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and even then with great pain. Even this outstanding surgical clinic knew of no procedure which could relieve the pain and stiffness of the hip joint. In this condition, 8 years ago, the patient came to New York and consulted me. (Treatment described) The condition improved rapidly. *In 3 weeks she gave up the crutches.*

Case of a Certified "Incurable"—ARTHRITIS OF SPINE. A 38 year-old woman doing the very strenuous work as superintendent in a large apartment house in addition to managing her own home, had been suffering for 2½ years from arthritis of the entire spine (the neck down to the sacral bone) with pains radiating into the arms and shoulders. She had been treated in one of the best hospitals in New York with a special reputation for the cure of chronic diseases. . . . Her tonsils were removed, physical therapy and various injections were prescribed. All of these methods failed. Finally she was put into a harness-like corset of steel and leather reaching from the shoulders down to the thighs. She was told to give up her work and to take a complete rest. The medical certificate stated that she was *completely incapable of working* and that she would "never be able to support herself." The disease was diagnosed as "an irresistibly progressive and incurable condition." (Treatment described) The corset was dropped after one week. *Cure achieved within 6 weeks.* As of this date, 9 years later, no relapse has occurred.

SOME FACTS ABOUT DR. BERNARD ASCHNER



Dr. Aschner is an internationally recognized pioneer in the field of Endocrinology. He is the discoverer of the Oculo-Cardiac Reflex, known as *Aschner's Phenomenon*. He won world-wide acclaim for his work with the pituitary gland, demonstrating for the first time in medical history its role in growth, sexual development and metabolism. His work appears in every medical textbook on physiology.

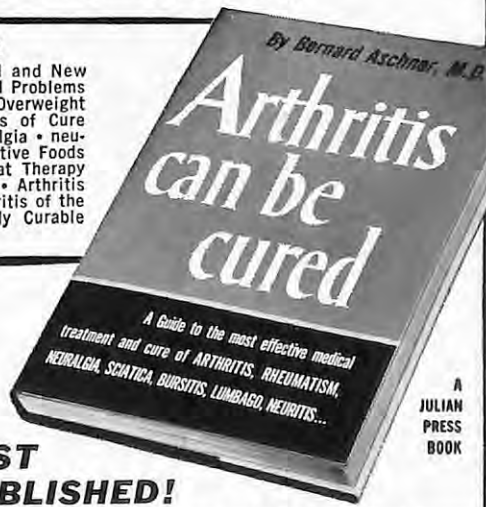
His reputation as scholar and physician has brought him invitations to lecture before learned societies in every major medical center in Europe, and he has been called in as consulting specialist by other internationally outstanding physicians, including such men as the Nobel Prize winner, Wagner-Jauregg.

Since 1938 Dr. Aschner has practiced in this country, where he became Head of the Outpatient Department for Arthritis at Stuyvesant Polyclinic and Lebanon Hospital in New York.

He is a member of the New York Rheumatism Association, The Medical Society of the County of New York, The American Medical Association, and The American Society for the History of Medicine. He is the author of a large number of medical books famous thruout the world.

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WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



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AS CONGRESSIONAL elections draw nearer, clamor over who is to blame for the "recession" grows louder. Democrats are charged with dragging their feet in not carrying out Eisenhower's policies. Republicans are criticized for being asleep when the prosperity gravy train ran off the main track. At the same time, both sides are playing a clever game to grab the credit for giving business a shot in the arm. It's as mixed up as that famous old song—"Who Threw The Overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder." Folks back home should remember a few facts. We watch prices rise, and wages, too, but we forget we now have a 51-cent dollar. We look to the government for handouts and think we are getting something for nothing. The government, we say, is paying 90 per cent for the big interstate highway system. The government actually is not paying a red cent because the government hasn't any money of its own. It's your money. You pay for the buildings, the various projects, and incidentally you pay for the foreign aid. What you can't pay goes on the cuff as public debt, now to be boosted above the \$275-billion mark and you pay the interest on that, too. Money loaned, however, doesn't come out of the tax-payer's pocket, unless as has happened, it is not repaid. Out of the present slump may come an awakening on the part of the public to look on federal "giveaways" with a fishy eye.

We may learn to take a more careful look at federal expenditures and get an honest tax reduction. We can call this a "recession", but to the fellow who is laid off or who lost his job, it's a 100 per cent depression. Meanwhile, as high prices continue, a Washington printer comes up with this wisecrack—What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel.

J. EDGAR HOOVER'S new book, "Masters of Deceit", is attracting wide attention. Why did the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation turn author? His foreword of 24 words explains—"Every citizen has a duty to learn more about the menace that threatens his future, his home, his children, the peace of the world." That also explains why the FBI Director has written exclusive special articles for The Elks Magazine. They were outstanding.

NEW P. O. RULES. After July 1, Post Office Department won't handle envelopes smaller than 2 3/4 x 4 inches. Other odd-size envelopes also will be banned because they cannot go through the new automatic mailing machines.

ART BY EAR PHONES. Those little ear phones which visitors to the National Gallery of Art rent for a quarter, to enjoy private radio lectures as they pass from painting to painting, are sure popular. Some, in fact, have disappeared

and the gallery is installing a gadget at the exits which will emit squawks if a person has one in his pocket.

AUCTION D.C. TAGS? States which charge more for low number or special number combination auto plates are making a good profit. Washington might rake in half a million dollars by auctioning off low number plates and those next to Presidential and White House car plates. Tag "1 - D.C." would sell for a high price.

MANY CRANK LETTERS. Last year 17,801 letters received by the President were processed by the Secret Service for security reasons. About a thousand were more than just crank letters and 66 persons were arrested for threatening the President. One writer, it was revealed, also wrote a threatening letter to President Hoover way back in 1929. He had only been released from a mental institution three weeks before writing to President Eisenhower.

DENTISTS like new drills. New high speed dental drills whining at 150,000 r.p.m.'s were demonstrated at the D.C. Dental Society's Clinic. The ordinary kind turn at only 6,000-10,000 per minute. The new drills make a spine-chilling noise but dentists say they don't hurt as much as the old ones.

FLAT-TOP DREAM. Washington visitors this Spring will not see the famous World War II aircraft carrier "Enterprise" riding at anchor in the harbor channel. This idea of the National Capital Planning Commission was torpedoed when it was found that the 800-foot flat-top would virtually block the waterway and only rowboats would be able to get around it.

CONFIDENTIALLY. A House report estimates government papers marked "confidential" would fill a drawer reaching from here to New York and back again . . . Charge plates on a local department store are good to rent cars in any part of the world . . . Washington Monument has new flood-lights . . . Labor Department reports nearly two million workers disabled by job injuries last year, 14,200 being killed and 83,800 permanently disabled . . . Russian Ambassador Mikhail A. Menshikov has won the press moniker of "Smiling Mike". He even smiles when he visits the State Department.



The Book So Many Elks Are Buying—



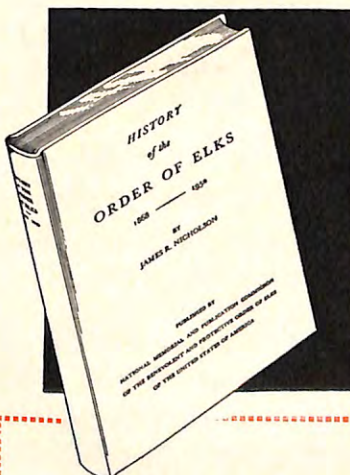
"FRATERNITY"

by Edwin H. Blashfield
One of the murals in the
Elks National Memorial Bldg., Chicago

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HISTORY

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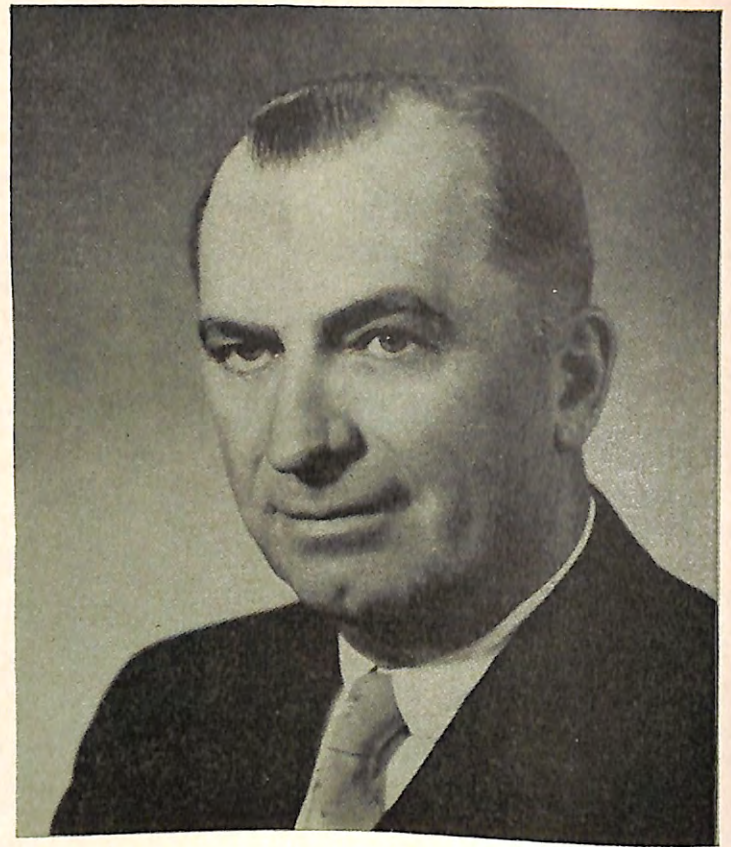
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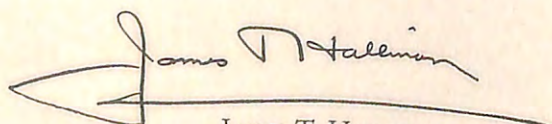
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Sincerely and fraternally,


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Past Grand Exalted Ruler


GEORGE I. HALL,
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“The real power-house of the free world is the democratic middle class . . . It must prove that it offers far more hope for the poor and oppressed than does Soviet Russian slavery.”



THE SOVIET EMPIRE has a mission and makes no secret about it. The Soviet Empire poses as the champion of the “proletariat,” of the marching majority of the 2.6 billion people who inhabit the earth. It defines the proletariat as everyone short of the upper class. By simple subtraction and tricky logic, the Kremlin promotes the doctrine that the free world leaders are rear guardsmen for an upper class minority—and that this minority is now on the run.

The Soviet Empire conveniently and consistently ignores the democratic middle class, which is the real power-house of the free world. Unfortunately, the free world's middle class has also ignored its own power. It has not yet fully recognized and seized upon its

own mission. Unless it does so, the Soviet Empire could ultimately win the world. It would do so through the oldest weapon in the Marxist arsenal—the doctrine of class warfare.

In all the advanced democracies, the middle class has been supremely successful. In our own country, it has been the vital shaper and moulder of society. The middle class set the taproots of enterprise across our continent, it established our communities, it founded our schools, it became the repository of our freedom and strength.

With all its past and present success, why has the middle class failed to find its modern mission? The reason, I think, stems from the communist concept of class warfare—a doctrine beloved by the Marxists and repugnant to democratic beliefs. Instead of meeting this concept head-on and knocking it down as it deserves, the middle class democracies too often have turned their backs and buried their heads in the sand.

This ostrich attitude might be condoned if the Kremlin's tactics were not making headway. The trouble is that they are, particularly among the millions of impoverished and uncommitted peoples of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The doctrine of class warfare is carefully designed to lure new followers to the communist banner and to spread dissension among its foes. The doctrine is still succeeding by our default.

If democracy and freedom are to survive, the middle class must fight back and triumph in the class war which is being waged against it. In fighting this battle, the middle class needs a mission and a sense of urgency.

Eric Johnston has been president of the Motion Picture Association of America since 1945, and from 1942 to 1945, served a four-year tenure as president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In 1951 Mr. Johnston served as administrator of the Economic Stabilization Agency, which was charged with carrying out the fight on inflation, and the following year President Truman appointed him chairman of the International Development Advisory Board, to which post he was reappointed by President Eisenhower in 1953. In the fall of that year, President Eisenhower appointed Mr. Johnston as his personal representative with rank of ambassador to advance a program in the Near East for the unified development of the Jordan River Valley. While still operating his own businesses in Spokane, Wash., Mr. Johnston is also a director of a number of U.S. corporations.

It must frankly and openly assert that it is out to eliminate the proletariat not by liquidation but by mass conversion. It must assert that what the Russians call the proletariat is in reality simply the poor and oppressed. It must prove that middle-class democracy offers far more hope for the poor and oppressed than does Soviet Russian slavery.

This shouldn't be hard to prove if we have the imagination to prove it. Our clearest example is closest to home. In our own country, we've welcomed millions of immigrants since the turn of the century. They were, for the most part, an impoverished horde of landless peasants and unskilled workers denied human rights in their own homelands. In Marxist language, they were proletarians.

But in an unbelievably short span of time, these "proletarians" and their children have become dignified citizens with a stake and status in our society, a voice in our market place and in our voting booths. They did not become the petit bourgeoisie of Marxist legend, the weaklings and functionaries at a decadent capitalist table. They became a vital and vitalizing force within our society.

Surely what has been accomplished in America without a blueprint could be expanded throughout the world through an organized mission backed by a carefully planned program.

Such a program would not get beyond the talking stage without the development of human skills and basic enterprise in the underdeveloped areas. But the middle class democracies already have a beginning in international cooperation through the sparking spirit of American economic aid programs.

It would take more a shift in emphasis than in philosophy to convert American technical and financial assistance into nose cones for the mission of expanding

the middle class. The path is wide open and inviting for other advanced nations to follow the American initiative. Together, the middle class democracies would assert that the objective of economic aid is not merely to achieve stability and development abroad but to convert the proletariat into a middle class and the middle class into democratic electorates.

Paralleling the new emphasis of overseas aid, a blueprint of specific middle class aims and principles could be formulated. This charter of the middle class would set minimum standards for all segments of a modern society—from agriculture to manufacturing to education.

These minimum standards could be set by working parties of specialists in each field of endeavor. These experts from many nations would also set time tables, country by country, for achieving these minimum standards. Without realistic timetables geared to the problems and promise of each nation, unrealistic deadlines would be set, and failure to meet them would lead to frustration and bitterness.

For instance, a young and troubled nation like Indonesia has reputedly only one doctor for every 89,000 people, while in the United States the ratio is one in less than a thousand. The gap is now so wide that its mere realization by Indonesia could lead to despair, particularly if the country's leaders tried or promised to catch up in, say, five years. However, in a carefully worked out timetable which called for an increase of doctors to a ratio of one to 50,000 in five years and steady improvement thereafter, the progress made and the improvement noticed would generate optimism and even enthusiasm.

Above all, what the middle class expansion program needs are evangelists and true believers. They must create a sense of personal involvement in the campaign—a sense of individual *(Continued on page 40)*

JOHN FISCHETTI



Operation Clockfish

By **WILLIAM M. HARDY**

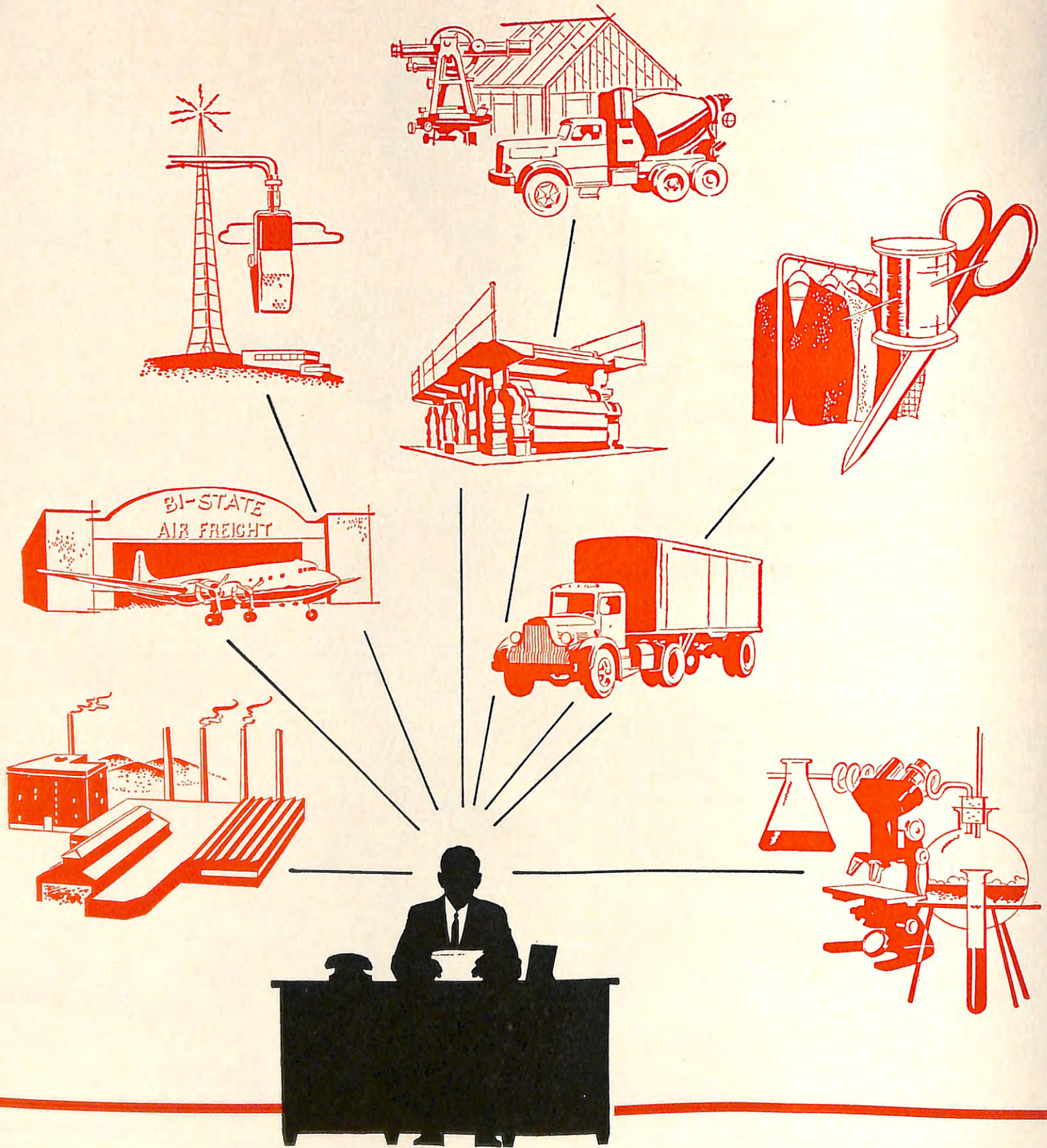
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ALL AHEAD ONE THIRD." Commander Nick McGaw glanced over his shoulder at the finger pier where the *U. S. S. Rockfish* had been tied up. Then he turned his attention ahead to the slim length of the submarine's forward deck. The sharply raked, snout-like bow cut through the water smoothly and quietly. The cluttered docks and piers of the Key West sub base were behind now, and "Operation Clockfish" lay ahead.

"Permission to come to the bridge with coffee?" The steward's mate peered up through the hatch. Nick glanced down, started to speak, then nodded. He thought briefly and sadly of *(Continued on page 46)*







What the SBA Can Do

By **WENDELL B. BARNES** as told to **BRUNO SHAW**

DIRECTOR SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

THERE are some four million small businessmen in the United States, and among them are many thousands to whom the Small Business Administration can be of great service. The problem is: How can they find out what we may do for them? Or, how can we reach them to tell them about it?

We publish booklets that describe the manner in which the small businessman may borrow from the Small Business Administration, or be enabled to borrow from other sources with our cooperation; how we can start him selling his products or services to the United States Government, the largest single buyer in the nation; how we can help him improve his business operations; and what we do to make a new beginning in a disaster area for the entire small business community.

The great need, however, is for us to get this information into the hands of the small businessman. And, equally importantly, immersed as he is in his day to day problems, for him to find the time to read it. What he will want to know about us, I am sure, is what the SBA is and what meaning it has in relation to him.

The Small Business Administration is a Federal agency created by Act of Congress on July 30, 1953, for the sole purpose of giving aid to small business concerns. With head office in Washington, D.C., and regional and branch offices in about sixty cities, and with "circuit rider" agents covering additional territory, the SBA operates on the principle that on-the-spot assistance is more valuable to a businessman than remote consultation.

Now, who is the small businessman who is entitled to aid from the SBA? We define a small business as one which is independently owned and operated and which is not dominant in its field. A manufacturing concern is considered small if it employs 250 or fewer persons. It is large if it employs more than 1,000 persons. If it employs more than 250, but not more than 1,000, it may be considered either small or large, depending

on the employment size standard which the SBA has developed for that particular industry.

Most wholesale concerns are classified as small if their yearly sales are \$5,000,000 or less. Most retail and service trades firms are considered small if their yearly sales or receipts are \$1,000,000 or less. A retail concern is also classified as small if it is primarily engaged in making retail sales of general merchandise (including department stores and variety stores) or new and used motor vehicles or groceries with fresh meats and its annual sales are \$2,000,000 or less.

There are similar criteria for various other kinds of business, but, generally speaking, the rules are made to try to include as many business concerns as possible, excluding only those in the upper brackets which are well able to take care of their own needs. The SBA has specific programs that can assist and counsel the owners of a wide variety of small businesses to improve their business, whether they are manufacturers or corner druggists, or retailers, or servicemen such as TV repair men.

Some come to us because they don't have the kind of collateral a bank may accept for a loan, or because they need a long-term loan, say from three to ten years, that private lending agencies do not ordinarily care to make. Sometimes, in their particular area, there is not sufficient credit available to meet their needs. Or their business may have expanded faster than their credit facilities.

But most of the people who come to us are owners of healthy businesses. They come for help in solving a problem in which they are at a disadvantage, or on which they find it difficult to obtain research and development information. They ask for our assistance not because they are in distress, but because they are ambitious—they have plans, and feel our services will help bring their plans to fruition.

Or they come, as sometimes happens, because there may be need of correction of an unfair policy that prevents people

in their category from securing Government contracts. Quite often, in these cases, we are able to intervene helpfully with the Government department concerned.

Does this kind of Government aid to the small businessman take us down the road toward the Welfare State? I don't think so because, in the case of a loan, for example, the loan must be repaid. The borrower has to go to his own private sources of credit before he comes to us. And while we help him open a line of credit, or even lend him money ourselves, he has to establish to a reasonable degree his ability to repay it and provide us with acceptable security before we hand over a penny.

Not only do we not compete with banks in making loans, but actually a very large percentage of would-be borrowers are referred to us by the banks themselves. What happens then, provided the loan is approved and the security for it is acceptable, is that by mutual agreement the bank makes the loan and we take over or guarantee any part of it up to as much as 90 per cent. Or we make the loan and the bank takes part of it from us. Or we underwrite the entire loan ourselves, from our own revolving fund.

Seekers of handouts who on occasion call on an SBA office in the hope of finding a financial bonanza learn very quickly that ours is not a giveaway program. It is true that, by reason of the purpose for which our agency was established, we make loans against the kind of collateral banks may judge unacceptable. But here at the SBA we never forget our obligation to maintain the highest standards of conduct and the need for reasonable assurance that the money we lend will come back.

More than 10,000 inquiries a month come to our field offices from small businessmen. This figure includes letters, phone calls and personal visits. Of this aggregate figure, only between 550 and 600 a month (5 to 6 per cent) are applications for loans. The vast majority

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Elks Magazine writer Bruno Shaw, at right, interviews Wendell B. Barnes in Washington office of the Small Business Administration.



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See page 39 for more on the 5th annual Elks Hawaiian Tour

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FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL



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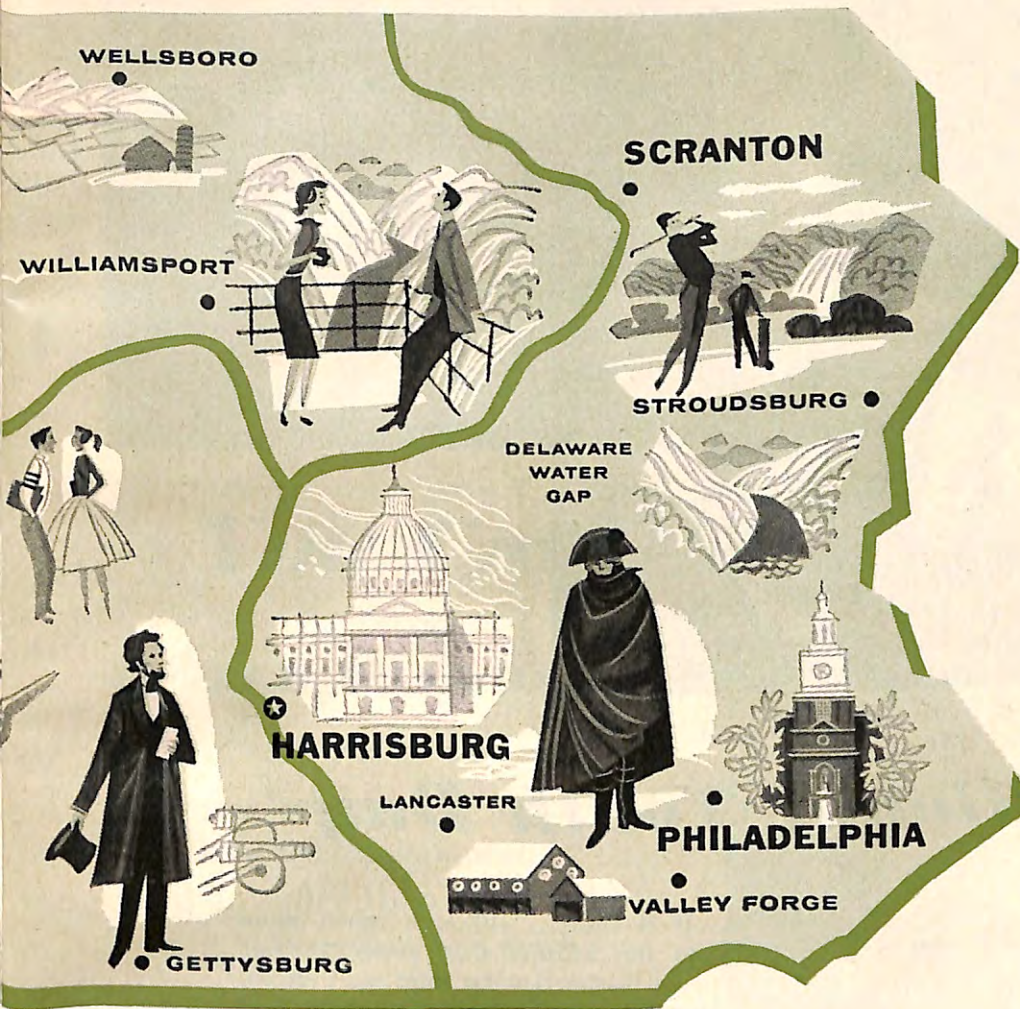
ANY TRAVELER en route to New York, N.Y., for the July Convention will be pleased to find out that if there is one thing that is handy to New York, it is plenty of Pennsylvania. A whole rectangular preserve is within a few minutes' driving time from Gotham and makes a handy place for an excursion either on the way when you're still full of energy, or on the way home, when you're in need of rest and quiet. But that doesn't limit you to July, for Pennsylvania is a year-round vacation land and there is much doing any time of the year.

I should like to explore here a few of my own favorites, one of which is the unique jewel known as New Hope, which I discovered on an exploratory week-end a few years back. Located in Bucks County, it is like the rest of the county, honeycombed with artists, writers, radio and television players, architects and designers, many of whom just nest there and some of whom operate shops, restaurants, and summer

theaters. To take up the matter of New Hope specifically, it is watered both by the Delaware River, a formidable silver stream, and by a canal which is colorful if not so formidable. Inn, restaurants, travelers' way stations and even a summer theater line the banks of the river; and wayfarers can watch the swirling water over lunch or dinner, frequently on flagstone terraces under foliage that droops over the banks.

Just across the Delaware in Lambertville, N.J., the "River's Edge" is a fine place to eat and to meet its owner, Anne Elstner Matthews, radio's Stella Dallas. Six miles from New Hope in Lumberville, Pa., the Black Bass Inn is an antique delight fraught with all sorts of British bric-a-brac, not excluding a proclamation from Queen Victoria. The river runs past the door.

In New Hope itself, places like The River House have been in business since 1794, The Playhouse Inn is a modern extravaganza offering meals, and in the adjoining theater, presentations star per-



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By HORACE SUTTON MAP BY R. AMEIJIDE

sonalities down from nearby Broadway. Horses tow barges along the canal, and some country inns have cocktail corners hanging over them. In between the eateries is a collection of some of the handsomest small shops in the east, offering all sorts of fare, from exotic goods culled from the bazaars of the Orient to creaky antiques culled from the attics of New England.

Northeast Pennsylvania embraces the resortlands of the Pocono Mountains with its nearby 200 lakes and its 500 hotels and inns. There is river and lake and pool swimming, sailing, riding over forest trails, waterskiing on mountain lakes, fishing in streams and, of course, tennis and golf. One of the most famous hotels is Fred Waring's Shawnee Inn, a sprawling 125-room hotel, open in summer and fall only, with an 18-hole championship golf course on the grounds, tennis, swimming, boating, archery and outdoor dining and dancing. It's located at Shawnee-on-Delaware—that river again—an easy drive

from New York. The state's largest resort hotel is the Inn at Buck Hills Falls, with 300 guest rooms and dining space for 600. There is an Olympic pool, a golf course, lawn bowling, eight tennis courts and twenty miles of bridle trails. But in addition the Poconos hold dozens and dozens of smaller places where cottages for two may run \$50 to \$55 a week, some quiet adult places that charge about \$40 a week per person and specialize in home cooked meals and garden-grown vegetables. These places tend to offer such quieter entertainment as television and movies, hiking, and golfing on nearby public courses. Dress is no problem here. An attraction with some resorts is the Canada-like atmosphere which they can offer in an area that is only 100 miles either from New York or Philadelphia, you take your choice.

And speaking of Philadelphia, that venerable city houses Independence National Historical Park, which was the
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ELKS National Youth Day

On one occasion early in my term, I was being presented to a fine group of young people receiving Elks scholarship awards, and the speaker said that I would now lecture to them. The use of the word "lecture" was, I'm sure, inadvertent, but it prompted me to reply that I definitely had no such intention and that if there was any one thing that the youth of America needs today it is fewer poor lectures and a lot more good examples. I still adhere to that opinion.

To me the phrase "juvenile delinquency" is distasteful. In the first place, "parental delinquency" would in most cases be more accurate; but my primary objection is that the phrase condemns as a class, with an inconsiderate disregard for the thousands upon thousands of fine, clean and decent young people in your home community and in mine.

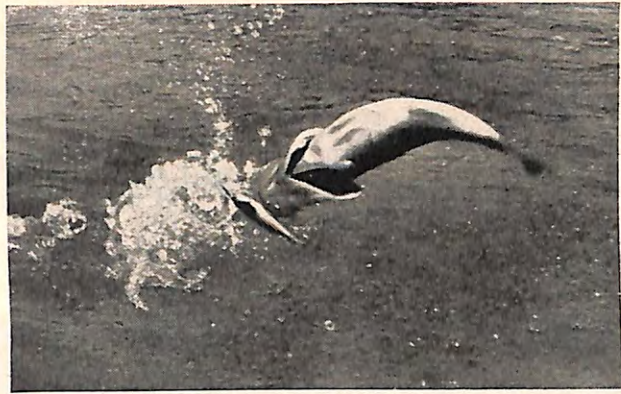
The problems of youth are as old as life itself; the Bible is replete with such incidents; it is a period of biological adjustment, difficult in itself, but made doubly so by an overpowering fear of being ostracized or not ac-

cepted. It is similar, although much more serious, to the instinct that prompts some older people to spend what they can't afford, or do what they really don't care about, just to keep up with the Jones.

The Order of Elks does not profess to know all the answers or to have any monopoly on the solutions to the problems that confront the youth of today—but, instead of talking, or wringing our hands or bewailing the transgressions of the unadjusted minority, the Order of Elks is doing something about it. A continuing, nation-wide program of sponsored leadership of Boy and Girl Scout troops, Camp Fire units, Boys Clubs, 4-H clubs, Little League baseball teams, summer camps, athletic contests and hobby shows, is climaxed by Elks National Youth Day on May 1st, when the Elks and the youth of America walk hand in hand in mutual respect and appreciation.

Elks National Youth Day is both our salute to the youth of America, and our answer to the Red Day of Communism.

H. L. BLACKLEDGE
Grand Exalted Ruler



You won't find bass fishing like this in a heavily overstocked pond, where there will be a multitude of runts and only a very few big ones. The fisherman is Ted Trueblood.

You Can't Catch Them All

By TED TRUEBLOOD

Biologists are learning that good bass fishing is more likely to suffer from too little fishing, rather than too much.

SIMPSON'S POND was fished out. There was no doubt about it. When two of the best fishermen in the club could fish from daylight until dark—as Uncle Billy Mathews and Tom Watson had just done—and only catch one legal-sized bass, that was pretty obvious.

Sitting on the veranda that warm summer evening, the members present expressed different views as to how and why this had occurred. Their ideas of what should be done to correct the situation were even more varied than their theories as to its cause. On only two things were they agreed: Fishing had been good when they bought the old Simpson farm a few years before. It was darned poor now.

"I can't understand it," Charlie Wilson said. "Bill Simpson let everybody fish. Why, on a warm spring Sunday there'd be two dozen boats on the lake and 50 or 75 people fishing off the bank. And catching fish, too. Everybody got all the big bluegills and crappies he wanted, and the bass fishermen always got a few nice bass. Now look at it. You couldn't catch a skillet full of decent bluegills to save your soul. And I haven't seen a bass this year that was worth keeping."

"It's got to be poaching," Doc Waters said. "Somebody is sneaking in here during the winter, when we're shut down, and seining out all our good fish. I told you we ought to have a full-time caretaker."

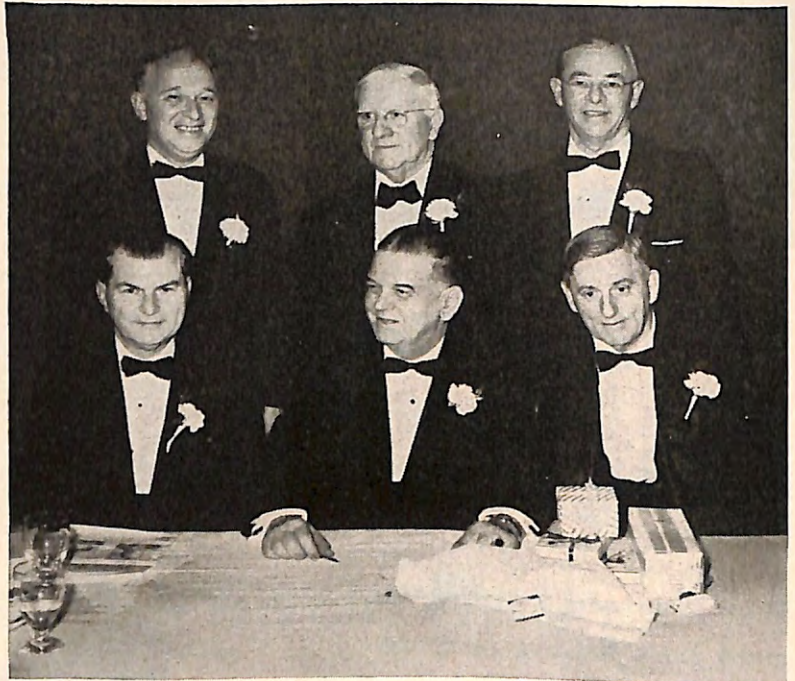
Several members agreed, but Jack Morrison took exception. "Doc," (Continued on page 42)



Fourteen Visits and



Presenting the Nicholson Trophy for Ritualistic Excellence at the Feb. 17 dinner in Boston's Hotel Statler, Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisley congratulates Exalted Ruler John F. McGreevy of Worcester Lodge, Mass. ritualistic champions for 1957-58.



At the speakers' table during the Mass. Elks Assn. Banquet, Feb. 17, are (seated, left to right) State Pres. William F. Maguire, the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Lodge Committeeman Judge John E. Fenton. Standing are Earl Ballou, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry.



At the station in Hartford, Conn., on Feb. 12, the Blackledges were welcomed by Esteemed Leading Knight Thomas S. Wilson (in fur-collared coat) and Past Exalted Ruler Albert E. Cotter.



A hearty handshake is extended to Mr. Blackledge by Orangeburg, S. C., Exalted Ruler Dallas A. Gardner during the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit on March 10. Talks on this occasion were carried on radio station WDIX (note microphone).

a Four-State Jamboree

OUR CUSTOMS and traditions—even the meanings of words—change with time, yet the wisdom of the Bible remains as timely as ever today. This point was forcefully made by Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge on Feb. 17, at the annual reception and dinner held by the Massachusetts Elks Assn. At this celebration Mr. Blackledge reminded the Brothers of the Parable of the Talents, in a talk that was deemed one of the most memorable ever to mark this annual event. Although a “talent” no longer means a coin, he pointed out, the parable is applicable to our present-day understanding of the word “talents”. It is as true today as ever, he said, that our talents must not be hidden away uselessly, but must be put to work to produce some good. Only in this way can the talents of the Order’s individual members result in the furthering of the causes of Elkdom.

Among the dignitaries attending this banquet was Massachusetts Governor Foster Furcolo. As a memento of the occasion, Governor Furcolo presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a sterling silver cigarette box, on the cover of which was impressed the Massachusetts State Seal. Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Nicholson Trophy for Ritualistic Excellence by Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely to Exalted Ruler John F. McGreevy of Worcester Lodge, 1957-58 state ritualistic champions. Appropriately, Brother McGreevy led the Eleven O’clock Toast. Earl Ballou was Chairman for the evening.

The 750 Elks present included Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley, Henry C. Warner and L. A. Lewis, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Chairman John E. Fenton (who was toastmaster at the banquet) Grand Lodge Committeemen Leo B. Carey, Daniel E. Crowley and John J. Horan, Mass. Elks Pres. William F. Maguire, N. H. Elks Pres. Guy A. Rich and R. I. Elks Pres. James W. Leighton.

ILLINOIS. On Feb. 8, Granite City, Ill., Past Exalted Rulers Courtland W. Lybarger and James R. Snelson greeted Mr. Blackledge and conducted him to the lodge for an informal breakfast with a group of Granite City Elks and their ladies. Accompanied by District Deputy Perle R. Tinberg, the Grand Exalted
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Stepping from the train at Joplin, Mo., for the Four-State Jamboree, March 8, Mr. Blackledge greets (left to right) Exalted Ruler Ed Weber, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Guy D. Moore, PDD George D. Klingman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and Elks National Service Commission Special Representative Floyd Brown.



Conferring at Macon, Ga., Lodge when the Grand Exalted Ruler made his visit, March 12, are (from left) Past Exalted Ruler B. J. Fowler, Hal Bell, (Mr. Blackledge), Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge John S. McClelland and Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt.



A warmhearted welcome is extended to Mr. Blackledge by Exalted Ruler William T. McNelis before the new home of Hazleton, Pa., Lodge on Nov. 18. Looking on (from left to right) are Grand Lodge Credentials

Committeeman Barney W. Wentz, State Vice Pres. Harry Schugart, State President John S. Buchanan and former Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Member Earl Pitzer.

Ruler then drove to Charleston Lodge for a brief visit, en route to the mid-winter meeting of the Illinois Elks Association, which took place in Mattoon.

HARTFORD. From Illinois, Mr. Blackledge traveled east for another anniversary celebration—that of Hartford, Conn., Lodge. Arriving on Feb. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge were greeted by Past Exalted Ruler Albert E. Cotter and Esteemed Leading Knight Thomas S. Wilson as they stepped off the train. At a banquet the next evening in the Hotel Statler, Mr. Blackledge complimented his Hartford hosts on their gracious hospitality and called attention to Elkdom's "widening circle of benevolence."

Exemplifying the theme of the Diamond Anniversary program—"75 years of progress in Elkdom's 90th year"—a standing ovation was given 97-year-old Brother William W. O'Brien, a Hartford Elk for 73 years. The lodge's 23 life members were special guests for the evening; runner-up to Mr. O'Brien in terms of service is F. C. Opper, 69 years an Elk. Past Exalted Ruler Cotter also presented life memberships to three Brothers who have just completed 50 years of service: Robert L. McGovern, Edward J. O'Malley and Charles Schirm.

The city's welcome was tendered to Mr. Blackledge by Mayor James H. Kinsella. The banquet guests were also addressed by Senator William A. Purtell

and Chief Justice Designate, Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors, Edward J. Daly. Both men are Elks. Past Exalted Ruler Robert F. Claffey was toastmaster and Exalted Ruler Louis F. More greeted guests at the celebration.

NEW JERSEY. Following the Feb. 17 dinner in Boston, Mr. Blackledge made a rather harrowing trip to New Jersey through the blizzard which hit that part of the country at the time. After railroad delays occasioned by the storm, the party arrived at Essex House, Newark, for a Feb. 18 luncheon with members of Newark Lodge. They were then driven by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J.

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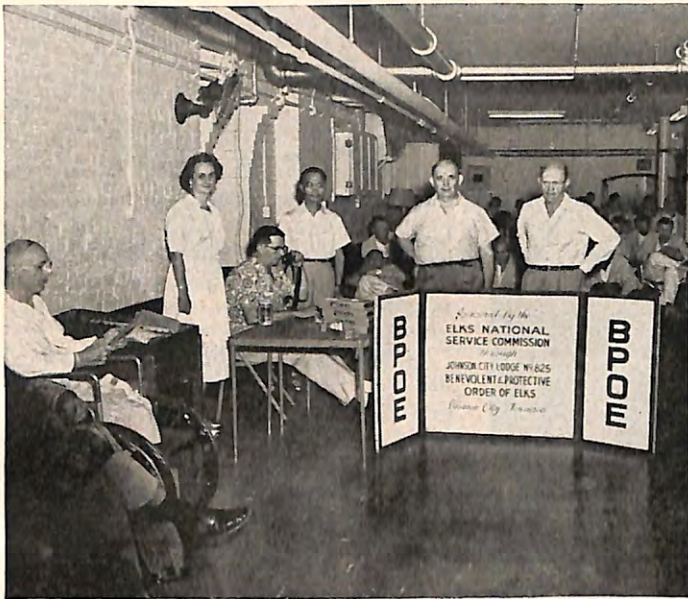
Left: On a visit to Griffin, Ga., Lodge, March 12, Mr. Blackledge is shown as he shakes hands with Exalted Ruler Francis D. Hunt. Looking on, left to right, are Past District Deputy L. S. Jamison, Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt, Past

Grand Exalted Ruler Judge John S. McClelland, Past State Pres. C. J. Williams and Past State Pres. Judge W. H. Beck, Jr., who acted as master of ceremonies. Right: In Annapolis on Feb. 21, inspecting a plaque on the spot where General



George Washington resigned his Army commission, Mr. Blackledge is surrounded by (from left) E.R. Clarence M. Mullican, Jr., D.D. Fred Malkus and Maryland Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, who is an Elk himself.

ACTIVITIES and RECOGNITION



At right: Chairman Fred Kessler of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lodge's Hospital since it was taken at one of the regularly scheduled bingo parties provided by the Commission through Johnson City, Tenn., Lodge's Committee headed by P.E.R. L. L. Cuison. Above, right: Providing leather for therapeutic purposes continues as an important feature in Elkdom's participation in the rehabilitation of hospitalized veterans. A new move in securing the hides for this work is a cooperative effort of the American Legion



and the Elks. That this innovation was successful in San Diego, Calif., is evidenced by this load of 140 hides, collected by the local Legion Post and given to the San Diego Elks Committee for tanning. Left to right are C. E. Spainhower, part owner of the frozen food locker club where the hides were stored, American Legion Service Officer E. H. Spainhower, Elks Committee Chairman Sidney R. Butts, Committeeman Ted L. Marshall and Exalted Ruler I. Glen Deardorff.

At right: Chairman Fred Kessler of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lodge's Hospital Committee, standing third from left, is pictured with a group of the talented entertainers who performed for Cincinnati VA Hospital patients at one of the recent shows these Elks put on there regularly.

Below: Not long ago, the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Red Cross held a special ceremony, attended by approximately 2,500 persons, to present Certificates of Appreciation to various organizations of the Metropolitan area of Washington, D. C., which have participated in various Red Cross programs for five or more years. Film and television star Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., made the presentations, and is pictured, at left, as he presented one of the certificates to Chairman W. Seymour Hall of Washington, D. C., Lodge's Hospital Committee. The award, citing the work the Elks have accomplished for hospitalized servicemen, was inscribed to the "Elks National Service Commission in recognition of service faithfully performed for 15 years".



The Elks Have A Birthday



In the photograph at the top of the page, as Mayor of the City of New York, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., a Past Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge No. 1, center, presents his proclamation naming February 16th as Elks Day to Exalted Ruler James J. Carr of No. 1 Lodge, left. At right is Est. Lead. Knight Raymond Tese. In the photograph just above, taken at the banquet marking the 90th Anniversary of both the Order and the lodge were, left to right, seated, Past

Exalted Ruler and lodge Secretary Eugene G. Heffernan who was Committee Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson and William J. Jernick who represented Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge, and Exalted Ruler Carr; standing are Chairman James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, Judge John F. Scileppi of the Grand Forum and Past State President Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Director of the National Convention Committee.



DOUBLE ANNIVERSARIES were celebrated by several lodges at the time the Order observed its 90th birthday. Lewiston, Maine, Lodge, No. 371, combined this celebration with its own 60th Anniversary.

A class of 48 candidates was initiated at that time, followed by a dinner served to 280 members. Among the highlights of the evening was the presentation by Exalted Ruler Harold E. Lane of Life Memberships and 40-year-pins to five affiliates, with 35-year pins awarded to 14 members.

Another event held in that period was the Elks' wives' card party, an annual affair for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Committee. Over 400 ladies attended the party, at which members of the lodge served as waiters.

Bemidji, Minn., Lodge, No. 1052, undertook to celebrate Elkdom's anniversary with its own Golden Jubilee, when Mayor Virgil Heathman, a member of No. 1052, issued a public proclamation designating a two-day period honoring the lodge and the Order. P.E.R. H. J. Erickson was Chairman of the Committee which arranged and executed the event.

District Deputy Virgil L. Howerton of Virginia Lodge, making his official visit, headed the list of out-of-towners who joined in the festivities, with delegations arriving from Brainerd, Minneapolis, Thief River Falls and Inter-

Left: Another lodge of the Greater New York area which celebrated an Anniversary during Elkdom's 90th year was Brooklyn, N. Y., Lodge which marked its 75th Birthday with a gala dinner-dance. This event paid tribute to Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge. Photographed with a copy of the handsome Anniversary book the lodge presented as a souvenir of the occasion were, left to right, Hon. Albert Conway, Chief Justice of the State Court of Appeals who was one of the speakers, Hon. Milton Solomon, P.E.R. and Trustee of the lodge who was the General Chairman for the celebration, Justice Hallinan of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court and Cuthbert J. Behan, Exalted Ruler of the host lodge. Judge Scileppi was also one of the speakers at this affair.



In response to the Grand Exalted Ruler's request for large 90th Birthday classes, Kankakee, Ill., Elkdom swelled its ranks with the acquisition of this class of 122 members. In the foreground are the lodge officers, led by E.R. Milton Shapiro, and special guests Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, sixth from left, together with State Chaplain Verne

Joiner, State Vice-Pres.-at-Large Stewart Strain, Pres. Eugene W. Schnierle and Past Presidents George F. Thornton and Albert W. Arnold, State Secy. Over 300 members attended the meeting and pre-initiation dinner, including 15 Exalted Rulers and delegations from ten Illinois lodges, as well as District Pres. Robert O. Steinhour.

national Falls. Top spot at the Stag Night program was the famous "Bauman" smorgasbord, enjoyed in a "Diamond Jim" Brady atmosphere. The next evening found 50 candidates joining the ranks of Bemidji Elkdom, in a ceremony which was followed by a memorable banquet and dance.

THE 90th ANNIVERSARY of the Order was celebrated in a three-way observance by West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1352, where the event coincided with the lodge's 40th birthday and its Old Timers Night. Following a banquet for 125 members, a meeting was held with 16 P.E.R.'s of No. 1352 participating.

At that time, Exalted Ruler Robert Grafton presented lapel pins to 13 Elks who have been members for 25 years, and a 50-year pin was awarded to Charles B. Watkins. Howard A. Robinson received a 45-year pin and similar honors for 40-year membership went to A. G. Diemer, Harry Halpern, Carl Kettler, A. E. Page, E. U. Roddy and P.E.R. E. B. Donnell. Eleven West Palm Beach Elks were awarded 35-year pins, while ten received 30-year pins. A feature of the session was the tracing of the lodge's history by Past Exalted Ruler Kettler who is one of its Charter Members.

OKLAHOMA ELKDOM'S YOUTH Expansion program received a boost when Exalted Ruler Norman Allen handed to State Association President Bert Wysor a \$604 check from Pauls Valley Lodge No. 1874 recently.

During 1953, under the guidance of Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James who emphasized the importance of giving service to the youth of the land, the Oklahoma State Association adopted



On the Order's birthday, Orlando, Fla., Elks, their wives and representatives of the 11 other lodges of the East Central District held a party, a feature of which was a telephone call to Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge in Boston presenting him with 96 Elks National Foundation Participating Certificates, six more than the goal which D.D. John W. Morgan had set as

an Anniversary gift to Elkdom. Grouped to make the call over three telephone extensions were, left to right, Kissimmee Lodge's E.R. Paul Smith, Winter Park Lodge's E.R. Jules A. Morris, D.D. Morgan, Shorty Boyd who represented Melbourne-Eau Gallie Lodge, host E.R. C. S. Brown, Sanford Lodge's E.R. D. G. Allen and State Assn. Vice-Pres. V. F. Martin.

Youth Activities as its major project. Local lodges appointed their own Youth Activities Committees and were urged to study the youth problems of their own communities.

After careful deliberation, the need for a Youth Center dedicated to the State's young people seemed paramount. Site-finding committees, legal groups, building committees and, finally, a committee to formulate regulations to govern such an operation were formed.

At the specific request of Mr. James, an Oklahoma City Elk, this Youth Program was planned to include special

help and rehabilitation assistance to the underprivileged, handicapped and disturbed child, as well as promoting social, recreational and educational projects for healthy, normal children.

The result was the creation of the Oklahoma Elks Youth Center near Tishomingo, which is second to no other similar recreational center in the State. With the support of the State's lodges, the Youth Activities Expansion program will enable the Association to move into a broader field of achievement, embracing educational activities among worthy young people of Oklahoma.



Above, left: The Los Angeles Rams pro football team sent three top players to Redondo Beach, Calif., Lodge to help raise funds for the Calif. Elks Major Project. Left to right: Duane Putnam

of the Rams, E.R. V. G. Ciallella and Rams stars Don Burroughs and Dick Daugherty. Above, right: On Old Timers Night at 65-year-old Moscow, Ida., Lodge, were, left to right, 64-



year Elks C. A. Hagan and R. M. Walker, and E.R. Norbert Busch. The flag shown here, presented to the lodge by Mr. Walker, flew over our National Capitol during World War I.



Above, left: During an Auburn, Calif., high school assembly, P.E.R. John A. Raffetto, Jr., Pres. of the Calif. Elks Assn., fourth from left, presented a \$500 Elks National Foundation Scholarship to Chereen Smith Beck, third from

left. At the same time, Youth Leaders Nancy Richardson, left, and Dick Kirkpatrick, right, were rewarded. Second from left is Auburn Lodge's E.R. John H. Munley. Above, right:



District Conference at Loveland included, left to right, D.D. Glen A. Hagemier, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committeeman Jacob L. Sherman, host Exalted Ruler Herbert H. Hansen and State Association President Byron A. Anderson.



This partial view of the famous U. S. Navy Band was photographed during one of the two very successful concerts the band presented under sponsorship of Long Beach, Calif., Lodge's Band for the benefit of the California Elks Major

Project. This is one of the events held by this lodge which made it possible for its members to give \$15,000 in 1956 and \$10,000 in 1957 to the Project. Cmdr. Charles Brendley is leader and director of the Navy Band.

LODGE NOTES

"Under 400 members and over 500 hides" was the motto of Hamilton, Mont., Lodge after the successful completion of the first season of "Hides for Veterans" campaign in the Bitter Root Valley. The lodge has shipped the valuable material to California for processing and distribution to the Veterans Administration Hospitals throughout our nation.

A recent innovation for teen-agers at Seattle, Wash., Lodge are the "High Teen Dances". These popular events are planned by a Committee of Elks headed by Frank E. Anderson, assisted by a group of the young people.

A group of air-minded Elks and their wives from Gilroy, Calif., recently took a plane trip to Reno, Nev., for an evening's entertainment.

When District Deputy Thomas P. Golden officially visited the youthful Buena Park, Calif., Lodge he was entertained at a dinner and witnessed the initiation of 50 candidates. Now num-

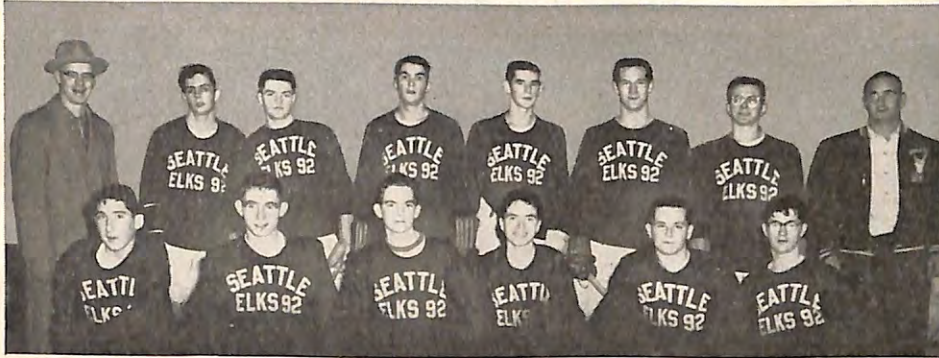


Above, left: Fresno, Calif., Elk officers, in the foreground, sign the \$352,796 contract for the first unit of its \$750,000 home. Left to right, they are Est. Loyal Knight F. E. Leino, E.R. M. B.

Starkel, Chairman Joseph C. Jones, D.D. C. N. Jackson, Committeeman A. M. Healey and P.E.R. Wm. G. Hyberg, the architect. Above, right: On P.E.R.'s Night at Denver, Colo., Lodge,



P.E.R. Jacob L. Sherman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, left, received from E.R. T. V. Hogan this oil painting of himself, executed by Herndon Davis, a member of the Order.



Above, left: Seattle, Wash., Lodge, 1957 National Youth Activities Award winner, continues its good work with the sponsorship of this Junior Ice Hockey Team which won last year's title in its league and is still in the lead. General

Chairman Kenny Allen of the lodge's Youth Committee stands at left, with coach E. H. Smith at right. Above, right: A group of Farmington, N. M., Elks paid a surprise visit to Durango, Colo., Lodge recently under police escort. In the



doorway of the chartered bus are State Association President James W. Carpenter, Exalted Ruler George Dabbs and Est. Lead. Knight James B. Fanning. To the left and right, respectively, are P. G. Fuller and Frank Wright.

bering nearly 500 members, Buena Park Lodge will soon hold ground-breaking ceremonies for its new home. At the meeting, 14 lodges were represented.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James had an interesting and very proficient driver on a recent trip from Joplin, Missouri. He was 80-year-old George Hurst who informed Mr. James that, at 79, he had been the oldest man in the class in which he joined El Reno, Okla., Lodge last year. That would seem to be an oldest-new-Elk record for almost any branch of the Order. Any challengers?

E.R. O. H. Emblem and a group of 35 members and their ladies from Santa Fe, New Mexico, Lodge, enjoyed a visit with the members of Las Vegas, New Mexico, Elkdom recently. The trip was made in two chartered buses.

Providence, R. I., Lodge has a most distinguished member in William Sneath who well remembers the battle of Manila Bay 60 years ago. One of Admiral

Dewey's men, Mr. Sneath holds the Dewey Congressional Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart medal for military merit and wounds received in action May 1st, 1898, the U. S. Navy Medals for the Spanish and Philippine Campaigns, the Navy Medal for services in the expedition forces in Chee Foo, China, 1895-1896, the Medal of the President of Cuba, and the State of Rhode Island Medal to veterans of the Spanish-American War.

Devils Lake, N. D., Elks gave a boost to the newly organized Ramsey County Chapter of the National Junior Deputy Sheriff's League when they presented a \$100 check to the group to help purchase supplies. Exalted Ruler Jack Traynor handed the gift to General Supervisor Ted Kimmes, Jr. Sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Assn., the League's object is the development of law-abiding citizens and the teaching of the operations of law enforcement agencies. Witnessing the ceremony were Chairman C. A. Erlandson of the Youth Activities

Committee, Jim Strong, chief captain of the Junior Deputies, and Ray Belford, Ramsey County Sheriff and sponsor of the organization.

Elks from all over Texas were in Austin not long ago to attend the Grand Lodge, New Lodge and State Association Ritualistic Clinics being held there. Among those welcomed by Exalted Ruler Dr. Harry T. Davidson were State Pres. Wm. J. B. Frazier, State Secy. C. C. Kirby and D.D. Marvin Hamilton.

South Kingstown, R. I., Lodge sends us a couple of interesting items. Within its affiliation it has a group called the "1899 Club", membership to which is gained through the contribution of 1,899 coins which are being held against final payment of the mortgage on the lodge home. This lodge should never be pressed for space. In addition to its U.S.A. holdings, it has a claim in the Antarctic, staked out by one of its members, Clarence H. Taylor, Jr., when he was there with "Operation Deep Freeze."



With the officers of Des Moines, Iowa, Lodge seated in the foreground are the 176 candidates initiated into the lodge in observance of the Order's 90th Anniversary. This lodge's net gain for the lodge year is 523 members. In November, a class of 116 candidates was named in honor of E.R. Robert E. Weichman and initiated in the presence of D.D. M. P. Herkenrath. In December, another class of 88 joined the ranks of Des Moines Elksdom.



California's Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, center foreground, a Los Angeles Elk, was guest of honor at Sacramento, Calif., Lodge's celebration of Elksdom's birthday, when a large class was initiated and P.E.R.'s of the lodge were honored. On the Governor's right is E.R. Joseph W. Maher and on his left is Mayor Clarence L. Azevedo, General Membership Chairman of the lodge.



Past Exalted Rulers of Flint, Mich., Lodge, wearing the jewels of office, foreground, initiated this class of 101 men on the Order's Anniversary. With P.E.R.'s are Dist. Vice-Pres. Roy R. Gallie and D.D. Gail D. Bruce. Following the initiatory ceremony, 400 members enjoyed a buffet supper.



Above, left: In addition to celebrating the Order's birthday, Galena, Ill., Lodge paid tribute to its sole surviving Charter Member Judge Harry L. Heer, who recently celebrated his own 85th birthday. Following the dinner marking these events, E.R. James G. Sampson read mes-



sages of felicitation for Judge Heer, including those from President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon. Judge Heer is pictured as he sliced the birthday cake lighted with 55 candles which marked the number of years Galena Lodge has been in existence. Looking on is P.D.D. A. J.

Hirst who served as Toastmaster. Above, right: Twin Falls, Ida., Lodge's birthday salute to Elkdome was the initiation of a class of 34 candidates by the lodge's officers, wearing white jackets, who won the State Ritualistic Title for the third consecutive year.



Above, left: Newton, Iowa, Lodge marked the founding of Elkdome with a birthday and dancing party in its fine, two-year-old home when E.R. Stewart Ferguson, third from left, presented a diamond lapel pin to Honorary Life Member



Harry Skow, who joined the 46-year-old lodge in 1913. Mrs. Skow and Dist. Vice-Pres. J. A. Waddell look on. Above, right: Baton Rouge, La., Lodge increased by 101 members when the Order's 90th year was observed. Pictured

with E.R. L. J. Alonzo, center foreground, and other officers, are State Pres. A. S. Johnson, Jr., D.D.'s James H. Aitken and Edward W. Ortego, Past Grand Tiler Sidney Freudenstein and Past State Pres. Clarence LaCroix.



Above, left: These Elk fathers, in the background, saw their sons, pictured in the foreground, become fellow members of Davenport, Iowa, Lodge in 90th Anniversary Class of 54



candidates honoring State Pres. Thomas Carroll. At left are P.E.R. C. O. Filseth and his son, Henry C. Filseth; at right are E.R. W. L. Hanrahan and his son William J. Hanrahan. Above, right:

York, Neb., Lodge welcomed 25 candidates on Elkdome's birthday. The new members are pictured with State Vice-Pres. Graden Rathbun, right foreground.



At Reading, Pa., Lodge for the initiation of a class of 84 candidates from the 13 S.E. Dist. lodges, with District leaders officiating, were, left to right, foreground, State Vice-Pres. S. P. Seeders, State Assn. Pres. John S. Buchanan, the principal speaker, and S.E. Dist. Pres. S. G. Sigley; background, Program Chairman B. Harrison McCoy, P.D.D., and D.D. E. W. Kunsman. The ceremony was witnessed by 350 Elks.



Nutley, N. J., Lodge presents its second audiometer to the local public school system for use in testing the students' hearing. Seated at left is student Connie Strigari; at right is Miss Eleanor Outerson, elementary school nurse. Standing are the schools' Director of Health and Physical Education, Norman Risser; E.R. Stanley G. Novaco, and Dr. A. B. Barber, Superintendent of Nutley's Schools.

A YOUTH TALENT Exposition held by Richmond, Calif., Lodge, No. 1251, attracted approximately 100 young people between the ages of 12 and 18. The program, covering ten categories including stage acts and floor exhibits, revealed not only a high quality of talent among the community's youth but tremendous competence in producing and conducting the exposition by the Committee headed by Don Luce, the lodge's Youth Activities Chairman.

Top winners received handsome trophies, runners-up received plaques and all contestants were awarded participation ribbons. The lodge expects to sponsor this as an annual project, with special emphasis on science, crafts, model building and similar fields. The contest also embraces art and music, acrobatics, dancing, photography and homemaking.

THE "GOLDEN YEARS" Anniversary Show presented by Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28, played to four capacity audiences at the Virginia Theater, bringing in a handsome sum for the lodge's charity projects.

Since March 31, 1930, when this program was inaugurated, Wheeling Lodge has spent nearly \$285,000 for charity. From April 1, 1957, to February 18, 1958, \$7,650.50 had been expended. This project includes the providing of milk for undernourished children, shoes, groceries and other gifts for the needy, sponsoring a crippled children's camp, Midget League baseball, cleft palate children's camp, orphans' picnics and giving hospitalization and medical care to the handicapped.

P.E.R. Leo J. Bonenberger is General Chairman, producer and director of the

shows which he has handled for the past ten years. Various units in charge of arrangements for the production spent 1,050 man hours, representing a month's preparation, for the 1958 event which had a cast of 125. P.E.R. James A. Dyson, oldest interlocutor of the lodge's shows, officiated in that capacity for part of this year's performance.

Mr. Bonenberger, who has been affiliated with show business for 45 years, keeps ideas coming for the Wheeling productions by visiting theaters in New York City, and other eastern areas.

A VALUABLE GIFT has been presented by the Elks of Anaconda, Mont., Lodge, No. 239, to the Philipsburg Community Hospital whose staff accepted it as a welcome and important addition to the equipment of any hospital in a mining and farming area. The gift, an ultrasonic deep therapy machine, is used frequently in the treatment of muscular ailments and injuries.

The purchase of the machine was made possible by voluntary contributions of Anaconda Elks to the lodge's "Bucks Club". The Elks of Salt Lake City who visited Anaconda Lodge several months ago also contributed materially toward the gift.

With regard to the latter visit, it was made as part of Salt Lake City Lodge's 26th annual out-of-State visitation by 110 members, including its outstanding 25-piece band. Butte Lodge No. 240 received the first call when Exalted Ruler J. W. Birkinshaw and his traveling fellow Elks were welcomed by Exalted Ruler John F. O'Donnell and other Butte Elks, including Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight L. P. Schmid and District Deputy Joseph E. McCarthy.

Butte Lodge was host at a breakfast which was the start of a full day of good-fellowship. Later on, the Salt Lake City group went on to Anaconda Lodge for dinner. The following day the visitors returned to Butte where they were guests of the lodge until train departure time that evening.

A WELL-DESERVED TRIBUTE was paid to Joseph A. Marques of Mobile, Ala., Lodge, No. 108, by the National Association of Deputy U. S. Marshals. The award for the "most outstanding record of any person in the United States in preventing juvenile delinquency" can be made by the Association to three persons annually; Mr. Marques was selected as the sole recipient this year. He received his certificate from Chief District Deputy U. S. Marshal H. Stanley Fountain of the Alabama Southern District at a dance held in honor of the Mobile Elk at the lodge home. Several days later he received the M. O. Beale Scroll of Merit, an honor which is coveted by all citizens of Mobile, but given only to few.

Although he has been totally blind since 1940, the year he took over the Chairmanship of his lodge's Crippled Children's program, Mr. Marques, at 70, carries on his charitable work vigorously. His work with young people, particularly the handicapped, dates back to 1919, and in the 17 years he has directed No. 108's program, he has collected over \$100,000 for this purpose.

Mobile Elkdom's Junior Coronation ceremony was the highlight of the 1958 Mardi Gras season for the young people of the community. The event, opened by Exalted Ruler J. W. Biggs whose daughter was selected as Queen for the



Chelsea, Mass., Elkdom took recognition of the devotion to the Order of P.E.R. Francis E. Thomas, on his 50th year as an Elk. The event, which took place on P.E.R.'s Night, was highlighted by the initiation of a class named for Mr. Thomas, with the guest of honor serving as Exalted Ruler. More than 150 members joined in the tribute, among them many Elk dignitaries. Pictured here, left to right, are John Harney, D.D. Kenneth B.

Prue, State Publicity Chairman John Cahill, Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, P.D.D. O. L. Court, Sen. Harold A. Canavan, P.D.D. H. E. Steed, P.E.R. Thomas, Superior Court Justice E. J. Voke, State Elks Foundation Chairman Charles B. Burgess, State Pres. Dr. Wm. F. Maguire, State Vice-Pres. Louis Dubin, D.D. Joseph F. Kelley and State Vice-Pres. I. J. O'Connor.

celebration, was held at the lodge home. G. M. Bailey and E. C. Perez, both Past Exalted Rulers and Trustees of the lodge, played prominent roles in the ceremony which was handled by the ladies of the lodge.

WHEN NEWARK, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1249, dedicated its new home, one of the finest in the East, State Assn. President Frank H. McBride conducted the ceremony. He was assisted by Past Presidents Alonzo L. Waters and George A. Swalbach, District Deputy Wm. L. Crowley, and Wm. B. O'Connell, Michael A. Cahill and Edward R. Hutton, all former Deputies for the West Central District. State Assn. Vice-President Laverne E. Starkweather served as Mr. McBride's official escort.

The third home it has occupied since its institution nearly 47 years ago, the building is modern in design, and constructed of steel, stone and glass. Tastefully furnished, the home was erected at a cost of approximately \$180,000, including furnishings and fixtures. T. R. Beales, a Past District Deputy and former State Vice-President, was Chairman of the Building Committee and was one of the Honorary Chairmen of the Dedication Committees which were headed by Glenn A. Stell as General Chairman.

Since the building was opened with a Grand Ball for the membership, followed by another for Elks of the District, it has been the scene of American Legion Night, showing the lodge's appreciation of the fact that the Legion's facilities were used by Exalted Ruler Ralph B. Nash and his 620 Brother Elks while their new headquarters was under construction.



The children at the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital at Ottine recently enjoyed the finest of turkey dinners. John J. Bott, a member of San Antonio, Texas, Lodge and a representative of Philip R. Pack, Inc., of San Pedro, Calif., was the highest bidder for the Reserve Champion Turkey of the Poultry Show which was part of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Mr. Bott, a frequent visitor and generous donor of poultry and gifts to the Hospital, entered the high bid of \$50 for the Blue Ribbon bird and immediately donated his prize to the Hospital. Pictured with the champ are, left to right, Est. Loyal Knight Robert C. Perkins, Est. Lead. Knight Vernon M. Dowda, Mr. Bott, Secy. C. E. Smeltz and Est. Lect. Knight Dan G. Slaten.



At the Grand Opening of the 38th Annual Elks National Bowling Assn. Tournament at Fort Wayne, Ind., left to right, foreground: A. E. Woeber, a Director from Oak Park, Ill.; Vice-Pres. W. C. Gaffney, Paris, Ill.; Vice-Pres. J. G. D'Aprile, Rochester, N. Y. and National Secy. E. N. Quinn, Madison, Wis. Standing are host E.R. R. W. Paul; American Bowling Congress Director E. W. Hiekman; R. J. Stetter, National Assn. Past Pres., Fort Wayne; D.D. Roy Rogers, Jr.; Vice-Pres. Harry T. Sample, Port Clinton, Ohio; local Tournament Chairman R. W. Bauer; National Assn. Director J. G. Kraemer, Louisville, Ky.; Assn. Pres. F. E. Cheney, Danville, Ill., and Past Pres. I. C. Beehr and Vice-Pres. Richard F. Sutton, both of Battle Creek, Mich. The Tournament, which closes on the 18th of this month, offered 2,732 prizes totaling \$45,272.25.

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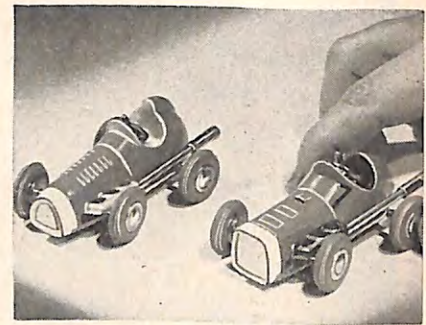
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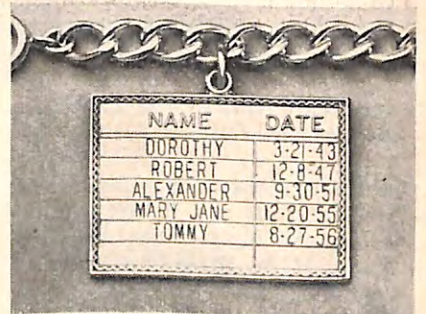
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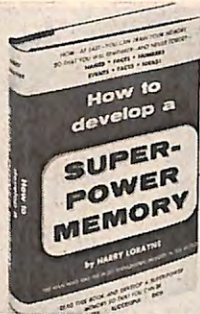
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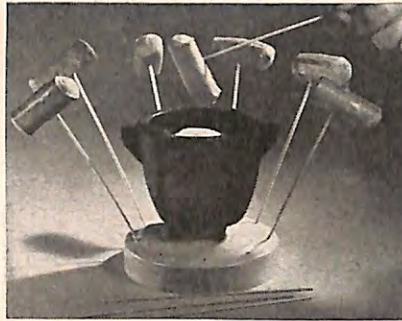
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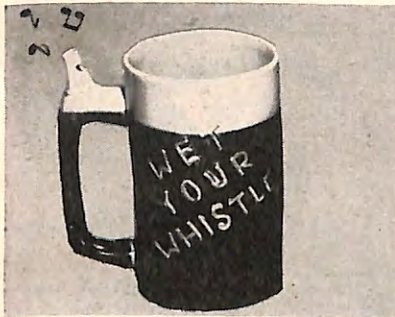
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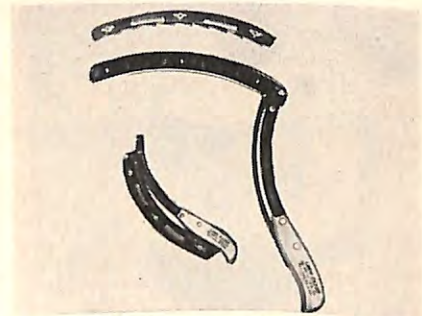
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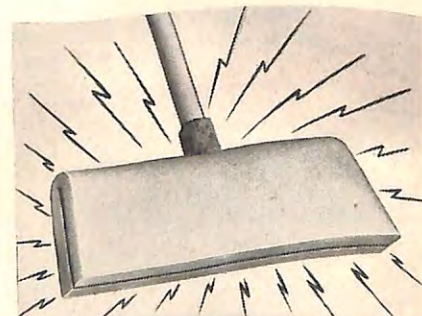
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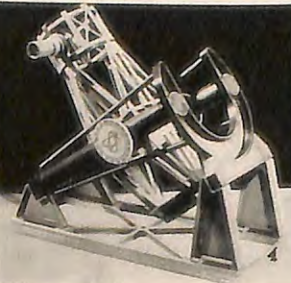
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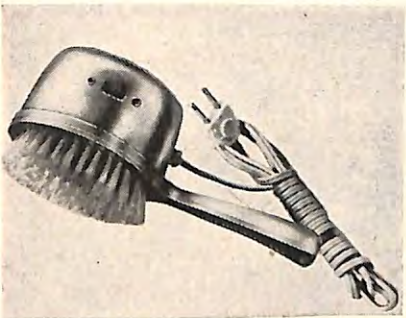
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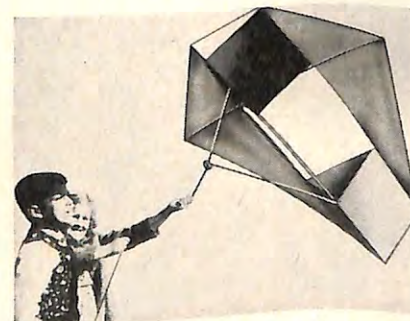
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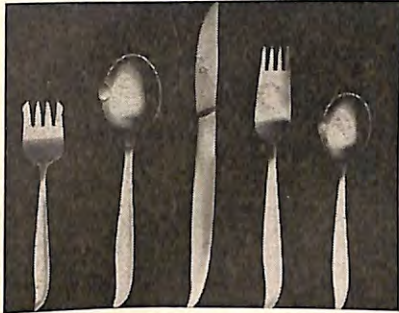


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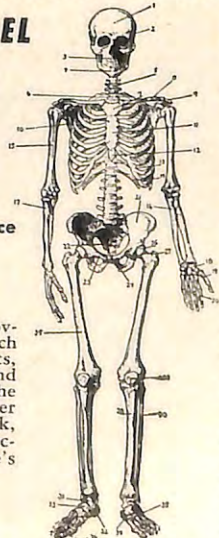
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POPULAR— *But Not Recognized*

By ED FAUST



PHILIP GENDREAU

WHEN I've discussed breeds in these articles, I've usually written about those more commonly seen, the breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club. There are more than one hundred of these varieties of pooch—such as the collie, the Scottish terrier, the Airedale and so on down the list to such little known, although recognized dogs as the otterhound, the komondorock, and sundry pups that are still being bred and occasionally exhibited at some of the larger canine wing-dings. But there are a half dozen or so other breeds frequently seen in this part of the world that do not have the blessing of the A. K. C. as it is known, some of them recognized by other organizations that also keep books which record the family trees of these breeds. One of those official bodies is the United Kennel Club.

But A. K. C. is the largest and most important. In 1957 it registered 436,600 dogs, in spite of the fact that for six of the breeds to which it gives formal recognition there were no registrations for that year.

Among the breeds it does not recognize (although these little dogs are very popular) is the American toy fox terrier. Some breeders have contracted the name to Amertoy. This peewee among pups is just what his name reveals—a toy-size fox terrier. He's recognized by the United Kennel Club, an organization that also keeps books for the breeds that it welcomes. The Amertoy is about the size of a small Pomeranian, his weight ranging from 3½ to 7½ pounds. He's pocket-size but fox terrier all the way. Small as he is, he's been known to go fox hunting with his master just as does his larger brother, whose early purpose in life was to accompany the mounted fox hunter and rout out Brer Fox when that critter ended the chase by reaching his den.

The Amertoy's coat is shiny, short and glistening. He'll stand from 7 to 11 inches at the shoulder; larger than that, he ceases to be an Amertoy. He's colored with the usual fox terrier markings, black and white or black, tan and white. His standard prohibits all white or all black; but if you have a dog so solidly marked, I'm sure you're not going to like him the less for it, as the Amertoy is one of the most engaging of small dogs. His erect, bat-wing ears invest him with an inquiring expression and, being very much a terrier, a lively one, he usually is inquisitive. Those who own him vouch for his intelligence, and many say he is quick to learn to obey and to master such tricks as a dog can perform. He has plenty of what it takes when it comes to courage, too. Long ago some inspired breeder or breeders began the family of these mid-gets by crossing a small, smooth fox terrier with a Chihuahua, with additional crossing with the toy Manchester, or black-and-tan terrier as the latter was known. This was to achieve small size and further perpetuate it. But today, the Amertoy breeds true to fox

terrier type with the exception that his ears are a bit oversized. Perhaps some day in the future he may get the recognition of the American Kennel Club, but in the meanwhile it is doubtful if those who own these fine little dogs are going to renounce the breed.

Another fine dog recognized by the United Kennel Club is the English shepherd. He has an American cousin who is quite like him and is often seen on farms in this country. He's often called the farmer's shepherd, the border collie or American shepherd. Actually, the border collie is quite another dog. The American Sheep Dog Society registers him. But more about him later. Let's go back to the English shepherd. In a previous article I told of the wonderful work I saw done by those shepherds working on sheep. Granted, an animal doesn't have to know much to have a better I. Q. than a sheep, but the dogs I

saw working sure bossed those sheep around. Made them do exactly what they wanted them to do and should do. And did it as well as a man could have done.

He is not to be confused with the collie, although he somewhat resembles that dog. He stands 18 to 20 inches at the shoulder while the collie ranges to 24 inches. He has the color combinations of the collie and the general conformation, and his coat is profuse. One sharp distinction is in his muzzle, which is not as long or pointed as is the collie's or that of the Shetland sheep dog (which is pretty much a miniature collie). He is distinct from the latter breed too.

Risking the wrath of breeders of the collie and the Shetland sheep dog—usually termed a sheltie by those who favor the breed—I'll venture the opinion that the English shepherd is perhaps a distant cousin of both. He has the semi-

erect collie ear; and if all three, the English shepherd, the collie and the Shetland sheep dog were ranged side by side, the untrained eye might easily confuse them or believe that the latter two were simply smaller varieties of the collie. But don't express that opinion if you're ever within hearing distance of an English shepherd or Shetland breeder unless you want a war on your hands. Particularly is this true if that breeder is a shepherd enthusiast. To him and to many other people who know the dogs, there's no comparison at all, especially when it comes to brains.

The English shepherd is a dog that really thinks and acts on his thinking; and it is intelligent thinking on the part of the dog that is employed to work cattle or sheep, as many English shepherds are in this country and in Europe. He is perhaps one of the most intelligent of all herding dogs. Not only is he used

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A Reminder from the Activities Committee

Forthcoming major activities of the Order which are being conducted under the auspices of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities include the *voluntary* observance of Mother's Day, and the *mandatory* observance of Flag Day on June 14th.

There will be no competition held in conjunction with Mother's Day, but Chairman Joseph F. Bader of the Committee, in his "Guide for Action" issued to all lodges early in the Grand Lodge year pointed out that each branch of the Order should promote a patriotic and inspiring Flag Day service to which the public should be invited.

Every lodge is invited to enter the Flag Day Contest in which the Committee will give six awards—three to lodges of less than 750 members and three to those of over 750 members. These awards will be presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in New York in July.

All entries are to be mailed to Committee Member Nelson E. W. Stuart, 1426 Bunts Road, Cleveland 7, Ohio.

Do not mail your entries to the Magazine. Because of space limitations, Flag Day is one of the several traditional Elk events which cannot be publicized in your Magazine, except in connection with the announcements of the winning lodges.

on eastern farms of this country but on many ranches in the west. He has a wider head than either the collie or the Shetland. In other words, his skull has not been narrowed as it has been in the breeding of so many show type collies and the Shetland. Having a bigger brain box, there's more brain capacity.

He's a rugged dog and can endure great cold. He's strongly muscled, independent yet obedient to his master,

and in view of all this, plus his handsome appearance and convenient size, it is surprising to me that he hasn't been more widely popular as a house pet. Many dogs larger than our shepherd are housed in city apartments and seem to do all right in such cramped quarters.

Now to revert to the border collie mentioned earlier. This is a dog of about the same weight and height as the English shepherd. He usually has a white blaze on his face, a white chest, forelegs and hind feet, with a white tip on his tail. His coloration is like that of the collie and his general conformation is too. The North American Sheep Dog Society registers him, but only such dogs as are descended from parents of proven ability to herd cattle or sheep. Herding trials for these dogs are held each year, and in these the dogs entered have to demonstrate their abilities over a course that is very difficult. They'll not only herd cattle and sheep but ducks, chickens and other poultry.

Almost everyone knows what a spitz looks like, but nobody has ever seen one as a qualified entry in a dog show; and that's because the American Kennel Club, governing body for most purebred dogs and practically all dog shows in the United States, does not officially recognize this breed. He has been called the American Eskimo. Others have labeled him the white Pomeranian. Without doubt, his ancestors are of one or more of the Arctic breeds, possibly the Eskimo or Samoyed. He's much smaller than the Eskimo or Samoyed and much lighter in weight. The Eskimo ranges from 20 to 25 inches at shoulder height and from 50 to 85 pounds in weight. The Samoyed stands 19 to 23½ inches at shoulder and will weigh from 36 to 67 pounds. The spitz is about 18 inches high and weighs from 16 to 18 pounds. The Eskimo will be found in all colors natural to dogs, while the Samoyed standard calls for either pure white, or white and biscuit or cream color. The true spitz must be pure white. Aside from the distinction of size and color, he very much looks like the Samoyed. He is a hardy dog and many of his breeders believe him to be

a descendent of the Samoyed. The United Kennel Club recognizes the spitz as the American Eskimo.

If you don't know what a Samoyed looks like, then perhaps you can picture a pure white, small chow chow. He has erect ears, a bushy coat and a tail that curves over his back. As a companion for adults or children, he's ideal, being lively, intelligent and an excellent watchdog. True to his Arctic ancestry, he's not given to being overfriendly with strangers and has plenty of courage to boot. His aversion to being friendly with people he doesn't know very well makes him not only a good watchdog but, despite his size, a very good guard dog as well. He's a handsome dog when properly groomed and when his sparkling white coat is kept clean. Like all white dogs, he is made the whiter if a small amount of blueing or peroxide is added to his bath.

Another interesting dog also registered by the United Kennel Club is the Plott hound. This is one of the very few dogs that have been named for people. Others are the King Charles spaniel and the Doberman pinscher, the latter bearing the name of the man who originated the breed, Herr Doberman—dogcatcher in the town of Apolda, Germany. The Plott hound is the creation of Herr Plott, a man who emigrated from Germany in the middle of the 18th century. Herr or Mr. Plott, along with his family brought a number of boar hounds.

For many years the Plotts kept their dogs from crossbreeding with dogs of other breeds. The Plott family lived in the mountains of North Carolina and restricted their hound population to breeding dogs of proven hunting ability. This they did for many years, and in doing so created a strain that became noted for its courage and endurance. They are large dogs, standing about 24 inches at the shoulder and weighing from 50 to 65 pounds. They are big enough to pull down almost any American wild animal short of the grizzly bear, and if there were enough of these hounds in the pack they could take care of Mr. Grizzly, too. • •

What the SBA Can Do for You

(Continued from page 11)

are requests for consultation, information and business counseling service.

It will be of interest, I think, without divulging the names of the business firms involved, to describe a few typical cases of SBA help, and what has resulted from it. On loans, for example:

1. A \$100,000 loan to a small adhesives manufacturer at a crucial time in the company history has, in two years, enabled the company to triple its net worth and to become an important supplier in the specialized adhesives field.

2. A loan made to a company which had developed new textile machinery

enabled it to process its initial orders and establish an operating history which qualified it for a public stock issue. The loan was repaid fully when the company had sold its stock in the public market.

3. A loan made to a hardware store enabled it to modernize and install a self-service system which substantially contributed to its profits.

Sometimes a businessman comes to us for a loan when he really is not in need of one, and our people have shown him how, by rearranging his own credit operations, he won't need it. Or, after a review of his assets, we found he had

collateral readily acceptable to his own bank without need of SBA financial aid.

The notion that an intermediary is needed, someone "who knows his way around," in order to obtain a loan or Certificate of Competency needed for government contract work, has fortunately never become current with the Small Business Administration.

Since our main purpose in life is to help the small businessman directly, there is no need for the five-percenter of unsavory reputation. There are certainly business representatives, salesmen, accountants, and attorneys, for example,

who can help a businessman secure a Government contract or check a loan application. What led to the five-percenter was the fact that, during the war period, there were more manufacturing contracts available than there were manufacturers, and not enough information about them available to potential contractors.

We publish the "U.S. Government Purchasing Directory," which is sold by the Government Printing Office for 50 cents. This book lists all the purchasing offices of the Government, their addresses, and what is bought by each. Interested businessmen may use this to write directly to the purchasing officer to obtain placement on the appropriate bidders lists.

We also publish the "U.S. Specifications Directory," which contains specifications for products the Government is going to buy. This Directory can be used with the Purchasing Directory to bid intelligently on Government work.

We publish Management Aids, Technical Aids and Small Marketers Aids, containing easy-to-understand explanations of business management subjects. They are all how-to-do-it-yourself kind of books, and most of them are obtainable free on request. For a very few, which are more costly to put out, we charge 15 cents or thereabouts.

To be awarded a Government contract, a businessman who is low bidder on a Government advertised purchase, or whose offer on a negotiated purchase is within price negotiation range, often needs a Certificate of Competency. This is a certificate from the SBA attesting to the fact that his company is qualified and capable of supplying the needed products or services. A small business concern which is in danger of losing a contract award because of a question of financial or technical competency may apply for a Certificate of Competency to the nearest regional office of the Small Business Administration.

It might be of interest here, as in the case of our loans, to show how our Certificate of Competency program works for small businessmen. Here, again, are three quite typical examples:

1. A firm in Westchester County, New York, a long-time supplier of a military agency, was considered by that agency to have lost productive efficiency. SBA certified two concurrent contracts which were both completed two months ahead of schedule, an outcome which helped to restore the confidence of the military in this organization.

2. A brand new organization in Metropolitan New Jersey, consisting of two recently graduated electronics engineers, was denied a contract for some relatively simple and inexpensive electronic equipment. SBA certified that these men were technically and financially competent with respect to financial means and productive capacity. After pre-production samples had been ap-

proved, the military increased this contract by about 50 per cent, a move which SBA regards as a vote of confidence in this group, exemplifying a free enterprise operation by young men.

3. A corporation in south central Connecticut was certified for a term contract to do personal and hospital laundry, which had previously been handled on the site by the military with its own facilities. The contractor has been able to institute, with the Supply Officer, pick up, delivery, and billing routines that are mutually satisfactory and, in addition, is delivering work of a quality that the military admittedly did not get in its own plant. This contractor welcomed this work as helping to keep his plant busy and payroll filled in the normally slack winter and spring season.

We discover lots of things in this kind of agency where, except for disaster aid, there is usually no emergency or undue distress connected with inquiries that come to us. One of them is that again and again we find that when a businessman comes to us for a loan it is the first time that he has actually had to survey his own business—and the first time it occurred to him that he had a genuine need for maintaining adequate records, reserves, insurance, and so forth. It was, in other words, the very first time since he opened his own shop that he really began to act as a businessman should.

I don't think I've made mention yet of

our Products Assistance program, the results of which have been very gratifying. Under it, we help small businessmen to learn about new products they might be able to manufacture; and, if they themselves develop a new product, we help them find markets for it. As an aid in this program we publish, at intervals, illustrated leaflets describing new patents we think might be useful to small manufacturers.

Among our manifold activities, there are two others about which I would like to say a few words. One is the local Advisory Board set-up in all sections of the country. More than a thousand businessmen serve on these Boards. They know about our programs, speak about them before their local business groups, and help in that way to disseminate information about the SBA. These advisors make recommendations for improving the various services of the agency.

Business Opportunity meetings are held with the assistance of the SBA Regional Director. We work with Chambers of Commerce and trade associations. Approximately 27,000 businessmen attended the Business Opportunity meetings in various sections of the country during the fiscal year 1957.

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Statements by Government agencies are always subject to skeptical criticism, and I, for one, think they should be. One such would-be critic, a large midwest newspaper, decided to find out whether our Business Opportunity meetings were of any real value to businessmen and not merely public relations stuff.

Their reporter, about six months after such a meeting had been held, called some of the people who had attended it. In the space of a few phone calls he found businessmen, in an area which had never had Government work of any kind before then, in possession of \$3,000,000 worth of Navy contracts. He declared himself satisfied and decided there was no need to toss additional dimes into the phone company's coin slot.

The other activity that I wished to mention briefly is the assistance SBA provides in helping small businessmen overcome many of their management problems by enabling them to acquire greater management or technical skill. This is done by cooperation between the Small Business Administration and collegiate schools of business and other educational institutions in providing the owners of small business firms with courses in business administration subjects. They are usually held in evening classes conducted by top-flight business leaders and college teachers.

During the calendar year 1957, more than 4,000 business men and women attended management training courses of this kind, co-sponsored by the Small

Business Administration. Since the start of this program, 309 educational courses have been conducted in 114 educational institutions. The number of courses being given is increasing steadily, and the demand for still more is stretching our facilities to their limit.

How can a small businessman find out whether we are able to help him with his own particular problem? The best way for him to find out is for him to write, phone, or call on the nearest branch or Regional Office of the SBA. He can be sure that he will receive interested and personal attention to his particular need because, as I said previously, that is the sole purpose for which our agency was created four years ago.

Few small businessmen are aware, for example, that the SBA, in cooperation with the Department of Defense and certain other Federal agencies, has a "set-aside" program under which millions of dollars worth of purchase contracts are set aside for bids from small business firms only. In the calendar year 1957, this amounted to \$777,631,385.

Assistance is also provided small business firms in the field of subcontracting. As an example of such assistance, cost type contractors that operate Atomic Energy Commission plants, laboratories, and other facilities, awarded \$224,000,000 in subcontracts to small business in the fiscal year 1957.

The part played by the Small Business Administration in connection with Government contracts, in addition to working out the "set-aside" programs for small business firms, is evidenced by the following few figures: Field offices of the SBA handled more than 30,000 cases of procurement assistance and they helped

10,000 small firms to bid on specific procurements in the fiscal year 1957.

I should like to conclude with a brief word on the philosophy that governs the operations, purposes and the future of this agency. It would be well, of course, if our economy could operate without regulations, rules or government assistance, as a totally free-enterprise system. We know, however, that while this might be an ultimate goal, it would not be practical now.

Banks, for example, for the protection of their depositors, operate under regulatory authorities of both Federal and State Governments. In advancing credit, banks are not free to operate completely on their own judgment. They are limited by State and Federal restrictions.

The free-enterprise system, even under its multiple regulations, is able to take adequate care of 98 to 99 per cent of commercial situations. It is in the case of the other one or two per cent which cannot be met by ordinary means that we come in as a last resort.

We don't want steady customers if we can avoid it. Our aim is to be of one-time service. The ideal Small Business Administration loan should make a borrower bankable when the loan has been paid off. This is always our objective.

In discussing SBA's role in the life of the small businessman, I should like to make one thing quite clear. That is: That we are not a regulatory agency in any shape, manner or form. We will advise you, guide you, even lend you money—but only at your own request. And when we've given you all we can in the areas in which we operate, you're on your own. You can take our advice and our help—or "leave it lay." ● ●



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For those who will drive further north, there will be daily trips on the "Blue Nose," fast motor ferry from Bar Harbor, Maine, to Yarmouth again this summer. The rates will be one way \$5.00 plus tax, R. T. \$9.00 plus tax and cars one way \$16.00, R. T. \$29.00.

We have quite a few letters from our golfing readers who have enjoyed Elks Hospitality at Southern Pines early this

season. Owned and operated by the Elks Home of Southern Pines, North Carolina, the course is considered one of the finest in the South and the season is now in full swing. We are happy to know that so many of our readers are taking advantage of the wonderful golf and hospitality offered at this excellent course.

Thanks to the influence of the polar air route, the first Scandinavian-type restaurant in the Far East opens in August. Smorgasbord will be the feature of the "Imperial Viking" restaurant in the new wing of the Tokyo Hotel Imperial. The Pacific Area Travel Association points to this, and the formation of a new Pacific

ship service—The Orient and Pacific Lines—as significant signs of the times, an increased interest in Pacific and Far East travel.

We have heard about a ranch in Oregon which is accessible only by pack trip or plane. Wallowa Horse Ranch certainly sounds like an ideal place "to get away from it all". We are told big game is plentiful and fish jump right out of the water into your pan. You are guaranteed solid comfort, good food and good companionship. Write Red Higgins, Box 12, La Grand, Oregon. Red also operates a Boys Camp with "30 days of real outdoor living" in connection with Wallowa Horse Ranch.

For Elks Who Travel

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scene of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the meeting place of the Continental Congress and of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the seat of Government of the United States from 1790 to 1800. That makes it pretty historical. Independence Hall was first built as the State House for Pennsylvania, then a province. The Provincial Assembly had been literally required to hire a hall each time they met. In 1751, after the assembly had built its own meeting hall, it ordered a bell from England. The case containing the bell arrived in 1752, but while it was being tested the bell broke. It was recast twice, and that is the way it appears today. It was rung to proclaim the Declaration of Independence and rung again on each anniversary of that date until 1835, when it cracked while tolling the death of John Marshall. In these halls the Federal Convention met in 1787 to draft the Constitution. Madison, Hamilton, Franklin were among the fifty-four delegates headed by George Washington. In four months' time they created a Constitution which, with its various amendments, continues as the land's law to this day. An Independence National Historical Park is taking shape in Philadelphia, where these and other historic sites of the nation's early days will be on public view in one preserve. Philadelphia is a short ride from New York—via the Pennsylvania Railroad, only about an hour and forty minutes, and the schedule is frequent.

One of the most fascinating corners of the state is the Pennsylvania Dutch country in the vicinity of Lancaster. Here live the strange sects, the Amish, the Mennonites and the Dunkards, to mention only three. Of the one million citizens who live in the Pennsylvania Dutch country, about one in ten can be classified among the "plain people". Many of them are descendants of the pioneers who came from Europe at the invitation of William Penn in 1683.

The Amish wear beards but never

mustaches, use hooks and eyes but never buttons, horse and buggies, but never cars. Mennonites drive cars which are painted black, but like the Amish they wear broad-brimmed, severe black hats, and like the Amish they are inclined to lard their English conversation with all sorts of Pennsylvania Dutch words which are a corruption of the German. For example, a lady with child is considered to be "ufgabundled". A good for nothing is a "nixnootzich", a dumbbell is a "glutzkupp". Such expressions as

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these are embroidered all over things to be bought in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country, and they are plastered all over the walls and the menu of Lancaster's Brunswick Hotel. That establishment features "Sundawg Regulars", which might include hinkel bot boi mit noodla (chicken pot pie with noodles), fronk-furts un sowergrout (frankfurters and sauerkraut) and ponhaus mit gabroda oi (scrapple, a Pennsylvania specialty, with a fried egg).

Once a year the metropolis of Hershey, Pa., holds Pennsylvania Dutch Day, a fair with a Dutch accent. In any other season of the year, Hershey is a sight in itself. Amid the sweet perfume of cooking chocolate, one can tour the plant where Hershey products are made.

The place is closed over the week-ends, on holidays, and for employes' vacations (usually the first two weeks of July).

There is no vacation, however, on the four Hershey golf courses, which include a Juvenile Country Club and golf course which is nine holes long. The juveniles can exercise, too, in Hershey Park, which has amusements, picnic tables, free concerts, free shows on Sundays. It is also the site of the Dutch Days, which fall toward the end of August. Hershey also operates a fine theater, a sports arena displaying hockey from mid-March to mid-October, a museum featuring Pennsylvania Dutch and American Indian relics and a rose garden brimming with over 42,000 plants.

Incidentally, aside from Chocolate

Town, Pennsylvania has a number of plant tours and, indeed, publishes a book about it. They include everything from watching steel being made in the open hearths of the Homestead District Works of U.S. Steel, near Pittsburgh, to a sashay through the fifty-seven varieties being packaged by the Heinz people in the same city. Most Philadelphia newspapers welcome plant tours, and at The First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Co., you can see how they make that popular product, money.

From money to a mirrored lake in the Poconos, from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia to the dinner bell in the inns along the Delaware, it is all plenty of Pennsylvania, just over the river and down the turnpike from Broadway. • •

Mission for the Middle Class

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participation, responsibility and benefit. They need to inspire and to recruit. They must rally the middle class and its converts behind their charter.

How could this program be brought into being? Where would it start? The United Nations would make an ideal instrumentality for the middle class campaign but the professional proletarians would be likely to block all efforts in that direction. Then should the United States government take it over? In my judgment, the program should by no means be the sole responsibility of government.

Government has a role to play, of course. The major instruments of our foreign economic and political policy could be brought to bear upon this effort—from the Mutual Security program to the Voice of America. But the pre-eminent and decisive role must be played by people. It is a job for organizations and groups and communities. It is a job for business and labor and agriculture—for all of us because all of us have a stake in its success.

The channel for all these energies, I think, should be a broad-based public organization. It might begin in this country. It could generate a global endeavor. As a start, the organization should bring together the separate and almost infinite efforts of private and public-spirited groups within our society: the corporations granting scholarships and training and job opportunities; the philanthropic foundations doing quiet but spectacular work toward human progress; the work of labor and agriculture and business generally to advance and strengthen our middle class.

I think it is time to make these sinews of democracy—of our middle class—clear and understandable throughout the world. It is a tremendous and vitalizing force. Outside of the western democracies it is seldom understood or recognized. It is time to gather this force

under one roof, to make its good works evident, to employ it for the expansion of the middle class across the earth.

The middle class expansion drive could have a great impact and a decisive influence upon today's crisis in world affairs. It could go a long way toward pressuring the Soviet Empire itself into paying more attention to the needs of its own people and adopting a more neighborly attitude toward the rest of the world. It could drastically alter her priorities.

The fact that the Soviet Union has never gotten around to paving a road across Siberia, an engineering job the ancients could have performed without too much difficulty, did not discourage Nikita Khrushchev from recently challenging the United States to meet the Soviet Union in an electronics duel on the rocket range.

This gambit is typical of Kremlin tactics nowadays. The U.S.S.R. trumpets her strong points, built up through crash programs, while hiding the weakness of an unbalanced society brought about largely by such crash programs.

For instance, the Soviet Union was only too pleased to furnish the Economic Commission for Europe with figures showing an impressive increase in Russian crude steel production. But it stood mute when asked for data on infant mortality rates and life expectancy within its own borders.

By the same token, the Kremlin readily cooperated with the United Nations in revealing statistics showing a sharp gain in Russia's output of electrical energy. But it hastily rang down the iron curtain when queried on crops and harvests.

These tactics are strictly in line with the Russian concept of competitive co-existence, which is to compete in hand-picked events and run them off under Kremlin ground rules. In these circumstances, it's no wonder that the U.S.S.R. often looks good by comparison.

In the same fashion, the Kremlin has succeeded in jockeying the democracies into an arms race which, in the long run, must take place at the expense of the civilian economy. For Russia, seeking glory in the sky while ignoring misery on earth, this should prove much less of a hardship than for the advanced democracies.

Continued indefinitely, the arms race could mean the virtual disintegration of the democratic way of life without a shot being fired or an enemy soldier setting foot on our soil. Our social, political and economic systems could ultimately stumble and crumble under the crushing weight of a modern war machine maintained indefinitely. It might mean living permanently in a garrison state where political freedoms and economic rights could be stunted if not uprooted altogether. The bleak and terrifying alternative under present circumstances would be a general war of utter devastation.

As matters now stand, competitive co-existence, Russian-style, gives the Kremlin frightening influence over the way we live today. It has an important if not direct voice in the determination of our budget, of our foreign policy, and even of our domestic programs right down to the county level.

If Soviet influence in our own country can't be discounted, it can't be discounted elsewhere either. The policies and attitudes of our allies clearly reflect the impact of the Soviet Union upon them. In the uncommitted nations where we have given far more material assistance than have the Russians, Soviet influence seems to be growing, sometimes at our expense.

The Soviet Union is trying to hold the initiative in the contest between the democracies and the police states. Unless it is wrested from her, she could be the eventual winner. If the free world is to endure, the present state of affairs must be altered in our favor, it must be

altered sharply and it must be altered without delay.

Arms alone cannot safeguard political independence and social integrity, important as it is to deter potential aggressions by military strength. To survive, political independence must be reinforced by economic and social stability. The government that fails to meet the needs of its people cannot endure.

To this rule, the Soviet government is no exception. It cannot go on forever slighting the desires of its own people. Therefore, as one flank of our middle class mission, we should launch parallel campaigns to build up pressures within Russia herself, to whet consumers' appetites, to stoke popular demands for better living.

Such campaigns could induce the Kremlin to divert manpower and resources from its military crash programs to meet growing consumer demands—or run the risk of increased internal discontent. This in itself could serve as a deterrent to aggression, for no government at odds with its own people would dare to arm them and trust them in any outside adventure.

The time is ripe for us to counter the

Russian impact by exerting our own influence on the Russians—on their budget, their policies, their priorities. A dynamic drive to expand the middle class at the expense of the proletariat will do just that if it succeeds, no matter how much jamming the Kremlin does.

By fighting fire with light, the middle class should find in the so-called proletariat highly eager recruits for its ranks. We would draw them as surely, as directly as a magnet. We would draw them because of the unique attribute of middle class democracy, an attribute which the communists, whatever their priorities, cannot equal or imitate.

The Soviet Russians have achieved industrial and technological strength at the expense of their people. The middle class democracies have achieved it at the behest of their people. In building our strength, we have not sacrificed our freedom, our individuality, our right to share in our own success. Instead, we have enhanced these attributes.

And this is our drawing power today, the source of our middle class mission. It is a magnet the Kremlin abhors and can do nothing whatsoever to demagnetize. It is high time we put it to use. • •



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44 Years Ago This Month

Elk officials gathered at Forest Lawn to dedicate the Elks Rest. Participating in the ceremony were, left to right, Dr. Francis O'Gorman, Dr. George Hussong, Frank Spoeri, Ernest McIntyre, John Mooney, John Weisbeck, Joseph Schaff and Dr. Michael Arbogast; in the background are C. W. Kloten, long-time member of Buffalo, N. Y., Lodge and owner of the photograph, and Joseph Nathan. A reproduction appeared recently in the rotogravure section of the Buffalo Courier Express whose editors complied with our request for the picture after Secretary E. A. Freiss of Sayre, Pa., Lodge had informed us of its publication.



FROM OUR READERS

Those Elks who missed reading "Last Grizzly" by Gene Caesar in the February Elks Magazine missed one of the finest bits of practical psychology I have read in a long time. This is the most interesting and practical story I have read in years. . . . Congratulations!

GARY, IND.

MAURY G. FADELL

H. L. Blackledge's message on the Elks National Home, which appears in the March issue of The Elks Magazine, was done wonderfully. Thank you for affording it such fine play. We appreciate his kind words about Bedford and our section of Virginia. In the future, we hope to do everything we can to make visitors to the Elks National Home feel welcome in the town of Bedford, too.

Many of us, I am afraid, are prone to take the Elks National Home for granted and do not realize what a tremendous asset it is to our community. We're mighty glad the Elks Home is located in Bedford. The relationship between the people of the community and the brethren Elks who live here, as well as the personnel staff of the Home, has been extremely pleasant.

I thank you again for the many nice things the article had to say about Bedford.

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W. R. BOLLINGER

Recently I read the excellent and timely article "Communist 'New Look'—A Study in Duplicity," which appeared originally in the August, 1956, issue of The Elks Magazine. I was impressed with this article by J. Edgar Hoover, since I believe the American people are somehow missing the meaning of the dangers inherent in the current propaganda. I believe the printing

of this article by The Elks Magazine has done great service to the cause of understanding by Americans of this vitally serious issue.

MRS. FRANK L. BERRYHILL
CLAYTON, MO.

If you have reprints of your Grand Exalted Ruler's message, "Observe the Opportunity," a Girl Scout support feature in the November, 1957, issue of The Elks Magazine, we would like to have six copies. If reprints are not available, will you send six copies of the magazine of that issue at our expense?

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Blackledge, the Elks, and the editors of the magazine for the splendid story on Girl Scouting. It is indeed heartening to the thousands of devoted volunteers to have their contributions to the women of tomorrow recognized and applauded. Mr. Blackledge displays unusual understanding and appreciation of our problem in serving girls.

MARGARET ROONEY
Executive Director
Fort Amanda Girl Scout
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LIMA, OHIO

The Officers and members of Palm Springs Lodge No. 1905 wish to express their sincere appreciation to you for the fine article on Palm Springs, which appeared in the February issue of The Elks Magazine.

Many comments have been heard in Palm Springs and it is hoped that, as a result, many Elks and their families will visit us in America's Foremost Desert Resort.

ARTHUR L. STUDEBAKER, Sec.,
B.P.O.E. No. 1905
PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

I am writing you in hopes that I might obtain six extra copies of the very fine article that Robert Froman wrote in the March issue of our Elks Magazine entitled "Going Ahead With Employees." I think it is one of the finest articles I have read in recent years and I intend to use it within our organization, if it is available.

JOHN C. ROBERTS
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

he asked, "you know what I do when one of the kids gets sick?"

"Sure. You call me, and so does everybody else in town. If you weren't all so quick to call me every time one of your brats develops a sniffle I'd have more time to fish!"

"That's just it. We call you because you know more about diagnosing what's wrong with a sick kid—and then prescribing the right treatment—than we do. Now, there are biologists who specialize in diagnosing and curing sick ponds. Instead of trying to handle this thing ourselves, I think we ought to call in an expert."

Jack's proposal was greeted with silence, so he continued. "You know, I've been reading the outdoor magazines, and last winter at the State Conservation Council meeting I heard a pretty good talk on pond management. I think our trouble here may be too many fish. . . ."

Jack made a good pitch for bringing in a biologist. Everybody was agreed that something had to be done and, since nobody had a better idea, we voted to go ahead.

In due time, our expert arrived. He had sandy hair and thick glasses and his appearance didn't exactly inspire confidence. What he lacked in looks, however, he certainly made up in equipment. He had everything from test tubes and a microscope to a 100-foot seine. We cleaned out the boathouse for him and he set up shop and went right to work.

He was a busy fellow, and he didn't have any hesitancy about putting everybody he could catch to helping him. He had us all dragging the seine or emptying and resetting fish traps or clipping fins on the fish we caught or pulling a little gauze tube he called a plankton net behind a boat.

Eventually, of course, he finished the job. We called a meeting to hear his report, and it was the biggest turnout in the club's history. We got both barrels.

He told us our pond was badly overstocked. He said many times more fish were dying from old age than we were catching, and he held up a four-inch crappie to emphasize his point. He said that little fish was four years old—about as long as this species lives—and that, considering the food available, it never would have gotten big enough to eat.

"A body of water," our biologist explained, "is like a pasture. Just as a certain pasture will support only so many cows, so a certain pond will support only so many fish. In the case of the pond, however, the life it will support is measured in pounds, not numbers. You can have comparatively few big fish, more medium-sized fish, or myriads of small fish. In any case, the total poundage will be about the same.

"In the days when everybody fished

Simpson's pond, enough were taken out so that their population was more or less in balance with the food supply. The fish were bigger. After the club bought the property and limited the fishing to members and their guests, the fish increased by leaps and bounds.

"A female bass lays from 5,000 to 10,000 eggs. Under favorable conditions, a few pairs of spawning bass have produced as high as 40,000 fingerlings per acre of water. Bluegills are even more productive. They have been known to produce as high as 300,000 per acre.

"Obviously, not all of these little fish live to a ripe, old age. The mortality is high. But enough of them do survive so that there soon isn't food enough to go around. They're stunted. A three-year-

old bluegill, which should weigh half a pound, only weighs a couple of ounces; crappies, the same. Because of the intense competition for food, few bass survive the fingerling stage and of those that do, fewer still get big enough to provide interesting fishing or—more important for the welfare of the pond—to start feeding on the myriads of small crappies and bluegills, thereby helping to hold them in check.

"The situation in your pond, then, is a terrific over-population of stunted bluegills and crappies. There are probably too many small bass, and, undoubtedly, more big bass than you suspect."

This brought a ripple of surprise, so he explained. "We know now that it is virtually impossible to fish out a lake

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Another evidence of Elkdom's banner 90th Anniversary year was revealed in the large number of entries in the Lodge Bulletin Contest conducted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities.

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Each of the three leading lodges in the two groups is represented with a reproduc-

tion of a title page from its publication.

Honorable Mention was awarded to Binghamton, N. Y., Coral Gables, Fla., Denver, Colo., Fort Worth, Texas, Lima, Ohio, Long Beach, Calif., Los Angeles, Calif., Mendota, Ill., Phoenix, Ariz., and Seattle, Wash., Lodges in Group I.

In Group II this honor went to Burley, Idaho, Chadron, Nebraska, Downey, Calif., Farmington, N. M., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., Manila, Philippine Islands, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, New Rochelle, N. Y., Prince Georges County, Maryland, and Troy, Ohio, Lodges.

populated by bass, crappies and other warm-water fish. Even the most intensive rod-and-reel fishing is inefficient. You simply can't catch enough—even with a year-around open season and no limit. The panfish reproduce too fast, and when there is a superabundance of them the few bass are always gorged and won't bite.

"Fisheries biologists suspected this for a long time, but the public was slow to accept it. In 1940, however, the late R. W. Eschmeyer started seining and tagging fish on a big scale in Norris Lake, one of the TVA reservoirs. He discovered that anglers were taking only about ten per cent of the available game fish. This was far less than the available crop. The others were dying of old age.

"Norris had been closed during the spawning season—April and May. Eschmeyer advised year-around fishing and the State of Tennessee went along. During the first year, nearly 275,000 pounds of fish were caught during April and May. But fishing was just as good the following summer as it had ever been. It remained that way.

"The idea spread. In 1940, only two or three states permitted year-around fishing for bass and panfish. Now there is no closed season in half of them—and the others are gradually following suit. They have discovered that a fish population can be productive only when it is heavily cropped. When it is too high, the individuals can find only enough food to keep alive; they never get big enough to provide either food or sport."

As you can easily imagine, this kind of radical thinking was an awful shock to the members of our club. Like fishermen everywhere, we'd grown up believing in seasons and limits. We believed that when the fishing was poor the way to improve it was to catch fewer fish. Now we were being told that we should do just the opposite.

The boys fired a lot of questions at our biologist, but he had answers for all of them. He stood his ground, and he eventually convinced even the most skeptical. We finally voted to follow his recommendations all the way—and they were certainly drastic, believe me.

He told us that we couldn't possibly catch enough fish now to do any good, even with a seine. He said that, since the pond couldn't be drained, the only remaining alternative was to poison it. This, he said, would destroy very few catchable fish but would eliminate all the undesirable ones—the stunted panfish as well as a lot of three-inch yellow perch and bullheads. (We hadn't even known we had them until he started seining!) After the poison had settled out—which, he added, wouldn't take long—we could restock properly with bass and bluegills. Then, with luck and enough fishing, we could expect to have reasonably good sport for years to come.

You should have been there the day we poisoned! We drained the pond as

low as we could, then spread the rotenone with boats. When the dead and dying fish began to surface and, later, wash up against the downwind shore, it was simply unbelievable. There were millions!

Doc Waters was beside himself. He'd remained skeptical all the way through, and now he was practically churning the lake to a lather looking for all the bass he was sure we'd lost. He only found six that were big enough to keep! Two of them weighed about three pounds apiece, and three were close to four. There was one six-pounder with an upper jaw torn off where he'd tangled with somebody's plug and gotten away.

After the poisoning, the gulls came in and cleaned up the windrows of dead fingerlings—a lucky thing, too, or we'd

NEW YORK STATE JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Binghamton, N. Y., Lodge will be host for the 3rd Annual New York State Elks Junior Golf Tournament on July 21st. The 18-hole, medal play—no handicap event will be held on the grounds of the Binghamton Country Club which is cooperating in the sponsorship of this competition.

There will be two flights for boys only—the first for boys from 15 to 18 years old; the second for boys under 15. All entrants must be sponsored by local Elks lodges.

Luncheon, social hour and banquet will be furnished by Binghamton Lodge's Youth Committee whose Chairman, John W. Sheehan, has appointed Michael Popik as Tournament Chairman, assisted by Charles and Boyd Kennicutt, L. K. Higgs, H. Alan Gibson and Marvin F. Kelley, Jr.

Deadline for entries is July 14th, with no post entries. Lodges are invited to contact Chairman Popik, 249 Washington St., Binghamton, N. Y.

certainly have had to bury them. Then we restocked our pond. By this time even Doc was ready to follow our biologist's advice without question. We got a thousand largemouth bass fingerlings and *three pairs* of adult bluegills from a commercial hatchery. That was all.

Of course, the next step was to wait. We decided to wait two years, as our biologist suggested. During this time we watched carefully to see that nobody smuggled any unwanted fish into our pond, especially perch, bullheads or carp. We did some landscaping and put in a skeet layout. And we did a lot of thinking and talking, too.

We finally came to the conclusion that we'd been pretty foolish—as well as selfish—when we bought the Simpson farm and restricted fishing in the pond

to members only. Naturally, we wanted reasonable privacy. That was one of the main reasons why we'd bought it in the first place. But if we were going to catch enough fish out of the pond to keep fishing good, we certainly had to have help.

Our clubhouse was set back in the trees on the west shore. The boathouse was a hundred yards down the slope, on the pond, and our new skeet layout was back the other way, farther from the water. We decided we'd keep this side private. The other side, the east shore from the inlet brook clear down to the spillway, we'd open up to fishing by all the boys and girls who wanted to come.

This really was a sort of compromise. A few of the members wanted to let anybody fish the east side; others wanted to keep the entire pond to ourselves, regardless of consequences. It was Doc Waters who suggested limiting it to juveniles. He said the kids would be helping us by taking out the surplus fish and we'd be helping them. He said juvenile delinquency was getting to be a problem in our town and we could strike a blow at it by keeping a lot of kids off the streets during the spring, summer and early fall.

Well, the time finally came when we could set an opening date. We advertised it in the local paper and over the radio—our town isn't big enough to boast a television station—and then we decided to go whole hog and provide free pop and hot dogs to all the kids who showed up. (We wanted to get a tally on the number of fish they caught, too, and this seemed a good way to keep tab.)

It was a riot—or maybe *picnic* would be a better word. All the members and their wives and families were on hand, but the adults didn't get to do much fishing. They were too busy running back to town for more pop and buns and wieners. We had a total of 126 youngsters there at one time or another!

They rode bikes and walked and borrowed the family car and two or three even came on horseback. They had the darndest collection of fishing tackle anybody ever saw and they fished with everything from chunks of liver to top-water plugs.

Naturally, they beat the water to a froth wherever they could get to it, but they caught fish, too. According to our final tabulation, they caught 375 bass and 1,200 bluegills! Even better, the bass ran up to 15 inches and the bluegills to eight!

That was a year ago. The fishing is better now. The members have brought in quite a few bass that beat three pounds, and it was no trick at all to catch enough half-pound bluegills for our annual fish fry this summer. Any day you can see from two to two dozen kids fishing along the east shore. The future sure looks bright. ● ●



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Dr. William Maguire (second from left), President of the Massachusetts Elks Association, presents a check for \$1,500 to Dr. Arthur G. Miller, professor of education at Boston University, for the support of the Sixth Annual Institute on Cerebral Palsy, to be held at Boston University June 9-20, in cooperation with the Children's Medical Center of Boston. Dr. Miller will direct

the Institute. Looking on, left to right, are Judge John E. Fenton, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary; Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, and Dr. William Berenberg, medical director of Children's Medical Center. Many of the twenty-five people attending the Institute, under the direction of Dr. Miller, will be eligible for Foundation scholarships.

Advancing Cause of Cerebral Palsy

Boston University and the Massachusetts Elks Association, in cooperation with the Children's Medical Center of Boston, will hold their Sixth Annual Institute on Cerebral Palsy June 9-20, at Boston University to give teachers and accredited therapists in the field an opportunity to learn the latest information and techniques in the education of children with cerebral palsy.

The Institute is supported by a grant of \$1,500 from the Massachusetts Elks Association. The Elks National Foundation, under the chairmanship of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and long famed for its interest in cerebral palsy, will offer scholarships to the enrollment of the Institute, which will be limited to twenty-five.

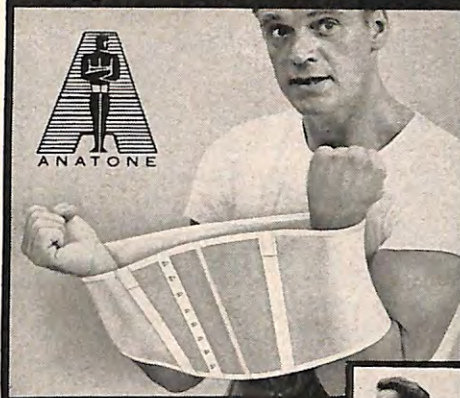
The Institute will offer a series of lectures, demonstrations and clinical experiences, given by leaders in the field of medicine, education and guidance. The group will visit the Cerebral Palsy

Unit of the Children's Medical Center in Boston, the Cerebral Palsy Nursery School in Wellesley, the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton, and the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Hospital in Brighton.

Director of the Institute will be Dr. Arthur G. Miller of Natick, Mass., associate professor of education at Boston University's School of Education. Other members of the School of Education faculty taking part in the Institute will be Dr. Henry L. Isaksen of Sharon, Mass., associate professor of education; Dr. William C. Kvaraceus of Sharon, Mass., professor of education; Dr. S. Norman Feingold of Belmont, Mass., lecturer on education; and Dr. Joseph Sheehan, a visiting professor from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Also taking part in the Institute will be personnel from the Children's Medical Center, the United Cerebral Palsy Association, and similar groups.

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Lodge Visits of H. L. Blackledge

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Jernick and Brother Matthew Coyle (Secretary to Mr. Jernick during his tenure) to Mount Holly Lodge for a banquet that evening.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND. Again traveling by car, Mr. Blackledge then went on to Wilmington, Del., accompanied by District Deputy and Mrs. Michael A. Meany and Mount Holly Secy. and Mrs. J. A. C. Johansen. Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne joined them at Wilmington, where P.E.R. Alton H. Jacob conducted the party on a tour of the lodge building and an informal visit with a group of local Elks. Although blizzard conditions still prevailed, even that far south, the Grand Exalted Ruler also managed to be on hand for a banquet at Salisbury, Md., Lodge on Feb. 20, and for a smorgasbord at Annapolis Lodge next day.

FOUR-STATE MEETING. By flying from Baltimore to Chicago on Feb. 22, Mr. Blackledge was able to attend the Illinois

Northeast banquet—at which 1,150 Elks were present—and to spend some time at home, before attending the four-state meeting of Elks, March 8-9, in Joplin, Mo.

Elks from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma took part in this Jamboree, which has been held by Joplin Lodge annually for the past 5 years. Highlighting the two-day conclave was the initiation of 106 candidates.

Mr. Blackledge was guest of honor at a dinner given by the lodge, attended by more than 400 Elks and their ladies. Present at this affair were Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and Earl E. James, Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Guy D. Moore, Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Charles F. Lilly, Elks National Service Commission Special Representative Floyd Brown, Mo. Elks Pres. Ed Huncker, Okla. Elks Pres. Bert Wysor, District Deputies O. M. Flory and T. D. Ramsay, Past District Deputy G. D. Klingman and Joplin Exalted Ruler Ed Weber.

SOUTHERN VISITS. Once again touring lodges in the Southeast, Mr. Blackledge was welcomed to Orangeburg, S. C., by Exalted Ruler Dallas A. Gardner on March 10, and attended a banquet that evening at the Orangeburg Elks Club. On March 12, the Grand Exalted Ruler attended a luncheon and joint meeting of the Griffin, Ga., Lodge and the Griffin Kiwanis Club. Mr. Blackledge was introduced to the guests by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland. Other prominent Elks attending the affair included Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt, Past Ga. Presidents C. J. Williams and Judge W. H. Beck, Jr., and Exalted Ruler Francis D. Hunt. Judge McClelland and Mr. Pruitt then accompanied the Grand Exalted Ruler to Macon, Ga., where the party was met at the city limits by a delegation of Elks, and Mr. Blackledge was presented the key to the city by Mayor B. F. Merritt, a lodge member. Mr. Blackledge was a guest of honor that evening at a dinner and dance at the Macon Lodge. • •

Operation Clockfish

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Robinson, the steward's mate who had served through five war patrols with him. Robinson had been a real submarine sailor. He would stick his head up through the hatch, flash that wonderful crooked grin of his, and say one word. "Joe?" That was all he needed to say. One word for eight, and that was the difference between the submarine navy and the battleship navy—*had been* the difference, Nick thought gloomily as he took the mug of steaming black liquid from the sailor. The kid stood stiffly, as though uncertain what to do next. Nick wondered if he were supposed to say, "Carry on."

"Got some of that for me, Burns?" The steward's mate turned as the Junior Officer of the Deck, Ensign Andrew Dickens, came forward.

"Yes, sir." Burns handed over a second mug of coffee to Dickens and turned back to Nick. "Permission to leave the bridge, Captain?"

Nick nodded again, and Burns dropped quickly out of sight through the hatch.

"Boy, this is just what the doc ordered, Captain. Nothing like a good cup of coffee, is there?" Nick turned and glanced at Dickens with distaste. He was new on board, having reported only a week ago. A big man, he weighed well over two hundred and stood about six one. A lot of All-America selectors had named Dickens at tackle his last year at the Academy. His boyish face wore its perennial cheerful grin. "One thing about the

Navy, Captain, always plenty of coffee."

For an instant, Nick's eyes met those of the junior officer. His voice was flat as he answered. "Yeah, that's one thing about the Navy." Dickens' grin faded, and he seemed about to say something else. Then he shrugged his big shoulders slightly and moved back to take his place on the cigarette deck.

In spite of himself Nick looked back for a moment at the flat little strip of land, his eyes seeking out the third floor of La Concha Hotel. It was plainly visible from the sea approach used by the submarines. He wanted to raise the binoculars which hung from his neck, but he knew he wouldn't find what he had once found there. The clothes line would still be on the roof, but there wouldn't be any message, spelled out in the crazy code Connie had devised twelve years ago.

He could still remember that first morning. She was in bed when he left the room, her short blonde hair a mass of damp curls. Connie's hair always curled like that in Key West. They had been there only a week. She smiled up at him sleepily as he bent to kiss her goodbye.

"There's an old submarine waiting for you, and I know that's important. All I want you to do is promise to look back at the hotel this morning when the ship goes out."

Nick put his hand over her mouth playfully. "How many times do I have to tell you, woman, that a submarine is called a boat, not a ship?"

"All right, on the boat then. Will you?"

"Will I what?"
"Look back. I want to know if you can see me on the third floor roof, where we hang out the clothes."

He had looked, but he couldn't be sure the figure he saw was Connie. He did notice the two garments that were hanging on the line though. The khaki pants might have belonged to anyone, but that red skirt was Connie's. He knew because she had been wearing it the first day they met. It was a very special skirt. That afternoon, when his boat was coming in, Nick borrowed a pair of binoculars and looked again. The pants and the skirt were still there. So was the woman beside them.

When he got back to the hotel, she had explained it to him. "It's a code, Nick. I'll have it up there every morning and every afternoon."

"Code?"
"Of course. You were wearing those pants, and I was wearing that skirt the day we met, so they stand for you and me, together."

It didn't make sense, but it was wonderful. Everything about Connie was wonderful. Nick wished that her silly signal was still there on the roof of the La Concha, but twelve years had brought changes in his marriage as well as the Navy he served.

"All ahead full. Steady on course one six five. Rig boat for dive." He gave the orders automatically. In a moment he felt the boat shudder as the Fair-

banks Morse diesels went ahead to full speed.

"Captain . . ." Nick glanced down at the tousled black head poking up through the hatch.

"Come on up, Frenchy." Chief Torpedoman Frank "Frenchy" LaTier pulled himself up easily and stretched his huge arms above his head. Nick grinned at him. Frenchy was his one comfort on the *Rockfish*. He and Nick had served together during the Pacific war when Nick was an Engineering Officer. He was one of the best submarine men Nick had ever known, and the two men respected each other in the way men do when they have been together in battle.

"We're ready to set the alarm on those new fish, Captain."

Nick nodded. "I'll be down in a few minutes, Frenchy."

"Guess I'd better get on back down." The chief started for the hatch.

"No hurry, stay up and get some air." Nick was reluctant to see the other man leave.

The burly torpedoman snorted. "You know me, Captain. Can't stand this fresh air. Besides, I want to check number four tube. The poppet valve ain't seating like it ought to. I put a couple of those trainees on it, but they don't know what they're doing. It ain't like the old crew. These boys know how to shine their shoes pretty, and they salute real good, but they got no business on the boats."

It's a new crew all right, Nick thought moodily when Frenchy had gone, a new Navy. Twelve years could change a lot of things. Twelve years. . .

"How would you like to go to sunny Florida on your honeymoon?"

He remembered how she had laughed and kissed him. She hadn't said a word, just the kiss, but it was Connie's way of saying, "Yes."

It was a good honeymoon, even with the shadow of the war hanging over them. Nothing could spoil things for them, not then. During the days while Nick was out on one of the old R-boats that had been salvaged for training, Connie played bridge or swam. Most of the nights they had together. They were wonderful nights, dining and dancing at the club, walking barefoot along the narrow strip of beach, going to movies on the base, touring the innumerable night spots that lined Duval Street, just being together, always together.

That's the way they were, even when Nick was in the Pacific. He never felt away from her. He never felt lonely. After the war, they made the big decision the same way, together.

"There are lots of good jobs for engineers, Connie. We'll never get rich in the Navy."

Her pert nose wrinkled just a little, as it always did when she was happy.

"Nick, we're Navy now, both of us.

You love those boats, don't you, as much as you do me?"

When he started to protest, she broke in again. "No, I know it's different. I don't mind, darling. I love them too. They're a part of you, and I love every part of you. I'm not jealous of a submarine. I want you to stay, Nick. It's where you belong, where we belong."

That was that. Lieutenant Nick McGay was a career man.

"Captain . . ."

Nick whirled. Ensign Dickens was at his elbow. Ever since he had come on board, this had been happening. An eager beaver, Nick thought bitterly, and he didn't trust eager beavers.

"What is it, Mr. Dickens?" Nick's voice was taut and harsh. The anger and frustration that was becoming an integral part of him flared. Dickens had somehow become a living symbol of the force that was destroying the navy that Nick loved. The submarine service had once been made up of quiet, tough, loyal men, whose actions did their talking for them. Now kids like Andrew Dickens were taking over. There was another thing about the big ensign that Nick hated, that ring on his finger, the union card, the stamp they put on Annapolis men to tell the world the Navy belonged to them. It was bad enough to have something you loved taken away from you, but to have it taken and given to guys like Dickens . . .

The ensign's voice, as usual, was bubbling with eagerness and enthusiasm. "Captain, I heard the Chief saying one of the tubes is acting up. I wonder if you'd like me to take a look at it."

Nick stared at him coldly. "You think you know more about it than LaTier, Mr. Dickens?"

The sarcasm bounced off the younger man. His grin was broader than ever. "Well, sir, I did pretty well at New London in . . ."

Nick cut him off sharply. "LaTier's been working with those tubes about fifteen years. He's a pretty good man."

Dickens flushed. "I didn't mean . . ."

"Listen, Mr. Dickens, you may have been quite a boy on the football field, but you're an ensign in training on this boat. Right now your job is to stand a deck watch. If I want you to learn anything about torpedo tubes, I'll assign you accordingly. Now suppose you let me decide who does what, if you don't mind."

Dickens' jaw tightened, and he seemed about to reply. Then his eyes dropped. "Aye, aye, sir."

Nick turned away and stared ahead. He realized that he was trembling slightly. What was the good of blowing off that way? The two lookouts had heard. One of the cardinal rules Nick believed in was that if you were going to praise a man, you should do it where everyone could hear, and if you had to eat him out, it should be done in strict



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privacy. Why did he hate Dickens? The kid was fresh out of sub school and only a little over a year out of Annapolis. He was assigned to the *Rockfish* for seasoning before reporting to the newest atomic sub.

That was salt in the wound for Nick. Ever since he had heard Rickover talking about the atom boats at New London, he had wanted one of them. You needed the union card though for a billet like that. His application had been passed over, and Nick was assigned as C. O. of his old wartime boat, the *Rockfish*. Some sentimental admiral had probably dreamed that one up. Only the *Rockfish* wasn't a fighting boat anymore, and she never would be. She was a training boat, and her crew wasn't a fighting crew. The majority of the boat's complement were green hands, kids with loud mouths and sloppy minds. Only Nick and Frenchy and the *Rockfish* were left, and they weren't enough.

Nick silently renewed his vow. Just as soon as he knew the civilian job he wanted was set, his letter requesting transfer to the inactive Reserve would be on its way. The letter had been written for over a month. Connie could take it or leave it.

"Boat rigged for dive, Captain." The voice of Lt. Ned Smithers, exec of the *Rockfish*, sounded even lazier over the intercom than it did ordinarily. Nick pressed the key to the bridge speaker and acknowledged. There was time for a trim dive before they reached the firing area. He glanced around. The two lookouts were loafing, draped up against the periscope shears. Dickens was sweeping the horizon with his glasses. Suddenly Nick's voice boomed out.

"Clear the bridge!" Simultaneously his hand hit the diving alarm, and he leaned forward to yell into the speaker. "Dive! Dive!" Then he moved nimbly to one side. The lookouts scrambled awkwardly for the hatch, one of them almost stumbling and practically riding the shoulders of his companion down the ladder. Dickens was coming by then. Nick caught himself wishing that he would stumble, but for a big man he was amazingly agile. He seized the trapeze-like bar, jackknifed, and dropped out of sight as though he had been doing it all his life.

As Nick left the bridge, the sub's decks were still awash. With a good crew, the water should be coming over the bridge by this time. Pulling the watertight door down, he slammed it shut and spun the handle with all his might until it was secured. Then he dropped to the floor of the conning tower. Dickens was already below him in the control room at the diving station. The boat had taken a slight down angle.

Nick barked, "One hundred feet."

Dickens' voice came right back. "One hundred feet, aye."

Below, in the control room, the rou-

tine of diving reports came fast and furious.

"Pressure in the boat. Green board." The light indicators, showing the condition of all sea valves, were green. When the valves were open the "Christmas Tree" lights showed red.

Suddenly the boat's down angle increased sharply. Nick had to grab for the periscope column to keep from falling.

"What the . . ." He lurched to the ladder and yelled down, "Ease it, Mr. Dickens! What do you think . . ."

Below, Andrew Dickens was speaking quickly and cheerfully. "Ease the angle on the bow planes, Flanagan. Come on, boy, spin that thing. Get some rise on 'em. Atta boy! Blow bow buoyancy!"

Nick squatted by the ladder, glaring down at the man below him. He sounded like a cheer leader, but gradually the angle eased, and Nick felt the boat level off. Dickens' voice sang out, and Nick detected a note of triumph in that voice.

"One hundred feet, Captain." There was a pause, then, "On the nose."

Nick flushed and got to his feet. A few minutes later, Smithers came to the conning tower and relieved him. The

engineering officer was at the diving station now, directing the pumping of water from one tank to another to bring the boat into trim so that it would hold depth easily and respond to the diving planes and to speed changes quickly.

Nick headed for the forward torpedo room. Passing the tiny wardroom, he saw Ensign Dickens inside, just pouring himself a cup of coffee. Dickens looked up and saw him, flashed the big smile, and held out the silex. Nick ignored the gesture and moved on.

In the forward room, Frenchy LaTier had his gang sweating as they prepared the new torpedos for loading. Nick joined him. The crew members stiffened as he approached, but Frenchy merely grunted, "Relax and get on with it, you guys. This ain't the *Queen Mary*."

"Everything okay, Frenchy?"

The chief nodded gloomily. "Yeah, I guess so." He patted the sleek side of one of the torpedoes with a beefy hand. "We'll set these babies at fifteen minutes, like you said."

Nick leaned to examine the timing mechanism on the nearest torpedo. It was set in near the detonator and looked remarkably like a small alarm clock. "Operation Clockfish", the admiral had called it, a test of a variation

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of the old Mark 14 torpedo. The timer could be set to assure detonation of the warhead at a definite time after firing. There was a good use for a fish like that. It could be fired into an enemy harbor, and the sub would have plenty of time to clear the area before it went off. It was important that the sub get clear, because, in wartime, these torpedoes would be armed with atomic warheads. Naturally, that kind of job would be done by an atomic submarine. Nick's function was to test it, just as it was to test kids like Dickens.

"How's number four tube?" He and Frenchy turned away from the other men. The chief grimaced and mopped his face with a huge red handkerchief.

"Okay, I think, Captain. We can check it for sure when we fire." He jerked his head toward the men who were loading the torpedoes into the forward tubes. "You know, it takes that outfit longer to load one tube than it did for us to put six fish into that carrier off Luzon, reload, and then shoot down the throat of that can. I wouldn't trust one of those boots to blow the head if I wasn't holding his hand." He turned suddenly and yelled, "Hey, Abernathy, slack off on that chain! You wanta spill that fish all over the deck?"

Nick watched glumly as the chief moved back to help with the loading. In a moment, LaTier rejoined him.

"Captain, I don't like it worth a hoot. It's okay to have trainees on a boat, but why three-fourths of the crew? If anything went wrong with this tub, we'd be in real trouble. There ain't ten men that really knows what they're doing."

Nick nodded. "That's the way it has



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to be, Frenchy. All we can do is play it close and hope nothing goes wrong."

LaTier grinned. "How about the officers? They ain't exactly what I'd call the cream of the crop, are they? Only one I'd give you two cents for is the new kid, Dickens."

"Dickens?" Nick stared at him.

"Yeah, he's one bright boy. Talks a lot maybe, but I been watching him ever since he came on board. He's been busy. All over the boat, I tell you. Betcha he could pass qualifyings this minute, far as knowing the boat goes."

"Look, Chief, you'd better get those tubes loaded." Nick heard his voice going hard. LaTier stared at him quizzically.

"Something wrong, Captain?"

NICK turned, left the compartment without answering. Why couldn't he ever get away from Dickens? Last night at the club, it had been the same story. Nick had been rude. He knew that he had been rude, but what could you expect from a man whose wife has just finished telling him that she was leaving him?

He stared at her across the table. The sky over them was the same sky they had sat under so many times on the patio at the club. The breeze was the same breeze, and the music and the drinks were the same, but Connie and Nick had changed.

"It's no use, Nick. We can't go on like this. The guy I married wasn't bitter. He didn't give up just because things changed a little. He didn't act like a baby when things didn't go just to suit him. I married a man, Nick, not a . . ."

"Hi, Captain." Dickens stood there, his grin broader than ever. There was a girl with him, a girl who looked a lot like Connie had looked twelve years ago. "I'd like you to meet my wife, Sue, this is . . ."

Nick couldn't remember just what he had said, but he did remember the hurt in the girl's eyes. He had brushed them off, both of them, because they were young, because they were happy, because they were what he had been and never could be again.

Connie's words rang in his ears.

"I hope you're proud of yourself, Nick, proud of hurting those two kids. Maybe you're right to get out of the Navy."

Dickens loomed up before him in the passageway. "Captain, could I talk to you for a minute?"

Nick shrugged. "Is the wardroom empty?"

"Yes, sir."

Inside the wardroom, Nick seated himself at the table. "All right, what's on your mind?"

Ill at ease, the big ensign hesitated, then muttered, "Why do you hate me, Captain?"

Before Nick could answer, Dickens

rushed on. "Last night, Captain, I've tried to forget it, but . . ."

"Listen, Dickens, and get this straight. I have a right to privacy. A junior officer has no business . . ."

"And a junior officer's wife. I wouldn't mind if it weren't for her." Dickens face was getting red. Nick felt his stomach tighten. He was ashamed, and he hated himself for it, hated Dickens for making him ashamed. "Look, Captain, if I don't do my job, can't you tell me? Man to man? If you don't like me, that's okay, but I'm here to learn, and I want to learn. I want to pull my own weight too."

"The old team try, is that it?" Nick's voice was heavy with sarcasm.

"Why do you hate me, sir? I have a right to know."

The klaxon alarm blasted suddenly. Smithers' voice crackled over the intercom. "Surface, surface, surface!"

The boat took an up angle, and Nick got to his feet hastily.

"It'll have to keep, Dickens."

The big man's voice was trembling. "I don't think it will keep, Captain." They could feel the throb as the diesels

ARMED FORCES DAY: MAY 17

"POWER FOR PEACE" has again been adopted as the slogan for Armed Forces Day—May 17—to symbolize America's policy of using her strength in defense of peace, security and freedom. The public is urged to participate in the observance of the day, which will emphasize this relationship between national strength and world peace.

Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy has announced that Army, Navy and Air Force commanders have been requested to schedule appropriate activities from May 10 to May 18. A joint command, including Marine Corps and Coast Guard, will coordinate these activities in each of seven geographical areas in the United States and in four overseas command areas. This year, increased attention will be paid to the National Guard and other components of the Reserve Forces, Civil Air Patrol and similar supporting organizations or programs—such as Red Cross, Civil Defense, U. S. Savings Bonds, U.S.O. and Selective Service.

This day is, by its very nature, an occasion for a wide variety of community activities. The public is invited to visit posts, armories and other defense facilities, in an "open house" program, inspecting the defense system in which every American has a stake. Information regarding national, state or local plans for the 1958 activities may be obtained at any Armed Forces active or reserve command or recruiting station, or from the Office of Public Services, Department of Defense, Room 2E772, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C.

took over propulsion. Nick wanted to get away.

"I've got to get to the bridge."

Dickens rushed on. "When I got my orders to report to the *Rockfish*, one of my instructors told me I was lucky. He said that Nick McGaw was one of the best, a real submarine man, all the way down the line. He must have been thinking about somebody else."

Nick saw red. "Listen you . . ."

"I know. You can put me on report. You can put me in hack. You can do anything you like. Go ahead, *Captain*." The word was an insult on his lips. He was almost in tears. Nick stared at him, then turned abruptly away.

"I'll take care of you later, Mr. Dickens."

When he reached the bridge a moment later, the boat was shimmering in the morning sun, water dripping from every portion of her. For an instant, Nick forgot his anger, forgot Dickens, forgot his own bitterness. This was always the most beautiful sight for him, the moment of return to the surface of the sea. It was a kind of rebirth. Then he remembered, and his jaw hardened.

They were in the firing area. Get it over with. He pressed the intercom key.

"Forward room."

LaTier's voice came back. "Forward room, aye."

"Let's go, Frenchy. Firing order will be one, three, and four tubes. Set gyro angles at zero, depth ten feet. Fire all tubes by hand. We'll see if number four is okay."

"Aye, aye, Captain."

The atmosphere on the bridge was suddenly electric. Even on a training run, Nick could feel the old excitement creeping over him.

"Stand by to fire . . ."

"Standing by."

"All stopped." The throbbing subsided, then ceased altogether.

"Fire one . . ." The *Rockfish* shuddered slightly. "Fire three . . ." He paused. Already he could pick out the streak of foam that marked the track of the first torpedo. "Fire four."

Another pause. Then, "Tubes one, three, and four fired by hand."

"Very well." Nick was about to give the order to start engines, but something stopped him. He could see only *two* torpedo tracks! "Frenchy," his hand hit the speaker key again, "are you sure all three tubes fired?"

"Yes, sir. I—wait a minute!" The silence that hung over the bridge lasted for an eternity. Then Frenchy's voice, hoarse with excitement, "Captain, the outer doors won't close on number four tube!"

Nick swore softly. There were two definite tracks, streaking away into the distance, no more. Then he saw LaTier scrambling up through the hatch. His face was dripping with sweat.

"My God, Captain, that fish is hung

in the tube, sure as death, and running hot. The outer door won't budge. Same thing as happened on the *Silversides* during the war."

Nick nodded grimly. "Yeah, but there's a big difference. The fish that the *Silversides* had hung up wouldn't detonate unless it got sufficient impact. This baby is going off in fifteen minutes if that gadget on it really works."

LaTier's face was drawn. He took a close look at his watch. "Make that twelve minutes, Captain. We fired the tube almost three minutes ago."

Nick's mind was racing. "Get some tools, Frenchy, on the double!" The chief was already through the hatch. Nick started to strip off his clothing. He could hear the commotion in the conning tower below him. He turned to Smithers, noticed how the two lookouts had fallen back to the cigarette deck. They were ready to panic. Smithers was standing there, staring foolishly at his C.O. Nick snapped, "Get the crew topside and ready to abandon ship in eight minutes. Send a message to the base, giving our position and the situation. Frenchy and I will try to get that thing disarmed or cleared."

"But, Captain . . ." Nick ignored Smithers' voice. There wasn't time. He dropped to the deck, and an instant later Frenchy joined him, a kit of wrenches strapped to his waist like an apron, and a waterproof flashlight in one hand. Like Nick he had stripped to his scivvies.

Nick took the light, caught LaTier's eyes for a moment, and grinned tightly. It was strange. He felt almost happy.

NUMBER four tube was eight feet below the waterline. Nick reached it first. The torpedo was there all right, protruding like some evil growth, approximately three quarters of the way out of the tube. There was no way of seeing how it had fouled. It would be foolish to try to dislodge it. Nick moved forward to check the warhead. The access plate through which the firing mechanism could be reached was on the underside of the torpedo, partially blocked off by the hull of the submarine. Nick held the light while Frenchy probed. His lungs were already beginning to cry for air. The torpedoman worked quickly and efficiently, but he was having difficulty getting at the plate. Nick knew that they should surface for air, but was there time? He had no idea how long they had been down. He realized that Frenchy had stopped working, but his eyes blurred as he tried to focus on the other man. Frenchy seemed to be trying to signal him. Nick grabbed for him and started for the surface. Frenchy was a dead weight in his arms. He had blacked out!

As they broke the surface, Nick gulped air into his tortured lungs. Smithers and Dickens were on deck.

Between them they got LaTier out of the water. Nick clung to the hull and gasped, "How much—time?"

Smithers' voice was strained. "Seven minutes since firing time. Eight to go."

Nick took a deep breath. "Get another man down here and get the crew off—now!"

Before Smithers could reply, he was diving again, seeking the jutting cylinder. Before he reached it, someone moved past him. Andrew Dickens kicked around to face Nick, his features distorted in what could have been a smile. He had Frenchy's tool kit. Nick almost opened his mouth to protest. Was Smithers crazy, letting a kid tackle a job like this? Nick motioned wildly with his hand, but Dickens ignored him. Nick reached for the wrenches. To his amazement, Dickens refused to surrender them. For a moment the two men struggled together. Dickens was the stronger. Cursing to himself in helpless rage, Nick gave up and held the light, Dickens was down at the underbelly of the torpedo where the access plate had defied Frenchy's efforts. Nick's anger subsided as he watched. The kid was certainly cool enough, and he seemed to know what he was doing. After a moment, he discarded the wrench he was using and took out a smaller one.

He probed at the plate again, then turned and held out his hand to Nick. Without thinking, Nick took it, and the two men rose upwards. As they reached the surface, Nick gasped, "Dickens, give me that . . ."

There was no grin now. "I'm bigger than you, Captain." It was as simple as that. Before Nick could say anything else, Dickens was diving again. Nick followed him. By the time he got the light steadied, Dickens was at the plate again.

It was like watching a surgeon operate, Nick thought. The big hands were sure and steady. Nick clung to the torpedo and held the light. The silence turned seconds into hours until Nick had lost all concept of time. Once more, they had to come up for air. Neither of them said anything this time. Then, down to the torpedo again, and Nick knew that it would be any moment now, but there was no thought of stopping.

Once, briefly, he thought of Connie, not last night's Connie who had looked at him as she might look at a stranger, but the Connie who laughed with him, loved with him, waited for him. He wondered vaguely if Dickens might be thinking of his wife . . .

Two of the nuts were off the access plate, but the third defied reaching because of the torpedo's position. Suddenly, Nick realized that Dickens was thrusting the wrench at him. As he took it, Dickens seemed to literally wrap his huge bulk around the warhead. Nick could see the muscles in his

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back bulging as he twisted and struggled. Slowly, unbelievably the torpedo seemed to turn slightly. Nick turned his light back on the plate. The remaining nut was just barely exposed! Nick moved swiftly with the wrench, and the plate fell away. Dickens was beside him again, and as Nick held the light, he thrust one big hand into the torpedo. *The patient's belly is open*, Nick thought, but is there time? Why had he let Dickens handle this part of the job? Nick knew those exploder mechanisms by heart.

Then the hand came out, and Nick could have sworn that Dickens looked up and grinned at him, but his head was spinning so that he couldn't see very clearly. There was no reality to anything anymore.

Moments later, he knew that he was back on deck and that there was a lot of yelling. Far off somewhere he heard the explosions, two of them, one right after the other. He heard Smithers let out a whoop.

"There go one and three!"

Nick got to his feet shakily. He could see Dickens just going below from the bridge. Smithers and LaTier were standing with Nick, pounding each other on the back. Frenchy turned to Nick and shook his head in amazement.

"I'm sorry I conked out on you, Captain, but you did okay, you and Mr. Dickens."

Nick looked around and realized that there was no one else on deck. He turned to Smithers.

"Where's the crew. I told you to abandon . . ."

Smithers shook his head and drawled, "By golly, Captain, you did say something about getting off, didn't you? I mentioned it to the crew, but they all said I must be mistaken. They kind of figured they ought to man their stations, except for the forward room, of course. We shut that off, but the crew thought we might be able to save the boat even if that fish did go off." He grinned. "Besides, with you down there, I don't think any of them worried very much."

Nick felt very old suddenly and very tired. He looked at the two men, then muttered, "I'd better get below." He started for the bridge, then stopped and turned back. "In case you want to get the story straight, it was Dickens who did the job. The crew ought to know that."

Going down through the conning tower and the control room, he could feel the change. To all outward appearances, nothing had happened, yet there was a subtle difference in the men he saw. One of the trainees on station in the control room caught his eye and smiled broadly. Nick knew then. He had seen it happen before. These men were submarine sailors now, every one of them. He realized that he was smiling too.

Dickens was in the wardroom drink-

ing coffee. Nick started to go in, but somehow he couldn't. Instead, he ducked into his cabin and immediately changed into dry clothing.

Back on the bridge a few minutes later, he took over the con. The *Rockfish* was just passing Marquesa Key to port. In another hour they'd be tied up. The Admiral had radioed for them to come in at once so that the dangling torpedo could be removed.

NICK stood silently on the bridge as they neared land. It was getting on toward mid-afternoon. He had forgotten how good land could look. There were so many things he had forgotten. The tough part of forgetting was making yourself remember, and a man had to be able to remember . . .

The *Rockfish* was gliding by the channel entrance buoys when Nick suddenly pressed the intercom key. His voice was husky.

"Mr. Dickens, report to the bridge."

A few moments later, the kid stood beside him. For a long time neither

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man said anything. Finally Nick spoke.

"Feeling okay?"

"Yes, sir."

They were silent again. Nick stole a glance at the man beside him. Dickens stood very straight, looking ahead. "Who did you have as instructor in torpedoes at New London?"

"Chief Barstow."

Nick nodded. "He's a good man."

"Yes, sir."

There was another long pause. "Andy . . ."

He was smiling now, and Dickens' smile answered his readily. "Yes, sir?"

"Think you could take her alongside the pier?"

"I think so, Captain. I'd sure like to try."

"Okay. We've just passed the channel buoys. Speed to thirds on all engines. Course one zero five."

"Boat rigged for surface?"

Nick almost chuckled. "Yeah, rigged for surface."

"Aye, aye, sir. I have it."

Nick hesitated. "Andy . . ."

"Yes, sir?"

He tried to make his voice gruff. "Watch the current when you make your turn into the slip. It's tricky. You may have to Chinese it a little."

Dickens nodded happily. "Aye, aye, sir."

Nick could see the hotel now. Automatically he raised his glasses. The khaki pants could have belonged to anyone, but there was no mistaking that red skirt, and there was someone standing beside them. He could have sworn that someone was waving.

Nick watched as his crew took their places on deck, ready to get lines over. *His crew! His boat!* His mind was busy with plans for the rest of the week's training exercises. There was a lot of work to be done, but that's what he was here for. He, Frenchy, the *Rockfish*, that's what they were all here for.

He took a piece of paper out of his pocket and looked at it. It was a letter that had been written for over a month. Nick had taken it from his desk when he put on his dry clothes. Slowly, deliberately, he tore it into strips, then into little squares, and let it blow out of his hand. The tiny white pieces of paper danced crazily in the wind and were gone.

Nick leaned back against the periscope shears and took out his pipe. "Andy." He spoke to the broad back of the other man. "Andy, you sure picked yourself a great spot for a honeymoon."

"I like it, Captain." The kid was intent on his approach to the landing area.

"Yeah, so do I, Andy. Let me tell you something. It was just twelve years ago that I . . ."

He knew that he was talking too much, but he didn't care. Sometimes it was good to talk.

Nick McGaw felt fine. ● ●

REDS BORE IN WITH ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

OUR EXCERPT this month from Freedom's Facts, published by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, again reflects the unrelenting work of the American communist and deserves serious consideration. The All-American Conference to Combat Communism consists of fifty national, patriotic organizations including the BPOE.

In New York City one day a few months ago, an organization called the "Emergency Civil Liberties Committee" issued a plan for a campaign to "abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities." It was called "Operation Abolition."

This was not the work of crackpots. Supporters of the campaign include writers, attorneys, ministers and college professors. The campaign, which called for a barnstorm speaking tour of more than twenty key American cities, was kicked off at a rally in New York's Carnegie Hall on September 20.

After a thorough investigation, the House Committee on Un-American Activities concluded on November 8, 1957, that this campaign was designed "to cripple the antisubversion programs of the Congress, to shackle or abolish the Committee on Un-American Activities, and to discredit J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Commenting on the printed report of the House Committee, J. Edgar Hoover stated: "Your booklet depicts another example of the apparent ease with which the communists have been able to enlist the support of misguided individuals to assist them in obscuring their subversive workings. Certainly the real meaning of civil liberties is not understood by these communist apologists."

Who wants to abolish America's safeguards against communism? Many individuals associated with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, an officially cited communist front, are well-known for their consistent support of communist and Soviet policies. Ask yourself the question they have probably often asked themselves: If you were faced with the task of conquering the United States from within, where would you start?

Chances are, you have never thought of conquering any country from within. The idea is new to you. Off-hand you would not know the more important steps to take. Unlike the average American, however, U.S. and foreign commu-

nists have spent lifetimes trying to figure out how to conquer the U.S. from within. They recently decided that a major effort must be made to neutralize and, if possible, destroy the strongest anti-communist agencies of Government. These agencies expose and frustrate communist plans; they track down communist agitators and haul them before the bar of justice when they violate U.S. laws. These efforts have contributed toward cutting U.S. Communist Party membership from 80,000 in 1945 to about 11,000 today.

It is no surprise that hard core communists, their sympathizers and apologists, would seek to undermine, neutralize and destroy these agencies. As in a military campaign, they figure that once their strongest opposition is cancelled out, they will have easier sailing toward their goal of conquering their enemy—the United States.

The chances are that in your community during the coming year someone may try to undermine and neutralize the work of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the Government Security Program. If so, you and any patriotic organization with which you may be associated should be alert to this situation.

That person may or may not have even heard of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee or of its affiliates, which bear such fine-sounding names as the "Chicago Committee to Preserve American Freedoms"—but he or she may be peddling its line.

Your contribution to strengthen our anti-communist defenses can be made by refuting communist-inspired charges against these Government agencies and in pointing out the folly of attacking groups whose function is to protect all Americans from communism.

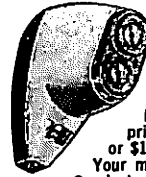
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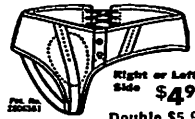
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Elks Home Workshop Readers Ask Some Questions

A large variety of questions has already been received from readers of The Elks Home Workshop. The subject of these queries has ranged from finishing furniture to quieting squeaky floors. Although Mr. Walton has answered the individual querists by mail, some of the problems posed seem of fairly general interest. A selection of these is therefore printed in these pages; perhaps you will find the answer to some problem that has arisen in your own home.

TOPS FOR COUNTERS

I should like to know how to fasten a counter top to a wooden cabinet base. Also, what accessories would I need for a bench saw to make cabinet doors?

The modern way to fasten plastic counter tops is with contact cement, which makes a neat, very strong and waterproof bond. A coat of cement is applied to the wooden top and the underside of the plastic sheet, which must both be clean and dry. The cement is allowed to set for about half an hour. It then seems quite dry, but the coated areas will stick instantly and permanently on contact.

It is therefore important to let them touch only when in the right position. One method used is to lay wooden slats or dowels on the cement-coated base top and lay the plastic on these without letting it sag between them. With the sheet precisely aligned, you can then pull out one support at a time and press the sheet into contact.

Simple doors require no special saw accessories, but for molded edges, raised panels and the like you will need molding cutters. These are knives of various shapes that are mounted in place of the blade and cut their own shapes, in reverse, on wood as it is passed over them. Some such cutters are solid forgings, while others have slotted heads with interchangeable blades.

TRACK-TYPE LAMP

How can I convert a ceiling pull-down lamp into a track type that can be moved horizontally as well? I have not been able to buy such a track.

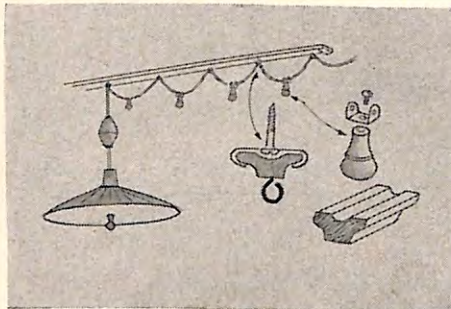


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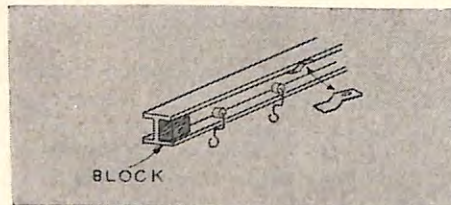


Figure 2

There are two ways to improvise such a track. One consists of an extension-type curtain rod, which can be had in lengths up to 86 inches. Screw it to the ceiling as shown in Figure 1, and make the slides out of hardwood, metal or plastic as shown. If well smoothed and lubricated with wax or graphite paste, they should slide freely. The cord weights can be large brass lamp-shade finials.

An even better method might be to use I-beam curtain rods and the rollers made to fit these (Figure 2.). These are not as widely available as the others but may be found at the curtain and drapery departments of large stores.

MOISTURE ON WINDOW

My home has large Thermopane (double-glazed) windows that sweat on the inside in very cold weather if the drapes are drawn. Isn't there a better answer than leaving the drapes open at night?

Sweating windows are a symptom of an only too well-sealed house. The danger here is of condensation inside the walls, which can cause considerable damage in time. If the house is built on a slab foundation or is of basement-less construction, the lack of proper waterproof-

ing under the floor may be the cause of the trouble.

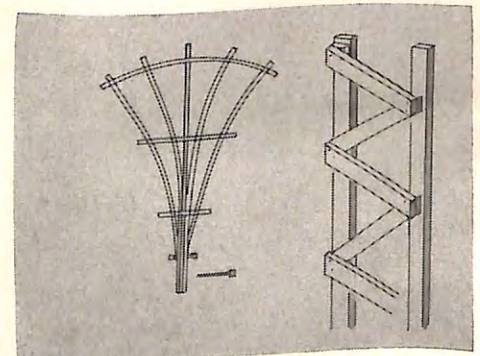
Proper venting is the right remedy, but meanwhile you can hold water vapor in the house to a minimum by opening a window just a trifle at top and bottom when such vapor-producing activities as cooking, laundering or bathing are in progress. Use the exhaust fan at such times, if you have one. Vent the clothes dryer to the outdoors if possible.

If the drapes hug the window panes closely, mounting them an inch or so away from the glass may allow enough warm air to circulate behind them to reduce or even eliminate the sweating that is the immediate cause of complaint.

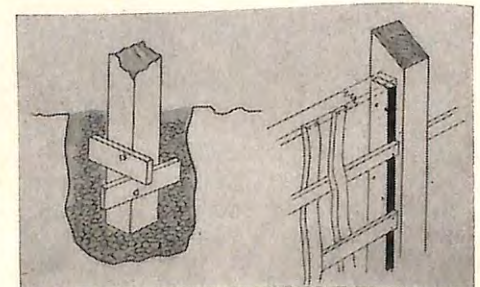
MAKING ROSE TRELLISES

Have you any information on building rose trellises and wooden fences?

The simple fan-like trellis in Figure 3 can be made, if you have a power saw, by ripping four equally spaced cuts



Figures 3 and 4



Figures 5 and 6

down a length of one-by-six. You can also bolt together five one-by-two strips at the bottom. Nail spreaders across to give the trellis its shape. The criss-cross pattern in Figure 4 is equally easy to make. Use aluminum or galvanized nails or screws if possible.

Fence posts may be set in gravel if the ground is well drained, as in Figure 5. If you set posts directly into concrete, trowel the top of it to drain water away from the wood.

Once posts are in, you have a wide choice of fence styles you can build. The trellis fence in Figure 6 may appeal as an attractive support for climbing plants.

DOUBLE GLAZING

My new house has no storm windows as yet, and I find these would cost more than double glazing. One contractor here uses steel-sash putty and an aluminum channel to space the second pane of glass, with a little silica gel between to soak up whatever moisture may be present. How satisfactory would this be?

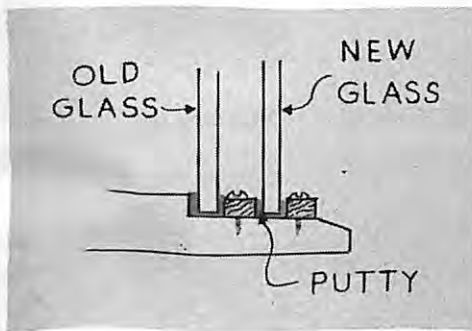


Figure 7

With careful workmanship and silica-gel, the problem of condensation should not be serious. Some home owners with double glazing find that dirt seeps inside in time and is impossible to clean out. How serious this is would depend on the excellence of the installation and the cleanliness of the air in your vicinity.

One installation I have seen made use of the original retaining strip as a spacer, as shown in Figure 7, thus saving the cost of aluminum channel.

Fixed windows in modern homes can probably be double glazed to advantage. Those that must be opened and closed are more subject to breaking of the seal. In these, too, double glazing lacks an advantage that modern storm windows afford—weatherstripping around all the edges. You can of course add this to any existing window, as shown in a recent article in *The Elks Home Workshop*.

FINISHING TEAK

How can I apply a good finish to teak, from which I plan to make a console table? I would like a hand-rubbed oil finish on this table.

An oil finish is produced by applying boiled linseed oil to the raw wood, letting it dry, and repeating the treatment again and again. A rubbed finish usually refers to the hand rubbing of a hard varnish coat. Rubbing varnish must be used. Crude oil and pumice may be used for rubbing to a semigloss surface, or rottenstone and oil is excellent for a fuller gloss.

A rubbed finish is sometimes confused with French polishing, in which shellac is applied with a cloth pad. A modern pad-applied finish is sold under the name Padlac by Albert Constantine and Son, Inc., 2050 Eastchester Road, New York 61, N.Y. Pad-applied finishes are eggshell thin, revealing the beauty of the grain far better than thick varnish finishes.

SQUEAKY FLOORS

Could you please tell me how to correct squeaky hardwood floors?

Faulty construction, shrinking, or warping that let the finish flooring pull up from the subfloor are common reasons for noisy floors. If the trouble is on the first floor and you have access to the joists from the cellar, identify the faulty area and examine the X-shaped bridging. Tighten or renail any bridging members that seem loose. If there is a visible gap between post and subfloor (Figure 8) you can drive in thin wedges to support the flooring, but be careful not to drive them so far in as to force the floor farther up.

Another method that has proved effective is to nail cleats to the joists, pushing them up hard against the subfloor beforehand (Figure 8).

You can also pull loose flooring down instead, by fastening angle brackets to the joist with their upper legs a little below the top of the joist, and then driving screws up into the subfloor as in Figure 9.

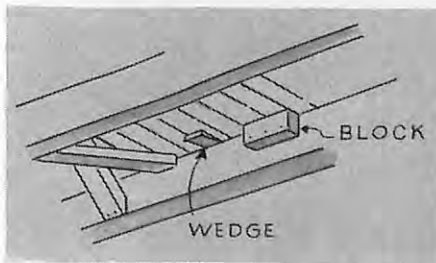


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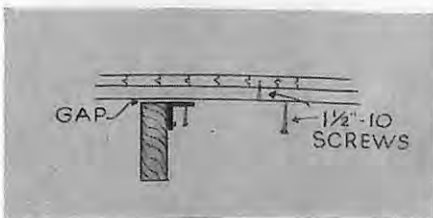


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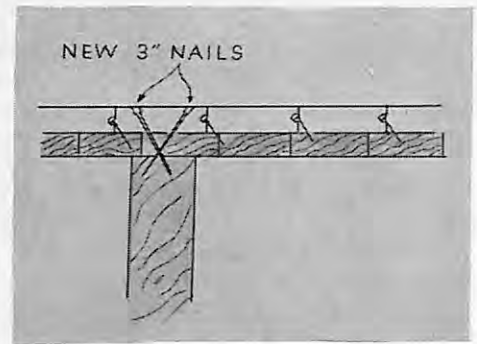


Figure 10

If squeaks still persist, try driving 1½" wood screws up through the subfloor into the finish floor to lock the two layers together (Figure 9).

When floors are not accessible from below, drive resin-coated finishing nails through the finish floor into the joists at an angle as in Figure 10. Sink the heads with a nail set, putty over them, and finish like the floor.

WATERPROOFING CELLAR

Please tell us what can be done about waterproofing our cellar.

Where the problem is actual seepage, it may be due to improper backfilling of the soil against the foundation, defective wall construction, lack of drainage at the footings, or merely poor provision for rain runoff from gutter downspouts. The latter is easy to correct.

If the soil is well drained, a basement can be waterproofed on the inside. All cracks should be chiseled out slightly wider within than on the surface, cleaned out, thoroughly wetted, and filled with a good concrete patching mix. Then all old paint or whitewash should be cleaned off the walls before applying waterproofing, which may be a ready-mixed waterproofing cement or a patented type. Some require that smooth walls be roughened with hammer and chisel or etched with dilute muriatic acid to insure a good bond. If the floor is to be waterproofed too, it should be done first and the coating carried up the walls 18 inches.

Where drainage is poor and there is actual water pressure, the walls should be covered on the outside. If there is a storm sewer below footing level, it is wise to lay drain tile around the foundation walls outside to carry water away into the sewer. This means digging away the soil outside the walls to their bottom, laying 4-inch field tile with open joints at a suitable slope to drain properly, and covering it with gravel.

The wall treatment recommended by the National Bureau of Standards is a so-called bituminous membrane. It consists of three or more layers of felt, saturated with coal tar or asphalt, applied to the walls and covered with pitch to finish this method of treatment.

J. Edgar Hoover and Communism

The Order of Elks was the first national American Organization to condemn communism.

That action was taken at the Grand Lodge Session of 1919.

That same year a young man named J. Edgar Hoover, a special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, was assigned to prepare a legal brief on the newly formed communist party.

Since his acceptance of the responsibilities of the Directorship of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover has, naturally, devoted himself earnestly to the study of and combat against communism in this country.

From time to time, articles by him pertaining to this subject have been contributed by him to The Elks Magazine and have been read with appreciation and benefit by the members of the Order.

In the foreword of a book just issued, entitled "Masters of Deceit", Mr. Hoover tells of the depth and breadth of his studies of communism and states that he concluded his 1919 report on the subject as follows:

"These doctrines threaten the happiness of the community, the safety of every individual and the continuance of every home and fireside."

"They would destroy the peace of the country and thrust it into a condition of anarchy and lawlessness and immorality that passes imagination."

His conclusions, he says, remain the same today and

he adds that communism is the major menace of our time and threatens the very existence of our Western civilization.

When one concludes the reading of "Masters of Deceit" one cannot fail to be thoroughly convinced Mr. Hoover has proven his case.

We have read several reviews of the "Masters of Deceit", but none which we feel does justice to the book.

We shall not attempt a review. An effort to give full justice to the book would require another 300-page publication and then fall short.

In brief, let us say that Mr. Hoover is the only man who could have written this book.

He covers the history of communism from Marx and Engels through Lenin and Stalin to Khrushchev and substantiates all charges of deceit, oppression and murder by special instances.

He treats communism in the United States in the same manner, giving names, dates and instances.

He shows the great deceit and danger not only of definite communist groups, but also of "fronts" and "fellow travelers."

In short, it is a book that ought to be read by every American citizen interested in the preservation of the freedom we now enjoy. It should be in every library in our country and made a textbook in our schools.

All loyal American citizens of our country owe a debt of gratitude to J. Edgar Hoover, the author of "Masters of Deceit."

Exalted Rulers And Secretaries

To the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries—old and new—of the Subordinate Lodges of the Order go the best wishes of The Elks Magazine organization.

To the retiring Exalted Rulers we express the hope that their term in office was most pleasant and successful and that their interest in the affairs of the lodge will grow rather than diminish as Past Exalted Rulers.

We cannot too frequently remind ourselves that much of the success of the lodge depends upon the continued loyalty and service as Past Exalted Rulers.

To the retiring Secretaries, The Elks Magazine management desires to express its appreciation of the cooperation they have given which has materially contributed to the success of our official publication. The Magazine has asked much of the Secretaries. It has received much from them. This has been largely in connection with two important factors—1.—The maintenance and the corrections of the mailing lists. 2.—Services to the Magazine advertisers.

Such has been the increase of publishing costs since the Magazine was

founded and subscription price set at \$1.00 per year that without advertising—and constantly increasing advertising—(for costs continue to go up) it could not be published without a considerably increased subscription charge. That is why the help of the Secretaries in rendering service to the advertisers is important.

To the new Exalted Rulers and Secretaries we desire to express the hope of a happy and successful year of continued service to their lodges and thus to the Order at large.

The Elks Magazine will be glad to cooperate to the fullest extent possible.

A Keen Look at America

When Sir Percy Spender, following seven years' service as Australian Ambassador to this country, left a short time ago to become a member of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, he made some remarks about us that have attracted considerable attention.

He expressed his surprise and regret that Americans are so little understood in the other parts of the world and emphasized three points about us:

He placed first the fact that we are basically religious.

Secondly he said that we are idealistic. Thirdly he called us kindly and generous.

From his reference to our idealism, one must get the impression it is his opinion that we are a little too idealistic in our dealings with others.

He expressed the opinion that our religion and idealism combine to make it difficult for us to compromise with anything that we believe to be evil, and he added that we live in a world where one must sometimes compromise.

We have read opinions in publications in this country that are somewhat in conflict with each other in interpreting this statement of Mr. Spender.

Whether they accept Mr. Spender's point of view or not, those who shape our foreign policy may well give some consideration to what he says about our idealism, which he refers to as presenting a hardship when dealing with other nations who do not share our beliefs. There must be ways of compromising without at the same time surrendering our ideals.

It is well for us to analyze carefully what others have to say about us, particularly when they are people who have nothing but the most kindly interest in us and our affairs.

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