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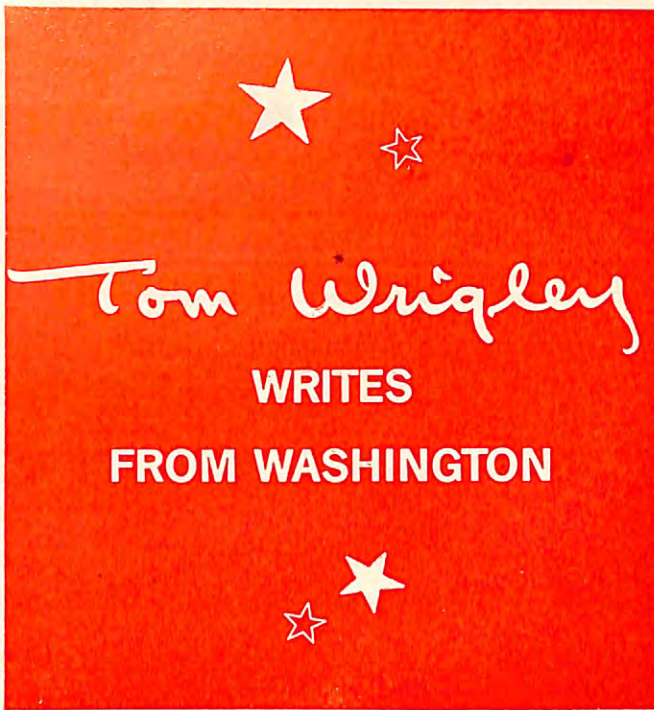
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 WRITES

 FROM WASHINGTON



TOMMY WEBER PHOTO

MYSTERY OF THE MONTH is the creeping lion in front of the Corcoran Art Gallery. There are two huge bronze lions mounted on blocks of marble at the entrance. One recently has crept three inches on its base. Back in 1928 it was again found to be off center and workmen hauled it back in place. A yellowed paper in the museum files shows it had crept four inches some years before that.

HEADACHE. Rising costs of medical and hospital care are giving Uncle Sam a headache. For two years under new law the government has been paying doctor and hospital bills for servicemen's families, after the first \$25. The yearly cost is now nearly \$90 million and Congress wants families to make more use of military hospitals. Patient care in these hospitals ranges from \$16 to \$26 per day while private hospital rates are now up to \$45 a day.

PREDICTION. Sealed in the cornerstone of the new Associated General Contractors Building are predictions of architects for 2,000 A.D. They include: autos banned from downtown; electricity generated by sun's rays and transmitted without wires; double-deck highways with built-in heating to melt snow and ice; spread-out business centers without skyscrapers.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES. In this country marriages are running around 9.5 per 1,000 population. Health, Education and Welfare says that over a 37-year period the rate of 7.9 per 1,000 in 1932 was the lowest and the rate of 16.4 per 1,000 in 1946 was the highest. Right now we are sort of drifting along at a fair rate with divorces

about average, 2.3 per 1,000 population. In that same war-peak year of 1946 divorces zoomed to 4.3 per 1,000 population.

AN ENGINEERING FEAT. This Summer, thousands of visitors have journeyed to Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac to view the tombs of the three Unknown Soldiers. The original tomb is undisturbed. In addition there are two marble slabs set flush with the pavement, one for the unknown of World War II and one for the Korean War Unknown Soldier. The marble slabs each weigh 2½ tons. It was a neat job to put them in place. More difficult, however, was the job of placing the 5½ ton capstones of concrete which were precast about 120 feet from the shrine.

MILITARY PLANES roaring over Mount Vernon are making the old mansion shake and plaster on walls and ceilings may crack and fall. The Mt. Vernon Ladies Association, in charge of the mansion, has asked the President to order planes to fly at least a mile above Mount Vernon.

IN THE RED. Social Security, after 20 years of piling up payments, is now operating in the red for the first time. In the fiscal year ending a month ago it took in \$7.6 billion and paid out that and over \$400 million more. There will be another deficit this year and perhaps until 1962, but there is no need to worry. The SS balance is now over 22.5 billion.

PRIVATE EYES BUSY. Business is good for private eyes in Washington. A lot of people want to find out a lot of

things about a lot of other people and private detectives have a wide variety of cases. There are 50 P.I.'s listed in the District. The yearly tax is \$50 per license. Evidence in divorce cases heads the list, but there are other jobs, like finding missing persons, looking into fake insurance claims, getting the goods on dishonest store employes. Nearly all the private sleuths have out-of-the-way offices and keep the door locked. Fees range from \$10 an hour to \$75 a day.

PENMANSHIP. Socialites in Washington still send out hand-written invitations and some of the finest are from the pen of Mrs. Lawrence Imhoff, wife of the former Ohio congressman. Henry Ford hired her to write dates in the family Bible, paid her \$500 for the job. She is nationally known as a calligrapher, and many names on college diplomas are in her handwriting. Incidentally, Mrs. Imhoff says penmanship is now improving.

WASHINGTON WHIMSIES. Civil Defense warning systems can now be used as alerts of approaching natural disasters . . . Washington still has 44 horse troughs and one drinking fountain for humans (which is out of order) . . . More than 2,000 persons watch the Marine Corps parade and band concert at the Barracks every Friday evening. It's tops . . . Old Georgetown residents complained about replacing cobblestones on M St. with asphalt until it was found the stones were phoney, laid in 1925 . . . The Cast Iron Pipe Institute presented Washington with a certificate showing it is the 100th city to have 100-year-old water pipes. They found one near the Capitol still in excellent condition.

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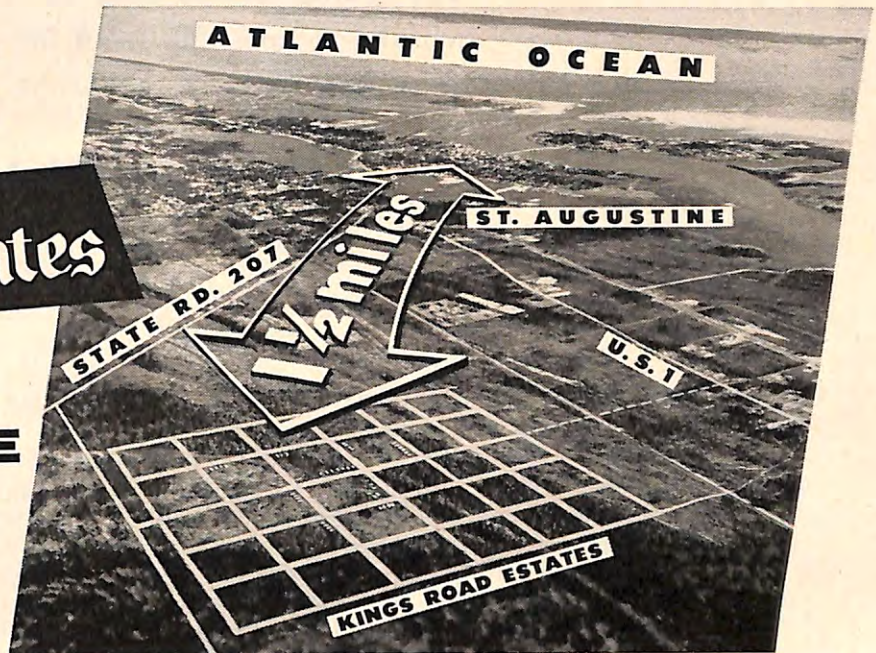
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Casey Stengel Legend—and Fact

The Yankees' manager of eight pennant-winning teams, far from being a clown, is an astute, hard-headed student of baseball.

By **TOM MEANY**

IT IS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL that any sports personage has had more written about him with less real understanding than Casey Stengel, the boss-man of New York's Yankees. Stengel has become a legend in his own time, and legends frequently become fuzzy around the edges, like a carbon which has been to the typewriter too often. Too frequently, Casey is portrayed as the Stengel that used to be, instead of the Stengel that exists today.

Stengel, now in his seventieth year, is a living refutation of the cliché that you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Oldest of the major league managers both in years and length of service, Casey continues to pick up new tricks like a bridge player with a fistful of trumps.

One of the prime errors in an appraisal of Stengel is to credit his success with the Yankees—eight American League pennants and six World Championships in nine seasons—with the quality of the material at his disposal. That Casey failed to win, or even to reach the first division, in his National League managerial career with Brooklyn and Boston, is true. That he wins with the Yankees because his material is the best in the league is only a half-truth.

The resident genius at Yankee Stadium manages differently now than he did in the National League. He manages differently now, in fact, than he did when he first joined the Yankees in 1949. Casey's strategy is as flexible as an épée—and as sharp. He runs his team to conform with conditions, adapting himself to the constant changes, not only in his own personnel, but in that of his opposition. He successfully matches wits with rival pilots, many of whom weren't even born when he began his baseball career with Kankakee, Illinois, in the old Northern Association in 1910.

An impish sense of humor, a holdover from his own playing days, brings Stengel reams of publicity annually, but it also masks, or at least dims, his actual talents. Casey is voluble, even garrulous, but those who take the pains to fol-

low his devious conversations are rewarded with some solid baseball information, as some members of Congress discovered recently.

As a matter of fact, Casey's so-called Stengelse has become over-rated, perhaps because of his own willingness to go along with a gag. The cloudiness of his rhetoric stems principally from his aversion to the use of proper names. A casual visitor to the dugout may need a road map to follow Stengel's early conversation. Yet it does not take long to follow his talks, particularly when he indulges in pantomime.

When and where Stengel changed his concept of strategy is unknown, even to Casey himself. Like all players who had worked for John J. McGraw, Stengel hewed to the McGravian line in his early days as pilot. It worked modestly for him at Toledo but was worthless in Brooklyn and Boston. Casey's error with those debt-ridden clubs was that he was trying to manage as he thought McGraw would manage, blithely ignoring the fact he didn't have Mac's tools, i. e., the players.

Stengel did a bang-up job in Milwaukee in winning an American Association pennant in 1944 but it was at Oakland, where he had the club in the Pacific Coast playoffs three years in a row, that Casey bloomed. It definitely was with the Oaks, where he won both pennant and playoffs in 1948, that Stengel began to two-platoon his players, as well as his conversation.

It was a different Stengel who took over the Yankees in 1949, and the one-time court jester looked right at home in baseball's royal box from the very beginning. Life began at sixty for the man who couldn't keep his head above the waters of the second division in nine years in the National League. He won five straight pennants and World Series, something which had never happened before and is unlikely to happen again in the foreseeable future.

Commenting on the successful Stengel, one of his early American League rivals, perhaps Jimmy Dykes when he was (*Continued on page 51*)

DRAWING BY ROBERT RIGER



ROBERT RIGER



Let the Horns Blow

By EWART A. AUTRY

WHEN THE HUNTING HORNS began to sing on Whispering Hill I knelt beside Smokey Joe and fingered his collar. Close beside me was Karen McDougal stroking the head of Sally Dawn and whispering in her ear. "You must win, Sally," she was saying again and again, as if her very words could give wisdom and speed and endurance to the beautiful black and white hound.

I leaned over until my face was near to Karen's. "Maybe our dreams will flourish again today, Darling," I said.

"And this day could be the death of them, Peter," she whispered. "That's a stout looking hound you're holding and he's eager to be off."

"He's the best of the Duffey pack," I said. "Maybe I should have done something to keep him from running today."

"No, no, Peter," she said. "Nothing like that. It would be cheap and dishonorable not to give him a fair chance. Every hound deserves that."

"And human beings deserve a fair chance, Karen," I said bitterly. "But you and I haven't had it."

She looked thoughtfully at Sally Dawn. "Sally was good enough to win last year," she

said. "Maybe she can do it again."

I looked at the young, stout-chested Smokey Joe. "I don't know, Karen," I said. "I'm afraid to hope."

There were more than three score hounds in line with Sally Dawn and Smokey Joe. They were aristocrats of the foxhound breed. Wherever foxhunters gathered they spoke almost reverently of McDougal and Duffey hounds. There were many men who would have offered a pile of money for any hound in the line, but the offer would have been in vain. The hounds of Whippoorwill Valley and the surrounding hills were never for sale. The McDougals and Duffeys raised them and kept them until they perished from the earth. And the dying of a single hound was a time of sadness, signaled by the voices of the hunting horns giving their requiem for the dead.

Though the McDougal and Duffey clans had been feuding for a century, they always came together once a year to match their hounds in fierce competition. A McDougal might hate all the Duffeys, but he would have a great respect for a good Duffey hound. The same was true of a Duffey. He might get mad enough to take a pot shot at a McDougal, but he would (*continued on page 43*)

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HORACE R. WISELY'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH



Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, California, Lodge No. 614, elected Grand Exalted Ruler on July 7th at the Grand Lodge Convention held in New York

*Grand Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Rulers,
Officers and members of the Grand Lodge—my brothers all—*

I accept the challenge this high position offers me. Thank you sincerely for the opportunity to be of service to the Order. To be the leader of this beloved fraternity is the greatest honor that can come to any Elk. I am mindful of my responsibilities and pray that God will guide and direct me in fulfilling my obligation as your Grand Exalted Ruler. Your generous and enthusiastic welcome encourages me to believe that you desire to help me lead the Order through a year of progress. I am grateful for your support and promise that my every thought and effort will be directed toward building the Order of Elks into a larger and more respected fraternity.

It will not be easy to follow such a great and forceful leader as we have had this past year. He has done much to in-

spire action for the advancement of the Order and is beloved by all as a great American and friend. He has given me much help in preparation for this year which I sincerely appreciate. I consider it a great honor to succeed in office this sterling American gentleman, the Honorable H. L. Blackledge.

No one attains high office in the Order of Elks without the help of many others. I am grateful for the support of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers. Their distinguished service and eminent contribution to the growth and progress of the Order is a great inspiration. No one can appreciate better than I how deeply this unselfish group desires each new Grand Exalted Ruler to succeed and thus add to the glory of the record of Elkdom. I shall look to them for their valuable help, counsel and guidance.

I am proud to have California's dynamic Past Grand Exalted Ruler "Lew" Lewis as my sponsor, for he is devoted to the Order and determined to see it grow stronger and better. I know that I can count on his sage advice and unbounded energy to guide and help me. No man ever had a more inspiring mentor or more devoted friend.

My grateful thanks go to my nominators, Brother Vincent Grocott and Brother Ronald Dunn; to the Past Presidents, officers and members of the California Elks Association; and to the Past Exalted Rulers, officers and members of my own lodge. I sincerely thank good friends everywhere who aided my election. I want all of them to know how deeply I appreciate their help.

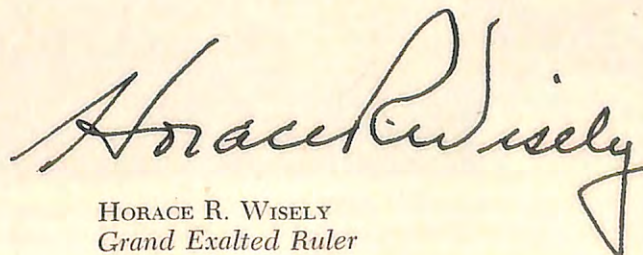
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A GOAL FOR ALL

Pride of membership is the key to growth, progress and achievement in our Order. My program this year, therefore, is designed to place emphasis on those features and projects of the Order which will strengthen the pride of membership in all Elks. The theme of my program is: lodge betterment through improved administration and through increased pride of membership. In keeping with my training, it emphasizes a business approach to the problems and work confronting us. It is practical, specific and challenging. Our Order is like a large corporation with many branch offices, the Grand Lodge representing the head office, the District Deputies comparable to zone or district managers, and each subordinate lodge a branch office. I have discussed with the Exalted Rulers—the branch managers—their administrative duties and responsibilities. I believe that we have a complete understanding of the necessity for improved administration and for greater participation in the benevolent, patriotic and community programs of the Order as a means of increasing pride of membership.

As the summer vacation period ends, and we swing into the productive fall and winter months, the activities and programs of your lodge will be accelerated. Each officer and committeeman—yes, each member of a subordinate lodge—in return for the privileges of membership, has an obligation to help the Exalted Ruler make the lodge program succeed. Your attendance at lodge sessions, your re-dedication to the principles of the Order, and your offer to give service to your lodge in the true spirit of Elkdom, will encourage the Exalted Ruler and other officers. I urge you to give them the support which will spur them on to greater efforts and accomplishments. As the year progresses, I shall use this space to make mention of some specific programs in which your aid as an individual Elk is needed. I hope that I can count on your cooperation.

I have presented a comprehensive program for the advancement of your lodge and the Order. Every Elk can help. The success of the program is in your hands. Mark Twain wrote, "The miracle or the power, that elevates the few, is to be found in their industry, application, and perseverance under the promptings of a brave and determined spirit." Let's each one be prompted by "a brave and determined spirit" and use the "power" in attaining lodge betterment through increased pride of membership. I am counting on you to supply this "industry, application and perseverance" AND THEN SOME!



HORACE R. WISELY
Grand Exalted Ruler

THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

NEW YORK, July 6-10, 1958

The Opening Public ceremony of the 94th Grand Lodge Convention was held at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor, New York City, Sunday evening, July 6th, with a capacity gathering.

Following the Overture by the talented Elks Youth Band from Racine, Wis., Lodge, the Grand Lodge officers entered the auditorium. All stood for the Invocation given by Grand Chaplain, Rev. F. W. Zimkosky, Goodland, Kans., Lodge, and remained standing to sing the Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by the Band and Glee Club of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge.

Past Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Ronald J. Dunn, Oneida, N. Y., Lodge, was Presiding Officer for the occasion, and he warmly welcomed all present to New York, saying that it is fitting and proper that the BPOE should meet in the city of its birthday on its 91st year. Brother Dunn introduced the Past Grand Exalted Rulers at the Convention and they were heartily applauded.

Then followed a vocal solo by Ray Stenger, member of Queens Borough Lodge, after which Brother Dunn introduced the Hon. Averell Harriman,

Governor of the State of New York. Governor Harriman particularly stressed the outstanding work that Elkdom is doing in the field of aiding physically handicapped children, as well as the work of the Elks National Foundation in providing scholarships to enable deserving young people to attend college.

The splendid Glee Club from Queens Borough Lodge sang selections by Richard Rodgers and Irving Berlin, and Brother Dunn then introduced Past President New York State Elks, the Hon. James A. Farley.

Brother Farley has attended many Grand Lodge Conventions, and this year acted on behalf of Mayor Robert F. Wagner, a Past Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge, No. 1, who was unable to be present. "New York is home town to all Elks, wherever they live, for it was here, 90 years ago, that our fraternity was founded," Mr. Farley said. "It is with rightful and justifiable pride, that New York looks upon the Order of Elks as one of its finest contributions to the people of America."

At the conclusion of Mr. Farley's address, Leona May Smith, wife of George F. Seuffert, director of music for the

program, played a trumpet medley.

Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge was introduced and gave a memorable address with respect to the Order's growth and accomplishments. "We closed Elkdom's 90th year with our Order at its greatest peak in all its significant history. More members, over 1,200,000; more lodges, over 1,800; an acknowledged position of nationally recognized patriotic leadership; an ever widening field of charity and benevolence, and, perhaps most important of all, a steadily mounting respect and esteem in the eyes of the Nation.

"In all of my many contacts during the year with the press, radio and television, it has been most gratifying to observe that each has a broadening and steadily increasing knowledge of, and appreciation for, the good works in which the Order of Elks is engaged, on all levels, and in nearly all communities. All of this is not my record, but it is *our* record, and that proud record is indeed America's rich reward," he said.

After the audience sang "The Stars and Stripes Forever", the Grand Chaplain gave the Benediction, and the Opening Public Session was closed.



Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge delivering his address as the Grand Lodge Convention opened with a public meeting Sunday evening, July 6.



Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge congratulates Grand Exalted Ruler Elect Horace R. Wisely as he comes to the stage following his election.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

ACTING Grand Esquire George L. Olsen, who served during the Convention for Grand Esquire Thomas F. Dougherty, Freeport, N. Y., unable to attend because of illness, called the First Business Session to order at 9:10 a.m., Monday morning, July 7, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor.

After the Grand Lodge officers were escorted to their stations by the celebrated drill team from Pottstown, Pa., Lodge, the Opening Ritual followed. Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge then declared the 94th Grand Lodge Session regularly opened. The eighteen Past Grand Exalted Rulers in attendance at the Convention walked from the wings of the stage to their positions on the platform in order of seniority of office, as follows:

James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., Lodge No. 838; William H. Atwell, Dallas, Tex., Lodge No. 71; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge No. 61; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge No. 556; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge No. 878; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge No. 78; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge No. 142.

Also, Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge No. 28; L. A. Lewis, Anaheim, Calif., Lodge No. 1345; George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge No. 1515; Emmett T. Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge No. 174; Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge No. 1152; Earl

E. James, Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge No. 417; William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge No. 1290; John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., Lodge No. 197, and Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge No. 114.

Following the introduction of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, the delegates accorded them a standing ovation.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Edward Rightor of New Orleans, La., Lodge No. 30; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge No. 2; Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, Ohio, Lodge No. 53; Robert South Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge No. 758; Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge No. 173, and Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge No. 260, were unable to attend this year.

The Grand Lodge officers were then presented: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Nick H. Feder, Belleville, Ill., Lodge; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Edward W. McCabe, Nashville, Tenn.; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight L. P. Schmid, Butte, Mont.; Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa.; Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt, Atlanta, Ga.; Grand Tiler Seth Billings, Provo, Utah; Acting Grand Esquire George L. Olsen, Lynbrook, N. Y.; Grand Inner Guard Louis E. Burmester, Charleston, S. C.; and Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Zimkosky, Goodland, Kans.

The Grand Exalted Ruler also introduced his Secretary, Chester O. Marshall, and Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson.

The Board of Grand Trustees was then presented: Arthur M. Umlandt,

Chairman, Muscatine, Iowa; Horace R. Wisely, Vice Chairman and Approving Member, Salinas, Calif.; W. A. Wall, Secretary, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Home Member, Charleston, W. Va.; and Edward A. Spry, Building Applications Member, Boston, Mass.

Following this presentation, the Justices of the Grand Forum were introduced: Glen S. Paterson, Chief Justice, Watertown, S. D.; John C. Cochrane, Toledo, Ohio; A. F. Bray, Richmond, Calif.; and Alfred E. LaFrance, Racine, Wis. Member of the Grand Forum John F. Scileppi, Queens, N. Y., was unable to attend the Convention.

During the year, Chairman of the Credentials Committee Arthur J. Geniesse, Green Bay, Wis., passed away, and the Grand Exalted Ruler expressed his deep regrets for his untimely death. Brother R. E. Boney, Las Cruces, N. M., was appointed in his place and made the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, stating that 2,171 members of the Grand Lodge were registered at the Convention.

The customary introduction of Brothers from distant lodges followed, namely: Puerto Rico, Panama Canal Zone, Philippine Islands, Hawaiian Islands and Alaska. As would readily be expected, the Alaskan delegation, attired in their colorful yellow jackets, received an outstanding ovation.

James A. Farley, Past President of the New York State Elks Association, was introduced and came to the rostrum and spoke briefly, particularly expressing his regrets that Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, a friend of Brother Farley for more than 30 years, was unable to be present.

Greetings to the Convention then were extended by Theodore R. Beales, President of the New York State Elks, and Raymond Tese, Exalted Ruler of New York Lodge No. 1.

The Grand Exalted Ruler briefly summarized his Report, a digest of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The minutes of the 1957 Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco were approved, as were the Reports of the Grand Secretary, Board of Grand Trustees, and the Auditing Committee. The Reports of the Grand Secretary and Board of Grand Trustees also are summarized elsewhere in this issue.

Chairman of the Board of Grand

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Trustees Arthur M. Umlandt gave the preliminary budget for the 1958-59 year, following which the Grand Exalted Ruler read congratulatory telegrams from President Eisenhower and Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Boy Scouts Executive.

The nomination of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, for a five-year term as a member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission was approved.

The nomination of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation for a seven-year term was approved.

The nomination of Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall for a six-year term on the Grand Lodge Convention Committee was approved.

The nomination of William S. Hawkins as a member of the Grand Forum for a five-year term was approved.

John K. Burch was nominated for a three-year term as a member of the Grand Lodge Pension Committee, and this was approved.

Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge announced that he had appointed John E. Mullen a Pardon Commissioner.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman of the State Associations Committee James A. Gunn, Mamaronck, N. Y., came to the rostrum to give his Report and introduced Committee members: Campbell F. Rice, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Hugh L. Hartley, Owosso, Mich.; J. Alex Arnette, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Oscar W. Stutheit, Orange, Calif.; R. Edward Dove, Annapolis, Md.; Guy D. Moore, Joplin, Mo.; Ray Dobson, Minot, N. D.; and Daniel E. Crowley, Biddeford, Me. J. Edward Stahl, Fort Thomas, Ky., was unable to attend this year.

Chairman Gunn briefly summarized the work of his Committee during the year and said it had concentrated on three basic projects, namely: assisting the Elks National Foundation, publication of the State Association Directory and encouraging the institution of new lodges.

During the year regional meetings were held to foster the development of the Order through new lodges and Brother Gunn stated that New York State led with eight new lodges, but pointed out that New Hampshire, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas also had done outstanding work.

Chairman Gunn stressed the importance of campaigns to study the possibility of instituting new lodges in the hundreds of communities in the country where there are no Elk lodges. He pointed out that studies of the State Associations Committee show that a new lodge in a city in proximity of another lodge actually proves to be a stimulating factor. He also stressed the impor-

ance of new lodges in increasing the membership of the Order, stating that of the 18,654 Elks added to the role of the Order during the year, 10,634 were from new lodges. Brother Gunn also pointed out that the size of a city is not necessarily a consideration as far as sound membership is concerned and singled out two outstanding examples instituted during the year: Keeseville, New York, Lodge No. 2072 is located in a town of 1,977 population, yet it had 320 Charter members. Ruidosa, N. M., Lodge No. 2086 is in a town of only 806 population, but there were 149 signatures on its application for its Charter.

At the conclusion of his Report, Brother Gunn expressed his appreciation of the cooperation he had received from the Grand Exalted Ruler, who in turn thanked Chairman Gunn and his Committee for their great work.

A telegram from Mrs. Charles W. Culmer, President of the Girl Scouts of America, was read, wherein she warmly expressed her appreciation of the great work of the Order in furthering the efforts of her organization.

ELECTIONS

The nomination of Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year followed. Vincent H. Grocott, Past Pres. California State Elks Assn., was recognized and nominated Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, Calif., Lodge No. 614 for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. This nomination was seconded by Ronald J. Dunn, of Oneida, N. Y., Past Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Stanley G. Paul, Past Exalted Ruler of Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge, came to the rostrum to nominate Cyril A. Kremser, Lakewood Lodge No. 1350, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. This nomination was seconded by District Deputy Gory K. Jones of Euclid, Ohio, Lodge.

The following were unanimously elected Grand Lodge officers: Ruel H. Smith, Warren, Pa., Lodge, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; Arthur J. Roy,

Willimantic, Conn., Lodge, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; D. V. Bulger, Portland, Ore., Lodge, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Grand Secretary; Robert G. Pruitt, Buckhead, Ga., Lodge, Grand Treasurer; William S. Wolf, Pontiac, Ill., Lodge, Grand Tiler; James Plummer, Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge, Grand Inner Guard; and Jacob L. Sherman, Denver, Colo., Lodge, Grand Trustee.

Following the Benediction by the Grand Chaplain, Brother Blackledge declared a recess until 3 p.m., that day, when the results of the balloting for Grand Exalted Ruler would be announced.

The afternoon session was called to order promptly at 3 p.m. by the Grand Exalted Ruler, who presented Chairman of the Committee on Elections, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Nick H. Feder.

Brother Feder announced that Horace R. Wisely had received 1,764 votes for Grand Exalted Ruler and Cyril A. Kremser 203. The total votes of the Grand Lodge members were 1,978.

The report of Brother Feder being approved, the Grand Exalted Ruler announced the election of Brother Wisely as Grand Exalted Ruler for the ensuing year. Brother Wisely was then escorted to the stage by Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis, Emmett T. Anderson, John L. Walker, Pres. of the California Elks John Raffetto, Past Presidents of the California Elks Vincent H. Grocott, R. Leonard Bush and John B. Morey.

Mr. Wisely received an outstanding ovation from the assembled delegates and after receiving warm congratulations from Brother Blackledge, delivered his Speech of Acceptance, which is published in its entirety elsewhere in this issue.

After Brother Wisely's address, the Grand Chaplain gave the Benediction, and the First Business Session came to a close.

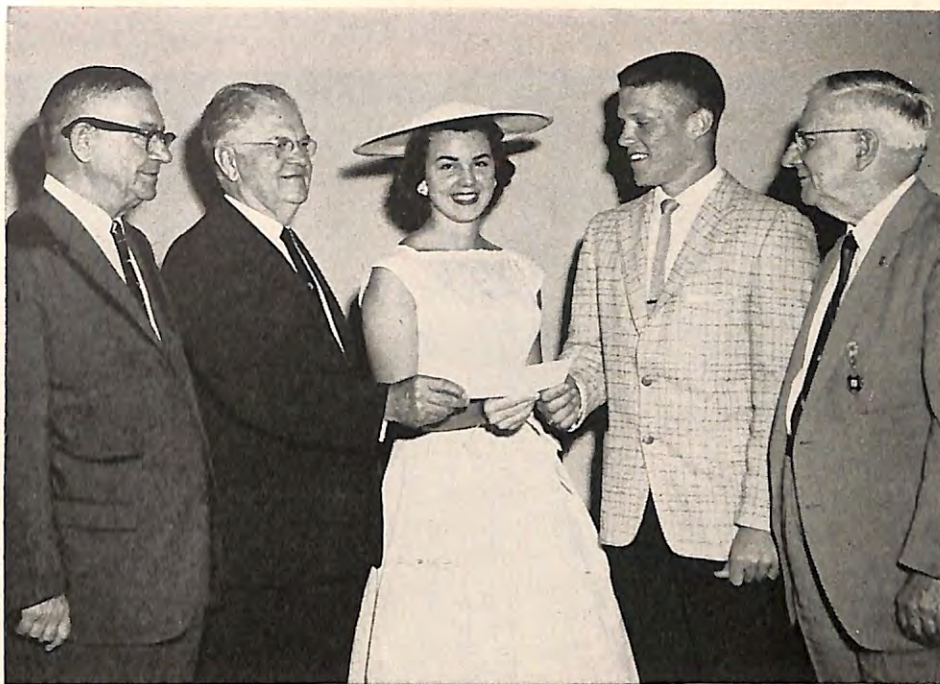
SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

THE SECOND BUSINESS SESSION opened Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. with the Invocation by Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Zimkosky. The first order of business was the Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman, was not present because the Ritualistic team from his lodge in Atlanta was engaged that morning in the Grand Lodge Ritualistic contest. In his absence, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the Commission, gave the

Report. Since the complete Report of the Commission was made available to the delegates in printed form, Mr. Anderson gave a brief summary. In the course of so doing, he developed some important points concerning The Elks Magazine, which is under the supervision of the Commission.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that in marked contrast to other national publications, The Elks Magazine has maintained its original subscription price of \$1.00 per year, established in 1922, when the Magazine began publication. In spite of continually increasing pro-



First Award winners as "Most Valuable Students", Emily E. England and Philip M. Young receive awards from Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd Thompson. Sharing the happy moment are Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis, left, and Chairman of the Foundation John F. Malley.

duction costs, during that time The Elks Magazine has turned over to the Grand Lodge \$6,877,154. He particularly stressed the importance of advertising to the Magazine, citing the fact that revenue from advertisers last year was \$433,723, which made it possible for the Magazine to show a profit of \$226,502. Without advertising revenue, The Elks Magazine would have operated at a loss. This profit was used in part to maintain the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago. Also, \$100,000 from the Magazine's profits was turned over to the Grand Lodge. Mr. Anderson pointed out that members of the Order can "help your lodge and yourself" by advising Elks Magazine advertisers that they are patronizing ads in The Elks Magazine.

The Grand Lodge Public Relations Department also is under the supervision of the Memorial and Publication Commission, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson particularly complimented Otho DeVilbiss, Public Relations Director, for his splendid accomplishments during the year.

Mr. Anderson expressed the appreciation of the Commission for the efficient work of Hubert A. Allen, Superintendent of the Elks Memorial Building.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson reported for the Committee responsible for obtaining a suitable memorial to late Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan and spoke of the assistance he had received from Committee members Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, who made the arrangements in cooperation with Mrs. Sullivan. On June 4th, 1958, a beautiful memorial monument for Mr. Sulli-

van was unveiled at Services in Brookline, Mass. A report of the Services appears on page 50 of this issue.

Late Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen was deeply interested in the work at Laradon Hall, a hospital in Denver maintained by Colorado Elks for handicapped children. On advice of Mrs. Coen, an addition to Laradon Hall to be known as the John R. Coen Vocational Trade Building has been erected. Funds to make this building available for handicapped children were partially appropriated by the John R. Coen Memorial Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, Chairman, reported. The Elks of Colorado supplemented the Grand Lodge appropriation.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson, also Chairman of the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton Memorial Committee, reported that \$4,000 has been appropriated by the Grand Lodge for scholarships in Sheboygan, Wis., where Mr. Broughton lived, since higher education for young people had always been a matter of deep interest to him.

Having been elected Grand Exalted Ruler, Horace R. Wisely resigned as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees. To fill this vacancy Territorial Senator James Nolan of Wrangell, Alaska, Lodge, nominated Edwin A. Alexander, Past State Association Committee Chairman, from Aberdeen, Wash., Lodge. The term is for one year, since Brother Wisely had served four years as a Grand Trustee. This nomination was confirmed.

Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge read a telegram from E. L. Bartlett, Congressional Representative from Alaska,

extending regards to all present at the Convention. Mr. Blackledge then asked all the delegates from Alaska to stand and amidst rousing applause they displayed a flag with a field of 49 stars.

PGER MALLEY REPORTS

Next order of business was the Report of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, who summarized very briefly the high points of his Report, since it was made available to all the delegates. This is the 30th Anniversary of the Foundation, Mr. Malley pointed out, and total assets are presently \$7,000,000, although contributions to date are \$5,233,000. The difference is accounted for by the increased market value of securities and holdings, Mr. Malley said. The Elks National Foundation is "different from any other charitable fund that functions on a national basis, for all expenses come from an appropriation by the Grand Lodge," Chairman Malley stated. All the income of the Foundation is used for benevolent work. One of the principal objectives of the Foundation presently is to assist the State Associations in their projects. During the year 52 State Associations received donations from the Foundation, and 136 Elks scholarships were allocated for their use. This year, the Principal Fund of the Elks National Foundation was increased about \$400,000. Mr. Malley strongly urged each delegate to read the Elks National Foundation Report, and then judge whether or not the area in which he lives is doing a real Elks job and is, as Mr. Malley said, "doing the things that you know as an Elk you should do."

Following Mr. Malley's summary of his Report, there was an unusual presentation when the Elks of Kansas came to the rostrum with boards to which were fixed half dollars. The money, representing contributions from every lodge in Kansas, was contributed in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge. This presentation was made by Brother C. E. Klein, of Goodland Lodge, Foundation Chairman in Kansas, and State President Glenn E. Edwards of Wellington, Kans. Brother Joseph Kraemer, Director of the Elks Bowling Tournament, and a Past Exalted Ruler of Louisville, Ky., Lodge, presented to Mr. Malley a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Tournament Director.

Brother Arthur Allen, Pueblo, Colo., Lodge, in previous years has been a most generous contributor to the Elks National Foundation, but regrettably was unable to be present at the Convention this year. However, on his behalf Brother William R. Goodland, also a member of Pueblo Lodge, presented to Mr. Malley a check from Brother Allen in the amount of \$5,000. In addition to these contributions to the Foundation, there were several from individual Elks, as well as lodges. Since

Mr. Malley's Report was continued at the Third Business Session, details as to the total contributions to the Foundation received at the Convention are reported in the coverage of the Wednesday morning Session.

After Dr. William F. Maguire of Wakefield, Mass., Chairman of the Committee on Distributions, gave his Report, the Second Business Session was concluded at 10:25 a.m. for the Grand Lodge Memorial Services.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

At 9:20 a.m., Wednesday morning, July 9th, Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge called the Third Business Session to order and extended a warm welcome to the wives of the members and other guests, this being an open meeting.

Brother Blackledge recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary of the Elks National Foundation, who concluded the Foundation Report from the previous Session. Mr. Thompson invited Brother Elks to come to the stage for additional contributions to the Elks National Foundation, and there was a splendid response not only from State Associations and lodges, but individuals. Total contributions to the Foundation received during the Convention amounted to \$24,000.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson noted that this is the 25th year that the Elks National Foundation has made scholarship awards, and 61 boys and girls this year received "Most Valuable Student" awards. A full report of the awards will appear in the September issue of the Magazine. In 1959, the Foundation is appropriating \$70,000 for scholarships, of which \$33,400 will be made available to the State Associations.

The First Award winners of \$1,200 each among girls and boys were guests of the Foundation at the Convention and were invited to come to the stage to receive their awards and to speak of their deep appreciation.

Emily E. England, who was sponsored by Cascade (Atlanta) Ga., Lodge, gave a splendid talk, as did Philip M. Young, sponsored by Prince George's County (Riverdale), Md., Lodge. Following these presentations Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson moved that the Report of the Elks National Foundation be accepted, and this was done with an ovation.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee Charles C. Bowie came to the rostrum to deliver his Report. After



Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, expressing the appreciation of everyone at the Third Business Session for a moving address by Brother Sy Rosenthal, a veteran who has been hospitalized for fourteen years.

expressing his appreciation of the work of his Committee members, he summarized the projects for the year. The first project was an endeavor to encourage the State Associations to have a year-round youth program, rather than working on an intermittent basis. The second project was the Youth Leadership Contest, which had outstanding national response this year with more than 50,000 contest entry blanks received by the subordinate lodges. The third project was to promote Elks National Youth Day on May 1st.

Brother Bowie expressed appreciation of the inspiring assistance he had received from Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge. Brother Bowie then introduced Committee member Leo B. Carey, West Warwick, R. I., Lodge, who announced the Youth Day Trophy Awards.

For lodges with membership under 500: First, Wellsburg, W. Va.; Second, Fulton, N. Y.; Third, Holiday Isle, Madeira Beach, Fla.

Lodges with membership of 501-1,000: First, Red Bank, N. J.; Second, Scotts Bluff, Nebr.; Third, Woonsocket, R. I.

Lodges with membership 1,001 and over: First, Williamsport, Pa.; Second, Milwaukee, Wis.; Third, Richmond, Calif.

Gerald L. Powell, Peru, Ind., Lodge, member of Youth Activities Committee, announced the State Association Youth Program winners.

President of the Nebraska Elks W. W. Wenstrand came to the rostrum to accept a beautiful plaque and a check for \$200 on behalf of the Association, which

was first place winner. Wisconsin, New York, Massachusetts and Florida placed second, third, fourth and fifth.

W. L. Hill, a member of the Youth Activities Committee, reported on the best Youth Activities Programs among lodges. Winners among lodges with membership of 1,001 and over: first, Vancouver, Wash.; second, Milwaukee, Wis.; third, Lincoln, Nebr.

Lodges with membership of 501-1,000: First, Newport, R. I.; second, Midwest City, Okla.; third, Ilion, N. Y.

Lodges with membership under 500 members: First, Fulton, N. Y.; second, Parker, Ariz.; third, Mount Vernon, Ind. A trophy was awarded to all winning lodges.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WINNERS

Then came a dramatic moment of the Convention when Committee member W. W. Wenstrand, Omaha, Nebr., introduced the two National Youth Leadership winners this year: Virginia Wuesthoff, sponsored by Rochester, N. H., Lodge, and Edgar Humphrey, sponsored by Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge. Both of these outstanding young people came to the platform and spoke briefly and very effectively. After their speeches they were presented with a \$1,000 Savings Bond.

Joseph E. Nee, who is associated with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was introduced and expressed the tremendous gratitude of the Foundation for Elksdom's support. This year the Order received the highest citation of the Foundation—the "March of Dimes Service Plaque". This award was ac-

cepted by the Grand Exalted Ruler on behalf of the Order.

Brother Joseph Bader, Lyndhurst, N. J., Lodge, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, gave his Report. Committee member George T. Hickey of Chicago, Ill., Lodge, announced the results of the Newspaper Week Contest, which was previously covered in The Elks Magazine, as was the Memorial Service program, which was reported by Committee member Loris A. Winn, of Pullman, Wash. Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C., Lodge, reported on the Christmas Charity Program. While there was no contest this year, Brother Eure stated that reports indicated that more than 1,600 lodges participated in Christmas projects, and \$1,000,000 was distributed to more than 500,000 needy people. He particularly commended the following lodges: Binghamton, N. Y., Connersville, Ind., El Paso, Tex., Lansing, Mich., Rocky Mount, N. C., and San Antonio, Texas.

Nelson E. W. Stuart, Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge announced the results of the Lodge Bulletin and Flag Day Contests. The Bulletin Contest was previously covered in The Elks Magazine. Results of the Flag Day Contest were:

Lodges under 750 members: First place, Owatonna, Minn.; second, Midwest City, Okla.; third, Bellaire, Ohio.

Lodges over 750 members: First, Norwich, N. Y.; second, Appleton, Wis.; third, Omaha, Nebr.

By arrangement of Congressman Russell V. Mack, Past President of the Washington Elks, flags which were flown over the Capitol in Washington on Flag Day were presented to the first place winners in each group. Each winning lodge received a plaque.

PGER HALLINAN'S REPORT

The next order of business was the Report of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission. This is always one of the great highlights of the Convention.

Since the printed Report was made available to the delegates, only a brief summary was given. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan expressed his pleasure that there were so many ladies in attendance, because they have been such an important factor in the success of the Elks National Service Commission in working in the Veterans Hospitals. At the request of Judge Hallinan, veterans in wheelchairs were admitted to the Ballroom and they were escorted to the stage by the outstanding band from Great Falls, Mont.

Accompanied by Elks from California, Past California State President Robert Traver came to the rostrum and addressed the audience regarding the work being done to provide leather for disabled veterans. He introduced State Presidents John A. Raffetto, Jr., Auburn, Calif.; Richard Gilder, Red

Lodge, Mont.; Jack G. Judson, Ontario, Ore., and Hampton Martin, Carlsbad, N. M.

These four states are working industriously on the project of providing leather, which is used in Veterans Hospitals for rehabilitation purposes. Then followed a dramatic display of multi-colored leather, which was draped over the balcony enclosing three sides of the ballroom.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan extended his appreciation for the outstanding services that Bryan McKeogh, Director, and Floyd Brown, Representative, of the Veterans Service Commission, had performed during the year. He then introduced each disabled veteran on the stage, two of whom were members of the Order: Garnett Shipley, Past Exalted Ruler of Martinsburg, W. Va., Lodge, and Sy Rosenthal, member of Boston, Mass., Lodge. Brother Rosenthal gave a most moving address on the subject of rehabilitation and complimented the Service Commission for its most constructive and understanding approach to this problem.

Brother Rosenthal is a former professional baseball player and was an outfielder for the Boston Red Sox. After his son was lost in the war in 1942, he enlisted in the Navy and was in a ship

which was destroyed by a mine. He has been hospitalized for 14 years and is presently head of the American Paraplegic Association.

During the war, and for several years after, fraternal centers were an important project of the Order, but during the past few years the need for them has steadily decreased and at the present there are six centers. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan expressed the opinion that the Commission could much more profitably concentrate its efforts on working in the Veterans Hospitals and that it is advisable to discontinue the fraternal centers. That being the case, he recommended a reduction in the yearly per capita Service Commission assessment from 30 cents to 25 cents.

For the seventh consecutive year, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner offered a Resolution which, in case of a national emergency, will permit the Board of Grand Trustees, with approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, to assess each member \$1.00 a year. While Mr. Warner does not anticipate such an emergency, he stated that the Order should be prepared.

The Third Business Session was closed with a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

Following the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain, the final Session of the 94th Grand Lodge Convention opened July 10th with the Report of Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Robert E. Boney. Brother Boney announced Grand Lodge attendance as follows:

Past Grand Exalted Rulers	18
Grand Lodge Officers	20
Grand Lodge Committeemen	46
District Deputies	162
Special District Deputies	7
Representatives	1,589
Alternates	66



Leadership winners, Virginia Wuesthoff and Edgar Humphrey, at the Third Business Session with Youth Activities Committeemen Charles C. Bowie, left, and W. W. Wenstrand.

Grand Lodge Members 1,177
 Total 3,085

This is the largest attendance at a Grand Lodge Convention except at the 1945-1946 New York Convention, there being no Convention in 1945 because of the war.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Judge John E. Fenton gave his Report and introduced Committee members Jacob L. Sherman, Denver, Colo.; Benjamin F. Watson, Lansing, Mich.; and Sidney W. Robinson, Reno, Nev. Frank D. O'Connor, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge was abroad at the time of the Convention. Judge Fenton submitted several Amendments to the Constitution, and full details on these Amendments will appear in our September issue. Closing his Report, Chairman Fenton thanked Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge and his fellow Committee members for the splendid cooperation he had received during the year.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Chairman Board of Grand Trustees Arthur M. Umlandt presented the final budget. Grand Trustee William A. Wall was recognized and stated that 42 lodges had received Charters during the year. Brother Wall also explained several changes in the Districts.

Home Member Dewey E. S. Kuhns submitted a Resolution fixing the annual assessment at \$1.80. He also sub-

mitted a Resolution paying tribute to Horace R. Wisely, who resigned from the Board of Grand Trustees after being elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

Grand Trustee W. A. Wall submitted a Resolution praising Chairman Umlandt for his outstanding work, and the Resolution directed the Board to prepare a suitable testimonial to Brother Umlandt in recognition of his services.

RITUALISTIC WINNERS

Ronald R. Bringman, Van Nuys, Calif., Lodge, Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, announced that this year there were 41 teams competing, the highest in the history of the Grand Lodge. He was pleased to note that the Kentucky Ritualistic team was at the Convention for the first time. This year's national Ritualistic Champion is Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge with a score of 95.990. Past Exalted Ruler L. Wayne Adams, Jr., came to the platform and was presented with a check for \$1,000 and the Raymond Benjamin Trophy, which is a bronze plaque, offered yearly by Napa, Calif., Lodge in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin. During his many years in Elkdom, Mr. Benjamin was intensely interested in Ritualistic work. The following lodges received trophy awards, and check awards for scores shown:

- 2. \$500: Niles, Mich. 95.607
- 3. \$250: Salinas, Calif. 95.551
- 4. \$150: Seattle, Wash. 95.270
- 5. \$100: W. Palm Beach, Fla. 95.110

The All-American Ritualistic Team came to the stage. This year's team is

composed of: Exalted Ruler L. Wayne Adams, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Leading Knight Roswell Olson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Loyal Knight Donald B. Dixon, Phoenix, Ariz.; Lecturing Knight Robert Harris, Farmington, N. M.; Esquire Peter Mench, Phoenix, Ariz.; Chaplain Ralph Borden, Goshen, Ind.; Inner Guard William Resch, Salinas, Calif.

Past Exalted Ruler M. J. Junion, Green Bay, Wis., Lodge, submitted a Resolution recognizing the outstanding contributions of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall, Governor Harriman, Past State Pres. James A. Farley, the newspapers, television and radio stations and the Elks musical group in making the 1958 Convention an outstanding success.

Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, announced that the 1959 Convention will be held in Chicago, July 5-9, and the 1960 Convention in Dallas, Texas, July 10-14.

Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge then turned the gavel over to Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, who recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner. Mr. Warner presented Brother Blackledge with his Past Grand Exalted Ruler jewel, and submitted a Resolution extending the grateful thanks of the BPOE to Mr. Blackledge for his outstanding year in office. The Resolution directed the Board of Grand Trustees to prepare a suitable testimonial for his faithful service.

The Grand Lodge officers-elect were escorted into the ballroom by the Pottstown, Pa., drill team and were installed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis. (See photograph on this page).

Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely spoke briefly and expressed his feelings of happiness and inspiration on becoming Grand Exalted Ruler. He thanked Mr. Lewis for the impressive way he conducted the installation. Mr. Wisely then announced the appointment of George T. Hickey, Chicago, Ill., Lodge as Grand Esquire and reappointed Rev. F. W. Zimkosky as Grand Chaplain.

He introduced his Secretary, Past Exalted Ruler Richard J. Wallace, Salinas, Calif., Lodge, and Bert A. Thompson, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator. The Grand Exalted Ruler announced the Grand Lodge Committees for the year, which are reported on page 40.

Then following several presentations to the Grand Exalted Ruler, a most unusual one being a Kodiak bearskin rug, which was the gift of the Alaska Elks. A beautiful gavel was presented to Exalted Ruler Raymond Tese, of New York Lodge, by the Oregon Elks in recognition of his assistance in making the 94th Convention so outstanding. The Convention closed with a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.



Grand Lodge Officers and newly elected Grand Trustees. From left: Grand Esquire George T. Hickey, Grand Inner Guard James Plumner, Grand Trustee Jacob L. Sherman, Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight D. V. Bulger, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Ruel H. Smith, Grand Exalted Ruler Horace Wisely, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Arthur J. Roy, Grand Secy. Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander, Grand Tiler William S. Wolf and Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Zimkosky.

THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICES



Stage of the ballroom of the Hotel Astor as the Grand Lodge Memorial Services were opened with the Invocation by Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Zimkosky. At right is the Chorus from Wheeling, West Virginia, Lodge.

At the hour of eleven, on Tuesday morning, July 8th, the Grand Lodge Memorial Services opened in the Ballroom of the Hotel Astor with an organ prelude by George F. Seuffert.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Co-Chairman with Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan for the Memorial Services this year, made the opening comments, and Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Zimkosky gave the Invocation.

Following a solo by Joseph Maneri, George J. Balbach, Past Exalted Ruler of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, gave the Eleven O'Clock Toast. The splendid Chorus from Wheeling, West Va., Lodge, which was on stage of the Ballroom during the Memorial Services, sang "The Lord's Prayer". President of the State Associations Committee James A. Gunn delivered the General Eulogy to the memory of the 884 Brothers in the Grand Lodge who passed away during the year.

"Those whom we honor today practiced the

principles of our Order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Charity embodies all other virtues," Brother Gunn said. "It inspires us to help the weak, aid the poor and lend comfort to those in sorrow and distress. Justice is the foundation stone on which all laws and rules for government should rest. Brotherly love is the second commandment given to man. If brought into our daily lives, it insures the practice of the golden rule: 'Do unto others as you would that they do unto you.' Fidelity binds us firmly to our Brothers. It inspires one of the greatest of all virtues, the remembrance of our obligations to our God, our country and our friends."

Then followed sacred music by the Wheeling Chorus, and a trumpet solo by Leona May Smith who was accompanied by the Queens Borough Double Quartette. This beautiful Memorial Service was closed with a concluding prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ROADS TO ROAM

By HORACE SUTTON

THE ROAD that stretches from a pier on Manhattan's West 44th Street to a new hotel that sits in a rather lonely, bombed out area of Berlin is a long and adventurous one. We have covered it in something less than three weeks, coming in by way of Gibraltar and coursing up through to Barcelona and its beaches, then over the Pyrenees and the Alps to the island city in the Red Sea. While I suspect we have set no speed record, I am not at all sure that we haven't retired a cup or two for the wholesale ingestion of calories. Nor am I certain that Europe doesn't just become, after a while, a series of cathedrals and airports connected by restaurants.

We were hardly out of the Lower Bay before the eating began. Sailing down the river aboard the Italian Line's *Cristoforo Colombo*, we followed the lasagna route to the Mediterranean. On days when there was no lasagna, there was rigatoni. And on rigatoni-less days there were noodles in Nicotera sauce or

farfalle in Bolognese sauce. Now I don't mean to leave the notion here that the Italian chefs ply the passenger with farinaceous delicacies. They merely tempt one. A menu comes loaded each mealtime with about a hundred different items, from a pile of hearts of palm heaped like cord wood down to camomile tea. I have passed on this route six kinds of soup, four kinds of entrees, four grills and two roasts. Nor had I better start a dissertation on the cheeses, of which the menu listed twenty. The maitre d'hotel assured me there were more.

Though the weather on the famed southern route kept the activity limited to eating and to dancing on a rather unsteady floor for the first few days, it cleared at last and passengers unseen for a quartet of days blossomed suddenly on the fringe of the ship's three outdoor pools. There, in the bliss of the southern route's sun, a man could be on the beach with a fifteen-cent aperitif in his fist—no taxes at sea—and

loll away the hour between bouillon on the deck and lunch-by-the-pool, semi-supine in a deck chair. The possibilities of a phone call were slim. There was only the errant guilt which flitted through the sensitive minds and the pressing notion that one might have to shorten one's afternoon siesta if one wanted to make the matinee movie.

This kind of thing kept up, as I say, for six days. When one was thoroughly indulged, an art at which the Italians are past masters, the *Cristoforo Colombo* docked at Gibraltar, about as interesting a rock as the Hope diamond. There is, of course, much more that one can do with Gibraltar, where I would urge anyone coming in by the southern entrance to pause and refresh. While the bargains, much advertised, are frequently not any more handsome than the alleged free port shopping offered by some British Caribbean islands—cashmere sweater sets at \$25, for example, didn't strike me as a giveaway—still there are hand tailored suits if



Old gun galleries with the fortress at Gibraltar.



Franco's Street in Seville, with awnings overhead for sun and rain.

you've got the time for fittings, lots of mohair stoles in bright colors, fair buys on cameras and watches, good buys on perfume and British fabrics.

Aside from the free port attractions, there are caves to explore, ingenious gun emplacements tunneled into rock to pore over, a stretch of beach to collapse on, and finally the Rock's famed apes. An attraction rather like the Yellowstone bears, they are as tame as a tabby, love to eat bread and fruit, tear off strips of rubber from parked cars, steal cameras and pocketbooks, and are otherwise a larcenous delight. They are wards of the British Army, which assigns a soldier as their guardian and allows them nine pence a day in Army rations. They eat triple that by begging from tourists.

The Rock Hotel is a dandy place to hide out in Gibraltar, although there is little else in the way of restaurants or nightclubs to ease the after-dark tedium, at least until a waterside casino is built in a year or two. This seaside gambling corner is, I judge, the British answer to Franco's attempt to lure American ships into Algeciras, a Spanish port nearby with a good hotel and a boat train to Madrid, seventeen hours away. Whichever one chooses, Gib or Algeciras, the

area is a handy place for setting about on a tour of Southern Spain, say to Malaga, Granada, Seville or Cordoba.

One should, of course, en route to Seville, stop by at Jerez, a word synonymous in Spain with Sherry. Before a reformation in spelling took place, Jerez was spelled Xerex and that pronunciation sounded very much to English ears like "sherry". Accordingly, the English called it that, drank it by the cask and indeed, became very deeply involved in its manufacture and sale. Several of the companies in Jerez are English. There is a notable inn, the Bosque, for lunch in between visits to the sherry works.

As for Seville, it seems to have been salted away in a deep freeze these many years and awakened only recently, to find itself still tiled and Moorish and smelling of orange blossoms, in a modern rushing world. The relics of the days when Seville was held by the Moors—a period of five centuries—are still clearly seen by a casual visitor to the Alcazar, the palace and the fortress of the sultans. Moorish fountains and carvings decorate the place at every turn. Palms and orange trees and magnolias give it beauty and scent. And on top of it all are the trappings that were gilded over the works of the Moors by

the succeeding Spanish kings and queens. Each seems to have added a filip of his time—all except Franco, who still uses the place on his Seville visits but has not added an artistic touch.

Columbus is buried in the Cathedral of Seville, or so the guides insist. Other guides tell other stories in the Dominican Republic and in Havana, although the Seville presentation does, on the face of it, seem to be the most sincere. The Cathedral has its own court of orange trees and across the street there is an exquisite nook of lacey iron balconies with brilliant flowers showing through, whitewashed walls reflecting the light, and oranges on the trees.

Madrid is hardly as relaxed. It has its own charm, but it is neither tiled nor perfumed with orange blossom. It charges big city prices and lives in big city style, albeit on typically Spanish hours. By that I mean that dinner never gets under way until ten or ten-thirty and the streets are filled with strollers at one in the morning. Shops like Loewe, which offers as beautiful a selection of leather goods as one can find anywhere in the world, also has a price list as forthright as any place in the world. On the other hand, a visit to Madrid's Rastro, or Thieves Market (or more generously, its Flea Market) will find one of the most reasonably priced antique centers anywhere. The shops run along one downhill street, with dozens of dark emporiums tucked away in off-street galleries. The furniture, the metal braziers of brass and copper, the worm-eaten angels take every bit of a day to do properly. Be sure to bargain.

If time permits, I would certainly break away from the city to see Escorial in the hinterlands, as well as the Valley of the Fallen and the city of Toledo. Escorial was the summer home of Spanish kings, and their burial place as well. The sarcophagi are all collected in one macabre marble room in a cellar vault of the immense building that includes castle, church and monastery. Fortunately, there is a handsome hotel nearby, one of the loveliest de luxe houses in Spain, the Felipe II, which is not merely an inn for tourists visiting the Escorial monuments, but a mountain resort with invigorating air, an unusual swimming pool, and luxurious appointments. The charge is a modest \$6 a day per room.

As for the Valley of the Fallen, about which much will be written in the world press, it is a mammoth monument which Franco undertook to build to honor the dead of the Spanish Civil War. It is tunneled into the side of a mountain, has extravagant stretches of marble and extensive pipes for music, and will be a repository of tons of bones which are presently being collected from all Spain for reburial in the crypts here. Topping off the whole extravaganza is a giant cross which at

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Among the dignitaries in attendance at the Washington State Elks Association Convention at Longview were, left to right, Exalted Ruler George Rasmussen of Longview Lodge, District Deputy Ted Butcher, host P.E.R. Charles Lolcoma, District Deputy W. R. Baker, Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and Special Deputy Edwin J. Alexander.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, second from right, was warmly welcomed when he arrived in Minot for the North Dakota session. With him are, left to right, State Chaplain Father Felix Andrews, P.D.D. T. J. McGrath, Minot E.R. R. A. Ilvedson and retiring State Pres. Milton Kelly.



Above, left: Pictured when Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland arrived in Florida for the State Meeting at Lake Worth were, left to right, Convention Chairman A. E. Brockmiller, P.E.R. W. E. Horsman, retiring State Pres. J. P. Smith, Grand Trustee Wm. A. Wall, Transporta-

tion Chairman E. D. Kinney, Grand Secy. L. A. Donaldson, Est. Lect. Knight L. A. Behlke, P.E.R. E. J. Mahlmeister, E.R. Bernard Munsey, Lead. Knight L. R. Behlke, Judge McClelland, Raymond Jones, Past Pres. J. A. Arnette, John Hock, Vice-Pres. Almer Tedder and Trustees A. T. Tomberelli

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER Frank J. Lonergan was among the nearly 2,000 Elks and their ladies who welcomed Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis and Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely to the Oregon Elks Association Convention at Roseburg. Former Grand Est. Lect. Knight Frank Hise and District Deputies D. F. Sanders, D. E. Jones, R. L. Ragsdale and LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., were also on hand, as were the Association's 16 officers.

Outstanding reports were made on the Association's Visually Handicapped Children's Program, the Oregon Elks' major project, as well as on its scholarship, Youth Activities and Veterans Hospital programs. Wallace Muzzy and Myrna Pershall received \$500 Elks National Foundation Awards, and the Association presented four-year scholarships to Ernestine Sherman, who also received a \$500 award, Wayne Roberts, Thomas Hiestand and Ruth Marshall. Dewey Cummins, III, and Judith Lee Roth, received \$100 Bonds as the State's Youth Leaders, with three other students also rewarded in this activity.

The delegates decided to sponsor a Blood Bank Program on a State level, and will hold a January, 1959, meeting at La Grande, with the Annual Convention to take place at Klamath Falls. A State parade, banquets, luncheons, and golf, bowling and trapshoot tourna-



and H. E. Ripper, P.E.R. ● ● Above, right: Before Judge McClelland left the Convention City, he received a basket of Florida citrus fruit from the new State Pres. Willis V. McCall of Eustis, left, who made the gift on behalf of his city's Chamber of Commerce.

Conventions

—in reports and pictures

ments were social highlights of the session and the following were elected to office: President Jack G. Judson, Ontario; Vice-Presidents J. H. Moore, Prineville, W. D. Randle, Albany, Fred Stefani, Oregon City, and D. E. Jones, Ashland; Secy. Harold Harp, Tillamook; Treasurer H. M. Randall, Salem; Sgt.-at-Arms Rex E. Smith, Corvallis; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms G. B. Urlie, Condon; Chaplain A. P. Vengelen, Portland; Inner Guard R. R. Schroth, Hermiston; Tiler G. C. Nelson, Baker, and Trustees N. T. Smith, Jr., Burns, Wm. H. Warden, Lebanon, H. D. McCurdy, Jr., Heppner, F. H. Van Pelt, Medford, and A. J. Beeler, McMinnville.

A HOST OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS were welcomed to Phoenix by the 800 delegates and visitors to the Arizona Elks Association's 43rd Annual Meeting May 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. They included Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Grand Trustee Horace R. Wisely, President John A. Raffetto, Jr., of the California Elks Association, Chairman R. Leonard Bush of the California Elks' Major Project Commission, Chairman R. R. Bringman of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, former Grand Tiler John P. Martin, Jr., former Grand Lodge Committeeman C. P. Hebenstreit, State Vice-Pres. W. D. Brunner, Grand Lodge Committeeman



Officials who attended the Iowa State conclave held at Sioux City included, left to right, foreground, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Fred L. Bohn and Henry C. Warner, and former Grand Trustees Chairman Lloyd Maxwell; background, Sioux City E.R. Jerry Quinlan, Past State Pres. A. R. Perasso, Chairman A. M. Umlandt of the Board of Grand Trustees and retiring State Pres. Thomas J. Carroll.



When Cadillac Elksdom was host to the delegates to the Michigan Elks Association Convention, the Order's 1957-58 leader, H. L. Blackledge, center, was welcomed by retiring State President Nelson H. Van Dongen, left, and James A. McGiness, Exalted Ruler of the host lodge.



Above, left: Past Exalted Ruler Robert H. Young of Atlanta Lodge, Chairman of the Georgia Elks Scholarship Committee, is pictured during the State Convention with the J. Bush Ritualistic Cup captured by his lodge. ● ● Above, right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. L. A.



Lewis are greeted by a delegation of New Mexico Elk officials and their wives on their arrival in Albuquerque for the State Convention. To the left and right of the California couple are, respectively, retiring President James W. Carpenter and Grand Tiler Seth Bill-

ings of Utah. At the extreme right is Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Campbell F. Rice of Colorado. Others include the General Chairman for the Convention, P.E.R. G. T. Hennessee, Jr., Past State President Dante Vaio and host E.R. R. W. Shoemaker.



Above, left: The Oregon Elks' principal activity is their Children's Visual Program which assists in the pre-school education of blind youngsters. A group of these children were pictured during the Oregon Convention with State officials and Visual Committeemen. They include, background, left to right, State Vice-Presidents J. H. Moore and Fred Stefani, Pres. Vern Moore, Vice-Presidents J. G. Judson and W. D. Randle and Committeeman D. V. Bulger. Second row: E.R.'s Gordon Rounds, Oregon City; B. J.



Wheeler, Beaverton; Walter Moore, Coquille Valley; D. B. Maxwell, Enterprise; Keith Baird, Ontario; C. E. Jones, Cottage Grove. ● ● Above, right: At the Oklahoma Meeting, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, center, was made chief in the tribe of A. C. BlueEagle, right. Looking on is P.D.D. Roy Gonders.

Oscar W. Stutheit, Past Grand Esq. Vincent H. Grocott, P.D.D.'s J. F. Hosfield and W. C. Ericson and State Youth Chairman Gene Heil, all of California; Pres. W. E. Blaylock of the Utah Elks Assn., and R. N. Harris and A. D. Leslie of New Mexico.

Phoenix Lodge's fine team won the ritualistic contest in which 18 teams competed, and on the morning of the 24th a most impressive Memorial Service was held at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis delivered the Eleven O'Clock Toast. Social highlights of the meeting were a golf tournament, an aquatic ballet carnival and luncheon at the Elks Park Pool and a caravan tour of "Something Old and Something New", a parade of old and new cars. A special floor show featured the King

Sisters of television, radio and motion pictures, and closing the meeting was the traditional State banquet. Yuma was selected for next year's Convention, with the following holding office until that time: President, W. T. Choisser, Phoenix; Vice-Presidents, A. L. Welch, Miami, and James Blair, Flagstaff; Secretary Judd Gray, and Treasurer, A. W. Crane, both of Phoenix, and Trustees H. W. Ratliff, Yuma, D. F. Thompson, Prescott, and R. N. Wombacher, Casa Grande Valley.

OVER 1,300 DELEGATES and guests attended the three-day 46th Annual Convention of the New York State Elks Association which opened in Buffalo on May 15th. Officers elected at the opening session and installed by Past Grand

Exalted Ruler George I. Hall were President Theodore R. Beales, Newark; Secretary Wm. R. L. Cook, Queens Borough, and Treasurer Claude Y. Cushman, Binghamton, both reelected; Vice-Presidents Arthur P. Olin, Oneida, Charles B. DeLuca, Peekskill, Charles E. Bierlein, Port Jervis, Neil E. Whan, Ticonderoga, Wm. J. O'Donnell, Seneca Falls, Lloyd DeMaranville, Watervliet, John S. Taggart, Bath, H. T. Woods, Brooklyn, John C. Brown, Niagara Falls, and Bernard J. Sheehan, Lyons. Trustees are Morris Goldstein, Little Falls; M. A. Wolfe, Catskill; F. W. Fitzgerald, Saranac Lake; F. E. Connell, Oswego; Peter A. Buchheim, Albany, and J. A. Riley, Jamestown.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. (Continued on page 40)



Above, left: Following the Idaho Elks Assn. banquet when Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, left, was an inspired speaker, the host lodge presented to him and Mrs. Blackledge, right, a Ross Hall Studio picture of Lake Pend Oreille. Sandpoint's E.R. Russell Sayers and retiring State Pres. Fred Hilliard, second and third from left, respectively, made the



presentation. ● ● Above, right: Four of the young people who have benefited from the Crippled Children's Clinics held annually by South Dakota Elkdom brought this work to the public on the float entered in the State parade by Sioux Falls Lodge. Retiring Pres. Ross E. Case presents to one of the boys the \$2,500 annual check for this program.

Unknown, But Not Unsung



In the photograph above, Past Exalted Ruler Seymour Hall of Washington, D. C., Lodge, left, and Charles G. Hawthorne of Baltimore, Md., who is Elks National Service Commission Chairman for the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Assn., appear with Elksdom's floral tribute to America's new unknown heroes. In the picture below, Mr. Hawthorne and Mr. Hall place the wreaths before the twin catafalques in the rotunda of the Nation's Capitol.



AT ARLINGTON National Cemetery on Memorial Day, two fighting men "known but to God" received final homage from the Nation for which they gave life and name.

Joining their comrade who gave his life in World War I, one was a hero of the second world conflict, the other of the Korean war.

Brought home aboard American warships from the foreign soil on which they fought and died, the bodies of these

warriors lay in state under the dome of the Capitol from May 28th until May 30th. On the 28th, public, veteran, patriotic and civic organizations, together with representatives of foreign governments, paid tribute to these heroes. Prominent among them were two delegates of the Order of Elks, former Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne of Baltimore, Md., Lodge who is the Elks National Service Commission Chairman for the Maryland, Del-

aware and District of Columbia Elks Association, and Past Exalted Ruler Seymour Hall of Washington, D. C., Lodge who has been a leader in the Commission's efforts in this area for many years. On behalf of Elksdom's more than 1,200,000 members, and in memory of the thousands of Brother Elks who gave their lives in World War II and the Korean War, these officials placed identical wreaths on the twin, flag-draped coffins of the two new nameless fighting men.

They also joined the thousands of grateful Americans who participated in the solemn ceremony on Memorial Day when the bodies were carried in formal procession to Arlington for interment at the shrine which henceforth will be known as the Tomb of the Unknowns.

And thus, as these heroes came to rest—unknown, but not unsung—Elksdom upheld its sacred tradition of remembering with heart and mind, in gesture and in fact, its debt of gratitude to those who gave their lives that this Nation might live.

CHALLENGE OF YOUR LOCAL POND

By DAN HOLLAND

ROD AND GUN

TO A CRICKET a mouse looks like an elephant, and to a mouse a cat must appear as huge and formidable as a two-story, owl-eyed dinosaur. It's all in the point of view. This, the relative nature of the game, is one of the reasons why fishing is the most universal of all sports. A man trolling for broadbill swordfish off Block Island is looking for a fish weighing 200 pounds; while, a few miles away, another would be equally excited over the prospects of catching a two-pound porgy. The reward in fishing has a magic quality of assuming the proportions of the immediate situation.

There are exciting game fish in far-away places: the heavy-jawed tarpon of Southern waters; the fat brook trout of the Hudson Bay country; the big-mouth bass of Florida, some of which look as though they could swallow a grapefruit—or just had; the huge, gleaming rainbows of Alaska; salmon, steelhead, muskies and many others. It's a pleasure merely to contemplate hooking one of them, but a fellow shouldn't get so dreamy-eyed over such distant prospects that he overlooks the fun to be had in his own backyard. This may be night-fishing for bullheads, searching pond weeds for pickerel, worm-fishing a little alder-lined brook for trout, floating jugs for river cats, or catching sunfish. Yes, sunfish.

A former Game Commissioner of North Carolina, John Chalk, enjoyed all the outdoor activities of his state, but he was obsessed with one sport in particular: fishing for sunfish, or bream, as they are called in the South. The species of bream which was his favorite was known locally as robin redbreast, or simply robin. "A trout doesn't know how to scrap compared to a robin," he would claim. "You take a big robin, say one that's close to a pound, and get him broadside to you; then, brother, you know you have a fish on the line. And food! Say, you've never had a mess of fish until you've eaten robin."

There are varieties of these colorful fish all through the South with an equal variety of colorful names: robin, stumpknocker, shellcracker, mudchub, leather-ear, tobaccobox and the like; and every town has its bream enthusiasts.

I unintentionally deflated an eager bream fisherman in north Florida recently. This was to be his afternoon off. He knew right where to go for the big ones, and exactly what bait to use—this was the time of year when they wanted brown crickets, he confided—and he had his brown crickets (*Continued on page 49*)

Dan's father, Ray P. Holland, celebrating his seventy-fourth birthday this month, is a noteworthy fisherman and writer himself; and like his son, he has seen some of this country's finest fishing. Yet, as this photograph shows, he still loves to float a dry fly on a small local stream—right near his home.

PHOTO BY THE AUTHOR

THE WEB-FOOTED NEWF

At home on land or in the water, the Newfoundland seems capable of any deed, from saving lives to hauling mail

By ED FAUST

THE FIRST DOGS I ever personally knew were the two that lorded over Grandfather's farm. They were Newfoundlands, coal-black giants, bigger by far than I at the time. There were sundry other dogs around, but they were relegated to the barns. One or two specialists among them earned their keep during the hunting season; the others I believe were kept for sound effects. Only the Newfoundlands, Caesar and Cleopatra, were permitted the run of the house. Whether Grandfather was particularly interested in ancient history or was intrigued by the shenanigans of the two people he named the dogs for I don't know. I do know that although he held title to the property, the real owners were the two house dogs. They were the aristocrats of the farm's four-legged kingdom and they knew it.

Since then I've owned or known many dogs, but none that possessed more dignity or strength coupled with gentleness. I've learned that these are qualities that are common to most dogs of that breed. The Newfoundland is distinctly an American dog, or to be precise a dog of North America, developed in the British island colony of Newfoundland. He is related, although distantly, to that large family of Arctic dogs which includes the Samoyeds, Malemutes, Siberian huskies, Eskimos and similar breeds. His ancestors are said to have been brought to Newfoundland by one of those hardy Scandinavian explorers, possibly in one of the vessels of Eric the Red or his son Leif Ericson about 1000 A.D.

While most authorities agree that the "newf"—an affectionate contraction of the Newfoundland's name by many of his breeders—is an off-shoot of the Arctic family, there are others who hold that he is simply a giant spaniel. But his origin as a distinct breed goes so far

back that it scarcely matters precisely where and with what dogs it begins. What we do know is that the "newf" is one of the most majestic of all dogs.

The earliest records of the breed tell about a short-coated dog, and early colors were black, brown, black and tan, or black ticked with white. Today, the standard calls for dull, jet black. A trace of bronze or a small amount of white on toes or chest is not a fault.

A peculiarity of this dog is that his feet are webbed, which helps make him the most powerful of all dogs in the water. No other dog can battle the boiling surf of the Newfoundland coast as can this fellow. Although he is massive and seemingly indolent, he can move swiftly when necessary. His is the same deceptiveness possessed by the shambling elephant, which is said to move
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EVELYN M. SHAFER

These two jet black beauties exemplify the breed's standard for color, and its thick, protective coat.

ELK SCOUT A HERO

PEKIN, ILL., LODGE, NO. 1271, is proud of all the members of Boy Scout Troop No. 83 which it sponsors, but particularly of David Dingerson.

An act that amounts to heroism by the 12-year-old Scout occurred at the annual picnic of Washington Junior High School where the boy is a student. As David sat on the curbing of the park lagoon he was pushed into the water by a "practical" joker, but managed to climb out to safety. Immediately after this, "Bobby" Cullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cullen, was shoved into the water. When she struck the bottom of the pool she hit a sharp object that cut an artery in her ankle. As she was taken from the water, David Dingerson saw what had happened and his Scout first-aid training saved her life.

Acting immediately, he applied pressure to the proper point to stop the flow of blood. Park attendants helped get her to a nearby hospital where it was necessary to take ten stitches to mend the cut.

Unquestionably, David saved the girl's life, and his deed has been turned into Scouting for consideration in granting him an award of merit. Dwight Shelton is Scoutmaster of the Elks' Troop, and David's father is Assistant Scoutmaster.

A TRIO OF ELKS of more than 50 years' affiliation was honored by Sayre, Pa., Lodge, No. 1148, at a special meeting, a feature of which was the initiation of 24 candidates by Exalted Ruler Nicholas Chacona and his officers. This class was dedicated to Rev. L. W. Lunn, Rector-Emeritus of Grace Episcopal Church and Honorary Chaplain of the lodge of which he has been a member for over 30 years. Rev. Lunn was present to deliver a brief address to the initiates, among whom were John W. Inman and his son William J. Inman.

The Chaplain was introduced by Past District Deputy Robert F. Adam, one of the three long-time Elks who were honored at this program. The others are William Miner and William G. Schrier. All three joined Elmira, N. Y., Lodge in 1908; while Mr. Adam and Mr. Miner became Charter Members of Sayre Lodge when it was organized the following year, Mr. Schrier did not make his transfer until some time later. All three received 50-year-membership pins from Past District Deputy George B. French at this program which included a dinner attended by more than 200 members of the lodge.

OKLAHOMA HAS LOST A DEVOTED ELK in the death of Robert G. Mardt who passed away at the age of 69 following a prolonged illness. A Past Exalted Ruler of Oklahoma City Lodge No. 417, Mr. Mardt was one of the founders of the Oklahoma Elks Association of which he was a Past President.

Born in Southwestern City, Mo., he had lived in Oklahoma City since infancy. He was a communicant of St. Francis Catholic Church. In addition to his activities in the Order of Elks, Mr. Mardt was an affiliate of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.



At the home of State College, Pa., Lodge, Est. Lead. Knight Robert H. McCormick, second from right, receives a National Recreation Assn. award for his outstanding work for young people. Two-year Chairman of his lodge's Youth Activities Committee, a member of several Boy Scout Committees and District Commissioner in the Juniata Valley Council, Mr. McCormick also promoted a Y.M.C.A. Camp for the area and was instrumental in organizing and promoting Little League Baseball in the County. The award was made by Elk Ray Watkins, Chairman of the State College Park and Recreation Board, second from left, in the presence of P.E.R. J. A. Garner, left, and E.R. K. B. Andrews.



Participating officials in the institution of Exeter-Hampton, N. H., Lodge, No. 2075, included, left to right, Past Grand Inner Guard Charles T. Durell, State Pres. Guy A. Rich, the new lodge's E.R. J. Walter Hollis, Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, D.D. Maurice A. Jacques and Past State Pres. O. Maurice Oleson.



On behalf of the ladies of Mobile, Ala., Lodge, Mrs. E. L. LaRue presented a \$400 check to the lodge's long-time Crippled Children's Committee Chairman, Joseph Marques, third from left. Looking on is Committee Co-Chairman L. J. Thomas, second from left, and Secy. John M. Lynch.



Following visits to a number of Northwestern lodges, and attending the Oregon, Idaho and Washington State Elks Associations' Conventions, Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. H. L. Blackledge, accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, left the Seattle-Tacoma, Wash., airport for their trip to Alaska where they were welcomed cordially by the Elks of our fine, new 49th State. Royally entertained by Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan Lodges, the visitors thoroughly enjoyed their four-day stay. Photographed at one of several banquets held in their honor, above, left, are, left to right, Emmett Anderson, E.R. Frank Nyman of Anchorage Lodge, Mr. and Mrs.



Blackledge, Alaska Elks Association Vice-President and Mrs. Hal Gilfilen, Assn. Secretary and Mrs. L. J. Weeda, Trustees Chairman Hollis Henrichs, and Mrs. Bud Metzgar and her husband who is also a Trustee of the Assn. Above, right: With no less a personage than Past Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson serving as caddy, Mr. Blackledge played a round of golf on the Anchorage Country Club course, as the thermometer hovered pleasantly at 79 degrees. On returning to Washington, Mr. Blackledge wound up his travels as the Order's 1957-58 leader with visits to Lake City, Seattle and Ballard (Seattle), Wash., Lodges. There will be more information on his Northwest tour in the September issue.



Ross L. Leffler, Asst. Secy. of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, was honored by McKeesport, Pa., Lodge at a dinner and initiation marking P.E.R.'s Night. In this photograph, P.E.R. Leffler, left, reports on a "big one that got away" to, left to right, retiring E.R. Robert Ferguson, Dr. R. M. Kaplan, D.D. W. F. Westcoat and Secy. E. F. Hengstler, Jr.



P.D.D. C. E. Braun of Tarentum, Pa., Lodge, right, is congratulated by State Pres. John Buchanan, left, on his 33 years of service to the Order. Looking on is Grand Secy. L. A. Donaldson, principal speaker at the testimonial dinner held by the lodge for Mr. Braun when 200 Elks and their ladies representing 16 lodges were on hand.



The Terre Haute, Ind., Elks not only sponsor the local School Patrol, furnishing their rain-coats and pennants, they also entertain the more than 1,000 youngsters at about four motion picture shows a year and an annual picnic. The picture above was taken at the 1958 outdoor event.



This photograph was taken at the dance held by Shenandoah, Iowa, Lodge for the benefit of the Iowa Crippled Children's Assn. Over 350 Elks and their friends enjoyed the music of the Jimmy Dorsey Band, conducted by Lee Castle, and the affair was an unqualified success.



Following the institution of Parsippany-Troy Hills, N. J., Lodge, No. 2078, District Deputy Robert L. Hale, left, was photographed as he placed the jewel of office on Andrew Filadelphia, center, elected the first Exalted Ruler of the new lodge. Looking on are, left to right, Est. Lead. Knight J. C. DeYoung, Est. Loyal Knight L. B. Jansen, Est. Lect. Knight T. H. Ahlers and Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick.



Exalted Ruler Stover J. Morris, Jr., presents Danville, Va., Lodge's annual \$250 scholarship award to Miss Carol Ann Garrett, local high school student. These Elks also donate three other awards each year to honor graduates in the high schools of the three adjoining counties.



Above, left: The officers of Fort Madison, Iowa, Lodge are pictured with the class of 49 candidates initiated into the lodge before a large crowd of members. Following the ceremony, 250 Elks and their wives were entertained at a dinner-dance. ● ●

Above, right: When the Southwest District Meeting of the Ohio Elks Association was held in Troy, Miss Carol Lee McCollum, second-place winner in the girls' division of



the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest, received her \$500 U. S. Bond from State Committee Chairman Harold M. Scott. Looking on are incoming State Association President Arthur E. Socin, third from left, and Southwest Dist. Youth Activities Committee Chairman Cecil Sims.



Above, left: Officers of the Elks National Bowling Assn. were elected at the 1958 Meeting in Fort Wayne, Ind., where nearly 7,000 Elk bowlers competed for over \$45,000 in prizes. The Association voted to present another \$1,000 for the Elks National Foundation to Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge and decided to hold its 1959 Tournament in Toledo, Ohio. Left to right, foreground, are Secy. Edgar N. Quinn, Vice-Pres. William Gaffney, Pres. William Huhn, retiring Pres. Floyd Cheney and Vice-Pres. E. J. Fleck; standing are Vice-Presidents Dave Brown and Richard Sutton, Treas. J. F. Krizek and



Vice-Presidents Ray Bauer, H. T. Sample and H. B. Chapin. Another Vice-Pres., Joseph D'Aprile was not present for the picture. ● ● Above, right: Alma Hanson, Executive Secy. of the American Red Cross, accepts a \$500 check donated to the tornado relief fund by Eau Claire, Wis., Elksdom from E.R. Otto Gelein, left. Looking on is Secy. C. M. Gilbertson.

NEW HAMPSHIRE WELCOMES A NEW LODGE. Over 300 persons attended the institution of Exeter-Hampton Lodge No. 2075, conducted by District Deputy Maurice A. Jacques, with retiring State President Guy A. Rich as Master of Ceremonies. Principal speaker was Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee. The new lodge, with a membership of 150, was sponsored by Dover Lodge No. 184 and Portsmouth Lodge No. 97, whose Past Exalted Ruler John J. Callahan also spoke, as did Past District Deputy John M. Kelleher. Past President O. Maurice Oleson handled the initiation, while Mr. Rich installed Exalted Ruler J. Walter Hollis and his officers.

A banquet and ball on the eve of the ceremony was attended by 525 persons. Past Grand Inner Guard Charles T. Durell, Past State President Henry J. Salvail, as well as Mr. Rich, delivered addresses at this function.

The coming of this lodge to the State was hailed by the *Hampton Union* in glowing terms in both an editorial entitled "Americanism and Fraternalism" and in its "Our Town" column in which James W. Tucker gave a well-phrased and very complete story of the Order and an explanation of its cardinal virtues.

THE ELKS OF MORGANTOWN, W. VA., Lodge, No. 411, mourn the loss of Lawrence E. Tucker, a Past Exalted Ruler and Trustee of the lodge for the past 20 years. Death came on May 16th, three weeks after he'd suffered a stroke.

Mr. Tucker had joined the Order in September, 1919; from that day until he was stricken on April 21st, he had never missed a session of his lodge, either regular or special. In addition to his devoted service to Morgantown Elksdom, he had served as Trustee of the West Virginia Elks Association.

HAMILTON, MONT., ELKS SOLVE A PROBLEM. How to cope with 55 high school seniors who feel they should observe the unwritten law to stay out all night after their graduation ceremony was handled nicely by their parents and members of Hamilton Lodge No. 1651.

Last year's Exalted Ruler, Fred G. Van Blaricom, had a daughter in the class, as did Past Exalted Rulers Jack E. Coulter, Chairman of both the State Association's and the lodge's Publicity Committees, and Fred Zoske. Other Elk parents of graduating seniors were Trustee A. L. Kleve, John Howe, Jr., Dr. Carl Larson, George Vogt, Ernst Peterson, Tom Micka and Dean Vinal. They and their wives,

together with other parents, planned and executed the affair, a Night Club Party at the lodge home, which began at 10:45 p.m. and ended well after three in the morning. Music was provided by Elk Ray Thraikill's popular orchestra, a variety of entertainment was offered, and before the night was over, 36 fried chickens, two hams, ten gallons of punch, five of milk, ten bowls of salad and countless buns, potato chips and so on, had disappeared.

Although it wasn't a new idea, it was the first time it had been attempted in Hamilton; although it wasn't a complete hit, it laid the groundwork for more and better high school parties to come. Most important, it accomplished its purpose of keeping the young people safe.

FIFTY YEARS AGO, a group of Sapulpa, Okla., citizens received a dispensation for a charter to form Sapulpa Lodge No. 1118. It began its existence with 60 members.

A few months ago, this lodge's present 300 Elks began a celebration of its Golden Jubilee with a tribute to its Past Exalted Rulers at a special meeting. An Anniversary Dinner-Dance was another feature of the observance, for which Bill McKinney was Chairman.

Sapulpa Lodge's many fine civic activities include its Americanism Week Program for which Past District Deputy Clarence H. Dietz has been Chairman since its inception 20 years ago. A feature of this project has always been the presentation of a pole and flag to various schools, libraries, and various community meeting places. As a result, every flag pole in Sapulpa, with the exception of the one at the court house, has been a gift of the lodge.

LONG BEACH, N. Y., LODGE, NO. 2066, was instituted last March with 276 members who elected James F. Segriff as their Exalted Ruler. Just two months later, on May 12th, the 58-year-old Long Beach citizen died immediately following a heart attack. Death came as he ended his customary morning session of the Nassau County-Long Beach Board of Supervisors.

Active in many charitable, religious, civic and social organizations, Mr. Segriff was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and other similar groups. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Following a Solemn High Mass of Requiem at St. Mary of the Isle Roman Catholic Church, interment took place at St. John's Cemetery in Brooklyn.



Midwest City, Okla., Elks took the opportunity to dedicate their new Golf and Country Club during the Oklahoma Convention to which they were co-hosts with Oklahoma City Lodge. Handling the ribbon-cutting ceremony were, left to right, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, W. P. Atkinson who donated to the Elks the 33 acres on which the club has been established, P.D.D. Roy Gonders and Past State Pres. Bert Wysor.



Participating in the dedication of the new home of Beloit, Wis., Lodge, preceding its Annual Charity Ball, were, left to right, Est. Lect. Knight L. A. Nelson, Trustees President Dr. A. F. Sipple, Harold Bayer who designed the plaque placed on the building, State Vice-Pres. Dr. M. J. Junion, retiring State Pres. Arthur J. Chadek, E.R. Frank Pantaleo, Trustee I. E. Myrland and Est. Lead. Knight C. F. Brown.



Above, left, is the newly organized dance band which plays for many parties staged by Walnut Creek, Calif., Lodge. Under the leadership of E. R. Bells, far right, the players are, left to right, foreground, A. D. Salerno, C. T. Gartin, Leo Vingo and Dick Nelson; background: Mike Prince, Cy Erb and Casey Pine. All but Mr. Prince are members of the lodge. ● ● Above, right: Some of the high



school seniors and their guests who were entertained at a Night Club Party given by their parents at the home of Hamilton, Mont., Lodge are pictured at the well-filled refreshment table which was one of their favorite gathering spots during the successful dance and entertainment following their graduation.



Above, left: Photographed when six students received scholarship awards totaling \$600 from Pasadena, Calif., Lodge are, left to right, winners Joyce Winans and Carol Jenney, District Chairman J. Robert Paine of the Calif. Elks Scholarship Committee, students Joanne Osman, Janice Daman, Minette Learned and Don



Sunukjian and E.R. Dick Olson. ● ● Above, right: Littleton, Colo., Lodge's E.R. L. A. Higgins, Jr., left, accepts the Littleton Old Timers Assn. Sponsors' Trophy from Allen Hower, coach of the Assn. and of the Elk-sponsored 1957 District Champions.



Above, left: Pasco, Wash., Lodge played host to the elderly ladies of the two local nursing homes at its Mother's Day Service. The guests, aged between 70 and 96 years, were called for and returned to the homes by members of the lodge; each lady received a corsage and was introduced at the program. A "Queen for the Day" was selected from each home and given a dozen American Beauty roses. They are pictured here with E.R. Rex L. Vaught. The 18 bed-ridden residents of the homes received corsages there. ● ● Above, right: This sizable Elk family group includes, left to right, Scott L. Pace, P.E.R.'s C. A. Reinemund and C. A.



Awalt and Charter Member Willard Pace of Safford, Ariz., Lodge; James K. Pace and Frank Szegedy, both former members of Safford Lodge and now affiliates of Riverside, Calif., Elksdom, and D.D. Elman W. Pace, a Charter Member and P.E.R. of Safford Lodge, as well as former State Pres. The relationship of this family is best explained by pointing out that Willard Pace is the father of Scott, James and Elman Pace, and the father-in-law of Carl Reinemund, Charles Awalt and Frank J. Szegedy.



Above, left: The officers of Chehalis, Wash., Lodge initiated this class of 45 candidates as a tribute to the New State Association President, F. George Warren. Photographed in the second row, seated sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth from left, respectively, are District Deputy Ted Butcher, President Warren, Exalted Ruler Nelson Back and Past District Deputy John Panesko. ● ● Above, right: Montana's



Ritualistic Champions are these Shelby officials, left to right, foreground, Inner Guard John Cox, Exalted Ruler Karl Kirkeby, Chaplain Keith Leavitt and Esquire Carl Westermark; second row, Est. Lead. Knight Bud Dolan, Est. Lect. Knight Bill Stockwell and Est. Loyal Knight Arnold Fehlberg.



Alameda, Calif., Lodge's outstanding contributions to the Recreation Movement among our youth were recognized with an award from the National Recreation Assn. Left to right: Mayor William McCall who made the presentation, City Recreation Director Gene Saalwaechter, E.R. M. B. Happ and Est. Lead. Knight Owen Cant.



While its \$535,000 home is under construction, Fresno, Calif., Lodge celebrated Old Timers Night when 60-year-Elk C. R. Puckhaber was honored. Properly attired for the program are E.R. D. M. Linder, right and Secy. N. L. Brown.

LODGE NOTES

When John P. Saylor became the first U. S. Congressman to fly over the South Pole not long ago, he carried with him the American Flag presented to him 22 years ago on his initiation into Johnstown, Pa., Lodge. On his return, he presented the flag to the lodge, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler. Accepted by 1957-58 Exalted Ruler E. J. Weaver, the banner will be framed for display in the lodge home. Mr. Saylor also dropped over the Pole a flag which had been given to him by Secretary A. C. Latte of Honolulu, T. H., Lodge.

Mary Louise Brockma and William Hayes, top students in the FHA Contest in Wyoming, received \$100 awards from Exalted Ruler Ivan Heimsmoth

who made the presentation on behalf of Riverton, Wyo., Lodge. The young people were then taken to Rock Springs where Miss Brockma received her \$400 State award and Mr. Hayes his \$500 prize. After being entertained by the Elks of that city, they were flown home to participate in their commencement exercises.

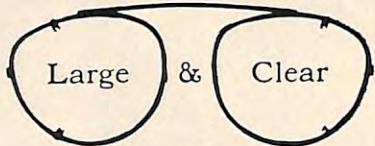
Joseph A. Berrier, a Life Member of Harrisburg, Pa., Lodge, passed away recently at the age of 77. An Elk for 55 years, Mr. Berrier was known to Elks throughout the Nation. Having made nine round trips across the country by various routes, he drove through hundreds of cities and never passed through one without stopping to visit with the

Elks if there was a lodge there. He is survived by his wife, daughter, sister and brother.

Gilroy, Calif., Lodge honored its first Exalted Ruler, Tracy Learnard, by initiating a class in his honor. The ceremony was performed by a group of Past Exalted Rulers, several of whom were among the original officers when the lodge was instituted in 1929.

Midwest City, Okla., Lodge's new Golf and Country Club opened with a splash when a hundred or more youngsters dived into the sparkling junior olympics-size pool in the State AAU open-age swimming meet, won by the Oklahoma City Swim Club.

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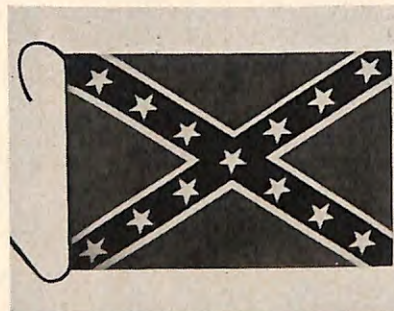
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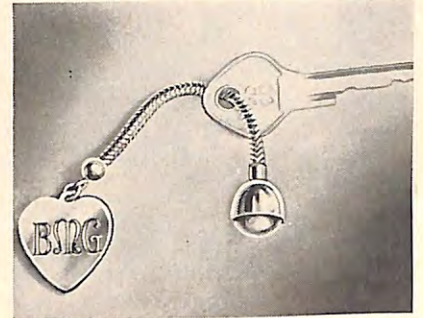
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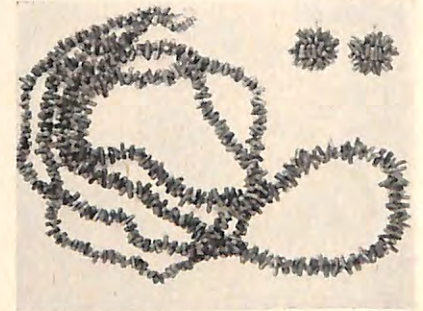
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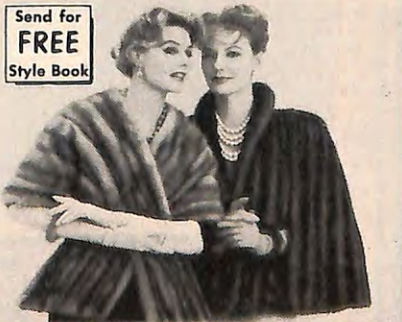
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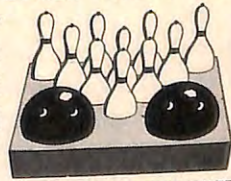
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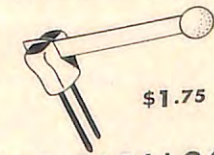
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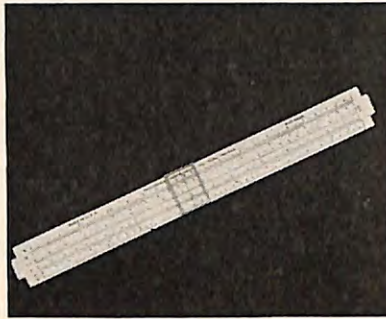
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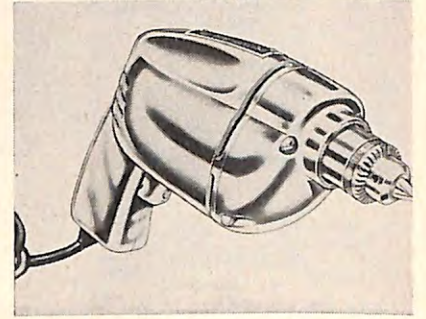
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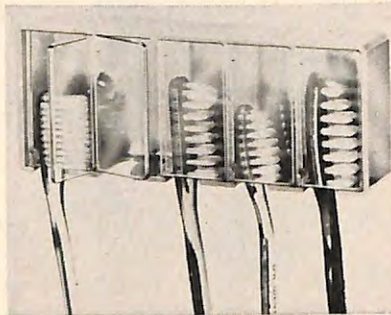
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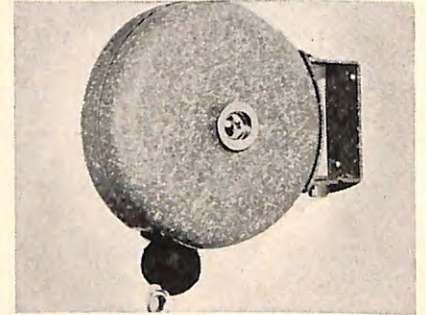
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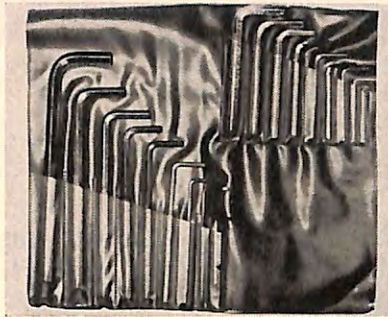


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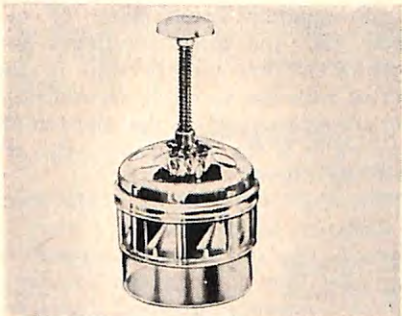
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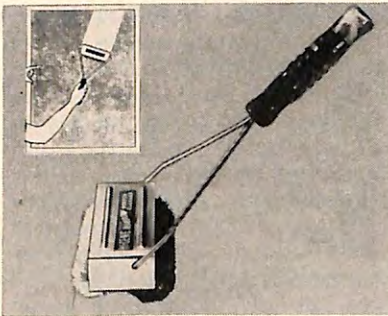
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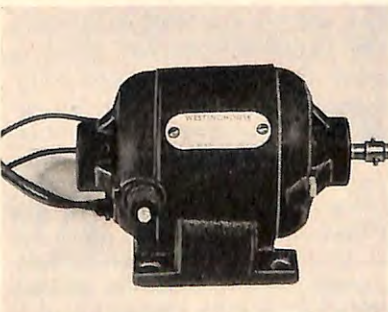
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In opening his Report to the Grand Lodge at the Convention in New York in July, Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge stated: "Elkdom's record for 1957-58 was made by thousands and my part was a comparatively minor one; for me, it has been a year that has been physically exhausting, but full of many rich and stimulating experiences that I will cherish always."

Thanks

Mr. Blackledge paid particular tribute in his Report to the outstanding support he had received from the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge officers and committees. Speaking of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, he said, "they have been most helpful and, collectively and individually, have represented an ever-flowing fountain, from which I have gained strength and guidance on so many occasions."

"All Grand Lodge officers and committees have performed their duties and fulfilled their assignments with great fidelity and dedication. Because of the magnitude of their duties and the exceptional devotion and great amount of time given, I mention, with particular thanks, James A. Gunn, Chairman of the State Associations Committee; Joseph F. Bader, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee; Charles C. Bowie, Chairman of Youth Activities, and John E. Fenton, Chairman of Judiciary."

Continuing, the Grand Exalted Ruler spoke proudly of the great work accomplished by his District Deputies. "I am proud of my District Deputies, and am deeply indebted to them for the splendid job that they have done. In many instances, the devotion and dedication displayed has been truly remarkable. I am grateful to these captains in the field for the fine accomplishments of the year and for the splendid loyalty they have given me. The many friendships resulting will, for me, be a continuing satisfaction and reward."

He then spoke of the timely, efficient and helpful assistance that he had received from the office and staff of Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and that of The Elks Magazine.

Chester O. Marshall was Secretary to

Mr. Blackledge, and he acknowledged his debt to him for the intelligent and most helpful manner in which he handled Mr. Blackledge's office in Kearney, Nebraska. In connection with his office, he also spoke of the outstanding assistance given by Miss Kay Nelson, Mrs. Alice Howell, legal secretary, and for the close cooperation provided by Grand Lodge Activities Co-ordinator Bert A. Thompson.

Charters

"By executive orders, duly approved by the Board of Grand Trustees, I have revoked the charters of Mexia, Texas, Lodge No. 1449, and Nacogdoches, Texas, Lodge No. 1876." Since this report was prepared late in May, it is impossible to have the full record of new lodges for the year, but dispensations have been granted for the organization of 36 new lodges, 31 of them have already been instituted and at least 10 more are in the process of being organized, Mr. Blackledge reported.

New York State leads with eight new lodges already instituted and in full operation. Mr. Blackledge made particular reference to a new lodge in his home state, Holdrege Lodge No. 2062, instituted on March 30th, the 5th new lodge in Nebraska since World War II.

Membership

"Again, and for the 19th consecutive year, the Order of Elks has shown a substantial net gain in membership. For the year ending March 31st, our net gain was 18,654, and our total membership was 1,214,163." However, Mr. Blackledge warned, "Before we start taking too much satisfaction in this record, and even though it does represent an all-time high in membership, let me remind you that the net gain for this year was less than last year and, of even greater and more serious importance, the rate of lapsation continues to grow. This must be curbed or we will soon face a net loss in membership."

Program and Results

"At the beginning of the year, I adopted a four-point program," Mr. Blackledge said. He then enumerated

and described these points as follows:

"ELKDOM'S 90th YEAR: The observance of our 90th birthday on February 16 was suggested as a basic theme for all of our activities throughout the year. This has been used to great advantage and has served the dual purpose of reminding our own members of the significant occasion, providing the theme for many lodge activities and large initiation classes, and has also served as a constant reminder to the public of the age and strength of our Order.

"ELKS AND THE YOUNG MEN: This phase of my program had two major objectives; first, to better acquaint the non-member young men of our country with the great privileges and opportunities that membership in the Order of Elks has to offer; secondly, to better recognize and employ the talents and energies of the young men who are already members. . . .

"THE OPEN HOUSE: This point was designed to tell Elkdom's story to the world. As stated in my speech of acceptance 'Too long, much too long, we have concealed our good deeds behind a veil of secrecy or with a false sense of modesty.' Not only were many of our own members unaware of the tremendous scope of the good deeds of the Elks, but in most communities the public was either completely uninformed or grossly misinformed.

"To correct this situation, I recommended that each lodge, sometime during the year, have an open house, inviting the public to come and see what we have and what we do, and why we are so proud of it.

"A great many lodges enthusiastically entered into this challenging program and with uniformly satisfactory results, some of them almost bordering on the sensational. I particularly mention, with high commendation, the exceptionally fine open house conducted by Corvallis, Oregon, Lodge No. 1413.

"INDOCTRINATION: This was the major point in my program. Its ultimate objective is to curb lapsation by building within our new members, at the time of initiation, a greater interest, knowledge and active participation in some or all of the manifold activities in which the Elks are so happily and creditably engaged. The results of this program have been electrifying and have exceeded

my greatest expectations. Hundreds and hundreds of lodges have reported to me on the uniformly beneficial results already attained."

Necrology

"This year we have lost, by death, the services and friendship of a valued Brother, Arthur J. Geniesse, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Lodge No. 259, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials. Brother Geniesse was a stalwart and dedicated worker in the Grand Lodge and in his state, and he will be sorely missed. To fill the vacancy thus created, I appointed Robert E. Boney of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Lodge No. 1119."

Summary

"I did not commence this year with any idea of trying to break records, either as to the number of miles traveled or lodges visited, but I was determined to make at least one visit in each of the 48 states and, if God so wills, by the time you receive this report I will have accomplished that objective, plus visits in Puerto Rico and Alaska. My total mileage will probably equal or exceed 100,000 miles. My predominate personal reaction continues to be one of immense pride that I have had the privilege of serving this greatest of fraternities. . ."

Recommendations

1. "That emphasis be continued on the planned indoctrination of all new members in all lodges.
2. "That the plan of telling Elkdom's story to the world by means of an open house be continued.
3. "That preliminary organizational plans be undertaken to lay the groundwork for our centennial celebration in 1967-68.
4. "A closer scrutiny of the business and financial affairs of the subordinate lodges, with a uniform system of book-keeping and accounting, with guidance and supervision from the Grand Lodge level.
5. "That consideration be given to adopting a system of Farewell and Welcome committees for Elks who move from one jurisdiction to another. Let's convert the stray Elks into working Elks.
6. "That preliminary steps be undertaken toward an eventual re-drafting and modernization of our rituals."

Conclusion

"As I have said so many times, in my talks across the country, I have been so pleased, so happy and so very, very proud to serve as the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and I am deeply grateful to all of the thousands who have contributed so generously of time, talents and resources to make this another banner year."

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

AFTER the closing of the Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco last July, the Board of Grand Trustees met and elected Arthur M. Umlandt, Chairman; Horace R. Wisely, Vice Chairman and Approving Member; W.A. Wall, Secretary; Dewey E.S. Kuhns, Home Member, and Edward A. Spry, Building Applications Member.

As directed by the Grand Lodge, the Board of Grand Trustees presented suitable testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn and retiring member of the Board of Grand Trustees, Ronald J. Dunn.

The Board met four times during the year: In November at the Elks National Home; in February at the Hotel Commodore in New York; in May again at the Elks National Home, and held its final meeting in New York in July during the 1958 Convention.

Building Applications

During the fiscal year ended May 20th, 1958, the Board of Grand Trustees received 152 applications from subordinate lodges, requesting approval to purchase, sell, erect new buildings, make alterations or additions to present buildings and to mortgage property. Authorization was granted to the lodges making applications by the Board of Grand Trustees, and concurred in by Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge, for purchase of property, alteration or additions to buildings, construction of new homes, including expenditures for furnishings and equipment, in the amount of \$9,400,455.19. The Board also approved the sale or exchange or leasing of property in the amount of \$1,341,757.41.

Elks National Home

The Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., is under the management of the Board of Grand Trustees. This haven of rest and contentment is impressively

situated in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, on 169 acres of the finest farm lands in Virginia. Each resident of the Home has his own room, and the best of medical care and attention is available in a fully equipped, thirty-five bed hospital, complete with x-ray machines, surgical room and drug department. The hospital is under the direction of Dr. D. H. Robinson.

The Home compares with a country club or fine resort hotel, and the facilities provide every possible comfort and convenience. It is truly a "Home away from Home". A value in excess of \$3,000,000.00 is represented in the Home, farm, hospital, equipment and improvements.

Brother Thomas J. Brady is Superintendent at the Elks National Home; and in their Report, the members of the Board of Grand Trustees particularly complimented Brother Brady and Mrs. Brady, who live on the premises, for their efficient direction of the Home and the many improvements that have been made and are presently under construction. "Under his supervision, the Home has not only become the pride and joy of all the guests, but the citizens of the town of Bedford, city officials and civic groups likewise, have taken great interest in the Home, are regular and constant visitors, and have used available facilities for a varied number of civic functions," the Board stated.

At the close of the fiscal year there were 265 residents at the Home, representing 261 lodges and 41 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. During the year 65 new Brothers took up residence there, and 56 Brothers passed away. There were nine resignations. The oldest Brother at the Home is 103, and the youngest is 53 years of age. The average cost per resident for the year was \$1,041.27, and the net operating cost of the Home during the year was \$173,617.19.

GRAND SECRETARY

DURING the lodge year ended March 31, 1958, we initiated 87,558, added by dimit 12,342 and reinstated 8,372 members," Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson stated in opening his Annual Report to the Grand Lodge. "In the same period we dropped for non-payment of dues 49,552 and lost through deaths, dimits and expulsions 40,066, resulting in a net gain of 18,654 members.

"The net gain was less than in the previous year and bears out the fact that while the Order continues to grow, our rate of growth during the past ten years

has continuously declined. This year's net gain is the smallest since 1942, when our membership was approximately 500,000. In 1946 we attained a net gain of 86,769, which was an increase of almost eleven per cent, and in 1950 our membership for the first time was over one million.

"In 1950-51 our net gain was 36,279 and in 1951-52 it was 28,609. The next three years we were able to realize a net gain of better than 25,000, but since then our increase has been under this figure.

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DISPENSATIONS

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn

DISPENSATION GRANTED	NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE	INSTITUTED
6-6-57	White Bear Lake, Minn., No. 2047	8-28-57
6-11-57	Arlington Heights, Ill., No. 2048	6-30-57
7-2-57	Lenoir City, Tenn., No. 2049	7-27-57
7-13-57	Westchester (Los Angeles 45), Calif., No. 2050	9-28-57

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8-15-57	Montebello, Calif., No. 2051	10-5-57
9-1-57	St. Matthews, Ky., No. 2052	9-21-57
9-24-57	Grants-Milan, N.M., No. 2053	10-27-57
9-25-57	Irondequoit, N.Y., No. 2054	11-2-57
9-30-57	Eastern Slope, N.H., No. 2055	10-27-57
10-2-57	Scarsdale, N.Y., No. 2056	10-13-57
10-14-57	Westlaco, Texas, No. 2057	11-3-57
11-15-57	Kirkwood-Des Peres, Mo., No. 2058	1-26-58
11-20-57	Mojave, Calif., No. 2059	12-7-57
11-26-57	Windsor, Conn., No. 2060	3-2-58
12-9-57	Mount Airy, N.C., No. 2061	1-31-58
12-24-57	Holdrege, Neb., No. 2062	3-30-58
12-30-57	Monticello, N.Y., No. 1544	1-19-58
12-30-57	East Hartford, Conn., No. 2063	3-22-58
1-22-58	Gabarrus County, N.C., No. 2064	3-5-58
1-27-58	Sierra Vista, Ariz., No. 2065	2-24-58
2-6-58	Long Beach, N.Y., No. 2066	3-9-58
2-12-58	Greenwood Lake, N.Y., No. 2067	3-30-58
2-26-58	San Clemente, Calif., No. 2068	3-11-58
3-6-58	Riviera Beach, Fla., No. 2069	3-29-58
3-10-58	Tewksbury-Wilmington, Mass., No. 2070	4-20-58
3-10-58	Billerica, Mass., No. 2071	5-4-58
3-27-58	Keeseville, N.Y., No. 2072	4-27-58
3-27-58	Rensselaer, N.Y., No. 2073	4-27-58
3-31-58	Potsdam, N.Y., No. 2074	4-20-58
3-31-58	Exeter-Hampton, N.H., No. 2075	5-4-58
3-31-58	Sturgeon Bay, Wis., No. 2076	4-19-58
4-10-58	Westport, Conn., No. 2077	
4-14-58	Parsippany-Troy Hills, N.J., No. 2078	5-18-58
4-17-58	Sulphur-Davis, Okla., No. 2079	5-31-58
4-21-58	Teaneck, N.J., No. 2080	5-25-58
4-22-58	Kerrville, Texas, No. 2081	5-3-58
5-9-58	Alice, Texas, No. 2082	
5-14-58	Los Alamos, N.M., No. 2083	
5-16-58	Winner, S.D., No. 2084	
5-22-58	Bordentown, N.J., No. 2085	
6-2-58	Ruidoso, N.M., No. 2086	

SPECIAL NOTE: At the time the 1957 Annual Report of the Grand Secretary went to press, we had not received formal report of the institution of eight Lodges for which dispensations had been granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn. Dates of institution of these Lodges were as follows:

Van Nuys, Calif., No. 2028	6-6-57
Glendora, Calif., No. 2038	6-12-57
Pearl River, N.Y., No. 2041	6-2-57
Newton, N.C., No. 2042	6-13-57
Brunswick, Me., No. 2043	6-29-57
Riverhead, N.Y., No. 2044	6-23-57
Corona, Calif., No. 2045	6-11-57
Buena Park, Calif., No. 2046	6-19-57



Membership—1958

Ala. 7,758	Nebr. 16,814
Alaska 7,878	Nev. 4,331
Ariz. 17,180	N. H. 5,888
Ark. 2,997	N. J. 38,021
Calif. 130,600	N. M. 8,720
C. Z. 1,205	N. Y. 74,926
Colo. 30,216	N. C. 12,524
Conn. 21,240	N. D. 13,814
Del., Md., D.C. 10,817	Ohio 59,371
Fla. 33,280	Okla. 9,103
Ga. 19,496	Ore. 49,342
Guam 275	Pa. 89,518
Hawaii 1,747	P. I. 464
Ida. 19,944	P. R. 755
Ill. 65,993	R. I. 7,736
Ind. 47,715	S. C. 7,273
Ia. 29,059	S. D. 10,206
Kan. 23,391	Tenn. 11,247
Ky. 7,372	Tex. 22,463
La. 3,101	Utah 5,446
Me. 5,715	Vt. 5,905
Mass. 39,016	Va. 13,137
Mich. 51,771	Wash. 59,032
Minn. 14,922	W. Va. 20,349
Miss. 2,983	Wis. 27,075
Mo. 12,346	Wyo. 11,526
Mont. 21,160	
Total.....	1,214,163

Membership Gains & Losses—1957

GAIN		LOSS		GAIN		LOSS	
Ala. 71		Nebr. 404					
Alaska	84	Nev. 57					
Ariz. 649		N. H. 117					
Ark. 46		N. J. 247					
Calif. 6,601		N. M. 175					
C. Z.	65	N. Y. 2,136					
Colo. 230		N. C. 302					
Conn. 552		N. D. 356					
Del., Md., D.C.	76	Ohio 26					
Fla. 1,188		Okla. 521					
Ga.	234	Ore. 1,006					
Guam	20	Pa. 206					
Hawaii	130	P. I. 20					
Ida. 3		P. R. 10					
Ill. 1,358		R. I. 18					
Ind. 65		S. C. 160					
Ia. 858		S. D. 174					
Kan. 329		Tenn. 332					
Ky. 101		Tex. 209					
La. 224		Utah 27					
Me. 199		Vt. 95					
Mass.	53	Va. 231					
Mich.	124	Wash. 1,042					
Minn. 5		W. Va. 617					
Miss.	53	Wis. 183					
Mo. 429		Wyo. 198					
Mont. 36							
Gain, 20,653	Loss, 1,999	Net Gain, 18,654					

five years has been 26,810, despite the fact that in that period of time we have instituted 190 new lodges. In the past year we instituted 41 new lodges, which added 10,634 members to our rolls and accounted for more than 50 per cent of our net gain.

"Our smaller net gain this year was no doubt partially due to the slowing down of the nation's economy. However, our decreasing net gain year after year is primarily accounted for by the annual increase in the number dropped for nonpayment of dues. Also, we are not initiating enough candidates in view of our present membership and the number of new lodges being added each year.

"The above statistics point out the necessity of our continuing to organize new lodges and also indicate how important it is that every lodge should vigorously attack the lapsation problem as well as adopt and pursue a selective membership program. The Indoctrination Program inaugurated by Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge should be continued and consideration given by every lodge to the expansion of this program so that all members—both old and new—will be-

come better acquainted with our Order.

"The entire membership problem presents a challenge to every subordinate lodge and every Exalted Ruler. A live, active lodge engaged in worthwhile programs that will retain the interest of its members will have no difficulty meeting this challenge. Such a lodge has the best possibility of maintaining and increasing its membership," the Grand Secretary stated in concluding his Report.

Securities

The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States Government and other Securities in the following amounts, at cost:

In the General Fund.....	\$ 300,453.13
In the Reserve Fund.....	660,178.13
In the Home Fund.....	170,825.00
	\$1,131,456.26

Grand Lodge Finances

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$2,100,724.23; fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98, making the total assets of Grand Lodge \$3,310,109.21.

ADDITIONAL GRAND LODGE REPORTS

Because of space limitations, the digests of the annual reports of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, Elks National Foundation and Elks National Service Commission will appear in our September issue.



BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the Lodge year from April 1, 1957 through March 31, 1958.

ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.....	\$ 700,002.86
Summer Outings, Camps and Health Resorts....	288,571.92
Cerebral Palsy.....	544,612.69
Crippled Children.....	825,105.85
Medical Aid and Hospitals.....	426,180.35
Care of Needy Families, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.....	1,043,720.52
Elks National Foundation.....	200,663.78
Youth Work (except for scholarships, free text-	

books, etc.).....	948,788.99
Scholarships, Free Textbooks, etc.....	303,287.98
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.....	313,789.69
Veterans' Relief.....	186,443.90
Miscellaneous.....	645,513.63
Flag Day, Constitution Day, Fourth of July, etc.	193,725.73
Total	\$6,620,407.89

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction, during the period from April 1, 1957 to March 31, 1958:

STATE	AMOUNT	STATE	AMOUNT
Ala.	\$ 44,482.85	Nebr.	\$ 64,847.42
Alaska	61,843.04	Nev.	33,389.36
Ariz.	108,012.32	N. H.	20,307.01
Ark.	22,736.65	N. J.	363,458.85
Calif.	900,704.14	N. M.	75,067.36
C. Z.	5,988.71	N. Y.	388,927.86

Colo.	188,809.50	N. C.	124,212.54
Conn.	106,729.12	N. D.	49,891.15
Del., Md., D.C.	66,417.49	Ohio	210,142.62
Fla.	217,214.81	Okla.	53,699.31
Ga.	280,132.08	Ore.	248,550.80
Guam	1,656.84	Pa.	314,077.89
Hawaii	4,846.73	P. I.	2,907.40
Ida.	121,686.77	P. R.	1,502.80
Ill.	364,378.78	R. I.	56,917.02
Ind.	180,080.62	S. C.	53,537.14
Ia.	73,278.98	S. D.	39,218.75
Kan.	88,934.26	Tenn.	79,628.39
Ky.	36,966.51	Tex.	187,002.46
La.	20,690.28	Utah	61,151.09
Me.	25,837.71	Vt.	26,335.58
Mass.	285,973.19	Va.	68,845.64
Mich.	135,961.86	Wash.	257,464.72
Minn.	63,024.69	W. V.	98,414.61
Miss.	14,266.70	Wis.	115,066.58
Mo.	72,467.96	Wyo.	41,951.37
Mont.	90,769.58	Total	6,620,407.89

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News of the State Associations

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Hallinan presided over the Scholarship Session during which scholarships totaling \$19,450 were presented to 49 boys and girls in the presence of their parents following a luncheon in their honor. Committee Chairmen reported that the Elks of the Empire State had set new records in youth programs, with 102,000 children participating in the activities sponsored by 84 lodges at an expense of \$128,000, and also in support of the Elks National Foundation to which individuals and lodges contributed \$19,773 during the year. Past President James A. Gunn, Chairman of both the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee and of the State's New Lodges Committee, announced that eight new lodges, with a total membership of 1,794, had been instituted during the last Association year, and three more had been added since the year's end.

In a Ritualistic Contest participated in by seven teams, Norwich placed first, Rome second and Plattsburg third. Schenectady took top honors in both scoring and attendance in the golf tournament.

After the decision was made to hold next year's meeting in New York City on May 14th, 15th and 16th, the meeting closed with a testimonial luncheon honoring Past President Ronald J. Dunn, recently retired as Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Past

Grand Exalted Ruler Hall served as Toastmaster, introducing the speakers, Arthur M. Umlandt, present Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Horace R. Wisely, a member of that group, and Judge Hallinan. Other distinguished Elks present were Judge John F. Scilleppi of the Grand Forum, Frank D. O'Connor of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, Grand Esquire Thomas F. Dougherty, Mr. Gunn, retiring State President Frank H. McBride, and President-elect Beales.

THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE in its history was reported by Savannah, the host lodge, following the 57th Annual Meeting of the Georgia Elks Association May 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland and Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Edward W. McCabe were in attendance, with Judge McClelland installing the new officers at the banquet which climaxed the affair and introducing the principal speaker, retiring President Henry M. Rosenthal. These officials are M. A. Frohberg, Thomasville, President; James S. Tuten, Waycross, William Hobgood, Jr., Moultrie, J. Stacy Roberts, Elberton, and Bill Cook, Newnan, Vice-Presidents; A. J. Fogel, Augusta, Tiler; Roderick M. McDuffie, Atlanta, Secy-Treas, B. F. Salmon, Jr., Rome, Chaplain, and W. H. Terry, Jr., Thomasville Sgt.-at-Arms.

Atlanta Lodge won the 17-team Ritualistic competition and 24 lodges were awarded inscribed granite plaques for having complied with the 1957-58 President's Nine-Point Program. The James A. Dixon Trophy for the best scrapbook in a project sponsored by the State Publicity Committee went to Columbus Lodge.

The report of the Aidmore Crippled Children's Hospital Committee revealed that more than \$200,000 in cash and pledges had been donated to the hospital during the year. During the session, Most Valuable Student Contest and Youth Leadership Contest awards in the amount of \$1,600 were presented with the first-place boy and girl winners in both competitions, and members of their families, in attendance.

Fine progress was reported by various committee chairmen, among the most important of which was the Veterans Service report on the new program at the Veterans Home at Mill-edgeville State Hospital to which 27 lodges have contributed recreational and athletic equipment.

Moving Memorial Services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church, with Joseph L. Deadwyler, Past Exalted Ruler of both Athens and Elberton Lodges, delivering the eulogy.

MEETING IN SIOUX CITY, the 300 delegates to the Iowa State Elks Association Convention welcomed such distinguished members of the Order as Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner, and Fred L. Bohn, Chairman Arthur M. Umlandt of the Board of Grand Trustees and Lloyd Maxwell, a former Chairman of that Board.

Dr. Wm. H. Ward, Chairman of the Iowa Elks War Commission, made an interesting report in which he revealed that his group spends \$9,600 annually on the entertainment of veterans located in hospitals of the State, to which sum the National Service Commission contributes \$4,800. Arrangements have been completed for the contribution by lodges of Iowa of \$15,000 for the erection of a therapy building at the Crippled Children's Camp which is sponsored by the Iowa Crippled Children's Society.

The Convention Banquet and dance were held on May 24th, the second day of the three-day meeting at which the following were elected: President James Tait, Boone; Vice-Presidents Leonard W. Chase, Grinnell, Roger Cain, Iowa Falls, Robert Weichman, Des Moines, and Russell Shaw, Storm Lake; Trustees Leo P. Ronan, Decorah, C. L. Mattice, Fort Dodge, Harry J. Schmidt, Ames, and Thomas Carroll, Davenport. Secretary Sanford H. Schmalz of Muscatine and Treasurer A. P. Lee of Mar-

1958-1959 GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY: John E. Fenton, Lawrence, Mass., No. 65, Chairman; Benjamin F. Watson, Lansing, Mich. No. 196; Sidney W. Robinson, Reno, Nev., No. 597; Thad Eure, Raleigh, N. C., No. 735, and John T. Raftis, Colville, Wash., No. 1753.

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Vincent H. Grocott, Santa Barbara, Calif., No. 613, Chairman; Nelson E. W. Stuart, Cleveland, Ohio, No. 18; Loris L. Winn, Moscow, Ida., No. 249; Robert L. DeHority, Elwood, Ind., No. 368, and F. T. Benson, Kittaning, Pa., No. 203.

RITUALISTIC: Ronald R. Bringman, San Fernando, Calif., No. 1539, Chairman; Leo P. Ronan, Decorah, Ia., No. 443; Herb L. Odlund, Hoquiam, Wash., No. 1082; Marston S. Bell, Anderson, S. C., No. 1706; Frank H. McBride, Middletown, N. Y., No. 1097; Merle A. Page, Jr., Springfield, Vt., No. 1560, and V. N. Hicks, Dover, N. J., No. 782.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Charles C. Bowie, San Benito, Tex., No. 1661, Chairman; W. L. Hill, Great Falls, Mont. No. 214; Leo B. Carey, West Warwick, R. I., No. 1697; E. F. Fournace, Newark, Ohio, No. 391, and Edwin P. Breen, Grand Rapids, Mich., No. 48.

MEMBERSHIP AND NEW LODGES COMMITTEE: James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, N. Y., No. 1457, Chairman; Hugh L. Hartley, Owosso, Mich., No. 753; Campbell F. Rice, Colorado Springs, Colo., No. 309; Oscar W. Stutheit, Orange, Calif., No. 1475, and Ed. W. McCabe, Nashville, Tenn., No. 72.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE: Joseph F. Bader, Lyndhurst, N. J., No. 1505, Chairman; Ray C. Dobson, Minot, N. D., No. 1089; Guy A. Rich, Littleton, N. H., No. 1831; Billie T. Gresham, Princeton, Ky., No. 1115, and Guy D. Moore, Joplin, Mo., No. 501.

shalltown were again reelected to office.

Waterloo Lodge will be host to the Midwinter Meeting of the Association on December 5th, 6th and 7th.

OHIO'S TOP ELK DIGNITARIES, led by Past Grand Exalted Rulers Dr. Edward J. McCormick and Fred L. Bohn and including Grand Lodge Committeemen Nelson E. W. Stuart, John C. Cochrane and E. Gene Fournace, attended the 60th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association at Columbus.

Opening on May 1st, the four-day meeting started out in a big way with the outstanding celebration of Elks National Youth Day which took place before a crowd of over 2,000 persons on the State House grounds. This observance was selected as the finest of all the Youth Day programs prepared and sponsored by State organizations and was reported in full in the story of Elksdom's top Youth Day events in our July issue.

The Convention's opening ceremonies were held the following day, when Gov. C. William O'Neill and Mayor M. E. Sensenbrenner of Columbus welcomed the delegates, and splendid reports from various officers and committee chairmen were heard. Following this, a stag entertainment program was enjoyed by approximately 350 Elks and in the evening a cabaret dance was held for the members and their ladies.

The following morning saw the Memorial Service conducted under the Chairmanship of Past Pres. H. J. Deal, and later a group of Ohio's Elk officials, including Past Grand Exalted Rulers McCormick and Bohn, welcomed Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge and his secretary, Chester O. Marshall, at the airport. Following the afternoon's business session an impressive demonstration of what can be done to help the cerebral-palsied was conducted by Chairman Russell Minch of the Association's Cerebral Palsy Fund-Raising Committee with the assistance of more than 15 afflicted persons and several therapists.

Prior to this demonstration, Mr. Bohn installed the following officers: President Arthur E. Socin, Bucyrus; Vice-Presidents Dr. D. S. Goldschmidt, Circleville, L. R. Derry, Barnesville, and C. L. Riddle, Willard; Chaplain Rev. Fr. R. J. Connelly, Lancaster; Sgt.-at-Arms D. L. Welling, Bucyrus; Inner Guard E. A. Clay, Toledo; Tiler C. R. Cline, Chillicothe, and Secretary L. E. Strong, Canton, and Treasurer C. S. Cowie, Cincinnati, both of whom were reelected. Trustees are J. D. Quinn, Sidney, M. W. Feigert, Van Wert, and N. A. Bartram, Youngstown.

At the annual banquet, when it was announced that Troy Lodge had won the State Ritualistic Championship, Dr. McCormick introduced Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge whose interesting talk, covering some of his experiences during

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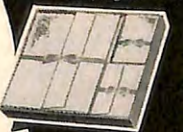
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STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Del., Md., and D. C.	Frederick, Md.	Aug. 14-15-16-17
Virginia	Alexandria	Aug. 16-17-18-19
West Virginia	Huntington	Aug. 21-22-23
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	Aug. 24-25-26-27
Tennessee	Nashville	Sept. 12-13-14
Colorado	Salida	Sept. 18-19-20-21
California	Fresno	Oct. 8-9-10-11
Alaska	Skagway	Oct. 9-10-11

his year of office, was warmly applauded by the 350 Elks and ladies in attendance.

The session closed with the meeting of Ohio's Past Exalted Ruler's Association at which Frank Hallock of Akron was elected President.

MINNESOTA ELKDOM welcomed White Bear Lake Lodge No. 2047 recently to bring the State's total to 25 lodges. A report on this, as well as information on the State Association's Scholarship work, its Youth Activities, Americanism and Veterans Committee programs, the State Elks Youth Camp, and its efforts for the Blind School were offered to the delegates to the June 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Meeting of the organization in Austin.

Many interesting social activities were provided by the host lodge, with the high spot the splendid parade in which numerous bands, floats and marching units participated. The Convention Banquet was a huge success as was the fish fry held on the 6th. Bemidji Lodge's State Championship Ritualistic Team initiated a class of candidates during the meeting at which it was decided that Stillwater would be the locale of the 1959 gathering.

Serving until that time are Norman Hansen, Alexandria, President; Chet Nelson, Crookston, Edward B. Schliesing, St. Paul, and E. Archie Cook, St. Cloud, Vice-Presidents; C. W. Wilkinson, Duluth, Secretary; L. E. Moening, Owatonna, Treasurer, and Phil Johnson, St. Paul, Carl A. Carlson, Bemidji, and Fred J. Bieber, Minneapolis, Trustees.

MERIDEN'S ELKS were hosts to the 29th Annual Convention of the Connecticut Elks Association on June 6th and 7th. Called to order by retiring President A. Clayton Weisner, with representatives of all 30 lodges of the State on hand, the Convention opened with the invocation by State Chaplain John J. Ward of Meriden, following which Mayor Henry D. Altobello, a member of Meriden Lodge, and Exalted Ruler Arthur F. Polvani welcomed the delegates. Guests of the conclave included Chairman James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and former Grand Lodge Committeeman Arthur J. Roy.

The Association's scholarship awards were presented to Miss Lee Baretelli who received \$1,200; Miss May Joan

Hoeffler, a recipient of a \$1,000 award, and Miss Marilyn Taylor, an \$800 award winner. Miss Baretelli also received the State's third-place prize for Youth Leadership, in which top honors went to Miss Ellen M. Moran with Richard Brown Yules in second place. Westbrook Lodge took the Ritualistic title over Bristol and Danbury entries, in that order, with its donor, Mr. Roy, personally presenting the Arthur J. Roy State Championship Trophy.

It was reported at the meeting that the Elks of the Nutmeg State had contributed nearly \$10,000 to the Elks National Foundation during the past fiscal year, and it was decided by the delegates that the Association will embark on a campaign to raise \$11,000 for the Newington Home and Hospital for Crippled Children. At the Meriden meeting, delegates and visitors had the opportunity to see the \$15,000 bus which the Association presented to this institution a few months ago.

Dr. George A. Caillouette of Manchester is the Association's new President, with John J. Gillespie of Bridgeport and John W. Winn of Winsted as Vice-Presidents. Re-elected to office were Secretary Thaddeus J. Pawlowski of Norwich and Treasurer John J. Nugent of Ansonia. Norwich Elk Thomas F. Dorsey was named a five-year Trustee, joining L. I. Olmstead of Southington, T. F. Winters of Bristol, J. P. Gilbert of Danbury and C. W. Bennett of Middletown.

JUDGE JOHN S. McCLELLAND, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, together with Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt, Grand Inner Guard Louis E. Burmester, and Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman Marston S. Bell, were guests of the South Carolina Elks Association at its June 13th and 14th Convention at Orangeburg.

Over 300 Elks and their ladies, including 21 former District Deputies and Past State Presidents, attended the meeting at which an Elks National Foundation Scholarship winner, and seven \$400 State Association award winners received their prizes from Scholarship Committee Chairman A. J. Baumann. Six State awards were made for Youth Leadership—in addition to one provided by the Grand Lodge—with Chairman L. M. Ridgeway officiating.

A very impressive joint Flag Day program was conducted and in the Ritualistic Contest in which five teams vied for State honors, Rock Hill Lodge captured top honors with Sumter in second place and Charleston, third.

Hal P. Porter of Anderson was elected President of the Association, with Jas. P. Jervy, Jr., of Orangeburg and Wade H. Wilburn, Jr., of Union as Vice-Presidents. James E. Parker of Rock Hill Lodge continues as Secretary-Treasurer for the third term. • •

For Elks Who Travel

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sunset will be reflected in an artificial lake.

If any more vivid proof of the futility of war were needed, it would certainly be provided by a visit to Berlin, doubtless the worst devastated capital in the world after this most recent carnage. With all of the German industry and energy about which we have read so much, Berlin is still a city of wide gaping holes, of dead plains even on the Western side. The East is a dismal cemetery, except perhaps for the show-piece of the Communists, one stretch called Stalinalee, which looks as if it had been grafted from Moscow.

Across the border, in the Western sector, the Kurfürstendamm is a long avenue of lights and shops, too long to walk at one stretch. In the summer sunshine, Berliners drink beer at the outdoor cafes, stroll along the Tiergarten, now being rebuilt, and admire the new skyscraping apartment houses whose plans were contributed by many architects all over the world. The shops are full of goods; one new hotel, the Berlin, has recently opened; and a new Hilton, rising high above the flatlands, is scheduled for a winter opening—much to the chagrin, I suspect, of the people on the other side, whose press has been attacking it. Berlin is one of the world's most interesting cities; it is ironic that such devastation has made it so. • •



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We neglected in an item in last month's column on the American Motel Association to mention their Sportel Guide and

Guest Guide. These are published in addition to their regular Motel Guide. The Sportel Guide has a listing of accommodations for sportsmen and the Guest Guide lists inns, lodges and guest houses. Send a three-cent stamp for a free copy to American Motel Association, 2 Godwin Ave., Ridgewood, N. J.

The boatel, the equivalent of the Motel, except it is on the water, is becoming a popular spot for tourists. More of them are being built and we have word from France of a "first" in Europe. Built on the shores of Lac du Borget, the boatel will have in addition to its boat garage, a car garage and service station, a bar, a panoramic restaurant on the lakefront and thirty rooms, all with bath or shower. In French the name for the new lodging is "Batotel", from the word *bateau*, meaning boat.

All of you who are Mexico-bound this summer and later in the year would do well to look up Bill Nagle in Mexico City. Bill and his wife run one of the

top tour agencies in the city. They offer some 19 tours, including 12 which are known as "At Your Pleasure Tours" for those who wait until they reach Mexico City to make arrangements. We have folders outlining these tours; or write to Bill Nagle, Avenue Sonora, 208-210-B, Mexico, D. F.

And while on the subject of Mexico, we would like to recommend the latest issue of "Motoring in Mexico", published by the Travel Division of Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. Send 25 cents for a copy and you will find it a tremendous help, particularly if this is your first trip to the land South of the Border.

The number of customs forms which United States residents have to fill out, in order to send purchases made in Canada back home, has been reduced to one—U. S. Customs Form 3351. Previously, it was necessary to make out three forms to do the job now done by one.

Let the Horns Blow

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give his last piece of bread to a good McDougal hound. A strange way for things to be, but that's how they were.

So it was the day of the annual meet and Karen and I were almost afraid to dream as she held the seasoned star of the McDougal pack, and I the promising young hope of the Duffeys. Since I was a Duffey and she a McDougal, Karen and I had known very little of each other until we had happened to go away to the same college. It was there I had first noticed that she had the slenderness of a valley pine, and that her eyes were blue like the pools of Willow Creek and her hair the gold of a sunset behind Whispering Hill. It was there we had first begun to dream of a house in Whippoorwill Valley. It was a tradition among our hills and valleys that the youngsters who went away to the wars and to school always came back to settle.

When we returned from college we found that news of our love had preceded us and was common knowledge among the McDougals and the Duffeys. There was much bitterness over it. A hundred years of McDougals and Duffeys had known no love for each other.

On my side of the family, Uncle Kane Duffey, leader of the clan, didn't like it. He was a short, bow-legged man with a belligerent mustache and a head as bald as a September onion. "Marrying a Duffey to a McDougal is like crossing a good, honest hound with a no-good, flop-eared potlicker," he said.

On the other side, Old Loftus McDougal, leader of the McDougal clan, blew up a storm. He was a giant of a man with hawk eyes, a Santa Claus

beard and long white hair which always looked as if it had been in the path of a tornado. "My niece marrying a Duffey," he stormed. "I'd sooner she'd tie up with a wet skunk."

But then the day of the annual foxhound trials had come and Sally Dawn, the great McDougal hound had won. It was the first McDougal win in five years. Old Loftus was so happy over it that he danced on the hilltop. Then in his moment of delirious joy he grabbed my hand. "Why not marry a McDougal to a Duffey?" he had said. "Might make a good cross. I'll give you that strip of land down by the creek, Boy. Build a house on it. The day it's finished you and Karen can marry and move into it."

So, with no deed at all and no more words, I had begun to collect material for the house. It wasn't easy. Money was scarce, so I hauled logs from the woods and had them sawed into lumber. Then I had to wait for the lumber to dry. It was several months after the October Hound Trials before I could lay the foundation. Even after that, with no labor except my own, things moved slowly. As time for the next foxhound trials neared, I had only completed the frame work and the roof.

Then one day Karen had come to me as I worked on the house. She was pale and much disturbed. "Don't drive another nail, Peter," she said. "Uncle Loftus has heard about Smokey Joe, the young Duffey hound, and he's afraid Sally Dawn won't have a chance this year. He blustered and roared this morning and said mean things about every Duffey of the name. Then he hammered the wall with his fist and told



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his having completed 100,000 miles of air travel. Mr. Stover Deats, Station Ground Service Manager for United at Grand Island, Nebr., is shown making the presentation to Mr. Blackledge. Looking on are United Air Lines Grand Island Station Agent Paul Harvey (at left) and Exalted Ruler Merle Herring of Kearney Lodge.

me that if Sally Dawn lost there'd be no house and no wedding."

I stared at her for a moment in silence and saw the beginning of tears in her eyes. I took her into my arms and gently stroked her hair. "He can't stop us now, Darling," I said, knowing even as I said it that it wasn't true.

"But he can, Peter," she said. "This happens to be his land. We have no deed to it. So if Sally Dawn loses you've been driving nails for Uncle Loftus."

"What a fool I've been," I said bitterly. "What a fool to do all this without a title to the land. If Sally loses we might as well go away and marry and live somewhere else. We don't have to buckle down to an old man. There are other places to live."

"There are other places, Peter," she said, "but we belong here. For generations these hills and valleys have been the heritage of our people. We used to say in college that we'd like to come back and help make this a better place to live. It's where we belong if we can find peace here."

"If we can't find it here we'll find it somewhere else," I said. "Unfortunately, we descended from two of the feudingest, fightingest families in the state. Peace doesn't reign for long around here. We may have to get a thousand miles away to find permanent peace."

A tiny smile touched her face. "You must remember, Peter, that you're a Duffey and I'm a McDougal," she said. "So wherever we go there may be war. It's likely that you and I will continue the feuding."

"It'll be a pleasure to feud with you."

We were silent then for a long time. Finally, Karen placed a thumb under my chin and pushed upward. "Chin up, Peter," she said. "Maybe Sally Dawn

will win and everything will be all right. If she wins, Uncle Loftus will feel good enough to give us a deed right off."

So the great day of the hound trials had come again, and the signal horns were sounding, their voices surging across the valley and coming back as echoes from the hills beyond. All the McDougals and Duffeys were there, even from the ancient ones down to cradle babies. There was Old Grandma McDougal, small and shriveled and long past due in the Promised Land. She leaned on a cane and peered out from under a bonnet at the hounds. "Let the horns blow," she shrieked. "Blowing horns and singing hounds put me as near heaven as I can get on earth."

There was Uncle Ludlow Duffey, too ancient and feeble to lead the Duffey clan, but with strength enough left in his bony frame to lean against a pine sapling and bellow, "Swing your tail, Red Fox, the hounds are rarin' to go." He had already had his tombstone made. It was carved into the likeness of a fox and bore the inscription, "This old fox has holed up for the night. He'll run again tomorrow."

Then there were the babies, only recently arrived on this earth. The day on Whispering Hill meant nothing to them, but it would. They would come to know and look forward to it as generations of their ancestors had done. Even the bobby-soxers of the McDougals and Duffeys were there.

Old Loftus McDougal and Uncle Kane Duffey were the horn blowers. They stood in front of the line of hounds with their horns tilted upward and blew until their faces reddened from the strain, then rested and gathered more breath and blew again. No one remembered when horn blowing had

become a part of the annual meet. There was really no reason for it because the hounds were always there and needed no calling, but it was a traditional thing and the day would have seemed incomplete without it.

Beyond the horn blowers a boy sat among the low limbs of a tree with a white handkerchief in his hand. He was in the tree so as not to be in the way of the hounds when they broke away from the starting line. After ten minutes of blowing, Old Loftus and Uncle Kane gave a final blast, then stepped back behind the line of hounds. Every eye was immediately lifted to the boy in the tree. He slowly stretched forth his arm and let the handkerchief flutter earthward. Before it had fallen a foot all the hounds were free. Without a yelp or a backward look they raced across the hill, being too well-bred to hesitate or to babble. They would only give mouth when they struck the trail.

And there was silence on the hill after their going. McDougals and Duffeys moved to vantage points on the rim rock and stood listening. I noted that Old Loftus stood with hands cupped to his ears as if fearing he would miss the first hound cry. Nearby stood Uncle Kane Duffey, leaning forward.

But the one I noticed most was Karen McDougal. Dressed in a green skirt and jacket to match, she was standing a little apart from the others and her face was toward the valley where our unfinished house was in plain view beside the creek. A brightly colored scarf was tied loosely around her head and the hill wind was gently fingering the truant strands of hair which had escaped the scarf. I thought I had never seen her more beautiful. I moved near her. She turned toward me with a smile.

"I was just thinking, Peter," she said, "how nice it would be if you and I were living down there beside the creek."

"I was thinking the same thing, Darling," I said. "It seems strange and unfair that our future should be riding on the heels of a hound."

"I guess it is, Peter," she said. "Strange things have always happened among these hills. I was breathing a small prayer as I looked down into the valley—a prayer that everything would come out right for us today."

There was a sudden excited murmuring of voices as a hound cry leaped up from the far side of the hill. There was no mistaking that voice. It was a musical, high-pitched yodel which began like the singing of Willow Creek and died like the whispering of the wind in a hilltop pine. Even the teen-agers on Whispering Hill knew that Sally Dawn had nosed the trail of a red fox.

"Cold trail," bellowed Old Loftus. "Cold trail, but they'll warm it fast."

"He might as well get ready to run," growled Uncle Kane. "He'd better stretch his legs while there's time."

There came a few moments of silence,

terminated by the cry of another hound. This time it was like the voice of a wild goose with a cold wind pushing at his tail. "That's a Duffey hound," I said. "Litter mate to Smokey Joe."

"That's Whirlwind," yelled Uncle Ludlow Duffey. "When he's talking the red fox had better listen."

Other hounds began to give voice as the trail warmed. But it was Sally Dawn who was talking more freely than any other. "Have you heard Smokey Joe?" asked Karen.

"Not yet," I said. "He won't say much on a cold trail, but when it warms he'll talk plenty. I'm afraid he'll talk us right out of a house and home in Whip-poorwill Valley."

The trailing pack swung nearer and there was more eagerness in the voices of the hounds. Then there was a new voice among them—a deep roaring one which overflowed the hill and seeped into the valley beyond. "That's Smokey Joe," I said. "The trail's much warmer."

"Sounds like the Voice of Doom," said Karen. "Look at Uncle Loftus. He knows that voice and he's afraid for Sally Dawn."

Old Loftus was clenching and unclenching his fists and scowling in the direction of the hounds. "That hound sounds like a lion," he growled.

"He's talking business," snapped Uncle Kane. "When he speaks the fox scent is strong."

The trailing pack burst suddenly into full cry, and the mingling of voices was like the roaring of water released from a dam or the rushing of wind through a mixed forest of oaks and pines. "They've jumped him," I said. "He'd better run for his life."

Karen shivered. "We have so much at stake, Peter," she said.

"He's coming this way," shouted Old Loftus. "Everyone stand still."

The roar of the approaching hounds shut out every other sound. Just as they crested the hill, the fox—a big, red fellow with a white tipped tail—came into view. He was running smoothly and seemingly without effort, his head high and his big tail swinging merrily. He passed within thirty steps of us.

He had barely disappeared when the hounds swept into view. The fox scent was so strong that there was no need for them to nose the ground, so they were running with heads and tails high, and the spine-tingling sound of their crying was like nothing else on earth. They were gone in a moment like a multitude of black and white phantoms.

"Which hound was ahead, Peter?" "No hound was really ahead, Karen," I said. "They were running tightly packed. As the race lengthens, though, the better hounds will forge ahead."

For thirty minutes there was no sound at all of the hounds. The fox had led them completely out of our hearing. Then we heard them coming back up the valley and around the edge of the

hill. It was evident from the sound of their voices that about a dozen hounds had pulled ahead of the main pack. Among them I recognized the yodeling of Sally Dawn and the roaring of Smokey Joe.

"That old fox is separating the weak from the strong," said Uncle Ludlow, "and he'll do some more separating before he's finished."

Again the fox crossed the hill in plain view of the crowd. He was still running with head high and tail swinging. The first hounds to come in sight were Sally Dawn and Smokey Joe. They were running side by side and the nearest hound to them was twenty yards back. "It's between the two of them, Peter," said Karen with a catch in her voice. "It's between the two of them, and I'm afraid Sally Dawn is too old to hold out."

"But experience is on her side, Karen," I said, though she had voiced my fear. It was the first time I had ever wanted a McDougal hound to win.

Old Loftus was pacing back and forth along the rimrock, and his face was stormy. There was little doubt but that his fears for Sally Dawn had increased.

Thirty minutes later the fox crossed the hill for the third time. He was no longer the cocky fellow he had been at the beginning. His tongue was out, his tail drooping, and his lead on the hounds had decreased. When the hounds came, Smokey Joe was twenty yards ahead of Sally Dawn and the nearest hound behind Sally was fully a hundred yards back. But down the hill a short way the fox made a sharp turn. In his eagerness to stay ahead, Smokey ran past the turn. Sally turned correctly and gained a hundred yards.

But when we heard them returning for the fourth time, Smokey Joe had gained the lost ground and the two seemed to be running side by side.

The tension on the hill was so great that no one was talking. A McDougal hound and a Duffey hound were feuding it out just as the McDougals and Duffeys had always done. I glanced at Karen.

"Steady, Darling," I said. She touched my hand and managed a tiny smile.

Suddenly the yodeling of Sally Dawn ceased. For a moment there was no sound of her. Then her voice arose in a frantic, prolonged howl.

"Something's happened to Sally Dawn," roared Old Loftus.

Every man and boy who was able ran down the hill toward her. The things I had learned as a member of the college track team came back to me and I raced ahead of the others. Half a mile from the hill, I found her trapped halfway down a precipitous bluff. She had evidently lost her footing as she raced around the rim. An elm growing on one side of the steep drop had sent a root the size of my arm across the hard, sun-baked soapstone and into the good soil on the other side. In falling Sally had

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Photographs, such as the above, showing Michael DeLeo, a 1941 "Most Valuable Student" award winner contributing \$100 to the Foundation to become a Participating Member, confirm that the Order's efforts and support are being returned. Shaking hands with him is Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, who awarded Mr. DeLeo his scholarship at the Grand Lodge Session in July, 1941. From an accompanying memorandum sent to us, we would like to briefly review the 17-year interim.

In the fall, September 14, 1941, Mr. DeLeo entered Harvard University, but his courses were interrupted by World War II. He entered the U. S. Army in May, 1943, and served in the 11th Armored Division as Staff Sergeant until his honorable discharge in October 1945, having received three battle stars and the Purple Heart. He returned to his studies at Harvard University in February 1946, and maintained his standing on the Dean's List until graduation in June 1947, when he entered Harvard Law School. He later established his own insurance business.

As Michael DeLeo looks to the past when financial assistance helped him obtain a career, the present sees him as a Director of the Everett Cooperative Bank, a five years' husband, and father of two children, and a member of Everett, Mass., Lodge for the last ten years.

Elks National Foundation Night proved effective for Binghamton, N. Y., Lodge, and the results were indicative of its success. Arrangements were made to have three therapists from the local cerebral palsy center appear before the lodge with three young patients to participate in a demonstration, held in the lodge room. Photograph was taken of the children who participated in this demonstration, Exalted Ruler Frank R. Blauvelt, Binghamton Foundation Chairman H. L. Gibson and Miss Connie Kirkland. Miss Kirkland is a recipient of a Foundation scholarship and is now making use of her education by helping the cerebral palsy children at the Binghamton center.



caught a hind foot between the root and the bank and there she hung, head downward, with her full weight pulling against the trapped foot.

I scrambled down to the elm and tested the root. It seemed strong enough to support me, so holding to it with my hands, and pressing my knees against the bluff, I began to work my way toward her. "Easy, Sally," I called as she howled and struggled vainly to free herself. I didn't like the looks of the jagged rocks fifty feet below me. If the root failed to hold, that's where I would be.

Before I had gone far, the crowd had gathered at the rim of the bluff. "Cut a long vine, Somebody," roared Old Loftus. By the time I had reached the hound a vine was being lowered to me. By using one hand and my teeth I managed to knot it in her collar. Then those on the rim pulled and took her weight off the foot so I could release it. When it was free they hoisted her to the top of the bluff.

I was sweaty and trembling by the time I had worked my way back along the root to firm ground. When I reached the top of the bluff Old Loftus and Uncle Kane were examining Sally Dawn. "Foot's hurt, but not broken," said Uncle Kane.

Old Loftus looked up squarely into my face. "That was a noble thing you did for my hound," he said gruffly. "I won't forget it, Boy."

"We'll count it no race today, Loftus," said Uncle Kane. "After what happened to Sally Dawn it wouldn't be fair to count it."

When we reached the top of the hill the fox had holed up and the running was over. I went quickly to Karen and was explaining what had happened when I felt a heavy hand on my shoulder. I turned to face Old Loftus. "We'll go to town tomorrow, Boy," he said, "and fix up the deed to that land by the creek."

As I sought for words Karen tiptoed and kissed him, and there were tears in her eyes.

"Don't spatter me, Young Lady," he snorted. "Save your tears for later. You'll need them living with a Duffey."

So Karen and I live in the valley between the high hills of the McDougals and Duffeys, and do a little feuding like the McDougals and Duffeys have always done. But Karen still has the slenderness of a valley pine, and her eyes are blue like the pools of Willow Creek, and her hair is golden like a sunset behind Whispering Hill.

And we have a little guy—a cross between a McDougal and a Duffey. Already he can climb to a high rock and set the hounds to howling with his hunting horn.

"He blows a high note like a McDougal," says Uncle Loftus.

"Blows a low note like a Duffey," says Uncle Kane. ● ●

In the Dog House

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with lightning speed when charging an enemy or escaping a danger.

From the Newfoundland came the Chesapeake Bay retriever. The story behind this begins with the wreck of an English brig off the coast of Maryland in 1807. The crew was rescued by the American vessel *Canton* and with the crew were two Newfoundland puppies. Brought to shore, the pups were crossed with local dogs and in time the Chesapeake emerged as a distinct breed. A strong dash of Newfoundland blood enters into the development of the Labrador retriever. Down where I buy my groceries, the south shore of Long Island, New York, you couldn't throw a brick, if you wanted to throw one, without hitting either of these retrievers. It's great duck country, calling for the best of water retrievers; and there are none better than those two good breeds. Oddly enough, although the Newfoundland is an American dog, it was the interest and work of English breeders that established the type we have today. And it was those same breeders who kept alive the interest in the breed which, while it is not among the most popular dogs, is slowly winning greater recognition by those who appreciate good dogs. The first Newfoundland to be shown was at the Birmingham, England, dog show in 1860, but the English Kennel Club did not begin to register the breed until 1878.

Back in 1876, water trial rules were adopted and these have been followed pretty closely ever since. The Newfoundland is required to jump into the water from a height and recover a floating object (an effigy of a man preferably). The dog is timed for speed in bringing the object to shore. There is also a score for intelligence and quickness in handling and towing a small boat to shore.

It is not without reason that the Newfoundland has been called the life-saving dog. To list the many rescues these dogs have achieved would be impossible within the limits of one article. Here's a single instance. A ship, the *Ethie*, pounding to pieces off the Nova Scotia shore, had her lifeboats swept away while repeated attempts were made from the shore to reach the vessel. One man was drowned in the course of the action. As a final effort, a line was attached to a Newfoundland's collar and the dog ordered to swim to the boat. It is hardly necessary to describe what it means to be in a boat while a violent storm is raging; if you've ever had the experience, you'll not forget it soon. The dog reached the boat. A boatswain's chair was rigged and all on the ship were saved. Thereafter, attached to the collar of the dog was a medal awarded by Lloyds of London.

Not only is the Newfoundland perhaps the best of all dogs in the water, but he's a highly capable fellow on land as well. In his own rocky, rugged native country, he's used to haul cordwood cut by the farmers, who hitch the dogs to sleds traveling over dry land or snow; and the Newfoundland is frequently employed to carry mail to districts far beyond railroad terminals. He can be trained to hunt, and hunt well, too; and no better guard dog exists. Being an amiable pup, he's one of the best as companion and guardian for children. He's big and strong enough and patient enough to endure the mauling that youngsters will sometimes inflict on a dog.

IT was Newfoundland blood that helped save the St. Bernard as a breed. During the middle of the last century, an epidemic nearly wiped out those famous dogs of the Alps. A strong infusion of Newfoundland blood restored the breed, which before that time had been short-haired dogs. Today, the most popular of the two varieties of the St. Bernard is the rough-coated, the coat being an inheritance from the Newfoundland.

Throughout the years the Newfoundland's fine qualities have endeared him to many people, some of them the most important of their time. King George III of England (Remember him? Boston gave him a tea party some years ago) was fond of the breed, as was Lord Byron and that famous biographer James Boswell, as well as Napoleon—whose life a Newfoundland was credited with saving when he fell from a small boat while escaping from the island of Elba. It was a Newfoundland that sprang into the water and towed the exiled Emperor back to the boat. As the story goes, Napoleon couldn't swim and the prompt action of the dog had far-reaching effects on the subsequent course of European history.

To close this with an odd fact or two about the "newf", a tour through Webster's dictionary reveals that Mr. Webster advises us to accent the second syllable when we speak of the Newfoundland dog, but to put the accent on the first syllable as NEWfoundland when referring to that island, which may come as a surprise to some of the Islanders, where the practice is to accent the second syllable. It was the previously mentioned Lord Byron who gave us what is perhaps one of the most eloquent tributes to a dog, when he wrote these lines in memory to his beloved Newfoundland: "Boatswain . . . possesses beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity and all virtues of man without his vices."

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ant and businessman, I feel that the best contribution my leadership can make to the progress of the Elks is through a business approach. I intend to emphasize a business administration for the express purpose of helping to build strong lodges. My program is aimed, therefore, at Lodge betterment through improved administration and through increased pride of membership.

You subordinate lodge officers—the Order's branch managers—must accept your full responsibility as administrators of the affairs of your lodge. We must have leaders who will lead. I will require that my district deputies make a searching, businesslike examination of our weak lodges and demand the correction of the causes of weakness.

As a first matter of good business, I intend to attack the lapsation problem by recommending the adoption of a uniform subordinate lodge credit policy regarding delinquent members and a collection plan containing suggested proven collection letters and ideas. If it is necessary to drop those delinquents whose interest in the Order cannot be regained through a vigorous collection campaign, then we will have to work harder to replace them with members of more substantial caliber. I look to you to face this administrative duty honestly and fearlessly. We cannot tolerate the continuation of indolent lapsation procedures which unnecessarily drain our Order of good members.

Pride of membership is the key to growth, progress and achievement in our Order. If the officers of our subordinate lodges, aided by the Past Exalted Rulers, do a good job of administration, their leadership will develop those programs which will result in increased pride of membership. I want a campaign of vigorous action. Our lodges must enlarge their participation in State Association projects and in the benevolent programs of the Grand Lodge. These greater charitable accomplishments will result in increased pride of membership. They will go far toward solving our present lapsation problem and attracting new members. Be proud leaders of your lodge! Be proud of the glorious record of the Order's past and grasp the great opportunities of the future!

It is good business also to improve the quality and condition of our lodge and club quarters. Perhaps we can't all have new buildings but there is no excuse for us to have dirty, run-down quarters. Old buildings with no improvements over the years indicate lack of progress and pride. Any lodge, with a little good administrative effort on the part of the officers and Past Exalted Rulers, can raise the necessary money to make its present quarters clean and

attractive. Let's dress up our Lodge buildings—at least paint and clean them! Such a program will increase pride of membership and attract new members.

I feel that we have been guilty of complacency. As Grand Exalted Ruler, I shall be frank and truthful. In many places we have failed to get results by patting weak lodges on the back or patting leaders on the back when it was not merited. I do not intend to do so. I do not have a defeatist attitude and I will not accept "can't" as an excuse for inaction. We cannot sell inferior goods nor can we achieve our goal with inferior salesmen. Good administration by dedicated, enthusiastic leaders will develop programs and obtain results which will lead to increased pride of membership.

I want this to be a year of subordinate lodge betterment through improved administration. I will demand that officers and committeemen in subordinate lodges accept and fulfill their responsibilities. I promise that wherever I find an officer shirking his duty, I shall use the full power of my office and the laws of the Order to correct the condition or remove the offender. Likewise, if I find a lodge shirking its duty and thus bringing criticism and discredit to the Order, I shall not hesitate to suspend or revoke the charter of the lodge. My statutory duty to institute disciplinary action is mandatory.

I recently heard a prominent speaker say—"This is the time for doers, not dreamers . . .". It sounded sensible until I thought it over. To progress, we must have both—doers and dreamers. It takes dreamers to have vision and inspiration; to create desire in the hearts of doers; and to lend romance to our Order and its achievements! I thank God that our Order has had great dreamers in its glorious history and pray that we shall always have them. We are grateful for the dreamers who founded our Order on practical principles—charity, justice, brotherly love, patriotism—all bound together by fidelity—an easy-to-practice everyday creed for living. We are proud that other dreamers in the Order thought of practical applications of these principles through the formation of the Elks National Foundation, the Elks National Service Commission, the Elks National Home, and the Youth Activities Committee, and that dreamers throughout the country have demonstrated through State Associations and subordinate lodges the application of the cardinal principles of the Order in all kinds of charitable, community, patriotic, and youth activities which are for the good of our fellowman. What a glorious inheritance we who compose the Order today have received from the great dreamers of yesterday! The exe-

cution or realization of the dream, however, must be accomplished by the doers. Our inheritance also includes the work of these doers which has resulted in the high achievements of our Order and its sterling reputation as a charitable and patriotic fraternity. We are grateful for the hard work of all the doers in our Order's past which has led up to this exalted position as a fraternal Order. Yes, in the Order of Elks, we are proud of the record established by the dreamers and doers of the past and I say to you that this is *still* the time for dreamers and doers! It is now our time upon the stage of action—our turn to carry the lighted torch!

A prominent salesman, now retired, summed up his success in three words: ". . . AND THEN SOME." "I discovered at an early age," he said, "that most of the difference between AVERAGE people and TOP people could be explained in three words. The TOP people did what was expected of them—and then some. They were thoughtful

of others; they were considerate and kind—and then some. They met their obligations and responsibilities fairly and squarely—and then some. They were good friends to their friends—and then some. They could be counted upon in any emergency—and then some." I expect to discharge my duties as your leader with every thought and every ounce of strength I can muster—and then some.

My Brothers, with your help we can make our Order greater and stronger in the service of humanity and in the sight of God. We can raise it to an even more respected place in the opinion of all our fellowmen. We can preserve for our children and grandchildren an enhanced inheritance of freedom, liberty, justice, charity, and good will. We can add to the glorious record already established by the great dreamers and doers of the past. I hope I can count on your cooperation; that you will play ball with the team; that you strive to win with everything you have—AND THEN SOME!

Rod and Gun

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and tackle all set to go as soon as the clock struck twelve, his quitting time.

"A week ago today I took a fine mess," he said proudly. "They were so big I put them on the scales when I got home. They weighed just over a pound and a half."

"A pound and a half!" I exclaimed. "That is a big bream!"

"Well, you see," he explained a little less enthusiastically, "they didn't each weigh a pound and a half. That was the whole string."

But he soon recovered from my dose of cold water and waxed more and more exuberant as the clock approached noon. I marveled that so much enthusiasm could be generated by sunnies, but he had the fever. He was alive.

"I'll see you on the river," was his parting remark as he rushed out the door, brown crickets and all. And he did! We had planned to do some plug-casting for bass, but his enthusiasm changed our minds. We had with us a two-ounce fly rod and some small trout flies, and we had fun with the little bream, although we didn't catch any that would weigh a pound, even by the dozen. When we told him so that evening, he was genuinely disappointed.

"You shouldn't have been back there in the cypress," he explained. "The big ones are deep, out in mid-channel, and you must use brown crickets."

Another bream fisherman we knew was equally positive about the quality of certain worms as bream bait, and he took pride in the bed where he cultivated them meticulously. The bed was divided into two sections, one for the common garden-variety of worm for ordinary fish, and the other section de-

voted to a special variety, the red wiggler, which he admitted was irresistible to bream. In time his neighbor's chickens located the worm bed, and of course they went for the red wigglers. Previously they had pulled his corn, pecked his tomatoes and eaten his beans. He had called the neighbor's attention to the devastated garden in a mild and gentlemanly fashion and had done his harvesting in the super market. When he saw them in his red wiggler bed, that was different. He rushed out of the house, shotgun in hand, and ground-slucied four of them on the spot. He then informed the neighbor heatedly where and why he had shot them and told him to come get them, he might as well eat them.

"Me? Eat one of those things?" exclaimed the neighbor. "They've been eating worms!"

At this point the bream fisherman informed us that the most amicable thing between neighbors was a high board fence.

Bream fishermen all through the South swear by particular baits, some of them even more exotic than red wigglers or brown crickets: catalpa worms, cockroaches, bee larvae, corn borers, cabbage worms and even spiders, which is evidence to me that the sunny is a guileless little fellow with a strong stomach—stronger, at least, than that of the chicken man.

Sunfish are so thoroughly distributed that they afford local fishing to almost everyone. Also widespread, but not so welcome, is the German carp. Actually this fish is of Asiatic origin, but was brought first to Europe, then, unfortunately, from Germany to America in the

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UNVEIL MEMORIAL TO PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER SULLIVAN

On June 4th at Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline, Mass., the Memorial Monument to Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan was unveiled at a Service conducted by Right Reverend Monsignor William J. Daly, St. Columbkille's Parish, Brighton, Mass.

Mr. Sullivan was Grand Exalted Ruler in 1942-1943, and passed away May 25th, 1957. Present at the Service, in the photograph above, were

from left: Reverend William J. Daly, Mrs. E. Mark Sullivan, Shelia Bowen, granddaughter of Mr. Sullivan, Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson, James T. Hallinan and John F. Malley.

Following a solo by William J. Hart, the Service was opened by Mr. Malley, and both Mr. Nicholson and Judge Hallinan paid tributes to our late Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

1880's, which accounts for the name. This coarse fish soon swept over the States like a plague and is the spoiler of many otherwise clear and pleasant fishing waters. One female carp is said to produce about two million eggs—who counted them I don't know—and the young may grow to eight or nine inches in a year, which is one reason they took over so rapidly and completely.

Like the starling, the English sparrow, the brown rat and the common house mouse—all from Europe—it is a pity that the carp was ever introduced; but as long as he is here and available to everyone, we should make the best of him. He offers sport in that he is a challenging fish to take on a hook and line. He feeds somewhat like a pig, rooting in the bottom mud and eating whatever small animal and vegetable life he can find there. His usual method of doing this is to suck in a mouthful of muck, blow it out in a cloud, then sort out the food from the sand and silt as it is suspended in the water. This in itself makes him difficult to take on a hook and line, but in addition—in spite of his dull, stupid appearance—

he is quite shy and difficult to approach.

All in all he is a demanding fish to hook, more so than most game fish, and is therefore satisfying. The best method I know is to bait or chum carp by sinking a sack of stale bread or corn to lure them to a chosen spot. Occasionally they will eat a small worm, but a better bait would be a kernel of corn or a doughball. The best tackle, as in all bait fishing, is a spinning outfit because of its fine line and gentle touch. And, once hooked, a carp will put up quite a tussle. I once landed a 33-pounder, so I know. I must admit that I cheated by casting a plug over his back and foul-hooking him, but anything is fair where a carp is concerned.

Another fish available to almost everyone and commonly overlooked, is the sucker. One of the most exciting trout I ever hooked, when I was about ten years old, turned out to be an 18-inch sucker. I was disappointed to find that I had only a lowly sucker when I landed him, but his size plus the help of some fast water gave me a tremendous thrill for a few minutes.

The sucker is also primarily a bottom

feeder, although he will take a small worm readily. However, the approach must be reasonably cautious; and again a spinning outfit, which has a deceptively fine line and which will cast a bait as light as a worm, is the appropriate tackle.

But backyard fishing doesn't necessarily limit a person to rough fish such as carp and suckers. Usually there are bass, perch, pickerel, pike, trout or some other game fish within reach of most. The secret is to learn the waters and the habits of the particular fish as thoroughly as possible. If we do, and stick with it, we will have some pleasant surprises.

An example of this were some crappies my brothers and I located in a small lake where we spent part of each summer when we were no bigger than fingerlings ourselves. When we first saw some of them finning lazily in the clear water, we thought we had discovered the largest of all sunfish. We were frustrated when they ignored our choicest angleworms time after time. We excitedly reported our discovery to our Dad when he arrived for his weekend visit, and he informed us that they were undoubtedly crappie, which are one of the few that consider a worm unfit food for a fish. Their preference on the fish menu is a minnow, raw and wiggling. With this knowledge and through a meeting of minds of the entire family, we eventually devised an infallible method of taking them.

We knew the exact location of the school where it idled in a cove just outside a point of lily pads. As a lure we used a full streamer fly with a small spinner at the head, and we trolled this slowly past the crappie. However, we learned not to disturb them by rowing the boat directly over them. Instead we took a wide sweep around the school and trolled the fly on a long line. In the process of making an arc around the fish, the fly would take a shortcut across and over them, in effect like completing a successful hook cast to a wary trout. We also eventually learned not to set the hook on the first indication of a hit. It's the nature of a crappie to make inquisitive passes, or nibbles, at a fly before striking solidly. The tip of the fly rod would bob slightly two or three times; then one would take hold and the fun would begin.

We were a long while working out this system, but it never failed. And once we had found the solution to taking crappie, we didn't overdo it and deplete our supply. We used our knowledge in a more satisfying way: asking visitors a half-hour before lunch if they would care to eat crappie, whereupon a couple of us would jump into the boat and bring back two or three in time for the noon meal. In the course of several years of this crappie fishing we took three which measured 18 inches and weighed approximately

two and a quarter pounds, which is quite a crappie, and quite a feast.

In like manner we explored the lake trout and small-mouth bass of the lake, and we came up with answers which are still serving well.

At one time or another I've boated some good-sized ocean fish, but the largest fish I ever landed—far larger in perspective than a hundred-pound tarpon—was a trout which could have been swallowed in one gulp by one of these salt-water giants. I took him from a stream connected with the New York City water-supply system—a stream which was heavily fished, especially by me. I grew up fishing it. I fished it almost every weekend of the season and on many summer evenings after school and, later, after work. I knew its every hole, riffle and bend. I knew where the small trout fed and where the larger ones lay. I knew its food: its nymphs and larvae and the time of year that the various species hatched into mature insects and sent the trout into a ravenous feeding rampage.

I didn't take my prize trout because I was any better fisherman than many others who crowded the stream on weekends; I took him because I knew the water: its hidden holes, its trout and their feed. And he was a big trout, a fat, sleek 21-incher. In the far country I have taken several trout three and four times his weight, and I've landed salmon and pike twice his length, but he still was by far the largest fish I ever took. No six-foot sailfish or 500-pound marlin could possibly reward me as did that 21-inch trout. I didn't fish for him

a week; in a sense I fished for him for about 20 years.

But a big fish isn't what one expects at home. This is the occasional, the unexpected prize, which makes it all the more dramatic. Satisfaction comes in mastering the technique of whatever fishing may be available.

Some men suffer under the delusion that the name of the fly, the length of the rod or the diameter of the reel will make them successful. All of this is important—fine tackle can make fishing a pleasure whether one catches anything or not—but far more important in angling success is knowing the water and the fish themselves. This won't be gained from books or an occasional fishing trip. It takes time, but when a man learns the fish at home—what they eat, where and when—he has acquired something which will make him a consistently "lucky" fisherman. An understanding of the nature of fish in one place can usually be translated to other conditions and other game fish whenever the opportunity may present itself. And if he does enjoy some occasional exotic fishing, this won't spoil his sport at home. A fisherman is blessed with a sense of proportion. A two-pound bass taken from a rockbound northern lake won't look small to him for having landed a sailfish in Florida one winter.

But the most fortunate fisherman is not the one who takes a two-week vacation each year and lands a bonefish, mako shark or muskalonge; he's the man who realizes year-round sport from his local pond or stream, even if it offers a one-pound perch at best. ••

Casey Stengel Legend—and Fact

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with the Philadelphia Athletics, observed: "Casey has one great asset as a manager—he's independently wealthy."

Just how wealthy Stengel is nobody knows but Casey and the Director of Internal Revenue—and neither is talking. Stengel has been getting robust royalty checks from an East Texas oil venture since 1941, and has wide real estate holdings in Glendale, California, where he makes his home. The Yankees have paid him more than a half-million dollars in salary since 1949, and he also has picked up the tidy sum of \$52,032.31 in World Series checks.

Casey takes a lot of exaggerated ribbing about his money, but takes it with the good-humored observation that there are a lot less pleasant topics on which he could be kidded. When Stengel was made a director of a newly opened bank in Glendale, Fresno Thompson, of the Dodger organization, remarked, "It was inevitable that Casey should open his own bank. Those California banks refused to take any more of his money."

While independent wealth is no more of a handicap in managing than in any

other profession you can name, it plays a small part in Stengel's success with the Yankees. Casey is a winning manager because of his great powers of observation, his courage in not only trying the unorthodox but in perfecting it. He has a prodigious memory, which enables him to catalogue the faults and assets not only of his opposition but of his own players. Above all, he is an exceptional instructor. His talents in that line are at least as much responsible for his success as are his strategies.

The old-time manager, to quote Branch Rickey, was "a tactician, but rarely a technician. He ran the game from the bench, gave the signs, decided when to change pitchers or use a pinch-hitter, but instruction was not part of his job, as he saw it."

Stengel remembers the do-it-yourself type of manager all too well. "They'd take a rookie aside after five or six weeks of spring training," he recalled, "and say, 'Son, you can't hit the curve ball yet, so I'm sending you to Jersey City for experience.' Or maybe it'd be an infielder and they'd say, 'Boy, you're

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Ball players of Stengel's era, and for many years after Casey was through as an active player, learned the game the hard way, by observation and by asking veterans. And the veterans weren't always exactly cooperative founts of information. More often than not, they'd say, "Find out the way I did."

In Stengel's first year with the Yankees in St. Petersburg in 1949, bug-eyed itinerant correspondents came by with wondrous tales of Rickey's baseball assembly line at Vero Beach, where hundreds of Dodger farm hands worked out, practically around the clock on a half-dozen diamonds. Casey listened attentively, and he's a good listener when baseball is the subject. A gleam came into his eyes and he looked to the future. "I think I got a way to beat it," he remarked cryptically.

Stengel's way to beat it was an accelerated instruction course for a dozen or so of the more promising Yankee farm hands, set up in advance of spring training. The first try was an abortive one, halted by Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler shortly after it opened at Phoenix, Arizona, in mid-February, 1950. The complaint was that the gun was being jumped on spring training.

A year later, again at Phoenix, the Yankee school functioned full-time, and from it came three men who were to play an important part in winning the 1951 pennant: Mickey Mantle, Gil McDougald and Tom Morgan. Bob Grim, in 1954, and Tony Kubek last year won rookie-of-the-year honors directly upon graduation from those schools.

Stengel's theory, as opposed to Rickey's mass production plan, was personal tutoring. The pupils were hand-picked from the organization's scouting reports, limiting the group from a dozen to twenty, with nearly as many instructors as pupils. Stengel believed that three weeks of concentrated instruction might hasten a youngster's progress to the varsity by a year, or even two or more.

The faculty of Professor Stengel's school is an imposing one. Assisting him in conducting the horsehide seminars are Coaches Jim Turner, Frank Crosetti and Bill Dickey (now retired and replaced by Ralph Houk) and others such as Johnny Neun, Ed Lopat, Bill Skiff, Steve Souchak, Randy Gumpert, Charley Sylvera, Andy Cohen and Phil Page. Dickey, although retired as

coach, plans to rejoin the faculty again next spring.

At these "instructual schools", as Stengel calls them, Casey delegates chores to his aides, but is very much in the picture himself as he goes from group to group. He roams the outfield and infield, stands behind the pitcher on the mound and by the batting cage watching the hitters.

Reposing in the dugout for an interview and/or rest, Stengel never takes his eyes from the practice field. He expounds on Yankee prospects, the Middle East situation, Wall Street or his experiences as a dental student in Kansas City, more or less simultaneously. He shoos batters away from the cage if they obstruct his view, yet never once loses the thread of his conversation, which is more than can be said for his audience.

A boy out of the low minors may be called to the dugout. Casey's penetrating questions may upset him, but soon he is talking freely and admitting that, yes, he does have some trouble with his fielding but that he can bunt real good, especially drag.

"You mean shove a bunt, don't you?"



Home Resident Displays Wood Carvings

The Elks National Home at Bedford, Va., has enabled many a man to spend his later years in restful and quiet pursuit of his favorite pastime. A case in point (and one in whom the Home takes a just pride) is William P. Praetorius, an Elk who hails from Grand Rapids, and a resident at the Home for the past five years. Mr. Praetorius is an accomplished whittler, who has used his spare time and an ordinary pocket knife to carve scores of figures and ornaments from nine different types of wood. His collection is so impressive that it is now displayed in the recreation room at the Home. Here he is shown holding one of his most handsome pieces, depicting the Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima.

Casey will say. "You're a right-handed batter, ain't you? Well, then you shove the ball between the pitcher and first." Incidentally, one of Stengel's theories is that a good bunter should drive in about 10 runs a season from third base by bunting past the pitcher.

"Now, lemme ask you somethin'," Stengel will continue. "What if there's a man on first? Well, I'll tell you. You don't bunt that way then, because the first baseman is liable to run and get a force at second. Another thing—how do you squeeze in a run from third if it's a left-handed pitcher, which it sometimes is? Well, I'll tell you. You bunt toward third because a left-handed pitcher has to turn around to throw to the plate. Get it? Now remember it, because before long I'm gonna be askin' you about it."

Quite often, human nature being what it is, a youngster is disappointed when told he needs another year at Denver or Richmond. Casey does all he can to soften the blow. He appreciates the boy's feelings but wants him to accept the decision and still retain the determination to come back and make it next year.

Grabbing a bat or glove, Casey will go through an incredible pantomimic series showing the youngster what he does wrong. Then he goes into another series of poses to show how it should be done. "You're good, all right," he'll say, "and you're gonna be better but maybe there's some things right now that Mr. Bauer or Mr. McDougald does better. You learn 'em and you'll be back."

Stengel's instructional talent, and that of his staff, too, (for this is by no means a one-man operation) are reflected in the versatility of his players. Gil McDougald, of course, is an outstanding example. He came up in 1951 and was named the rookie of the year as a third baseman, and last year was selected as the All-Star shortstop in the majors by the Baseball Writers' Association.

"Execute" is Stengel's favorite verb. "He can execute for me any place I play him," he said of McDougald last May, when Bill Skowron was injured and there was speculation as to who would replace the first baseman. The interchangeable infielders of the Yankees give the team an inordinately strong bench. In a season and a half with the club, Kubek has played six different positions. Casey has had infielders play the outfield and outfielders catch. He's not worried about where he plays a man as long as the man can "execute".

Unorthodox as some of Stengel's shifts may be, he always knows what he's doing. There's a reason behind all of Casey's moves and he isn't pulling them out of a hat, regardless of what critics say.

"People alter percentages," Stengel

long ago declared when asked why he went "against the book". He has used left-handed pinch hitters against southpaws, and vice versa. "Some players can go better when you don't play percentage. When Carl Hubbell was winning all those games for the Giants with his left-handed screwball, he was rougher on right-handed hitters than left-handed ones. And Andy High, who played so long in the National League and is now head scout for the Dodgers—he was a left-handed hitter and he wore out left-handed pitchers."

Stengel's highly individual approach is highlighted in the World Series games because there it receives national exposure, due to television and press coverage, but Casey is just as individual during the regular season games. His moves may seem to be born of hunches but he has a logical explanation at all times.

In 1949, Allie Reynolds won 17 games for the Yankees but almost invariably needed help from Fireman Joe Page in the late innings. There were rumors that Allie didn't have the stamina, rumors which were forgotten when he won the first game of the World Series that year from Don Newcombe and the Dodgers on Tommy Henrich's ninth-inning homer.

"What would you say," Casey asked a writer pal of his after Reynolds' victory, "if I told you I was going to use Allie in relief for the rest of the Series?"

"I'd say that you were crazy, which I've always thought anyway," said Stengel's friend. "He pitched only four complete games all season. He gets tired in the late innings. Besides, Page is the best relief pitcher in baseball."

"What if I have to use Page one day and somebody else the day after?" persisted Casey. "Don't write it, but don't be surprised if you see Reynolds in the bull pen."

Page relieved in the second and third games, going almost six innings in the latter. When Lopat was in the process of blowing a 6-0 lead in the fourth game, it was Reynolds who answered Casey's SOS. Allie retired ten Dodgers in a row and the Series was over the next day. At the victory celebration, Stengel had the grace to ignore the writer who had tried to talk him out of using Reynolds.

In the deciding game of the 1952 World Series, Stengel called on Southpaw Bob Kuzava to pitch to Duke Snider with the bases filled, a logical move since the Dodger slugger loathes lefthanders as though they were Mau-Maus. After Bob retired Snider, Casey let him stay in against all of the Dodgers' right-handed power and Kuzava didn't allow a hit the rest of the way.

Four years later, in the seventh game at the same Ebbets Field, Stengel took out two left-handed batters, Joe Collins and Country Slaughter, and replaced

them with two right-handers, Bill Skowron and Elston Howard, against the right-handed Don Newcombe. Each hit a home run, Skowron's being the sixth grand-slammer in World Series history.

One of Stengel's most remarkable personality changes since his return to the majors is his patience with his players. With both Dodgers and Braves, Casey's idea of a thorough trial with a youngster was three or four games. Now he perseveres for weeks, rubbing off the rough spots and seeking the jewel underneath.

While Stengel can read the riot act in pungent terms when he thinks his players are taking a light approach to their duties, and has done so on more than one occasion, he generally throws a protective curtain around them. The wry and satirical wisecracks which showered his players in Brooklyn and Boston have almost disappeared. He doesn't indulge in open criticism of his players any longer, unless he has a deep provocation.

Stengel's press relations are good, particularly with writers whom he has known over a period of years. He refers to the writers traveling with his club regularly as "my writers"—as though he were Bob Hope. Actually, Stengel finds visiting newspapermen a source of information. They drop by the Yankee bench to interview him and, before they realize what is happening, the shoe is on the other foot. Shrewd questions about the welfare of their club—"How's that fella's arm?", "Is the guy on first hitting?" and others of a similar nature—give Casey what amounts to a scouting report.

Leo Durocher, who now gets paid for talking as a baseball TV commentator and who once found talking expensive, via sundry fines from scads of National League umpires, has a great admiration for Stengel.

"He's a dedicated man," says the Lip, "and that may seem a peculiar term to use in describing a major league manager but it really fits Stengel. I wouldn't care if Casey became director of a dozen banks or had oil wells coming out of his ears—baseball is his entire existence."

"I've played and managed against teams that Stengel managed and I know this much about him. He never misses a trick. He's watching the field at all times. Next time you're looking at the Yankees, watch Casey on the bench. He paces up and down, but never takes his eyes from the field. He's one of the few managers I know who drinks sideways when he goes to the water-cooler. That's so he won't miss the least change in the positions of the men on the field."

The sum-up seems to be that Stengel works at his job. Come to think of it, that's not a bad rule for anybody. You can't find the pot of gold at the rainbow's end unless you're willing to take a long walk.

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ELKS HOME WORKSHOP

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What everyone should know when shopping for lumber

MODERN SCIENCE provides many marvelous synthetic materials, but good old-fashioned wood remains one of the best. Plentiful, long-lasting and easy to work, it's the natural choice for most home projects and repairs.

Like many things, it costs more than it once did. That makes it all the more important to understand lumberyard terms and the way prices are figured. Knowing more about wood may save you from building with unsuitable lumber, or buying more costly stock than you need. It will also help you plan a job and a materials list more surely.

HARDWOOD OR SOFTWOOD?

Woods are so designated not because they are hard or soft, but solely because they come from one of two classes of trees. Those from broad-leaved or deciduous trees that shed each fall (such as birch, beech, maple, walnut and oak) are hardwoods. Lumber from so-called evergreen or coniferous trees (fir, cedar, pine, cypress, redwood), called softwood, is what lumber yards chiefly sell.

Solid hardwoods may have to be specially ordered or obtained from dealers who specialize in cabinet woods.

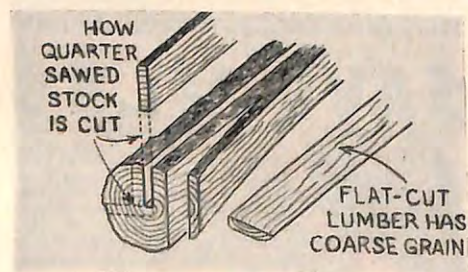
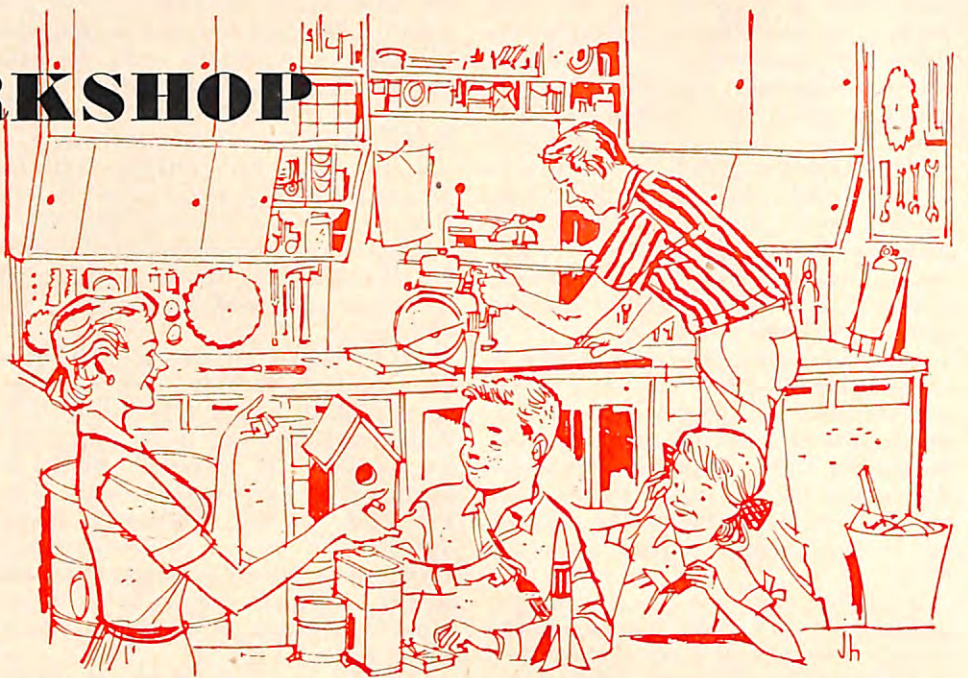


Figure 1

Hardwood-veneer plywoods, on the other hand, are now widely distributed. Though costly, they afford the beautiful grain and hard finish so prized for paneling and built-in furniture.

Usually the softwood that grows in or near your own part of the country is the best buy (redwood on the West Coast, Southern yellow pine in the Atlantic and Gulf states, for instance). But a New Englander might choose cypress or redwood for a fence because it weathers better than local varieties. In hardwood, imported mahogany may be cheaper than fine domestic woods.



HOW LUMBER IS SAWED. Hardwood logs are cut up in two ways to make the most of the wood's beautiful grain. Some pieces (and most softwood lumber) are sliced off the log or flat-cut (Figure 1). The resulting face grain slashes across the tree's rings and is irregular, coarse and prominent.

In a piece cut near the center of the log, on or near a diameter, the face grain is finer and more attractive. Such quarter-sawed lumber is also less apt to split, warp or shrink than the flat-cut. It is recognizable by the short vertical grain (actually small segments of the rings) at the ends, as in Figure 1.

FURTHER PROCESSING includes seasoning and surfacing. As wood comes from the big saws it is designated as "rough". When planed smooth by machine, it is "surfaced". Some pieces are surfaced on two sides (yard shorthand for this is S2S); others on one side and one edge (S1S1E) or otherwise. Most wood for interior use is surfaced on four sides (S4S), meaning both faces and both edges.

Rough or unsurfaced pieces may be good economy at times, and even slightly stronger, size for size, than smoothed ones. But they are hard on hands and may be troublesome if you must align several to form a flush framework for panels or flooring (wall studs and floor joists are examples).

Worked or milled lumber has been run through other machines that shape it into molding, tongue-and-groove stock, decorative paneling, casings, and the like. Figure 2 shows common kinds.

THE DIFFERENCE IN GRADING. Being a natural product, all lumber has some defects. The kind and number determine its suitability for various uses. Pitch pockets, resinous knots,

knotholes and splits spoil its appearance for some purposes and may even make it hard to paint satisfactorily. Big knot-holes or long splits can reduce its structural strength. Small tight knots may be satisfactory for a painted finish but spoil a natural varnish finish (Figure 3).

Grading works to your advantage if you buy the cheapest grade suited to the job at hand. This is especially true of boards, as the trade calls pieces less than two inches thick and more than six inches wide. The top grade in boards is B and Better, or No. 1 and 2 Clear. It is needlessly expensive for any but the finest natural finishes.

The next grade, C Select, has only small solid knots and other slight defects. It will take a good natural finish. D Select, stocked by some yards, has rather more faults and even some loose knots, but except for the latter its defects can be concealed under paint.

No. 1 Common, or "Construction" grade may have plenty of knots, but all sound and none bigger than two inches. Paint will hide most of its faults. No. 2 Common, or "Standard" is a utility grade with more defects and larger knots, some of them at the edges. Paint will not altogether disguise it.

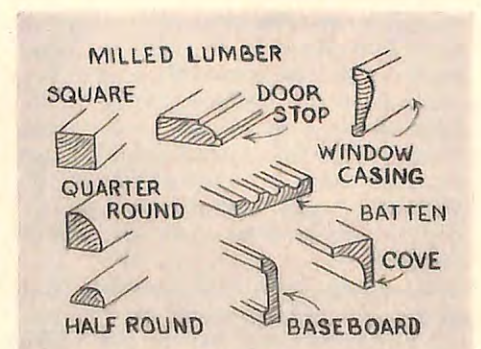


Figure 2

No. 3 Common, or "Utility" has so many large, loose knots and even knot-holes, splits, and pitch pockets that it is rarely used for anything but the roughest work. But you might buy a board of this grade, cut out one serious defect, and have two short pieces of a much better grade left. This is also one way to buy wood for projects that require only small pieces of stock. Cut out the good wood between defects, and you have the equivalent of costly clear stock.

Before you buy Clear grade for closet shelves, it is obviously wise to consider whether you need a knot-free surface to store things on. No. 2 Common may be amply good enough. This grade may also be useful for window boxes, pantry and cellar shelves, or a garage bench.

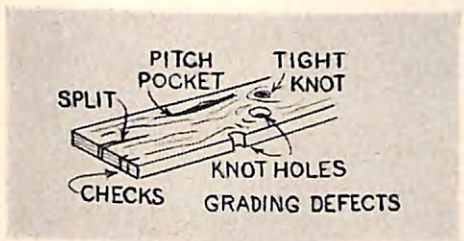


Figure 3

DIMENSION OR FRAMING lumber includes structural members from two to five inches thick. If larger, they are called "timber."

Whereas boards are graded for appearance, framing stock is graded for strength. Splits and knotholes may affect its load-bearing ability; even the location of such defects makes a difference. Because structural safety is involved, the framing of a house, a porch roof or a garage extension must be done with grades acceptable under local building codes. A trustworthy dealer should be consulted when you buy this wood.

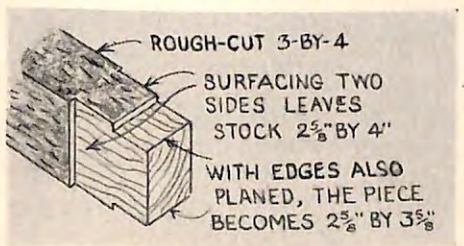


Figure 4

THE MYSTERY OF SIZES. Have you ever brought home a two-by-four or a one-by-eight only to find it considerably undersize? It really isn't, because these are nominal or rough-sawed sizes.

Seasoning shrinks the wood a little, and surfacing further reduces it in size. The planer knives must remove about $\frac{3}{16}$ " from each surface to leave it smooth.

Therefore, as shown in Figure 4, nominally one-inch stock comes out about $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick (it may vary from $\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{13}{16}$ "). A two-by-four actually measures close to $1\frac{3}{8}$ " by $3\frac{3}{8}$ ", a one-by-eight about $\frac{3}{4}$ " by $7\frac{1}{2}$ ". Of course a piece surfaced on only two opposite sides

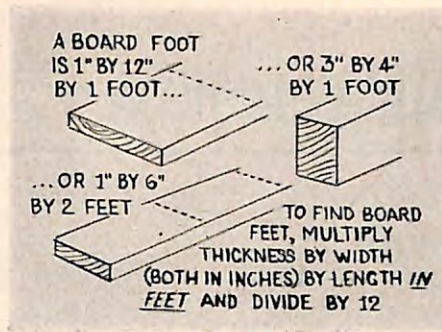


Figure 5

loses only in one dimension, so a four-by-four S2S may measure close to $3\frac{5}{8}$ " by 4".

WHAT IS A BOARD FOOT? It is the quantity by which lumber is sold. One board foot is the equivalent of a piece one inch thick, one foot wide, and one foot long (nominal sizes). It can also be a one-foot length of three-by-four or a two-foot length of one-by-six, as shown in Figure 5. Thus a 12-foot two-by-four is charged for as eight board feet (or calculated as that, though sold by the piece).

Molding and other milled lumber is sold by the running or lineal foot. Wood thinner than one inch is sold by the square foot, which is the same as calling it one inch thick (it involves extra machine work and labor).

COMMON LUMBER SIZES are, nominally, $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1", $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2", 3" and 4". As surfaced, these thicknesses become $\frac{7}{16}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", $1\frac{1}{16}$ ", $1\frac{5}{16}$ ", $1\frac{7}{8}$ ", $2\frac{1}{8}$ " and $3\frac{5}{8}$ ". Widths of softwood run from 2" to 12", less $\frac{3}{8}$ " up to 4" width, and less $\frac{1}{2}$ " beyond that. Thus a "five quarters by eight" board will measure about $1\frac{1}{16}$ " by $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Below these sizes there are a number of strips and moldings you may find handy. Square strips, lattice strips, frame stock, window casing and quarter-round may save you the trouble and expense of cutting down heavier stock.

Board lengths usually run in even numbers up to 20 feet, though odd sizes may be found in the stacks or on the cut-off pile in some yards.

It pays to pick your lumber personally if you can. You can discard warped pieces, cross-grained or split ones, and are more likely to find what you need in the lower grades if you can reject the obviously unsuitable stuff.

PLYWOOD IS THE ANSWER when you need wide pieces, whether for wall paneling or a table top. Stronger than steel for its weight, plywood can be used without framing for cabinets and built-in furniture. The most common kind is fir; it can be had in both interior and exterior types. The latter, made with waterproof glue, withstands weather sufficiently well to be used outdoors. (Being more costly, it shouldn't be used for indoor work.) A

third wholly waterproof type, marine plywood, is made for boat building.

Full-size panels measure four by eight feet actual size. Plywood comes in thicknesses (actual, not nominal) from $\frac{3}{16}$ " to 1". It is sold by the square foot. Some yards sell only full panels, others less.

Fir plywood has a coarse large figured grain that is hard to hide unless you use a special sealer. Pine plywood costs more, but has a clear white color that will take mellow natural and even color-stain finishes. Special surfaces are also available; one fir plywood has hundreds of grooves, creating a striated effect. There are also sand-blasted, wire-brushed and checkerboard surfaces.

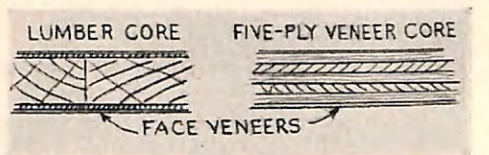


Figure 6

HARDWOOD VENEER PLYWOOD comes in many fine varieties, including birch, cherry, mahogany, walnut, oak and quarter-sawed grain patterns. It is made with two kinds of core material, easily recognized by looking at the edges (Figure 6).

Lumber core plywood has a solid layer of wood strips about $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide as its backbone, with thin cross bands on both sides and even thinner veneers on the outside. This kind is the more costly, but preferable for splined or doweled joints, or for use where screws must be driven into the edge.

Veneer-core plywood (Figure 6) is built up of three to seven layers of similar thickness, the grain of each at right angles to the next, with the face veneer outside. It is cheaper, even stronger and more warp resistant than lumber-core stock, but not as suitable for some joints and for holding screws. The edges are unattractive and hard to disguise except by special treatment.

SAVE MONEY ON PLYWOOD by using the cheapest grade you can. Cost is determined partly by thickness, partly by the quality of the two faces. One overall clear sheet of veneer without defects constitutes a "good" or "A" face. A "B" or "sound" face may consist of two sheets carefully joined, often with small patches (where knotholes were filled), stains and other slight defects. "C" and "D" faces are utility grades, with defects ranging from small knots to open holes and splits.

Panels are grade-marked at the edges. The best (good two sides, or A-A) is worth its cost only if both surfaces must show and are to have a natural finish. Where only one side need show, good-one-side or A-B grade is a better buy.

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Horace Wisely comes into the Grand Exalted Rulership exceptionally well prepared to meet effectively the responsibilities of that office.

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Members of our Order occupy positions of leadership in all walks of life—public and private, business or professional—and the law profession is certainly no exception.

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In each instance these honors will be recognized as very richly deserved and

their bestowal will be very pleasing to all members of the Order. To add to the all-Elk character of the occasion, the Honorable Charles W. Froessel, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals and a member of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, presided.

It Is Not A One-Group Job

Brother Fred L. Bohn when he was Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order expressed the thought that we should be fighting for "juvenile decency" rather than fighting against "juvenile delinquency", thus taking a positive instead of a negative side of the question.

Whether we are fighting for "juvenile decency" or fighting against "juvenile delinquency", it has long been our opinion that if any progress is to be made to improve the situation, it must come from cooperation among all the public agencies and private organizations having any contact with the situation.

And so when there came to our desk the annual report of the Chicago Youth Commission, it was encouraging to note that the members of that Commission

apparently were thinking and working along those lines, recognizing that no one organization or agency can produce satisfactory results working alone.

We learn from the report of this group which, by the way, is headed by a member of the Order of Elks, that the Commission has enlisted the cooperation of the following important official, civic and religious organizations:

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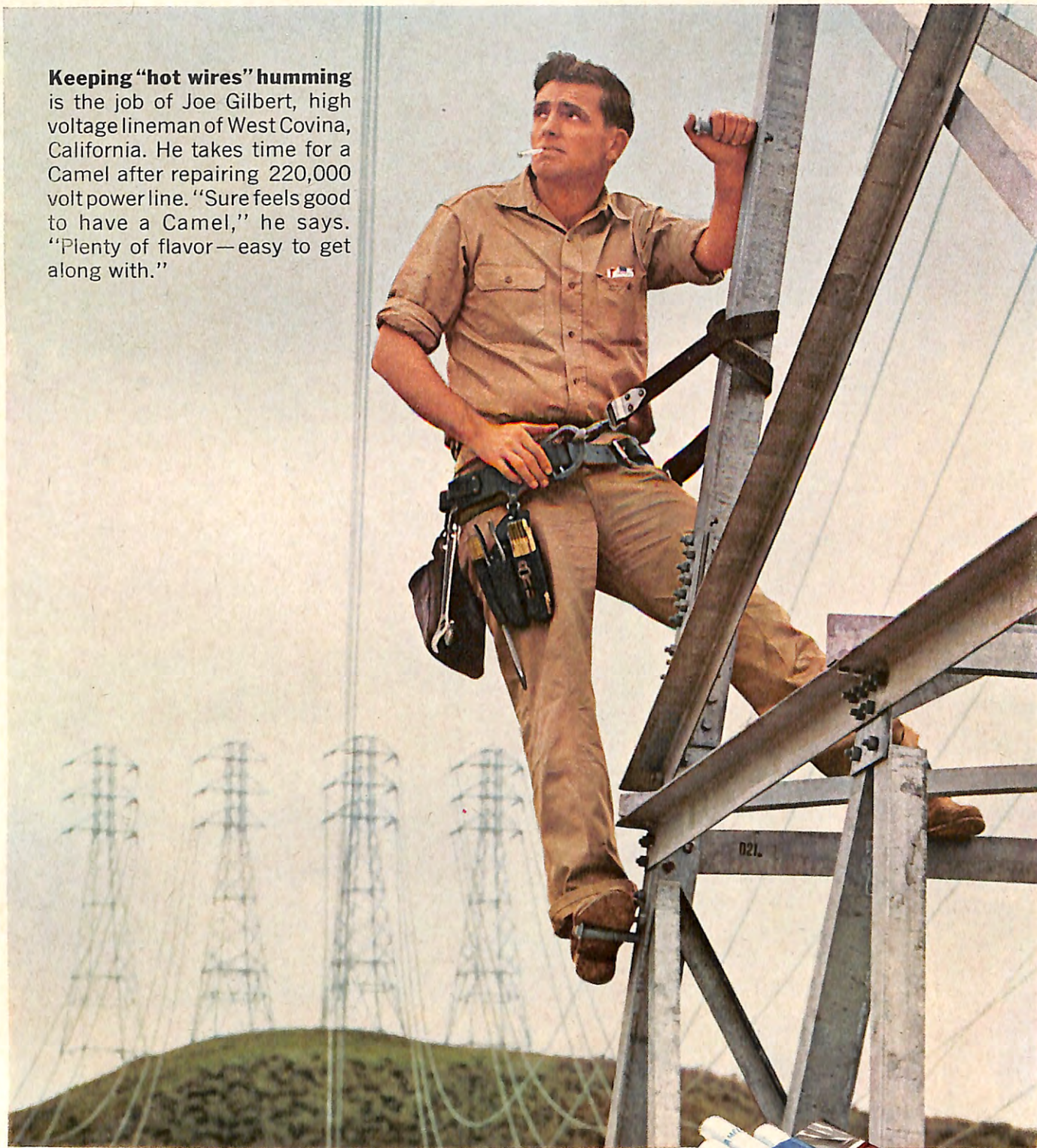
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