything. I guess it wasn't meant to be a gay evening."

She walked quickly to one of the elevators, her head inclined, her shoulders shaking visibly. The car door closed and the indicator climbed to "4." The man named Phillips observed this with some

interest. "She makes it look real respectable, don't she?"

Logan turned to him. "What do you mean?"

"She knew her way to the seventh floor real good."

Logan said with tight control, "Please tell me more."

"All I mean is—well, on my job, it don't pay to blow a whistle every ten minutes. It's not like people comin' in without any baggage to rent a room. That stuff you throw out. This was the deluxe stuff—secretary-boss stuff, with a dash o' Hollywood thrown in. The 'Uptown Story,' you could call it, comin' to you live from the Bronx."

Logan threw a punch at the big man's mouth, but Meola caught his arm. The uniformed cop had jumped between them. Phillips backed away, the smutty smile remaining. He adjusted the lapels of his jacket, then he leaned against the desk. Sergeant Meola had maneuvered Logan carefully aside.

"Eddie, please," he said; "I know how you feel."

"I'll knock that bum through a wall."

"Some other time, Eddie; some other time. You're also a lieutenant detective and you're lousing up my job. I was going to ask you something. About that box she's been totin' around."

"It's film."

"That's what she told me."

"Well, if she said it was film, then it was film."

"Did you see for yourself that it was film?"

"Yes," Logan said, "I saw it."

The lie rather amazed him. It had been automatic, unplanned, even unintended. He wanted quickly to redeem it, but Meola had walked away to take a phone call at the desk. Logan was wondering how to phrase an explanation of his lie; he was forming the words when the sergeant came back.

"They're driving uptown now with Hennessey and those other guys who were playing cards with Garth," Meola explained. "I'd rather see them at the station house. I'll be a while."

"Look, Frank," Logan said, "—about that film."

"It was just a routine question," said Meola, "so don't get sore. I'm glad it was film, for your sake and the girl's. Hennessey told the cop that picked him up that Garth won twenty thousand dollars today—an' it damned well wasn't in his rooms."

Logan felt like a man who had been hollowed out with a spoon, except for the lie that rested in him like a stone. He wanted to shout after the quick, departing figure of Meola, but he could not. Actually, he had obstructed a case and bludgeoned a sergeant with rank. It wasn't that he failed to believe Rita's statement;—after all, she had thrust the film box under his nose and invited his inspection. It was the lie that would continue to taste like a cinder, at least until Meola's return. Phillips, the house detective, had wan-

### THE ELKS MAGAZINE IN NEW OFFICE SPACE

On May 1st, The Elks Magazine moved its offices to 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., after having been located for thirty-five years at 50 East 42nd Street. The move was made in order to obtain larger space and also to better the coordination of the various departments by placing them on one floor. We would appreciate it very much if readers will take note of this change of location and address all communications to 386 Fourth Avenue.



dered off. There were homicide cops on the seventh floor and uniformed ones in the lobby. Logan, feeling stupid and extra-neous, walked through the lobby and into the hotel parking area, to get some air.

The wind was big and chesty and re-viving. It raised all kinds of debris with its rush. Logan, hatless, welcomed the wind. It made his cigarette glow like a sparkler on the Fourth of July. He stood there, hands in his pockets, wishing the wind would blow the dust and the doubt clear of his head. After the darkness of the day, the stars were fat and bright in the sky. The clouds were sweeping like gauze across the moon. A laundry truck drew away from a service platform, its exhaust raising shapeless ghosts in the cold. Late dinner guests drove from the parking lot. One long sedan pulled carefully away, mindful of the attendant's directions, careful not to scrape the cars on either side. As the wind swept big again, a kind of elaborate, tape-thin snake displayed itself in the space left by the departed car. It whirled in lazy and expanding circles. Logan, fascinated, walked the fifty feet between himself and what he saw. He stood amid the whirling tape, his heart thumping joyously. He let it wrap around his ankles and the cuffs of his pants. He tugged at a glossy length of it and almost cut his hand.

"What are you doin', Mac?"

"I'm a cop," he told the attendant.

"What is that?"

"What does it look like?"

"Film," the attendant said. "A movin' pitcher."

Logan looked up past the tiers of irregular light to the seventh floor and the clear silhouette of a cop on duty there. He went back into the hotel.

**MISS LANDERS** is four-twenty-three, to your right," the elevator operator said.

Logan walked along the corridor and rapped on the door. There was no response, but he could hear water running into a bath-tub or a sink. He rapped again, then tried the door. It didn't yield. He rapped more strongly and insistently.

"Yes?" It was Rita's voice. "Yes? Who is it?"

She opened the door. She wore a flowered housecoat and her hair was caught high with a ribbon. Her face glistened palely with foundation cream. The flow of water had stopped. She held a towel.

"You picked a bad time, Eddie. Was it so important?"

He walked past her into the compact, gracious apartment. The foyer was square. It contained an obviously spacious closet, a wrought-iron gate, a tricky, very modern chair that looked like the arched back of a cat, a narrow desk, a cradled phone. The combination living-bedroom was beyond the fancy gate. The pastel shadings and general decor did not bespeak the living quarters of a salaried secretary.

"Garth did all right by you didn't he?"

"I don't like the way you say it, Eddie."

"I don't like it myself. Where's that box of film you had with you?"

"The what?"

"The film box," he repeated.

"If, for any odd reason," she said, "you're playing policeman with me, Eddie, you'll find it right there on the desk. Excuse me while I get this off my face."

"What desk?"

She turned back to him, her house coat swirling. Impatient, puzzled, she said, "Here." And then she stopped. "At least it was here, Eddie."

"What's the point of lying, Rita?"

It hurt all over. He couldn't endure it. The tall girl held the brief towel to her face. Her soft eyes searched him with a display of injured wonder which, if feigned, was the kind of art that seldom brushed the Bronx.

"Please don't cheat me or torment me, Eddie," Rita said. "Either believe what I've told you, or explain to me why the box isn't here. I tell you truthfully it was on this desk three minutes before you started hammering on the door. It had to be, unless—could someone have taken it?"

It was suddenly terribly quiet. Logan could hear his own watch like a heartbeat. He looked once more at Rita Landers as a man might look at his personal faith. She said very softly:

"As God is my Judge."

It was enough for him. The sound they heard was faint. It was a muted scraping, no more than that, but their glances moved in the same direction. Logan reached for his gun and motioned Rita back. Then he opened the closet door.

"Drop the gun," Logan said. "Drop the gun and the package."

The man named Phillips did not intend to use the gun in his hand. The smile on his face wasn't natural because the flesh that formed the smile was quivering. His eyes were quick, appraising. They read Logan's eyes correctly. He let the small automatic drop to the floor, and then stepped forward. He let the film box fall.

"Some days you can't make a dollar," Logan said.

**IT WAS ALMOST MIDNIGHT** when they walked together on the Grand Con-course, slowly in stride, and not saying much. Rita carried one chrysanthemum. Its flower was bronze-toned and enormous.

"The thing looks silly like that," Logan protested. "The stem's a yard long. I bought them thinking you would put them in a vase."

"You bought them and you lost them in the lobby," she said. "You dropped them like radishes. A lot you cared."

He held her arm more tightly. He was almost out of things to say. The sky was brass-button bright above them. Ahead, they could see the lights of a kosher delicatessen.

"Everybody's luck was bad but ours," he told her gently. "It was about time, don't you think?"

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## Bolts are the answer for many home repairs.

BY HARRY WALTON

**S**TRONGER and more permanent than nails or wood screws, bolts may save the day when other fastenings fail. This was my case when a heavy door check worked out the wood screws holding it.

The enlarged holes were drilled all the way through the door, and the check was remounted with bolts, washers and nuts, which held it far more securely than before.

Bolts may be the answer to repairing broken toys or tool handles, mounting power tools, rebuilding garden furniture, assembling stands and workbenches and many other things.

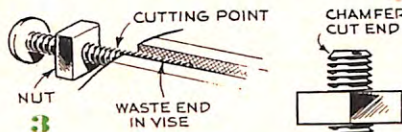
**HOW THEY ARE SIZED.** Bolt and screw sizes are specified by diameter, thread pitch, and length. The pitch is the distance from one thread to the next (Figure 1) and is commonly expressed as so many threads per inch.

You may have tried to fit a bolt with a nut that looked right as to size, and could even be started a fraction of a turn, but immediately jammed. This may happen if the threads are dirty, rusted, or damaged. But the trouble may be that the threads in the nut are of a different pitch.

There are three series of American National screw threads: coarse (N.C.), fine (N.F.), and special (N.S.). They identify bolts and screws by the thread pitch and

by the shank diameter (measured over the threaded portion).

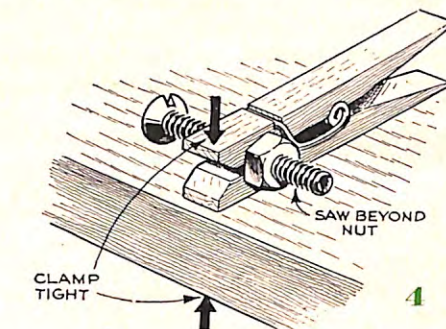
Smaller shank diameters are designated by numbers—1 to 6 inclusive, 8 to 14 by even numbers. These relate to the same shank diameters as they do for wood screws: a No. 5, for instance, is  $\frac{1}{8}$ " in diameter. No. 1 is tweezer size, which you are likely to find only in clocks, cameras,



model-railroad or optical equipment and the like, while No. 14 is almost  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter.

Overlapping this numbered range is one of fractional-inch sizes, usually starting with  $\frac{3}{16}$ " and continuing through  $\frac{1}{4}$ ",  $\frac{5}{16}$ ",  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and so on to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", which you'll find on locomotives.

**WHAT BOX LABELS MEAN.** Shank size and thread pitch are usually expressed together; 8-32, for instance, means a No. 8 body with 32 threads per inch, while  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 specifies a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " body with 20 threads per inch. (Of course the bolt may have more or less than 20 threads on it, depending on its length and how far up the shank is threaded.)



from a labeled box. This is what the clerk often does if you bring a sample to be matched.

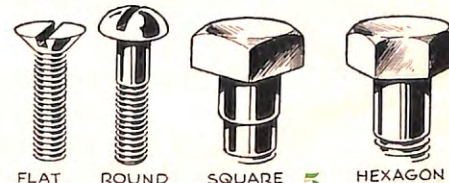
Never force threaded parts together; if they are not a proper fit, you may strip (shear off) the thin ridges between the thread grooves and ruin them.

**HOW TO CUT A BOLT.** When in doubt as to length, it is best to buy bolts over length and cut them as required. The easiest way to do so is to assemble the parts, turn the nut on tightly, and cut off the projecting part of the shank.

This can be done with husky side-cutting pliers (up to about size 8 screws) provided you don't expect to unscrew the nut again. Nipping the shank this way deforms the threads, making the nut hard to get past them (and impossible to put on).

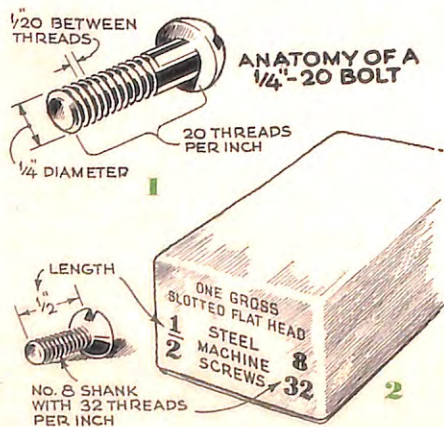
If the nut is to be removable, use a hacksaw to cut the shank to size, and file the cut end smooth.

Where a bolt must be cut before it is installed, even the burrs left by a hacksaw may be troublesome. To forestall this,



turn a nut onto the bolt first, just beyond the place at which you will cut. Saw off the excess, file the end smooth and with a slight chamfer (or taper) all around (Figure 3) and remove the nut. As you do so, it will restore any burred threads.

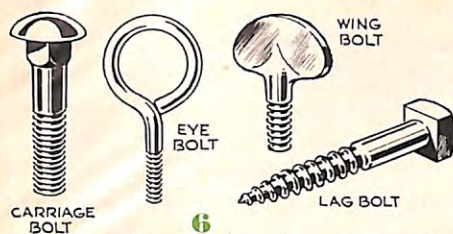
It is inadvisable to hold a small screw by hand or with pliers to cut it. Clamp the waste end (the part to be cut off) in a vise (Figure 3). Or, if this end is too



## LOOKING AHEAD WITH THE ELKS WORKSHOP

Mr. Walton has in preparation practical "Workshop" articles that will interest our "Do-it-yourself" fans. Next month the versatile uses of power equipment will be the topic. In November one of the perennial home problems will be solved in an article titled "First Aid for Inside Doors". Appropriately the December article will be a Christmas project.





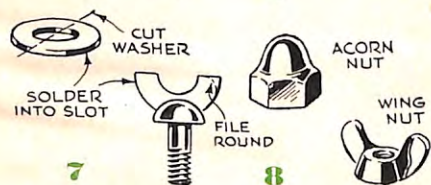
small to hold in a vise, snap a spring clothespin on the longer part and clamp the clothespin in a vise; the clothespin protects the threads. If no vise is available, you can clamp the clothespin to a table edge or chair with a C clamp (Figure 4).

#### CHOOSING THE RIGHT HEAD.

Angle brackets, hinges, catches and other hardware items often have countersunk holes that call for flat-head screws. If these are to be sunk flush into wood, countersink the holes as for wood screws. Where countersinking is not possible, use round heads (Figure 5); a flat head not properly sunk can catch clothing or fingers.

Machine bolts may have square or hexagon heads (Figure 5). Carriage bolts (Figure 6) have a round button head, with a square neck below it. In wood, this square neck bites in sufficiently to keep the shank from turning as you tighten the nut. Carriage bolts are equally handy for assembling metal parts under conditions that make it difficult to hold the head. File the bolt hole square so that the neck will enter but not turn.

Eye bolts are commonly used to hang swings or other objects. Wing bolts are convenient where a bolt is to be frequently turned by hand. If you cannot get the size you want, you can improvise a wing bolt by hacksawing a washer across and soldering half of it into the slot of a round-head bolt, as shown in Figure 7.



The lag bolt, sometimes called lag screw or coach screw (Figure 6) is actually a king-size wood screw. Like other wood screws, it requires a body hole and a somewhat smaller pilot hole.

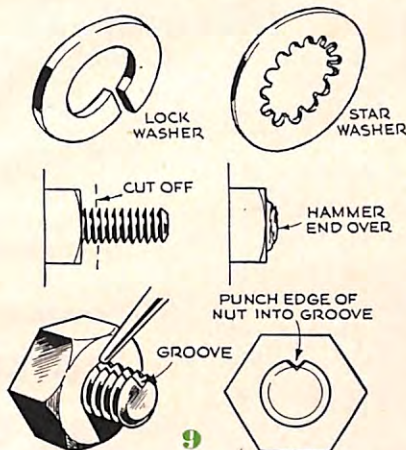
Square and hexagon nuts are the most common ones. You may occasionally want wing nuts (for finger tightening) or acorn nuts (Figure 8). These have an attractive shape and are often plated besides.

**FITTING BOLTS IN WOOD.** For machine or carriage bolts, use a drill the same size as the thread diameter or a trifle larger. If the shank fits a bit tightly you can tap it through, but it may splinter out the wood where it emerges—a risk likely to matter only if appearance is important.

Except with carriage bolts, which should sink into the wood, it is a good idea to put a washer under the head and another under the nut. Washers distribute the

clamping pressure, preventing the bolt head from sinking into the wood and the nut from scoring the fibers as it is turned. Always use washers under the nuts when installing eyebolts.

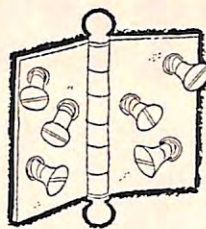
**HOW TO LOCK NUTS.** The simplest way to secure a nut against loosening is to put a lock washer or a star washer under it (Figure 9). You can also lock a nut by tightening a second nut on top of it, or by cutting the bolt (if necessary) so that just a little protrudes and then hammering that over. On larger bolts, you can file a groove across the end threads before put-



ting on the nut, and after tightening the latter, drive a bit of the nut into the groove with a punch as shown in Figure 9. Still another method is to drill a hole through both the bolt and the nut (after tightening it) and insert a cotter pin.

*Because of space requirements we were unable to include Mr. Walton's entire article on bolts. The balance will appear in a future issue.*

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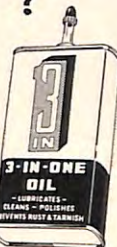
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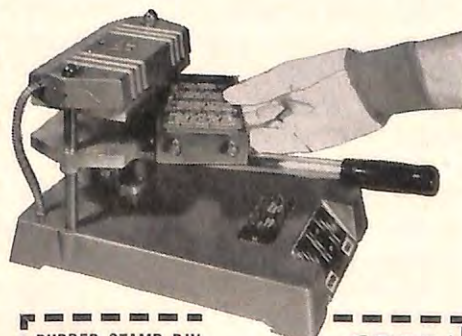
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# Editorial

## DRAMA AT THE CONVENTION



From the opening public services to the installation of the new Grand Lodge officers there was a succession of dramatic events at the recent Grand Lodge Convention.

The first dramatic scene was the entrance of the Convention Co-chairmen, the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of Chicago, followed by the Grand Exalted Ruler, preceded by his District Deputies and escorted by a drill team.

The beautiful floral arrangement of the stage for the Memorial Services was something long to be remembered as were the general and personal tributes to the departed Brothers, while the musical contributions were both exceptionally well selected and splendidly rendered.

With what pride the Elks present heard the Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees report that contributions to the Foundation during the last year were the greatest ever and that the total contributions are now over \$4,000,000. How dramatic was the parade to the stage by members desiring to swell that fund and who, in a few minutes, did increase it by nearly \$20,000.

One of the most inspiring presentations of the Convention was the report of the Elks National Service Commission.

Surely all Elks present were thrilled by the entrance on the scene of the score of wheel-chair veteran patients from Hines Hospital in Chicago, one of the 178 hospitals where veterans are hospitalized and where the Elks National Service Commission is carrying out its pledge:

"So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

Where shall we witness a more striking scene in drama, screen or television than the entrance into the Grand Lodge of a procession of scores of California Elks carrying loads of the 3,000 hides sent by Montana Elks and by the California Elks made usable for disabled veterans striving by physical therapy to prepare themselves for an active life?

Where could one see a more dramatic event than the appearance on the stage of the Grand Lodge, with his wife, of the Past Exalted Ruler who lost an arm and a leg in World War II, who was chosen by the Elks National Service Commission as the outstanding leader in the Veterans Hospital in Martinsburg, W. Va.?

What a heart throb in the presentation of awards to Edward C. Muns of Miami, Ariz., and Dianne Kasnic of Conway, Pa., as the winners of the national "Most Valuable Student" contest.

Scenes well worth remembering were staged by the Chairmen of the Grand Lodge Committees, the Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee presenting United States Flags which had been flown over the National Capitol on Flag Day of this year to the Exalted Rulers of the three lodges leading in the national "Show Your Colors" contest.

Following the report of the Youth Activities Committee, there were presented awards to the Exalted Rulers of the three lodges and to the Presidents of the three State Associations having the best Youth Programs.

The Chairman of the State Associations Committee had prizes for the state showing the greatest increase in lodges; the state where largest per capita donation to the Foundation was made, and 18 states each having at least one lodge with 100 per cent paid up membership and 5 states having a membership gain of over 5 per cent.

The Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee made his contribution to the Convention's striking series of events by presenting the Grand Lodge award of \$1,000 and the Raymond Benjamin plaque to the officers of the winning lodge.

And, thus through a succession of thrilling scenes we come to the final session and the impressive installation of the new Grand Lodge officers.

What a wonderful thing it would be if, in keeping with the times, television could carry these scenes into the homes of each of the 1,170,000 Elks and the millions of non-Elks who are television viewers!

## THE KHRUSHCHEV OMISSIONS



A careful analysis of the speech of denunciation of Josef Stalin delivered by Secretary Khrushchev of the Communist party delivered at the 20th Congress of that party discloses that the charges treat of Stalin's elimination by banishment to Siberia, the imprisonment or official murder only of those who had been his party associates.

He said nothing about Stalin's elimination of Kulaks, the reasonably prosperous farmers, nor of his mass starvation of peasants to force them into collective farming which is said to have cost 10,000,000 lives.

He omitted reference to Stalin's domination of the free countries of eastern Europe, of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia or Estonia.

These acts would appear to have the approval of Mr. Khrushchev and his associates, for we do not hear his voice raised in condemnation of those crimes.

We are not advised that he and his associates in the new collective party directing Russia repudiate these acts of Stalin and are planning to restore to those subjugated people their former freedom.

We do not find in Khrushchev's address any indictment of the aggression in Korea.

He raves against what he calls the "cult" of the individual. What reason have we to doubt that at the first opportunity that "cult" would not be revived with Khrushchev as the "personality"?

It does not appear that Khrushchev was so much disturbed by Stalin's inhumanities when they were not applied to his fellow Communists.

It does appear that there is not so much complaint against Stalin's acts in themselves as there is to the selection of certain of their own class and party for degradation, abuse, hardship and elimination.



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Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>	0.5 mg.
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	1 mcg.
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Calcium	75 mg.
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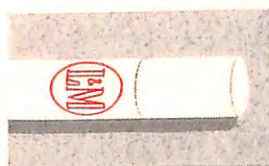
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