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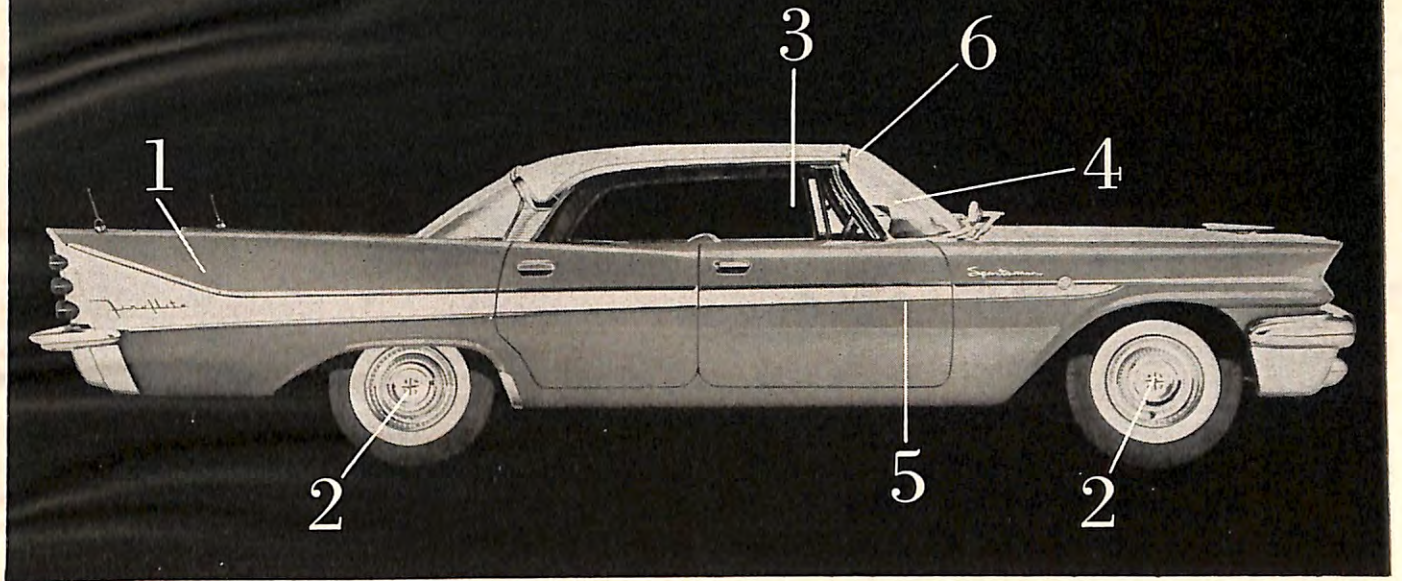
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IT'S Federal income tax time and here are some of the things not found in the instruction sheet:

- The Internal Revenue Code is complex and full of loopholes which favor certain individuals and classes, but mean the loss of billions of dollars every year.
- A large percentage of returns have errors in arithmetic and most of them are checked, but the Revenue Service audits only a portion of returns, due to the lack of employees.
- Out of 58,640,000 returns filed last year, only 1,951,000 were audited, most of them in the higher brackets.
- Exemptions totaled over \$75-billion last year and deductions for taxes, contributions, interest and allowable expenses took about \$34-billion. Taxes paid were \$32.5-billion.
- Washington has a small army of tax lawyers who seek changes in the Revenue Code to benefit various interests, or who ask special rulings from the Treasury for clients. This is all perfectly legitimate but it does keep money out of the Treasury till.
- Occasionally Congress revises the Revenue Code. It did this in 1954 and closed over 50 tax leaks.
- Tax evasions, meaning cheating, can only be guessed at. They might run to \$5-billion a year.

**NEW AIRPORT FOR JETS.** Washington's second airport, way out in Virginia,

will have 8,000 acres. Runways will be a couple of miles long so late model jets can land. When the new Russian ambassador, Mikhail A. Menshikov, arrived a few weeks ago by a sleek Soviet jet airliner, it couldn't land at Washington airport but came in at Baltimore's big field.

**H.S.T. LEADS SPEAKERS.** Senators who accept paid speaking engagements receive honorariums ranging from \$500 to \$750. House members ask \$250 to \$500. Former President Harry S. Truman, however, tops the list of dinner speakers now in demand, with Senators William F. Knowland of Calif., and John F. Kennedy of Mass. next in line. Others frequently sought as luncheon or after-dinner speakers include Sens. Hubert Humphrey of Minn., William Fulbright, Ark., Wayne Morse, Ore., Henry M. Jackson, Wash., and Paul Douglas, Ill. None get the \$1,500 fees which were handed the late Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin or Vice-President Alben Barkley.

**SUGGEST MOVING THE CAPITAL.** More and more consideration is being given the suggestion of Senator James E. Murray of Montana and others of the West and Midwest to move the nation's capital to that area. There are two strong points in the argument: First, a center of government in the West would be

safer from attack. Equally important, however, is the fact that the growth of population and the development of the Midwest and the far West merits a capital more centrally located. Those favoring the idea point out that a summer capital at least could be established out in what used to be the wide open spaces in the old days.

**FBI HAS STRANGE FILE.** J. Edgar Hoover's FBI criminal identification file has a separate "nickname" list because some law-breakers are known only by their "monikers." There are such names as "Tickle Breeches", "Jimmy the Flea", "Garbidge Can Johnnie", and "Butcher Knife Liz". In real life "Machine Gun Kelly" was George Kelly Barnes, Lester M. Gillis was "Baby Face Nelson" and the real name of "Pretty Boy" was Charles Arthur Floyd.

**PRAISE FOR WOMEN POSTMASTERS.** Postmaster General Summerfield says more than half the postmasterships in the country are filled by women and that the P.O. Dept. "recognizes their management abilities more than any other private or governmental organization." Meantime, under a plan by Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas, one cent of the proposed new 5-cent postal rate for first class mail would be ear-marked for modernizing postoffices with sorting and canceling machines which would speed up mail handling.

**WANT BILLBOARD CONTROLS.** To control billboard advertising along the new interstate highway system, Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel of Calif. would give states which ban signs within 600 feet of the roads a one per cent federal bonus. They would get 91 per cent of the cost of the highways instead of the regular 90 per cent which is now given.

**EASTER EGGS.** New autos are so big, parking spaces for the new Senate Office Building have been cut from 200 to 180... Traffic accidents in the District cost \$13.6-million last year, counting damage and loss of earnings... As a gag, a fire insurance salesman here passes out matchbooks without any striking surface... In F.D.R.'s White House days two kinds of punch were served, one of them spiked, but champagne was served at Ike's recent big parties... Every day, from 12 to 18 officers are buried in Arlington National Cemetery... Senate Rules Committee voted to accept a white marble bust of the late former Vice-President Alben W. Barkley to be placed near the Senate chamber... Washington has a law against firing home-made rockets. Somebody might forget to duck... This reporter is still being razzed for saying in the February issue he was unable to attend the Old-Timer's Dinner of the Flint, Mich., Elks on January 15. He did attend and he sure had a good time.

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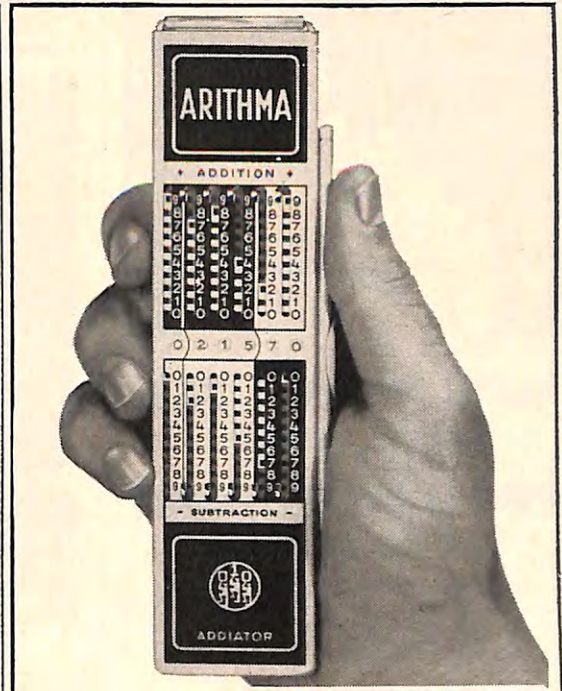
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## "The Joy of Giving"



Guiding therapy of a young patient (above) Mrs. Elaine Holt has been engaged in cerebral palsy work since 1953, when she was aided by a Foundation grant. She was nominated by Manhattan, Kans., Lodge. At right, sponsored by Breckenridge, Tex., Lodge, Mrs. Verna M. Crutchfield was aided by a \$400 Elks National Foundation grant in April, 1954, for a special course at Syracuse University.



Two Manchester women have been awarded Elks National Foundation fellowships for advanced training in cerebral palsy therapy, according to Benjamin S. Cohen, Exalted Ruler of Manchester, N.H., Lodge. They are Miss Cynthia R. Cohen and Miss Shirley Delano. A \$720 fellowship has been awarded to Miss Cohen to cover her

tuition at Columbia University Teachers College, where she is now enrolled. Miss Delano, who has an arthritic condition, was awarded a \$275 grant to defray her medical expenses while completing a two-year course in rehabilitation counseling and psychological testing, which she is studying at the Boston University School of Education.



Miss Gloria Hannay of Port Crane, a senior at Syracuse University, receives \$100 scholarship award from Van D. Welch of Binghamton, N.Y., Lodge, district chairman of the Elks National Foundation. Award was made recently toward Miss Hannay's education as teacher of handicapped children.

On behalf of her organization, Mrs. Omer P. King, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Roanoke, Va., Lodge, presents a \$500 check for the Elks National Foundation to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker. Exalted Ruler A. A. Garland, Jr., of Roanoke and Mrs. C. Fallon Davis, Jr., Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Auxiliary, stand by.



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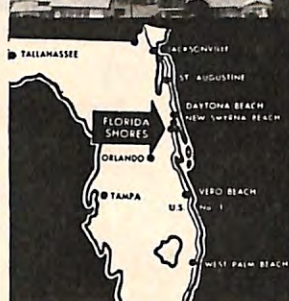
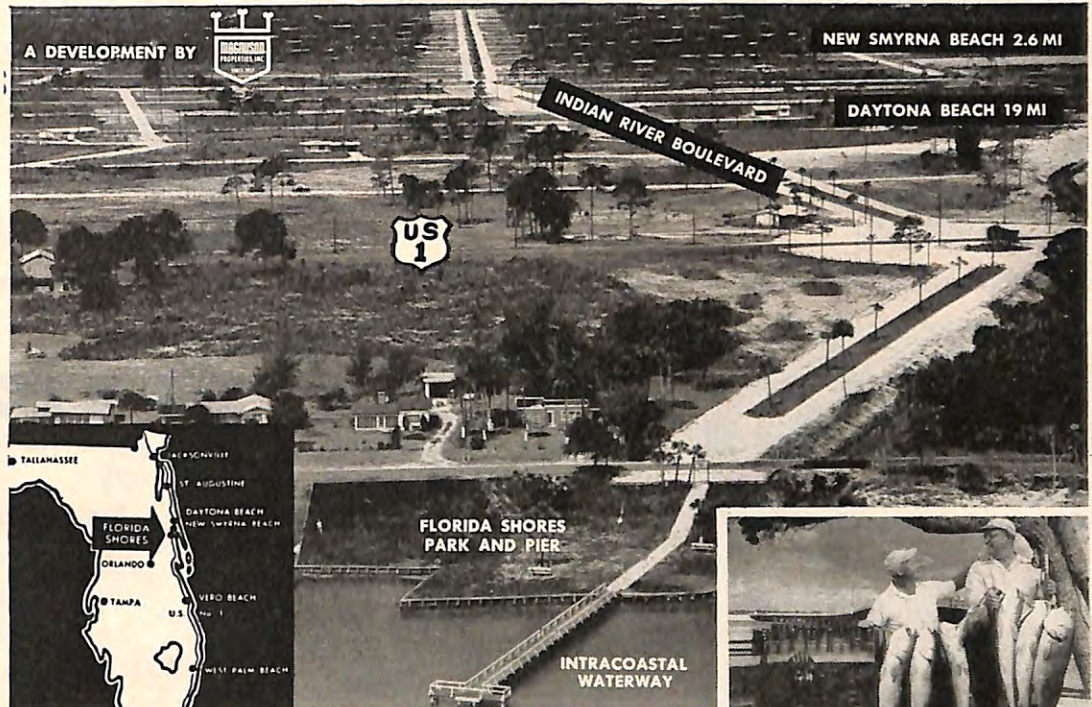
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Their 6,000-mile journey took them through Belgium, West Germany, the Corridor road into Berlin, East Germany and Poland, as shown on the accom-

panying map. Entering the U.S.S.R. at Brest, they were joined by a guide-interpreter and drove east to Moscow, then south to Yalta, one of the Soviet resort cities on the Black Sea, the first American correspondent to make this trip by car. Although always under the watchful eye of their guide while on the road, the two Americans were permitted to take pictures of anything except hydropower stations, railroad facilities, airfields, military establishments and major bridges. They were allowed to bring their exposed films out intact for development in this country.

# "OVERTAKE AMERICA"



Homes without plumbing near highway south of Moscow have electricity, and the grass-hatched one at left sports a TV antenna. Some families put up the antenna first, then save enough rubles to buy a set. Mud in the foreground is the road shoulder. (Below) Moscow's big department store, known as GUM, stands on Red Square facing the Kremlin and Lenin-Stalin tomb. Crowds throng its floors and balconies from opening to closing time. It has three arcade-like sections like this one.



This slogan on Russian highway signs serves warning that Soviet leaders in their drive for world domination seriously threaten our economic position in the international markets

By HARRY WALTON

WERE you to drive on Russia's excellent main highways from Brest to Yalta, as a friend and I recently did, you would see again and again two words that should shake the complacency of every thinking citizen of the United States.

They are "OVERTAKE AMERICA."

Not England, not West Germany, not France, but America is the Kremlin's top target.

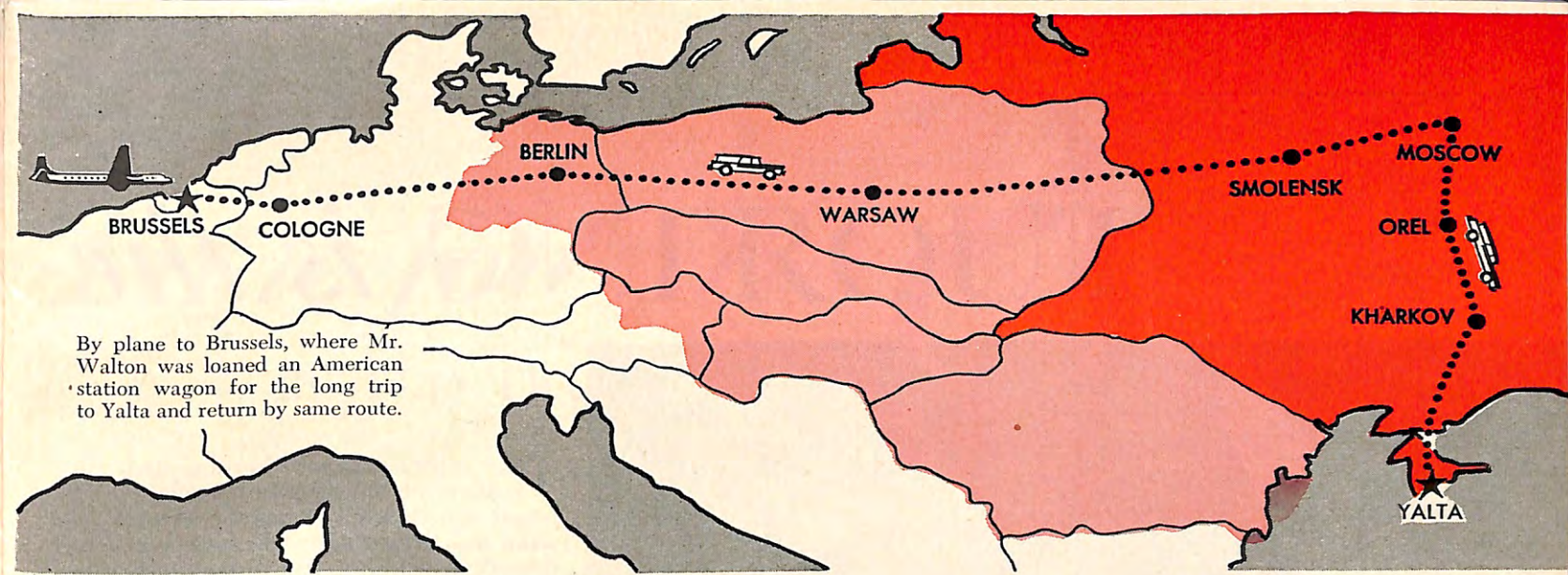
This sharp challenge has long been urged upon the Soviet people—and most successfully. From my own observation, I am convinced that they have accepted it as their one hope for more of the things they desperately need.

But the slogan goes far beyond a rallying cry to higher production. It is in fact still another weapon in the Communist arsenal. Purpose: conquest.

It is already in use. The Kremlin is wielding it in Africa, the Near East,

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This city crowd in Orel, fascinated by the American station wagon, hides all but a little of the roof luggage rail. People asked the same questions about the car everywhere: its horsepower, fuel mileage, price. Honest answers impressed them, for in comparison even to their smaller cars, it was a far better value.



# SPRING *is the*



THE alder leaves were bursting the husks in which they had been tightly bound all winter. They were fresh and waxy, and the early sunlight streaming through gave them a soft, glowing, almost ethereal quality. A few thin curls of mist were still rising from the little stream that purred along below. Skunk cabbage was pushing through the leaf mold. The warming air was rich with earthy spring odors.

The only sounds to break the perfect stillness, save for the whispering of the brook, were the thin, sweet notes of a white throated sparrow, perched somewhere in a bush beside the water. The world was at peace, yet my hands trembled as I pushed my rod together, attached the reel and strung the line out through the guides. It was Opening Day.

Like millions of other anglers, I had succumbed utterly to that strange force by which a ten-inch trout becomes the master of a normally sane and level-headed man. I had risen at an hour that many folks consider bedtime. I had driven 150 miles through darkness and the gray, chill light of early dawn. I had seen the rising sun as I turned off the blacktop and threaded my way around an abandoned field, following an obscure set of tracks down through the second growth that clothed the slope above the brook. Now, I was actually here. This was the day, the hour, the minute. It was hard to realize, after waiting so long.

I tied on a leader and let it trail in the water while I opened my fly box. Instantly, I was the victim of a familiar indecision. Which fly, for the first cast on the first day? Neatly clipped against the aluminum were row upon row of wet flies. There were old favorites and new, flies that had taken many trout; others that had never caught a fish—though I always thought they should. Here, at the upper left, were nymphs; below them, several small bucktails and marabou streamers, sometimes deadly in the early spring. Should I choose one of them? Still, the water was low and clear. Maybe I ought to use a dry fly.

I started to get their box out of the

When Trueblood landed this rainbow trout, it became another memorable Opening Day.

# Time for TROUT

By TED TRUEBLOOD



other pocket of my jacket. No, it was too early—too early in the day and too early in the season, even though the stream was clear. The trout would be deep in the cold water, searching for various nymphs and caddis larvae. A nymph, cleverly fashioned to suggest one of the aquatic insects upon which trout feed, would be the thing. Or would it? Perhaps a brighter fly, since the water was still shaded, would be better. A Campbell's Fancy had done well here a year ago. The white wing of a Coachman caught my eye. That would be it! the old dependable. A Coachman was always a good bet. I selected a No. 12, tied it to my leader, pulled my boots up, and started fishing down the brook with light heart and high hope.

SOME thirty minutes later, I substituted a Campbell's Fancy for the Coachman. Likewise, in due course, the Campbell's Fancy was replaced by a Gray Hackle, the Gray Hackle by a Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, the Hare's Ear by a Black Gnat, the Black Gnat by several nymphs in turn. The sun climbed above the alders. Its rays probed down through them and sparkled on the brook.

Meanwhile, I had drifted my various flies into the dark pockets beneath cut banks. I had cast across the heads of pools and brought the bits of feather, silk and steel swimming back through their depths. I had fished them upstream, down, and across the riffles. I had probed with them the pockets surrounding rocks in the swift current. No single trout had so much as flashed at my offerings. I had seen no bulge, no break, no swirl. If even one fish had risen to any natural insect, I had failed to see him.

I found a spot near the head of a long, spreading pool where a hole in the green canopy above made a splash of sunlight on the spring-fresh grass. I sat down and stretched out my water-chilled legs in its welcome warmth. Then I lit my favorite pipe.

My hands were no longer trembling; I was not excited any more. In fact, I was getting tired. Six hours had passed since I stumbled out of bed, and they had been spent actively. I considered eating my sandwich, but decided to wait another two hours until noon. It

was good just to sit there in the morning sunshine and watch the mellow smoke curl lazily up through it.

I was doing that, with eyes half shut, wondering what to try next, when I saw a commotion near the lower end of the pool. A V-shaped wake shot from the pocket beneath some washed-out willow roots and raced downstream into the shallow water at the very lip. There was a splash and swirl, just above the break into the next riffle. Then the wake, moving slowly now, came back upstream to the cover it had left.

This could mean only one thing. A trout—and a good one, too, judging from his wake—had caught a minnow at the foot of the pool. My tiredness was forgotten. I quickly replaced my nymph with a No. 8 marabou streamer. I maneuvered into a spot, tight against my shore and straight across from the washed-out roots, from which I could work my streamer under them. Luckily, I made a good cast. The fly touched the water right against the bank and two yards upstream from the pocket. I let it sink as it drifted, holding the rod low and pointed quartering downstream. This would hasten the line's forming a belly in the water, and I wanted the current to be pulling on it, making the fly swim naturally, when it came into the trout's range of vision.

When I decided that the streamer was at the edge of the pocket, I began to gather line slowly in my left hand. This would speed the fly slightly and give it more action. It would gradually move faster and faster as the line tightened until it finally swung around below. It would, I hoped, resemble the minnow closely enough so the trout would follow and take it, too. I held my breath as it passed the pocket.

SURE enough. He was coming! The wake came out, just as before. The current, tugging against the deeply bellied line, moved the fly with ever-increasing speed. Was it going too fast? I quit pulling and instead only worked the fly a little by holding the line firmly and moving my hand back and forth. I could slow it, of course, by feeding slack, but I was afraid that might make the trout suspicious.

Finally, just at the lip of the pool, in almost exactly the spot where he had

caught the minnow seconds before, there was a splash and swirl. I felt a solid strike. There was no need to set the hook. He was hooked. I raised the tip.

My trout shot from the water when he felt the steel and tore away into the riffle below. I was exultant. I splashed after him. The long drive, the weariness, the hours of disappointment were forgotten. He was a great fish, the first trout of the year.

Eventually, I landed him. He was a brown, thirteen inches long. He wasn't so big, really, but he was one of the wildest, gamest trout that I have ever caught. He must have jumped five or six times as he raced away downstream, helped, of course, by the swift water, but making my reel sing beautifully, just the same. Furthermore, he had given me a clue. I'd seen him catch a minnow and I had, in turn, caught him on a fly that imitated one. This day, which had started so slowly, might yet be a great success. If other trout were taking minnows. . . . .

The other trout, I subsequently discovered, were. It was a wonderful day. I think every trout that saw the marabou streamer hit it. And there's a funny thing about trout: On nearly all streams, if you can once discover what one of them is taking, you immediately know what all the others will take, too. In this case, if I had been using spinning tackle a small, light spoon (because of the shallow water) probably would have worked as well. If not, a little plug or small spinner might have turned the trick. If I had been using bait, on the other hand, small minnows would have been ideal.

Ordinarily, trout don't feed heavily on minnows so early in the season. A worm usually is a better bait until the water begins to warm a little and the tiny fish become more active. On small streams, I like to fish a worm on fly tackle, using the same rod, line, reel and leaders that I would with flies, and hooking a garden worm lightly in two  
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Dan Holland hooked this barracuda with a plug.

This salt water demon  
works hard to maintain  
his bad name—Get  
him on plug-rod tackle  
and he rates with the best

By DAN HOLLAND

THE BARRACUDA is as notorious as any game fish, although he made his name in a style strictly his own. It wasn't on his ability to perform on the end of a nylon line that he gained his reputation, but rather on a sour disposition, a cold eye, and a hungry look. Nothing disconcerts man quite like being confronted by a creature of the wild, whether it is a rattlesnake or merely a belligerent bumblebee, which fails to beat a hasty retreat on sight. The human has been top dog so long that he expects all other animals to exhibit the deference due his position; so when anything, even a lanky, slabsided fish, fails to show the proper respect, such a creature assumes awesome proportions. The barracuda, which occasionally has had the effrontery to be the attacker instead of the attacked, has become the villain in many a grisly, man-eating tale. Consequently, his reputation has preceded him. He was famous long before there was any such thing as nylon line, or even before there was such a thing as salt-water sport fishing.

But I'm not concerned with his bad name. Long overlooked is the fact that he deserves a reputation entirely aside from this macabre one. Salt-water anglers looking for a new thrill will find more than enough excitement in this fish. He is a hard-hitting, powerful-running, high-stepping game fish. There are few in the ocean his weight that outperform him. And he is plentiful. Still, it requires a little know-how to get the most out of him.

To start with, the surest and easiest way to catch barracuda is by trolling with Gulf Stream tackle. A characteristic of barracuda is to follow or tail a lure for

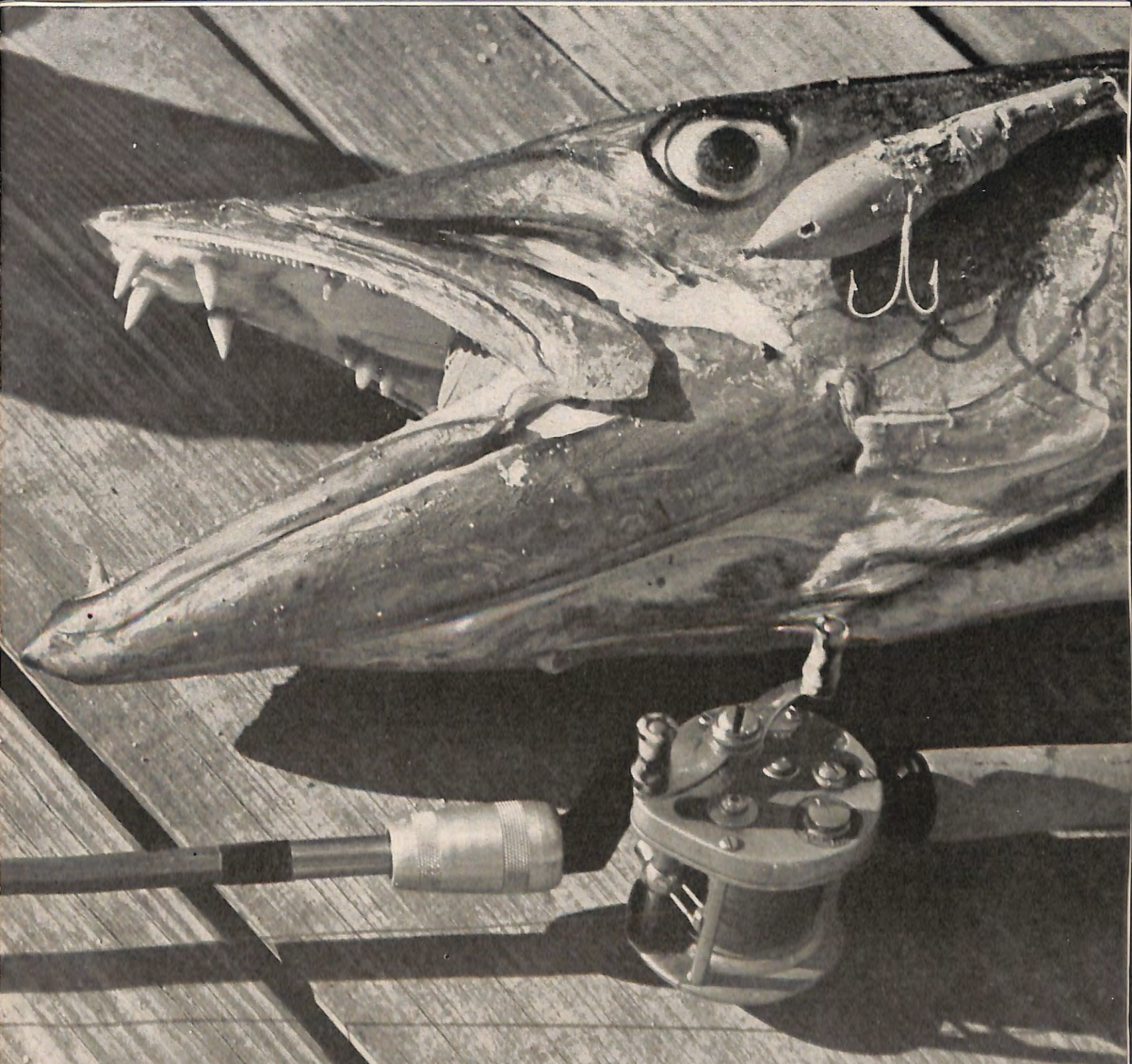
a considerable distance before deciding to hit. A trolled lure, preferably a silver spoon, gives him unlimited opportunity to hound-dog it until satisfied it is either something to eat or leave alone. Also, the type tackle used in such trolling, a stout rod and a slip-drag reel, gives the fisherman, with or without experience, the best chance of boating a big barracuda.

To offset the effectiveness of it, there is a disadvantage to trolling. The barracuda, for all his looks and length, is a light fish. It takes a mighty big and ugly one to weigh 30 pounds. When hit by a fast-moving lure and dragged by a powerful skiff, he simply can't show off to advantage. Also, a handicap to trolling, there are a lot of fine barracuda in the shallows and along reefs, jetties and the like out of the effective range of a trolled lure.

Any underwater structure, such as pilings, an old wreck or the base of a lighthouse, collects barracuda. In clear water it is a simple matter to spot them, especially with polarized lenses. They rest absolutely motionless, so much so that at first glance they appear to be part of the structure itself. Where there is a current, they all head into it, of course, but otherwise they lie at odd angles with no apparent relation to one another, like so much collected driftwood. Although they are a silvery blue-green in color in the air, they have a characteristic brownish cast underwater which makes them easy to identify.

Anyone who knows how to use live bait should do all right in such places, but the bait must be alive. Like many game fish, the barracuda (*Continued on page 49*)

# BARRACUDA—



**High-Stepping Game Fish**

# One Hundred



Shown at a banquet given by Livingston, N.J., Lodge for the Grand Exalted Ruler on Nov. 24 are (from left) James Reid, Secy. William P. Schilling, Edward Schott, Fred Lopardo, Fred Ambiello, Vernon Wisdom, Henrik Kathenes, (Mr. Blackledge), Livingston's Mayor Arthur N. Skeels, Exalted Ruler Clark DeVore, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Hans Jensen, Past Exalted Rulers George Dorchak, William McChesney and T. Clyde Riley, House Chairman John Callahan, State Pres. Vernet Hicks and District Deputy Robert Hale.



**B**EFORE the Grand Exalted Ruler had reached the halfway mark in his term of office, he had traveled nearly 100,000 miles to visit lodges throughout the country. The energy needed to fulfill this office is evident from the fact that his itinerary had covered 35 states at this point. During a three-day tour of Pennsylvania (as reported in the March issue) Mr. Blackledge addressed five lodges in different cities. Typical was his Nov. 18 visit to Hazleton Lodge, where he was able to congratulate local Elks on the completion of their new home. Present with Mr. Blackledge for luncheon at this lodge were Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Barney W. Wentz, Former Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman H. Earl Pitzer, State Pres. John S. Buchanan, State Vice Pres. Harry Schugart, Past Exalted Ruler Daniel T. McKelvey (who was luncheon chairman) and Exalted Ruler William J. McNelis. Toastmaster was Brother George I. Puhak. Mr. Blackledge was presented with the key to the city by Hazleton's Mayor S. Thomas Capparell, a member of the lodge.

Having visited lodges in some seven states during November, Mr. Blackledge began just as brisk a schedule for the month of December.

**OKLAHOMA**—On his arrival in Oklahoma City, December 14, Mr. Blackledge was met by a delegation of Elks, headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and Mrs. James, and Exalted Ruler Col. Joe L. Neyer. Mr. Blackledge was the guest of Oklahoma City Elks for a luncheon that day at the Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. In attendance at the luncheon were State President Bert Wysor and District Deputies Harold Cheney, Taylor Ramsey, Russell Babb and L. A. Wood, who also accompanied the Grand Exalted Ruler to Duncan, Okla., Lodge that evening.

At Duncan, Mr. Blackledge dedicated the new Elks Country Club, a spacious and very modern building described as the first of its architectural type in this country. In his dedication address, Mr. Blackledge referred to the building and grounds as "Elkdom being presented at its best." More important than the dedication of the building, he said, is the dedication of Elks, themselves, to all

In the winner's circle at Santa Anita Park, Dec. 31, while on a visit to Pasadena, Calif., Lodge, are (left to right) Mrs. Blackledge, ER Wayne C. Cole, State Pres. John A. Raffetto, (the Grand Exalted Ruler), track personnel and the winner of the fifth race, Royal Academy, with the famed Eddie Arcaro up.



# Thousand Miles

of the things which made the building possible. Present at this dedication and at a banquet held by Duncan Elks that evening were officers of 33 lodges throughout the state, attending the affair with their wives. Guests were welcomed by Exalted Ruler Paul Hunnicutt, acting as host for the affair. While at Duncan, Mr. Blackledge was interviewed over radio station KRHD for the benefit of Oklahoma listeners.

**SOUTHERN VISITS**—The next day, December 15, the Grand Exalted Ruler was honored guest at a luncheon given by Texarkana, Ark., Lodge. Exalted Ruler Vindle Swafford  
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About to raise the first flag on a new flag pole, just erected at Casa Grande Valley, Ariz., Lodge, Mr. Blackledge grips the halyard as Elk dignitaries watch, on Jan. 4. From left to right are State Pres. John D. Frakes, Assn. Hospital Executive Committeeman Mulford Winsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, District Deputy Elman W. Pace, (the Grand Exalted Ruler), Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely and PER Howard H. Karman.



Welcoming the Grand Exalted Ruler to Pueblo, Colo., Lodge on Jan. 8 are (from left) Exalted Ruler Ed J. Trontel, Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Campbell F. Rice and Past Grand Lecturing Knight A. L. Allen—who took charge of preparations for the visit.



Before luncheon at Colorado Springs, Colo., Lodge on Jan. 9, Mr. Blackledge is shown as he confers with (left to right) Exalted Ruler A. W. Matthews, Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Campbell F. Rice, District Deputy J. Arthur Drehle and State President Byron Anderson. Following the luncheon, Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge headed home to Kearney, Nebr., for a short stay before making further lodge visits.



Engrossed in a discussion of Elksdom's progress during a visit to El Paso, Texas, Lodge on Jan. 5, the Grand Exalted Ruler is shown with New Mexico Southern District Deputy Glenn F. Panlener (center) and W. J. B. Frazier (right), President of the Texas State Elks Assn.



Smiles of pleasure at the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Tucson, Ariz., Lodge, Jan. 4, are in evidence at this gathering of (left to right) PER Santry G. Fuller, DD Elman W. Pace, Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely, Exalted Ruler Roger W. Beaudry, Bruce Wilson, (Mr. Blackledge), Eric Bollman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Blaine Moke, State Pres. John D. Frakes and former Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman John B. Morey.



Cutting the tape to mark the official opening of the new Elks Country Club of Duncan, Okla., Lodge on Dec. 14 are (from left to right) Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, Exalted Ruler Paul Hunnicutt, (Mr. Blackledge), and Past Exalted Ruler Jerome C. Sullivan.



This welcoming committee, which greeted Mr. Blackledge at the airport when he visited Oklahoma City, includes (from left to right) District Deputy Taylor Ramsey, Exalted Ruler Colonel Joe L. Neyer, District Deputy L. A. Wood, (Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge), Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, State President Bert Wysor, District Deputy Russell Babb and District Deputy Harold D. Cheney.



When Mr. Blackledge visited St. Louis Lodge, he was presented the key to the city by Mayor R. R. Tucker, a Elk. Pictured, from left, are PDD R. J. Bellach; Clayton, Mo., ER V. A. Esphorst; (Mayor Tucker and Mr. Blackledge); St. Louis ER W. R. Kublin, and PER Judge D. B. Tammany.

directed the proceedings; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and Oklahoma Elks President Bert Wysor accompanied Mr. Blackledge on this visit and also on a visit to Shreveport, La., Lodge the following day, December 16.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was welcomed to Shreveport and given the key to the city by Mayor John M. Ford, Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge. Leading Knight Roland J. Achee was in charge of a banquet for Mr. Blackledge, held that evening and attended by some 200 persons. While at Shreveport, Mr. Blackledge visited nearby Barksdale Air Force Base, where he had the opportunity of inspecting a B-47 jet bomber, and was a guest of the Officers at the Strategic Air Command Base for luncheon.

Mr. Blackledge then went to Vicksburg, Miss., for an unscheduled luncheon visit with Past State President Percy Coleman, Exalted Ruler Joe Canizaro and other local Elks on December 17; and that evening he wound up the day's travels with a trip to Jackson, Miss., Lodge No. 416.

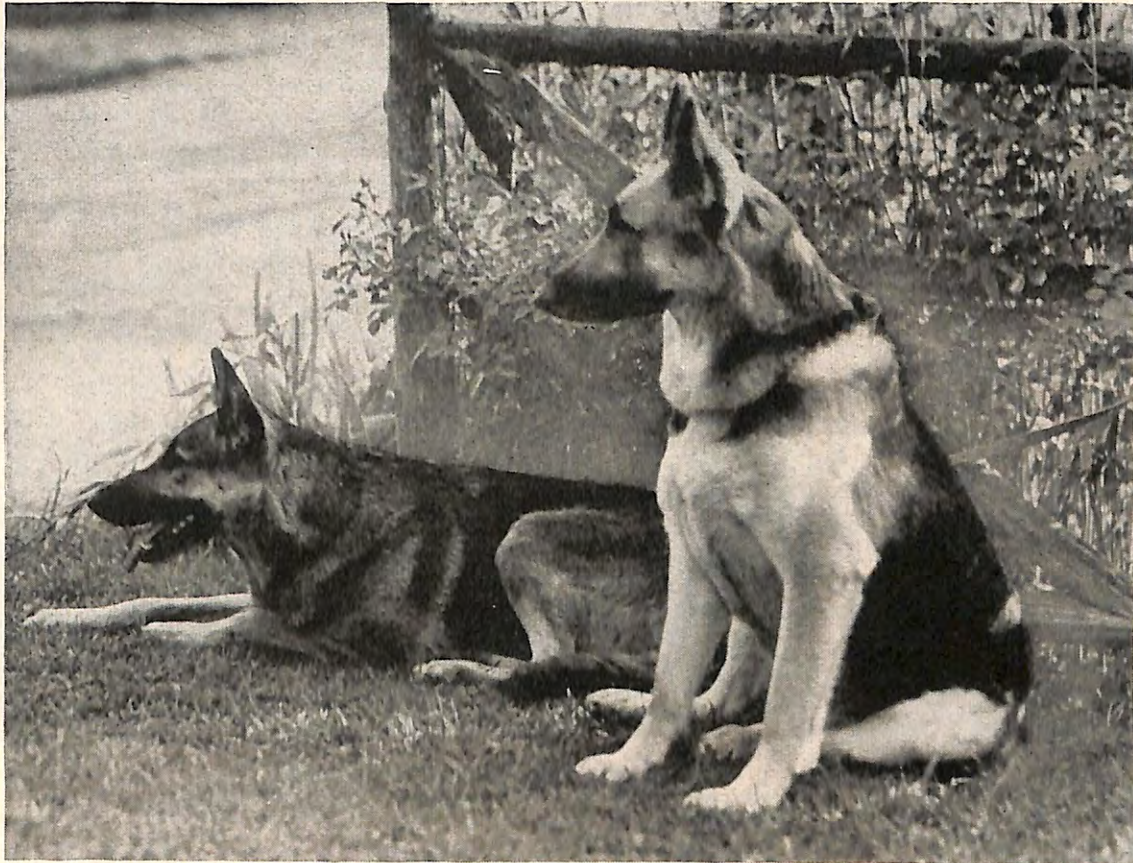
**PASADENA**—In the course of his visit to Pasadena, Calif., Lodge, Mr. Blackledge attended the races at Santa Anita Park on Dec. 31, accompanied by a (Continued on page 47)



A testimonial dinner for the Grand Exalted Ruler, given by Lancaster, Pa., Lodge on November 17, was attended by 450 Elks, including (from left to right) District Deputy Robert T. Pitzer, South Central District President Richard H. Dell, (the Grand Exalted Ruler), Exalted Ruler John H. Peifer, Jr., Robert J. Grunder, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Lancaster Mayor Kendig C. Bare and State President John Buchanan.



About to attend a cocktail party and banquet at Durham, N.C., Lodge on Nov. 23 are (from left to right) Exalted Ruler Walter O. King, District Deputy Jack C. Woodall, (Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge), Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and State President Norman Gold.



PHILIP GENDREAU

## **Comeback Trail—THE GERMAN SHEPHERD**

**By Ed Faust**

**F**OR A MOMENT you thought of warm summer nights back home when you sat on the porch and watched the sheet-lightning flicker on the horizon and heard the rumble of thunder preceding a storm. But those flashes you saw and the rumble you heard came from a long line of guns laying down a nightly barrage. The time: almost any time after the armies of World War I had dug into their trenches. Suddenly silhouetted against the bursts of light you saw a dog leaping over shell holes, zig-zagging its way across that grim area between hostile lines that was called No Man's Land. The dog—a German shepherd, one of the first breeds to be used in modern warfare.

Few if any breeds have received such wide recognition as the shepherd during and following that period. These dogs were first used by German troops. The armies of the Allies, other than the United States, quickly followed by training dogs for war use, to serve as messengers, for rescue and guard duties. Breeds other than the German shepherd were also employed by both the Germans and the Allies; but the shepherd

attracted the most attention, due not only to its being among the first to be used for war, and its remarkable abilities, but perhaps, too, the fact of its wolf-like appearance and the many fanciful stories that it inspired. As mentioned, other breeds were also used and these included the collie, the Doberman Pinscher, the Great Dane and almost any dog that had sufficient size and was steady and courageous under gun-fire. Yes, even the lowly and often lovable dog of no particular breed. But the shepherd was the glamour boy, and when it became widely known that he was also used effectively by police, that fixed his position with the public. During and immediately after that war to end all wars was fought, it seemed that everybody who wanted a dog wanted a German shepherd.

Among those seriously interested in dogs, it was a foregone conclusion that our German shepherd was headed for oblivion or something close to it. Whenever a breed becomes too popular, the less scrupulous or the more wily among the breeders seek to cash in and will breed from any kind of stock, regardless

of the physical and mental soundness of the parents. Result—the market becomes flooded with inferior specimens, and this marks the beginning of a decline in public favor. For a while this situation threatened the shepherd, and was more than a threat; it became a fact. But as the popularity of the breed declined, so did the number of get-rich-quick breeders. Today, these fine dogs are in the hands of breeders who are genuinely fond of them and sincerely seek to improve the breed.

In this country the official name is German shepherd, but in England the dog is called an Alsatian, or in the recent past, Alsatian wolf dog. Incidentally, nine out of ten people (or is my estimate too low?) on seeing one of these dogs, will immediately label it "Police dog." You see how the glamour clings to the dog. Just because his intelligence and courage fit him for assisting police, in the eyes of the public he's a "copper" and not a German shepherd. How we cherish our misconceptions!

Now the German shepherd is no relation to the English or American shepherd  
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By HORACE SUTTON



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ONE can scarcely be ashore in Puerto Rico more than a moment or two before one's possessions are increased without charge by a great straw hat with upturned brim and frazzly ends, by a free beaker of rum, and by a booklet entitled *Que Pasa en Puerto Rico, U.S.A.*—literally, "What Gives in Puerto Rico."

*Que Pasa en Puerto Rico* is a small-sized boom, a boom in tourists, and a boom in immigrants in reverse. Visitors are flocking to the hotels, and State-siders, called Continentals down here, are coming down to establish residence. The attraction in both cases is climate, which even in such a mercurial winter as the past one, manages to hold its own with the best of tropical islands.

It is difficult to tell which came first, the hotels or the people. Probably it was the hotels. First came the Caribe Hilton, a giant modern skyscraping shaft. It went up at the edge of the water, alongside an ancient fort, in an unused palm grove just eight years ago. It was a hit from the beginning, and the Island took pride from it. For one thing, the design was local. Every inch was air-conditioned and every room was appended with a balcony. A swimming pool had to be blasted out of rock and a beach had to be

manufactured. Tennis courts went in behind the sand strip. Cabanas were installed in a shallow half moon. Gambling opened in a casino on the mezzanine. A soda fountain went in right by the sea. A bar was built, complete with sunken bartenders and deep lounging chairs. Things got so good that the Condado Beach Hotel across town revamped its quarters. After all, it had been there first. It could now offer air-conditioning, a pool, and a beach too. What is more, it made a specialty of Puerto Rican dishes such as green banana pie stuffed with meat and wrapped in a banana leaf; local lobster with local palm hearts served with lettuce, pimentos, a boiled egg and sauce vinaigrette.

And still the guests hammered on the doors, so this fall two new buildings opened. The first was the 100-room garden wing of the Caribe Hilton, an addition to the hotel that sparked the Renaissance. It is one of the most beautiful hotels in the entire Caribbean, every room finished with gleaming tile floors, modern in decor, with ceiling-high trees growing in pots, and one whole wall sliding open for "California living." The second new hotel is the El San Juan, a giant 368-room bulwark not ten minutes



DRAWING BY THOMAS SGOUROS

from the airport, which has been built by Pan American Airways as another in its link of Intercontinental Hotels. Puerto Rican and North American or "Continental" shareholders subscribed almost seven millions in this, the largest hotel on the island. It is complete with convention facilities, a casino and nightclub, a beach and a pool. Coming this summer is La Concha, a Texas-run venture of local design. Coming next winter is the latest Rockefeller resort entry, Dorado, a 72-room cottage colony adjoining a spectacular new golf course. The links are ready and playable.

Also playable are the horses at the new El Comandante Race Track, a huge endeavor that took two years to build and cost four and half million. Off-track betting is allowed, but the slips are scooped up and deposited in center field by a helicopter before each race. Well, that's one way.

On Sundays in the nearby suburbs, there is cockfighting, a sport that involves an immense amount of shouting and gesticulating, and requires, for Continentals, at least, a strong stomach. Be prepared to avoid chicken dinners for months afterward.

As for straightaway sightseeing, there is, of course, El Morro—a fortress begun in 1539, and well enough along by 1586 to install a garrison. Things don't go so fast in the tropics. Anyway, the place was attacked by English, Dutch and French, not to mention the Americans whose shell marks remain to this day. When World War I was declared, a Ger-

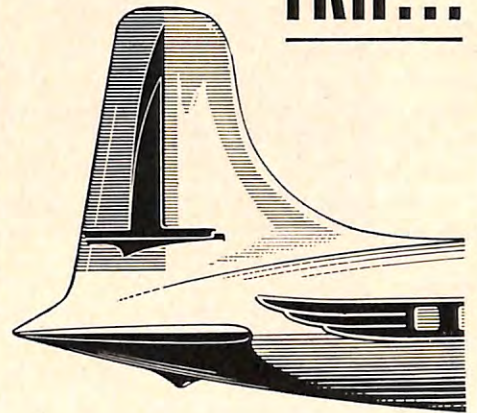
man ship was caught in San Juan harbor. It tried to make a run for it, but one shot from an ancient cannon held it fast. The cannon, however, rolled off the ramparts and disappeared. El Morro is also one of the few forts around which has a built-in golf course. It is used mostly by Army duffers, who consider the defensive devices of the establishment to be sporty bunkers.

With all the new building and the new blood in San Juan, it is difficult to realize that it has indeed, by American standards, an ancient history. A long-range program to preserve parts of old San Juan has recently been started. On Cristo Street, electric wire and telephone cable will be put underground, and replicas of lamp posts used during the Spanish Colonial period will light the way. Property owners in historic areas will be enjoined from altering the facades without approval from the planning board. All this will cost half a million pesos, which is half a million dollars no matter how you slice it.

At the end of Cristo Street is a small chapel called Santa Cristo de la Salud, which is opened on Good Friday and on the Feast of the Transfiguration. It was built in 1753. In those days, the sportier types of San Juan used to race their horses through the narrow city streets, and one race day a jockey named Baltasar Montanez egged his nag around the curve at the very edge of the cliff where the chapel stands now. The horse thought it was a straightaway and off

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# Observe The Opportunity

APRIL is a most significant month in every Lodge of Elks, for it is in this month that the new officers of each Lodge are installed. The Exalted Ruler of 1957-58 steps aside—his record is made—and the newly-elected Exalted Ruler takes over, with his record now just beginning. It is a period of unusual importance for both. The importance to the incoming Exalted Ruler is readily apparent, but too frequently the corresponding challenge to the retiring Exalted Ruler is overlooked, by others and by him.

Early in my year as Grand Exalted Ruler, I adopted the Biblical admonition "Observe the Opportunity" as our guide for the advancement of my program for the year. It applies with equal force to the retiring Exalted Ruler.

The new Exalted Ruler is imbued with understandable enthusiasm, aware of the honor that is now his, eager to write a record that will reflect credit upon himself, his Lodge and the Order of Elks. His problem will be to maintain, for the full twelve months, the same enthusiasm and dedication. I suggest that each Exalted Ruler select his appointive officers and committees with the greatest care, not as a popularity reward, but as a result of diligent search for the latent talent that exists in every Lodge; then to create a closely-knit liaison among all officers and committees; then chart

the objectives, observe the opportunity for action and accomplishment, start in now to give it your very best, and stick to it! I look forward to seeing each of you at the Grand Lodge Sessions which will be held in New York City in July.

But what about the retiring Exalted Ruler? After years of activity, climaxed by his year in the top position of his Lodge, he suddenly finds himself on the side-lines, with no title, no responsibility; it is frequently the occasion for an adverse reaction. I have seen, regretfully, so much good material drop by the wayside at this critical point. But this, too, is a most opportune time to observe the opportunity.

No small part of the success of the Order of Elks has been due to the dedicated service given, on national, state and local levels, by the men receiving the highest honors, but given AFTER the temporary periods of holding office. No better example can be given than the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, but it is demonstrated also by the Past Presidents of the State Associations and Past Exalted Rulers.

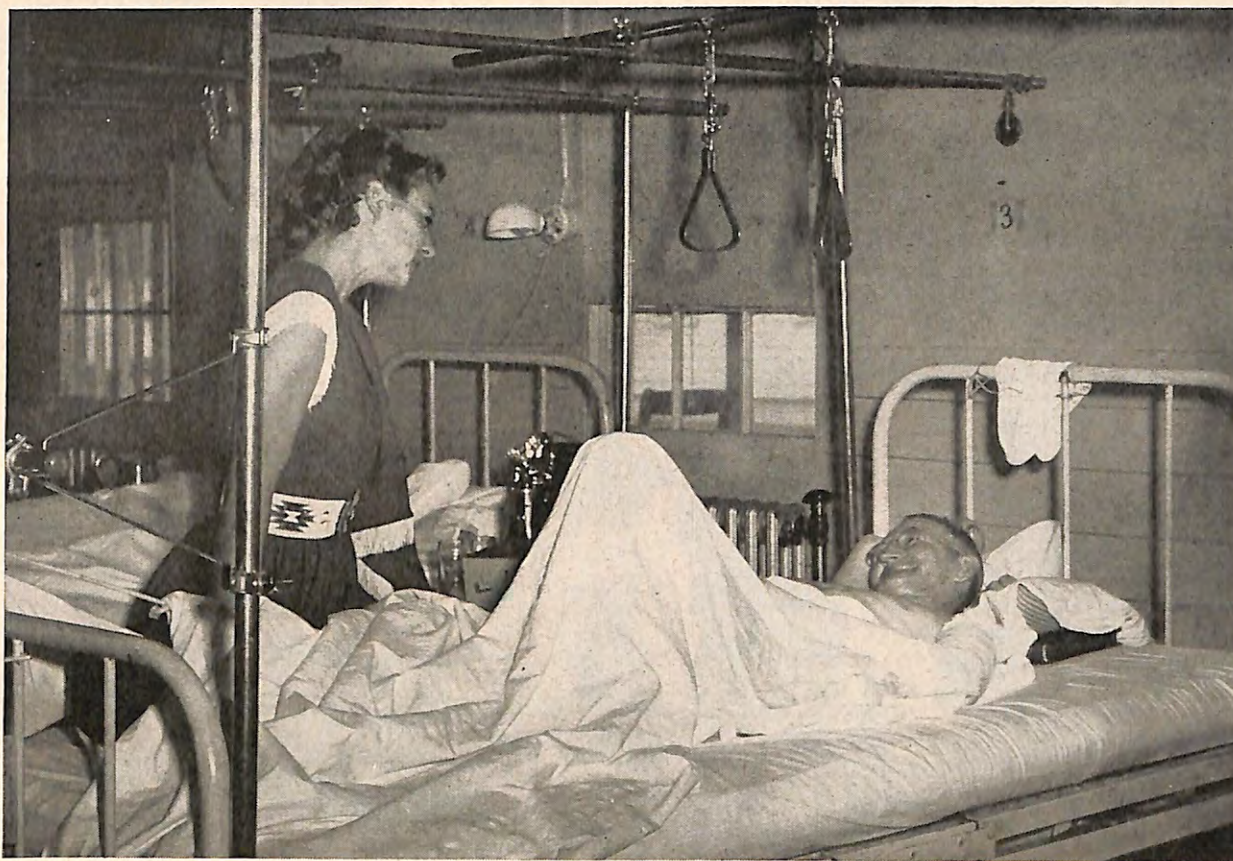
Every Lodge needs the guidance of its Past Exalted Rulers, and I know from experience that every retiring Exalted Ruler needs the continued, intimate association with his Lodge.

Observe the Opportunity—and make the most of it.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. L. Blackledge". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

H. L. BLACKLEDGE  
GRAND EXALTED RULER



A visit from an Elk volunteer is of great value to the morale of the long-term patient

## **Solving the Problems of Long-Term VA Patients**

THE VETERAN who is confined to a hospital for any considerable length of time has a difficult problem. Idleness, apathy, stagnation and even deterioration can result in loss of his dignity, hope and self-respect. Patients who have been in a hospital for a long time can easily develop strong feelings of rejection by society and their families.

Elks are currently working with VA officials in planning a program for long-term patients which is designed to combat these insidious situations.

The program is aimed primarily at providing for the patient's needs after every effort has been made to cure the disease, eliminate the disability and return the patient to his home community. Continuing medical care is part of the program, but emphasis is placed on further attempts to return the patient to his home, or for living with as much independence as possible within the hospital.

While long-term patients have always received care and treatment in VA hos-

pitals, the problem of meeting their needs has become much more critical in recent years because of the appreciable increase in the number of patients having chronic disabilities.

On March 1st, 1958, patients in all VA hospitals totaled 116,965. Of these, approximately 63% have been hospitalized for more than three months; 47% for more than one year; approximately 32% for more than five years; approximately 20% for more than ten years, and 8½% for more than 20 years.

Elks and other volunteers bring to long-term patients many rehabilitative benefits, both tangible and intangible, which are not available from any other source. They supply the assistance that restores hope, morale, dignity, interest in self and others, satisfaction and a feeling of well-being and being wanted.

VA hospital officials tell us that many chronically ill patients have no relatives or anyone else to visit them. To them Elks and others are a contact with the

outside world and an expression of community interest. The personal interest and encouragement often have more influence with the patient than does the staff in trying to stimulate new activities. They bring a bit of "home and family" to the patients.

The final step in the patient's rehabilitation is, of course, his discharge from the hospital. The task of integrating back into society those veteran patients whose lives have been extended is not the sole responsibility of medicine. It is in a large measure the responsibility of the community, and Elks lodges everywhere will be called upon to assume some of this responsibility for assuring a satisfactory readjustment of veteran patients following discharge. After all, the veteran who was hailed as a hero when he took up arms in the defense of our home and loved ones should be entitled to some measure of gratitude from those for whom he made the sacrifice when he was in the bloom of health.



Scenes like this one, photographed at Binghamton, N. Y., Lodge, were repeated all over Elkdom during the Holiday season.

## **ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS**

# *Mr. Elk Plays Mr. Claus*

**I**N SPITE of the fact that no awards were offered for the 1957 Elks Christmas Charity programs, nearly 1,600 lodges reported on their Holiday projects to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. Thus, from this evidence it is obvious that the true Elk really practices charity without desire for reward.

Not only was this response to the Committee's invitation greater than in any other year, the increase in the total number of families assisted, the number of children who benefited and the amount spent on this benevolence far exceeded expectations and should make every member of the Order extremely proud.

By the time the Committee had made its final report on Christmas, 1956, to the Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco last July its final figure on families assisted was 45,000; the number of children aided was given as 300,000 with a total of \$750,000 expended by the lodges for this purpose. At the time this story was written, the 1957-58 Committee had the figure of 76,363 families and 459,357

children aided by the lodges, to ring up a merry total of \$1,048,757 spent for this purpose. Another sharp increase appeared in the number of lodges participating this year which do not sponsor such programs as a regular activity. It would therefore be safe to assume that by the time the final statistics are available for presentation at the 1958 Grand Lodge Convention there will be an even greater increase in every phase of this work.

As in other years, Elk generosity was placed where each lodge saw fit, to better provide the greatest benefit to his community where the greatest need was found—some emphasized the very old, others placed the accent on assistance to institutions, but the majority took care of all needy families, with special interest on the children. In this regard, not only were the children provided with the welcome toys and entertainment that mean Christmastime gaiety to the very young, but with clothing and shoes as well.

Ninety-one lodges took special time to present a complete narrative picture of

their activities to the Committee and those lodges which demonstrated particular enthusiasm in this regard were Binghamton, N. Y., San Antonio, Texas, Rocky Mount, N. C., Connersville, Ind., El Paso, Texas, and Lansing, Mich. Because it was so typical, and the best of those offered for reproduction, we selected as the illustration to this report a photograph from Binghamton, N. Y., Lodge where, as in so many other places, an Elk took Santa's place.

A dozen branches of the Order allocated over \$5,000 each to their Yuletide Charities. Of this group, Salt Lake City, Utah, was tops with \$15,560 and Newark, N. J., Lodge followed with a \$14,520 tab. The other ten lodges are Albany, N. Y., Atlantic City, N. J., Bellaire, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., (No. 4), Glendale, Calif., Huntington Park, Calif., Hutchinson, Kans., Los Angeles, Calif., Nashville, Tenn., and Queens Borough, N. Y.

But whether the sum spent was \$50 or \$5,000, the spirit of Christmas was warmer and happier in every community when Elkdom opened its heart.



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for your lodge as well as for its activities.

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## Minot Elks Aid Mentally Retarded

Continued operation of the Minot, N. D., School for Mentally Retarded Children became a certainty with the decision of Minot Lodge No. 1089 to sponsor the institution. Exalted Ruler R. K. Olson offered tangible proof of this when he presented a \$2,500 check to the Rev. R. A. Peterson, educational consultant for the Minot Assn. for the Handicapped. Last May the school was set up on a temporary basis under Elk sponsorship for a three-month term; the Elks will now handle the finances to provide three semesters a year for children between seven and 14 years of age. There is the possibility that a vocational phase of instruction may be scheduled in addition to this specialized training whose purpose is to help mentally handicapped youngsters to become socially adjusted, more self-supporting and responsible citizens.

On a state-wide basis, North Dakota Elklodm has voted the adoption of the "Piggy Bank Savings for Crippled Children", patterned after the California Elks Association's famous Purple Piggy Banks which do so much to support its Major Project. Plans call for a North Dakota Elks Piggy Bank Committee composed of the Chairman of each local lodge group. The proceeds will help finance the Association's Crippled Children's Camp Grassick.

**NEW LODGES FOR NEW YORK.** Elklodm in the Empire State has been expanded by the institution of two new lodges—Irondequoit No. 2054 which was sponsored by Rochester Lodge No. 24 and Monticello No. 1544 which came into being under the auspices of Middletown Lodge No. 1097.

Both ceremonies were conducted by Chairman James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee who



Lloyd Maxwell of Marshalltown, Iowa, a former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, right, is pictured with W. I. Drysdale at St. Augustine, Fla., Lodge, when Mr. Maxwell visited that lodge on P.E.R.'s Night. Mr. Drysdale is Chairman of St. Augustine's 400th Anniversary Committee which is planning a celebration of national significance for 1965 observing the city as the oldest permanent settlement of European origin now existing in the United States. Mr. Maxwell delivered an inspirational address, sharing the dais with P.E.R. Harold Colee, former Grand Lodge Committeeman and a 60-year member of the Order who has missed only three Grand Lodge sessions in 48 years.



is also Chairman of the N. Y. State Assn.'s New Lodges Committee. Assisting him at Irondequoit was Past District Deputy Theodore R. Beales and former State Presidents from the West Central District. At Monticello, participating officials included Past State President Wm. F. Edelmuth and leaders of Middletown Lodge whose officers, headed by Exalted Ruler Donald Beakes, initiated its Charter Member Class of 297.

Exalted Ruler Dr. R. B. Nash and the Degree Team of Newark Lodge initiated Irondequoit's 135 Charter Members who elected Robert E. Green, Jr., as their first Exalted Ruler. Mr. Green and his panel of officers were installed by officers of the District with District Deputy William L. Crowley in charge. Speakers included State President Frank H. McBride, State Vice-President Laverne Starkweather, Past State President George Swallbach and Mr. Crowley.

Monticello's officers, with H. Louis Kolodny serving as Exalted Ruler, were installed by the officers of Ellenville Lodge. Mr. McBride was on hand to address those in attendance at the Monticello program, too, sharing the dais with Mr. Gunn, Mr. Edelmuth, District Deputy Abe Smith, State Vice-President Robert Smith and former State Vice-President Edward Turchen.

**WEATHER NO DETERRENT.** Braving zero weather, over 600 persons, representing 50 Illinois lodges, attended the Mid-winter Meeting of the State Association in Mattoon February 7th, 8th and 9th. The main business session, committee conferences and various social events filled the agenda, with the Association's Crippled Children's Commission conferring with Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Dr. N. H. Feder, as Chairman of the temporary committee for the Association's cerebral palsy project. It was decided that the committee is to draw up a feasible plan of operation for presentation to the delegates at the Annual Convention of the State group next month.

Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. H. L. Blackledge and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson were among the dignitaries present at this conclave. President Eugene W. Schnierle presided at the business session, attended by almost all officers and committee chairmen. With the exception of the lapsation problem, the importance of which was stressed by the Grand Exalted Ruler in his address, reports



James A. Farley, former Postmaster General and Past President of the New York Elks Association, records a message of congratulation on the tape-recorder given to Past State President Frank D. O'Connor, Queens County District Attorney, at the program held by Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge to celebrate Mr. O'Connor's reappointment to the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee. Left to right are State Industrial Commissioner P.E.R. James G. Sweeney, P.D.D. and Program Committee Chairman Walton S. Gagel, Mr. O'Connor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Justice of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court, Mr. Farley and host Exalted Ruler James E. Gowdy.

were most encouraging, and Fairfield, Herrin and Mount Vernon Lodges were cited for having no delinquencies among their memberships. The splendid youth work of the State's lodges was discussed, with emphasis on the observance of Elks National Youth Day.

Other important programs which received careful attention at this meeting included Veterans Service, the National Foundation, ritualistic work and the Association's fine publication, the Newsette.

**THE EYES HAVE IT IN OREGON.** Delegates and visiting dignitaries attending the cold-weather meeting of the Oregon State Elks Association at Grants Pass focused their attention

on the outstanding eye clinic program which has been the organization's top interest since 1949.

Committee Chairman H. M. Randall's report for 1957 showed that the clinic, which gives free service to needy Oregon children with eye troubles, had added 845 new cases during the year, had given 2,020 treatments to patients already on the list, and had taken care of 96 major surgical cases. This brings the total number of patients cared for since the program's inception to 6,100.

Special guests of the Association included Past Grand Exalted Rulers Judge Frank J. Lonergan and L. A. Lewis, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely.

**ANDERSON LODGE TOPS IN RITUAL.** In reporting on the Semi-Annual Convention of the South Carolina Elks Association in Florence, State Secretary James E. Parker called it one of the best in many years. With over 300 Elks and their ladies in attendance, the two-day program included a business meeting at which committee reports revealed fine progress in South Carolina Elkdom and the annual Ritualistic Contest in which Anderson Lodge officials topped those from Rock Hill lodge who were 1957's National Champions. Sumter's entry took third place in this competition.

Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt of Atlanta was the featured speaker at this meeting when the Scholarship Committee reported that eight awards would be made this summer—a \$500 Elks National Foundation award and seven \$400 State Association scholarships. Committees on Youth Leadership and Elks National Foundation work also reported.

On the social side, a buffet supper and dance were enjoyed by all the visitors, with the ladies given the specialized entertainment of a fashion show and luncheon.



Flint, Mich., Lodge entertained 250 Old Timers at its annual dinner recently when 31 members of the class of 1933 became 25-year-men and Old Timers, and six received Life Memberships. Here, E.R. Robert J. Dulude enjoys a conversation with, left to right, seated, Mayor George M. Algoe, who distributed the 25-year-membership pins; Tom Wrigley, who is this Magazine's Washington Correspondent and an Honorary Life Member of Elmira, N. Y., Lodge, and Charles S. Mott, civic leader and head of the Mott Foundation in Flint who was Mayor of that city when the lodge's present home was built in 1913. Mr. Wrigley's featured address was enthusiastically received.



A memorable event for Puyallup, Wash., Lodge was the reception honoring Grand Secretary L. A. Donaldson and other visiting Grand Lodge officials who enjoyed brunch as guests of Puyallup Elkdom on their way to Olympia Lodge. In the foreground, left to right, are Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely, Puyallup Lodge's first Exalted Ruler Dana T. Robinson, Grand Secretary Donaldson, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Emmett T. Anderson and L. A. Lewis and State Pres. Felix Rea. Standing are other officers of the lodge, as well as Mayor John Condon of Puyallup and Mayor Ronald C. Gosselin of Sumner, a P.E.R. of the host lodge, third and fourth from left, respectively.



When Rep. John J. Allen of Oakland, Calif., Lodge visited Panama with the Congressional representative group which held hearings on the Canal Zone, he was honored by Panama Canal Zone Lodge No. 1414 at a buffet supper. Pictured at that time were, left to right, D.D. Nathan W. Ashton, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Harold J. Zierden, Rep. Allen, Lt. Gov. Col. Hugh M. Arnold, host E.R. J. L. Dalton and Capt. Peter Grosz, Military Assistant to the Governor.



E.R. Norman Allen, right, presents to State Pres. Bert Wysor, Pauls Valley, Okla., Lodge's \$604 donation to the State Elks Youth Expansion Program. At left is Jack Kinnebrew, and third from left is D.D. Taylor D. Ramsey.



Among the dignitaries who were in attendance at the very successful California West Central District State President's Clinic at Hollister Lodge were, left to right, Secy. E. A. Weller of San Jose, State Assn. Secy. Edgar W. Dale of Richmond, Dist. Vice-Pres. H. K. Schipper, State Pres. John A. Raffetto, Jr., E.R. Ralph D. Gray of San Jose, Vice-Chairman Horace R. Wisely of the Board of Grand Trustees, E.R. Erwin M. J. Bork of Palo Alto, Est. Lead. Knight Dr. Otto E. Reed of San Jose, Inner Guard Russell D. Baker and Secy. F. L. Hood of Los Gatos and Chairman I. H. Lopizich of the State Assn.'s Americanism Committee.



## LODGE NOTES

George Secord, Charter Member of Kelso, Wash., Lodge, recently celebrated his 33rd anniversary as lodge Secretary. At that time, he gave as his greatest satisfaction the fact that Kelso Elkdom has grown strong enough to warrant its building a fine new home which is now going up on the Kelso golf course grounds.

When Benjamin F. Wiley retired as club cook and head waiter of Augusta, Ga., Lodge after 50 years of loyal and devoted service, the lodge he'd served held a special meeting in his honor. In addition to his social security, Mr. Wiley will receive \$50 a month for life. Mr. Wiley was 14 years old when the lodge first employed him, and is credited in a large part by many of its old-timers with holding the club together during depression days. Postmaster L. J. O'Connell was Chairman of the Committee which arranged the tribute.



Some of the officers of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Lodge, led by E.R. John F. Malley, Jr., third from left, foreground, pictured with the class they initiated a few months ago.

**CLARENCE A. AHNSTROM**, prominent in local, State and national Elkdom, a member of Muskegon, Mich., Lodge, No. 274, passed away January 29th, a victim of cancer. Although aware for nearly a year that his condition was possibly incurable, Mr. Ahnstrom, Secretary of his lodge for the past 20 years, continued his work until his condition forced his retirement last September. His term as Exalted Ruler in 1936 is still hailed as one of Muskegon Lodge's most successful. Not only was bonded indebtedness removed, but the largest number of initiates, 356, ever admitted to the lodge in one year were added to the rolls.

In 1942, Mr. Ahnstrom was appointed District Deputy. He was elected Vice-President-at-Large of the Michigan Elks Association in 1951, and the following year assumed the duties of the Presidency.

While his work was centered with the Elks lodge, he was a leading figure in the program of Pioneer School, now the West Michigan Center for Handicapped Children, and had served on its Board for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter, and by a brother and sister.

**A MICHIGAN PROJECT REPORT.** The satisfaction that comes from helping the helpless is piling up high with the Michigan Elks as their new program for Handicapped Children gets off to a rousing start. The first case, a little boy not yet four, was approved by the committee in October and the recommended treatment began immediately.

According to Hugh L. Hartley, Chairman of the Major Project Commission, the new program received a real boost that month when representatives of 11 lodges stepped to the platform during the Fall Convention in Bay City and presented checks totaling nearly \$3,350, to bring total contributions to \$27,881.99 since the project was adopted last June at the Grand Rapids Convention.

Recently a full-time director was hired to administer the program. He is Richard Marcus, a member of Owosso Lodge,

who is working with the 61 local Handicapped Children Committee Chairmen in preparation for this work which is growing daily.

Evidence of this fine effort appears in the photograph below, taken when Chairman Hartley, right, and F. L. Pattee, Chairman of Owosso Lodge's Handicapped Children Committee, gave little Carol Ann Borst her new, specially designed wheelchair. Owosso is one of the Michigan lodges which topped the 100 per-cent mark in contributions to the Association's newly adopted program.



Don Luce, General Chairman of the Committee which conducted Richmond, Calif., Lodge's very fine Youth Talent Exposition, congratulates Nancy Harrington on winning the first-place trophy in the art division. Her top entry is shown here.

Over 400 persons attended the dinner honoring Arthur J. Kelly as the West Haven, Conn., "Elk of the Year". For many years a leader in Elk activities, Mr. Kelly's community service is well known.

After serving almost continuously for 50 years as Secretary of Elkins, W. Va., Lodge, P. L. Dye resigned that post recently. Initiated in November, 1908, when the lodge had a roster of 60, Mr. Dye took office as Secretary the following December. Elkins Lodge now has a membership of 750.

We have just heard from Sebring, Fla., Lodge that the dues for its entire membership have been paid either to April 1st or October 1st of this year, a very proud record, indeed. Greencastle, Ind., Lodge also informs us that 355 of its 357 members are paid up. We congratulate both lodges.

A large delegation of San Angelo Elks attended the Texas West District Meeting at Lubbock recently. Led by E.R. John P. Poole, the group made the trip in a DC-3 loaned to the lodge by T. W. Murray, a former member of Texarkana, Ark., Lodge. Since this meeting, Mr. Murray's interest in Elkdom has been rekindled and he has become affiliated with San Angelo Lodge.

In cooperation with the Transylvania Cerebral Palsy unit, Brevard, N. C., Lodge has sent James Clifton Owen, a cerebral-palsied youngster, to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital for a nine-month rehabilitation period. Dr. R. M. Levy, Social and Community Welfare Chairman, reports this fine project is a small part of his lodge's expansive benevolence program.

A. F. First, Esquire of Dowagiac, Mich., Lodge and the Asst. Secretary-

Treasurer for the Dowagiac *Daily News*, has sent us the February 17th edition of his newspaper in which George Zarry took recognition of the Order's 90th Anniversary by devoting his entire "Editor's Notebook" to its many outstanding activities.

Just two years ago, Babylon-Bay Shore, N. Y., Lodge was instituted with 125 members. There are now 300 names on its roster and the lodge has taken a two-year lease on a fine piece of property, with an option to buy. Located on Long Island Sound, the property protrudes 385 feet into Great South Bay and will accommodate 100 boats. Committee Chairman Raymond Law and E.R. John Keegan handled the transaction, and the home is open to visiting Elks on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. The turnout for the "house warming" in January was tremendous, with many State dignitaries on hand.



At a special ceremony, Huntington, N. Y., Lodge presented checks totaling \$1,350 to representatives of various well-known organizations to help support their projects. Left to right are Dr. Firenze, representing the Heart Fund; W. J. Paffrath, representing Retarded Children; C. T. Haase of the Tuberculosis Assn.; Mrs. William Keppler of the Cancer Committee; Exalted Ruler Chester L. Murray; Mrs. Martin Senft, representing the Council for Exceptional Children; Frank Nucci of the Boy Scouts; Est. Lead. Knight Joseph C. McNally, Chairman of the lodge's Social and Community Welfare Committee, and Mrs. Joseph McNally, representing the Women's Auxiliary of St. Charles Hospital.



When Farmington, Michigan, Lodge, the youngest in the State, welcomed District Deputy Robert M. Owen and P.D.D. John H. Cooper, their visit coincided with the first scheduled meeting of the lodge in its newly purchased home, formerly the Grace Hotel. This photograph was taken on that occasion as Mr. Owen, Exalted Ruler Alfred N. Tillin and Mayor Earl Scheriffus prepared to open the lodge home officially.



As Chairman of Fort Pierce, Florida, Lodge's March of Dimes Committee, P.D.D. Charles H. Peckelis signs a check for the \$1,000 raised for that campaign by his Committee. Looking on are, left to right, Exalted Ruler L. A. O'Laughlin, Jr., Elk Roy I. Andersen, the community's Campaign Chairman, and Hal B. Cady, who served as Campaign Manager.

**MONTANA ELKDOM DISCUSSED AT KALISPELL.** President Richard Gilder and all officers of the Montana State Elks Association, along with 125 delegates, were welcomed to the January 25th and 26th Meeting of the State organization in Kalispell by Exalted Ruler V. A. Weed. Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight L. P. Schmid, a former President of the Association, was introduced as were DeWitt O'Neil, Clarence Mieyr and Les Hill, all Past Presidents of the State group. Following a brief talk by Mr. Schmid, State Publicity Chairman Jack E. Coulter spoke, and Elks National Foundation Promotion Committee Chairman Steve Connolly and Ritualistic Chairman Karl Deshler made their reports. Les Hill, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman, was another speaker, followed by President Gilder who introduced the newly formed New Lodge Committee. This group is composed of Mr. Gilder and District Deputies Arthur F. Wiedeman as Chairman, Leonard Bantin and Joseph McCarthy. Several fine progress reports were also made on other activities of the Association.

DeWitt O'Neil, Chairman of the Hides for Veterans Committee, pointed out that the lodges of his State had done such a tremendous job in obtaining hides that a transportation problem had been created. He noted that about 7,000 skins had been collected and the difficulty of getting them to California for tanning is to be ironed out by a special committee.

Chairman John Cunningham of the Speech and Hearing Therapy Project explained that it was up to local Chairmen to take the necessary steps to derive maximum benefit from the three traveling units sponsored by the Association. Therapist George Davis reported that he was making regular visits to 200 patients and described in detail a case where, through Elk assistance, partial hearing had been restored to a 16-year-old boy who'd been handicapped with deafness for ten years.

The meeting closed with a moment of silence in memory of Past State President Gorden E. Johnson of Anaconda who passed away not long ago.

**KANKAKEE OLD TIMERS HONORED.** Three members received 50-year-membership pins and Life Membership cards from Exalted Ruler Milton Shapiro at the Old Timers Night celebration of Kankakee, Ill., Lodge, No. 627. The recipients were Fred Hefter, who is Mr. Shapiro's father-in-law, Harry Spielberger, who is Mr. Shapiro's uncle and a Past Exalted Ruler of both Sheffield and Florence, Ala., Lodges, and Walter Volkman. State Vice-President Stewart Strain and Chauncey Beardsley also received Life Memberships and special awards for long-time meritorious service to the lodge.

The dinner and meeting, attended by over 100 members, honored 50 Kankakee Elks who have held membership for over 40 years, 27 of whom were on hand. Following the meeting, Charles Cartier showed motion pictures taken at picnics about 20 years ago.

**TORRANCE, CALIF., YOUTH ESSAYISTS REWARDED.** Faith Ann Gilbert's "Conception of the Constitution" won her the top award in an essay contest sponsored in 23 junior high school classes by Torrance Lodge No. 1948, which is located in one of the 11 "All-American Cities".

U. S. Savings Bonds were the prizes offered by the lodge's Americanization Committee headed by Paul L. Warren, and competing students were given 30 days to study the Constitution. Ten days later, the essays were submitted to a panel of five who awarded second and third place honors, respectively, to John Brooks, Jr., and Gloria J. Foster. Dr. Max Appleby, Youth Activity Director for the Torrance School District, was one of the educators who assisted in this worthwhile effort.

The project was financed completely by a "scrap drive" put on by the Elks, making it unnecessary to use any of the lodge funds.



Above, left: The "Jolly Chefs" of South Kingstown, R. I., Lodge donated a wide variety of tasty dishes to the March of Dimes Food Sale. Manning the table are, left to right, Howard E. Raitano, Alfred Folcarelli and George A. Raitano. Above, right: Pres. Dr. Wm. F. Maguire presents the Massachusetts Elks Assn.'s \$1,000 check to Sister M. Agatha, Mother Superior at the Rose Hawthorne Lathrop Home for cancer patients in Fall River. Left to right are former



State Trustee Leo V. Gaffney, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Chairman John E. Fenton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Est. Lead. Knight J. J. Coughlin of Fall River, Dr. Maguire, Fall River's E.R. W. E. Wyrick, Bishop James L. Connolly, Fall River P.E.R. W. E. Quinlan, Sister Agatha, Fall River P.E.R. J. J. Nicoletti and Life Member Harold E. Clarkin, a director of the Home, and P.E.R.'s Cornelius Muhilly of Lawrence and Herve Bernier of Fall

River. In recent months, the Massachusetts Elks presented \$1,000 to the Industrial Home for Crippled Children, and voted gifts in the same amount to the Hospital for Exceptional Children in Fall River and to the Jewish Family and Children's Service with headquarters in Boston. These donations make a total of \$18,000 distributed by the Assn. during the current year, made possible through its 1957 Charity Fund Drive which netted approximately \$26,000.



Above, left: A. L. Daughtridge presents part of Rocky Mount, No. Car., Lodge's contribution to the March of Dimes to Mrs. Norman Y. Chambliss, Jr., daughter-in-law of District Deputy Norman Chambliss, Sr., lodge Secretary, who was Chairlady for the Drive in Rocky Mount.

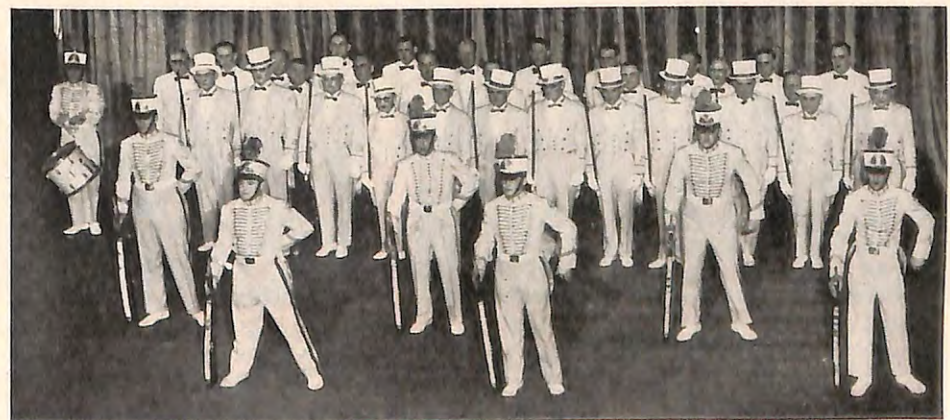


Above, right: This photograph was taken following the dinner given by Uniontown, Pa., Lodge for its Midget Baseball League Championship team of 1957. E.R. Robert L. Miller presided, assisted by Youth Activities Committeeman Fred Truninger, Jr. The boys are wear-

ing the jackets they received from their sponsors that evening. In addition, the players received individual medals from the city's Recreation Commission. Later, Uniontown lodge itself was awarded a handsome trophy which is now on display in the lobby of its home.



Above, left: Linda King, four-year-old patient under care of the Oregon Elks Association's eye clinic at the University of Oregon Medical School, hands the money bucket carrying the Portland Elks' wishing-well contributions for



this program to the lodge's Exalted Ruler Edwin W. Neubert. This gift will buy an \$826 examining and treatment chair for the clinic. Above, right: In the foreground is the Wheeling, W. Va., Elks' Precision Rifle Team with the lodge's

fine Drill Team in the background, both of which added to the success of the lodge's "Golden Years" Charity Show which played to capacity audiences at four performances. P.E.R. L. J. Bonenberger is Chairman.



West Haven, Conn., Lodge's third-place Little League winners were pictured with some of their sponsors who honored them recently. Standing in the background, left to right, are E.R. D. E. Garofalo, Little League Pres. and Elk Committee Chairman A. R. Gaetano, team Mgr. Robert Tracey and Coach Lee Hyde.



Cascade (Atlanta), Ga., Lodge assured its ten per-cent membership increase for the year with the initiation of a class of 25 candidates in honor of the lodge's P.E.R.'s. Photographed with the class are, left to right, foreground, Chaplain B. T. Huiet, Jr., Inner Guard H. C. Zinnmeister, Est. Lect. Knight S. I. Williams, E.R. H. W. Forrer, Est. Lead. Knight H. L. Wheelus, Jr., Est. Loyal Knight W. D. Haslett, Esq. R. A. Perry, Treas. R. M. Perrin; at right, background, are Secy. D. C. Hudson, Sr., and Indoctrination Chairman W. L. Veal.



The daughters of two Oswego, N. Y., Elk officials and the niece of a third officer are pictured with Miss Irmgard Thielin, a Foreign Exchange Student from Munich, Germany, who was one of the guests at a teen-age party sponsored by the lodge. Left to right are Miss Thielin, Miss Jaqueline Russell, daughter of P.E.R. D. M. Russell, Jr., Miss Inez Manor, daughter of E.R. N. A. Manor, and Miss Caroline Godden, niece of Est. Lead. Knight A. E. Godden.



At D.D. Thomas E. Woods' Derby, Conn., Lodge homecoming, foreground, left to right: P.D.D.'s J. M. Fitzgerald, Dr. E. H. Lacore and G. H. Scott, D.D. G. R. Caron, host E.R. J. D. McEvoy, Mr. Woods, D.D. D. A. Bruno, Jr., and P.D.D. T. F. Winters; second row: Past State Pres. W. P. Hession, P.D.D.'s John Stone, P. E. Schumacher, T. J. Clark, J. J. Nugent, E. J. Maley, W. G. Harold and G. H. Williams, State Pres. A. C. Weisner, P.D.D. G. J. Grasser and Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight A. J. Roy; third row: P.D.D. L. J. Esposito, host P.E.R.'s J. W. Gorman and M. V. Tracy, Past Pres. James Reardon, New Haven E.R. J. F. Gartland and P.D.D. E. J. Connolly. Also present were P.D.D.'s John J. Sullivan, Jr., and John P. Gilbert and Past Pres. Louis I. Olmstead.



Above, left, is a photograph taken at Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge's Annual Parents' Night and Court of Honor for Boy Scout Troop #22 and Explorer Post #22 sponsored by the lodge. Left to right are Explorer Post Committeeman R. F. Buchanan, E.R. R. C. Benedetto and Explorer Scouts Dennis Lombard, Edmund W. Kelly and Anthony S. Neri who received their Bronze Palms to wear on their Eagle Badges. Edmund T. Kelly, father of one of the boys, is Scoutmaster



for the Troop and a member of the lodge, as are the fathers of the other two boys. On this occasion, P.E.R. John J. Gillespie received an engraved trophy from the Troop in appreciation of ten consecutive years of Scouting. Anthony C. Neri is Institutional Representative to the Boy Scout Council for the lodge which is one of the outstanding groups in the Pomperaug Scouting Council for activity, advancement, camping and social affairs.

Above, right: On his official visit to Ogdensburg, N. Y., Lodge, State Pres. Frank H. McBride assisted E.R. Lawrence E. Rapin in destroying the mortgage on the lodge home. Photographed at that time were, left to right, P.E.R.'s George F. Lavigne, P.D.D., Joseph C. Demo, Francis B. Burns, Joel M. Howard, Mr. Rapin and Richard C. Algie, Mr. McBride, State Vice-Pres. Carroll W. Barnes, P.E.R.'s Edward G. Johnson and Joseph W. Sovie, and Newton Bettinger.



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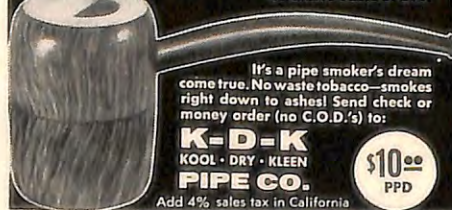
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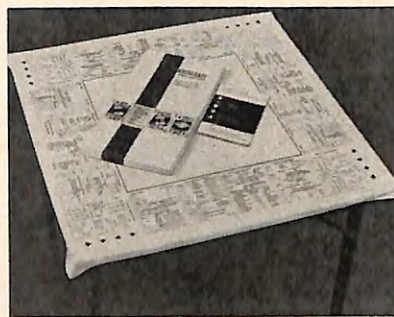
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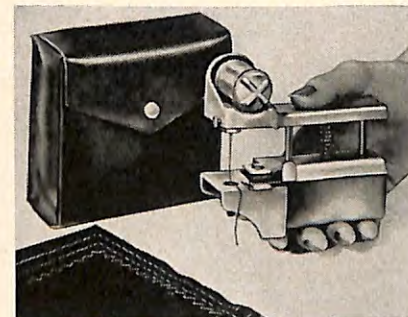
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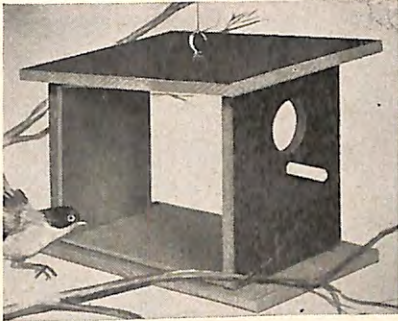
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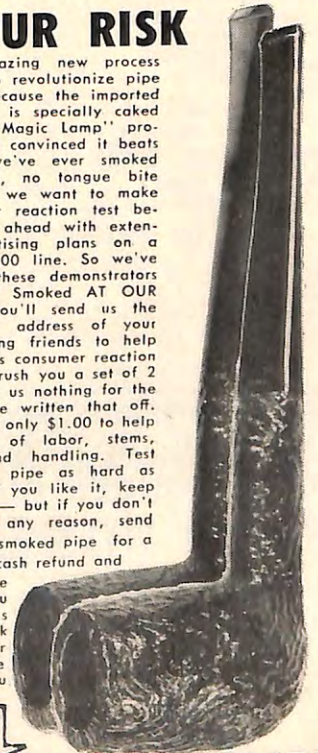
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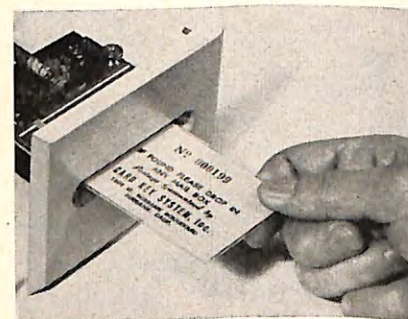
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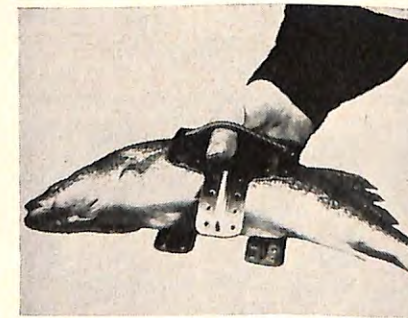
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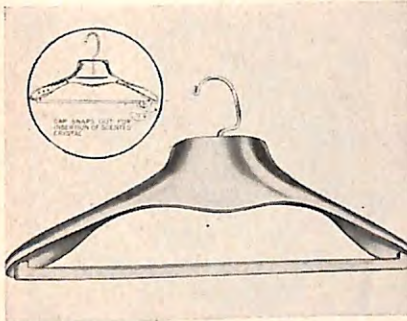


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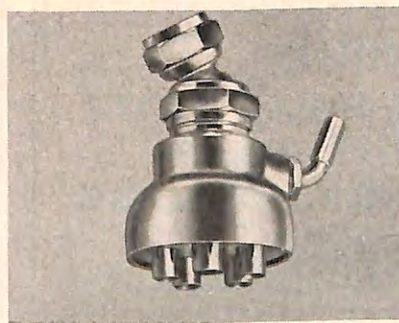
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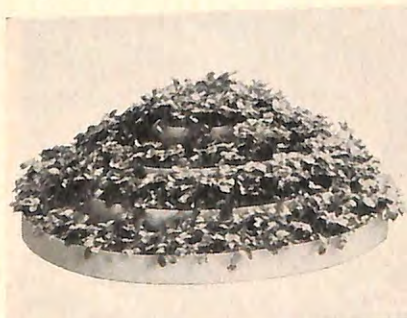
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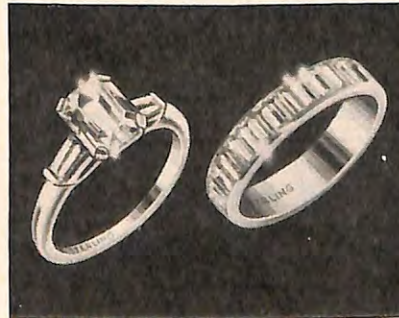
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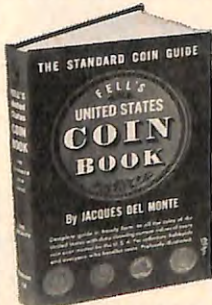
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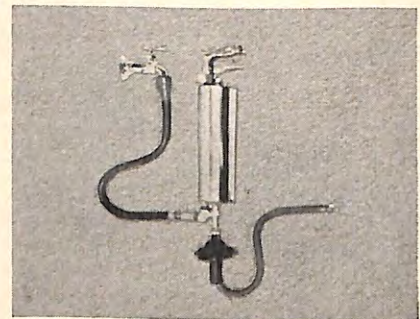
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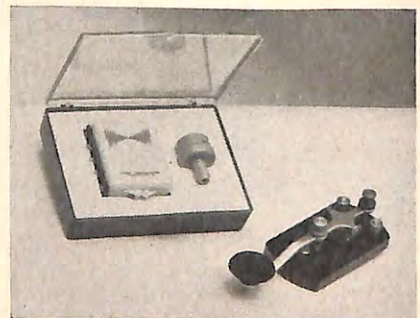
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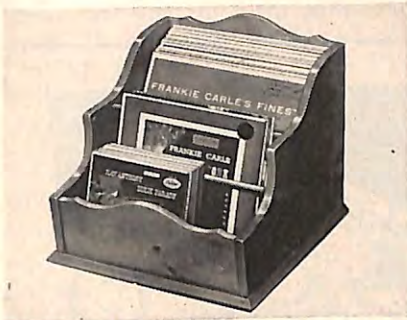


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they both went over the cliff and into the sea. "Save him", cried a general who was ensconced comfortably on a balcony of a nearby house. He meant Baltasar, and someone up there heard him. The jockey lived, and in appreciation the general built a chapel at the scene of the wicked turn.

All around the Calle Cristo, there are small shops such as Don Roberto, who collects hand made Spanish keys, voodoo masks and other indispensable items. A new coffee shop called El Figaro is a tropical idea of a Greenwich Village idea of a coffee bar in Naples. It adjoins a tiny Ivy League haberdashery called The Red Vest, in Spanish of course. A Continental named Cavanaugh who had been roosting in St. Thomas has opened a giant branch in San Juan in the old quarter. It has red brick floors in the patio, green bursting from every corner, lacey ironwork in the archways, as well as an assortment of merchandise from the Far East.

Still in all, with all this accent on old San Juan, the town had to turn to a pair of Swiss for its most popular restaurant. It is called, not surprisingly, the Swiss Chalet, and was put together by Puerto Ricans and Swiss cabinet makers. Halberds hang from the wall; and a Swiss fountain which burbles with a mixture of the Lake of Lucerne and native Loiza waters is right at the entrance. The fare takes in St. Moritz schnitzel and even veal outlet Ticinese. Only the location is Puerto Rican.

With San Juan well established as a tourist fancy, there has lately been a move afoot to explore the interior. Nearest sights are Luquillo Beach, a big crescent of public sand, and the awesome rainforest of El Yunque, filled with tropical foliage, and flamboyant tulip trees that some times all but arch over the road, making a tunnel of it. Youngsters stand at roadside with bunches of flowers, and the mountain air is sweet, cool and perfumed.

The guest house at La Parguera has just been redone and it now offers good food and pleasant accommodations in a waterfront locale. You travel to an offshore sand spit to swim from the beach, and there are boats to rent. En route, you will pass fields of cane and fields of pineapple, coffee growing on the bushes, and crab fishermen in from a day's work, carrying blue crabs suspended by strings from a yoke. On moonless nights it is a thrill to hire a boat for the trip to Phosphorescent Bay, a natural marvel where fleeing fish leave diamond trails under the surface, and the water, if you bring up a bucket of it, runs through one's fingers like liquid marquisette. Not far away is San German, a village first established on the south coast in 1512, and moved to its present locale in 1570. Here

it resides today, a transplanted village out of the 16th Century, looking as if it perhaps had been lifted bodily right out of the Mediterranean and transplanted from the far side of the sea. ● ●



We now have the official folders of the 5th Annual Post Convention Hawaiian Elks Tour and have mailed them to the hundred or more who wrote us before the folder arrived. Judging from the number of requests for the folder, interest is tremendous. We anticipate as time draws near for the tour that interest will be even greater since this is an opportunity not afforded everyone, to visit the Islands with a congenial group, at reasonable rates, and to be entertained by those who live there and know and love their Pacific Paradise. We suggest you stretch a point this year, if necessary, to join the tour. You'll never regret it! Send for the official folder and we'll send it to you promptly—or, better still, send in your reservation and your \$25 deposit to Chairman, Post Convention Tour, Hilo Lodge No. 759, Hilo, Hawaii, T. H.

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Back to the subject of the Convention in New York, July 6th to 10th; this year we would like to recommend the service of the Santa Fe Railroad for those attending from the West Coast. This is the line of the famous Super Chief, The Chief, El Capitan, etc. and dining cars on all trains featuring famous Fred Harvey food. On the Santa Fe you enjoy all the regular advantages of low-cost family fares, round trip savings and crack



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We have word of interest to those who plan to visit Mexico this year and hope to bring back the gallon of liquid refreshment permitted by Texas law. Here is something to remember: A high court in Texas has just ruled the State can demand that tourists bringing liquor in from Mexico, even if it is to be consumed in their home state, must affix the Texas tax stamp. In other words, you must pay Texas State tax on your liquor.

We have just returned from an inspection trip of several of the many land developments in Florida. We were impressed by most of them in one way or another. Particularly were we pleased with Florida Shores about three miles south of New Smyrna Beach on the east coast. The most impressive features, both police and fire protection, are on hand and insurance rates are reasonable. Also, an additional advantage is a location near all city conveniences such as hospital, library, golf, etc. Land prices are still low in comparison with other property in the immediate area.

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Pan American World Airways entertains high hopes of eventually operating flights from New York to Moscow. Though no date has been set for such flights, the Russian tourist industry aims to be ready. Steps are being taken to remedy the critical hotel shortage. A new de luxe 1,000-room hostelry—The Ukraine—is now open for business in Moscow. Small hotels are being remodeled and room space has been tripled in the past year. Moscow expects to be able to accommodate 30,000 guests by the end of 1958.

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## In the Dog House

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herd. The latter two are smaller, in fact are simply small-size collies. They, too, are highly intelligent and are seen at their best when employed for herding cattle or sheep. Not long ago, I saw an exhibition of English shepherds working on sheep that left me with the impression that those dogs, if asked, could probably make out their own income tax returns. When I write that these dogs and their American cousins are small collies, I don't mean to confuse them with the miniature collie which is known as the Shetland sheepdog. That pooch is a genuine small edition of the large standard collie.

**T**HE ANCESTRY of the German shepherd is somewhat confused. Some authorities maintain that in the breed there's a distant wolf cross. They point to the fact that the dog was originally known as the Alsatian wolf dog, that it is a member of the spitz (lupine-wolfish) family, related to such breeds as the Samoyede, Eskimo and similar dogs. One veteran authority not only believes that the shepherd has wolf blood, but that this is much to the dog's advantage, as an assurance of alertness plus unwillingness to become over-friendly with strangers: two qualities that are admirable in any dog.

It is known that dogs will cross with wolves. In the late eighties of the last century, a dog dealer in Leonberg, Germany, successfully crossed dogs and wolves. In the far North, this is a frequent occurrence. Many of the dogs used by Eskimos and other Arctic tribes are anything but docile house pets; on the contrary, they are savage and almost as wild as their relatives, the wolves. The Eskimo has to be a stern master or his dogs would master him. The dogs are tough, have great endurance for cold, and they eat only when their masters eat, which is seldom regularly. In the early days of German shepherd breeding the dogs were distinctly wolf-like in appearance. To this day, they retain much of the wolf conformation.

No, I'm not taking sides in the controversy. Many breeders understandably don't want their dogs to be known as having wolf ancestry. Some people believe that a dog of such breeding would be unreliable, treacherous and therefore dangerous. Well, if the German shepherd has wolf blood, it's pretty well diluted now.

Today these dogs are generally known for character, loyalty, courage and ability to learn and retain what they learn. Time and again they have scored highly in official obedience tests. In such tests, which are real trials of a dog's intelligence, the shepherd leads all other breeds by far. Each dog tested is scored. According to the number of tests suc-



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To indicate the returning popularity of the breed, there were no less than 31,387 dogs registered with the American Kennel Club in 1957. This put the breed sixth among the 112 breeds officially recognized. When the wave of hysterical admiration for these dogs was highest, inferior puppies were sold for as much as \$150; and bear in mind that was nearly thirty years ago, when a dollar and a half would get you an orchestra seat at any Broadway show, or one of the best dinners in town. Adding to the glamour that attached to the shepherd, were the motion pictures of that era, featuring such dogs. Rin Tin Tin, Strongheart—remember, or do you? Yes, from about 1920 to 1929, these dogs were America's favorites. At one time, the German Shepherd Club in Germany alone had some 25,000 to 30,000 members.

Among shepherds, there has been some inbreeding; there had to be to establish and fix a type, a wolfish-looking animal with clean, long lines, well muscled and built for speed. Because these, like most dogs classed as working dogs (dogs bred to perform certain work) are not given to being over-friendly, they have undeservedly been thought of by some people as being vicious. Dogs in this category usually were developed by people who lived in out-lying areas, where strangers were not often encountered and were in some

places regarded with suspicion. Such breeds, used primarily for herding or guard duty, seldom saw people other than the members of the families of their owners. Naturally, they have inherited an inclination to be distant with people they don't know very well. This does not mean that they are uncertain in disposition, but simply that they are more reserved in their attitude toward strangers than those dogs that have always been accepted as house pets, the terriers for example.

**YOUR IDEAL** German shepherd should have a wolfish contour, a drooping tail, erect ears, an easy, effortless gait, a harsh outer coat with an undercoat somewhat woolly but dense, and color that may range from black to light grey, black and tan, brindle, sable or any strong color. White is considered undesirable. Weight is from 60 to 85 pounds. He's basically an outdoor dog, the shepherd; but I've known of quite a few that have happily accommodated themselves to small quarters.

That great institution, The Seeing Eye, which trains dogs to guide the blind, mainly uses German shepherds—both males and females. Other breeds such as the boxer and Labrador retriever are also used, but the greatest number are shepherds. This is one of the best evidences of the intelligence of this breed; because not only do these dogs have to learn to obey commands, but they must also learn to disobey commands given by a blind person if those commands, in the judgment of the dogs, threaten to bring harm to the blinded person. ••

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At breakfast marking the 48th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America at Hotel Statler in Washington, D.C., in February are, left to right, U.S. Rep. John J. Riley of South Carolina; Explorer Scout Mac Hanna of Aiken, S.C., Region Six Scout of the Nation; and U.S. Senator Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, who represented Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge and the Order.

Twelve Explorer Scouts, representing each region of the Boy Scouts of America, were honored guests. They reported on Scouting's activities and progress in the previous year to 150 Congressmen, Senators, government officials, business and labor leaders, and officers of a number of organizations which are active in helping to support the Boy Scout movement.



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## "Overtake America"

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India, and on our own doorstep in Latin America. Red trade pacts, credit, and technical assistance to undeveloped countries are all part of an integrated drive which, said Deputy Under Secretary of State C. Douglas Dillon early this year, could place our security "in the greatest jeopardy."

This does not mean that we can forget other dangers, or slacken off in missile development, maintaining our SAC bases, or building nuclear submarines. The Kremlin fights the cold war on several fronts. We must stand guard on all, neglecting none.

But while we dare hope that the deadliest weapons of this conflict will never go into action, an ill-defended economic struggle could also lead us to disaster. Never before have we been faced with such a strong, resourceful and determined opponent as the U.S.S.R.

Unwillingly but inevitably, as I journeyed through a large part of Western Russia, I had to change my concept of it as a backward culture with a fumbling, inept technology. But it was not Sputnik I that changed my mind. I saw what the Soviet system has done at home, what its people are like, what its potentialities are. The facts were sobering, their implications frightening.

Russia might well be considered a pioneer culture. Its Communist regime has been in business only forty years. Borrowing heavily from Western civilization, it has made phenomenal advances in that time. There is no reason to think the U.S.S.R. has reached even a plateau, far less its peak of achievement.

The bitter pill we now have to swallow is that the Communists have already proved that their system can be tough competition for ours—and that it may get even tougher. We are challenged by a dynamic economy of immense vitality. In the economic arena, Soviet Russia is in the position of second ranking heavyweight with hungry eyes on the champ.

This would be serious enough even if, as Khrushchev suggested in one of his more amiable moods, it were only a peaceful challenge in trade. But Communist strategy sees everything in terms of its chief aim, world domination.

In his San Francisco speech this February, Vice-President Nixon said: "The Kremlin has offered us a direct challenge. It proclaims to the world that a slave economy can outproduce a free economy. It promises to the developing areas of the world that the Communist system can do more for them in shorter time than private enterprise."

This is the real meaning of the "Overtake America" signs we saw as we drove from Brest to Yalta. I doubt that the average Russian understands it. I am afraid too few Americans do as yet.

We met many Russians in our 3,500

mile tour within Russia. My traveling companion, Dennis O'Connor, had the immense advantage of knowing the language. But I was able to speak with some Soviet citizens in German and even in English. It was disquieting to find that the Communist educational system enabled not only college students but even schoolboys to address me in my own tongue.

Individually, the Russians were courteous, curious and even friendly. Some told us that "things are better now," that they are not afraid to speak to foreigners. The temptation was strong to think of them as "people just like us."

But human as they are behind their unsmiling faces and stainless-steel teeth, they are not really like us. The man-in-the-street of Minsk, Orel or Kharkov is the product of his times and government. Humorless, stoical, fatalistic, he is dedicated to the Communist system both by necessity and persuasion. Hardened by two world wars that showed he can take terrific punishment, he finds his lot better today than it has ever been—and isn't that proof to him that his system works?

Yet to a Westerner, it seems plain that goods in Red Russia are held precious. Meat in restaurants is weighed out in portions, then cooked to order. Vodka is poured into a glass or carafe on a scale. In the stores I visited, goods were always on shelves behind the counter or in glass cases, never within reach of the shoppers.

Despite this and the continuing shortages of even such basic things as clothing and housing, the Russian citizen looks for further improvement. "If there is no war," several said to us, "we will outproduce your economy in ten or fifteen years."

There are grounds for this confidence. The fear created in Kremlin rulers by

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the pressure of consumer wants finally forced an expansion of domestic production under Malenkov. Today there are probably more goods for sale in the State stores than ever before, including such luxuries as electric shavers, phonographs, vacuum cleaners, cameras.

In his excellent article in THE ELKS MAGAZINE (RUSSIA CAN PRODUCE, March, 1953) Garrett Underhill wrote that Soviet military goods are simplified to the point of crudity where it doesn't matter, but show plenty of high-grade workmanship where it counts.

That is true of consumer goods too. I shopped in hardware, radio, clock and appliance stores. Finish is skimped, eye appeal ignored, packaging often omitted. But it would be missing the point to sneer at the rough-handled screwdrivers, the primitive carpenter's planes, and the unpolished cast-aluminum pots I saw there. These things are sturdy and useful. They would bring a gleam of longing to the eyes of many people in countries less favored than ours.

A tool can be rough and still practical. But an electronic device must be on a certain level of excellence to work at all. The Russians meet this challenge more than adequately. The TV sets I saw produced a good picture even though they have smaller screens than ours. Their radios are more complex; most of them tune on several bands. A photo exposure meter made in Stalingrad, checked against a good American make, proved every bit its equal.

Why should it matter to us that the Russians have begun to catch up with their own needs? One reason is that Soviet industry is an integral part of the Communist military machines. Its technology and assembly lines are convertible from trucks to tanks, from cookpots to shell casings, at a nod from the Kremlin. Things are planned that way.

But present Soviet strategy may not intend any such conversion for the moment. It may plan to win its war against Democracy with kettles instead of missiles. One indication of this is the Red exhibit planned for the Brussels World's Fair. It will be much larger, cost four times as much as our exhibit.

Millions of people in under-developed countries are in need of tools and goods to better their lot. It is chiefly with these countries that Moscow is enlarging its trade and aid. It is with exports and experts that it plans to infiltrate and influence these lands.

This is the economic contest we are already engaged in. It is one that we must not try to win on a short-sighted price-and-profit basis. The stakes are far more than money; they are world supremacy.

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these nations into reach of the Red octopus.

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We won't have an easy win. One big advantage the Soviet Union has is an outsize share of the world's natural resources. In an era of dwindling United States reserves, Russia has hardly begun to exploit its own. We must already import all our tin, industrial diamonds and natural rubber, half the aluminum ore we need, most of our manganese and nickel.

Russia has copper, lead, zinc, nickel, bauxite (aluminum ore), wolfram and manganese in greater supply than any other nation. It claims to have 41 per cent of the world's known iron ore, 60 per cent of the world's coal. Two iron veins in Southern Russia are said to contain enough metal to supply the world for centuries. Another deposit in Siberia may contain more ore than all the world's known reserves put together.

Even free-world oil men glumly admit that Red oil reserves are phenomenal. Diamonds, which are of tremendous importance industrially and in war production, have recently been found in Yakutia. These Russian fields promise to be as rich as those of South Africa, hitherto the world's chief diamond source.

The Soviet Union has great water-power resources. Although total developed power is still far behind ours, it is moving upward steadily. A recently finished 2,100,000-kilowatt plant shows the Reds' technical prowess. A 4,000,-

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The immense country we traveled was criss-crossed by high-tension cables, tangible evidence of widespread electrification. Along the main roads at least, power lines jog off from the poles to many a modest home.

To its material advantages must be added Russia's people. A huge population, with as many intelligent and talented individuals as any other, has been conditioned along the lines of maximum advantage to the State. Callous to hardship, accustomed to sacrifices and determined to survive, such a people would be a formidable force even under a government friendly to us.

But the Kremlin has still another trump card. Its rule is absolute, its system despotic state capitalism. The Red government might be called the ultimate capitalist. It has powers such as the greediest exploiters of our own industrial revolution never dreamed of. Only slaveholders and oriental tyrants have ever commanded such overall control as the Soviet hierarchy does now, and on nothing like as big a scale.

This "proletarian" government controls all wages, owns all raw materials, determines what and how much is to be made, sets the prices of all the goods its people can buy. There are no unions that can dispute its rulings, no competing employers to offer better wages or working conditions, no consumer organizations to challenge its "company stores".

Braver—or younger—citizens do grumble ineffectually. When I showed a group of students color pictures of our 1958 cars, one awestruck youth murmured: "Wonderful! We won't have any like that for two years." The others guffawed, and one voiced the general



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were two teen-age apprentices who told us the news on October 6th when we were in Zaporozje in the Ukraine. They were understandably proud. Older Russians took the news, it seemed to me, rather phlegmatically. I think they would have been more thrilled to hear of a big boost in shoe production.

Nor are other things moving ahead as fast as central planning planned. The vaunted Sixth Five-Year Plan was scrapped in less than two years. A Seven-Year Plan was adopted instead.

With so much needed at home, it may be asked, how can Russia compete in foreign markets or afford exports as a means of infiltration of free nations? It can, because the Kremlin need not wait for a surplus or even a sufficiency of goods for its own people. It controls not only production but currency, not only supply but—because it holds the payroll purse strings—also demand.

Despite low wages and high consumer prices, there must be more rubles than goods in the U.S.S.R. We were repeatedly approached on the street by black-market adventurers eager to buy any extra clothing we could spare. The prices offered were fantastic.

State savings banks flourish, with a big volume of deposits. Free market food, when it is available, commands several times the price of that in State

stores because it is of better quality. Some items cannot be bought in government shops at all, but do find their way to the private market. Even in Soviet Russia, conditions like these spell out inflation.

Communist control of such inflation is ruthless. In 1956 the government wiped out savings bonds in which, for years, workers had been compelled to put a fixed percentage of their earnings.

While traveling through southern Russia I bought a watermelon from a group of farm women by the roadside. The melons were raised on plots given these kolkhoz (farm) workers for their own use, and they were allowed to sell the produce privately.

Perhaps because some workers (with berries and other high-yield, valuable crops) were able to earn more on such plots than in their state jobs, this pitiful remnant of free enterprise has since been abolished. I may have bought the last five-ruble melon to be sold in the Ukraine.

All this indicates the same thing—that the Kremlin dictates the production, cost and destination of all goods. If it is decided that sewing machines can serve the Communist purpose better in India than in Smolensk, the machines will surely go abroad.

The auto worker at the G A Z plant

## A PROCLAMATION

Of all the many splendid programs through which the Order of Elks constantly strives to contribute to the betterment of our country and to enrich the lives of our people, I believe there is none more important or constructive than our youth activities.

Each year nearly 1,500,000 of the nation's boys and girls participate in a broad program of youth-building activities sponsored by Lodges of our Order. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Boys Clubs, Campfire units, 4-H Clubs, junior baseball teams and summer camps, college scholarships, youth centers—these are but a few of the projects to which Elks devote themselves in order to nurture the healthy development—mental, physical and spiritual—of America's young people.

In carrying out this work of helping to prepare youth for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the Order of Elks aims primarily at fostering in the country's boys and girls a strong sense of individuality, self reliance and self discipline. We also endeavor to seek out, recognize and give guidance and encouragement to those youngsters who exhibit the qualities of character which mark them as leaders.

To focus attention on these highly desirable objectives of our Order's year-round program of youth serving activities, I, H. L. Blackledge, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, do proclaim May 1, 1958, as Elks National Youth Day. I urge all Lodges and all members to join in marking the occasion with community-wide observances which will recognize the achievements of youth and give our young people assurance that the Order of Elks stands solidly behind them, ready and willing always to render every assistance and encouragement in enabling them confidently to meet their future responsibilities and to realize their greatest aspirations.

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will probably never be able to own one of the little Volga cars he helps to build. Its price of 30,000 rubles is three years' pay for the average skilled factory hand, and there are no installment plans. But if cars can help infiltrate a free nation, they will be delivered on easy Soviet terms—with a Red hook in them.

This is the shape of the struggle now upon us. At best it will be a war not of missiles but of invoices, not of tank

divisions but of Soviet trade agents. But Red trade treaties could pave the way for tanks and Communist-style elections, if we leave the economic field undefended.

Instead, it is important to realize that free enterprise must become a weapon of defense along with our SAC bases and missile programs. Foreign trade is no longer a matter of mere dollars and cents, but a way to men's minds. We cannot afford to let it be closed to us.

Looking beyond even these considerations, it should be remembered that the basic conflict between us and the U.S.S.R. is really one between a godless materialism and those moral values the rest of mankind has painfully awakened to over the ages. Soviet thinking has cut itself off from these values. Its only deity is expediency. To earnest party members, Communism has the status of a religion. Its way challenges ours as the road to world betterment. • •

## Lodge Visits of H. L. Blackledge

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party of local Elks. In observance of his presence, the fifth race was dedicated to the Grand Exalted Ruler, and he was given the honor of crowning the winning horse, Royal Academy—ridden by Eddie Arcaro.

As guest of Pasadena Lodge, Mr. Blackledge was present next day in the reviewing stand at the Tournament of Roses Parade, held each New Year's Day before the Rose Bowl Game. The party also attended the game.

With the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Blackledge for this visit were Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight L. P. Schmid, Past Grand Esquire R. Leonard Bush, State Pres. John A. Raffetto, Pasadena Exalted Ruler Wayne C. Cole and Los Angeles Exalted Ruler Joe J. Houser.

**SOUTHWESTERN VISITS**—Touring the Southwest, Mr. Blackledge visited Lodges at Tucson and Casa Grande Ariz., on Jan. 4. Accompanying him on this tour were Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely, State Pres. John D. Frakes and District Deputy Elman W. Pace.

At Casa Grande, Mr. Blackledge was guest of honor for a luncheon, attended by some 200 Brothers. Arizona Governor Ernest W. McFarland (a charter member of the Lodge) made a special trip from Phoenix to be present at the affair. Exalted Ruler Cleo E. Wallace welcomed Mr. Blackledge, and Past Exalted Ruler Howard H. Karman acted as master of ceremonies. Before leaving Casa Grande, Mr. Blackledge led a flag-raising ceremony to dedicate a new flag pole, just erected outside the lodge building.

At El Paso, Texas, Lodge on Jan. 5, a reception for the Grand Exalted Ruler was attended by 225 Elks. Dignitaries present, in addition to the official party, included former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials Robert E. Boney, State Pres. W. J. B. Frazier and New Mexico District Deputy Glenn F. Panlener. Commenting on Elksdom's progress, Mr. Blackledge told El Paso Elks, "There is a lusty, husky increase, both in numbers and in the work they are doing."

While visiting Santa Fe, N.M., Lodge on Jan. 7, Mr. Blackledge was taken on an old-fashioned buggy ride, in true Western tradition, by Exalted Ruler O. H. Emblem and Past Exalted Ruler Le Roy Ramirez. In addition, he was made an honorary Chief by local Navajo Indians, and named Chief Elk Big Horn. The next day, Jan. 8, Mr. Blackledge was principal speaker at a banquet and lodge session of Pueblo, Colo., Lodge. Among the 400 Elks in attendance were representatives of 24 Colorado lodges. Mr. Blackledge was introduced to the gathering by Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Campbell F. Rice. Also present were Grand Lodge Judiciary Committeeman Jacob L. Sherman, Past Grand Lecturing Knight A. L.

Allen, State Pres. Byron A. Anderson, District Deputies F. E. Crawford, J. A. Drehle, E. G. Deakins and W. P. Stark, Past Exalted Ruler W. C. Pochon (eldest Pueblo Elk) and Exalted Ruler Ed J. Trontel. Past Exalted Ruler Vern Hughlitt was chairman for the dinner.

Accompanied by Brothers Rice, Anderson and Drehle, the Grand Exalted Ruler arrived at Colorado Springs Lodge on Jan. 9, and was greeted by Exalted Ruler A. W. Matthews and J. J. Schekall, chairman of arrangements for the occasion. A luncheon was held to commemorate Mr. Blackledge's visit, after which the party left for Denver, where the Grand Exalted Ruler boarded a plane for Kearney, Neb., to catch up with work at home. • •



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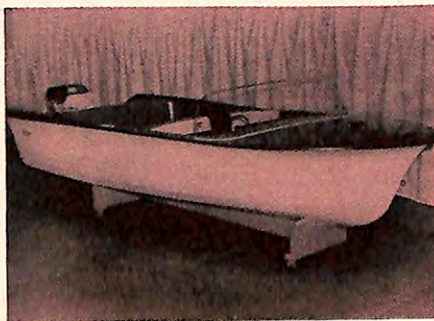
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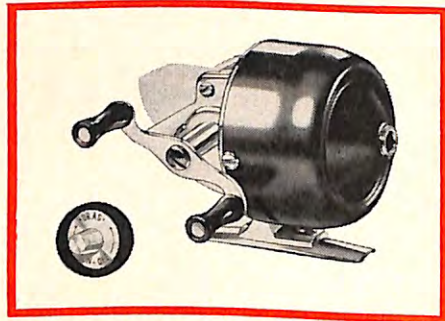
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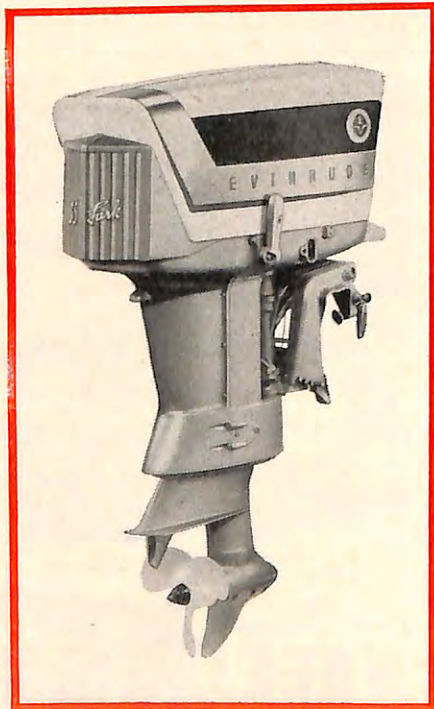
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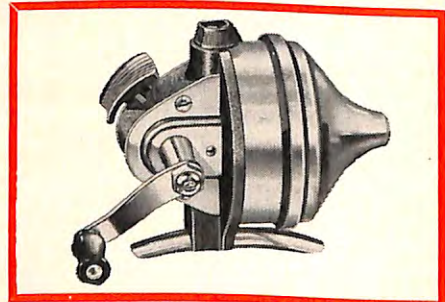
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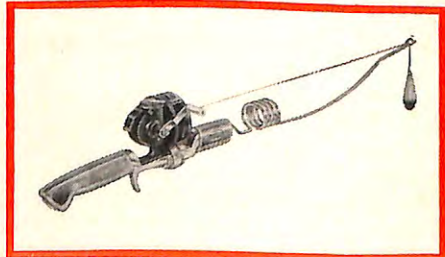
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## Barracuda—High-Stepping Game Fish

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demands his food kicking, and the more it stirs around, the more it excites him. There are many reef fish in barracuda waters, such as the various snappers, blue runners, and the like, which serve as ideal bait. However, for all his vicious reputation, a barracuda is cautious about striking even as inviting a morsel as this. I watched a good fisherman work for a half-day with bait trying to tempt a strike out of any of a dozen big ones at the base of a Gulf Stream light without success. He spent considerable time just catching a snapper for bait and the remainder of the time attempting to coax one of the barracuda into eating it. They showed interest and came irritatingly close to taking it, but he never succeeded in hooking one. For awhile I stood by with a camera hoping to get a good action picture the moment he set the hook in one, but I finally gave up and went back to fishing. While he was engaged in catching snappers and teasing—or being teased by—barracuda, I hooked several on a plug.

And that's the most rewarding way to fish for them. A barracuda is an ideal plug-rod fish. He has everything. He is plentiful but aggravatingly hard to please, which is the basic challenge that gives game fishing its appeal; he has a savage, top-water strike; he fights as viciously as he looks; he has power, speed and endurance; and, most important, he is a spectacular jumper, especially when he has a plug wedged in his mouth.

The tackle I use is a normal bait-casting outfit with a 15- or 18-pound-test line and a top-water, torpedo-shaped plug. There must be a piano-wire lead-

er 10 inches or a foot long between the plug and the line, and it's a good idea to splice 6 or 8 feet of 25-pound-test onto the terminal end of the casting line. The reason for the light line is twofold: first, it will cast farther; and, second, a lot of it can be packed onto an ordinary reel in case a big one takes it into his mind to run direct to the deep-blue sea. Another good idea is a thumb-stall. Twenty-pounders have burned my thumb badly on the first run.

Many people are afraid of a barracuda in a boat. They say that even when he is high and dry he will deliberately attack and take a chunk out of someone's leg; however, there's little such danger from one caught on light tackle. By the time he allows himself to be boated, there's not a flop left in him. He has given everything, right down to the last breath. Still, it is wise to be cautious in removing the plug. The reflexes may still be active. I would as soon stick my hand in a steel trap as in a barracuda's mouth, even if he had been dead a week.

But first it's necessary to catch one. It's easy to make a barracuda come to a plug and shadow it, but not so easy to make him strike. The requirements are a long cast, due to his tendency to follow before hitting, and a lot of rod action on the retrieve. Since a barracuda is attracted by any surface commotion, the plug should be jerked hard and made to splash as soon as it hits the water; then, if one follows, the plug should be given as furious action as possible to get him excited. The more the plug splashes, darts and jumps, the more likely he will hit it. A half-interested one can work a man to death. He will tail it at first at a safe distance and maybe do that all the way to the skiff, when he will shy off. However, if he begins to make rapid passes from side to side just short of the plug, it is usually a sign that he is going to strike. When he does, he will hit it with a furious smash. There's no need to set the hook; the barracuda does that under his own power.

The torpedo-shaped plug that will leap clear of the water when jerked, after the fashion of a ballyhoo or needle-fish when being pursued, is the most effective. Color doesn't seem to make much difference. It's the action that counts.

There are many places to fish for barracuda. I like the Florida Keys myself. I have taken a good many by fishing on foot, either from shore along the various channels between keys or wading the flats. From a skiff it is possible to fish both the flats, where it is necessary to proceed with caution in order not to flush them, or along the edges of the mangroves on the Gulf side of the keys. There are two kinds of fishing: "blind"



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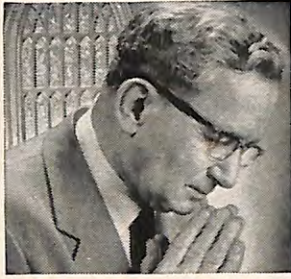
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## ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Elsewhere in this issue is the Proclamation signed by Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, concerning the observance of May 1st as Elks National Youth Day.

Chairman Chas. C. Bowie of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee strongly urges the subordinate lodges and State Associations to comply with Mr. Blackledge's request that proper tributes be paid to tomorrow's citizens and has provided many fine suggestions as to the types of programs which would be most appropriate.

These observances will be a matter for award again this year, and Mr. Bowie has directed both lodges and State Associations to file their Youth Day reports with Committee Member Leo B. Carey, 25 Providence Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island, for examination and selection, by May 15th at the latest. By the first of June the judging of these brochures will have been completed for announcement at the Grand Lodge Convention, with the winning programs to be covered in your Magazine.

It is important to remember this May 15th deadline, and also the fact that no Youth Day reports are to be mailed to the Magazine office.

casting and visual. On the Gulf side, especially after a windy spell, the water is cloudy and there is little chance of spotting a fish before casting to him. The fisherman merely works the likely-looking spots. There's one big advantage to this: a barracuda strikes with much less caution under these conditions than in clear water, probably because he must hit quickly before the lure escapes his visual range. The more exciting type of fishing, though, is where the fisherman can spot his fish, cast to him, see him follow and try to induce him into hitting.

The best of all is a combination of the two, and the place to practice it is at the edge of the flats where the bottom breaks off from shallows to the deep water of the Gulf Stream. A lighthouse, which commonly marks a jutting reef at the edge of the Stream, is the ideal location. This is where the biggest barracuda live, and they can be taken on a plug. When spotted—long, pencil-shaped brownish objects cruising slowly in pairs or small groups—a properly placed cast will bring them around. If not seen, a blind cast with plenty of plug action will attract them.

To be accepted by the sport fisherman, a fish must be either spectacular or welcome on the table. The jack crevalle, for instance, is a willing hitter and is a determined, tireless fighter; however, he doesn't jump nor make any sustained runs, nor is he worth bringing home to eat. Therefore, the fisherman soon loses interest in them. Tarpon and bonefish, on the other hand, are not considered eating fish, but they are two of the most

sought-after of all, simply on their fighting merits.

As far as the barracuda is concerned, he has all the qualifications necessary to rate him as a spectacular game fish, but there is some doubt about his being a table fish. Almost anyone who has ever eaten barracuda agrees that the flesh is delicious. I have eaten many and rank them with the finest. But this isn't the problem. This much is generally admitted. However, there is a prevalent belief that the flesh of an occasional barracuda is poisonous.

One day a few years ago while searching some new waters in Cuba for snook, we ran into a mess of small barracuda, three- and four-pounders. The Cuban gentleman we were fishing with insisted on staying right there and filling the skiff with them. "The *picua*," he explained, "he is the finest eating." A few days later while casting from a nearby beach I hooked and landed a beautiful barracuda, close to four feet long. I threw him in the trunk of the car, knowing our friend would be pleased to get him.

"I have a fine surprise for you," I told him later as I lifted the trunk lid. He took one look at the big fish, stepped back, frowned, and with a wave of the hand said, "Throw him away. He has a fever!"

This was my first contact with the poison-fish belief. In California the barracuda is considered a delicacy and is regularly served in restaurants as such. In Florida many people hold them in the same regard, while others refuse to touch one.

To solve this contradiction I discussed the subject with one of the scientists at the Marine Biological Laboratories in Miami. I approached him with the personal conviction that it was superstition, but he assured me that it was not, that such fish poisoning is a very real thing. The California species is truly a delicacy, he told me, and has never been known to be poisonous; while on the Atlantic side there are actually three species, two small ones which are both delicious and harmless and the big fellow, the game fish of the lot, which occasionally has been known to have toxic flesh. The Cuban fisherman, long acquainted with this fact, tests a listless fish in one of two ways: he feeds a piece of the flesh to one of the neighbor's chickens, which will be on its back kicking at the sun in a few minutes if the fish is inedible; or, if the neighbor is fresh out of chickens and he can muster up a silver dime, he boils the coin in water with a piece of the fish. In this case the dime is said to turn black if the fish "has a fever."

Whether or not men eat barracuda and whether or not barracuda eat men are both admittedly important subjects, but long overshadowed is the sporting quality of this fish. He is every bit as vicious and unaccountable on the end of a nylon line as he is along a bathing beach or in someone's stomach. ● ●

## Spring Is the Time for Trout

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or three spots on an eyed hook of suitable size—usually a No. 8.

On larger water, spinning tackle definitely has the edge for any kind of bait. You can reach distant spots more easily and, even more important, you can hold your bait in the best water longer. The current has very little drag on the fine monofilament line. It is so light, too, that you can keep most of it out of the water with a high rod.

Though there are exceptions to every known rule of angling, I prefer to fish bait as naturally as possible. When a worm is washed into a stream, he doesn't ball up into a wad. Instead, he stretches out full length as he sinks, and then he rolls along the bottom. Consequently, I think it is best to hook a worm lightly

and let him drift naturally with the current. If it is swift, I'll use the lightest sinker that will take him down. Otherwise, I prefer none at all.

Of course, this cuts down the distance of your casts with spinning tackle. Every time, however, I'll depend on short casts and a bait fished right in preference to long casts and a bait that plunks to the bottom and lies there like a rock.

A common earthworm—I don't like night crawlers because they are so big—is probably the finest early season bait for trout everywhere. They all take it, even in high-altitude streams where none occurs naturally. Furthermore, a worm is a great help to a beginner. Trout take it deliberately, and he doesn't have to strike so quickly as he would with fly or lure.

There are other good baits. One spring morning when I was twelve, I turned up a white grub, about an inch long, while I was spading the garden. I baited a hook with him that evening and caught my first big trout—a three-pound brookie. As you can well imagine, the garden was thoroughly combed for grubs after that, but I finally decided that they were no better than worms—and worms were more plentiful.

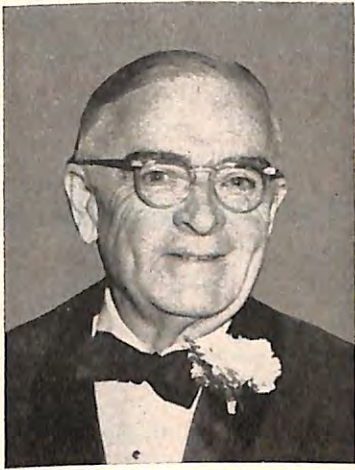
Caddis larvae, sometimes called pen-winkles, are often good bait. They build little cases of sand or scraps of wood, which they attach to underwater stones, and you can put them on the hook, case and all. When you catch a trout with sand in his stomach, it is a sure sign that he has been feeding on caddis larvae. Fish deep and let your bait roll along the bottom.

The tail of a crawfish is often an excellent bait for big trout. So are any of the nymphs that you can find by turning over the rocks in shallow water, provided they are big enough. Many are too small to put on a hook.

Bait is not always the best, however, even when the streams are high. You can cover more water—thereby giving more fish a chance to see your offering—with either lure or fly. As a general rule, I don't think the color of spoons and spinners makes much difference, though, given my choice, I'd use a nickel spinner in discolored water; a brass one in clear. Small, all-brass spoons are consistently good, though there have been times when either black and white or red and white with a nickel concave side was better.

And there are many days, even when the water is high and cold in early season, when a fly of one kind or another is better than anything else. I remember the time a friend wiped my eye in a most surprising manner because I was too stubborn to concede this.

The river was high. It was over its



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banks, in fact, a racing torrent of ice-cold water. I started fishing downstream with various lures and later switched to bait. I fished the swift water that had been pools the summer before, behind the rocks that broke the churning current and, generally, all of the spots that looked as though they might harbor a trout.

I got skunked.

Meanwhile, my companion fished upstream. He used his fly outfit, a dry Bucktail Royal Coachman and a very short line. He poked along through the willows, wading only where necessary, and casting to little sheltered spots among them that would be dry ground in another month. He caught twelve nice rainbows.

Fully half the battle during periods of high water lies in finding the trout. They can't fight a racing current endlessly; consequently they won't stay in the same spots that they prefer during the summer. Once, fishing a big river, we found them in the mouths of the tributary brooks and for a short distance upstream. Later, after the river dropped, these spots were deserted. Another time, we found a wonderful concentration of fish in a spring-fed slough, dead water that was connected to the main stream by a narrow channel. This, too, was abandoned by the trout when the river fell.

Unless the water is too badly discolored, an artificial nymph is always a good bet in early spring because trout

feed on real nymphs the year around, even under the ice in winter. Use the same leader you would for dry flies. If the water is shallow you can use your floating dry-fly line, too, but in deep water you must have a line that sinks. The only exception to this is when a hatch of aquatic insects, such as May flies, is starting to come off and the trout are catching them as they rise toward the surface to shed their nymphal husks and emerge in adult form. Then it usually is best to fish your nymph within a few inches of the top, and you need a line that floats, regardless of the water's depth.

**S**TRANGE as it may seem, many aquatic insects cannot swim. When one is dislodged from the bottom, he is carried along willy-nilly by the current until he can latch onto another stone or a hungry trout gobbles him up. This provides the clue to one of the most effective methods of nymph fishing. It is called the "dead drift". Cast upstream or up and across and let the nymph drift down freely with the current. Don't give it any added action whatever, but attempt to keep line and leader barely tight enough so that you can hook a striking fish.

How do you detect a strike? Watch the line where it enters the water. If it hesitates or pulls strangely, set the hook. Sometimes you'll hook rocks and twigs, but every once in a while you'll hook a trout, too. Another thing to watch for

is the flash of a fish in the vicinity of your nymph. A trout often turns when he takes, and if you strike at the flash you'll hook him.

A second good way to fish a nymph is to wade downstream and fish ahead, down and across. Cast across and let the line sink for a few seconds if the water is deep. Then, as it begins to swing around below, make the nymph swim by alternately pulling and releasing the line. When it reaches your side of the main current, shuttle it upstream by gathering line slowly in your left hand. Let the line drift into the deep, slow spots where big trout lie and then retrieve it with little pulls and pauses. This method may give most nymphs an unnatural action, but it is often effective, just the same. It has one real advantage, too; the trout strike against a tight line and usually hook themselves.

**O**F ALL the rewards that gladden the hearts of anglers in the early spring, however, the greatest is that rare day when an early hatch of insects comes off and the trout rise to dry flies. It doesn't happen often. Unusually low water and unusually warm weather must precede it, but when the water reaches the required temperature and the magic moment comes, glory be!

It has happened to me twice on Opening Day. The first time I didn't have my dry flies. I thought there was no chance to use them so early, and I suffered the tortures of Job as I watched lovely, unattainable trout rising wildly to floating insects. I resolved then and there never to go fishing for trout again without them.

The second time, Dan Holland and I were together. It was a lovely April day in a beautiful, spring-decked valley through which flowed a perfect stream. The water was a little high, but clear.

About two o'clock in the afternoon, a few Quill Gordons (actually the May fly *Iron fraudator*, commonly given the name of the artificial fly that imitates it) started coming off and a few trout started taking them. As the hatch grew thicker, the number of rises increased until trout were breaking the surface everywhere. Dry fly fishing on Opening Day! Even more remarkable, we were ready for it.

The stream made a long glide with an open meadow on one side, trees on the other. Dan got into the water near the upper end; I went down to the lower. It didn't matter. By the time we were ready to start fishing—which really wasn't very long, even though we had to grease our lines in those days—the rises were dimpling it everywhere like hail.

No one who is not a dry fly fisherman and who has not experienced a rise such as this can possibly imagine the excitement it generates. A trout rises twenty feet away, a little upstream. You false cast in that direction, preparatory

to dropping your fly in the precise current that will carry it to him. Before you can complete the cast, another, larger, trout rises directly upstream. He's a little farther, so you work out a few feet of line. A still bigger trout comes up halfway between these two. Just as you are about to cast to him, you hear a heavy rise in the other direction. You turn in time to see the receding rings that must have been made by a really good fish.

You drop your fly in the right spot, as nearly as you can tell, only to see him rise to a natural a few inches upstream. You daren't pick up your fly immediately because doing so might scare him, so you let it float a couple of yards, then pick up carefully and cast again. While your fly is in the air, he takes a natural. He doesn't take yours, even though the cast appeared to be good. Maybe he had just turned down and didn't see it. Maybe he saw the leader. Maybe it was just a few inches short.

You cast a dozen times to this fish, apparently the largest within reach, and finally your fly disappears in a splashy rise two feet upstream from where you thought he was. You set the hook—and you're fast to an acrobatic eight-incher that puts the big one down before you can lead it away.

No use casting there again, at least for awhile. You pivot around to face the other direction once more. By this time, so many trout are rising that you can't decide which to choose. Watch out, now! Unless you get hold of yourself you'll be casting wildly first to one fish, then to another, and you won't catch any. You finally select one that looks good and, by some miracle, he takes it solidly on the first float. He's about eleven inches long. Well, that's better, anyway. You pick out another and cast to it. One float with no takers and you hear the big one come up again. He's over his fright. Once more you give him your full attention.

Almost before you know it, the hatch is over and the trout have quit. The sun has set unnoticed and the air is chilly. Your back aches from standing so long in one spot and your legs are numb from the cold water. You have caught and released uncounted small trout, plus a couple of good ones that you kept. The big one still is out there in the stream somewhere, probably settling down in a quiet spot behind a rock to digest his meal. He was too much for you, but there is always tomorrow.

How fortunate that there is always tomorrow on a trout stream in the spring! The spreading leaves, the bursting flowers, the trilling birds, the trout. And how fortunate, really, that the big one usually eludes us; that he is always there, a magnet that pulls us irresistibly back to the moment when all else fades in a world of flowing water, floating fly, and rising trout. ● ●

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Some modern tires seal their own punctures. Others have a built-in safety chamber on which they can run many miles after the casing is punctured.

But on most cars a flat is still possible. The otherwise competent driver who has never changed a tire may find himself (or herself) in a helpless or even dangerous position.

**FIND OUT NOW.** A busy roadside is not the place to learn how to use a jack or detach fender skirts. Any driver new to the facts of tire changing will do well to spend fifteen minutes in the driveway getting acquainted with them. If possible, have somebody coach you.

If your car has fender skirts, be sure you know how the locking mechanism works, and that it acts freely. If these panels are hard to remove, it may be wise to leave them in the garage.

Women drivers may be puzzled by the clamp that holds in the spare tire. They should be shown how to release it, how to assemble the jack on its base and use it, where to find the jack handle and lug wrench, and how to pry off a hub cap and replace it.

**CARS WITH AIR SPRINGS** are a special problem. The air bags are automatically inflated by a power pump to suit the load carried. The trouble is that jacking up one corner of an air-suspension car will set the system frantically trying to lift all the other corners.

Air springs are still so new that the right procedure varies. Consult the manual or your car dealer; better still, have him demonstrate the right method of jacking up a wheel.

**THINGS YOU SHOULD CARRY,** in addition to the spare, jack and lug wrench, are a pair of cotton work gloves, a brick, and a piece of wood about 1½ inches thick and a foot square.

Even more important is a good blinker lantern or road flares. One type of lantern has a white beam that gives you working light, plus a dome that flashes red. You may prefer to use the red blinker light some distance behind the car, and a work light that plugs into the dash. Keep a light or flares up front where you can get them fast.

**TO STOP OR NOT TO STOP** is a question in today's traffic. If the tell-tale side pull, thumping or sudden swerve betokening a flat comes on a bridge or viaduct, in an underpass or a vehicular tunnel, you should keep going rather than stop in such a dangerous spot. The same is true of narrow two-lane highways having no shoulder on which you can safely park.

Never stop on a curve, nor near or just over the crest of a hill. In both cases, the land contour hides you from traffic, and a fast car may be upon you before the driver realizes it.

When a flat occurs in any such a dangerous location, you are far better off to reduce speed and limp along to

a safe place. Riding on the flat may ruin the tire, but it may save your life and your passengers'.

**GET OFF THE ROAD,** say such authorities as the National Safety Council and the Chicago Motor Club. A vehicle stopped on the highway lanes is a sitting duck for an accident. Get *completely* off the road if it is humanly possible. Should the flat be on the side of the car nearest the highway, get over far enough so that you will have room to work on it without being out in the road yourself.

Set the hand brake tightly, shut off the engine, and leave the car in gear (or in Park, if it's an automatic). Even by day, you can leave the turn signal blinking on right turn. (You may have to turn the ignition key to "radio" or "accessory" position to make the signals flash with the engine off.)

At night, leave your headlights on too. Set a flare or blinker lantern going fifty feet behind the car to warn traffic that you're stopped.

It is recommended that all passengers get out of the car while a tire is changed. The exception might be a small child; such a tot will be safer in the car than wandering about while you work, and less distracting to you.



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# a Tire . . .

TAKE OUT THE SPARE and lay it beside the flat. Use the flat end of the lug wrench or jack handle to pry off the hub cap. Then loosen the wheel nuts or lugs. Push the wrench on all the way, holding it on with one hand while pulling on the end of the wrench handle with the other.

Which way? Most wheel nuts must be turned counterclockwise to loosen them. But Dodge and other Chrysler cars, all American Motor Cars, Pontiac, Olds and Cadillac use lefthand threads on the driver's side of the car. These must be turned clockwise to loosen them. The nuts on the right-hand wheels of such cars, however, are standard right-hand ones.

In case of doubt, try in both directions. If one nut won't turn either way, try another. If you can loosen one, you will know which way to turn the tight one (all on that wheel will be alike). A stubborn nut can often be loosened by stepping on the wrench handle, as in Figure 1, but keep the other foot on the ground for safety.

Loosen but don't unscrew the nuts more than a turn or so. The next thing is to jack up the car. If you have stopped on a hill, first push the brick against the downhill side of one rear wheel. If the ground is soft or sandy, lay the board under the jack.

Some car manuals specify certain reinforced points on the bumpers as jacking point to avoid damage.

Set the jack up with its shaft as truly vertical as possible. Flip up the control lever, insert the jack handle fully into its socket, and lift the car until the flat is just off the ground. Don't lean against the car or let anyone else stand close to it while it is being jacked up or so long as it is on the jack. If the jack standard begins to lean as you raise it, let it down and reset the jack for a better purchase.

REMOVE WHEEL NUTS, put them in the upturned hub for safekeeping, and carefully pull the flat wheel off. Place one hand on each side below the wheel center, but *not* under the bottom of the tire. Don't jerk or tug hard. If the wheel is not free, see whether you have jacked the car up quite high enough. If not, raise it cautiously another notch or two. If the wheel is off the ground, its own weight may keep it hanging on the bolts. Lift it slightly.



Lay the flat aside, stand the spare up with the hub-cap side toward you, and lift it onto the bolts (Figure 2). These won't line up with the holes in the wheel at first try.

With the wheel on, next screw the nuts on part way. Then push the wheel all the way on until it seats evenly and turn a couple of nuts on far enough to hold it there.

Tighten all the nuts moderately with the wrench. Then flip down the control lever of the jack, lift and lower the handle, and hold it so that it comes up slowly as car weight takes over. Never let the jack handle fly up.

Now tighten all the wheel nuts securely. You needn't stand on the wrench, but do pull up as hard as you can until the nuts will not turn farther.

Replace hub cap and fender skirt (or if this is difficult, put them in the car). Roll the flat around to the trunk and hoist it aboard (it's much easier now than with the car perched on the jack, and safer too).

Put back your tools, pick up your

passengers, and you're ready to go back on the road. Air spring systems, of course, must be set back to automatic operation. Try to get the flat repaired as soon as possible so that you will no longer be without a spare. ● ●

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## ALASKA ELKS LEAD



It may come as a surprise to many people that in Alaska a larger percentage of American citizens eligible for membership in our Order really are members thereof than is true in any other section of our Order's coverage.

One man out of every five residents of that Territory who could be accepted for initiation in the Order has already taken advantage of the opportunity.

It is interesting to note that the states coming the nearest to Alaska's record in that respect are those closest to that Territory geographically, the states of the Northwest.

Wyoming shows one Elk out of every eight eligibles, already initiated; Idaho, one out of every nine; Montana, one out of every nine, and Oregon one out of ten.

Carrying the reference into various sections of the country, one finds that in the six sections the membership runs as follows:

Northwest, 1 in 12; Southwest, 1 in 25; North Central, 1 in 39; South Central, 1 in 75; Northeast, 1 in 44, and Southeast 1 in 40.

On the average on a national basis as of the close of our last Grand Lodge year, we had 1,188,177 Elks out of an eligible list of 43,480,488; or in other words, on a national basis one out of every 36 eligible for membership has been inducted into the Order.

Perhaps some clever student of the Order who has an investigative turn of mind may find it possible to analyze these comparative membership figures and determine the cause of the present situation.

### They Would Be Missed

Gilbert and Sullivan, in "The Mikado", immortalized, (shall we say?) a list of people who "Never Would Be Missed".

May we in a kindlier and more appreciative spirit, submit a list of those who would be missed were they called from us.

Such a list, of course, will vary according to the circumstances and individual practices of the one who prepares it.

We approach it from the standpoint, or viewpoint, of one who travels to and from work by subway in New York City and who uses the elevator of an office building from first floor to office floor and back.

We must, naturally, start with the person who refrains from using brute force to push you to one side so that he or she can deposit the fifteen cent subway token ahead of you, and, perhaps thus secure the last seat in the coming train that otherwise might be yours.

Next on the subway group is the one who does not, having secured a seat, become so deeply engrossed in his favorite newspaper as to prevent his seeing that a female really needing a seat much more than he, is standing, hanging to a strap that she can barely reach, and does not fail to perform the courteous act of resigning his seat to her.

We think next of the person who, pass-

ing through a revolving door or a swinging door ahead of you, takes recognition of your approaching need of that means of passage and thoughtfully holds the door for the second required to turn it over to you.

We also must include among those who would be missed those who recognize the right you have established to the next taxi and those who refrain from slipping between you and the lunch counter seat which you have been waiting so long to secure.

Let's also include on our list the waiter in one of those ordinary restaurants where, for reason of lack of facilities or lack of faith, topcoats are left near the table, who, having received a generous tip still has the strength and courtesy left to offer to help one on with his topcoat.

There really can be no such proper advance list of those who will be missed as G. and S. prepared of those who "Never Will Be Missed", but the foregoing will surely be enough to suggest the idea.

As an afterthought we feel that we also ought to add to the list those who recognize the preceedingly referred to courtesies with a gracious "Thank you".

Any suggestion of additions to the list will be gratefully received and considered for a future brainstorm of this character.

### New Lodges

Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge in his Program under his adopted slogan, "Observe the Opportunity", called attention to the fact that at the Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco, membership of the State Associations Committee of the Grand Lodge was increased to ten members so that the Committee might place special emphasis on the matter of organization of new lodges in communities where the need and opportunity exists.

Most of us probably have not been appreciative of the important part that new lodges play in increasing membership.

We have been informed, however, that over 37 per cent of our gain of 22,000 in membership during the last Grand Lodge year came through members of new lodges.

The zeal with which the present Chairman and members of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee are meeting their new responsibilities shows that the result in new lodges and new members will be very gratifying.

This conviction was strengthened by the recent appeal by the Grand Exalted Ruler to all his District Deputies to get behind this movement now that their official visitations have been completed.

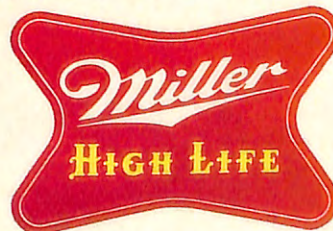
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