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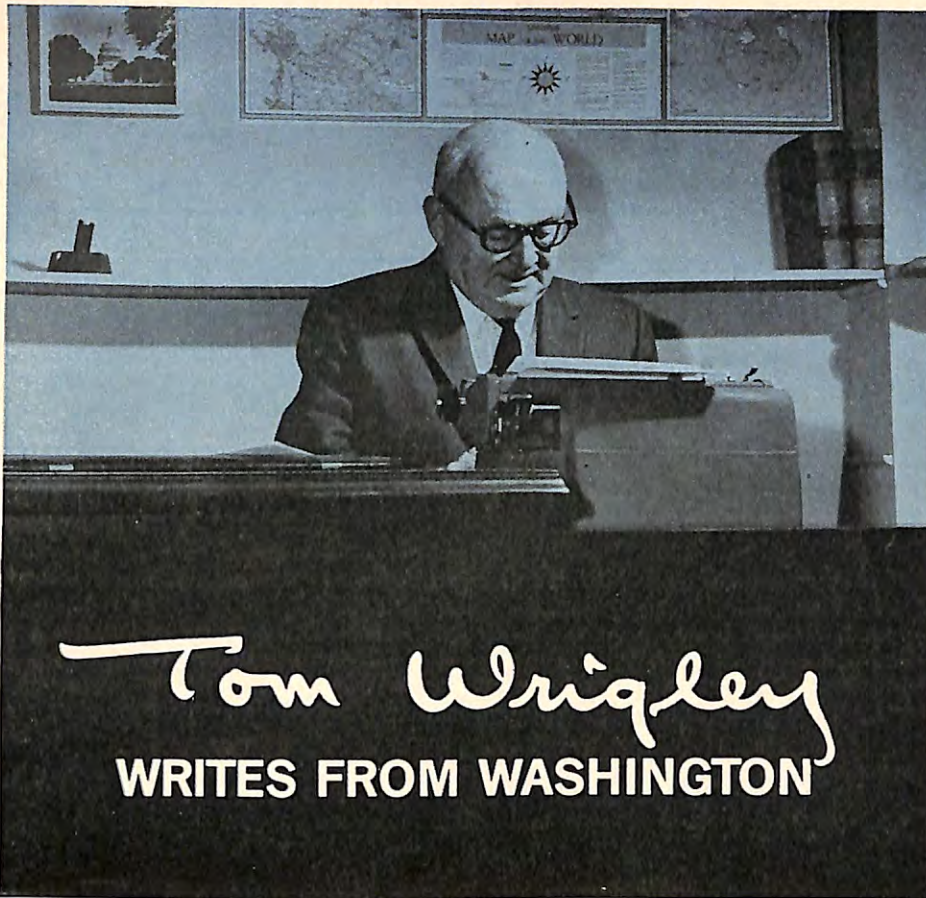
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SEE ALASKA FIRST. Government agencies are swamped with inquiries about Alaska, the 49th State. Northwest Orient Airlines, which flies from here to Anchorage, has 15 extra people there to handle traffic. Meantime, on the Hill, plans are being made for the two new Senate offices and one new House office for Alaska's Members of Congress. There surely will be a whoop-de-do when they enter to take their seats in January. There is some confusion in Government circles about the new U. S. Flag. Government agencies cannot replace or dispose of a flag until it is worn out. Quite a few, therefore, will continue to fly with only 48 stars. Replacement flags, of course, will have 49 stars, and thousands will be purchased.

CAPITAL CHIRPS. Madame Chiang Kai-shek was guest speaker at a National Press Club luncheon and there wasn't an item of Chinese food on the menu, not even a sprout. . . . Maybe it was the recession, but marriages and births are running about two per cent below last year. . . . All-Manufacturing injury rates are at a record low, about 12 per cent down. . . . Even the pigeons in the parks made a new record: not one made a nest on a general's or admiral's hat in the equestrian statues. . . . Americans spent \$1,136,000,000 for 3,068,000,000 pounds of candy last year, highest on record. . . . New Air Force missile insignia have been distributed to 3,500 men. . . . Smithsonian scientists say a "thousand-legged" worm really has only about 750 legs. . . . Seven parochial schools here are offering courses in Russian this fall. . . . Persian rugs are going up in price, according to Mohammed Riza Pahlevi, Shah of Iran, a recent visitor here.

CENSUS BY "FOSDIC". In January, the Census Bureau will begin a series of six censuses which will cover all aspects of American life. Helping out will be a new electronic wonder machine named "Fosdic." This means "film optical sensing devices for input to computers." The machine will take over the work of hundreds of punchcard machine operators. It can do the job that 2,000 or more operators did in the 1950 census and will have the totals ready in weeks instead of months. It will save millions of dollars. Fosdic uses microfilm, television-type cathode ray tubes and magnetic recording tape.

SENATE CHAMBER WOES. In spite of all repairing and tinkering, the public address system in the U. S. Senate chamber is still mumbo-jumbo for those who do not have sharp ears. Senators often talk about it, then go home at the close of the session hoping the acoustics will be better next time. Vice-President Nixon has a modulated voice, difficult to understand. Others do not speak in stentorian tones. Visitors in the gallery cup their ears and try to figure out what's going on in debate. Acting Capitol Architect George Stewart says, however, it would take \$25,000 to put in a better address system, plus \$11,000 yearly to pay two operators.

PENTAGON COSTS RISE. Pentagon, trying to hold its 1960 budget to \$40 billion, is having a struggle. Nearly half of the ammunition dollar will go

into missile production and costs are soaring. In addition, food, clothing, and construction costs keep rising. Looks like the U. S. will spend from \$43 billion to \$45 billion to keep the armed services at present strength.

APPROVE SPORTS ARENA. Under the stadium bill passed by both houses of Congress, Washington will have a 50,000-seat sports arena. The bill permits the District to issue bonds to the public to finance the cost, estimated at \$7.5 to \$8.6 million. The circular stadium will have stands which rotate on steel girders. Spectators will be able to sit close to the football field and the seats can be shifted to extend along the foul lines of the baseball field.

BLOOD PROGRAM GROWS. Sometime this Fall the American Red Cross will receive the 22 millionth pint of blood from a volunteer. The blood program, started 10 years ago is now being greatly expanded, the increase for Veterans hospitals alone being stepped up from 80,000 pints to 120,000 pints. It costs \$6 a pint to procure the blood so vitally needed and Red Cross funds alone would not permit the huge expansion. Government operated hospitals are meeting part of the cost, paying \$4.50 per pint for blood. Over 2,100 civilian hospitals in 37 of the 51 regional blood centers have like-wise agreed to reimburse the Red Cross for part of the cost. In Washington the reimbursement is \$2.80 per pint. Other areas contribute

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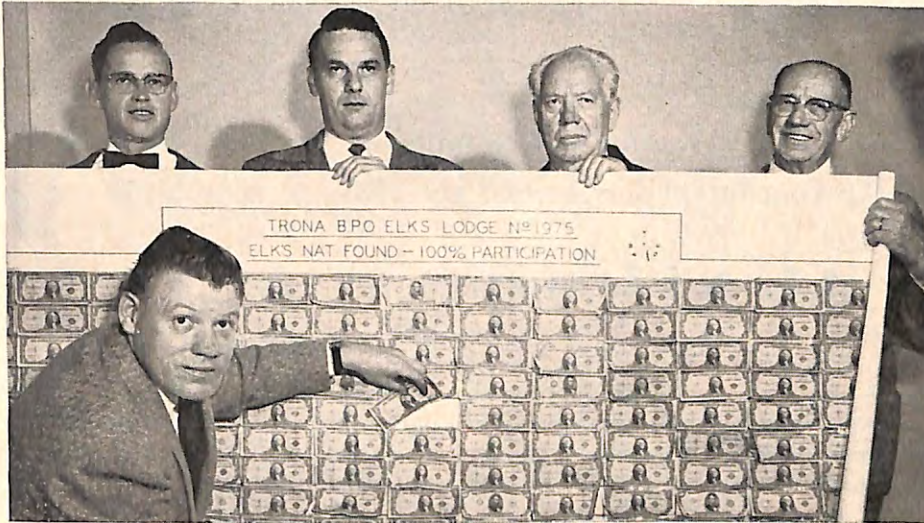
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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

"The Joy of Giving"



"National Foundation" 100 per cent membership participation is displayed by Trona, Calif., Lodge. Brothers in this picture (from left to right) are Paul McKean, Dick Peterson; Exalted Ruler Joe S. Brangwin, Ernest Eckstrom and Past Exalted Ruler Chris Kaufman.



A check from the Elks National Foundation is given to the Betty Bacharach Home for Afflicted Children by Atlantic City, N. J., Lodge. The home is among several institutions and clinics in the state which receives an annual grant. From left: Simon Lipman, Executive Director of the Home; Edward J. Hannon, Chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee; Harold Wertheimer, Secretary; Past Exalted Ruler William Casey, and Exalted Ruler William Abramoff.



Miss Camille Cooper and Mark Juergensmeyer, both of the senior class at the local high school in Carlinville, Ill., were winners in the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Awards for the State of Illinois. From the 108 applicants in the state, 19 were selected, and of that number, two were from Carlinville. Presenting the \$400 scholarship to Miss Cooper (left) is Exalted Ruler James Leefers, while Past Ill. State President R. G. Borman congratulates the other winning contestant.

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FOOTBALL'S *New Guessing Game*

With the one- or two-point conversion option, college football enters a new era for second guessing. But consider the coach that has to call the play

by **AL STUMP**

THE NAME of the game's the same: all else has changed for 1958. A football is still a prolate sphere 21½ inches around, and inflationary ticket prices haven't budged—but otherwise you may not recognize the college pastime this Fall. All along, fans have assumed that power, a smart passing attack, and a stout spirit won games.

But the experts don't agree.

"Football," says Notre Dame's young head coach, Terry Brennan, "has become a game of gadgets and gimmicks."

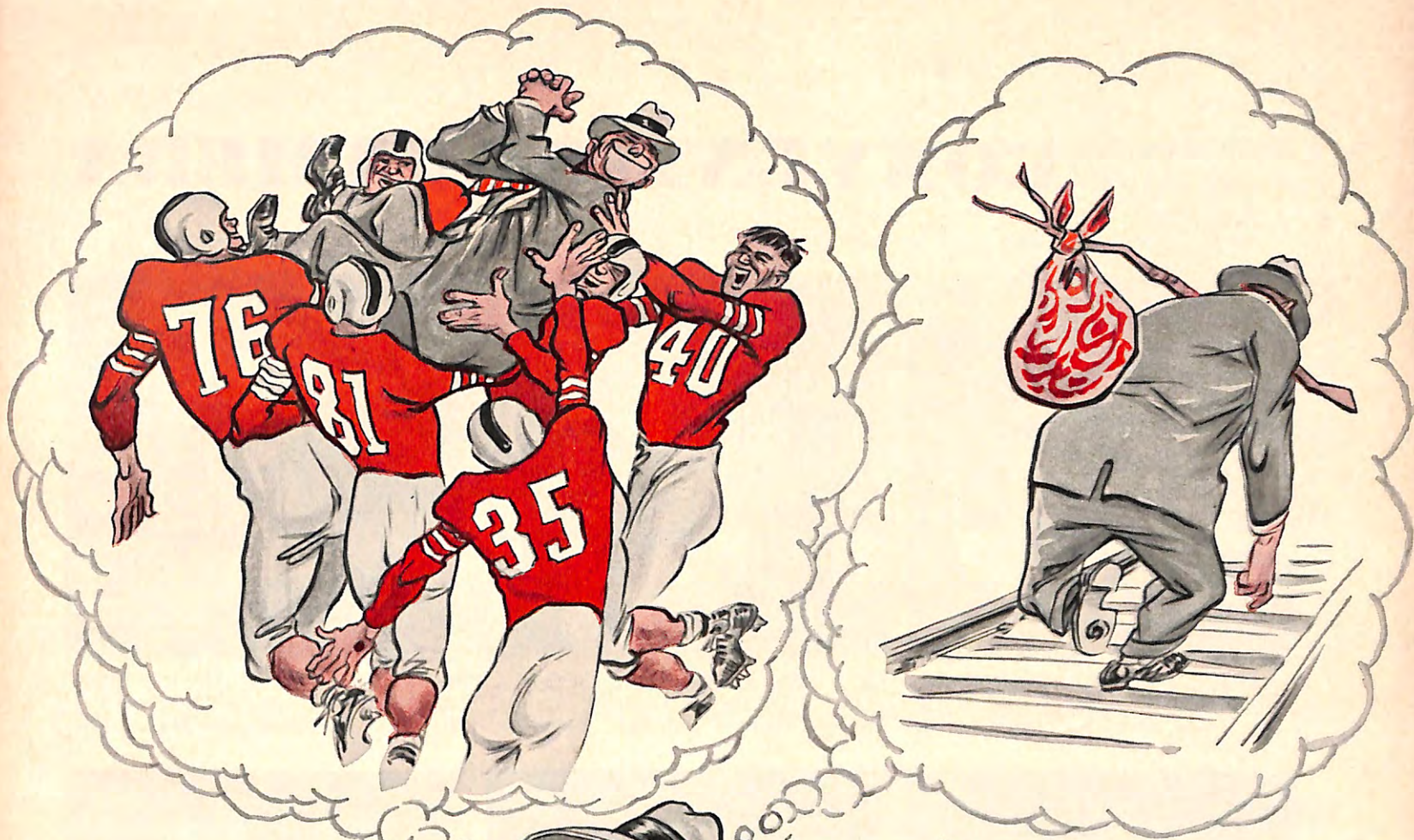
With a few thingumadoodles thrown in. Before Saturday's strife begins, the head coach spends 60 per cent of his time before the movieola, charting on wide-screen film every past move of the enemy. On the bench, he is buttressed by enough equipment for an Arctic expedition. He's flanked by telephonic hook-up with a high-in-the-sky battery of scouts, by oxygen tanks and electric hand-warmers. Resin-dusted pallbearers' gloves to cut wet-weather fumbles have come into style. Some grid technicians have planted TV sets beside them, to better study what's going on out there from the camera's favorable angle. Even walkie-talkie radios built into the quarterback's helmet, tuned in on the coach's frequency, have been tried.

But for 1958 not even all this will be enough. A super-revolutionary gimmick has been introduced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association Rules Committee—the most drastic and controversial change in the scoring system since 1912, when a touchdown was upped from five to six points. It's a change which might well mean calculating machines will be needed on the sideline. Or, at the least, some version of the *suan pan*, or Chinese abacus.

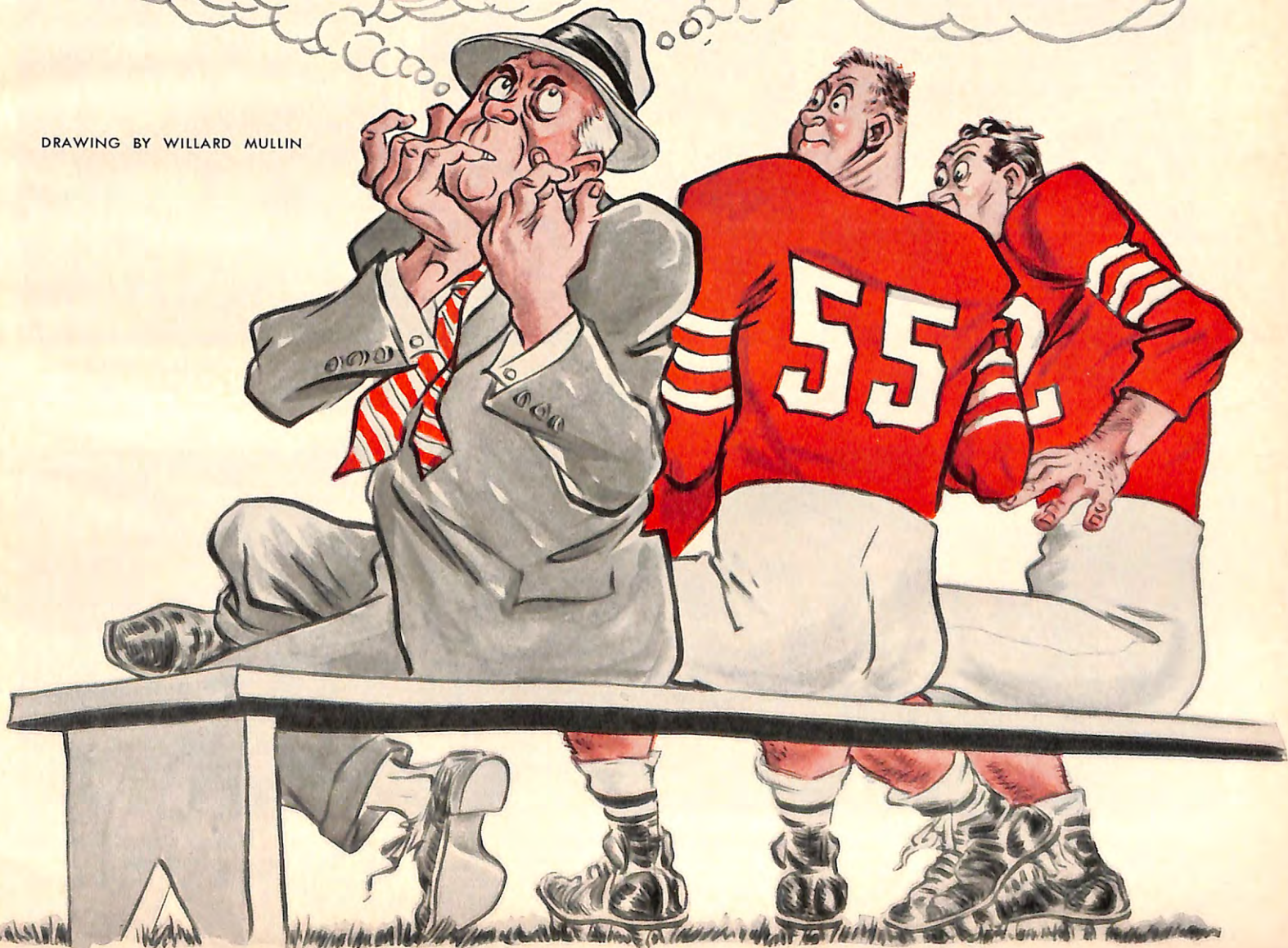
That's not a joshing statement. For Rule 8, Article 1 now states that following a touchdown a team may score a conversion by (a) place-kicking from the three-yard line—for one point, (b) passing from the same yard line—for two points, (c) running the ball over from the three—for two points. Since 1888, the value of the conversion has been one point, no matter how registered. The change introduces one other new factor. In the past, you shot for the extra point from the two-yard line. Hereafter you'll need to make three yards, a concession to the defense by the Rules savants.

To give the attacking team the chance to score a single added point might seem a minor switch, but at coaching clinics all summer, the men who'll live (or die) by it had only one word for the rule—earthshaking. Actually, it's *two* points you (Continued on page 41)





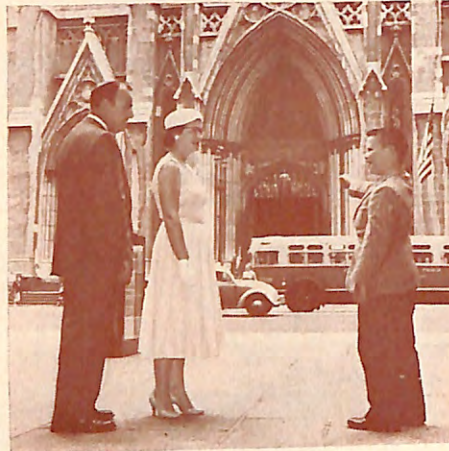
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CONVENTION CAMERA



Exalted Ruler Cecil M. McCurdy and Mrs. McCurdy, Delta, Colo., reading Denver Post at out-of-town news-stand, Times Square.



W. K. (Kep) Harding, member of Lincoln, Nebr., Lodge, shows St. Patrick's Cathedral to Mrs. Harding and their young son.



Visiting Times Square are Mrs. J. W. Albert, wife of Crawfordsville, Ind., ER, and Mrs. Herschel Sunderman of Crawfordsville.



Shown leaving the famed Copacabana, this group of Elks and their ladies are making a tour of some of New York's night clubs.



Sammy Fuchs, owner of Sammy's Bowery Follies, welcomes PER's W. R. Brennan, V. S. Allen and other Elks to his night spot.



As subway roars, children hold their ears, to the amusement of their parents, ER and Mrs. C. E. Sowards, Jr., Bluffton, Ind.



Last November, Joe Marques, member of Mobile, Ala., Lodge, received an award from National Assn. of Deputy U. S. Marshals for his work in fighting juvenile delinquency. Here, he is swapping notes with two of New York's Finest, prior to a patrol car cruise.



Dr. Devere E. Biser, of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Biser leave St. Bartholomew's following attendance at Sunday morning services.

Grand Lodge Convention is always a time for conviviality as well as the Order's Business Meetings. Here Tommy Weber has pictured Elks and their Ladies as they enjoy the great City of New York



Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Albert Hyde, Astoria, Ore., are seen on their way to Museum of Modern Art (building in background).



A group of Elk baseball fans cheer for their team at Yankee Stadium during a tight inning of a New York-Boston game.



Exalted Ruler John J. Gammick, Elko, Nev., holds the reins as Mrs. Gammick gets ready for horseback ride through Central Park.



Exalted Ruler and Mrs. W. F. Schiefer, Duncan, Okla., view the city with their daughters from atop the Empire State Building.



Delegation of Texans distributes roses at Grand Exalted Ruler's Ball. News of Alaska's statehood is posted along curtains.



A flag bearing forty-nine stars, to commemorate Alaska's admission to the Union as a state, is raised over the Hotel Commodore entrance by the Texas Elks who had presented the flag to the Alaskan delegation.

Autumn

From the Blue Ridges

By HORACE

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS who have missed summering at Lake Tahoe or tanning by the shore need not necessarily commit mass *hara-kiri*. Other pleasures await, as for instance motoring in the mountains and inhaling forest air, not to mention sighing over the scenery. All these tonics are perfectly feasible when summer is on the wane and fall is arriving. Not the least of the places—perhaps I should say areas—in which to pursue these endeavors are the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, a formidable series of humps that rise like over-yeasted loaves in the Mid-South of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

The principal causeway through these Southern Highlands is the Blue Ridge Parkway, a high road that extends through Virginia and North Carolina for some 500 miles. Nearly two-thirds of it is completed. No *autobahn*, or Thruway, or Freeway, the Blue Ridge Parkway is especially designed for the leisurely gypsy who wants to pause and look, rather than get there in a hurry. At times the parkway view gives out to ancient cabins surrounded by split rail fences; at others there are planted tracts of rhododendron, azalea and white pine. Viewing balconies, picnic grounds and camp grounds are placed to provide the traveler with both comfort and vistas of the pastures of highland farms and the tree-covered slopes that color with the oncoming fall.

From Shenandoah Park the Parkway follows the Blue Ridge Mountains for 355 miles, traversing the rugged land of the independent hill people who plant their crops on the steep slopes of hills, live in cabins and still contribute to the folkways of America with their banjos, their fiddles and their nasal ballads.

For those who come in autumn there will be goldenrod and asters in the hillbilly meadows. The forests will flame late in September with the fire of the sourgums and the red maples; the regal purple of the dogwoods, the yellow of the birch and tulip trees and the orange sassafras. Picnic areas in the midst of all this natural splendor are set with



Tonics

to the Great Smokies

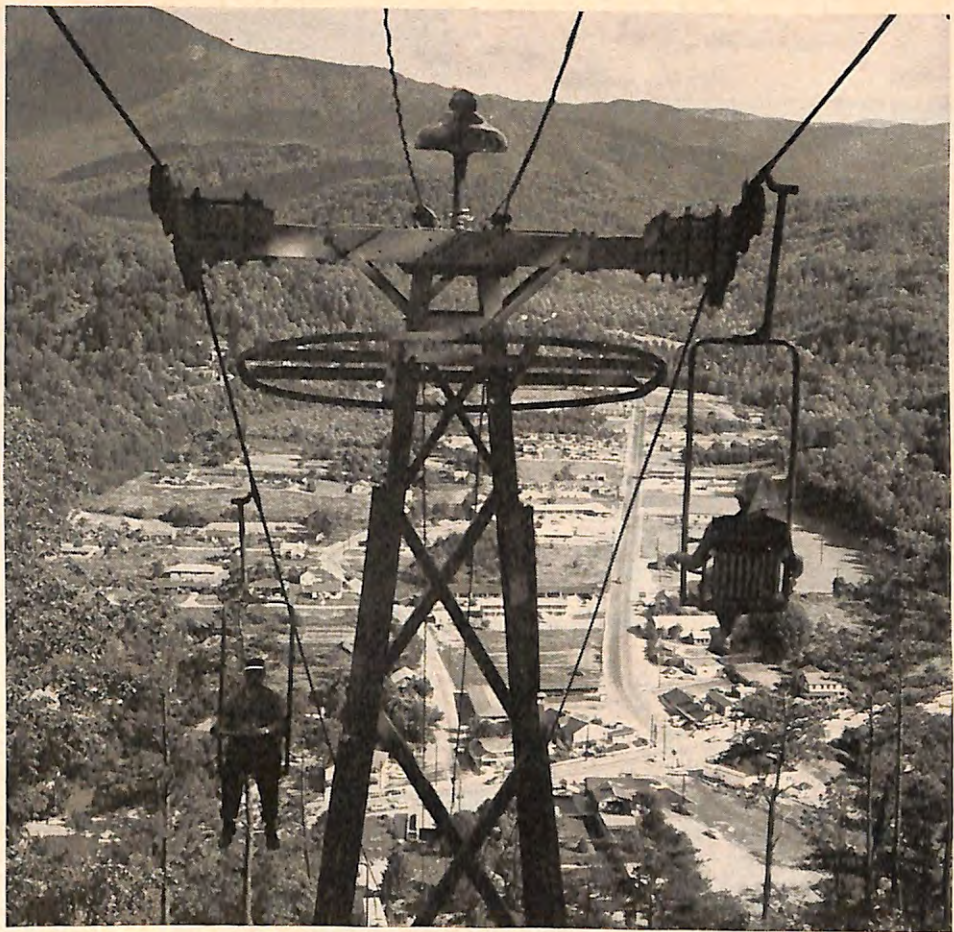
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parking places, tables, fireplaces, drinking water and lavatories. There is nothing like roughing it in the forests of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Even hardier types who want to spend the night can camp on tent platforms with similar equipment hard by. You can't stay for longer than thirty days at a stretch or the park authorities will consider you a squatter. Horseback riders can hire steeds at Blowing Rock (carriages as well) to follow the twenty miles of trails that wind through Moses H. Cone Memorial Park in the Pisgah Forest, not far from Asheville. The 3,600 acre preserve was once the summer estate of Moses Cone, the Blue Denim King of Greensboro, N. C.

The entire roadway system that slants across the Southeastern U. S. is, you might say, anchored in the north by Shenandoah National Park and in the south by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Shenandoah Park, the lesser known of the two, is a 300-square mile strip some 75 miles long and anywhere from two to thirteen miles wide. Most of it is 2,000 feet high, but there are sixty peaks inside the preserve which are anywhere from three to four thousand feet high. Running along the spine of the park is the 105-mile-long Skyline Drive with some 75 overlooks looking out to the Piedmont and the Shenandoah Valley.

The Blue Ridge area was well known to the Indians. They led the white men there in 1669 and, according to the legend, dropped to their knees and proclaimed the words, "Okee Paeze" which meant "The Great Spirit is Near." Visitors since that time have always thought that the Blue Ridge was indeed, close to heaven. The white settlers embossed the area with such improvements as an old moonshine still dating back to the 1800's, still on hand and photographable; Skyland Lodge at Skyland and Big Meadows Lodge nine miles to the south. Rates in both establishments run from \$5 single to \$12 double and both are open through October. A crossroads called Elk Wallow also allows travelers to wallow and to have light lunches and

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Chair lift in Gatlinburg, Tenn. offers fine view of Great Smokies.

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Elkdom's Tribute to Old Glory



High school color guard passes before Norwich Lodge during Flag Day Ceremonies.

THE ENTHUSIASM with which Elkdom pays tribute to Old Glory can be judged from the fact that this year more lodges than ever before prepared and submitted reports of their Flag Day Activities to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. A larger number of observances were held in public and parochial schools than on any previous Flag Day, and the cooperation of the press in reporting the endeavors was outstanding. And this year, motion picture and television cameras helped to bring before a wider public the Elks' participation in the tribute to our flag. In addition, several of the speeches made during these observances were found worthy of reprinting in the Congressional Record.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities made two First-Place Awards in the 1958 contests: one for the best observance among lodges with over 750 members, and one in the division with less than 750. In the first group, the winner was Norwich, N. Y., Lodge, and in the second group the award went to Owatonna, Minn., Lodge. These lodges were each presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in New York with an American Flag which had, by special arrangement of Congressman Russell V. Mack, Past President of the Washington Elks, been flown over the Nation's Capitol on Flag Day, June 14. Plaques were also awarded to these lodges and to four others which placed Second and Third. The winners, and

20 lodges cited for Honorable Mention received, in addition, Certificates of Merit.

The observance at Norwich included a Color Guard competition for local schools, originated by Past Exalted Ruler A. Wesley Gould in 1955. Exhibition units, drill teams and drum corps from local patriotic organizations attended and gave exhibitions. Flags were presented by the lodge to the First New York State Correction Camp, and to the Norwich Color Guard.

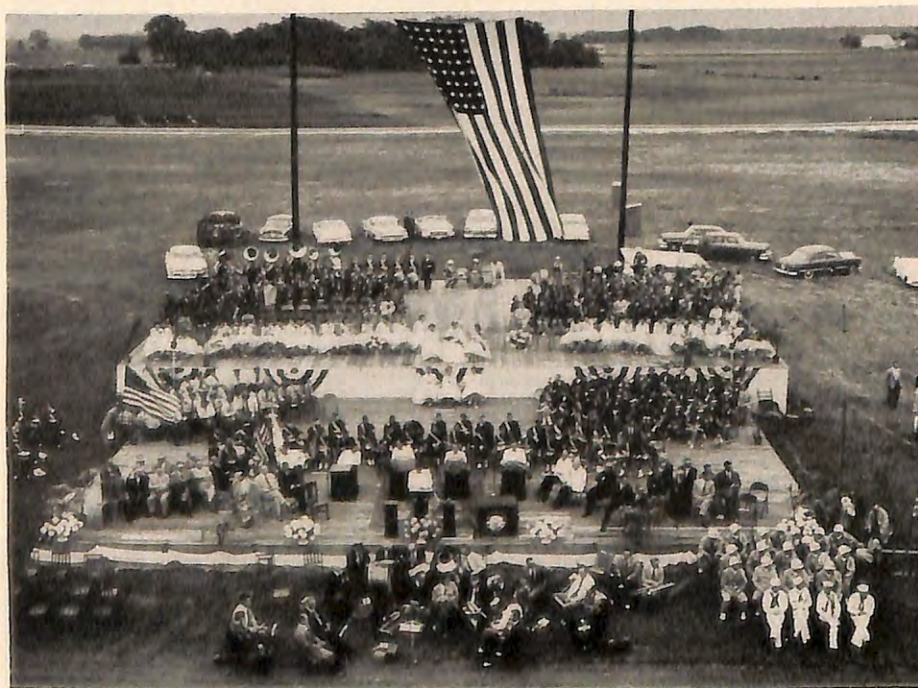
Flag Day exercises by the other First Place lodge, Owatonna, Minn., included a two-mile parade through town with bands, drum corps and marching units, the traditional Salute to the Flag from the main platform, and an elaborate fireworks display. An estimated 10,000 people attended the program, held at the Owatonna fairgrounds.

AMONG those lodges with over 750 members, the Second Place Award went to Appleton, Wis., and Third Place Winner was Omaha, Nebr.

Of the lodges with less than 750 members, Midwest City, Okla., was awarded Second Place and Bellaire, Ohio, won Third Place.

AMONG the lodges with more than 750 members, the following were cited for Honorable Mention: Phoenix, Ariz.; San Diego, Calif.; Willimantic, Conn.; Royal Oak, Mich.; Bismarck, N. D.; Alliance, Ohio; Meadville, Pa.; Williamsport, Pa.; Wenatchee, Wash.; and Milwaukee, Wisc.

In the group of lodges with less than 750 members, Honorable Mention went to: Westbrook, Conn.; Cascade, Ga.; Shenandoah, Iowa; Waterville, Me.; Hibbing, Minn.; Jamestown, N. Y.; Rocky Mount, N. C.; Circleville, Ohio; Middletown, Pa.; and Oak Ridge, Tenn.



Visiting bands massed around Owatonna Elks' officers for ceremony at fairgrounds.

A Proud Record

MICHIGAN'S Elks Veterans Hospital Entertainment Committee is in its 17th year of service to patients in Veterans' and Army Base Hospitals.

Under the Chairmanship of Irvine J. Unger, Past Exalted Ruler of Detroit Lodge and a former Grand Tiler, this Committee began its fine work during World War II, carried it through the Korean conflict and continues it today, with just as much effort, interest and imagination as ever going into its varied programs.

In the beginning, entertainment was furnished at Percy Jones and Fort Custer Base Hospitals in Battle Creek, Selfridge Field Hospital in Mt. Clemens, the Romulus Air Base Hospital and the Marine Hospital in Detroit.

With the cease-fire order, and the building of Veterans Hospitals, the airfield and Percy Jones hospitals were discontinued; new programs were then instituted in the VA Hospitals in Dearborn, Ann Arbor, Iron Mountain, Fort Custer #100, the Veterans Facility at Grand Rapids and the Marine Hospital in Detroit.

And it isn't just entertainment, off-base trips to sporting events and theatrical programs that the Michigan Elks bring to the men; a great deal of material, such as leather goods, used bowling pins, old watches, clocks, radios, TV sets and motors, has been furnished by the committee to these hospitals' occupational therapy departments. Thousands of books and magazines have been gathered and delivered to hospital libraries, and committee funds also take care of subscriptions to local newspapers and current popular magazines.

Chairman Unger has had the capable assistance of Past Exalted Ruler A. F. Wauldron of Detroit Lodge for 17 years, of Battle Creek's Past Exalted Ruler Bernard T. Cummins who has aided in this work for 12 years, and of Past Exalted Ruler William G. Steeb of Ann Arbor Lodge, Iron Mountain Elk Dr. Grant C. Hamm and Walter L. Cornell of Grand Rapids, all of whom have served since the institution of the programs within their particular areas.

Over the years, the service record of this devoted group has received much commendation from the press, as well as laudatory letters not only from commanding officers, Special Service officials and Red Cross executives, but from the veterans themselves, who are grateful for the morale-boosting programs and realize better than anyone else the solemnity in which Elkdom holds its pledge: *"As long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."*



His committee stands behind Chairman Unger, center, foreground, as he "pays off" a couple of lucky players in one of the popular bingo games the Michigan Elk group puts on frequently at the various servicemen's hospitals—this time at the Marine Hospital in Detroit.



Servicemen at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor enjoy a party given by the Michigan Elks.



The ladies who served with our Armed Forces aren't forgotten, either, when the Michigan Elks plan their activities for veterans—as proved by this group of WAVES, WAC's and Marines at a program put on by Mr. Unger's Committee.



This Problem We Must Meet

LAPSATION—the loss of members because of non-payment of dues—is a problem which has plagued all fraternal orders. The Order of Elks is no exception. Although our percentage of loss from lapsation is less than that of most other fraternities, I find little solace from this fact and it certainly is no excuse for our record. While the figures are available for all to see in the Order's Annual Reports, we have followed the human inclination to "gloss over" the disagreeable record of this important subject. As a matter of good business, I believe that all of our members should be made aware of our lapsation record. We must awaken in each one a pride of membership which will enlist his aid in solving this vexing problem.

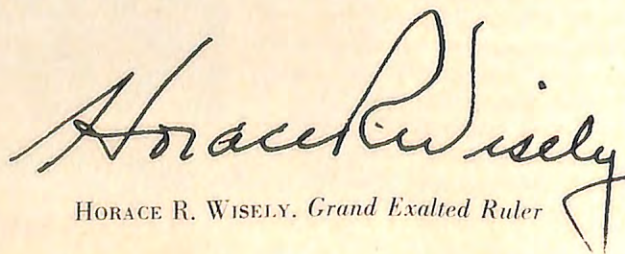
In recent years, the Order has annually dropped between four and five per cent of its total membership because of non-payment of dues. This does not sound alarming but listen when I say it this way: Throughout the Order, for every two members initiated, one member is dropped for non-payment of dues!! Astounding, isn't it? It is not a record a well-managed business would brag about. It is a record of which the Order certainly is not proud. And worst of all, the record could have been much better if we had all worked on the problem to the best of our ability.

The causes of lapsation are many, of course. Generally, however, it stems from poor selection of candidates, inadequate indoctrination, failure

to integrate new members, or inefficient administration. My program includes, and my District Deputies will emphasize, training and instruction of subordinate lodge officers in techniques which should reduce lapsations from these causes. Therefore, looking to the future—even to the results at the conclusion of this lodge year—the Order's delinquency and lapsation record should show improvement.

Lapsation is a subordinate lodge problem on which YOU and every other member of your lodge can help. Dues in the Order are always payable in advance. This first half of the lodge year will end on September 30th and a new dues-paying period will begin October 1st. As your Grand Exalted Ruler, do me this favor: Stop right now and examine your membership card, looking closely at the date to which it shows your dues are paid. Unless your card shows that you are paid to a FUTURE DATE (in advance of the date you read this), then YOU are delinquent. And now the favor: Sit down right now and send a check to your lodge for the amount required to bring your membership up to date. If you are not sure of the amount; call your lodge secretary. Many thanks!

Each Elk, in his obligation, swears to comply with the By-Laws of his lodge. Payment of dues *in advance* is provided for in these By-Laws. Solving the lapsation problem requires your help! I am counting on every Elk to fulfill his obligation—AND THEN SOME!


HORACE R. WISELY, Grand Exalted Ruler

You can hit some of these birds with a pebble, and almost have to shoot around trees to hit others

By
TED TRUEBLOOD



No telephoto lens was needed to photograph this Franklin's grouse, or fool hen.

RUFF IN THE WEST

THE BIRD looking at me curiously from a lodgepole pine bough, six feet away and a foot higher than my head, was nearly the size of a ruffed grouse. While Ruff is predominantly brown or gray, however, this one was black, with gray-edged tail, a few white-tipped feathers, and red slashes above his eyes.

He was a Franklin's grouse, or fool hen, the Western counterpart of the spruce grouse of Canada, and if ever a bird was appropriately named, that bird was the fool hen. He must have been absent when the brains were passed out. Trappers, prospectors, sheepherders and hunters have been killing fool hens with rocks and sticks for a hundred years, and I suppose the Indians had been doing it for centuries before that, but he has never discovered that man is his enemy. Once he is off the ground, out of reach of fox or coyote, he thinks he is safe, and if you were hunting fool hens for food you would need nothing more lethal than a bean flipper and a pocket full of pebbles.

Food was a relatively minor consideration on this occasion, however. I was carrying a shotgun and hunting for sport. There were ruffed grouse, blue grouse and Franklin's grouse within a day's hike of my camp and the limit was three, either one species or in com-

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A Western Ruff on his drumming log looks and acts just like his New England cousin.



Photographed at the 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament sponsored jointly by Oakland and Concord, Calif., Lodges, when \$400 was realized for the State Elks' Major Project were, left to right, R. L. Patriquin and C. T. Ring of Walnut Creek Lodge, Co-Chairmen Antone Logoteta of Concord and Emilio J. Poggi of Oakland, and San Francisco Elk Edward Levy, who won the contest.

TEEING OFF WITH GOLF

MACOMB TAKES KANKAKEE. Macomb Lodge No. 1009 won the team championship and three players tied for individual honors in the Illinois State Elks Golf Tournament held at the Kankakee Valley Elks Golf Club. Ollie Shaooff of Mount Carmel, Charles Trotter of Monmouth and Bob Thoren of Elgin made it a three-way individual tie, each scoring a 71 to take the title from Mount Vernon Elk Persie Pipes, the defending champion.

The Elks of the host lodge who held the team championship last year, gave way to the Macomb quartet which went the rounds in a total of 295, followed by Mount Carmel with 302. The members of the new championship team are Harry Mussato, William Haggerty, James King and Scott Burnham.

Eight players tied for first place in the blind bogey tournament with scores of 76; they were Al Campbell of Bloomington; Frank O'Connor of Chicago; Larry Ruggid, Des Plaines; Ed Beinor, Kankakee; Charles Bowman and Don Tewksbury of Sycamore, and Bill Forsyth, Carbondale.

The women had their own competition, with Dorothy Webb turning in the low gross for guests and Inez Williams for members. Marge Beinor won the low net tourney with a 67, and in the nine-hole low net contest, honors went to Betty Welindt who made it in 37½ strokes.

A field of 270 players from 27 Illinois lodges participated in this year's event which was followed by a dinner for the 325 golfers and their ladies.

Milton Shapiro, State of Illinois Athletic Chairman, has written State Elks Assn. Presidents in Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan in an effort to promote a Midwestern Contest with the Illinois champions playing the top foursomes of those States.

ROCHESTER, MINN., Lodge's 1958 Golf Tournament had 73 participants representing Minneapolis, St. Paul, Winona, Red Wing, Albert Lea, Owatonna and Rochester, Minn., Lodges as well as Decorah, Iowa, Elkdom. The 18-hole amateur tournament was held at Soldiers Field Golf Course, and following the contest a picnic dinner was served to the golfers and their families.

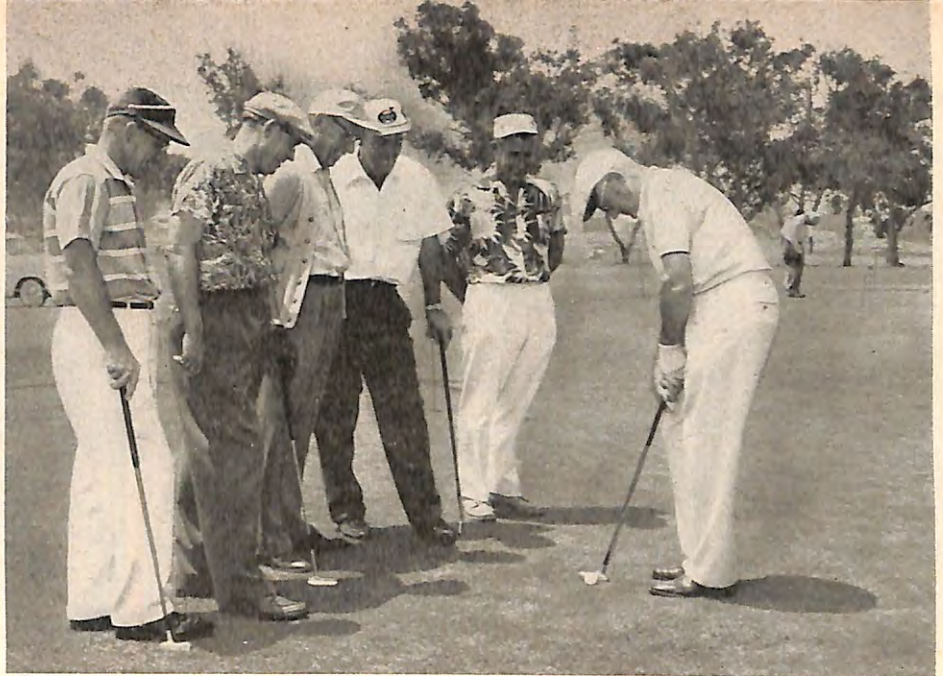
L. D. Stoffer of the host lodge won the championship for the second time,

tallying a par score of 70. Dave Boyar, another Rochester Elk, won the first flight with a 76, Ken Rohde and Frank Hentges took the second and third flights with 78 and 81, respectively. They're from Rochester, too, but the next five flights were taken by out-of-towners—Earl Heiting, of Winona, had an 83; Del Schendel of Albert Lea, 87; R. A. Johnson of Minneapolis, an 87; Howard Comstock, also of Minneapolis, a 95, and Russ Sundal, another Albert Lea golfer, 103.

CONNECTICUT'S NEWEST LODGE is Westport No. 2077. Instituted late in June by District Deputy Thomas E. Woods, the lodge began its career with 120 Charter Members who were installed by a group of Past Exalted Rulers of Bridgeport Lodge No. 36, assisted by that lodge's current officers and a number of officials of other lodges serving as Honorary Esquires.

Past Exalted Ruler John J. Gillespie of Bridgeport Lodge was Mr. Woods' aide, with an impressive list of former District Deputies rounding out the institution suite. The only speaker on the program was James A. Gunn, Chairman of New York State's New Lodge Committee, and also Chairman of the 1958-59 Grand Lodge Membership and New Lodge Committee.

The installation of officers of the new lodge was handled by a corps headed by Past District Deputy Cornelius H. McGuinness. An unhappy note to the proceedings was the absence of Edward J. Butner who was Chairman of the Organization Committee for the new lodge. Mr. Butner, who had been elected its first Exalted Ruler, suffered a heart attack the morning of the institution and was taken to Norwalk Hospital. It will please everyone to know, however, that it was not a serious seizure and that Mr. Butner has recovered. He is now serving his lodge in the office to which his Brother Elks had elected him.



Chairman R. Leonard Bush of the California Elks Assn.'s Major Project Commission addresses the ball during the 3rd annual Orange County Elks Cerebral Palsy Tournament. His gallery consists of, left to right, John A. Thompson of Santa Ana Lodge, State Treas. Robert E. Walker, Project Administrator William Garvin, Golf Committee Vice-Chairman Chuck Denio and Santa Ana P.E.R. Don G. Jerome. The tournament netted \$684.86 for the Project, with all ten lodges participating.



Harry Mussatto, center, accepts the Illinois Elks Golf Tournament Team Championship plaque for the Macomb team at the Kankakee Valley Elks Golf Course. Kankakee Lodge's E.R. James W. Court, right, presented the award as State Pres. Stewart Strain, left, looked on.



Above, left: Senator Leverett Saltonstall, a member of Newton, Mass., Lodge addresses the 700 guests at the 50th Anniversary dinner of Norwood, Mass., Lodge. Others pictured include, left to right, host E.R. Charles A. Vitartis, Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee who was another speaker on this occasion, Norwood's Board of Selectmen



Chairman Harry B. Butters and State Representative Daniel Rider. At right: Another feature of the celebration honored a group of the lodge's long-time members who received Honorary Life Memberships. Seated, left to right, are P.E.R. Arthur B. Rogers, lodge Steward Bing Callahan, Walter Kivlin, Geo. W. Corbett, Thomas O. Holman, Michael A. McManus, G. T. Barrett and

Pasquale Vasaturo. Standing: P.E.R.'s John P. Keating and J. F. Neal, E.R. Vitartis, State Vice-Pres. and D.D. Louis Dubin, P.D.D. Wm. J. Dalton, lodge Secy., Stephen M. Hefferan and Tiler Antonio Mancini. Other events included an initiation ceremony, and a carnival for children, including guests from the Massachusetts State Hospital for Handicapped Children.



Fourteen-year-old Sandy Warwick, center, won the National Junior Bowling Association's Mail-O-Graphic Girls' Hi Scratch Series. She is pictured accepting a trophy from Exalted Ruler Ernie Case of Burbank, Calif., Lodge, second from left, as her parents, lodge Trustee and Mrs. Chester F. Warwick, look on at right, with Youth Bowling Group Chairman Richard A. Wilson at the left. The young lady, a bowler since she was seven, rolled a nice series of 553 in the tournament in which some 7,430 youngsters were entered, representing 46 States and seven countries.



In less than a year after its institution, Westchester, Calif., Lodge broke ground for the first section of what will be a fine \$125,000 home. Photographed with Charles King, Chairman of the lodge's Board of Trustees, as he signed the agreement for the acquisition of the land, are Exalted Ruler Charles W. Pearson, left, and William T. Hannon, who represented the real estate agency through which the site for the home was procured.



Santa Rosa, Calif., Lodge's three-cushion billiard team won the Bay Cities Elks League trophy in the annual contest at Alameda Lodge. Members of the team are, left to right, Jesse W. LeDue, W. E. Pfister, Patrick Dunn, Elwood McCann, Phil W. Wetch, Aston Hayes, Captain G. Norman Kingwell and Bert Hindman.



These are the members of the Gaither family, all affiliates of Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge. Left to right, they are Karl F., Jr.; Lewis; Karl F., Sr., their father, who is an Honorary Life Member and a 38-year-Elk and John L. Gaither.



James W. Carpenter, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, center, turns the first spade of earth for the new home of Farmington, New Mexico, Elksdom, which will represent an investment of \$350,000. Looking on, left to right, are construction superintendent Ollie Rogers, architects Don Garland and Ralph Phillipi, and Curtis L. Attebery, Manager of the lodge. A special feature of the ground-breaking celebration found members of the lodge on the streets of the city selling copies of the special Elk edition published by the *Farmington Daily Times* for any price the customer desired to pay. Two thousand copies were sold at prices ranging from two cents to \$10 apiece, which enriched the lodge's Charity Fund by \$450.



E.R. Robert E. Rich presents the Exalted Ruler's Trophy to Rafael Edwards of Tamalpais High School as the Outstanding Athlete of the Day at the third annual Marin High School County track meet sponsored by San Rafael, Calif., Lodge whose members served as judges and timers for various events. Four schools participated and this year's varsity trophy went to San Rafael High School, with Tamalpais retaining the trophies for the "B" and "C" events. Individual medals were awarded by the lodge for the first four places in each contest.

NORTHWEST ROUNDUP. Winding up his official visits as the Order's leader, H. L. Blackledge and his wife arrived in Portland, Ore., on June 5th, where they were welcomed by a committee led by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan who accompanied the Blackledges to Eugene. Joined there by former Grand Lodge Committeeman Frank Hise, the party drove to Roseburg for the Oregon Elks Assn. Convention. The next morning, the distinguished travelers arrived in Spokane, Wash., where Exalted Ruler Stanley May and Secretary Walter Horn received them. After a brief visit, the party, which now included William S. Hawkins of the Grand Forum, drove to Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Lodge for luncheon before proceeding to Sandpoint for the Idaho Convention.

On the 7th, a group of Washington Elks, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and Special Deputy Edwin J. Alexander, now a Grand Trustee, met Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge in Vancouver and accompanied them to Longview where the Washington Elks' Convention was in progress. During the afternoon brief visits were made to Chehalis and Centralia Lodges, with a dinner meeting at Tacoma Lodge as guests of Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Raymond Magnuson. After spending Sunday in Tacoma with the Anderson family, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife, accompanied by Mr. Anderson and Past State President and Mrs. John T. Raftis, flew from the Seattle-Tacoma Airport on the first leg of their delightful four-day trip to Alaska.

Royally welcomed by the Elks of our brand-new State, the party was entertained at several banquets given by Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan lodges, with a gala breakfast at which the Petersburg Elks were hosts, and a luncheon at the home of Wrangell Lodge.

Returning to Washington, while in Seattle on June 14th, Mr. Blackledge visited the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter F. Meier to place a wreath there in the presence of Mrs. Meier and their son, Ron Meier. Later, a morning visit to Lake City Lodge found a large group of members on hand to greet the Nebraska guests, including the Washington Elks Assn.'s Major Project's eight mobile units and their therapists, and Lake City Lodge's championship Little Leaguers. Following a tour of inspection under escort of Exalted Ruler Al Irvine, the caravan proceeded to Seattle Lodge where Exalted Ruler Richard Harris conducted the Grand Exalted Ruler through the lodge home, showing him, in particular, its handsome new lodge room.

A reception and buffet luncheon followed at Ballard (Seattle) Lodge, for about 150 guests who joined Exalted Ruler Charles Livers in honoring Mr. Blackledge. District Deputy Philip F. Berg introduced the various local Elk dignitaries who were present, among them being Washington's Lt.-Governor John A. Cherberg, who is a member of the host lodge.

In his informal talk on this occasion, the Order's 1957-58 leader covered many interesting and amusing sidelights of his travels throughout Elkdom, concluding with a few inspirational remarks about the Order's achievements in relation to the individual Elk. And so ended the final visit of a very successful term.



While in Seattle, Wash., Mr. Blackledge placed a wreath at the grave of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter F. Meier who was a Seattle Elk. To the right of the monument, left to right, are Mr. Meier's son, Ronald W. Meier; the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler's wife, and retiring D.D. Philip F. Berg. In the background are Exalted Rulers of lodges of the Washington Northwest District and, left foreground, Ballard Lodge's uniformed Glad Hand Committee which served as Honor Guard at the ceremony.



Above: These young people participated in Idaho Falls, Ida., Lodge's 10th Annual Junior Golf Clinic and Tournament. Nearly 250 junior and senior high school students attended the week-long series of lessons, topped off by the tourney and award banquet. The photograph includes E.R. Dr. Peter G. Schroeck; Est. Lead. Knight N. D. Andresen, Clinic Chairman; Committeemen J. J. Poitevin, L. G. Bybee, W. W. Deist, Jr., and D. C. Harris; golf professional George Orullian; assistant pro J. H. Bates and Mrs. Orullian, who also assisted in the program.

Below: A late-term visit of H. L. Blackledge as the Order's 1957-58 leader occurred at Coeur d'Alene, Ida., where he received the "Diamond Cup" Hydroplane button from William S. Hawkins, member of the Grand Forum. Left to right are D.D. John R. Kemper, E.R. Edward F. McMahon, Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Hawkins, State Vice-Pres. James H. Gridley, lodge Secy. K. W. Greenquist and Past State Pres. Patrick H. King.





A group of 45 Princeton, W. Va., Elks and their ladies, accompanied by 25 youngsters from the lodge's Boxing School, made their 7th annual pilgrimage to the Elks National Home recently. Highlight of the afternoon's entertainment was a series of boxing exhibitions staged by the young pugilists. This school, for boys from 5 to 15 years of age, has been sponsored by the Elks for the past five years, under the tutelage of John P. McCabe and W. R. Stephens. Youth Activities Chairman C. Q. Bingham presented a program of magic and ventriloquism and Jack Powell and Ronnie Bailey sang for the group. Before they left, the Princeton visitors made a contribution to the Home's Motion Picture Fund.



At a lobster dinner attended by 300 members and guests of Hackensack, N. J., Lodge, the guest of honor, Supt. Thomas J. Brady of the Elks National Home, received a \$675 check from the lodge to be used in furnishing the recreation room of the Home where Hackensack Elk, Patrick Henry Maley, also a guest at the dinner, is a resident. In accepting the check, Supt. Brady stated that to his knowledge it was the first gift made by a lodge for the improvement of the Home. Left to right are P.E.R. Harry J. Olsen, Chairman of the lodge's Elks National Home Committee, Dinner Committee Chairman Clifford E. Osborne, Supt. Brady and Chairman Harry H. Smith of the N. J. Elks Assn.'s Board of Trustees.



James H. Douglas, Secretary of the Air Force, center, receives a personal invitation from E.R. Roy A. Woolcock, right, to attend Everett, Wash., Lodge's Air Fair. With them is Rep. Jack Westland who joined Mr. Woolcock in expressing the lodge's appreciation to Secretary Douglas for his part in making it possible for Air Force "Thunderbirds" to headline the show.



Dignitaries of the Order who participated in the dedication of the handsome new home of Concord, Calif., Lodge included, left to right, seated, State Association President John A. Raffetto, Jr., Horace R. Wisely who is now the Order's Grand Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis who presided, and State Association Secretary Edgar W. Dale. Standing are P.E.R. Louis J. Narberes, P.D.D. Gerald F. McCormick, E.R. Carroll F. Claire and P.E.R. J. F. DeRosa.



Above, left: Florence Leonard, 17-year-old polio victim, returned to West Palm Beach, Fla., from the Florida Elks' Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children to receive her high school diploma from Howell Watkins, Supt. of Public Instruction, left. In spite of the fact that she was unable to attend a single class at the high school, the young lady managed to maintain grades in the A's during the past year. After two and one-half years under the care of the Florida Elks, and undergoing three major operations, Miss Leonard hopes to walk without assistance within a few months and may return to the Home for



treatment next winter. Shortly after her commencement exercises, Miss Leonard received a portable typewriter as a graduation gift from West Palm Beach Lodge at a ceremony held the evening her father was initiated in the presence of a large group of Elks, including State Vice-Pres. Almer I. Tedder. ● ● Above, right: Joining in the enjoyment of some of the 154 children from the Methodist Home at the picnic given annually for these youngsters by the Elks of Decatur, Ga., are House Mother Miss Lucile Pettyjohn, seated at right, and the Home's Supt., B. C. Kerr, seated at left. Standing, left to right, are Trustee Charles J. Lyon, nine-year County March of Dimes Chairman; Publicity Director John G. Thomas, and Trustee Arthur C. Rollins, Jr., a Past Exalted Ruler.

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ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

The Annual Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission was presented by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman of the Commission. Following are salient points of this Report.

Memorial Building

The Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago is acclaimed to be one of the finest War Memorial buildings in the entire world if not the finest. The Memorial and Publication Commission is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Building, which is dedicated to the Elks who served in World War I and World War II, and in particular to those who lost their lives in service for their country. The Building is open daily and is a landmark for visitors to Chicago. Since the Building was opened in 1926, 2,183,667 people have visited it, and last year alone, there were 75,443 visitors.

The expense of maintenance and operation of the Building is paid from surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine, and currently this expense is about \$85,000 annually.

During the year, the Memorial Book, which is available to visitors to the Building, was completely revised, and a printing of 10,000 was made by authorization of the Grand Lodge. The new edition is entitled "A Story of Elkdom", and it not only describes the character of the Memorial in words and outstanding photographs, but also speaks of the great accomplishments of the Order.

In the Report the Commission paid tribute to the outstanding services of Hubert E. Allen, who has for many years been Superintendent of the Elks National Memorial Building.

The Elks Magazine

This was the 36th consecutive year of publication of The Elks Magazine as the national journal of the BPOE. During the year 14,775,013 copies of the Magazine were printed. Total earnings for the year were \$226,502.24, as compared to \$249,520.62 for the previous year.

While the advertising revenue of the Magazine has shown a steady increase for the past decade, our publication is faced with continually increasing production costs, the largest single item being paper. Since the subscription rate of the Magazine remains \$1.00, as established at the original date of issue in June, 1922, this represents a serious problem, and Chairman McClelland particularly stressed how important it is that every member of the Order support the firms utilizing pages in the Magazine. As Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland said, "It is very helpful when an individual Elk writing to advertisers says: 'I saw your advertisement in The Elks Magazine.'"

The Elks Family Shopper, which was initiated in 1951, has proved a vital factor in maintaining Magazine profits, and in the fiscal year ended May 31, 1958, carried a dollar volume of advertising in the amount of \$128,537.12.

Public Relations

"Our publicity on the Grand Lodge's activities and programs continued to receive wide use in the nation's press," Chairman McClelland reported. For example, in July 1957, the first Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco was held, and the Public Relations Department received 1,542 nation-wide press clippings. This, of course, represents only part of the total number.

The Public Relations Department worked closely with Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge in support of his Indoctrination Program and Open House project, and furnished publicity material to lodges and State Associations in advance of 136 visits of Mr. Blackledge during the year. In February a special background story about the Order's 90th anniversary was sent to all lodges, and this resulted in excellent editorial publicity in local newspapers. Considerable attention was also devoted to Elks National Youth Day and the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest. Ed Sullivan presented the boy and girl winners of the Youth Leadership Contest on his CBS television show on

May 4th. There were several other national radio and TV programs in connection with the great work that the Order is doing on behalf of America's youth.

Other important activities of the Public Relations Department during the year were cooperating with the Board of Grand Trustees in the production of a film on the Elks National Home; publication of publicity kits for Flag Day observance; working closely with the Lodge Activities Committee, and furnishing lodges with appropriate material for National Newspaper Week.

In concluding this part of the Annual Report, Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland expressed his deep appreciation of the work of Brother Otho DeVilbiss, who is Public Relations Department Director.

Disposition of Earnings

Out of the surplus earnings of the Magazine during its existence, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission has turned the sum of \$6,877,154.72 over to the Grand Lodge, this being an average of nearly \$200,000 per year. These payments have been used for important purposes, such as building of an addition to the Elks Home in Bedford, Virginia; the decoration of the Memorial Building; operation and maintenance of the Memorial Building; contributions to the Elks War Commission and Elks National Foundation; establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund and for general Grand Lodge expenses.

Had it not been for the earnings of The Elks Magazine, the per capita tax per year would have been considerably higher than has been the case. This year the members of the Commission decided to turn over to the Grand Lodge \$100,000 of the surplus earnings of the Magazine, making the total amount turned over to the Grand Lodge in the past 36 years \$6,977,154.72.

The Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission is composed of five members, all of whom are Past Grand Exalted Rulers: John S. McClelland, Chairman; Emmett T. Anderson, Vice Chairman; Wade H. Kepner, Secretary; James T. Hallinan, Treasurer, and Earl E. James, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

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◁ ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION ▷

The Annual Report of the Elks National Foundation marked the thirtieth anniversary of the Order's great philanthropic fund, and, as Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, said, "Those who contribute to the Foundation can take pride in the fact that they are participating in the charitable, educational and humanitarian endeavors sponsored by Elks in every part of the United States of America. 'There is so much to do—there is so little time.' To a greater degree each year our members, realizing that individuals can do so little by their own effort, have selected the Foundation as their agency for good works."

"The Principal Fund of the Foundation is over \$5,000,000 in actual receipts and over \$7,000,000 in market value of the securities in its investment portfolio. The present annual income is approximately \$250,000, and will increase proportionately as the Principal Fund is augmented each year by donations of members, lodges and state associations and occasional bequests," Mr. Malley explained.

"The Foundation has many features which appeal to those who wish to dedicate permanently and completely the money which they bequeath for charitable and philanthropic purposes. Our Foundation keeps all gifts intact in the Principal Fund.

"During the period of its existence, the Foundation has distributed over a million and a half dollars for charitable, educational and philanthropic purposes. These distributions have been made directly, in Foundation project, and also to Elk State Associations to assist the established major project in the respective states."

Current Year

The total amount received from all sources during the fiscal year was \$384,442.02. Of this amount, \$11,708.02 was contributed by State Associations; \$153,597.80 by subordinate lodges; \$214,382.25 by individuals, and \$3,565.95 was derived from bequests.

Chairman Malley was pleased to note that a greater number of group contributions from lodges and members were received with request that Honorary Founder Certificates or Permanent Benefactor Certificates be issued to pay tribute to a Brother who has performed notable service for the Order, and whom the donors wish to honor in his lifetime. There also is a steadily increasing interest in Memorial Certificates, which are issued upon request of the donors in memory of a friend,

relative or member who has passed away.

Appreciation

"Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge advocated support of the Foundation in all his speeches to Elks assembled in conventions and in other groups during his wide coverage of lodges," Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley reported. "His excellent program of indoctrination was most beneficial to the Foundation because the officers and active members of every lodge were prompted to inform themselves in regard to the purposes of the Foundation in order that they might impart the information to the candidates seeking admission. We are grateful to him for his advocacy of our cause, both directly given in forceful speech and by institution of this new program."

Mr. Malley also thanked the District Deputies, State Association officers and committeemen, the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of subordinate lodges and the Foundation-conscious members of innumerable lodges who gave most valuable assistance during the year. For several months The Elks Magazine has published a monthly feature about the work of the Foundation in the field of cerebral palsy and scholarship, under the title "The Joy of Giving", and Mr. Malley expressed his appreciation of this support.

Current Distributions

CEREBRAL PALSY. This project of the Foundation has grown to large proportions and is bringing the Order many commendations for the grants given to doctors, therapists, technicians, nurses, teachers and others who are interested in advancing their knowledge in the modern techniques of treatment of cerebral palsy. To date, the Foundation grants have totaled \$277,251.58 and have sent 585 qualified persons through courses of specialized training.

Substantially, all who have received these grants and have completed their courses of study are now on assign-

ments in the field of cerebral palsy. Some are serving on the staffs of the Cerebral Palsy Treatment Centers and Clinics sponsored by our own Elk State Associations. Others are on faculties of universities and medical institutions or are teaching.

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT AWARDS. This year the Foundation awarded \$40,000 in scholarship grants, and all forty-eight states, two Territories and the Possessions participated in the program. A full report of the "Most Valuable Student" awards appears on page 23 of this issue. To show the splendid forward progress of the Foundation, it should be noted that next year the total awards will be increased to \$70,000.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP. The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee continued its program to foster character building and to encourage youth leadership among the young people of our country. The Foundation Trustees made the sum of \$6,400 available for award by the Youth Activities Committee to outstanding youth leaders selected by the Committee.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL FUND. This fund is available for education of any young person under the age of 23, whose father is a member of the Order and who lost his life or was incapacitated while a member in good standing. During the year \$8,465 was granted under the terms of this fund.

Conclusion

It should be understood that all expenses of the Foundation are paid by the Grand Lodge and the entire income from the Principal Fund is devoted to work of the Foundation. Since only the income is used, a contribution to the Foundation is a permanent gift for furthering the great work of the Foundation. Total administrative expense of the Foundation during the past year was \$46,069.14.

The Elks National Foundation Trustees, all of whom are Past Grand Exalted Rulers, are: John F. Malley, Chairman; Robert S. Barrett, Vice Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; Charles H. Grakelow, Treasurer; L. A. Lewis, Dr. Edward J. McCormick and Sam Stern.

◁ ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION ▷

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, in opening the Annual Report, reminded the Order, "That patriotism in Elkdom with respect to men and women in service is not confined to times of crisis when public acclaim is at its highest. The size of our debt to those who were willing to make the supreme sacrifice increases when

they are helpless and ill. It is the proud promise of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks that through its National Service Commission program the memory of the sacrifices of our Nation's defenders will forever be held sacred."

Hospital Services

The Veterans Administration presently operates 172 hospitals throughout the

country in which approximately 117,000 patients are cared for daily. These include 113 general medical and surgical hospitals, 38 neuropsychiatric and 21 tuberculosis. There are also several veterans' wings in State mental institutions and some service hospitals, located in every state as well as the District of Columbia, that are aided by the Commission.

The services Elks render in these hospitals are manifold, sponsoring the best available professional talent, sports nights, carnivals, as well as trips outside the hospital to attend baseball and football games and wrestling bouts. The program also includes ward visits, wheelchair patient escorts, occupational therapy instructions, letter writing, and much more, to provide pleasant diversions.

Occupational Therapy

To fill long stretches of time and monotony during which negative mental attitudes could interfere with the best medical treatment, most hospitals have excellent Occupational Therapy Departments. There is always a demand for supplies, and expensive leather hides are highly valued. Several years ago, the California State Elks Association originated a program of gathering skins and pelts and tanning them for distribution to the hospitals in California. The work spread to other states, and today,

Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Nevada, North Dakota, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico are engaged in this worthwhile program. The State of Massachusetts is also in the forefront of this program. In the manufacturing area of this state, leather, plastics and fabrics are constantly donated for local distribution.

Other phases of occupational therapy assistants include the supply of old radios, television sets, watches, etc., all given with the intention of keeping minds and hands busy.

Courtesy Cards

Courtesy Cards, issued to blood relatives of members of our Order serving in the Armed Forces who were under 21 years of age at the time of their induction, are still available to all lodges which desire them, by writing for a supply to the Elks National Service Commission, Room 2860, 161 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N.Y. By presenting a Courtesy Card, these young servicemen can experience the gracious hospitality of Elk lodges.

Duration Stickers

In 1942, the Elks National Service Commission designed a Duration Sticker, which was approved by the Grand Exalted Ruler, to provide a method of assuring that the Elk serviceman presenting the card had paid his dues for the duration. These stickers are also

available to all lodges by sending their request to the Service Commission.

Conclusion

Concluding the Report, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan extended his deep thanks to those that helped interpret the Commission's high ideals of benevolence and patriotism with programs of positive action. "The solemn pledge made to our veterans would be meaningless without fulfillment by that faithful group of dedicated Elks and their ladies whose willing hands and hearts have performed works of mercy in Veterans Administration hospitals throughout the Nation," Chairman Hallinan said.

The Commission's recognition and deep gratitude was extended to Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, "who never missed an opportunity in his extensive travels to visit Veterans Hospitals and to seek out the dedicated Elks serving them for a special word of commendation."

"To Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and his skilled and willing staff we wish to express our sincere thanks for their generous and cheerful cooperation", Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan stated. He also recognized with appreciation the efforts of The Elks Magazine, which made the activities and achievements of the Commission known to over 1,200,000 Elks and their families in a monthly page.

"The broad scope and far-reaching activities of the Elks National Service Commission program requires skilled coordination with special attention to the multitude of details involved. We are fortunate to have the benefit of the efficient and experienced services of our Executive Director Bryan J. McKeogh, Field Director Floyd H. Brown and a faithful and competent office staff."

Finances

For the fiscal period reported, programs were financed from funds remaining on hand April 1, 1957, plus per capita assessment receipts from Grand Lodge in the amount of \$359,932.84; \$25,000 appropriation unanimously adopted at the 1957 Grand Lodge Session in San Francisco for administrative expenses and \$7,550.68 realized through miscellaneous donations from subordinate lodges and interest earned on securities.

Members of the Elks National Service Commission submitting the Report: Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, Chairman; Henry C. Warner, Vice Chairman; George I. Hall, Treasurer; Howard R. Davis, Assistant Treasurer; William J. Jernick, Secretary and Acting Assistant Treasurer; Frank J. Lonergan, Emmett T. Anderson, Joseph B. Kyle, William Hawley Atwell, John L. Walker, Fred L. Bohn and Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge.



1958 National Ritualistic Champion Team

WITH TEAMS from 41 states competing, the largest number in the history of Grand Lodge Conventions, the Ritualistic Team from Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge took first place honors at the New York Convention and was awarded the Raymond Benjamin Trophy, offered yearly by Napa, Calif., Lodge, in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin, and a check for \$1,000. In this photograph taken after the Phoe-

nix team won the Arizona contest, front row, from left, are Inner Guard Glenn W. Griffin, Exalted Ruler L. Wayne Adams, Jr., Esteemed Leading Knight R. R. Olson, and Esquire Peter A. Mench. Rear, from left, are Chaplain Eugene O'Neill, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Thomas W. Jessup, Candidate Harry Horn, Esteemed Loyal Knight Don Dixon, and Team Coach L. Cedric Austin.

Elks National Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

THE Elks National Foundation Trustees announce that SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in scholarship awards will be distributed at the 1959 Grand Lodge Session. This announcement of the "Most Valuable Student" awards should be of interest to the students of every community who are leaders in their schools and colleges. For twenty-five years these awards have made it possible for many superior students to continue their college courses under favorable circumstances. The awards offered this year are:

	BOYS	GIRLS
First Award.....	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Second Award.....	1,100.00	1,100.00
Third Award.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fourth Award.....	900.00	900.00
Fifth Award.....	800.00	800.00
Fifty \$600.00 Awards.....	30,000.00	30,000.00
	<u>\$35,000.00</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>

ELIGIBILITY

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

MERIT STANDARDS

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

FORM OF APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction of which the applicant is resident must sign the lodge endorsement (printed upon the application blank) certifying that he has reviewed the application and verifies the substantial accuracy of the statements.

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

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

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

FILING OF APPLICATIONS

The application, verified by the proper subordinate lodge officer, must be filed on or before March 1, 1959, with the Secretary of the State Elks Association of the State in which the applicant is resident, in order that it may be judged by the Scholarship Committee of said Association and, if approved as one of the quota of applications allotted to the State, be forwarded to our Chairman not later than April 1, 1959.

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

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

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BEFORE MARCH 1, 1959

The National Association of Secondary-School Principals has placed this contest on the Approved List of National Contests and Activities for 1958-59

Our Most Valuable Students

AT THE Grand Lodge Convention in New York this year, the Elks National Foundation presented its 25th Annual "Most Valuable Student" awards, when scholarships were received by sixty-one boys and girls. First Award winners among boys and girls, Miss Emily E. England and Philip M. Young, were guests at the Convention to accept their grants in person. Highest award in 1957-58 was \$1,200, as compared to \$1,000 the previous year. Next year's awards are announced and described on the opposite page.

In addition to ten major awards, there were fifty-one \$600 scholarships, representing a \$100 increase over the previous year when the amount of the smallest scholarship was \$500. Recipients and sponsoring lodges in this group are as follows:

Winners in the Girls' Division:

Gladys Albright, Ephrata, Pa.; Ann M. Tisdell, Visalia, Calif.; Connie J. Clulow, Little Rock, Ark.; Roberta M. Hirshon, Boston, Mass.; Caryl Ann Milkowski, Kenosha, Wis.; Linda E. Motsinger, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Laralee McNeill, Bellefontaine, Ohio; Sarah P. Stone, Paris, Tenn.; Beatrice M. Nemlaha, Cicero-Berwyn, Ill.; Lee Baratelli, Milford, Conn.; Nancy K. Greenamyre, Lincoln, Nebr.; Ernestine H. Sherman, Astoria, Ore.; Sandra L. Bressler, Reading, Pa.; Bernice M. Colby, Hartford, Vt.; Patricia A. Progre, Gary, Ind.; Janice I. Neuharth, Missoula, Mont.; Jane Shelby, Hackensack, N.J.; Melanie Schlapak, Ambridge, Pa.; Maria T. Migliorini, Somerville, Mass.; Julianne G. Faleide, Devils Lake, N.D.; Joyce E. Hendee, Lansing, Mich.; Terri J. DeLatour, Missoula, Mont.; Pamela A. Holsclow, Pasco, Wash.; Kathryn C. Kappers, Eau Claire, Wis.; and Joanne Hitchcock, Red Bluff, Calif.

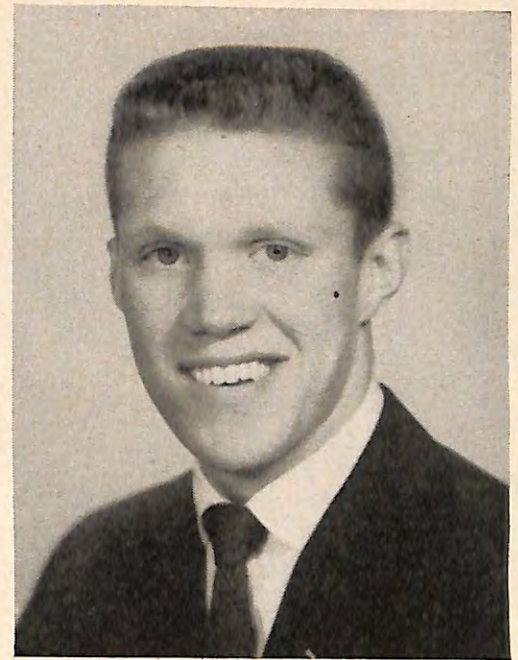
Winners in the Boys' Division:

Bridger M. Mitchell, Stockton, Calif.; John E. Matson, McPherson, Kan.; J. David Smith, Medford, Mass.; Joseph V. Siler, Pomona, Calif.; Stanley R. Bye, Walla Walla, Wash.; David Korkosz, Chicopee, Mass.; Marvin L. Wright, Park City, Utah; Rodger S. Gabrielson, Kenosha, Wis.; Louis D. LaFleur, Jennings, La.; Glen E. Thurow, Anaconda, Mont.; Wayne V. Roberts, Sweet Home, Ore.; Gerald L. Wick, Phoenix, Ariz.; Kirk G. Webster, Glandale, Ariz.; Mich-

ael K. Glenn, Shenandoah, Ia.; Chester T. Baj, Jr., Northampton, Mass.; William B. Tiffany, Midwest City, Okla.; Michael J. Sullivan, III, Newport, R.I.; Pudge N. Ellwood, Aberdeen, S.D.; James H. Fennessy, Superior, Wis.; Thomas C. Hiestand, Astoria, Ore.; Ronald N. Inouye, Provo, Utah; Joe S. Rainey, Covington, Ga.; Brooke Hamilton, Jr., Houston, Tex.; David A. Mayfield, Knoxville, Tenn.; Robert A. Peterson, Omaha, Nebr.; and Marvin S. Romanoff, Schenectady, N.Y.



FIRST AWARD \$1,200
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FIRST AWARD \$1,200
Philip M. Young
Beltsville, Md.



SECOND AWARD \$1,100
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Bismarck, N. D.



SECOND AWARD \$1,100
Sheila Ann Wiese
Phoenix, Ariz.



THIRD AWARD \$1,000
Dennis E. Cook
Fairbanks, Alaska



THIRD AWARD \$1,000
Michelle G. Monte
Skamania, Wash.



FOURTH AWARD
(TIED) \$900
Judith G. Hamer
Prescott, Ariz.



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NORTH STARS

BY ED FAUST

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TODAY more than ever our thoughts turn to the North as an insistent voice says, "Move over you forty-eight stars. Make room for one for Alaska." Being not insensible of the significance to our Country of those 586,000 square miles that project from the North American continent like a hitch-hiker's thumb, I'm at the same time moved to re-appraise some of the valued residents of Alaska, the far north, and certain of their brothers that have been employed farthest south as well. They're very much worthy of consideration. Without them human life in those barren regions of the Arctic and Antarctic Circles would be almost impossible, certainly far more difficult for survival. I have in mind the dogs of the north—there being none native to Antarctic lands.

The hardships of polar explorations without the assistance of these dogs would have been increased tremendously. To quote our own Admiral Peary, "Without their help success could never have crowned the efforts of the expedition." This he writes in his book, "The North Pole," following his discovery of the Pole, April, 1909. In this he is in agreement with that gallant Norwegian, Roald Amundsen, who reached the South Pole in December, 1911. Incidentally, it's interesting although not altogether relevant to note that the Admiral further writes that his vessel, *The Roosevelt* (named for T. R. not F. D. R.) was an American ship, built in an American shipyard, engineered by an American company with American metal and built

according to American design. What's more, he proudly writes that from the largest to the smallest item of supplies, all were of American manufacture. Can't help liking that man.

He describes the dogs he used as Eskimos and adds, "No dog in the world can work so long in the lowest temperature on practically nothing to eat." Males weighed from 80 to 100 pounds with females a trifle smaller. According to the Eskimo Dog Club of America, which has established the standard for the breed, weights should be for males 65 to 85 pounds, for females 50 to 70 pounds. But these are specifications for the modern Eskimo. The dogs used by the Admiral nearly fifty years ago could well have been heavier and larger too.

Polar explorers Nansen, Scott and Admiral Richard Byrd and others who ventured into those far off lands like-

wise had good reasons to praise the dogs that made their journeys possible. Earlier explorers had tried reindeer and even men to pull sledges, but these failed while the dogs succeeded. The Eskimo dog commanded by the Eskimo is guided solely by voice and whip, the latter being from 12 to 18 feet long. In the hands of the experienced dog runner the whip becomes a marvelous instrument of precision. He can literally snap the tip of it on a dime. The Eskimo, unspoiled by white man's influence, is perhaps one of the most trusting and primitive of all Indians, but like most savages sadly indifferent to the welfare of his animals. In this he's simply a product of his environment where food is hard to get, hunger is frequent and the climate for nine months of the year is marked by bitter cold and a long stretch of darkness. In consequence his dogs have to earn their

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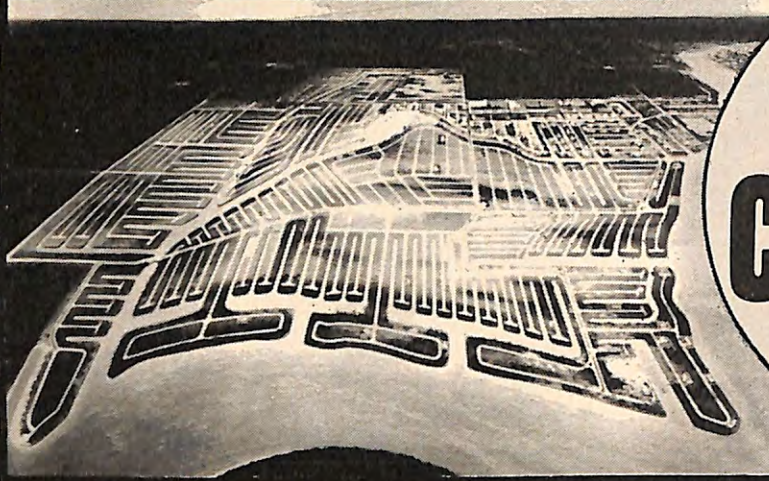


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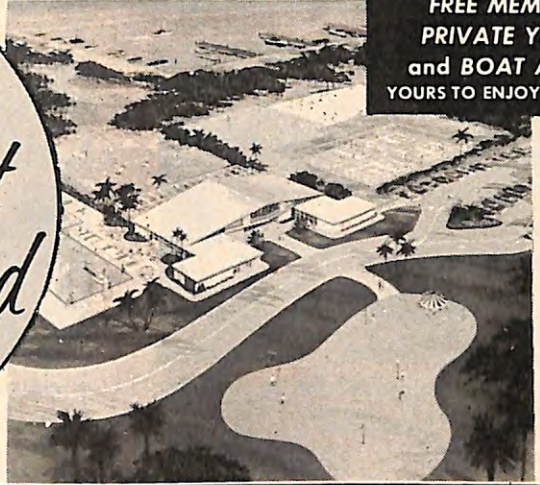
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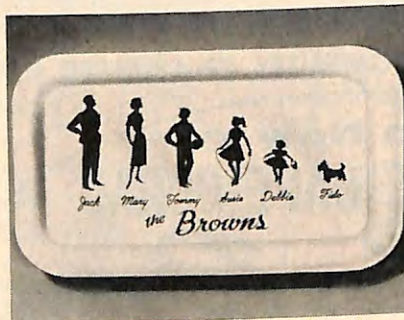
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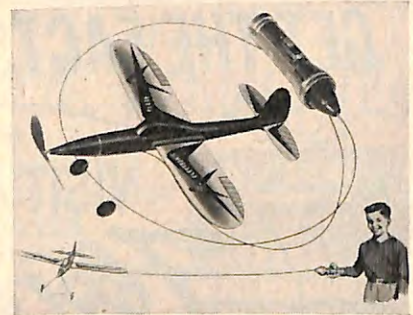
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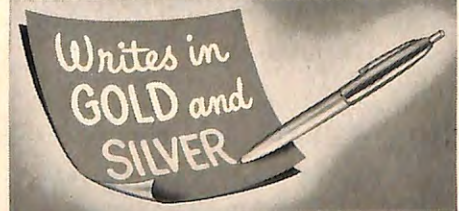


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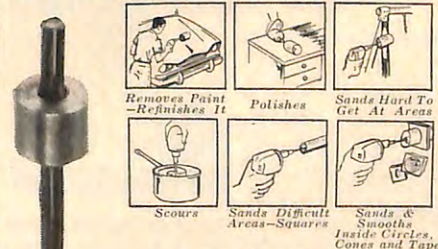
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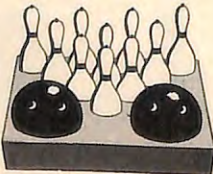
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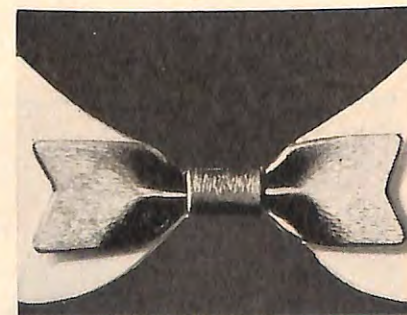
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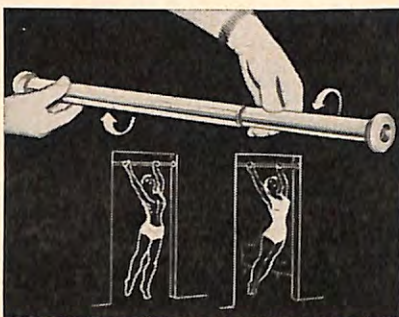
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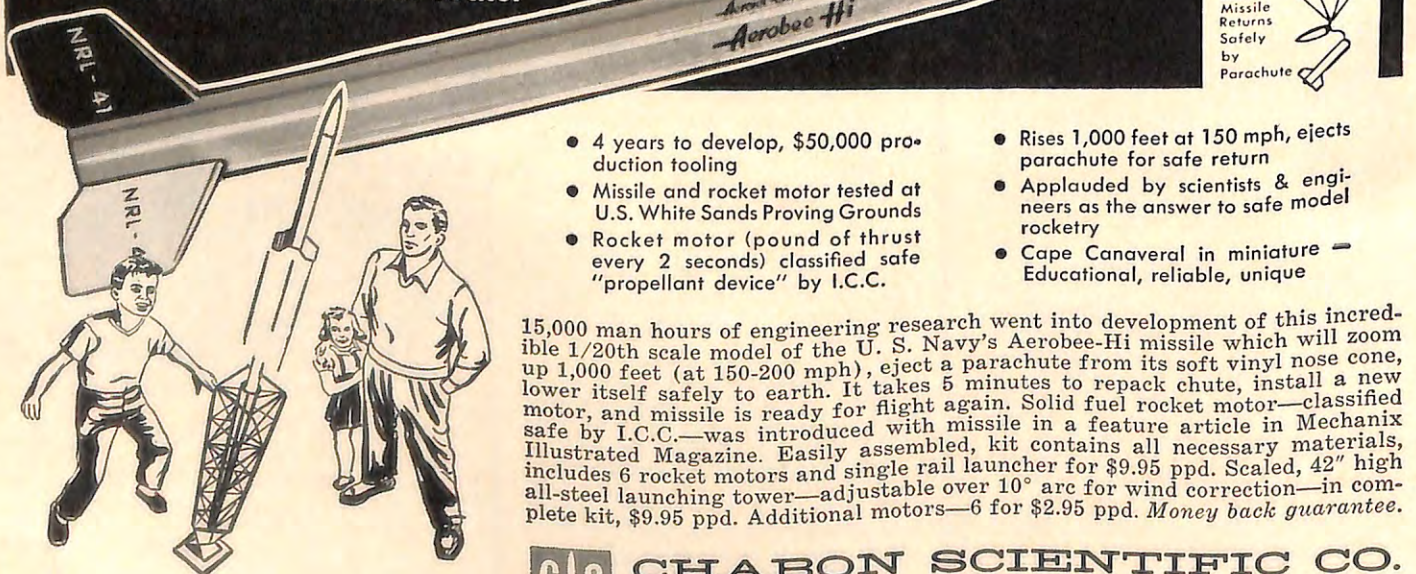


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Farmington took the Ritualistic title at this meeting and Santa Fe was selected as the site of next year's session.

New officers are President Hampton Martin, Carlsbad; Vice-Pres.-at-Large LeRoy Ramirez, Santa Fe; Vice-Presidents Louis R. Kavanaugh, Las Vegas, and Robert R. Gillespie, Silver City; Treas. E. H. Jahraus, Albuquerque; Secy. W. R. Davidson, Carlsbad; Sgt.-at-Arms A. G. Sianz, Albuquerque; Tiler Ernest Olson, Roswell; Chaplain J. L. Pierce, Alamogordo; Organist J. Gibbs Springs, Santa Fe, and Trustees James Thompson, Albuquerque, W. T. Halderman, Artesia, J. E. Box, Hobbs, Robert Menapace, Gallup, and Andrew Fallat, Lordsburg.

WILLIAM J. JERNICK, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, was the speaker at the banquet held during the 45th Annual Reunion of the New Jersey Elks Association at
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Above: Flanked by two of the Order's Past Grand Exalted Rulers, James G. McFarland, left, and William J. Jernick, right, are the incoming and outgoing Presidents of the South Dakota Elks Association. Photographed at the State Convention in Madison, they are Harold Ricketts, the new Association leader, second from left, and Ross E. Case, his immediate predecessor, third from left.



At the Michigan Convention, the Niles Ritualistic Team, State Champions who won second place in the 1958 National Competition, were pictured with their trophies, and retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Blackledge and Past Pres. Nelson H. Van Dongen. Left to right, foreground, are L. L. Hamilton, Jr., Esq.; R. L. Gantt, Jr., Chaplain, and Alan Morehouse, Est. Loyal Knight; standing: R. J. Lace, Est. Lead. Knight; Mr. Van Dongen, L. E. Clark, E.R.; Mr. Blackledge; Stayton Malone, Inner Guard, and, holding the high-point cup, M. E. DePoy, Est. Lect. Knight.

Left: With their candidate in center background are Wyoming's Ritualistic Champions from Casper, left to right, Est. Lead. Knight Bernie Lensmeyer, Loyal Knight E. O. King, Esq. J. R. Hawkins, E.R. W. J. Palmer, Lect. Knight Velde Largent, Inner Guard Fred E. Powell and Chaplain James C. Thorpe.

1958 EVIDENCE-



When John H. Layman, left, became Defiance, Ohio, Lodge's new E.R., he was installed in that office by his father, P.E.R. E. C. Layman.



P.E.R. John A. Holmes who led Oneida, N. Y., Elksdom in 1922, left, installed his son, J. Kenneth Holmes, as 1958-59 Exalted Ruler.



P.E.R. John G. Zoerb, right, with his son, Richard when he installed the young man as La Crosse, Wis., Lodge's Exalted Ruler.



A Past Pres. of Ohio's P.E.R.'s Assn. and former State Ritualistic Committee Chairman, Andrew J. Barber, right, conducted the ceremony when his brother, John W. Barber, pictured with him, became E.R. of Youngstown, Ohio, Lodge.



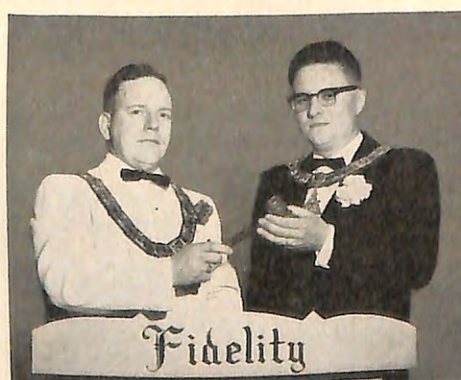
For 40 years, senior P.E.R. Frank W. Moore, a 56-year-member, has installed the Fort Collins, Colo., officers. At the age of 80, Mr. Moore, a P.D.D., right, enjoyed the privilege again when he handed the gavel to E.R. E. Ted Reiser this year.



Fred Metz, left, congratulates his son on his installation as E.R. of Susanville, Calif., Lodge. The senior Metz, who has been an Elk for 23 years, proposed his son for membership ten years ago.



A cousin got into the installation picture when William W. Kurtz, left, became Fostoria, Ohio, Lodge's 1958-59 leader. The installing officer was his cousin, P.E.R. Raymond G. Kurtz of Kendallville, Ind., Lodge, center. At right is the retiring Exalted Ruler, Earl Titus.



Not only are many Elk installations a family matter, occasionally a P.E.R. does the honors for a business partner, such as when Vernon D. Forslund, State Trustee, left, installed Auburn, Wash., Lodge's E.R. C. G. Ludwig, his partner in a thriving pharmacy in that community.



His term as E.R. made Charles L. Lafler, left, the second member of his family to lead Sidney, Neb., Lodge. His father, Leon, who installed him, right, served three years ago, and his mother, center, was the first to head the Elks' ladies.

State Associations

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Dowagiac, Mich., Lodge's youthful 1957-58 E.R. Jerry E. Geer, left, looks on as P.E.R. Frank H. Davis, right, hands the gavel to his son, Charles R. Davis, when the latter became the 1958-59 leader.



Twenty-three years ago, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, center, a Past Exalted Ruler of Dixon, Ill., Lodge, installed H. F. Walder, left, as the lodge's Exalted Ruler. Last Spring, Mr. Warner again served as installing officer when P.E.R. Walder's son, Warren E. Walder, right, became Dixon Elldom's Exalted Ruler.



Three sets of brothers were the central figures in the installation of Jacksonville, Ill., Lodge's 1958-59 panel, a ceremony attended by over 200 members. They were, left to right, standing, P.E.R.'s Mervin D. Ator and Leavitt C. Arnold and the new E.R., Francis J. Clancy; seated in the same order are P.E.R.'s Charles J. Ator, Richard E. Arnold and William J. Clancy.

Asbury Park June 20th and 21st. Mayor Thomas F. Shebell was present to extend a cordial welcome to the 420 delegates, Association members and guests who saw the Jernick Trophy for ritualistic excellence and the State plaque go to Lyndhurst Lodge.

During the course of the business session the three lodges instituted during the year were elected to membership in the Association; they are Parsippany-Troy Hills, Teaneck and Bordentown. It was reported that the lodges and Association had spent nearly \$200,000 on the care of crippled children during the past year, with a total of 41 professional shows put on by the Veterans Service Committee at two VA Hospitals in the State, in addition to many other worthwhile efforts in behalf of hospitalized servicemen. The Youth Activities and Scholarship Committee reported the participation of over 600 students in the Youth Leadership and Scholarship Contests, with the best youth programs sponsored by Bloomfield Lodge for those of under 500 members, Red Bank for 500 to 1,000 members and Hackensack for lodges of over 1,000 members.

Despite inclement weather, 20 musical aggregations, marching units and floats took part in the annual parade, when various prizes were given to outstanding units and to the best overall entry, judged to be that of New Brunswick Elldom.

Matthew J. Coyle of Nutley was elected to succeed Vernet N. Hicks as President. Serving with him are Vice-Presidents Joseph E. Wallace, Paterson, Lee S. Shell, Union, Seymour Heyman, Vineland, Obert T. Stetter, Asbury Park, Charles A. Hollister, Hackensack, and Alphonse DeFiore, Boonton; Secretary Harold L. Wertheimer, Atlantic City; Treasurer Theodore Grimm, Bloomfield; Trustee Denis A. G. Lyons, Passaic; Sgt.-at-Arms Clifford B. Finkle, Clifton; Inner Guard Cahill Krieger, Mountainside; Tiler Edward Kerkuski, Toms River; Chaplain William J. Windecker, Orange, and Organist Harry A. Burnham, Union City.

The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey quarter will be held the 28th of this month at Boonton.

A RECORD HIGH of nearly 1,500 delegates and guests attended the 54th Annual Convention of the Michigan Elks Association in Cadillac May 22nd through the 25th. The highlight of the meeting was the presence of Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge who spoke at the session on the 24th and again at the President's banquet in the evening. Another important feature was the report given by Past President Hugh L. Hartley, General Chairman of the Mich-

Activities Committee presented a trophy to Vancouver Lodge in recognition of its top youth program of 1957-58, and Chairman John T. Raftis, Sr., of the Board of Trustees for the Major Project made his progress report for the year. Following the showing of the new "Major Project Story" on film, Special Deputy Edwin J. Alexander introduced the staff of therapists who operate the Association's eight mobile units. Gwendolen Harris, one of the cerebral-palsied patients they are assisting, and her mother were also presented. In the afternoon, Mr. Alexander introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson who delivered a fine address.

Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, who was present with Mrs. Blackledge, was the special guest at a breakfast on the morning of the 7th, preceding a parade in which he took part. A luncheon in his honor followed, and at the final session in the afternoon he was an inspiring speaker, and installed the officers who will end their term at the 1959 Meeting in Olympia. They are President F. George Warren, Olympia; Vice-Presidents Walter Hagerman, Ellensburg, Herb L. Odlund, Hoquiam, Clarence E. Simmonds, Seattle, P. W. Poffenroth, Omak, and Dick Harpole, Bremerton; Sgt.-at-Arms Swan Johnson, Tacoma; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Wm. Roy Baker, Olympia; Chaplain Perry B. Love, Auburn; Inner Guard Robert Yothers, Seattle; Tiler Bud Fischmaller, Omak; Secy. W. C. King, Bellingham; Treas., E. O. Johnson, Tacoma, and Trustees W. Keylor Smith, Chairman, Walla Walla, Wayne Lilly, Ephrata, L. G. Casey, Moses Lake, Francis Weger, Ellensburg, Benson F. Smith, Walla Walla, Frank Garland, Centralia, Arnold Marti, Jr., Vancouver, J. Paul Meyer, Puyallup, Don G. LaVera, Port Townsend, Chester E. Hawes, Renton, and Cliff Whittle, Seattle.

OVER 600 PERSONS registered for the Wyoming Elks Assn.'s three-day meeting in Rock Springs. Out-of-State visitors included 1957-58 Grand Est. Lecturing Knight Leroy P. Schmid of Montana and Vice-President Dr. Leo Schneider of the Colorado Elks Association.

Top features of the conclave were the Ritualistic Contest, won by Casper Lodge, and the presentation of \$2,000 in scholarships to six boys and girls by Committee Chairman Walter Klahn, Jr.

Over 250 persons attended the annual Memorial Service at which the Rev. William Larson was the speaker.

During the business sessions, the usual committee reports revealed better direction and unusual interest in every department of the Association's several programs. An outstanding proposal made by the Crippled Children's Committee, that the Association sponsor a gift of three whirlpools to the Society

for Crippled Children and Adults for their hospital in Thermopolis, was enthusiastically received by all the representative lodges, and donations were presented by all of them, on the basis of 20 cents per capita from their charity funds. The gifts, valued at \$2,300, are to be made as a memorial to all deceased Elks of the State.

Officers to serve the Association during the new term are President Rowland Jones, Thermopolis; Vice-Presidents James T. Groves, Lusk, Arnold Veile, Worland, and M. E. Nichols, Cheyenne; Chaplain Harold Fallbeck, Riverton; Inner Guard Robert H. Morrow, Sheridan; Secretary-Treasurer L. G. Mehse, Laramie; Sergeant-at-Arms Francis Smith, Cody, and Tiler Robert Hansen, Jackson. Trustees include E. B. Cope, Torrington, J. O. Spangler, Greybull, P. H. McKelvey, Rawlins, G. K. Forster, Casper, and Paul Wonnacott, Rock Springs.

MEETING IN MADISON, the 820 delegates to the 49th Annual Session of the South Dakota Elks Assn. June 6th, 7th and 8th had Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick as their honored guest. Introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland, Mr. Jernick was the principal speaker at the Memorial Service at which former Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow eulo-

gized the late Past President Ronald G. Mayer. In his address, Mr. Jernick reviewed the Order's unchallenged record as a leader in the fraternal field for benevolence and education.

The annual \$500 Elks National Foundation Scholarship, Youth Leadership prizes and best Youth Program award, which went to Sioux Falls Lodge, were presented by Mr. Zietlow and Past Pres. W. B. McKenzie.

Harold Ricketts of Mitchell succeeded Ross E. Case as President of the organization, with Mr. Case becoming Vice-President-at-Large. Robert Richmond of Sioux Falls is the new President-elect; Walter Wiedenman of Madison is Treasurer, and Wayne Shenkle, Sioux Falls, Secretary. District Vice-Presidents include Vernon B. Wagner, Watertown, Robert Morgan, Mitchell, and Jack Nolan, Hot Springs. Fred Leach of Yankton was named five-year Trustee and George Gillespie of Mitchell is Chaplain.

The new \$100,000 home of Madison Lodge was the center of numerous interesting activities arranged by Exalted Ruler Charles J. Gaeckle and 1957-58 Vice-President-at-Large L. J. Gregory. The schedule called for many luncheons, dinners, golf and trapshoot competitions, with the highlights the initiation of a large class by an All-State Ritualistic Team, and a 45-minute pa-

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rade of some 35 units, including bands, floats and horseback riders.

The meeting closed with a barbecue attended by 400 persons. The 1959 session will take place in Deadwood.

IDAHO ELKDOM had a great three-day 36th Annual Convention in Sandpoint, climaxed by a tremendous parade for which Governor Robert E. Smylie was Marshal. Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. H. L. Blackledge were honored guests at the meeting during which the Order's leader dedicated the clubhouse at the Sandpoint Elks' golf course where a huge picnic, at which the Governor, a Boise Elk, spoke briefly, took place the following day.

Other dignitaries on hand included William S. Hawkins, now a member of the Grand Forum, and Loris A. Winn, at present a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities.

In the parade, called the finest seen in Sandpoint in many years, most of Idaho's northern lodges had marching units or floats. The Burley Elks' German Band was well received and the smartly uniformed Sandpoint Saddle

Club horsemen were a great attraction.

A standing ovation was given for two Past Presidents—Nicholas Ney of Caldwell who retired as Trustee after ten years, and for Ed. Yates who has been State Chaplain and Historian, a prominent Idaho Elk for 30 years.

Young people rewarded at this meeting included LaDessa Rogers of Moscow who received a \$500 scholarship, and John M. Bingham and Diane M. Haasch who, as State Youth Leaders, received \$125 in cash and U. S. Bonds. Five other students received activity awards totaling \$375, and another four were given Youth Leadership prizes totaling \$250.

It was decided that the Midwinter Meeting would take place at Pocatello in January, with the 1959 Convention at Caldwell, and the following were elected to office: President W. F. MacKnight, Jerome; Vice-President-at-Large James Gridley, Coeur d'Alene; Vice-Presidents J. W. Taylor, Blackfoot, Dean Miller, Caldwell, and Leonard Mitchell, Sandpoint; Chaplain Ed. G. Yates, St. Maries, and five-year Trustee George Hargraves of Pocatello. • •

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TO EXPOSE communism's economic and political chicanery, these excerpts are printed from Freedom's Facts, a monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. The Conference consists of fifty national patriotic organizations, including the BPOE.

American businessmen have suddenly become major targets for the smiles and blandishments of Communist diplomats, industrial managers and trade experts, for although all capitalists are marked for eventual liquidation, American industrialists right now have some things the Soviets need in their drive to "Overtake America" industrially.

In one of the most amazing letters of this Century, Soviet Premier Khrushchev proposed that the U. S. ship quantities of technical equipment to bolster the Soviet campaign to prove to the world how superior the Communist system is to the capitalist system. Khrushchev said he wanted to buy complete chemical factories, along with patents and the services of American specialists to train Soviet workers in how to produce needed goods. In addition Khrushchev suggested that Soviet scientists be placed

in U. S. research establishments, and vice-versa, to speed the exchange of technical information.

Besides this, Khrushchev said he would buy a whole range of "consumer goods" equipment.

How would the Soviets pay for all this? Khrushchev offered to ship the U. S. raw materials, ores, furs, and certain kinds of equipment. Recognizing that these shipments would not equal what they want to buy, Khrushchev suggested that the U. S. extend "long-term credits" to the Soviet Government. This is a fantastic proposal from a country whose credit rating in the U. S. is just about zero. The Communists have not yet paid us for the steel mills and other equipment we shipped the Communists during and after World War II.

The entire package is offered by Khrushchev as an expression of the Soviet Union's desire for peace and as a move "for the benefit of both our countries and world peace." What they propose is actually a kind of economic jiu-jitsu—a technique of using American strength to upset and defeat the United States, for behind Khrushchev's offer is a major campaign to build up the chemicals industry in the Soviet Union. • •



Football's New Guessing Game

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must keep in mind, always. And in this case, two adds up to a diabolical number.

"It changes everything," says Paul (Bear) Bryant of Alabama. "Means writing a whole new book of strategy," believes Benny Oosterbaan of Michigan. "Kills the extra-point kick dead," prophesies Dr. Eddie Anderson of Holy Cross, "and opens the door to a great variety of option and trick plays." And, to the confusion of everyone, there's a problem of "leap-frog" scoring brought on by the twin-point conversion. Points will spiral atop each other, addling the wits of the keenest strategists. "A coach will have to become a human comptometer," believes Notre Dame's Brennan. "It'll make gibbering idiots of all of us."

Suppose, for instance, Notre Dame jumps into an early 8-0 lead on Southern Methodist in their game next October 4. "Then," speculates Brennan, "suppose SMU scores right back and converts for two points, tying us, 8-8. Next, SMU kicks a field goal and leads, 11-8. Who ever heard of such scores in football?"

"After that, the lead could be swapped in such weird ways as 15-11, 17-15, 18-17, 23-17. If one of us got a safety, it could even wind up 25-24 for them, or 27-23 for us. The job of figuring ahead of your current score—and your opponents'—will be the toughest ever invented. Think of all the possible combinations that could come up!"

Hopeless will be the position of the coach who can't juggle digits nimbly. Last November, Illinois U's Ray Eliot got into a six-touchdown 20-19 dogfight with Michigan (the Illini squeaking through).

"But under the new set-up I could easily be outmaneuvered in the same kind of game," says Eliot. "We have one of those offenses that sputters at times. What if we gambled on two-point conversions after all the three touchdowns—and failed them? Michigan would need but an extra-point kick—which they got in the real game—to lick us, 19-18. Or what if we made good on one of the three conversions by passing, while Michigan played it safe with three goal kicks which could be worth one point each?"

Eliot groans at the thought. For all his courageous willingness to gamble, he'd lose, 21-20.

The reverse of the coin is the Good Grey Mentor who refuses to go along with the expected national rush for two big, fat counters after touchdown. He's suspicious of newfangled things. He trails, 7-0, until the final minute. Then his boys make a brilliant touchdown. The conference title, a possible Bowl

bid is at stake—if only he can tie the contest.

The Good Grey Mentor feels his hair turning white. He elects a conservative kick—and his kicker flubs the try through the uprights.

All 50,000 of his school's alumni, the sportswriters, even his loved ones, may be counted upon to cry that he lacked the nerve to make the REAL smart play . . . and win the game, 8-7, on a pass or rush. Downtown Quarterbacks and other kibitzers have second-guessed some of football's greatest names—Wes Fesler, Blair Cherry, Marchy Schwartz, Pappy Waldorf, Matty Bell, Bernie Bierman, Dick Harlow, to list a few—into retirement in recent years. Rule 8 provides a fresh means to put the coach on the hottest griddle ever. "When you're trailing by one point, you'll be wrong no matter what you do," says Penn U's Steve Sebo. "If you go for the tie with a kick, you're a coward. On the other hand, go for two points and miss, and you're guilty of bad judgment."

Still other pitfalls can be seen. Assume, with five minutes left to play in their nationally televised meeting next September 27, Auburn is leading Tennessee by 8-7, and adds another touchdown. That makes it 14-7. One more point will cinch a 15-15 tie for Ralph (Shug) Jordan's national champion's of 1957, even if Bowden Wyatt's Volunteers bounce back with a miracle and eight points. So, should Auburn quarterback Lloyd Nix call for an easy place-kick? Or gamble on the two points he just might need to win—but at much longer odds? If Nix makes the latter choice, which offers the best percentage of success—a pass, a line buck, or an end sweep?

If the two-pointer fails, remember, Auburn can eventually tumble, 15-14. The decision must be made in seconds. No wonder the doleful new theme song of coaches will be "After the Ball Is Over."

Lengthy studies will have to be made, charting opponents' per-game touchdown average, conversion statistics and habits. Tactical concepts of 40 years' standing must be revised. Against some teams, an eight-point lead can vanish in two flicks of an arm. For instance, when Penn's Sebo tackles Penn State on September 27, he could find his lads, holding an apparently unbeatable 10-0 lead deep in the fourth quarter, suddenly pushed back to their own goal with fourth down coming up. In the past, Penn might have intentionally grounded the ball in the end zone for a safety, avoiding the risk of a blocked punt. Then, with a safe 10-2 lead, it would have kicked out of danger from its own 20-yard line. But—now

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—eight points isn't enough. The Nittany Lions could roar back with a couple of quick aerials and a stunning 10-10 tie.

If this is progress, most coaches are old fuddies. Dozens have bitterly criticized the rules change. Duffy Daugherty of Michigan State feels it will end the art of place-kicking. Yale's Jordan Olivar, Bill Murray of Duke and Brennan argue that imbalance has been brought to the scoring table. If a 90-yard drive is good for but six points, they ask, why should two points be awarded for progressing only three yards? Coaches mutter, "The rule won't last a year. We'll get rid of it." Simultaneously, plans are afoot to depose from office Rules Committee Chairman Herbert O. (Fritz) Crisler, chief author of revised Rule 8.

"Crisler and his ten-man policy board," one Big Ten mentor told THE ELKS MAGAZINE, "rammed this resolution through without consulting any of us. We first knew about it when we read the newspapers."

Violent reaction has followed elsewhere. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (310 small-college members) has refused to adopt the two-pointer. The majority of state high-school associations also have thumbed it down. This Winter we'll have the unhappy spectacle of football played under conflicting rules at its three levels. Then why did Crisler's group vote in Rule 8?

The fiscal angle, naturally, came first. College gates are diminishing, alarmingly. Varsity-squad maintenance now can run as high as a half million dollars per big-time school, annually. Last season such big wheels as Texas, Vanderbilt, California, Tennessee, Illinois and Southern Methodist sold a combined 120,000 less seats than in 1956. The Southern California Trojans dropped from a 51,000-per-game average to 43,000, Tulane from 30,000 to 24,000, and Wisconsin from 55,000 to 47,000. Recession to blame? Hardly—not when pro football shows a 40 per cent turnstile climb in five years, and offered last December the first team in history (Los Angeles Rams) capable of pulling 1,000,000 customers in a season.

The Rules Committee's inescapable conclusion was that college crowds have suffered through too many unsatisfying ties, and games decided by a dinked-over extra point. Ten of last year's "traditionals" ended in dull stalemate—among these, Michigan 21, Iowa 21; Navy 6, Duke 6; Texas 7, Baylor 7; Yale 14, Dartmouth 14; and Alabama 7, Vanderbilt 7.

"We were looking for a way to add drama," frankly says Cactus Jack Curtice, the Stanford coach and Rules member. "The best kickers in football are sitting in the stands at three dollars per seat. And we were getting plenty of prods from them."

Obviously, the pros had found a so-

lution. By placing the standards on the goal line and firing fusillades of three-point field goals at each other, they all but eliminated ties long ago. But college kids aren't skillful—or patient—enough to master the field goal.

In fact, they're disgracefully inept at it. "The all-time American college record for field goals is only six in one season," sighs Curtice. "Oregon U. had a boy who hit for the tremendous number of four a year ago—best mark in the country. Pro kickers hit 15 and 20 a season without trouble.

"So we were stymied there. That's when raising the value of the conversion popped up as the answer."

Perhaps the Committee made a grievous mistake. And maybe it has saved the box-office. Until the results are in, next December, no one can speak positively.

Yet there's one way to peer into the future—by selecting an actual 1957 game and re-playing it (hypothetically) under the '58 code. As will be shown, several surprises result. For one, the chance for the better team to be beaten is lessened. And here's a switch. Fans may stop clamoring for 50-yard-line seats—and demand space down at the goal line.

Convenient for the experiment is the Stanford-Oregon game held at Palo Alto last November 2, which decided the Western Rose Bowl nominee. It was typical of why college interest is slipping. The line score that day was:

	QUARTERS			FINAL
Oregon	7	7	7	6.....27
Stanford	6	7	7	6.....26

THOUGH the Stanford Indians lost, they rolled up most first downs, 26 to 20, outrushed Oregon, 236 yards to 214, and had the superior passing game, 251 to 107. On all-around performance, Stanford deserved to notch the win that would lead to Pasadena. Yet, because one minor extra point in the first quarter went astray, all was lost. "And that," shout deep-dyed grid students, "is no way for a team to get beat! There oughta be a law!"

Well, today there is. Let's kick off all over, and—sticking to the game's actual touchdown sequence—see what might happen under Rule 8, Article 1:

First Period: Oregon scores first. Feeling no pressure as yet, the Ducks elect a standard one-point kick. Score, 7-0. Stanford scores, and guns for the lead with a two-point pass conversion by Quarterback Jackie Douglas. It clicks. Score—Stanford 8, Oregon 7.

Second Period: Scoring again, the Indians play it safe and kick for one point. But the ball goes wide. Score—Stanford 14, Oregon 7. Oregon fights back for a touchdown. Now the Ducks see a chance to snatch the lead. They pass for two extra points—and fail. Half-time score—Stanford 14, Oregon 13.

Third Period: Oregon rallies, and this

time makes good with a two-point end run. Oregon regains the lead, 21-14. Stanford scores late in the period. To be in front has now become vital. The Indians risk a conversion pass—and fail. Score—Oregon 21, Stanford 20.

Final Period: Quarterback Jack Crabtree puts Oregon farther ahead with a TD toss, 27-20. Ten minutes remain, and an awful decision must be made. Oregon's coach, Len Casanova, hauls out his Chinese abacus. If he plays safe with a one-point kick, a Stanford touch-down-and-two-points will tie him. If he gambles on a two-pointer, and makes it, he's probably got the game won. But if the two-pointer fails . . . blooey, there can go the Rose Bowl, 28-27.

Casanova is no coward. He orders the hard-way conversion—an option run-or-pass. But Stanford's 4-4-3 zone defense stops it. Score remains Oregon 27, Stanford 20.

In the final minutes (with Casanova restrained from cutting his throat) Stanford marches 65 yards for a touchdown. The Indians trail, 27-26. The crowd is in bedlam. Should the Indians settle for a tie? "Not with the Rose Bowl at stake!" boom 60,000 voices. "Shoot the works!"

Cowardice loses again. Gary Van Galder, the fine Stanford end, makes a diving catch of a desperate Douglas pass deep in the end zone.

STANFORD WINS THE GAME, 28-27!

Far more satisfying, isn't it? In reality, the game was decided by a place-kick involving only the talents of three men—the center, ball holder and kicker. But in our "dream" version, 22 men figured 99 per cent of the time. Note, also, that after six of the eight touchdowns, the "automatic" one-point conversion kick was discarded. Pressure required gobs of gambling by both sides. Our mythical game was a thriller every minute.

By now, an alert reader has asked, "What are the respective odds against kicking, passing or running over the conversion?" College extra-point specialists average three out of five successful tries—.600. No "line" exists on the pass or run. But odds against bucking the ball for three yards probably are 3-1. On passing, it looks like a 50-50 proposition.

As a result this year, when pitted against such coaches as Dan Devine of Missouri (unbeaten, untied last year), Tommy Prothro of Oregon State (8-2-0) and Brennan of Notre Dame (7-3-0), opponents probably will sit back cautiously after yielding a touchdown. The three have hinted they favor the pass. "The odds are too tough against gaining three yards with a run," says Devine. "Therefore, you've got to open a small hole in the other guy's secondary—and hit it with a quick toss."

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erans of the professional league, a number of coaches will blow themselves out of a job. Points out Ed Cody, West Coast scout for the Chicago Bears: "The pass under this new situation is a snare and delusion. Take a good look at the area involved. See the problem?"

A gridiron's end zone is ten yards deep, and measures 53 yards laterally. Defending it against a throw offers few of the perplexities of pass defense at mid-field, where receivers have open room in which to maneuver. Down at the goal, the end zone's rear line acts as a stone wall. Overshoot it, and you've flunked your conversion. College boys revel in their strong arms. They lack the light touch and control of the pros. Depthwise, the defense has a solid edge: it is thickly concentrated in a space extending 13 yards from the scrimmage line to the end line.

"Three fast, active backs can cover such a shallow zone nicely," goes on Cody. "That leaves eight men up front. String out four on the line and put four behind them. To blanket the 53 yards from side to side is no trick at all. Each lineman can handle a ten-yard area. They'll smear the average goal-line pass."

What about a quick pass—the jump or "pogo" type—directly over the middle?

"Not a chance," say experts of the National Football League. "The linebackers will drop back a couple of steps and murder it."

Here controversy flares again. Washington State College's Jim Sutherland, who has specialized in pitching for the extra point under the old rules with uncanny success, expects to win often by such counts as 8-7 and 16-14. Others may be faint-hearted. Not Sutherland.

"Hook your left end two steps inside the defensive right halfback just over the goal. Have the quarterback slide over and hit him in the belly," suggests Cougar Jim. "It happens so fast the halfback will be standing there chew-

ing gum while the ref is signaling a score."

At Michigan U., where Benny Oosterbaan never has been accused of arch-conservatism, the guess is this:

"The pass-or-run option conversion is likely to decide more games than any other play. The quarterback won't bother to fake a hand-off. There won't be time with the red-dogging (rushing) he'll get. He'll roll out and wait for the defense to commit itself. Then he has several choices. He can pitch a short bullet into the vacated hole. Or pitch-out to a wide back. Or cut inside a foxed end or tackle."

It's easy to see why Oosterbaan likes Rule 8. Last season, Michigan's Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl hopes went glimmering before 90,000 fans when Iowa tied the Wolverines, 21-21. Six extra points routinely booted by Bob Prescott of the Hawkeyes and Jim Van Pelt of the Wolverines brought on the year's sourest finish. With four minutes to play, the score was deadlocked.

In this potent situation, there should have been much more excitement. Instead the huge throng erupted in a roar of frustration and disgust when Iowa froze the ball. The Hawkeyes plowed into the line six straight times, until the gun sounded.

But such "freezing"—in effect, folding your cards and settling for a tie—will be rare under the new regulations. Ties will be broken in most instances by the jumbled scoring of teams eager to employ the new gimmick to the hilt. Fourth-quarter pressures will be on SOMEBODY in a degree never witnessed before.

"I may have to see my doctor," more than one coach has predicted in speaking of these pressures. "On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday I'll need vitamin pills to pep me up for the ordeal. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I'll need sedative tablets to calm me down."

That leaves Saturday. On Saturday, his hair will turn white. ●●

In the Dog House

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vails among the people who specialize in this breed we'll have to accept their word for it. They should know.

There is general agreement that the breed is very old, possibly originating 2,000 years ago. We are certain, however, that these are dogs of the lupine family and lupine, as you probably know, means a wolfish type. Whether there is wolf blood in his breeding is a matter of controversy. If there is, the wolf strain entered long, long ago. Some wolfish traits characterize the breed but then environment may have influenced it. People as well as dogs who have to fight hard for existence are not likely to be gentle or soft. The modern Eskimo dog as we know him

today, bred for the show ring or employed in the home as guardian or pet, is a somewhat different animal. He retains his suspicion of strangers, doesn't get along too well with other dogs but is almost fanatically loyal to one person whom he accepts as his master. He's not a barking dog although he can bark but he will yelp or howl like a wolf if on rare occasions he sounds off.

Another thing that marks him among dogs is his splayed foot with thick hair between the pads. Here again is adaptation to environment. The spread foot, heavily haired, enables the dog to travel faster on snow than would be possible if the foot was more compact and had less hair as protection against the

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ice and snow. Within this general lupine family of dogs of the north are other breeds such as the Alaskan Malamute, the Samoyede, Siberian husky, Norwegian elkhound and the somewhat more distantly related Keeshonden (dog of the Dutch nation), the chow chow and the spitz. The first named, the Malamute, is really the native dog of Alaska, named for the Malemites, a native tribe that settled in western Alaska. This is the racing dog of Alaska. He's swift, hardy and a willing workman. During World War I the Malamute, along with other Arctic dogs, was used both as a draught dog and as a pack animal to carry supplies in mountainous country, said supplies ranging from machine gun parts to food and medicines. He's an excellent sledge dog and was used by Admiral Byrd during some of his Antarctic explorations. He, too, like the Eskimo and all these dogs of the north is heavily coated. While you'll find the Eskimo in every color known to dogs, the usual colors for the Malamute are gray or black and white. He's about the same size and weight as the Eskimo. They differ a bit in being somewhat better dispositioned than their Eskimo cousins.

If you've ever seen a Samoyede you'll not soon forget him, for here is a truly noble looking pooch. He's usually a brilliant white or cream color and is a trifle smaller and lighter in weight than the Eskimo or Malamute. His breeders say he's really tops with children, which indicates that he's both tolerant and of an easy disposition. He's a hard worker too, as the famous Norwegian polar explorer Nansen discovered when he used Samoyedes to haul his supplies. This is one of the purest

breeds of all the Arctic dogs and has been bred that way for nobody knows how many generations. He too is named after a tribe of people, the Samoyedes, natives of Siberia. As is characteristic of all Arctic dogs, the Samoyede is free from body odor.

Another of the northern family is the Siberian husky. His name indicates the land of his origin. In size he's a trifle smaller and weighs a bit less than the Eskimo, but like the latter comes in every color known among dogs. The breed is old. How old? Well, your guess is as good as mine. The natives who bred these dogs were not a literate people much concerned with keeping records, although they did keep dogs of other breeds from matrimonial ties with their huskies. The Siberian is noted as an intelligent dog and a fine companion. Although these too are sledge dogs they were admitted as pets to the homes of the natives who bred them, which very likely accounts for their evenness of disposition as well as their understanding. He, like other of the northern dogs, has the snowshoe foot, slightly webbed and well furred between the pads.

The four breeds previously described, the Eskimo, the Samoyede, Malamute, and huskie are classed as working dogs, but here's one that's every inch a worker although he's a hound. This purp is the Norwegian elkhound. This is the dog of the Land of the Midnight Sun, companion of the Vikings and a worthy representative of his native Norway. It is claimed that this is the oldest breed in Europe and when the Viste cave in Western Norway was explored a skeleton of this breed was found together with stone implements estimated

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to be from 4,000 to 5,000 years old. He's a rugged, powerful dog, an excellent trailer of elk and bear too when they were common in Norway some forty or fifty years ago. This dog is rated next to the bloodhound, and by some equal to that canine sleuth for scenting ability. He is very much an all-purpose dog, for working, for hunting and for companionship. The breed is slowly but surely increasing in popularity, which is justly deserved.

Size of the elkhound is from 18 to a little more than 20 inches at the shoulder. His color is gray with black-tipped hairs on the outer coat.

Another ancient breed is the chow chow—yes, it's chow chow, not just chow. The social arbiters of these dogs insist that they be thus formally designated. But who is there among us when seeing one that doesn't shorten the name to the simple word chow? But

regardless of the name, here's a true dog of the north and an oriental aristocrat too. The chow is one of the most useful dogs ever bred. Back in China where he originated he's been used for hunting, to pull sledges, as a guardian, a herder and a house pet. His coat has been woven into clothing and he's even been used for food. Not a very tasty item according to our standards, but then—other people, other ways. The chow has one of the thickest dog coats and has the distinction of being the only dog in the world that possesses a blue-black tongue and mouth. He's a quiet dog, not given to looking for trouble, but can be tough when necessary.

As is characteristic of most working dogs, although for some mysterious reason he is classed as a non-sporting pooch, his is a reserved disposition and little inclined to be overfriendly with strangers. For this reason he makes a

fine guardian dog. He too is a dog of many colors, but whatever the color it must be solid, no flecks, markings or patches of color differing from the body color. The Keeshonden to which I referred as the dog of the Dutch is a comparatively small dog somewhat resembling the Norwegian elkhound. He has a dense, wolf-gray coat and is noted for being an alert, perky little fellow of unusual intelligence. He gets his name from a dog owned by a Dutch patriot who lived about the time of the French Revolution and who owned a dog he called "Kees". While he's related to the northern dogs, he's not a worker but is largely maintained as a bright, interesting little pet. In this he much resembles the spitz although our friend the spitz is usually solid white in color, is a much smaller dog and is perhaps one of the most popular dogs, although unrecognized in official dog circles. • •

Rod and Gun

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ination. I had killed a ruffed grouse along the creek shortly after I started hunting and a blue grouse as I was crossing a ridge.

Now, skirting a fir pocket on the north slope, I had found a covey of fool hens. I wanted one of them. Never before had I been lucky enough to get one of each on the same day. There are few spots where it is possible because their habitat requirements are quite different.

Undoubtedly, this made me over-anxious. Then, too, birds that I see before they fly are always more difficult to hit. At any rate, when I finally made him take off by tossing a stick at him, I missed. I found another fool hen in another lodgepole and made him fly the same way—and missed him, too!

Finally, on the third attempt, I got one, and then I decided that I really didn't need an alibi for missing. The silly things didn't want to fly, but once I forced them to, they sifted right along. It seemed as though they were out of sight around a tree almost before they were in the air.

I hefted my three birds. The blue grouse seemed to weigh fully as much—and maybe a little more—than the other two together. This could easily be, since a cock blue grouse may shade three pounds, while a ruffed grouse that weighs a pound and a half is a big one. I have never weighed a fool hen that heavy.

The blue grouse was predominantly dusky gray—dusky grouse is another name for him—the ruffed grouse grayish-brown, and the fool hen was dark gray, merging into black.

The blue grouse is a bird of the open ridges and yellow-pine slopes, though he ranges clear up into the Alpine fir zone, just below timber line. (A closely

related species, the sooty grouse, is found in the high mountains of western Washington, Oregon and northern California.)

In October you find blue grouse feeding on choke cherries, berries and grasshoppers on the slopes, and in the winter you'll see him eating fir needles in some pocket just under the highest ridges.

Old Ruff in the West seeks out an environment that looks as much like a New England grouse cover as he can find. He likes the creek bottoms with their tangles of alder, aspen, birch and berries, and he spends the entire year in pretty much the same area, feeding on the buds of trees and shrubs when winter snows cover his other foods.

Franklin's grouse, like spruce hens, prefer heavy cover the year around. They, too, eat fir needles in the winter, and you are most apt to find them in a jungle of spruce or fir at any time. During the summer and fall, of course, they do wander out into more open timber, feeding on the grouse berries and other foods that are abundant then.

There are two other Western grouse, the sharptail and the sage grouse, both of which have had tough sledding for a long time. The sharptail is a grassland bird. Part of his habitat is under cultivation and part of it was destroyed by the over-grazing that took place 50 to 75 years ago. Now there are only limited numbers left in the areas that still provide the kind of home he has to have.

The same over-grazing that cut down the sharptail population was a great break for the sage grouse, more commonly called sagehen, the largest of all our American grouse. Though sagehen chicks eat insects and tender green plants, the same as the young of all

other gallinaceous birds, the diet of the adults consists almost entirely of the leaves of sagebrush—unless there is an alfalfa field handy. They are incapable of eating grain, berries or other hard foods because they have no gizzards in which to grind them.

At any rate, as the severe range use of the eighties and nineties killed out the native grass, it was gradually replaced by sagebrush, and the sagehens increased accordingly. By the time of the First World War, in many areas of the West it was not uncommon for a party of gunners to kill a wagon box full of sagehens in a morning's hunt.

There still are thousands of square miles of sagebrush, and the big grouse—a cock sagehen may weigh six pounds—is perfectly adapted to live in it. He has one weakness, however. Like the fool hen, he has never developed the intense fear of man that he ought to have for his own good. Sagehens wander along the desert roads and passing motorists pot them from their cars with twenty-tws. They don't run from their two-legged enemies like the introduced chukars or the native quail, and when they do fly they are easy to hit. They get up laboriously and lumber away about like a fat Plymouth Rock. Consequently, they can't support much hunting, and the open season, in states such as Montana, Wyoming and Idaho that still have one, is short.

Of the five Western grouse, then, the three forest species have withstood man's inroads, both direct and indirect (on them and on their habitat) the best. And of these three, I nominate the ruffed grouse the one most likely to succeed in years to come.

Logging, which sometimes seems to have a disastrous effect on fool hens and, to a lesser degree on blue grouse,

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buy gifts. As much goes for Big Meadows Wayside and Swift Run Crossroads, two other metropolises nearby. Mountain handicrafts—skirts, aprons and bedspreads woven on the hand loom are the main attractions in the gift shops, as well as pottery and basket work turned out by the mountain people. As for the cuisine in the inns, it runs to Virginia corncakes smothered with local ham and broiled oysters, and the local turkey fingers which are sliced and fried in batter.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the southern anchor, is a much larger preserve, occupying 720 square miles of U. S. real estate in both Tennessee and North Carolina. Both states got together in the acquisition of the land, and so did one John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who came up with one dollar for every one raised by each state. It was in this way that the Federal park was first set aside. It was dedicated in 1940 by President Roosevelt and now racks up more people annually than any other national park in the nation.

Actually, the park occupies the high ground that forms the dividing line between the two states. The mountain range is one of the earth's oldest and

courses through the park like a backbone for some 71 measurable miles. It has sixteen peaks over 6,000 feet, and for a distance of no less than 36 miles it stays up in the 5,000-foot altitudes. Spruce and fir forests cover the higher peaks, although there are 130 different types of trees growing in the area and turning in the fall into a magnificent technicolor show.

De Soto may have viewed these mountains but beyond that there were the Cherokees, many of whom are still in residence, and the rugged hillbillies who came from England and Scotland to set up a Spartan life in the mountains. Now all this near-pristine preserve is open to the visitor who comes to glory in one of the last untrammelled enclaves in the land.

To show how it was in the pioneering days, an old homestead has been set up again along the banks of the Oconaluftee River, complete with the hollowed out bee-gum tree that was used as a hive, the weasel-proof hen house, and the dye works where wool, sheared from the sheep, carded and spun, was at last tinted with the colors mixed from roots and herbs.

Although the Cherokees were driven

to Oklahoma in 1838, many resisted and their descendants, some 3,000 or more, now live on the Cherokee reservation alongside the park. You can see what life was like in the old days in the Oconaluftee Indian village where Cherokees themselves act and simulate labor in the manner perfected by their forebears. Of course, true-to-life Cherokees have given up the practice of blow guns and such, and can be seen pumping gas and performing other workaday chores. Some affect Sioux head-dresses and sell souvenirs of the Redman made in some wigwam in Brooklyn.

The place to pitch your own tent overnight is in the pleasant mountain town of Gatlinburg where rustic-looking motels are set along the banks of rushing streams (complete with TV in every room). A chair lift will take you zooming up to new heights, and spotless candy kitchens make filling-looseners right before your startled eyes. Craft shops line the streets dispensing, aside from lemon-pecan divinities, wood-carvings and whittlings, handblown glass, hooked rugs and other necessities. There are four first-class hotels in town for those woodsmen who love to rough it the hard way. ● ●



WE feel that too few of our readers are taking the Annual Elks Hawaiian Tours. For some reason or other we have not impressed enough of you that each year these Tours offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit our Pacific Paradise with a congenial group and at fares that you would never begin to match on any other tour. It is our impression that enough of you have not given this matter the serious thought it should have and so, now, right after the completion of the 5th Annual Tour, we ask that you begin to seriously plan for next year. The 6th Annual Tour will immediately follow the National Convention in Chicago in July of 1959. ●

We would also like to remind our readers that now is the time to visit Quebec, Montreal and the lovely, cool Lauren-

tian Mountains of the Province. From mid-September, by train and Highway 11, city dwellers and American visitors roll to the north to breathe deeply of the crisp and exhilarating air and to view the drama of the hues played out by the trees of the Northwoods. There is golf on the mountain courses, riding along the bridle paths deep in the heart of the woodlands. There is excellent fishing for trout, bass, walleyes and big northern pike and gunning for ducks, pheasant and partridge. And for those who want to take it easy, there is no place better than here to sit in the pale autumn sunlight, to enjoy the brisk mountain air or to stroll through the colorful and pine scented woods. ●

A report from Lee Tyler of The Pacific Area Travel Assn., who is making a tour of the Pacific Area, says they are to open an Eiffel Tower in Tokyo sometime during the month. It will have some of the attractions of its older brother in Paris, such as a restaurant, cocktail lounge, etc. It also affords a bird's-eye view all the way to Yokohama. ●

The Asheville, N. C., Chamber of Commerce has announced a new folder: "Asheville's Famous Son—Thomas Wolfe". Among other things the folder describes "Old Kentucky Home", the boarding house made famous in Wolfe's book "Look Homeward Angel" and gives briefly the tragic history of the

author. The house is now a shrine, maintained by the city, and for a small fee visitors may wander around where Wolfe in his writings created a vivid portrait of his family, his friends and his life in Asheville. Write the Asheville, N. C., Chamber of Commerce if interested in the booklet. ●

Since Fall is well on its way, we should like to remind our readers that the brilliant foliage coloring begins first in Canada early and gradually creeps south into New England, then the Middle Atlantic States and finally into the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. Plan your trip on this schedule—September, Canada and the very north of Maine and New England States, October (late September) for lower New England and Atlantic States, and late October and early November for Carolina and Tennessee. You will hit the peak color season. ●

The newest and most modern amusement park on the Pacific Ocean is now open and is fast becoming one of the major tourist attractions on the West Coast. An imposing syndicate composed mostly of the Columbia Broadcasting Company and the Santa Anita Turf Club has spent two years and about \$10,000,000 transforming the former Ocean Park Pier at Santa Monica, California, into a sleek and fascinating new playland. It's worth a visit. ● ●

ELKS HOME WORKSHOP

By **HARRY WALTON**

How to maintain and repair rain gutters

RAINDROPS on the roof get together and run off as streams. Unless a house has properly installed gutters, these torrents can gouge out gardens, flood basements and make mud tracks out of walks.

Some houses built in recent years have no gutter systems. If yours has none, it may pay to install either a partial or a complete runoff system. For a handy man, the parts are not hard to install. They can be bought locally or from mail-order houses.

More often a house has gutters that corrosion, clogging or ice damage has rendered troublesome. You can clear, repair or replace such defective roof plumbing and take steps to prevent the difficulty from recurring.

WORKING ON A LADDER is as safe as you make it. Nobody should undertake it unless he is sure-footed, confident and willing to take his time. The top end of the ladder should not rest against the gutter, but on the side of the house below it. If the ladder is so long that it extends past the gutter, you can nail on stand-off braces as shown in Figure 1.

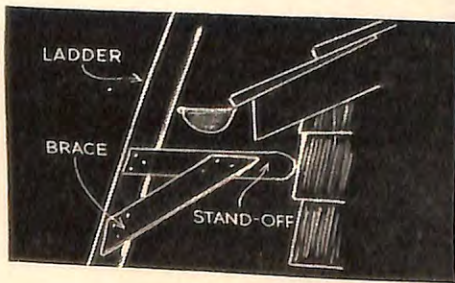
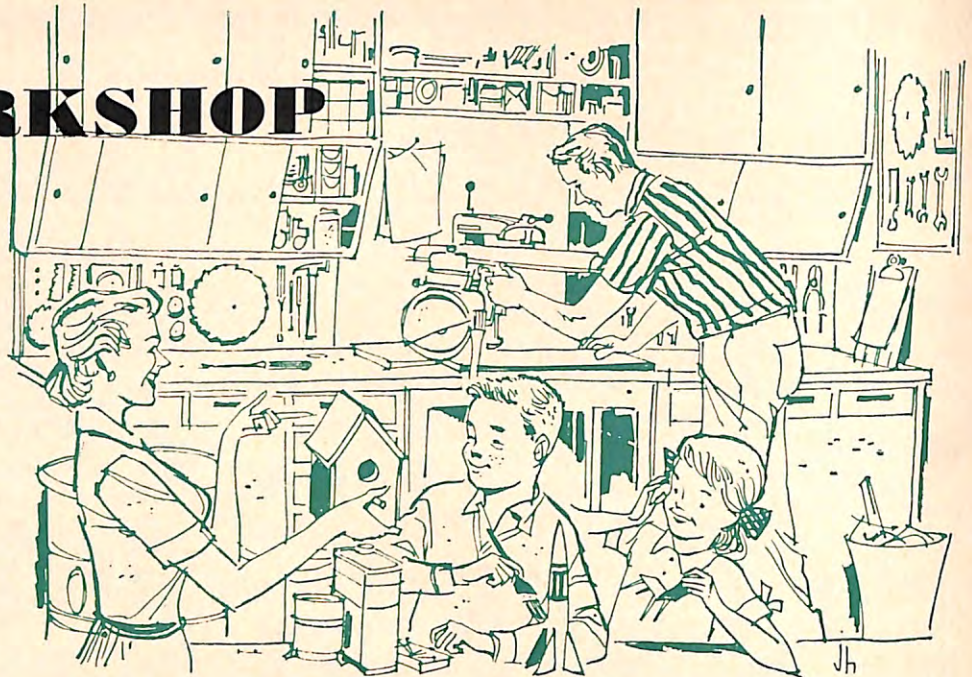


Figure 1

GUTTERS THAT ARE CLOGGED by leaves, bird nests and rubbish can eventually cause far-reaching trouble. Cinders and ashes tend to corrode metal gutters. Standing water overloads them, bending the edges down and spilling water that may stain house walls or even enter at the cornice line and work into the walls.

Clean out gutters as soon as the trees are bare in fall, if possible. A long-handled brush will enable you to reach farther from any ladder position. While you're up there, it is a good idea



to look for loose supports, bent edges and leaky gutters (stains may be a clue to these, but it may take a heavy rain to show up all of them).

If downspouts, or leaders—the vertical drains leading down from the gutters—are clogged, it is vital to clear them. Work from above, trying to pull the clogging material out rather than pushing it down; if packed down by probing it may become even harder to remove. A piece of stiff wire bent into a short hook at the end may serve. Still better is a plumber's snake, which will even work its way through elbows.

If possible, however, remove clogged elbows for cleaning. Aluminum gutter parts are not soldered and can cautiously be worked apart. Where joints are soldered, you may prefer to try to clear elbows without taking them down. Lacking a snake, I have used a scrap of electric BX cable housing with the wires pulled out and the end hacksawed and bent into hooks as in Figure 2. The improvised tool is turned so that the hooks engage the clogging material. (This will work in sink drains too.)

Beware of wasp and hornet nests when clearing gutters. Spray them thoroughly with a good modern insecticide before you try to remove them. Flush out gutters finally to remove acid products left by old leaves and ashes.

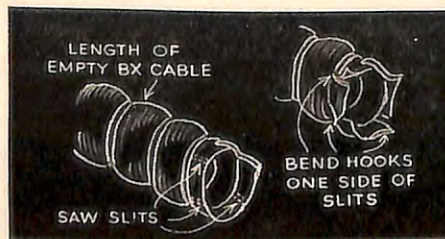


Figure 2



Figure 3

TO PREVENT CLOGGING, slip a strainer into the downspout openings (Figure 3). This costs only pennies. The gutter itself can be shielded from debris in whole or part by screening it. You can buy such screens in short sections ready to install, or cut wire netting into strips and nail or staple it in place. On wooden gutters, simply nail it to both edges.

WINTER IS A BURDEN on gutters; it dumps huge loads into them during thaws, piles up ice and snow that bends metal and breaks supports. Water that stands and freezes in leaders may bulge or even rupture them. A bulge may therefore indicate where a stoppage exists.

If you try to thaw out such a freeze-up during cold weather, use nothing hotter than boiling water. Pour it over rags tied around the part. You can also pour boiling salt water into ice-clogged leaders from above. Don't use a blow-torch.

A freeze at the bottom of a leader set into drain tile may crack the concrete seal at this point. To keep out dirt that may eventually clog the drain, cracks should be patched with asphaltum cement. If the concrete is broken up, it should be replaced. Tie a bit of screening around the bottom of the

Things Worth Remembering

Some items connected with the reports and proceedings of the recent Grand Lodge Session in which members may take special pride and which we thought rate emphasis may well start with the steady increase in

the membership of the Order and the present total. This has increased each year since 1939 and has brought the Order to a total membership of 1,214,163 as of March 3, 1958.

Elks National Foundation

The report of the Foundation shows assets have reached nearly \$7,000,000.00. This, and all increases of the future will be maintained in perpetuity and only the interest therefrom expended in its beneficences.

The assets, the Trustees advise, were increased during the last Grand Lodge year by \$400,000.00 while the interest income of over \$200,000 made possible benevolent expenditures for scholarships, Youth Leadership and Most Valuable Student awards and a special training in treating cerebral palsy by doctors, nurses and therapists.

Elks National Service Commission

This Commission holds the Order true to its slogan:

"So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals the Elks will protect him".

Services are rendered by the administration in the hospitals of the Veterans Administration where there are 117,000 patients. The latter are entertained indoors with concerts, games, sports nights, smokers and carnivals.

Outside they are provided trips for baseball and football games, shows, fishing trips and visits to Elks lodges.

The Commission provides occupational therapy instruction, assistance to librarians, besides entertainment for the bedridden, and remembers the men in the service of their country in all parts of the world with continuous gifts of the leading cigarettes.

Elks National Home

We were advised that the number of residents there are at the present time is 265 and that the annual cost per resident, divided one half by the Grand Lodge and one half by the lodge of which the resident is a member is \$1,041.27.

Since the opening of the Home 2,751 members of the Order have taken advantage the home offers for comfortable

and a happy life in delightful surroundings and exceptional service in their later years.

Elks National Memorial Building

During the year ending May 15, 1958, 75,443 persons visited the Building in memory of those Elks who gave their lives in the service of their country in the World Wars. It is generally regarded as one of the finest Memorial Buildings in the world.

Of it a poet has said:

"To all the world it speaks; 'See thou maker of ugliness how readily beauty comes from thy hands when beauty is thy dream.'"

Youth Activities

Two dramatic incidents of the Grand Lodge Session emphasize the Order's interest in the development of the youth of our country.

One was the appearance of the winners of the National Youth Leadership Contest before the Grand Lodge to receive their awards the money for which was provided by the Elks National Foundation while the competition was conducted by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Over 50,000 boys and girls participated in this competition.

The other was the appearance of the winners of the first awards of "Most Valuable Students" in the contest conducted by the Elks National Foundation which has carried on this custom annually for 25 years. The Foundation Trustees reported expenditures this year of \$40,000 for these awards and appropriation for similar awards in 1959 of \$70,000.

Subordinate Lodge Assets

The total assets for the Subordinate Lodges at the end of the Grand Lodge fiscal year of 1957-58 was \$300,000,000. During the year the Grand Trustees from whom authorization must be received by the Subordinate Lodges for the purchase of property, alterations or

additions to buildings and constructing new Homes, passed on applications for such outlays in the amount of \$9,400,455.19.

Ritualistic Contest

At the Grand Lodge Session 41 state ritualistic teams competed for national leadership recognition.

This is the largest number of state groups ever participating.

The first five winners and their scores are as follows:

1st, Phoenix, Arizona	95.990 per cent
2nd, Niles, Michigan	95.607 per cent
3rd, Salinas, California	95.550 per cent
4th, Seattle, Wash.	95.270 per cent
5th, West Palm Beach, Florida	95.110 per cent

The figures shown above give some idea of the closeness of the fight among the leading contenders and their near approach to perfection.

Alaska

The presence at the Grand Lodge Session of the large delegation from the twelve Alaska lodges testified to the strength of Elkdom in that area.

A recent survey showed that Alaska's lodges have come nearer to reaching their potential Elk membership than those of any other State or Territory.

The last census showed a population in Alaska of 41,736 white male citizens 21 years of age or over.

Of this, 7,878 (or 19 per cent) were Elks. That is, one man out of five who is eligible to be an Elk was an Elk. No other State or Territory showed a better record than one out of nine, while the average among the 1,846 lodges was one out of thirty-six.

Future Conventions

The Grand Lodge Convention Committee reported at the Grand Lodge Session that the 1959 Session will be held in the city of Chicago and the 1960 Session in Dallas, Texas.



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