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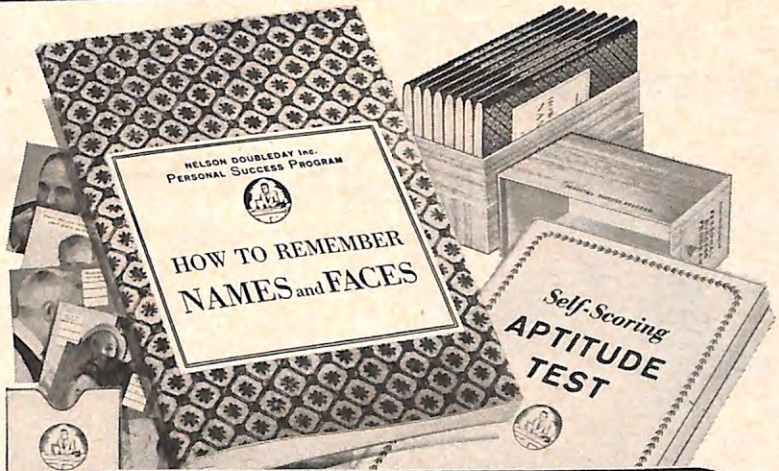
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Tom Wrigley writes from Washington



MUNITIONS QUIZ is now underway to find out just how much pressure the "munitions lobby" has been using to get big defense contracts. Rep. F. Edward Hebert, of La., is chairman of the House Armed Services sub-committee holding hearings. Questionnaires to munitions manufacturers and aircraft corporations ask information about retired military officers who are said to have influence in regard to contracts. Some high officers are retained by weapons makers on full or part time jobs as consultants or advisers. The investigation brings to mind the Congressional probes years ago involving contracts for battleship and other naval construction.

STATE DEPARTMENT expansion now going on gives an idea of the size of Uncle Sam's diplomatic business. The building which will be finished next year is three times the size of all present facilities and will make State next to the Pentagon in size. The addition is eight stories high, has garage parking for 800 cars, an auditorium seating a thousand and offices for 8,000 workers. The department is now operating in 29 separate locations.

NEW GARAGE for congressmen cost \$1,261,000, a three-level affair for 300 cars. Taxpayers can figure that out at \$4,200 per car. For the fiscal year 1960 the government needs \$20,204,000 to buy new cars and \$11,900,000 for automobile rentals.

AN ANTARCTIC CONFERENCE will be held in Washington this fall with representatives of 12 countries participating. They include all nations which have bases on the Antarctic continent, plus those which claim a special interest in the South Pole area. President Eisenhower would like to see an agreement to make the region an international scientific laboratory with all military operations banned.

WASHINGTON WIVES, swinging champagne bottles at christenings, are making very poor scores this Summer. Mrs. "Pat" Nixon took eight strikes before breaking the bottle on the prow of a jet plane and Mrs. Robert Anderson, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, splattered everyone near her and lost her wrist watch when she whammed the bottle into bits on the bow of a missile submarine. A course in champagne bottle busting has been suggested for Capital ladies.

AT THE MOSCOW FAIR, which opened July 25, the United States has three buildings. One is a huge aluminum-domed hall, another is a fan-shaped affair and the third an all-plastic pavilion. Russia will buy the aluminum dome for \$375,000 when the fair is over. Nix on the others.

TEACHERS' SALARIES in the nation now average \$4,792 a year, National Education Association reports. District public school teachers average \$6,051 a year. The nation-wide average pay for manufacturing workers is currently \$4,991 a year.

EXPERT MARBLE CUTTERS are sculpturing the pilaster capitals for the 32 tall columns which will be erected at the extended east front of the United States Capitol. The Roman Corinthian crowns will be exactly like the old ones, carved in Georgia marble. It is an ancient art in which few men are skilled. The cutting is done by a chisel, same as centuries ago, except that an air gun takes the place of the stone cutter's hammer. One slip and a whole block of marble is ruined.

PERSHING SQUARE, in honor of General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, will become a reality within the next several months. It will be a garden area on a plot of ground opposite the Wil-

lard Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue with a fountain and a statue of General Pershing. The statue will show the general on foot and not mounted on a horse. Dedication may be on September 13, 1960, centennial of Pershing's birth.

FRANKED MAIL from members of Congress is increasing, as it always does during the approach of a Presidential election. Last year Senators and Representatives sent out 70 million pieces of franked mail which the Post Office figured cost \$2,591,000.

CAPITAL CRACKERS. Political \$100-a-plate dinners in Washington actually cost \$6.90 . . . Doctors are on the war-path to have FCC ban hokum medical commercials on TV . . . "Linda City", another satellite community, which will house 15,000 families, is being built close to Washington on an 8,000-acre tract near Waldorf, Maryland . . . Washington's traffic lights at main intersections are being equipped with radio antennas so they can be controlled from the traffic bureau in Municipal Center . . . Senator Stephen M. Young of Ohio looked over the plans for the new Senate subway extension, costing over \$6,000,000, and said it figures out to \$125,000 per step for Senators . . . A new nerve operation to kill arthritis pain was announced to delegates of the Pan-American Congress on Rheumatic Diseases here by Dr. R. A. Herfort of White Plains, New York . . . Federal student loan funds to the extent of \$24.5-million are being allocated, with most applications below the \$1,000 limit . . . Russian Embassy may have a lot of secret documents but polite embassy officials gladly hand out beautifully illustrated travel folders inviting American tourists to see their country . . . FDR had four cooks in the White House; Ike has six and needs more what with the way VIPs frequently barge in for official dinners. ● ●



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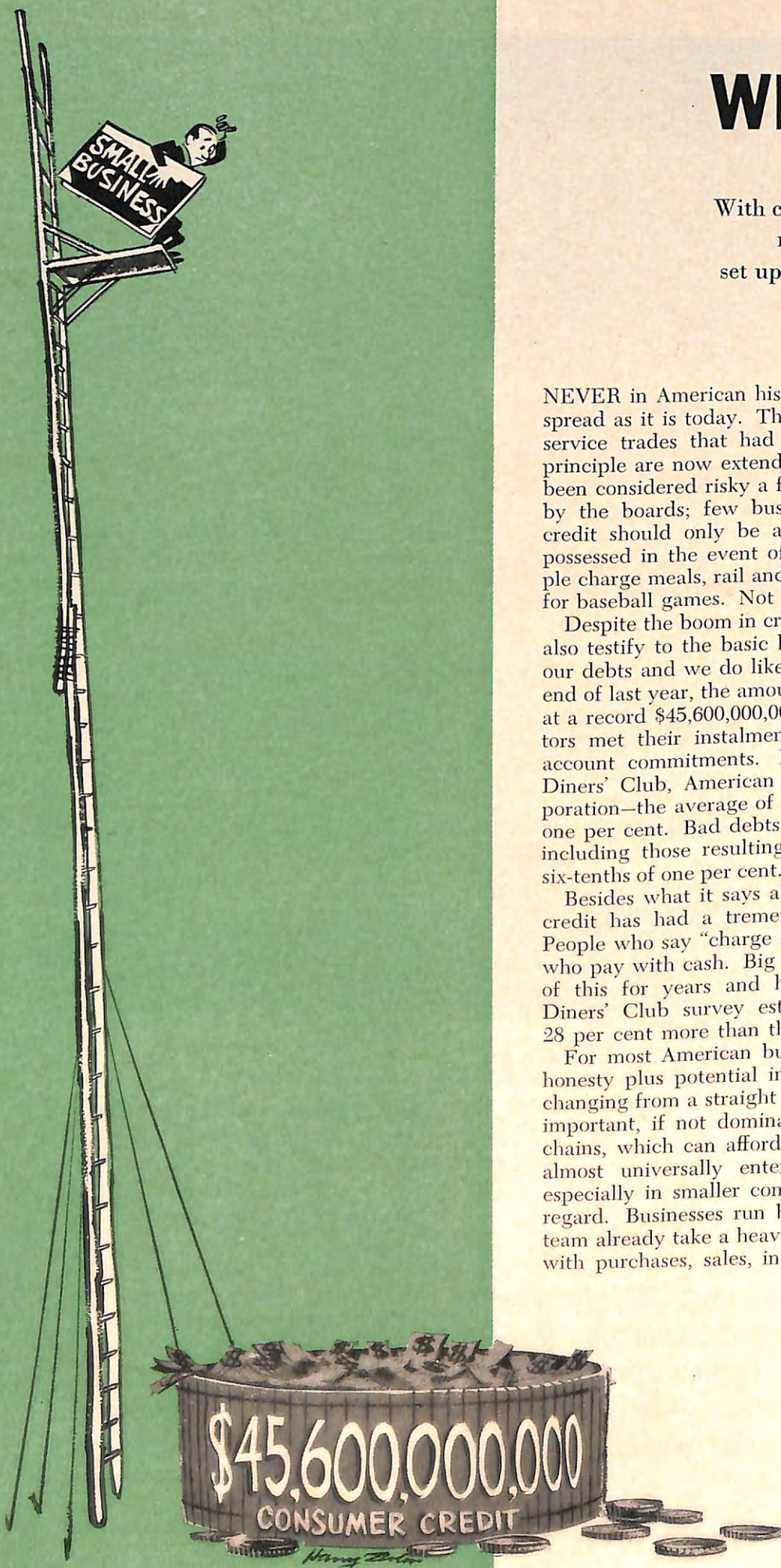
NEVER in American history has the use of credit been so widespread as it is today. Thousands of local dealers, merchants and service trades that had always operated on a cash and carry principle are now extending credit to a point which would have been considered risky a few years ago. Old standards have gone by the boards; few businessmen subscribe to the notion that credit should only be allowed on articles which could be repossessed in the event of non-payment. Today, millions of people charge meals, rail and air trips, vacations, gasoline and tickets for baseball games. Not a possible repossession in the lot.

Despite the boom in credit, or perhaps because of it, the figures also testify to the basic honesty of most Americans. We do pay our debts and we do like to keep our credit ratings high. At the end of last year, the amount of outstanding consumer credit stood at a record \$45,600,000,000. Yet during the year nearly all creditors met their instalment payments and their monthly charge account commitments. In the booming credit card business—Diners' Club, American Express Company, Hilton Hotels Corporation—the average of bad debts runs only about five-tenths of one per cent. Bad debts for all credit operations in the country, including those resulting from business failures, are just about six-tenths of one per cent.

Besides what it says about our honesty, the vast expansion of credit has had a tremendous influence on our buying habits. People who say "charge it" are likely to spend more than people who pay with cash. Big city department stores have been aware of this for years and have encouraged charge customers. A Diners' Club survey estimates that its members spend about 28 per cent more than those who spend cash for meals.

For most American businessmen, these two factors of proven honesty plus potential increased sales are strong arguments for changing from a straight cash operation to one where credit is an important, if not dominant, factor in selling. Large stores and chains, which can afford to establish a credit department, have almost universally entered the credit field. Small retailers, especially in smaller communities, are often less flexible in this regard. Businesses run by one man or by a husband and wife team already take a heavy toll in working hours just to keep pace with purchases, sales, inventory, promotion, advertising, record

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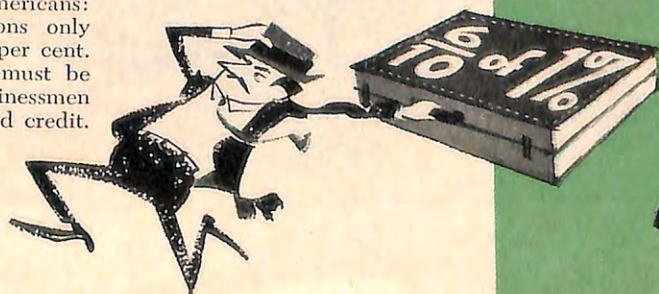
keeping and maintenance. The addition of a credit operation, however profitable it appears, may seem to be more of a burden than most small businesses care to add.

But there are guidelines for the establishment of an efficient credit operation which can keep its headaches to a minimum and at the same time bring the advantages which credit has brought to large stores. In the face of competition from big city stores or suburban shopping areas, most of which have credit policies, many small town merchants have no choice but to extend credit. Some already do it on a haphazard basis, to a few selected customers, and without any fixed rules for repayment. And most have benefited by it. In fact, residents of smaller communities are probably better credit risks than those in large cities because of a higher degree of home ownership and a greater stability in employment. Furthermore, there is often a long standing personal relationship between merchant and customer which does not exist in the larger cities. With these advantages almost built in, most small businesses need only know some of the basic rules for granting credit in order to meet the charge account and instalment plan competition of the large retailers.

Credit is not a difficult concept by itself. It has been a part of commercial transactions since the days when barter was the only way to get something one wanted or needed. Yet, many a businessman who himself buys goods on credit and abides by the rules established by his wholesaler or manufacturer, is often lax in setting up a firm credit policy for his own customers. The results are sometimes not known until they are spread on the records of a bankruptcy court. When you permit a customer to pay for his furniture in instalments or for his clothes on a monthly charge account, you are in effect lending him your money. You have for the purposes of that transaction become a banker. You should be as careful as a banker when he makes a loan; you should establish your principles and you should see that your customers abide by them.

What are the principles for a successful credit policy? Fortunately, there is almost complete agreement among the experts in the field for a simple set of rules for small businessmen. All of them will not be applicable to all situations, of course, but most of them can be adapted to all kinds (*Continued on page 42*)

Testimony to the honesty of most Americans: bad debts for all credit operations only amount to about six-tenths of one per cent. With 99.4 per cent paid up, we must be good risks—a heartening fact for businessmen about to take the plunge and extend credit.



SHOWDOWN MONTH

BY AL STUMP

LUKE SEWELL, catcher for the Washington Senators, squatted and stared around the diamond one late afternoon, and the joy began to ebb out of him.

In the desperate last days of the 1933 season, and after eight years of no luck, the Senators miraculously held first place in the American League. Now it was the ninth inning of the decisive game of the pennant-settling series, and Sewell's team led the Yankees, 4-2. Just two outs away was the victory of an underdog.

But one of those Yankee rallies was under way. Lou Gehrig had singled, Dixie Walker had punched another single and Tony Lazzeri had just ripped a liner deep into right field, toward which gardener Goose Goslin was frantically angling. The two runs that would tie the score would be plate-bound in the next instant.

Sewell's mouth flew open as various tactical developments took shape before his eyes.

Gehrig, fearful that Goslin might make the catch, held fast to second base, while Walker impatiently danced just short of the same bag. When the ball hit the turf safely, the two sped for home, only a stride apart. Meanwhile, Goslin had no chance to catch up with the ball—until, taking a weird bounce, it shot sideways into his glove. Off balance, The Goose rared back and threw with all his might.

Gehrig slid in on one side of the plate, Walker slid in on the other. Snapping up Goslin's perfect 370-foot throw, Luke Sewell lunged for both runners and with a

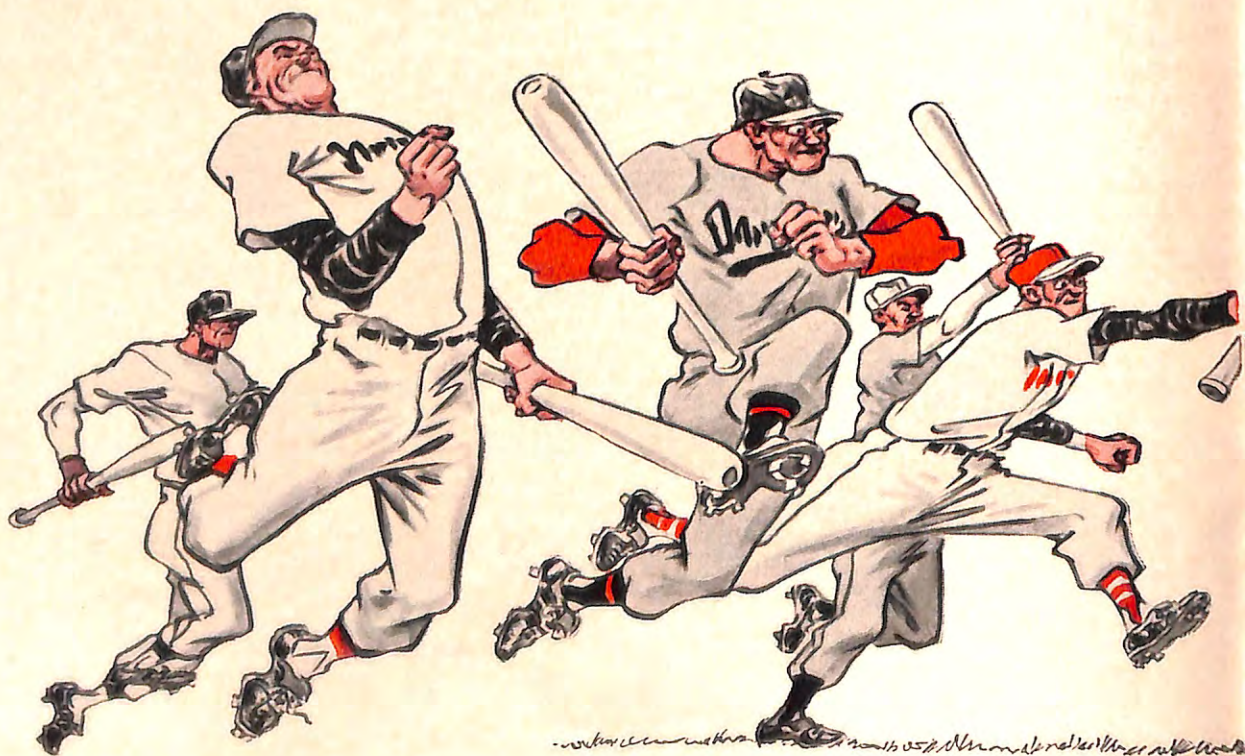
sweeping motion of his arm tagged both of them out!

If any double play ever is worthy of echoing in history, this is it.

Nevertheless, almost nothing has been written in many years about the feat which won Washington a championship. For it happened in September, and that is baseball's homestretch. In the stretch, so many bizarre events have happened that the prose poets of the big league can't be bothered with mere twin killings at home plate by virtue of a freak bounce and a 100-1 outfield throw.

The stretch is a piece of dramatics topping anything in sports. A title prize fight lasts an hour or less, a National Open golf tourney runs a few days, a horse race is a minute of frozen suspense. On the ball field, fortunes surge and recede for weeks, each day bringing a palpitating new climax, within which minor errors become enormous, great acts inspire even greater deeds and the audience is emotionally wrung out right to the finish. The stretch is 40-year-old Sal Maglie pitching a no-hit, no-run game in the final hours of 1956 to save the pennant for the Dodgers; it's Fred Merkle neglecting to touch second base on a September 23 of 1908 and costing the Giants a title the country already was celebrating; it's the 1934 Gas Housers of St. Louis driving from far behind to take 24 of their last 31 games and the flag as Daffy and Dizzy Dean pitched 13 victories in the concluding month; it's the (Continued on page 45)

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WILLARD MULLIN





Wm. S. Hawkins, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Lodge No. 1254, elected Grand Exalted Ruler on July 6th at the Grand Lodge Convention held in Chicago

*Brother Grand Exalted Ruler, Past Grand Exalted Rulers,
the Clergy, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, and my Brothers all:*

In order to attain my position as your recently elected Grand Exalted Ruler, there must have been sponsorship from some who thought that I was qualified to assume this exalted position.

Idaho has stood in a position of dual sponsorship in the Grand Lodge and, by seniority, with the Honorable Frank J. Lonergan and the Honorable Emmett T. Anderson, both of whom have, by their endorsement of my candidacy, acknowledged that Idaho was entitled to recognition of the Office of Grand Exalted Ruler. To them I acknowledge my gratitude and express my appreciation for the sponsorship that they have afforded.

It is my aim to best serve the membership of this Great Order.

My potentialities will be improved and augmented by your continuous cooperation and assistance.

The experiences that I have enjoyed in Elkdom and in other walks of life will be coupled and merged with those in Elkdom with the hope that they will be forged with your abilities and experiences into a force and energy which will impel into orbit the greatest fraternal and patriotic movement in the history of America.

To this goal I now dedicate my life. I solicit your allegiance and diligent efforts to attain that objective.

FRATERNALISM is the basic foundation of Americanism—the greatest “ism” of all. It is the practice and advocacy of equality of brotherhood—devoted and pledged to a common interest and estate.

RELIGION is the foundation and groundwork of our Order because a belief in God is preeminent and such a belief is the basic pillar of true fraternalism.

If it were possible to reach down into the society of America and extract all fraternal ties, we would have remaining only an undesirable and useless community. Not just Elkdom—the greatest fraternal society in America—but all others of great stature and worthwhile endeavor.

Many of you—perhaps most of you—belong to other fraternal, civic, religious or patriotic organizations. These are of tremendous importance to you, your community and our Nation.

Separate yourself and then your as-

sociated members from those associations, aims and activities and then can you visualize the void that is created?

From the first days of human existence, fraternalism has been a dominating factor in social progress.

Elkdom is a society of friendship. This Order based its creation in the desire of its members for friendship and subsisted thereby until greater goals and broader objectives became apparent—not only through the desires of the then members but the needs of society. As those who participated in the early works of Elkdom saw and appreciated, not only the present, but the future fields for fraternalism, then did Elkdom begin to prosper.

As proud as we may be of the name of “ELKS”, there can be no denial on our part, nor any accusation on the part of any other, but that Elkdom survives by virtue of the good that it does through fraternalism.

Elkdom, on a National scale, is no different than Elkdom at the level of the subordinate lodge; nor would it grow or attain National stature acceptable to the public until it proposed and put into effect influential projects which were of benefit, not only to its members but, more influentially, to those who were deserving of the rewards of its programs.

The Grand Lodge of Elks became a living and vital organization when it adopted a policy which would excite participation by its more than a million members in the affairs of Elkdom.

The Elks National Foundation was a motivating influence inviting participation, by not only Elks but others, in making available scholarships and awards to persons who proved themselves to be “Most Valuable Students”—the premise of which determination was not only scholarship but participation in public and in student and civic affairs.

It would be interesting to have before us a biography of each and every student who had been recognized as “Most Valuable”, and who had been rewarded financially and by public recognition, and to determine the worthwhileness of our Program. Such an analysis is not available in detail but, based upon thorough inquiry, I can assure you that those who have participated in our “Most Valuable Stu-

dent” Program were not, in the first instance, disappointed, nor are we, in a review of their accomplishments.

That is one phase of Fraternalism as exhibited and practiced at the level of the Grand Lodge.

It is the Grand Lodge which must always be the “polar star” by which State Associations and subordinate lodges must be guided, and it is only because the Grand Lodge has provided the leadership that it has in the past that we are able to live in the reflected glory of our own accomplishments at all levels of Elkdom.

Fraternalism is well exhibited throughout the many States and areas wherein Elkdom prospers and by virtue of the activities of subordinate Lodges and State Associations. Those in the Grand Lodge would be neglectful, should not recognition be given to the accomplishments at State and local jurisdictions.

Our Order has grown to a full bloom of fraternalism in every State of the Union. It is true that there may be buds in some areas and blossoms in others, but fraternalistic accomplishment has sprung to a fruition throughout the Nation, through the major activities of State Associations.

We are all members of the Grand Lodge or will be upon completion of terms of office, yet there is none among us who does not come to this Grand Lodge Session with pride in his heart over the accomplishments of his own subordinate lodge and that of his State Association in the practice of fraternalism.

Each of us has a competitive spirit in making comparisons of relative fraternal accomplishments. It is those comparisons on a competitive basis that incite and excite all of us to do better than we have done before. To isolate and thereby recognize the activities of one area over that of another, would be merely to detract from the over-all picture of accomplishment. Each of you will, during these Convention days and subsequently, justifiably extol the accomplishments of your own area. I must restrain myself from talking about the accomplishments of my own State.

Fraternalism involves more than just membership and “dues-paying”. Fraternalism is the environment and atmosphere which invites men to repeated

participation in worthwhile activities. Fraternalism requires an understanding among men—a belief in the brotherhood of man, and the fatherhood of God, without which no fraternal Order would prosper and grow as has Elkdom.

In order for fraternalism to be successful and acceptable in the eyes of us Elks, it must be coupled with patriotism.

There cannot be any true patriotism on any level except a fond belief in fraternity. To be patriotic means to love and be willing to protect and defend that to which we of this fraternity bear allegiance. It could well be that the activities of the founders of our Country were not particularly patriotic as applied to the Mother Country, but as among themselves there was a true fraternalistic patriotism that made possible the creation of this—our Country.

There is no fraternal body in America which can excel that of this Order in the reality of patriotic fraternalism. There is no taxation without representation. There is no deeper love of Country; there is no more expanded charity of thought, of word or deed. Because of this, we should grow and Grow and

GROW. We should emphasize our influence in society and thereby do better and more good for those who live with us.

I will discuss with you later the programs of Elkdom as heretofore adopted and as will be urged during this administration, and will solicit your unequalled support and allegiance in accomplishing a program of improvement in Elkdom because unless we grow and improve, then this administration would have failed.

No true American or Elk will beg another to be a patriotic and fraternal American. It just comes naturally. One who needs urging in that respect needs conversion, but we truly patriotic, fraternal, American Elks sometimes need encouragement to accelerate our activities in the affairs of our Country and in the practice of the fundamental principles of Elkdom. None should resent that encouragement but should accept it with an accelerated interest in the accomplishment of all that our Order represents.

It is my purpose to emphasize the fundamental principles of our Order, which, for this year, will be termed

“PATRIOTIC FRATERNALISM”—and Patriotic Fraternalism Fights for Freedom.

There will be no laxity as concerns business proficiency. In fact, emphasis will be laid upon efficient management of the subordinate lodges. District Deputies' examinations will be strict—not in a sense of jealousy, but with a feeling that guidance might be helpful.

There is no desire on the part of the Grand Lodge to constitute itself so as to interfere with local growth and accomplishment, but it will zealously defend the name of Elkdom as it has come to be recognized throughout America, and the Grand Lodge will, as it has in the past, jealously protect its accepted position, attained through tremendous energy.

It is not my intention to depart from the basic fundamentals and principles of the Grand Lodge procedures or programs that have prevailed in the past. However, I do intend, during the ensuing year, to stress what I consider to be the basic principle of Elkdom—and that is “Patriotic Fraternalism”, with the slogan of “Fraternalism fights for freedom”.

This is not intended to reflect upon the programs of any previous Grand Exalted Ruler who has laid special emphasis on some particular program. It is not meant to reflect in any way on the importance of a sound business policy which must be pursued. I am a businessman as well as a lawyer and will be insistent that, where possible, I can lend my suggestions to the continuance or institution of sound business practices.

However, I do feel that special emphasis, in the interest of Elkdom, should be placed upon our fundamental background: “Patriotic Fraternalism”.

There will be no lack of emphasis as concerns our well-established programs in Elkdom—such as the Foundation, the Elks National Service Commission, the Elks National Memorial and Publications Commission—and to continue with proper emphasis all other programs of the Grand Lodge.

Elkdom will continue to sponsor all youth programs destined to the welfare of the youth of America. During this Grand Lodge year Boy Scouting will attain its 50th Anniversary, and, therefore, it is proper that we hold hands with such a worthwhile organization. Anniversaries invite recognition and compel recollection and remembrances—and Elkdom during my administration recognizes the Boy Scouts of America and the program to which it is dedicated—to which we subscribe.

Most of us in Elkdom have grown from accomplishments in Scouting and, as Scouting will prosper in the future through sponsorship, so will Elkdom, in the future, prosper through the growing inheritance of youth in maturity. There-

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The Boise, Idaho, Gleemen sing at Opening Public Session. On stage are Grand Chaplain, Past Grand Exalted Rulers.

★ THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION ★

Chicago, July 5-9, 1959

At 8:30 P.M. on Sunday evening, July 5th, the 95th Session of the Grand Lodge opened with a Public Meeting held in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. The Ballroom was filled to capacity with Elks, their ladies and the public.

The renowned Drill Team from Pottstown, Pa., that has participated so importantly in previous Conventions, entered the Ballroom and lined up on each side of the center aisle. The famous Milwaukee Plugs, wearing their top hats, entered and marched through the center aisle, on each side of which the Pottstown Drill Team was lined.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Honorary Co-Chairman of the Convention with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, presided at the meeting and announced the Posting of the Colors by the Pottstown Drill Team, who impressively brought the flag to the stage. Then all present joined with Brother Ray de St. Aubin, Oak Park, Ill., Lodge, in the singing of the "National Anthem". The Invocation was given by Grand Chaplain Reverend F. W. Zimkosky.

The Idaho Elks Gleemen from Boise Lodge, one of the most outstanding choral groups that ever entertained at a Grand Lodge Convention, sang three numbers of a spiritual nature.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner welcomed the Elks and their ladies to Chicago and spoke particularly of the activities of the Order in the field of civic and patriotic work. He praised the achievements of the Elks National Foundation, of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley is Chairman, and the Elks National Service

Commission, of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan is Chairman. He spoke of the valuable contributions of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, under the direction of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, and how proud Elkdom can be of the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va.

Here in Chicago, Mr. Warner pointed out, is the Elks National Memorial Building, the finest of its kind in the world. Recognizing the work of the Illinois Elks, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner explained the accomplishments of their three mobile units, which aid the crippled children of the state.

Mr. Warner then read a letter of welcome from Governor Stratton of Illinois, who was unable to be present.

Frank Wohlleber, General Chairman of the Chicago Convention Committee, escorted Mayor Richard J. Daley into the auditorium and to the stage. Mr. Warner then read a telegram from President Eisenhower to Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, expressing congratulations and best wishes for the Convention.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson introduced Mayor Daley, who welcomed the 15,000 members of the Order attending the Convention to his city. Mayor Daley is a member of Chicago Lodge No. 4. He praised the Order for its great humanitarian and patriotic work and expressed his pleasure that the Elks had again returned to Chicago for their Convention.

The Idaho Elks Gleemen came to the front of the stage for two choral numbers, and then Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson thanked the Mayor, whom he has known for many

years, for his address, and introduced individually the nineteen Past Grand Exalted Rulers present, who were seated on stage and who were accorded a standing ovation.

Mr. Thompson introduced Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely and spoke of the dignity and efficiency with which he had served the Order.

The Grand Exalted Ruler expressed his gratitude for the opportunity and privilege of serving as the leader of this—the world's greatest fraternity. "I thank God," he said, "for granting me the strength and health during this year to serve our beloved Order and for His help in making it a year of progress, expansion and achievement. . . . I am exceedingly proud that progress has been made toward the accomplishment of the objectives set out at the beginning of my administration. Many of our subordinate lodges have been made better through improved administration and through increased pride of membership! . . . I am gratified to report to you that the Order of Elks now stands at the highest peak of its 91-year history. It has more members and more lodges than ever before. It is recognized as the greatest charitable and patriotic fraternity of all time."

Following this eloquent address by the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Idaho Elks Gleemen magnificently sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", accompanied by both piano and organ. This was a most fitting finale.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner thanked the Elks and their ladies for their attendance and attention, and this outstanding occasion was closed with a Benediction by Grand Chaplain Reverend F. W. Zimkosky.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Monday morning, July 6th, at 9 A.M., Grand Esquire George T. Hickey proclaimed the 95th Session of the Grand Lodge open and requested the Officers to enter the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, where all meetings were held. The Officers were escorted by the Alaska Elks delegation, attired in colorful yellow jackets.

Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely came to the rostrum and requested the Grand Lodge Officers to take their stands, after which the Opening Ritual followed. Mr. Wisely announced that the new 49-star flag used for the Ritual was presented to the Grand Lodge by the Elks of Alaska.

Grand Chaplain Reverend F. W. Zimkosky then delivered the Invocation, following which the Grand Exalted Ruler declared the 95th Grand Lodge Session regularly opened.

All present stood for a moment of silence to pay tribute to late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett, who passed away February 24th of this year.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely presented individually the nineteen Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Convention: James R. Nicholson, John F. Malley, Floyd E. Thompson, James T. Hallinan, Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Henry C. Warner, John S. McClelland, Frank J. Lonergan, Wade H. Kepner, L. A. Lewis, George I. Hall, Emmett T. Anderson,

Joseph B. Kyle, Sam Stern, Earle E. James, William J. Jernick, John L. Walker, Fred L. Bohn and H. L. Blackledge. Following the introductions, all present accorded a standing ovation.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Edward Rightor, James G. McFarland, William H. Atwell, Charles H. Grakelow and Howard R. Davis were unable to attend the Convention this year.

The Officers of the Grand Lodge were presented: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Ruel H. Smith, Warren, Pa.; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Arthur J. Roy, Willimantic, Conn.; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight D. Val Bulger, Portland, Ore.; Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa.; Grand Treasurer Robert G. Pruitt, Buckhead (Atlanta) Ga.; Grand Tiler William S. Wolf, Pontiac, Ill.; Grand Esquire George T. Hickey, Chicago (North), Ill.; Grand Inner Guard James W. Plummer, Zanesville, Ohio, and Grand Chaplain Reverend F. W. Zimkosky, Goodland, Kan.

Mr. Wisely introduced his Secretary, Richard J. Wallace, and Grand Lodge Activities Co-ordinator Bert A. Thompson, and expressed his appreciation of their untiring assistance in furthering his program.

The Board of Grand Trustees was introduced: William A. Wall (Chairman), West Palm Beach, Fla.; Dewey E. S. Kuhns (Vice-Chairman and Approving Member), Charleston, W. Va.; Edward A. Spry (Home Member), Boston, Mass.; Jacob L. Sherman (Building Applications Member), Denver, Colo.; and Edwin J. Alexander (Secretary), Aberdeen, Wash.

After this presentation, the Justices of the Grand Forum were introduced: John C. Cochrane (Chief Justice), Toledo, Ohio; John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y.; A. F. Bray, Richmond,

Calif.; Alfred E. LaFrance, Racine, Wis., and Joseph O. Spangler, Greybull, Wyo.

Chairman of the Committee on Credentials Frank T. Lynde gave his preliminary report, stating that as of Monday morning there were 2,259 Grand Lodge registrations.

The customary introductions of Brothers from distant places followed. Present were members from Guam, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and, as would be expected, a large delegation of members from our 49th State, who were individually introduced and were warmly applauded.

The Grand Exalted Ruler briefly summarized his Report to the Grand Lodge, a digest of which was published in our July issue. It was accepted, as were the minutes of the 94th Meeting in New York last July, and the Reports of the Grand Secretary, Board of Grand Trustees and Auditing Committee.

The members of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee were presented: Sam Ryerson (Chairman), Rock Island, Ill.; W. S. Doane, Sheridan, Wyo., and Bert Wysor, Holdenville, Okla.; following which Chairman William A. Wall of the Board of Grand Trustees presented the preliminary budget.

Telegrams of greetings from President Eisenhower, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow and James A. Farley, Past President of New York State Elks Association, were read by Grand Esquire George T. Hickey.

The following appointments by the Grand Exalted Ruler were confirmed by unanimous vote:

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan for a five-year term as member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis for a seven-year term as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge to fill the one-year unexpired term of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett as a Foundation Trustee.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan for a six-year term as a member of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee.

Joseph O. Spangler, Greybull, Wyo., to fill the unexpired four-year term of Wm. S. Hawkins as a member of the Grand Forum.

Robert G. Pruitt, Buckhead (Atlanta), Ga., Lodge for a five-year term as a member of the Grand Forum.

Clyde E. Jones, Ottumwa, Ia., Lodge for a three-year term as member of the Grand Lodge Pension Committee.

The Grand Exalted Ruler appointed Frank M. Linnell, Newport Harbor, Calif., Lodge a Pardon Commissioner.

The appointment of the Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett Memorial Committee was announced by the Grand Exalted Ruler, as follows:



Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Hawkins is congratulated by Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely (left) and U. S. Senator Frank Church of Idaho, who nominated Mr. Hawkins.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers John L. Walker (Chairman), John S. McClelland and Wade H. Kepner.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Chairman James A. Gunn, Mamaronck, N. Y., reported for the Membership and New Lodge Committee and introduced his fellow Committeemen: Hugh L. Hartley, Owosso, Mich.; Campbell F. Rice, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Oscar W. Stutheit, Orange, Calif., and Edward W. McCabe, Nashville, Tenn.

Chairman Gunn said that during the year forty-five dispensations were granted, with New Jersey and California leading (7), followed by New York (6) and Massachusetts (5). Brother Gunn was pleased to announce that Mississippi had instituted its first new lodge in more than 50 years. In making his Report, Chairman Gunn pointed out the large potential for new lodges not only in every state, but also in many cities.

During the past year, of the total membership increase of 17,844, about 50 per cent of the gain was obtained from new lodges instituted during the year. Unquestionably, in the opinion of Chairman Gunn, there is a vast untapped reservoir of Elk membership to be obtained through the institution of sound new lodges located in desirable communities. In closing his Report, Brother Gunn expressed his personal appreciation, and that of the members of his Committee, for the outstanding support they had received from Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely and Grand Secretary Donaldson.

Joseph F. Bader, of Lyndhurst, N. J., Chairman of the State Associations Committee, then introduced his Committeemen: Ray C. Dobson, Minot, N. D.; Billie T. Gresham, Princeton, Ky.; Guy D. Moore, Joplin, Mo., and

Edward Govangeli, Keene, N. H., who was appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler during the year to replace late Brother Guy A. Rich.

Chairman Bader announced the results of the State Association Bulletin Contest. Indiana was first, Florida second, and Illinois third. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Michigan, Colorado, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and North Carolina.

Clyde E. Jones, of Ottumwa, Iowa, Chairman of the Pension Committee, submitted his Report and introduced Committee members Hugh W. Hicks (Secretary), Jackson, Tenn., and John K. Burch, Grand Rapids, Mich.

ELECTIONS

Next order of procedure was the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan moved that the privilege of the platform be extended to U. S. Senator Frank Church, a member of Boise, Idaho, Lodge, for the purpose of nominating Wm. S. Hawkins, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Lodge, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. Senator Church made a most eloquent nominating speech and after he concluded the Idaho and California delegations marched through the Ballroom and staged a dramatic demonstration, with the outstanding Boise, Idaho, band participating. The Idaho Cleemen, who sang so impressively at the Public Session, paid tribute to Brother Hawkins with an Idaho song.

The nomination of Brother Hawkins was seconded by Coeur d'Alene Exalted Ruler E. L. Miller and Benjamin F. Watson, Lansing, Michigan, Lodge, with whom Mr. Hawkins had served on the Judiciary Committee.

As the delegates unanimously elected Brother Hawkins for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, a large portrait of him

in cloth was displayed on the left side of the platform. With Grand Esquire George Hickey leading, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Frank J. Lonergan and Emmett T. Anderson, and Idaho State Pres. James H. Gridley, Exalted Ruler Miller and William D. McFarland, Past Exalted Ruler of Coeur d'Alene Lodge, escorted the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect to the stage. All assembled accorded him a standing ovation.

Mr. Hawkins then gave his Speech of Acceptance (see page 10).

The following Grand Lodge Officers were elected: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Arthur J. Roy, Willimantic, Conn.; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Joseph F. Bader, Lyndhurst, N. J.; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight W. K. Swanson, McCook, Nebr.; Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa.; Grand Treasurer Arthur M. Umlandt, Muscatine, Ia.; Grand Tiler Omer C. Macy, Mattoon, Ill.; Grand Inner Guard Charles D. Fox, Roanoke, Va. Edwin J. Alexander, Aberdeen, Wash., was elected for a five-year term as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

At the conclusion of the elections, the First Business Session closed with a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

After Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely called the Second Business Session to order on Tuesday morning, July 7th, Frank V. Archibald, Chairman of the Committee on Distribution, made his Report.

The Report of the National Memorial and Publication Commission was given by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Vice Chairman, acting for Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman.

Since the Commission had published a full Report, a digest of which will appear in our September issue, Mr. Anderson made a brief summary. He pointed out that the cost of publishing the Magazine this year was \$1,416,999.32 and said, "Without our advertisers, we would have operated at a loss, but we realized a profit of \$442,448 from this source, resulting in a net profit of \$259,570.

"In the past 37 years the Magazine has turned over \$7,159,544 from its profits to the Grand Lodge. Every member of the Order, by patronizing our advertisers and by letting them know that patronage is by reason of an advertisement in THE ELKS MAGAZINE, will be most helpful."

Mr. Anderson reminded the dele-



Winners of the National Ritualistic Championship, Decatur, Ga., Lodge No. 1602. Center, Scott Candler, Jr., Exalted Ruler; rear, left to right, Ralph T. Holtsclaw, Esteemed Leading Knight; Shorter Granberry, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Tom English, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Lyman Rogers, Esquire; L. Blaine Bailey, Chaplain; E. T. Hendon, Jr., Inner Guard.



Elks National Foundation Trustees with "Most Valuable Student" first place winners. From left, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Floyd E. Thompson and John F. Malley, Miss Dawn A. Day, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Daniel J. Smith, Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis and H. L. Blackledge.

gates that the expense involved in maintaining the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago is met from earnings of THE ELKS MAGAZINE. This annually runs more than \$80,000. Furthermore, from Magazine profits, \$100,000 was turned over to the Grand Lodge this year.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson spoke about the splendid work of the Public Relations Department under the direction of Otho DeVilbiss, who worked closely with Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely. He commended Hubert E. Allen, Superintendent of the Elks National Memorial Building, for his faithful services.

After the Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission was accepted, Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely expressed his appreciation for the contributions of the staff of THE ELKS MAGAZINE and for the guidance of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Managing Director of the Magazine.

He particularly mentioned the cooperation that the Magazine had afforded his "Stray Elks" Program.

RITUALISTIC CONTEST

Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee Ronald R. Bringman came to the rostrum and delivered a preliminary Report. This year, for the first time, the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Contest was divided into two divisions—Eastern and Western. Two winners from each division were selected, as well as an All-American Eastern and Western Team from each. In the regional contests, the Eastern results were as follows: First, Decatur, Ga.; Second, West Palm Beach, Fla. Winners in the Western Division: First, Phoenix, Ariz.; Second, Ottawa, Kan.

The All-American team in the Eastern Division was: Exalted Ruler, Scott Candler, Jr., Decatur, Ga.; Esquire,

T. Hugh Simrill, Jr., Rock Hill, S. C.; Leading Knight, Ralph Holtsclaw, Decatur, Ga.; Loyal Knight, John C. Richmond, Rock Hill, S. C.; Lecturing Knight, Tom English, Decatur, Ga.; Chaplain, Blaine Bailey, Decatur, Ga.; and Inner Guard, E. T. Hendon, Decatur, Ga.

Members of the All-American team in the Western Division were: Exalted Ruler, Roswell R. Olson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Esquire, Walter D. Stull, Phoenix, Ariz.; Leading Knight, Lloyd Stafford, Ottawa, Kan.; Loyal Knight, Bob Harris, Farmington, N. M.; Lecturing Knight, Peter A. Mench, Phoenix, Ariz.; Chaplain, Eugene A. O'Neil, Phoenix, Ariz.; Inner Guard, James Ogg, Ottawa, Kan.

The winning teams were to compete for the national championship, the name of the winner to be announced at the Fourth Business Session.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis was recognized for the purpose of making a resolution. Mr. Lewis first read a wire from Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, thanking the Order on behalf of the nearly five million Boy Scouts for the great support and encouragement they are receiving from Elks. His resolution urged subordinate lodges to sponsor additional troops and members to serve as leaders; also, that each lodge hold a special program during February, 1960, recognizing the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Boy Scouts, and that the BPOE extend hearty congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America upon the occasion of this anniversary of Scouting.

PGER MALLEY REPORTS

The first part of the Report of the Elks National Foundation was then made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman. The concluding part was made at the Third Business Session. Mr. Malley intro-

duced the Foundation Trustees: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson, Dr. Edward J. McCormick, L. A. Lewis, Sam Stern and H. L. Blackledge. Because of illness, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, who is a Trustee, could not attend.

Chairman Malley paid a moving tribute to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett, who was forced to resign as a Trustee because of illness and who passed away in February.

"This was the most successful year in the history of the Foundation," Mr. Malley said. "Nearly \$500,000 was added to the Principal Fund. Credit in major part should go to Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely, who urged support of our great philanthropic agency."

"Men in Elkdom should lead by example," Mr. Malley stated, reminding the delegates that their contributions would lead the way for other people. Each month THE ELKS MAGAZINE publishes a "Joy of Giving" column, and he urged the members to read the Magazine to understand the great work our Foundation is doing. In round figures the total contributions to the Fund since its inception in 1928 amount to \$5,800,000. However, through sound and foresighted investments, the value of the Principal Fund now is about \$8,500,000, and the annual income is approximately \$280,000. This represents a return of 4.8 per cent.

This income, Mr. Malley pointed out, is available for charitable works of the Order in the field of scholarships and cerebral palsy. All operating expenses of the Foundation are paid by the Grand Lodge, so that any contribution is one that will continually grow, since there is never a withdrawal from the Principal Fund. Continuing his report, Chairman Malley said that the Elks National Foundation, as its income increases each year, is seeking new fields. For example, the Emergency Educational Fund to which the Grand Lodge originally appropriated \$50,000, and which has decreased to about \$20,000 because of grants of scholarships to deserving sons and daughters of deceased or incapacitated Elks, will be augmented this year by a grant of \$20,000. "We are not grooved to any single project," Mr. Malley said. The Foundation has been granting scholarships for 30 years in contrast to corporations and the Government which only recently have recognized this great need. "Keep this in mind when talking about Elkdom," he said.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley then invited any present who desired to make a contribution to the Foundation to come forward. There was a splendid response. A particularly noteworthy contribution was made by the Elks of Kansas in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner. Every lodge in Kansas contributed \$100, and the Exalted Ruler of each lodge came to

the rostrum with a board in which the half dollars were contained in a thermometer arrangement. The total contribution was \$6,900.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely thanked all who had contributed to the Foundation. Grand Esquire Hickey read congratulatory telegrams from Basil O'Connor of the Red Cross and Mrs. Charles U. Culmer, President of the Girl Scouts.

The Second Business Session was adjourned at 10:30 A.M. for the Grand Lodge Memorial Services.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

After the Third Business Session was opened Wednesday morning, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, continued his Report from the previous day. He invited members present who wished to contribute to the Principal Fund of the Foundation to come to the rostrum, and there was a splendid response. The total contribution to the Foundation during the Convention was more than \$26,000.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, a Trustee of the Foundation, then came to the rostrum to make the annual "Most Valuable Student" Awards. Mr. Thompson said that the Foundation transferred into action the word "benevolent" and that "Elks seek to help those that help themselves." He pointed out that perseverance and resourcefulness must be proved by any young person receiving a Foundation scholarship. Judge Thompson said, "The Foundation allocated \$70,000 for scholarships last year, but in 1960 this will be increased to \$100,000." A full report of the "Most Valuable Student" Awards will be published in the September issue of the Magazine.

First place winner among Girls was Dawn A. Day, of Grand Forks, N. D. Among boys the first place "Most Valuable Student" Award was won by Daniel J. Smith of Anaconda, Mont. Both of these young people came to the rostrum and expressed their appreciation of the honor of winning the top awards of a \$1,200 college scholarship grant from the Foundation. The Report of the Foundation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

Charles C. Bowie of San Benito, Texas, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities, gave

his Report and introduced the Committee: W. L. Hill, Great Falls, Mont.; Leo B. Carey, West Warwick, R. I.; E. G. Fournace, Newark, Ohio; and Edwin P. Breen, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Brother Bowie stated that only the surface of the possibilities of Elkdom's participation in Youth Activities has been scratched. However, much progress has been made and at this time 1,680,000 young people are being helped by the Order at a cost to the subordinate lodges of about \$2,100,000 a year. Chairman Bowie particularly expressed his appreciation of the work that Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick is doing for the Order as the representative of the Order for the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, which is concerned with the effects of comics, television and other media on youth.

YOUTH PROGRAM WINNERS

The Youth Activities trophy awards were announced: Winners in lodges with membership over 1,000 were: First, Milwaukee, Wis.; Second, Vancouver, Wash.; Third, Lincoln, Neb. Honorable Mention Certificates went to: Binghamton, N. Y.; Boulder, Colo., and Phoenix, Ariz.

Lodges with membership from 500 to 1,000: First, Warren, Ohio; Second, Woonsocket, R. I.; Third, Leesburg, Fla. Honorable Mention Certificates were given to Ilion, N. Y.; Scottsbluff, Nebr., and State College, Pa.

Lodges under 500 membership: First, Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Second, Parker, Ariz.; Third, Wellsburg, W. Va.

Honorable Mention Certificates were awarded to Provo, Utah; Nevada City, Calif., and Mt. Vernon, Ind.

For outstanding Youth Programs among State Associations, the Ohio Elks were awarded a plaque and \$200 for winning first place. Plaques were awarded to Nebraska for second place, and New York for third place. Honorable Mention Awards: Wisconsin, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Washington, Florida and Colorado.

Youth Day Awards were then made to lodges and State Associations as published in our July issue.

In the National Youth Leadership Contest, Brother Bowie said that more than 50,000 applications were forwarded. This year the Elks National Foundation allocated \$8,600 in U. S. Bonds for the Contest. First place awards of \$1,000 in U. S. Bonds were received by Patricia Lee Schmulbach, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Delbert Dudley Smith, Milwaukee, Wis. The parents of both of these young people were present and were asked to stand for the applause of the Elks and their ladies present at this meeting.

Committee member Fournace introduced this year's Youth Leadership Winners, both of whom expressed their gratitude for the honor of winning this Elk Contest. Brother Bowie then presented Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely with the Youth Activities Plaque, in appreciation of how ably he furthered the program during his year of office.

Committee member W. L. Hill presented a Youth Activities Plaque to



Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, greets one of the veterans who were guests of the Commission while Chairman Hallinan gave his report.



E. G. Fournace, of Youth Activities Committee, introduces top winners in the Youth Leadership Contest—Delbert Dudley Smith and Patricia Lee Schmulbach.

Brother Bowie in recognition of his six-year term on the Committee, two years of which he served as Chairman.

PGER HALLINAN REPORTS

Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan came to the rostrum and requested the Oregon and California delegations to enter the Ballroom. With the Pottstown, Pa. Drill Team lined on each side of the center aisle of the Ballroom, the delegates entered, accompanied by the Baker, Oregon, Explorer Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps. War veterans from local hospitals were brought to the stage and seated on each side of the rostrum. Past California State President Robert Traver, acting for the Elks National Service Commission, told the Elks and their ladies about the work that is being done by State Associations to provide leather for therapeutic use. This year the value of the tanned leather provided by the states of California, Montana, Oregon, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona and Wyoming, is very close to \$250,000. At this point there was a dramatic display of Elkdom's aid to disabled veterans when rolls of leather were hung from the balcony.

Judge Hallinan returned to the rostrum to commend the outstanding work that William A. Lower, member of Chicago South Lodge and Chairman of the Illinois State Veterans Commission, is doing. Chairman Hallinan introduced each of the veterans on the stage and at the same time extended his grateful thanks for the contributions that the leaders of Elkdom have made to further the program of the Elks National Service Commission. He particularly commended Brian McKeogh for his able assistance. Floyd Brown, Field Representative of the Commission, was congratulated by Chairman Hallinan for his services in managing programs in Veterans hospitals.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C.

Warner presented an Emergency Resolution which, in case of a national emergency, will permit the Board of Grand Trustees, with approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, to assess each member \$1.00 a year.

Serving on the Elks National Service Commission together with Chairman Hallinan are: Henry C. Warner (Vice Chairman); George I. Hall (Treasurer); Howard R. Davis (Assistant Treasurer); Frank J. Lonergan; Emmett T. Anderson; Joseph B. Kyle; William Hawley Atwell; William J. Jernick; John L. Walker and Fred L. Bohn. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan expressed his sincere appreciation for their cooperative endeavors.

The resolution that the annual assessment for the Elks National Service Commission of 25 cents a year per member be continued was offered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan. The veterans then left the stage and there was a standing ovation.

LODGE ACTIVITIES AWARDS

Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely introduced Vincent H. Grocott, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee. Chairman Grocott introduced Committee members: Nelson E. W. Stuart, Cleveland, Ohio; Loris A. Winn, Moscow, Idaho; Robert L. DeHority, Elwood, Ind.; and Francis T. Benson, Kit-tanning, Pa.

Plaques were awarded to the winning lodges for the Newspaper Week Contest, the Grand Lodge Bulletin Contest, Memorial Services and Christmas Programs, results of which have appeared in the Magazine.

The winners of the Flag Day competition were announced. The lodges were divided into two divisions—membership under 750, and membership over 750. First place in the division under 750 was Arlington Heights, Ill.; Second place, Christobal, Canal Zone; Third place, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Winners in the group over 750 members were:

First: Appleton, Wis.; Second: Phoenix, Ariz.; Third: Williamsport, Pa.

In addition to the award of plaques, first place winners of each division received a flag flown over the Capitol July 14th by direction of Hon. John P. Saylor, House of Representatives.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely thanked Brother Grocott and his Committee for their untiring work. The Third Business Session was then concluded.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

After Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely called the Fourth Business Session to Order, and the Grand Chaplain gave the Invocation, Frank T. Lynde, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported on Grand Lodge attendance:

Past Grand Exalted Rulers	19
Grand Lodge Officers	22
Grand Lodge Committeemen	47
District Deputies	154
Special Deputies	9
Representatives	1,634
Alternates	23
Grand Lodge Members	850
Total	2,758

AMENDMENTS

John E. Fenton, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, presented his fellow members: Benjamin F. Watson, John T. Raftis and Thad Eure. Committee member Sidney W. Robinson had left the Convention the previous day. Chairman Fenton presented several amendments, all of which were accepted. The intent of the most important of these amendments, as prepared for THE ELKS MAGAZINE by Judge Fenton, follows:

Section 38, amended so that the Board of Grand Trustees with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler may transfer during the period of time between Grand Lodge Sessions appropriations from any item in the budget to any other item therein, provided the total amount appropriated in the budget is not exceeded.

Section 51, amended by adding to the present Section the words "Elks National Foundation Fund and Elks National Service Commission Fund."

Section 52, amended by striking out the present section and inserting a new section, naming the various funds of the Grand Lodge and granting permission to the Board of Grand Trustees to invest and reinvest, sell, transfer funds in bonds or other securities and to engage investment counsel to advise and assist in the investment of the moneys in the General and other funds under its control.

Section 102 of the Grand Lodge

Statutes, amended so that it will not be necessary for a lodge under dispensation to wait until a Grand Lodge Session to obtain its Charter. The Board of Grand Trustees may grant the Charter between Grand Lodge Sessions.

Section 108, amended so that those present at the institution of a lodge who have presented Certificates of Status and absolute dimitts may become Charter members in addition to affiliated Elks present at the Institution.

Section 148, amended by substituting the words "certified" for "registered" in forwarding copies of applications to the Grand Secretary, by reducing the fine provided in the Section from a fine not less than twenty-five and not more than one hundred to a fine not less than five dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars, by adding the words "Persistence in such refusals or neglect shall be deemed conduct unbecoming an Elk and grounds for expulsion from the Order" at the end of the last paragraph.

Section 168A is a new Section of the Grand Lodge, which provides: Each member immediately after his initiation shall be given a copy of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge, a copy of the by-laws of the Lodge in which he has been initiated, and the booklet, "What It Means To Be An Elk".

Section 180, amended by revising the Section and adding the words "or lodge in process of organization."

Section 190, amended so that a member affiliated by transfer dimit may not be compelled to pay double dues. The amendment adopted reads: "Dues of a member received by a lodge on trans-

fer dimit shall commence with the semi-annual period after which he has paid dues to the lodge which granted the transfer dimit."

Section 191, amended by adding in the fourth line after the word "lodge" the words "or lodge in process of organization."

Section 192, amended by striking out the word "Territory" before the word of "Alaska" in the second to the last line in the last paragraph and substituting the word "State" so that the words after the words "United States" will read, "and the State of Alaska shall be valid for ninety days, instead of thirty days."

At the conclusion of this report, Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely expressed his high regard for the work of the Judiciary Committee during his term.

A telegram from Governor Price Daniel of Texas, welcoming the Elks to Dallas for their 1960 Convention, was read by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, member of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee. The date of next year's Convention is July 10-14.

Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees William A. Wall submitted the final budget, which was adopted. Trustee Dewey E. S. Kuhns submitted a Resolution, fixing the annual assessment at \$1.80, and this was accepted.

On motion of Trustee Edwin J. Alexander, the Charters of 49 new lodges were approved. Several changes in the Districts were announced by Edward A. Spry, Home Member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Brother Thomas J. Brady, former

member of the Board of Grand Trustees and Superintendent of the Elks National Home, was asked to come to the rostrum and was greeted with great applause. Brother Brady spoke of his gratitude for the great help he had received from Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely, the Board of Grand Trustees and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Managing Director of THE ELKS MAGAZINE. An outstanding film about the Elks National Home is available, and it is titled "Home Again". It depicts the heart-warming experience of a Brother when he first comes to the Home, and Superintendent Brady urged every lodge to show it. On behalf of the Brothers at the Home, he expressed appreciation of the \$8,032 made available by the lodges for showing motion pictures there.

RITUALISTIC WINNERS

Then came the announcement of the Ritualistic Contest winners, which always is a highlight of the Convention. The announcement was made by Chairman Ronald R. Bringman. This year 37 teams competed and, as reported in the coverage of the Second Business Session, this year the teams were divided into two geographic divisions—Eastern and Western. Brother Bringman asked the representatives to indicate their reaction to this innovation, and they applauded so heartily that there could be no question about their thorough approval. Louisiana entered a team for the first time, and West Virginia returned with a team after many years of absence. Also Kentucky, which entered a team for the first time last year, returned.

Chairman Bringman introduced the other members of his Committee: Leo P. Ronan, Marston S. Bell, Vernet H. Hicks, Herb L. Odlund. Committee member Frank H. McBride had to leave the Convention, and Merle A. Page, Jr., was unable to be present this year.

First place winner was Decatur, Ga., with a score of 97.270. The team came to the stage and was presented with a check for \$1,000, and the Raymond Benjamin Trophy, which is a bronze plaque offered yearly by Napa, Calif., Lodge in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Benjamin. Other winners were:

- 2. \$500: Phoenix, Ariz. 97.028
- 3. \$250: West Palm Beach, Fla. 96.777
- 4. \$150: Ottawa, Kans. 95.339

James P. Ebersberger, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted a Resolution expressing appreciation of the work of Grand Lodge Convention Committee Chairman George I. Hall and his Committee, and Convention Director Franklin J. Fitzpatrick; Honorary Co-Chairmen Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson and Henry C. Warner, the Chicago Convention Committee and Convention Bureau; Mayor Daley; the Pottstown, Pa., Drill Team, Milwaukee Plugs, Baker, Ore., Explorer Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps,

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Grand Lodge Officers, 1959-60 (L-R): front row, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Arthur J. Roy, Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Joseph F. Bader; second row, Grand Treasurer Arthur M. Umlandt, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight W. K. Swanson, Grand Esquire Robert E. Boney; third row, Grand Inner Guard Charles D. Fox, Jr., Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander, Justice of the Grand Forum Robert G. Pruitt and Grand Tiler Omer C. Macy.



Stage of Conrad Hilton Hotel, with Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Zimkosky at rostrum, as Grand Lodge Memorial Services opened.

THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Tuesday morning at eleven, the Grand Lodge Memorial Services opened in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The stage of the Ballroom was decorated beautifully and with great dignity. The Altar of white and gold cloth, supporting a tabernacle of the Ten Commandments, was flanked on each side with floral arrangements and ferns and was impressively lighted.

After an organ and piano prelude by Mrs. Patrick King and Mr. Earle Boyes, the Services were opened by Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, General Chairman.

Grand Chaplain Zimkosky gave the Invocation, and the Idaho Gleemen sang in Latin "Emitte Spiritum Tuum".

Homer L. Fry, Aurora, Ill., Lodge gave the Eleven O'Clock Toast, after which the Gleemen sang Schubert's "At Sunset".

The General Eulogy was delivered by Ronald J. Dunn, Oneida, N. Y., Lodge, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Brother Dunn spoke most eloquently of those who had departed during the year, saying:

"We think of those today, whose personal friendship we were privileged to own, not necessarily the leaders, not always the most prominent, but the type and kind of men we knew who lived next door, who were willing to aid others in distress, who were willing to sacrifice so that the pain of others could be alleviated, who were willing to help the edu-

cational needs of our youth, who wanted our nation to be strong and great and our communities better places in which to live. It is to them we dedicate these Memorial Services."

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker was a close, personal friend of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett, and he delivered a moving Eulogy in memory of this great leader of the Order.

"I have been accorded the honor and privilege on this solemn occasion of paying tribute to one of the great inspirational leaders of all time, that beloved member of our Order, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett. I have never had, and never expect to have, a more loyal or devoted friend. But I speak for you and for all Elks as we commemorate the life and achievements of our departed Brother. . . . His mind was quick to mark the pathway of duty, and whatever the sacrifice, he followed it with unhesitating courage and zeal. . . . He was ever loyal to his friends and to the causes he espoused.

"He believed in justice, loved mercy and walked humbly with his God. His life exemplified the great truth that, after all, *servicing* is the highest form of living."

Following Mr. Walker's Eulogy to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett, the Gleemen sang Schubert's "The Lord's Prayer".

The Services were closed with a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.



"Shoot! Shoot!"—and he did. Without lifting his rifle, he commenced shooting holes through the bottom of the canoe, still staring the bull in the eye.

GUIDE TO GUIDES

By **DAN HOLLAND**

GUIDE TROUBLE is a common sportsman complaint. Like the four men I know who took a two-week fishing trip in Ontario recently. After they were well on their way into the back country, they discovered that each of their four Indian canoeemen was named Sandy. They came home calling each other Sandy.

And there was Norman. After Norman had led several of us through a series of misadventures in the Hudson Bay country, we were burned out—food, tent, airplane and all—by a forest fire. Since we were to remain there another full week, we were in a bad way. Then we had a stroke of luck.

Across the lake in a corner untouched by fire we found a trapper's cache. It was a crude scaffolding mounted on the trunks of four trees sawed off about ten feet above the ground, on which were flour, tea and rabbit-skin robes wrapped in heavy tarpaulin. Alongside was a sod teepee, or "migwam", as it is called in that area.

We put our treasure in the teepee. Norman remained on the scaffolding, explaining that he was watching for a plane to take us home. We explained in turn that we wouldn't be missing until our week was up; then someone would become concerned and come to look for us. Unimpressed by our logic, Norman sat and watched the sky.

As much to preserve his piece of mind as anything, we put him to work. I gave him my knife and a couple of trout, suggesting that he go down to the lake and clean them. In a moment he came running back with no knife, no trout, and his finger cut.

Later someone called him off the scaffolding to build a fire for a pot of tea. We looked in time to see the sod teepee a mass of flames. Norman had built the fire against it as a windbreak. Now he was standing back as though admiring the beautiful blaze he had created.

With forest fires raging all about us, Norman had started one all his own.

Those were eight cold, hungry days and nights until a search plane picked us up. Norman, attempting to be the first on board, fell in.

So I know that an occasional guide can be slightly less than perfect. Usually, though, the fish is on the other end of the line. A professional guide or packer, from my experience, is a hard-working individual who knows his business and who suffers daily from the blunders of us dudes.

There's Roy Stevenson on the Miramichi, for instance. He gave me an example of why guides get gray. The trouble on this occasion was in the form of a moose hunter. Fat to start

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"I grabbed the frying pan, but the handle was hot and I guess I kind of tossed it into the air—eggs and all."

The Elks of Vancouver and Our Veterans

THE VETERANS AFFAIRS Committee of Vancouver, Wash., Lodge, was one of its most active units during the past year. Co-Chairmen Birney Fullington and Theron Quarnburg were assisted by a staff of from 25 to 30 members in this work, centered around the patients of Barnes Veterans Hospital in that city.

It is the Committee's aim to assist the hospital staff in relieving the monotony and loneliness of the men in their care. One of the most satisfactory ways to accomplish this has been the bingo parties put on by the Elks each month. They furnish \$200 in nickels as prizes for the games, and see to it that no patient is left out of the fun. Ambulatory cases play in the hospital theater; each bed-patient receives a numbered ticket, and a corresponding ticket is placed in a bowl in the auditorium. When a player wins out there, he pulls a ticket from the bowl and the bed-patient holding the duplicate shares in the prize.

During the baseball and football seasons, bus transportation is provided by the Elks to get the boys to and from the playing fields, with lodge members escorting the patients and treating them to refreshments during the games.

On Veterans Day, the Elks sent a bus to the hospital to bring about 40 patients to the lodge home for a special program; at its close, they gave a television set to their guests to bring back to the hospital with them.

Just before Christmas the lodge learned that the Arts and Crafts Department at Barnes was badly in need of another hand loom. That was taken care of at Christmas.

One of the Chairmen of the Committee attends the meetings of the Hospital Advisory Committee each month when the patients' needs are discussed. The Committee then is able to provide whatever is necessary, without duplications. Sick Committee Chairman Harry Williams makes personal calls on members from all lodges of the Order who happen to be confined at Barnes, and does good turns for the non-Elk patients, too.

In addition to hospital work, the Committee also presented a trophy to the 104th Division of the Oregon-Washington Army Reserve Unit, staffed mostly by veterans.

All the Vancouver Elks are understandably proud of the work of the Committee and of the well-deserved VAVS Certificate of appreciation awarded by Barnes Manager, Dr. W. J. McCarty.



Taking the boys out to the ball game is part of the program



When it comes to bingo, everyone gets into the game



The Elks gave this hand loom to the Hospital last year

Island Hideaways

In autumn it will still be warm and bright on the islands that dot the Mediterranean and the southern Atlantic just off the African coast

By HORACE SUTTON

THE EUROPEANS, who are great discoverers, long ago found out about the pleasures that exist on Europe's southern islands. Long after the blush is off the summer season and the chill has begun to set in along the regular and better known tourist haunts, the days are still bright and clear in places like

the Canaries, Majorca, Elba, Sicily, and farther on in the lovely islands of Greece. Almost all these hideaways are filled with traveling Germans, traveling Swiss, peregrinating French, and scurrying Scandinavians, most of them cold-footing it away from the rapidly cooling lands in which they live.

Among the archipelagos least known to most Americans are the Canary Islands, sitting as they do off the northwest coast of Africa. Cultivating bananas, tomatoes and tourists are the main occupations of the Canaries and all these pursuits are performed when the season on the Continent simply won't permit it. On odd islands in the chain, such as Lanzarote, farmers still furrow with the crudest of ploughs pulled by that beast of all trades, the camel. Women wear sun bonnets that look like Amish hats, and wristlets to protect their white skin from the intense rays. So many volcanoes have paved the acreage of Lanzarote that there are scarcely any trees, but fruits and flowers grow bush-like in the black lava soil that protects the roots from the hot sun and retains the meager dew. Figs and grapes grow, and they even manage an onion crop which is dispatched northward where the growing season has ended.

Lanzarote, of all the Canaries, is for the explorer. For the sun-and-sit set there is Grand Canary and its city of Las Palmas, one of the longest and narrowest settlements in the world. All the sybaritic comforts are on hand at the lovely Santa Catalina Hotel, not excluding a heated mineral water pool, an open air bowling alley, and a magnificent dining salon that looks as if it were lifted whole from a luxury liner. There are fifteen acres of park outside, including a Canary village strung with shops that sell beautiful lace, Canary Island ukuleles and, of course, canaries. There are native dances in costume every Sunday morning. In town the tailoring is cheaper than Hong Kong—about \$32 for a handsome gray flannel suit copied from the one you're wearing. Over on Tenerife there is skiing and swimming at the same time—the swim-



Columns set with gold, at the Monreale Cloisters on Sicily, are a medieval wonder. Each of the 200 columns is covered with a dazzling Byzantine mosaic done in gold.

EWING GALLOWAY



A fisherman tends his nets at the docks of Palma, capital and principal port of Majorca. A few ancient windmills can still be seen at the waterfront.

ming in pools or the sea, the skiing on top of old Teide at 12,152 feet. In hotels like the older Taoro the rate will be about \$6 a day, but you can get by in lesser establishments for as little as \$2.50 to \$3 for room and three meals per person per day. The Parador up on the slopes is about \$4 a day. Dinner is rarely served before 10 P.M., this being a bit of old Spain, but the wait is a small price to pay for the weather and the cost.

Another Spanish paradise is Majorca and its accompanying lesser paradises, Minorca and Ibiza. Majorca has been popular for more than a hundred years, or since the time that Chopin and George Sand escaped here for a miserable winter in 1838. Sand wrote about her experiences with Chopin on the isle in a book called "A Winter in Majorca." A winter in 1959 or 1960 might prove better, or at least easier to manage. It's only an hour or so if you go by air from Barcelona, or a couple of hours from Madrid. There are also ships from Barcelona and Valencia for the seafaring. There are some

new hotels springing up in Palma, but an older one I have enjoyed is the Maricel, which is directly on the sea about three miles from town. As for town, it is a hectic place, especially in season, peopled by busy Majorcans and an assortment of tourists, many of them in the outlandish costumes one has come to associate with the cafe society bohemia that inhabits Capri. The iron work is worth a careful look, and especially for those who are returning by ship, the glassware. It is mostly blue-green and beautiful, at really astonishing prices. A large bottle vase, just lopsided enough to indicate that it was handmade, which I long admired in the house of a friend, turned out to be one fat dollar in its habitat, Palma de Majorca. There is plenty of activity in the Majorcan night for those who are owls and who have grown restless with the lazy days in the sun. For sightseers there are excursions up to Formentor, which is a beach resort with its own fine hotel, and to that celebrated abode of Chopin and Sand that flourishes with flowers and memories right down

to the bushes which have been planted according to sketches made by Sand's son, Maurice.

Islands are always being made historic by historic personages that visit them. No island fits that little platitude better than Elba, which became even more famous than Majorca became after Chopin because Napoleon was exiled to Elba for almost a year back in 1818. It was quite a comedown for the Emperor whose domain had stretched across the face of Europe—too far in fact for success. Long years after Napoleon left (after a short stay of 300 days) the island suddenly became a tourist's ideal. It had been just the same all along, a place of some beauty, of good beaches, of high mountains, of awesome views, of balmy weather. Etruscans had long ago worked its iron mines and even the island's name had come from their word for iron—*Ilva*. But finally in 1948 the first hotel started, oddly enough on a mountain slope, and that started a rush both of tourists and of hotels. Nobody builds hotels in the mountains now—they all seem to be springing up at the shore, usually at the end of the beaches that fringe so many coves. The newer places all have private baths attached to each room, with architectural attention paid to the view. Some are under pines, some climb the seaside rocks, and some are just three- or four-story buildings plunked at the edge of the sand. Off-season the rate is about \$8 a day with all meals included, but this goes for the very best places. It will be considerably less for those who choose the *pensiones* which are frequently just as good as the hotels in matters of food, but are less elegant and less formal in service, and less pretentious in quarters. A huge new ferry makes the trip from Piombino, a port about four hours by car from Rome, crossing the water in about an hour and a half. The ferry takes cars, a welcome piece of equipment once you're on the island. You can have a look at Napoleon's summer villa as well as his winter home inside the castle walls built by the Medicis, high above the port city of Portoferraio. Many of the furnishings are intact and the walls are decorated with some of his correspondence and inter-office memos when the commander-in-chief was relegated to signing bills incurred by his entourage at the local merchants' shops.

Sicily has long been a pleasant refuge, and since it broils and browns in the summer with the hot sun that burns out of Africa, winter is the season on this southern Italian isle. Although it is Italian, Sicily is so accented by Arab influence, so set apart from the mainland that it acts as sort of a near independent entity, especially in attitude and spirit. It is immensely colorful, with carts all gaily decorated

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At the Wyoming Convention a new station wagon was presented to the State Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Pictured with the car are, left to right, State Pres. Rowland Jones, Crippled

Children's Committee Chairman Dick Rollins, E.R. Jack Blakesley of Thermopolis Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson and Miss Marge Hurst, Exec. Director of the Society.

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One of the world's most powerful electronic microscopes, capable of magnifications up to 200,000 times, has been given to the Indiana Univ. Medical Center by the Elks of Indiana who have been sponsoring cancer research there for 12 years. Photographed as they observed a test of the new unit by R. E. Smith of the Department of Anatomy are, left to right, Past State Pres. Dr. A. A. Pielemeier who instituted the Elks' Program; Chairman Thomas E. Burke of the Assn.'s Permanent Activities Committee, and retiring State Pres. Norman Freeland.

IOWA'S FINE YOUTH WORK was given a great deal of attention at the State Assn.'s 54th annual Meeting at Davenport, May 15th, 16th and 17th. Present to receive their \$500 Elks National Foundation scholarships were Miss Lynn Elsie Anderson of Boone, Wm. L. Carson of Cedar Rapids and Steven T. Holbrook of Waterloo. In addition to these awards, \$1,600 was distributed by the State Association, with \$700 given in Youth Leadership Awards.

Under discussion was the fine Veterans Service Committee work which is headed by Dr. Wm. H. Ward, and it was learned that the \$15,000 building fund for a therapy building for the Crippled Children's Camp to be erected in Des Moines will soon be realized.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and H. L. Blackledge and their wives were honored guests of the Convention, at which the following officers were installed: President Leo B. Gardner, Shenandoah; Vice-Presidents Lewis Whitney, Fairfield, Don Semelhack, Charles City, G. P. Soumas, Perry, and H. E. Stalcup, Storm Lake; Secy. Sanford H. Schmalz of Muscatine and Treas. A. P. Lee of Marshalltown were reelected, and Robert E. Davis of Waterloo was named a four-year Trustee.

WYOMING ELKDOM welcomed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, former Grand Trustee J. Ford Zietlow, Past President Kenneth Roberts of the South Dakota Elks, Past President Harold McNeil of Utah and other distinguished visitors to their Convention in Thermopolis.

The session, held on May 14th, 15th and 16th, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the State group; starting life with five lodges and 494 members, the Association now has 14 lodges and a membership of 11,890. For the first time, every lodge in the State participated in the Ritualistic Contest, with the title and a \$1,000 check going to Lusk Lodge.

J. O. Spangler of the Grand Forum and W. S. Doane of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee were among the 502 Wyoming Elks at this meeting who saw trophies awarded to Lusk Lodge for the South District and to Riverton for the North, each having enjoyed a membership increase of over ten per cent last year.

Highlight of the session was the presentation of several gifts—a new station wagon to the Wyoming Society for



Elk dignitaries pictured at the State Capitol during the Nebraska Convention include, left to right, foreground, Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, retiring Grand Exalted Ruler

Horace R. Wisely, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and State Pres. Graden L. Rathbun; background, D.D.'s E. T. Butzirus and Fred Peterson and State Vice-Pres. Stan Danekas.

Crippled Children and Adults; a \$1,800 donation to the Gottsche Foundation, a hospital devoted to orthopedics, for the purchase of various exercise equipment; a \$100 gift to St. Joseph's Orphanage at Torrington, and the awarding of four scholarships totaling \$1,400.

Elected and installed at this Convention were President James T. Groves, Lusk; Vice-Presidents Arnold Veile, Worland, M. E. Nichols, Cheyenne, and R. H. Morrow, Sheridan; Secy.-Treas. L. G. Mehse, Laramie; Chaplain Walter Klahn, Jr., Laramie; Inner Guard Robert Hansen, Jackson; Sgt.-at-Arms Harold Fallbeck, Riverton; Tiler Francis Smith, Cody, and five-year Trustee Rowland Jones, Thermopolis.

MEETING IN MUNCIE May 21st through the 24th, the Indiana Elks Association Convention was a tremendous success. Opening with a caucus during which State officers, Committee Chairmen, Past Presidents and District Deputies discussed the organization's activities of the past year as well as its plans, the session officially began the following morning. Reports were heard and officers were elected after Mayor Arthur Tuhey, Muncie Elk, and Exalted Ruler Harcourt Morrow extended a welcome.

Following a public meeting at which Youth Leaders and Scholarship winners were rewarded, the Annual Memorial Service took place with J. Gordon Meeker of Portland delivering an inspiring address. Immediately after this Service, Dr. John D. Van Nuys, Dean of the Ind. Univ. Medical Center, received a check for \$35,000 and Dr. Ralph A. Margen, Director of Purdue's Research Foundation, was handed a \$15,000 check to continue cancer research at these institutions. These gifts brought Indiana Elksdom's 12-year total contribution for cancer research to \$419,800 for Indiana University and \$132,750 for Purdue.

An innovation of this year's Convention, and a highly successful one, was a Lodge Secretaries' Meeting called by the Assn.'s long-time Secy. C. L. Shideler when 42 Secretaries and 25 other lodge officials heard Mr. Shideler discuss the important role played by the Secretaries in the progress of their lodges. At this enthusiastic meeting, it was decided to form an organization which would meet at least once a year; its official name is the Indiana Elks Secretaries Assn. and officers elected for the ensuing year are Bruce

Hitch, Evansville's Secy., as President; Wilbur Lee, New Castle's Secy., as Vice-President, and Mr. Shideler, who is also Terre Haute Lodge's Secy., as Secy.-Treas.

At the annual banquet, with retiring President Norman Freeland presiding and W. F. Craig of Muncie as Toastmaster, Mr. Shideler introduced the various Indiana leaders on hand, among them being Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle and R. L. DeHority of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. Over 700 persons enjoyed the singing of the "4 Alarmers", Muncie's international championship Barbershop Quartet. Co-Chairmen Roy Rogers and Lang Randall of the State Ritualistic Committee announced that Terre Haute Lodge had won the State Contest, with Indianapolis, Goshen, Greensburg, Gary and Marion following in that order.

The delegates, who decided to meet in Elkhart June 9th through the 12th, in 1960, and in Indianapolis from June 1st to the 5th in 1961, elected the following officers: President Leonard Imel, Portland; Vice-Presidents C. P. Bender, Wabash, P. J. Manship, Noblesville, G. L. Powell, Peru, J. H. Weaver, Brazil, and J. F. Beldon, Seymour. Mr. Shideler was once again reelected Secy.; J. L. J. Miller, East Chicago, is Treasurer; Ralph Borden, Goshen, is Chaplain; Horace Hazelrigg, Rushville, is Tiler; Howard Miller, Columbus, Sgt.-at-Arms, and Don Hilt, Greenfield, Inner Guard. Trustees are Chairman Arnold Fitzgerald, Washington, J. F. Callaway, Jeffersonville, E. L. Aders, Elkhart, Stanley Mascoe, Indianapolis, S. F. Kocur, East Chicago, and Walter Van Etten, Richmond.

JACKSON WAS A BUSY PLACE the weekend of May 2nd when the Mississippi Elks Association held its 1959 Convention there. Robert G. Pruitt, Grand Treasurer of the Order, was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the annual banquet.

Vincent Ros of Pascagoula was elected President of the organization, with Dr. F. C. Fant of Clarksdale and Harry Piazza of Vicksburg chosen as Vice-Presidents, and Dr. R. O. Cole of Pascagoula as Secy.-Treas. Biloxi Lodge won the State-wide Ritualistic Contest, and plans are under way to conduct a Grand Lodge judging course in Mississippi to assist the lodges in improving their ritualistic work. Biloxi



An award presentation ceremony at the New Hampshire Session saw, left to right, Miss Marilyn Grassi, honored as Youth Leader; Miss Judith Myers, who received a \$500 Elks National Foundation Scholarship; E.R. Peter Dulac of Lebanon Lodge which sponsored Miss Myers, and retiring Pres. John A. Goggin.

Elk Esco Satchfield is Chairman of this important program. Miss Frances Koenig received a \$100 Youth Leadership prize and Miss Margaret Ann Westbrook was rewarded as the State's "Most Valuable Student," both awarded by the Elks National Foundation. At the same time, Miss Betty Mallette received the Mississippi Elks' \$300 Tom Sudduth Scholarship. The presentations were made by State Youth Activities Chairman Earl M. Buckley.

CREDIT FOR ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL Conventions in the history of Nebraska Elkdom is due retiring State President Graden Rathbun and the officers of Lincoln Lodge which was host to the three-day conclave. In the distinguished company of Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge of Nebraska, the Order's 1958-59 leader Horace R. Wisely and Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson made a tour of the Governor's mansion and the State Capitol where Mr. Wisely de-



Both of Arkansas' State Youth Leaders were sponsored by Mountain Home Lodge. They are Miss Pat Hoen and George Leonard, photographed in the foreground, with E.R. Arvin Stricklen, left background, and school principal Dean Hudson.

livered a brief address before the State Legislature. Both he and Mr. Donaldson received commissions as Admirals in the "Nebraska Navy". The 583 delegates and guests at the Convention, which opened on May 22nd, were welcomed by Mayor Pat Boyles and by Robert Conrad who represented Gov. Ralph Brooks. The Grand Secretary conducted a clinic for Lodge Secretaries and delivered an inspiring address before a capacity audience at the annual Memorial Services on May 24th. Former Pres. Walter Hampton, as Chairman of the Benevolence Commission, reported that the work of the Elks of his State will again emphasize assistance to crippled children. Earl Mudge, a devoted member of the Assn.'s Crippled Children's Committee for many years, received a special award of appreciation from Past Pres. W. K. Swanson.

State Vice-Pres. Bernard Dougherty, Chairman of the State Scholarship and Youth Activities Committee, indicated that the young people of Nebraska will continue to receive a major share of attention in the years to come. Three \$500 "Most Valuable Student Awards" were given to Robert Gallamore of Fairbury and Linda Albin of Kearney, as first-place winners, and to second-place contestant Honey McDonald of McCook. Vice-Pres. Wm. H. Heiser announced that Scottsbluff Lodge had taken top honors in the ritualistic competition which had a record entry of 14 teams, and Kearney Lodge was awarded the State Convention for next year. Serving until that time will be Stanley Danekas, Broken Bow, President; Bernard DeLay, Norfolk, Bernard Dougherty, Scottsbluff, Wm. H. Heiser, Falls City, and Chester O. Marshall, Kearney, Vice-Presidents; Paul Zimmer, Falls City, Secy.; Fred Laird, Fremont, Treas., and Judge J. M. Fitzgerald, Omaha, Elmer Bradley, Columbus, H. C. Duncan, York, Ralph Townsend, Grand Island, and Carl Peterson, Chadron, Trustees.

JUDGE JOHN E. FENTON, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, was guest of honor at the New Hampshire Elks Assn. Convention at Claremont, May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. He was also the principal speaker at the banquet attended by about 250 persons, including Mayor and Mrs. George P. Angus, when Past District Deputy Henry Salvail was Toastmaster, District Deputy M. L. Daniels was also on hand, as was Mrs. Frances P. Fitzgerald, Secretary of Crochted Mountain Foundation which received a \$1,400 Moist Hot-Air Therapy Unit from the State group.

The New Hampshire Elks also made a \$1,000 donation to the Spelling Bee Contest for all fifth to eighth grade students of the State, which the Association sponsors with the Manchester Union-Leader Corp., and voted to continue this sponsorship for another year.

Next year's Convention will be held at Portsmouth, the home lodge of the new State President Ralph R. Rosa. Other officers for the coming year are Vice-Presidents J. A. Hughes, Concord, R. L. Poirier, Berlin, and Albert Savage, Nashua; Secy. Richard Keith, Treas. Ronald Simpson and Sgt.-at-Arms Raymond Cotillo, all of Portsmouth; Chaplain John Babb, Rochester; Organist Wells Tenney, Concord; Inner Guard Norman Murtagh, Franklin, and Tiler Anthony Townsend, Claremont. R. F. Wentworth of Dover is five-year Trustee and J. T. Delaney of Littleton, four-year Trustee.

An impressive Memorial Service was conducted by retiring State Treas. Charles W. Haugsrud, and a Certificate of Merit was presented to the wife of the late Guy A. Rich, former President of the State organization and member of the Grand Lodge Membership and New Lodge Committee.

State Vice-Pres. Hughes presented the \$500 Elks National Foundation award to Miss Judith Myers, and a \$100 Bond to Judson Scruton, while Vice-Pres. Poirier gave the Youth Leadership Award to Kevin Sullivan and a \$100 Bond to Miss Marilyn Grassi.

SPRINGFIELD ELKS WELCOMED an enthusiastic crowd to the 32nd Annual Convention of the Vermont Elks Assn. May 22nd, 23rd and 24th, when Bellows Falls Lodge won the Ritualistic Championship with all 12 lodges of the State competing, and Vermont's Team won the New England Past Exalted Rulers' Ritualistic Contest. Rutland captured the Bowling Championship and Membership Award, and Hartford's Elks went to the top in subscriptions to the Elks National Foundation. In the Cribbage Tournament, Windsor Lodge took first place. It was reported that over \$20,000 had been raised for the State's Major Charity Project—the Silver Towers Camp for Retarded Children, and that a total of \$6,600 had been subscribed to the National Foundation.

On Saturday, the 23rd, a thrilling parade was held, followed by Drill Team Exhibitions. After a chicken barbecue in the evening, the Convention Ball was enjoyed at the home of the host lodge. Sunday morning found the Annual Memorial Services taking place, with Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee as a compelling speaker. Later on, the annual banquet was scheduled, when Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley delivered an enlightening address.

It was decided that the 1960 Meeting would take place at Montpelier May 20th, 21st and 22nd. New officers of the organization, installed by Dr. William Maguire, former Pres. of the Massachusetts Elks Assn., are President Raymond J. Quesnel, Montpelier; Vice-Presidents T. J. Lanigan, Bennington, R. L. Murray, St. Albans, and C. R. Honney, Windsor, and Tiler J. H. Donnelly, Chaplain D. I. Gross and Sgt.-at-Arms P. E. DelVecchio, all of Montpelier. Secretary Roger J. Sheridan of Montpelier and Treasurer R. N. Owens of Rutland were reelected to office, and beginning three-year terms as Trustees are Milton Montgomery, Sr., St. Johnsbury, H. L. Ahrens, Brattleboro, A. D. Colombo, Barre, and Leo DeBernardi, Windsor.

AFTER ONLY FIVE MONTHS, the augmented crippled children's program of the Illinois Elks Assn. will soon have three mobile units operating throughout the State, it was reported at the Joliet Convention; Elmhurst Lodge has donated a station wagon for that purpose.

As Chairman of the Crippled Children's Commission, Dr. N. H. Feder made a strong appeal for continued and increased support of this project which is providing home therapy for many cerebral-palsied and other handicapped children. The first unit, a gift of Chicago (South) Lodge, has Miss Erminia Juliano as its therapist; Mrs. Jo Ann Davis is in charge of the other unit which operates out of Herrin. Vice-Chairman George T. Hickey who directed the fund-raising campaign for this new phase of the Commission's work, announced that the special Stamp program had produced about \$22,000 for this effort and that other gifts had totaled more than \$14,000. Mr. Hickey, 1958-59 Grand Esquire, will again head that work this year, with the Stamp program to be continued.

This was only one of many undertakings of the Elks of Illinois which were discussed at length during the May 22-23-24 Meeting attended by such prominent officials as Past Grand Exalted Rulers Floyd E. Thompson and Henry C. Warner, Grand Tiler Wm. S. Wolf and Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson.

During the Convention there were meetings held by the Lodge Secretaries and by the Advisory Committee, a group composed of former Presidents of the State organization. At their session, it was recommended that a formula, similar to that used by the Elks National Foundation, be considered by the State Association for the allocation of scholarships. Eight \$500 and 17 \$400 scholarships were awarded this year for a total of \$10,800—\$8,000 of which came from the Foundation. Record contributions to this vital Grand Lodge program for the past year exceeded those of the previous



At the Texas Meeting, San Antonio's Mayor J. E. Kuykendall, center, presented an Honorary Mayor's Certificate to fellow Elk Horace R. Wisely, left. Looking on is lodge Secy. C. E. Smeltz.

year by more than \$10,000, to keep Illinois the top State in Elks National Foundation support for the third time.

Presentation of these scholarships, and of U. S. Bonds totaling \$1,100 to various Youth Leaders, highlighted the annual State banquet at which Trustee Kent Bosworth presided and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner spoke briefly. Following the awarding of trophies and scholarships, David Condon was introduced. Mr. Condon is the editor of the *Chicago Tribune's* well-known "In the Wake of the News" sports column and a noted after-dinner speaker.

In the Ritualistic Contest, Harrisburg Lodge successfully defended its title, with Belleville, Effingham, Pekin and Arlington Heights Lodges following in that order, and the Homer Fry Trophy for ritualistic excellence going to O. J. Hunsinger, Exalted Ruler of the Harrisburg team.

Many fine social activities were provided by the host lodge for this fine Meeting which came to a close with the installation of the new officers by Past Pres. George F. Thornton. They are Pres. Monte Hance, Rock Island; H. F. Sears, Macomb, Vice-Pres.-at-Large; Vice-Presidents Raymond Stroh, Bloomington, Kent Bosworth, Joliet, A. L. Jackson, Galena, G. C. Berry, Chester, A. W. Pitchford, Effingham, Louis Gorman, Jerseyville, and Joseph Craven, Quincy. Trustees are R. C. Sheffel, Ottawa, R. A. Mabee, Elmhurst, Norman Fetter, Freeport, J. R. Wilson, Centralia, Don Blary, Danville, S. K. Cherrington, East St. Louis, and E. G. Abel, Pekin. Albert W. Arnold of Lincoln, capable Editor of the Assn.'s prize-winning bulletin, the *Newsette*, will continue his duties as State Secy., and James R. Snelson, a Granite City Elk, remains as Treas. Appointed to office were Tiler Philip Feder, Belleville; Chaplain L. A. Phelps, Dixon, Sgt.-at-Arms Elmer Seasward, Oak Park, and Organist Phil Nugent, DeKalb.

OVER 800 DELEGATES AND GUESTS, including Lt.-Gov. Garland Byrd, attended the Georgia Elks' Convention at Brunswick May 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Many important discussions took place during this period, the main topic of which was "Aid-more", the Association's famous Crippled Children's Hospital.

In keeping with the Order's ever deepening interest in our youth, it was decided at this Convention to increase activities in the awarding of scholarships. The program, which included a number of enjoyable social events, was climaxed by a banquet at the well-known Jekyll Island resort when Mr. Byrd was the principal speaker.

J. T. Lester of Columbus is the Association's new President, to be assisted by Vice-Presidents Edward M. Patterson, Savannah, A. M. Garrison, Tifton, Otis Spillers, Covington, and Homer W. Forrer, Cascade. Roderick M. McDuffie of East Point continues his fine work as Secy.-Treas.; Arthur D. Gross of East Point is Chaplain; Abe J. Fogel, Augusta, Sgt.-at-Arms, and J. A. Padgett, Buckhead, Tiler.

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GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, Elks' Buck and Doe Bowling League Pres. Ward Scovel, right, presents a \$915 check to Chairman C. W. Caughey of the lodge's Fund for Facial Reconstruction of Children. Looking on are Chairman Ivan Shroll of the League's Charity Dance Committee, E.R. R. F. Fountaine, Jr., and League Secy.-Treas. Wilber Williams.

SEVEN YEARS AGO, GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Lodge, No. 48, established a fund for a purpose extremely important to many unfortunate youngsters. Specifically, it was to benefit children whose features were malformed or injured, from birth, accident or illness. The Fund was to take care of the expense of reconstructing these young faces, by surgical or any other means, and to assist in the children's rehabilitation and therapeutic treatment.

Since 1952, at a cost of \$11,200, the Fund has aided over 36 youngsters, making it possible for them to enjoy the privileges of a normal and well-adjusted childhood and assume their rightful place in society. A group of 15 Grand Rapids Elks, including two Past Exalted Rulers, a Trustee, the Esteemed Leading Knight and Loyal Knight, has been handling the administration of this Fund.

In the past, the project has been supported by members of the lodge, each of whom receives a Holiday appeal for funds from the Administrators; it has also been augmented by operating concessions at lodge parties and by the loyal cooperation of the Elks' Buck and Doe Bowling League which sponsors an annual Charity Ball and donates part of its bowling prize money to the Fund.

In the future, however, the lodge Trustees have agreed to support the program by allocating to the Fund \$1.00 per year for each paid-up member of the lodge. This is in addi-

tion to the \$1.00 per member paid annually to the Michigan Elks Assn.'s Major Project for Crippled Children.

ONE OF THE MOST SATISFYING EVENTS in the history of Wenatchee, Wash., Lodge, No. 1186, took place recently when, after a year of struggling along in temporary quarters and hours spent in solving its insurance and building problems, it was able to move into a magnificent home.

The dedication was commemorated by many exciting features, beginning with open house and ceremonies participated in by such luminaries as Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Secretary Edwin J. Alexander of the Board of Grand Trustees, William S. Hawkins who was soon to be elected to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, and retiring State Pres. George C. Warren.

The entire week was devoted to the celebration with the most thrilling observance the dedication of the lodge room when, in an impressive three-hour ceremony, 274 men were initiated before an audience of 400 Elks.

While the home in which Wenatchee Elksdom now holds forth is not completely new, its members could not recognize it as their original home, destroyed by fire on New Year's Day, 1958. Completely renovated from top to bottom, inside and out, the building answers every need of an Elks lodge. Its split-level first floor houses several offices, the main lounge, dance floor, dining room, a stage and dressing rooms. Directly underneath are the spacious club-room, library, cafeteria and barbershop, and in the basement is an L-shaped swimming pool, handball court and steam baths. The huge lodge room on the second floor is planned so that it is easily converted into a ballroom. Two service bars, a stage, dressing rooms and one of the building's three electric kitchens are also there. The design and furnishings are in exquisite taste and should afford Wenatchee Elksdom many years' service and enjoyment.

ALSO ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF ITS DETERMINATION is Cambridge, Md., Lodge, No. 1272. Two months after its new home was dedicated in November, 1956, it was completely destroyed by fire. However, since the original building the lodge had occupied for 43 years had not yet been disposed of, the Cambridge Elks were able to meet there and immediately made plans for another lodge home.

That building was completed last October, and dedicated at ceremonies opened by State Senator Frederick C. Malkus, a former District Deputy. Present to deliver the dedicatory address was Gov. J. Millard Tawes, a Past Exalted Ruler of Crisfield Lodge, who was introduced by 1958-59 Exalted Ruler Wm. L. Wise.



WENATCHEE, Washington, Elksdom set aside an entire month to make the opening of its handsome home a memorable one. Officials who participated in the program, which included the initiation of a tremendous class of 274 members, were, left to right, P.E.R. Fred Crollard, P.E.R. and Charter Member Ed Ferguson, Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, P.E.R. Al Gracey, E.R. Howard La Baugh, the Order's new Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawkins, State Pres. George C. Warren and P.E.R. C. C. Weythman.

Other officials participating were Past District Deputies Dr. James P. Swing and Ivy R. Todd, Jr., Past Exalted Rulers C. W. Mowbray, C. E. Edmondson and C. A. Thompson. Present to offer their best wishes on the success of No. 1272 in its newest quarters were Earl J. Huber, Pres. of the Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn., and District Deputy F. B. Gerald.

LOCATED AT SUNNYSIDE, "Lower Yakima Valley", Wash., Lodge, No. 2112, was instituted with 391 initiates and 83 members accepted on transfer dimit. Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee member John T. Raftis, a Past State President and former District Deputy, officiated, assisted by a group of former Deputies and current and former State Association officers.

The initiatory ceremony was conducted by Exalted Ruler Dick Glaspey and officers of Yakima Lodge which sponsored the new branch of the Order, and Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander delivered an inspiring address to the candidates. Past District Deputies, headed by former State Pres. L. L. Barrett, installed the Charter officers.

The new lodge has a jurisdiction of six communities of the Lower Yakima Valley and will use the facilities of the Lower Valley Country Club until next Fall, when the Elks will take over the property for use as a lodge and club operation.

NEW YORK STATE added another lodge to its roster when Brockport No. 2110 was instituted under the aegis of Albion Elksdom. Chairman James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Membership and New Lodge Committee conducted the institution, assisted by 1958-59 State Pres. Theodore R. Beales and a group of former State Presidents.

Exalted Ruler Levi Woodcock and officers of the sponsoring lodge initiated the 135-man Charter Member Class, who elected William Hoag as their first Exalted Ruler. Mr. Hoag and his panel were installed by West Central District officials headed by District Deputy Edward W. Walsh. Other dignitaries on hand included State Vice-Pres. Bernard Sheehan and Past Presidents George Swalbach and Alonzo Waters, Past District Deputy Wm. D. Crowley and Past Exalted Ruler F. J. Stein of Newark, N. Y., Lodge who spearheaded the organization committee for No. 2110.

WHEN ADA, OKLA., LODGE, NO. 1640, learned from local coaches that athletic activities for 7th and 8th graders of the area were being neglected, its members immediately volunteered to sponsor an annual Elk Relay for these youngsters. The first event was a decided success, with the sponsors providing all medals and trophies in addition to serving as starters, judges and so on.

While seven schools were invited to participate in the track meet this year, the project was so outstanding that at least 20 will get a bid in 1960. Medals were awarded to first, second and third-place winners in each event, including the relays; a championship trophy was given in each division, and a gold medal was awarded to the high-point man in each grade. Gary Phillips won the individual honors in the 8th grade events, while Fred Hutchings was top scorer in the junior division.

ANOTHER NEW LODGE TO POP UP RECENTLY expanded Elksdom in Indiana. Instituted at Peru, Rochester Lodge No. 2120 started life with 104 members who will hold their sessions in local halls until they obtain a permanent home.

The ceremonies were conducted by a number of Indiana Elk dignitaries, led by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle. Assisting were former Grand Lodge Committee member Robert L. DeHority, District Deputy Stanley Kocur, and State Association Secretary C. L. Shideler, Vice-Presidents C. P. Bender and Gerald Powell, Trustees L. C. Gerber and Earl Aders and Past Presidents L. A. Krebs and Wm. A. Hart. James Coplen is the first Exalted Ruler of the new lodge.



TEANECK, New Jersey, Lodge sponsors many Youth Activities, a very popular one being an art class for the small-fry of the community. Pictured with a small section of the class are, left to right, Director Michael Schinski, Committee Chairman S. E. Barison, John Sullivan, William Parkinson, Gene Manuppelli, Paul Mase-lan, Sal Luzzi and Marvin Manley.



PIERRE, South Dakota, Elksdom welcomed Casey Tibbs, second from left, into its ranks as one of 42 candidates initiated on the lodge's 4th Anniversary. Casey is two-time International All-Round Cowboy and six-time saddle bronc rodeo champion. Others pictured are, left to right, junior P.E.R. Selmer Skotvold, senior P.E.R. Herb Thomas, Secy. and P.E.R. A. R. Thompson, Past State Pres. George W. Crane and Tiler Ralph Zigler. The initiating team was composed of former State Presidents.



CLEWISTON, Florida, Lodge is responsible for this bevy of beauties, all entered in the beauty contest sponsored annually by the lodge at the Sugarland Exposition. E.R. W. L. Howell, A. L. Stephens, G. R. Berner and Raymond Pittman were in charge, and Miss Linda Walker, center, was named "Miss Sugar of 1959".



McKEESSPORT, Pennsylvania, Elks sponsor the annual Boys Town Benefit Banquet. Their special guest speaker at the 1959 event was movie star Pat O'Brien, a member of the Order, who was pictured, center, as he was welcomed by P.E.R. Harold J. Carlson. Looking on are Father Glantz, Director of Boys' Town of the East, left foreground, and other Elk officials.

THE BRIDGE OF HONOR held annually by the Sea Explorer Scouts sponsored by Anacortes, Wash., Lodge, No. 1204, took place in the ballroom of the lodge home not long ago. The young men invited Troop 27, a girl Mariner group, to share in the honors and also to receive some of the many awards. Presented by Commander Cummings, N.A.S., Whidbey Island, the highest Eagle Scout Awards went to Glenn Reed and Chris Anderson, and Able Awards were given to Don Barton and Mike Merz.

Over 200 persons attended the successful program which was followed by a supper and the Explorer Ball.

THIS YEAR'S FATHERS AND SONS NIGHT was easily the most successful for Chelsea, Mass., Lodge, No. 938. Its own Red Sox team was honored as local Little League Champion, and Albert Allee, President of the League, presented a trophy to the lodge. Almost 200 children and their parents enjoyed the program under the direction of E.R. Val Kowalski, Youth Chairman Bernard M. Berenson and Co-Chairman Barnett Freedman.

Est. Lead. Knight David W. Sokolove was MC introducing such guests as Hayworth Sullivan, Boston Red Sox catcher who entertained with stories about that major league team and presented as special door prizes baseballs autographed by all the Boston players. Other entertainment included two boxing bouts, music by radio and television artists and a Red Sox baseball movie. Later refreshments were served.

OKLAHOMA'S 37th Elks lodge was instituted in May with 209 Charter Members, including 187 new Elks initiated by the Tulsa Ritualistic Team. The new lodge, Chickasha No. 2125, is headed as Exalted Ruler by Dr. Kenneth Young, Dean of Oklahoma College for Women, and is the third new branch of Oklahoma Elksdom to be instituted since January.

Following the institution and initiation, the officers were installed by State Association officials under the direction of President Brooks H. Bicknell. In the absence of Southwest District Deputy Robert G. Davis, Mr. Bicknell was assisted by District Deputy D. Earl McCroskey of Oklahoma Southeast.

State Vice-Pres. Roy Gonders served as Master of Ceremonies at the banquet which preceded the program.

NEWS FROM PASCAGOULA, MISS., Lodge, No. 1120, includes an item or two about its accelerated youth activities program. This summer, high school students have been guests of the Elks at dances at their home every Friday evening. Neal Baker, Chairman of the Youth Committee, arranged for the chaperoning at these dances at which soft drinks are served. This Committee also sponsored a wiener roast at Beach Park early in the season; it was enjoyed so much by the children and grandchildren of the members that it, too, became a weekly summer affair.

Another noteworthy event was a final tribute to our 48-star Flag at Gulfport. The farewell salute was attended by Elks from Biloxi, Gulfport, Mobile and Pascagoula.

THERE'S A LOT TO BE SAID for "shock value", the Elks of Bristol, Conn., Lodge, No. 1010, want you to know. They found this out when they were looking for some unusual way to help the local United Cerebral Palsy Fund-Raising Campaign.

For the past three years, on one Saturday morning each May, members of Bristol Lodge take their stations on corners in the town's shopping areas, and sell apples for UCP. The psychological effect on the public is terrific; as much as \$1.00 has been paid for a single apple, bought from the shopping carts offered to the Elks by various supermarkets.

Chairman Albert J. Budd, Jr., of the lodge's Crippled



NEWARK, New Jersey, Elk Wm. J. Hannon, Sr., saw his five sons join the Order. They are, foreground, Donald, James, Robert, Frank and Wm. J., Jr. Standing are D.D. D. V. Crosta, Wm. J. Hannon, Sr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler W. J. Jernick and E.R. D. J. Breitkopf. Mr. Jernick, Joseph Bader, W. R. Thorne, Louis Spine, Vernet Hicks, Harold Swallow, Dr. Louis Hubner, Charles McGovern, all Past State Presidents, officiated.

Children's Committee remembered the Depression, when every busy street corner had more than its quota of apple-vendors, and suggested the Elks use this as their campaign gimmick. It's brought in over \$1,000 for the Fund.

A GALA OPENING MEETING was held by Kelso, Wash., Lodge, No. 1482, when its members assembled for the first time in their new lodge home. A class of 128 candidates, the largest in the history of No. 1482, was initiated before an audience of 600. The class honored George E. Secord who is holding office as lodge Secretary for the 35th term.

The Grand Lodge was represented by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander and District Deputy F. J. Kolcz. Delegations were on hand from many lodges of the Southwest area, including Longview, Hoquiam, Vancouver and Centralia. On this occasion, Exalted Ruler R. T. Harrold received an engraved ceremonial gavel which has been placed in a trophy case.

MUSIC APPRECIATION is being evidenced by Suffolk, Va., Lodge, No. 685. For the past five years, the Elks of this city have been offering awards to members of the local high school band in recognition of the band's services to business, civic and fraternal phases of community life, and to the high school athletics program.

Exalted Ruler G. S. Hobbs, Jr., and Est. Lecturing Knight Jack Chapman made the awards this year at a rehearsal of the band conducted by Director Frank Mesite. The "most valuable" and "best performer" honors, blonde wood and gold trophies to remain permanently in the winners' possession, went to Dottie Daughtrey and Treva Womble. Last year's awards went to Robert Coulbourn and Charles McKinney.

MISSISSIPPI'S CHAMPIONSHIP RITUALISTIC TEAM from Biloxi Lodge No. 606, headed by Elmer Dunning, instituted the State's newest lodge at Meridian. The officers of the new lodge were installed by a team composed of officials from Hattiesburg Lodge. Mr. Dunning and a capable corps of aides initiated the Charter Class. On hand for the ceremonies were a number of Elk dignitaries of the State, including Pres. Vincent Ross, Secy. Dr. R. O. Cole, Past President Earl Buckley and former District Deputies M. G. Hurd and A. C. Moss.



TITUSVILLE, Pennsylvania, Elk officials and P.E.R.'s are pictured with John J. Oakleaf, center foreground, who, at the age of 93, celebrated his 66th year as a member of the Order. Mr. Oakleaf was Titusville Lodge's first Exalted Ruler 56 years ago and held that office again in 1912. At the dinner in his honor, he received the jewel of his current office as Justice of the Subordinate Forum from P.E.R. H. H. Davis.



MIAMI, Florida, Est. Leading Knight A. A. Brooks is congratulated by retiring State Pres. W. V. McCall on making 70 lodge visits as a member of Miami Lodge's 275-man Interlodge Visitation Committee. The scene took place when Mr. McCall paid his homecoming visit to Eustis Lodge. Looking on are his son, host Exalted Ruler M. V. McCall, and 14 other members of the Miami Visitation Committee.



BRISTOL, Connecticut, Lodge's Crippled Children's Committee Chairman A. J. Budd, Jr., presents a check to Mrs. J. F. Fleming, Jr., United C/P Fund-Raising Campaign Chairlady. Others are Elks Ronald Kief, E.R. Newell Platt, John McGowan, P.E.R. John Fitzgerald, William Pilon, P.E.R. Francis Hines, Sr., William O'Neill, Axel Carlson, William Duquette.



STURGEON BAY, Wisconsin, Lodge's State President's and Charter Night is commemorated in this photograph which includes, left to right, standing, P.E.R. Dr. H. G. Fehl, D.D. Otto Stielow who presented the charter, E.R. Kenneth Wiest, State Pres. J. M. Van Rooy, Mrs. A. T. Ballo and Est. Lead. Knight Ballo. Seated, Secy. Don Larsen, Mrs. Wiest, Mrs. Fehl.



GRAND ISLAND, Nebraska, Lodge's newly remodeled home has been opened with appropriate ribbon-cutting ceremonies at which Mayor Frank Ryder, right foreground, officiated. Others pictured include E.R. Bill Kelly and his fellow officers, and Mrs. June Sprague, representing the Elks' ladies.



GREENVILLE, South Carolina, P.E.R.'s honored recently were, left to right, seated, T. G. Sharpe, H. C. Beattie, H. E. Nolin, J. W. Brown, P. J. Bogan, C. V. Pyle, L. P. Langston; standing: J. D. Ross, J. A. Bailey, W. J. Mullinnix, R. T. Ariail, J. C. Stevenson and B. M. Lipscomb.



MASSACHUSETTS STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION



ROCK HILL, South Carolina

... Gifts of the MASSACHUSETTS ELKS are represented in these two pictures. At left, a \$500 check is presented to Jewish Memorial Hospital. Left to right are Hosp. Asst. Dir. Jack Kasten, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, State Vice-Pres. Louis Dubin, Hosp. Chief of Staff Dr. Henry Baker, retiring State Pres. W. H. Shaw, Honorary Pres. L. E. Hellmann of the Hospital, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, the Hospital's Men's Associates Pres. A. Berkowitz, State Trustee M. R. Taymore and State Vice-Pres. I. J. O'Connor. At right, Mr. Shaw, fourth from left, hands \$1,000 to Dr. P. A. Peffer, Pres. of the Old Colony Mental Health Assn., second from left. Looking on are Past State Pres. Dr. W. A. Maguire, Brockton E.R. J. F. Condon, State Trustee Chairman H. A. Weatherill and Brockton P.E.R. P. A. Asiaf. Other donations of \$1,000 each were made to the Industrial School for Crippled Children, the Jewish Family and Children's Service and the Boston School for the Deaf.



DANVILLE, Virginia



MEDFORD, Massachusetts

... ROCK HILL, S. C., Lodge's Elks National Foundation Committee brought the lodge's Participating Members to 612, representing \$24,683.17. Left to right, foreground, R. E. Sibley, W. M. Martin, R. L. Ringstaff, State Committee Chairman J. E. Parker, local Chairman P.E.R. L. G. Holroyd, J. C. Richmond, G. B. Robinson, E. D. Skinner, Jr.; second row: I. F. Snipes, C. G. Poag, J. M. White, M. A. Mills, Sr., R. P. McCarty, P.E.R.'s R. P. Schultz and S. A. Jones, R. S. Lesslie, E. L. Dunn, R. S. Spencer.



WEST PALM BEACH, Florida

... P.D.D. W. E. Barrick, Sr., Past State Pres., left, and E.R. S. J. Morris, Jr., right, welcome State Pres. P. R. Graves, center, to DANVILLE, VA., Lodge.

... P.E.R. Anthony Gange fires the mortgage on the MEDFORD, MASS., Lodge home. Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee addressed the audience of over 400 Elks who attended the ceremony.



CHELSEA, Massachusetts

... WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Lodge's Bowling Team No. 2 won the inter-civic championship and a total of 18 prizes. Left to right are R. P. Philips, E. H. Bohmer, C. D. Wood, John McGann, K. H. Klaeger and R. J. Held.

... At CHELSEA, MASS., Lodge's popular Father-Son Night were, left to right, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Little League Red Sox Mgr. Thomas Fay, James Grafton, James Fay, Hayworth Sullivan of the Boston Red Sox, Robert Fay, Richard Babroski, E.R. Val Kowalski and Louis Guerrilo.

... Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely congratulates the oldest member of MIAMI BEACH, FLA., Lodge. Left to right are D.D. C. R. Gunn, Grand Trustees Chairman W. A. Wall, Mr. Wisely, P.D.D. Marvin Kimmell, 84-year-old William Delahunt who is the lodge's Tiler-Emeritus, and P.E.R. Dr. S. J. Coltune.



MIAMI BEACH, Florida

... Pictured when UPPER PENINSULA MICHIGAN Elks met at Calumet for a two-day Convention were, left to right, retiring Assn. Pres. H. W. Hendrickson, his successor, Fred L. Hahne, Past Pres. Hugh L. Hartley, Chairman of the Mich. Elks Assn.'s Major Project Commission, Secy.-Treas. Rudolph Agnich and Past State Pres. Robert A. Burns, principal speaker.



UPPER PENINSULA MICHIGAN ELKS

... CENTRAL STATES ELKS held their 3rd Invitational Bowling Tourney at Des Moines, Ia. Elected until next year's event at Lincoln, Neb., were, left to right, foreground, 1st Vice-Pres. R. E. Connell, Lincoln; Pres. Sil Vogl, Des Moines; 2nd Vice-Pres. Pat Illif, Rapid City, S. D.; standing: Secy.-Treas. Kenneth Malmberg, Rockford, Ill.; 3rd Vice-Pres. George Thomas, Centralia, Ill. Not present was 4th Vice-Pres. Earl Griffen, Minot, N. D. Frank Cataldo of Des Moines won the All-Events and teamed with Lou Rand to take the doubles. The Hardy Furniture Co. team from Lincoln won its event, and singles honors went to Arnie Jensen of Des Moines.



CENTRAL STATES BOWLERS



DAYTON, Ohio

... DAYTON, OHIO, E.R. John A. Ryan is pictured, center, with Leroy Todd, left, who sponsored his son, Edward L. Todd, right, as a member of the 17-man class initiated shortly after the new lodge year began.



HAMBURG, New York

... This picture was taken as HAMBURG, N. Y., Lodge presented a check for more than \$3,000 to the building fund of Our Lady of Victory Hospital. Left to right are Hospital Chairman F. J. McGrath, Jr., P.E.R. Dr. J. F. Wilker, D.D. G. B. McKay, E.R. H. C. Lumbard and P.E.R. W. G. Bitterman, Elk Committee Chairman.

... When HOUSTON, TEX., Lodge welcomed 135 candidates in honor of P.E.R. Gene McMullen, two were sons of Elk fathers. They included, left to right, F. J. Wetzels, Sr., and his son Edward, and Jack Summers, Sr., and his son Jack, Jr.



HOUSTON, Texas

IN THE DOGHOUSE



A well trained beagle, like this one, is equally at ease in the field or at home.

For House or for Hunting

By ED FAUST

SELDOM does this department deal with the affairs of those four legged specialists, the hunting dogs, and then only occasionally to outline the fundamentals of training and such accidents as may befall dogs in the field. For the most part, training consists of basic lessons in good manners which every dog, house pet or hunter, should learn. As for accidents other than being shot by some trigger-happy hunter, they're the sort that almost any dog may encounter in the business of living. "In the Doghouse" simply aims to be useful to the man or woman who keeps a dog, may care to read about dogs or may have a question or two he or she would like to have answered by this fellow Faust. Some few times I've been guilty of steering this page into the feverish subject of dog shows and show dogs but then only to describe an interesting phase of the American sporting scene.

If you'll bear with me this month, we'll make another detour to visit our little friend the beagle; a hunting dog, yes, but one of the best all-around purps for field and home. To a few who read this the beagle may be unfamiliar. The beagle is not too well known to city pavements or the confines of city apartments, which is to the loss of a family that wants a clean, companionable, intelligent house pet. But among dog fanciers and those who prefer small cities, suburbs or country, the beagle is one of the most popular breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club, the governing body for pure-bred dogs.

Of all the breeds registered with that organization in 1958, the beagle was first in number, with 68,434, and you'll admit that this is quite a few dogs of one breed among the more than 446,000 that were entered in the books of

the AKC. How many beagles there are that are not registered no one knows, but you probably wouldn't go far astray with a guess that there are as many unregistered as registered. Wherever rabbits are plentiful you can be sure that Mr. Beagle is somewhere on the scene, and you can be sure that there's many and many a farm where two dogs are kept and at least one is a beagle.

For the benefit of readers who are not acquainted with this good little dog, suppose we see what he looks like and inquire into his character. There's nothing freakish about him; he's all dog and looks the way a dog should. Not even for the show ring does he have to be prettified. According to The National Beagle Club of America, which has specified the standard for the breed, your beagle can be "any true hound

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For Elks Who Travel

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in some towns in yellow and in others in blue, still rolling through the old streets, pulled by donkeys. Sometimes the donkeys are done up in plumes and festive harnesses. You can take the night boat or the day airplane from Naples to Palermo and then hitch a ride aboard the sightseeing buses of CIAT which roll down across the ancient land in winter to places like Agrigento, perched on the acropolis of the old city, its yellow Greek temples still looking dutifully toward Athens. Bigger still in the day of the Greeks was the city of Syracuse, which has been the winter refuge of Winston Churchill among other notables. The hotels are handsome and the lovely Greek amphi-

theater recalls the day of Plato, who once sat in it, and the day of Archimedes, whose war machines helped repel for a time, anyway, the advancing Romans.

Taormina is the fashionable resort of Sicily, and besides its own Greek theater, it also has some breathtaking views of snow-capped Mount Etna, as well as roadways that lead down to the sea from the heights on which the town is perched. Little nightclubs and *boutiques* are all sheltered in Taormina, and among its better hotels is the San Domenico Hotel, once, in a quieter day, a convent.

Farther on, the islands which are *still* Greek are a marvelous sight, and a

cruise boat works among them until the good weather gives out. You can fly to Rhodes, which is interesting, but the least Greek of the atolls—whereas places like Mykonos have windmills with triangular sails, houses that are whitewashed weekly, fishing boats and little hotels and back alleys, and *caiques* to take you off to little beaches far from the crowd. Nobody lives on Delos at all except the caretakers who look after the magnificent ruins of a more voluptuous Greek day, still broiling in the sun—mosaic floorings, columns and carvings left over from the era when the island of Delos was a religious center as well as subtreaury. Fort Knox was never like this. ● ●



THE ELKS MAGAZINE TRAVEL DEPARTMENT

IF you are planning a vacation to San Francisco and surrounding area, there is going to be a Pacific Festival from September 18th through the 27th in the Golden Gate City. Each day there will be special programs honoring various Pacific nations and cultures. Pacific trade will be the subject of a full-scale show in the Civic Auditorium, and on the waterfront, warehouses full of the commerce of the Orient will be open to visitors, along with the ships that brought it. There will be sporting events, including pro baseball, football, racing at the Golden Gate Track, and the Festival Golf Tournament.

You can now take a "millionaire's vacation" in Florida on a piggy-bank budget. National Airlines offers this vacation—7 days, 6 nights at a fabulous Miami Beach hotel, plus the flight from New York to Miami and back—for \$89.70. Rates for other cities are comparably low. Or if you want to stay in glamorous Havana for a week the price, including hotel and round trip, is \$285.40.

Want to see Russia? Lufthansa Airlines is offering a 30-day tour labeled "You and the Soviets—Face to Face" starting

on August 2nd and returning September 1st. Complete for \$1595, the itinerary includes such opportunities as meeting staff members of *Pravda*, a tour of Moscow, attendance at the Bolshoi Theater in Kiev, a visit to the famed Pechersk Monastery, and a visit to the Winter Palace in Leningrad. In addition to the Russian cities, you see Manchester, Stratford-on-Avon, Berlin and Vienna. Contact your travel agent or the Lufthansa Airlines, 555 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Northwest Orient Air Lines has announced a New York-Tokyo one-stop flight and New York-Anchorage, non-stop. You can leave New York any Friday at 6:30 P.M. and arrive in Anchorage at 1:32 A.M. You can depart New York same time and arrive in Tokyo at 10 next morning. You have a choice of luxurious first-class Imperial Service or the economical new Coronation Coach Tourist Service.

Celebrating the summer season, the Miami Beach Saxony Hotel offers free room accommodations for the children, aged 12 or under, accompanying their parents. This offer does not include meals. Saxony offers brunch and dinner at moderate costs. Youngsters from 13 to 18 can come with their parents at half price. There are planned activities for the children and supervised recreation. Baby-sitter service is also available.

For fishing and boating enthusiasts, Wisconsin has 8,500 lakes. Not far from Peninsula State Park, there is famous Washington Island, often referred to as Old Iceland. It has about 35 miles of rugged coastline, with excellent perch, rock bass and northern pike fishing. Boat schedules vary for the different summer months. The American Automobile Association office in any city in Wisconsin can give you the

schedules and rates for cars and passengers. If you are a baseball fan, we suggest you stay in Milwaukee for a National League game.

The American Automobile Association reports that in Massachusetts, near the town of Wakefield, there is a new family recreation center called Pleasure Island. The 80-acre park features a 70-foot animated whale, an authentic 150-year-old New England fishing village and Goldpan Gulch from the old West, in addition to a variety of rides. Pleasure Island is located just off SR 128 in Wakefield.

For those who get to New York City this summer or early fall, there are many things to do and see. For the sportsman, there is the Knickerbocker Fishing Contest with cash prizes for twenty kinds of fish caught in local salt waters. In late August, the Davis Cup Tennis Tournament will be held at Forest Hills, Long Island. Other outstanding sports attractions include the home games of the New York Yankees, the Summer Festival Handicaps at Yonkers, Roosevelt Raceway, Belmont, and the Festival Finale Stakes at the September opening of the new multimillion dollar Aqueduct Race-track.

Piper Aircraft Corporation has announced plans for a "Learn-on-Vacation" Flight Training Program. Seven sites have been selected in various parts of the United States where you can learn to fly and give your family a vacation at the same time. There are resort facilities for the rest of the family. The program permits a person to take two or three lessons per day, interspersed with golf, swimming or other recreational activity. Some students solo after a week's instruction. For details drop a line to the Piper Aircraft Corporation, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. ● ●

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In the Dog House

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color" and hound markings are, as stated in "The Complete Dog Book" published by The American Kennel Club, black, tan and white. This is the color combination you'll find in nearly every beagle. In size he ranges from 13 to 15 inches at the shoulder. He's a sturdy dog, built for endurance. He has the long ear of the hound and not only is he a clean dog but he is easy to keep clean, having a close, hard, medium length coat. He's no-end smart and, while a specialist on rabbits, can take care of any other small game.

The beagle is a hound and, of course, classified as such by the powers that govern the affairs of pure-bred dogs. He's actually a miniature foxhound, albeit a bit more sturdy and compact. In him you'll find a family resemblance to other tracking or trailing hounds such as the low-slung basset and that rarely seen larger cousin, the harrier.

The National Beagle Club, which I mentioned as having determined the standard for the breed, was organized in 1888, the year the club held its first field trial. Since that time many trial clubs for this breed have been established so that today throughout the United States there are literally hundreds holding field trials attracting thousands of dogs and owners.

In the sport of beagling there are the spring derby, the futurity and sanctioned events. Entry fees range from one to five dollars, depending upon the event. If you own, or more likely, are owned by, a beagle or so, you can enter your pup whether he's had field trial training or not. Dogs are born imitators and your dog should quickly learn by the example of experienced dogs. But your entry must be registered with the American Kennel Club, or be eligible for such registration. • •

The Grand Lodge Convention

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and the press, radio and television stations of Chicago for making the 1959 Convention an outstanding success.

W. L. Hill, a member of the Youth Activities Committee, presented the Exalted Ruler of his home lodge, Great Falls, Montana. Exalted Ruler Edward C. Alexander then presented Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely with a framed reproduction of a painting by the noted artist Charles Russell, depicting a herd of elk in the mountains of the West. The original of this painting has hung in Great Falls Lodge for many years.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely spoke briefly of his gratitude for having had the privilege of serving the Order this past year, and particularly thanked Grand Secretary Donaldson, Lodge Activities Co-ordinator Bert Thompson and his Secretary Richard J. Wallace. He also spoke of his high regard for the work of Grand Lodge Convention Director Franklin J. Fitzpatrick and General Chairman of the Chicago Convention Committee Frank Wohlleber.

Concluding this brief address, Mr. Wisely told how much it meant to him to have had Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, a friend for thirty years, his sponsor. All present stood and applauded Mr. Wisely for his outstanding year as Grand Exalted Ruler.

Mr. Wisely then turned the gavel over to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan for the installation of the new officers, who then entered the Ballroom, escorted by the Alaska Elk delegation. After the officers were installed, Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins delivered a brief address and expressed his happiness for having the privilege of being

Grand Exalted Ruler and of the work that would be demanded not only of himself, but of all Elks.

A Resolution was made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, telling of his years of friendship with Mr. Wisely and how faithfully he always accomplished his responsibilities. Mr. Lewis presented Brother Wisely with his Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jewel. The Resolution directed the Board of Grand Trustees to secure a suitable testimonial to Brother Wisely.

Mr. Hawkins introduced his two co-sponsors, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Lonergan and Anderson, and told how valuable their advice and support had been to him. He appointed Robert E. Boney, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, Grand Esquire, and reappointed Reverend F. W. Zimkosky Grand Chaplain. The 1959-1960 Grand Lodge Committees were announced by the Grand Exalted Ruler, and are reported on page 48.

Mr. Hawkins asked his Secretary, K. W. Greenquist, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Lodge, to come to the platform, to be introduced. With moving words he told how grateful he was for the invaluable assistance he had received from the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, and particularly spoke of the accomplishments of Brother Wisely during the past year.

After pointing out how important family life is to Elkdom, Mr. Hawkins introduced his lovely wife, Agnes; his son, James; his daughter-in-law, and two daughters.

After several presentations to Mr. Hawkins, the Convention closed with a Benediction by the Grand Chaplain. • •



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION "The Joy of Giving"



At the Pittsburgh Home for Crippled Children, Miss Patricia Lindeman puts to use the knowledge of therapy she acquired at the University of Southern California. The use of a brush to stimulate sensory receptors is an integral part of the treatment. Miss Lindeman was sponsored by Beaver Falls, Pa., Lodge.

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Grim facts compiled by the United Cerebral Palsy Association state that "cerebral palsy strikes some child every fifty-three minutes, every day in the year." It is also a known fact that the cost of care and treatment of these afflicted youngsters has steadily increased along with everything else. There are more than 600,000 persons with cerebral palsy in America—adults, teenagers, and children. In any family where it strikes, the burden is far too grave to be borne without help.

To this need, The Elks National Foundation has directed its endeavors since 1949. In that year, the Foundation program was expanded to assist in financing study in modern methods of treatment of cerebral palsy, and \$25,000 was appropriated for that purpose. In each of the succeeding years, this appropriation was increased to \$50,000 to meet the growing demand for assistance from doctors, therapists, technicians and

nurses who qualified to work in this important field.

The strong humane appeal this project holds for the Order of Elks is apparent in the yearly increases of grants, which to date have sent 705 persons through courses of specialized training in leading universities. In addition to direct grants made by the Foundation, considerable financial aid has been sent to State Associations in support of their well-organized projects for rehabilitation, several of which have included cerebral palsy treatment, training centers and mobile units.

In his 1959 Report to the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, asks that every lodge member and every lodge officer examine, compare and decide whether his area is giving adequate support (and perhaps a little more) to this outstanding service of the Foundation.

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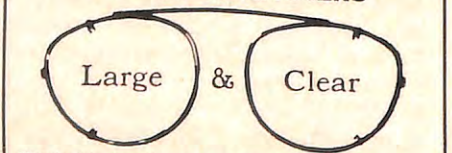


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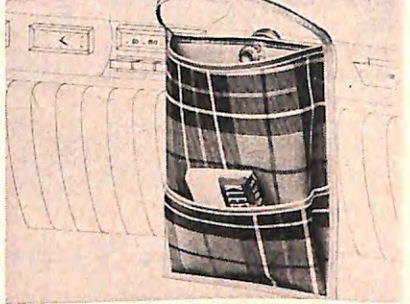
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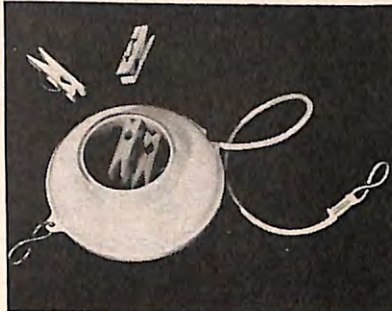


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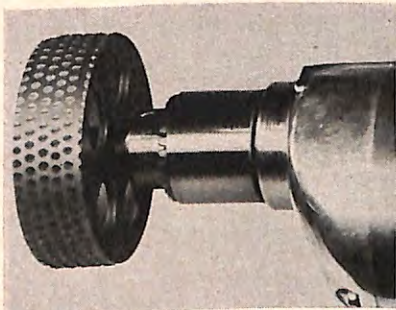
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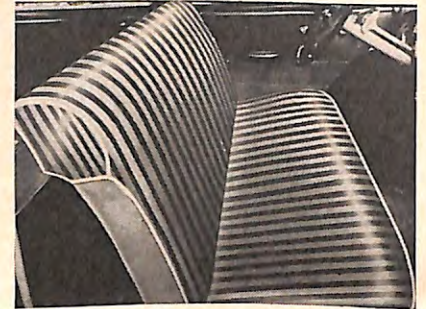
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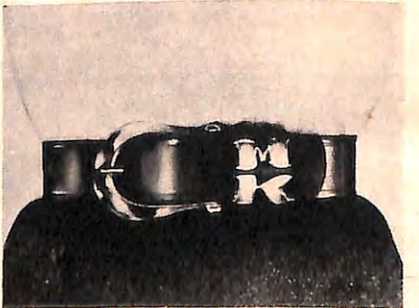
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When Credit Goes to Work

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of business, for they are not only simple but flexible as well.

The basic type of credit policy which suits a small businessman best does depend on the kind of business he operates. Stores which seek a high volume of business, and where the margin of profit is large enough to offset a relatively high percentage of loss, may determine on a policy of liberal credit. They may extend credit to people who are considered average or poor credit risks by other stores. Some businessmen consider it good psychology to permit creditors to pay slowly and to refrain from bringing pressure on them. Others find that a strict collection policy is their only safeguard against bad debts. The argument of strict versus liberal granting of credit and strict versus liberal collection policies is one which a businessman must resolve for himself. However, since it is patently easier to liberalize than to tighten a policy, it is probably a good idea for those starting a credit system to establish a strict procedure.

This does not mean, of course, that you should immediately assume that everyone who falls behind in his payments is trying to cheat you. Most consumers, as the figures show, are honest. Frequently, their attitude is conditioned by that of the creditor. If a retailer announces that his terms are thirty days, but does nothing to enforce them, customers with a tendency to dawdle will let their payments run to sixty or ninety days. A firm policy merely indicates that potential accounts should be carefully investigated and that collection efforts should be started according to that policy.

FIXING THE TERMS

There are essentially two kinds of credit for retail stores: charge accounts and instalment accounts. Each requires separate handling, and there are important points pertinent to each.

For charge accounts the retailer must determine his normal credit terms—the length of time which he allows the customer to pay his bill. This time period may vary according to the businessman's needs, his knowledge of the community's habits, or the competitive situation. Some stores call for payment ten days after a bill is rendered, others allow thirty days. In addition, most stores allow a courtesy period beyond that, during which customers may still purchase goods even though they are not current in their payments. This need not be extensive, and like the original pay period, has to be determined by the individual businessman.

When accounts are opened, the terms of payment should be clearly explained

to the customer and his agreement should be obtained, usually in writing. It should not have to come as a surprise to a customer to find himself delinquent. Another safeguard is a credit limit. This need not be an over-all store policy but may be decided by what credit investigation shows about individual customers. It should reflect the amount of money you feel a customer may safely owe for the time period you have established. And it may be revised from time to time.

Instalment account policy must start with the minimum purchase allowed for such a contract. The expense of maintaining instalment credit does not vary much between a large purchase and a small purchase. So the minimum amount must be sizable enough to warrant the expense. Some stores allow instalment credit on purchases of \$15 or more, others think that anything under \$50 should go on a regular charge account. Another important minimum to be established is the down payment. This is often expressed as a percentage of the sale—such as ten per cent down, one-fourth down, or a third down. Many stores have found that it should be expressed in dollars as well so that the policy might be ten per cent down but not less than \$10. In this way buyers of merchandise for less than \$100 would have a larger investment in their purchase.

The down payment is the key to instalment selling. A rough rule of thumb calls for a down payment which exceeds the depreciation of the merchandise from the time of sale until the first payment is due. It should be small enough to act as an incentive to buyers and large enough for them to feel that they have an equity worth protecting. Down payments which are too low are considered a major reason for bad debts in instalment plans. The length of time for payment is next in importance in maintaining proper instalment credit. When payments are allowed to stretch out it merely means that the store owner has more of his own money tied up. His expenses in maintaining the account are increased, his chances of collecting diminish and, if he does repossess his merchandise, he is likely to take a substantial loss. If at all possible, instalment contracts should run for a

CORRECTION

Through a proof-reading error by our Editorial Department in the table of Elk Membership by States, which ran with the Digest of the Report of Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson in our July issue, we stated that Utah Elk membership was 5,000. The Utah membership is 5,700.

shorter period than it takes the merchandise to depreciate.

The schedule for repayment of instalment debts is often made on an individual basis. It is generally advisable to schedule such payments to follow the customer's rate of income. Customers who receive their paychecks weekly are more likely to pay a small sum on a weekly schedule than a large sum monthly. This has to be weighed against the added bookkeeping costs of handling weekly payments as opposed to monthly ones. The size of each payment should be based on the customer's income, too. An unrealistically high sum will not be collected and one set too low merely stretches out the payment period.

As the instalment plan has grown in popularity, it has become a general practice to add a service charge to the regular payments. Some states regulate these charges by law, and it is advisable to check with your lawyer before establishing a service charge. They are designed to cover the expenses involved in maintaining instalment plans—the cost of credit investigation, bookkeeping, collection, losses due to bad debts. Since it is an extra charge, usually based on the unpaid balance, avoiding payment of the service charge often becomes an incentive for customers to pay up their instalment credit ahead of time. This can be important for the merchant as well. It is an axiom of instalment selling that the profits come from the last one or two payments. If these drag, the net effect of the sale is gone. The cost of getting the last payments is high in proportion to the goal, and repossession of the merchandise by this time is hardly worth the effort and expense involved.

INVESTIGATE YOUR CUSTOMER

Most small businessmen will recognize the sound theory behind a firm credit policy based on the above principles as applied to their own situation. But the best established credit policy will collapse if the customer cannot pay his bills, or refuses to pay them. And there is only one safeguard against delinquent accounts or actual skippers: investigation. Fortunately for the small businessman in small or medium sized communities, credit ratings of permanent residents are easy to come by. Local banks and credit bureaus are prime and reliable sources.

Even if credit information is readily available, businessmen are often misled because they fail to ask the right questions. Essentially, there are five basic facts you want to know about a prospective charge or instalment account customer: 1) Who is he? 2) Where is

he? 3) Can he pay? 4) Will he pay? 5) Can he be made to pay, if necessary? Much of this information will come from the customer himself when he fills out a credit application form. All of it can be checked through the local credit bureau.

The getting of the information on which to base a charge account not only permits the store to learn about the customer, it gives the store a chance to make its credit policy clear. From the store's point of view, both are important. Assuming that in the course of the interview the terms of the credit have been fully and tactfully expressed, the next step is to get the proper information about the prospective customer. Even so simple a thing as the applicant's name may cause trouble later. Full name and initials are necessary; the husband's or wife's name, too, if both are to use the account. On common names especially, a single initial will make billing run more smoothly.

Ability to pay is based on several factors. The customer's job, his employer and the length of his employment are guides to his reliability. If the period of employment has been brief, the previous employer should be checked. People change jobs for very good reasons, including an increase in pay and responsibility with a new firm, so that a short period of employment is not necessarily a negative factor. Other questions about finances may be pertinent, although not always needed, to determine ability to pay. Are there other sources of income besides wages?

But ability to pay does not always indicate a willingness to pay. Here is where a credit bureau is most helpful. It will tell you whether the potential charge customer has paid other accounts promptly. The credit bureau is also a good safeguard against a favorite trick of habitual delinquents: the pet reference. A customer may have small charge accounts at one or two stores and pay them promptly, thus establishing an excellent credit reference at those shops. At the same time he may be a delinquent on large accounts at other places whose names he will never give as a reference. Other checks on willingness to pay are swiftly uncovered by credit bureaus as well: pending law suits, criminal record, domestic problems. Most of the answers to these questions will also show whether a delinquent customer can be made to pay, whether attachment of wages or real estate is possible, for instance.

The cost of investigation is not high. It is certainly not as high as the legal processes necessary to repossess merchandise or to force payment. And thorough investigation is usually more important on instalment plan accounts than on regular charge accounts. Generally speaking, more is sold and more is risked on instalment plans. And since

a longer time period is involved it becomes an easier kind of account for customers to lay aside, postpone or neglect. Actually, much of the investigation has already been done by the credit bureaus, who are affiliated with the Associated Credit Bureau of America, Inc. They should be used by any businessman contemplating a credit business. But the credit bureau can only supply the material on which to base a decision. The businessman must decide for himself whether the customer is a good risk or not.

HOW TO COLLECT

The key step in any credit operation is also the most obvious: collecting the money. If the terms of payment were made clear to the customer at the time he opened the account, collections are vastly simplified. Most customers want to pay, and on time. It is up to you to make it as easy for them to do so as possible. Just as the paid up customer is likely to come back again soon, so the delinquent customer is likely to be embarrassed and stop buying.

It is estimated that three-fourths of all charge customers pay on time. Most of the others will pay, but less promptly. They require a follow-up procedure. To start with, monthly statements should be sent promptly to charge account customers. They should show all purchases since the last bill was rendered, as well as all credits, whether for payments or for returned merchandise. If payment is not received within a reasonable length of time, a series of reminders should then be mailed at definitely established time intervals. Again, the question of liberal versus strict credit policies comes up. Some stores consider that when bills are due the tenth of any given month payment that month is prompt enough. Others may send a follow-up notice on the eleventh of the month.

If it is your practice to mail statements the first of the month for payment due the 10th, you may wish to mail your follow-up reminder on the 1st of the next month. (This is a common practice—a middle ground between strict and liberal in the time it allows the customer.) If payment has not arrived by then, a follow-up statement plus a reminder should be mailed on the 15th. These usually take the form of a gentle note calling attention to the bill with the suggestion that payment may have been overlooked. Some merchants have found that the humorous approach on this first reminder gets the best results. Some use cartoons, others make the text as light as possible.

If humor and gentleness have not worked, the next note, while polite, should be a serious request for payment. It should also state that no further credit will be extended until the bill is paid. On the schedules favored

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by most businessmen, this will have been mailed the first of the following month, or sixty days after the first bill was rendered. Non-payment at this point calls for direct action, either by letter or telephone call. The purpose still remains to collect the money and, if possible, to keep the customer. Each case calls for individual treatment. If the customer is going through a temporary financial emergency, and his past record of payment has been good, the store may choose to suspend payments until the customer is able to pay. Better yet, you may work out a mutually agreeable plan for small payments over a period of time. If it turns out that the customer is delinquent at other stores as well, it may be best to refer him to the local credit bureau which will help develop a plan for payments on a pool basis to all accounts.

Following up delinquencies in instalment plan purchases differs from that of charge accounts only in the matter of degree. They should be followed up sooner and at a more rapid rate than delinquent charge accounts. Many stores issue books of coupons as reminders for the due date of instalment payments. If payments are not received within four or five days of the due date, the first reminder should be sent. The next ones should go out at five- to seven-day intervals.

Throughout the collection procedure it is easy for businessmen who pay their own bills on time to become exasperated and short tempered. It is important to remember, however, that persuasion to pay is usually more effective than demands for payment. Writing collection letters has become something of a special technique and there are a number of good books on the subject containing samples. As a rule, letters which appeal to honesty and fairness are most effective. Threats should never be made.

When all reasonable methods have been exhausted, the time to think of an outside method of collection is at hand. The non-payer will be someone who is unable to pay or one who is unwilling to pay. It is the opinion of credit experts that little is accomplished in trying to extract money from those who are truly unable to pay. For charge account customers of this kind, the only solution is to write the money off as a bad debt. On the other hand, charge account customers who have the money but are unwilling to pay, should then be put under all the legal pressure possible. Frequently, turning the account over to a collection agency is enough to frighten recalcitrant accounts into payment. Local credit bureaus usually have competent collection departments—and since they are also a clearing house for all credit information, they carry added weight.

When inability to collect reaches the final stages for purchasers on the instal-

ment plan, the businessman usually has a choice of repossession or of filing suit. If his policy on instalment plans has been sound, the value of the merchandise on resale should equal the amount of the delinquency. If not, repossession may be meaningless, and legal action may be more to the point. Whichever is decided, fairly fast action is required at this point. The longer an account is allowed to dangle without action the more difficult it becomes to collect.

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT SYSTEMS

To many a small businessman, the responsibility and added effort required for a credit operation may make it unfeasible. Even though we can assume a general basic honesty on the part of most customers, the trouble of chasing only a few deadbeats a year is more than many merchants care to take.

For those who are reluctant to enter the credit field themselves but find it necessary to their business, there is a possible answer in a recent bank development called charge account banking. This new trend started in a few small towns and has spread to more than a hundred in just a few years. It has even proved practicable in the big city; the Chase Manhattan Bank has inaugurated the service in New York, for example. Simply stated, charge account banking substitutes the bank's existing facility to extend credit for the one the individual shopkeeper would have to establish. The bank provides all the services which a store would ordinarily have to render for itself: the setting up of payment terms, investigation of customers' credit, collection procedure. The bank issues a "charge card" to the customer, who is then entitled to use it for credit at all stores which have signed up with the bank.

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If charge account banking has started in your community, you may find it advantageous to discuss it with the sponsoring bank. If you are thinking of starting a credit operation, it may be more beneficial to join the bank's plan. If you already have an established credit plan, it is possible that charge account banking may be simpler and less expensive than maintaining your own. If charge account banking does

not yet exist in your town, you may want to discuss it with other merchants and your local banker.

While there is no danger that cash will ever become obsolete in the United States, the trend toward credit is so unmistakable that few financial experts see a downtrend in its use. Whether you use your own charge account plan, or maintain one through your local bank, chances are that if you operate a business you either already extend credit or soon will. Forty-five billion dollars can't be wrong. At least the experts don't think so. • •

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Showdown Month

(Continued from page 8)

"Miracle Braves" of 1914 coming from dead last place all the way to the top and then winning in a breeze with the brag, "Hell, it was easy." All they did was win 91 per cent of their games in the Garrison finish. The stretch is a time of torment and suspense such as man never knows from May to September.

The present season looks no different from many of the past. With the Yankees reversing their usual habit of cancelling out the opposition early, and with the National League race a wide-open affair since Opening Day, two great stretch runs are in prospect. But they'll have to be dandies to match the utter uncertainties of such finishes as those between Uncle Wilbert Robinson and John McGraw.

One year the Giants of McGraw became almost insanely inspired on a September 7—when they were deep in fourth place. That day the Giants won. And they didn't lose another until the last game of a doubleheader on September 30. In between they piled up 26 straight wins—to this day the longest hot streak on big league record. During the 26 games they crushed their opponents, 122 runs to 33.

How many in the audience know where those Giants of 1916 finished?

Fourth, exactly where they started. Simultaneously the whole first division of the league went win-crazy and, incredibly, the Giants didn't even gain one notch. McGraw, it's said, was at Rector's restaurant the night the season ended, feeling murderously frustrated. In came Wilbert Robinson, manager of the victorious Brooklyn. "Haste certainly does make waste, doesn't it, John?" crowed Robinson.

The stretch is the most terrifying of periods—lacking any proved formula for how to survive it—mainly because no man can predict the resilience of a given squad. Weariness is common to all contenders as they reach the final two- or three-dozen playing dates, with the thermometer sticking in the 90's, nerves frayed and injuries claiming (with diabolical sureness) the best clutch performers. In a tight race, the healthiest team with the fewest veterans figures to win.

"By all logic that should be true," says Bill Rigney, managing the pennant-hungry San Francisco Giants of today. "Late last season, we thought we could lick the world on condition alone. Up to August, we were leading the league with youngsters like Orlando Cepeda, Leon Wagner, Willie Kirkland, Jim Davenport, Mike McCormick, Bob Schmidt, Andre Rodgers and Felipe Alou—average age around 25. You never saw a bunch better-fitted to survive the hot weather."

In Milwaukee, a much older squad was riddled with injuries. Billy Bruton, Joey Jay, Red Schoendienst, Frank Torre, Bob Buhl, Wes Covington and Mel Roach were lost for long periods and panic swept the city when the Braves had to call on pitcher Warren Spahn to pinch-hit.

Then came a stretch series between the Giants and Braves. The defending champs handed the "resilient" kids four straight defeats. In a twinkling, the Giants were in third place, where they finished. The Braves proceeded easily to the championship.

"If being in the lead and being the peppiest and healthiest won't win for you," concludes Bill Rigney, plaintively, "what will?"

No one can answer that, when it's the confounded stretch you're dealing with. In 1949, when rookie manager Casey Stengel was still on trial, Boston newspapers confidently announced the opening of the World Series at Fenway Park. It only made sense: the Red Sox were a game ahead with only a handful left. And Stengel's men were stuck together with tape. Trainer Gus Mauch treated 71 major injuries that season. Mauch, himself, became No. 72 when he fell down on the season's last day and broke a rib.

From Tommy Henrich, with his bad back in a corset, to Yogi Berra, with a broken finger, to Joe DiMaggio and Charles Keller with the virus, to Phil Rizzuto, with a chipped anklebone, to Vic Raschi, who had been beamed, the Yanks were a team of walking wounded.

Yet the Yanks hung on, even after taking a near-fatal defeat from the Athletics. Facing the Red Sox in the year's showdown game, they trailed by four runs. Up came Johnny Lindell, a reserve outfielder with a .242 average, who had been pressed into emergency duty. The rumor was strong that Lindell was about to be traded away.

Lindell was determined to stay a Yankee. His answer to the rumor disappeared over the fence—a three-run homer. The Yanks got back into the game, battled to the pennant, and have had few anxious stretch moments since.

If you study teams closely—such things as men-left-on-base and ability to maintain a pitching rotation as late as September—you can occasionally forecast the finish. Another clue, first visible in August, is the amount of verve a team maintains on the basepaths. Cast your mind's eye back to 1949—the year an agricultural display was held in the Philadelphia park before a St. Louis-Phils game. The display came as a shock to Manager Eddie Dyer, of the Cardinals. His men were one game ahead of Brooklyn, with two dozen contests to



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go, and Dyer had been led to believe that the nation was held spellbound by the struggle. And now onto the field came swine, geese and other livestock.

Dyer was morosely seated in the dug-out when a pig, a goat and a donkey wandered past.

"Oh, well," he sighed, "maybe it's appropriate at that. This ball club has got my goat, my baserunners have slowed down to the speed of that little porker and I'm beginning to make noises like a jackass."

Within days, Dyer looked like the farmer who's been foreclosed. Some 120,000 World Series tickets were printed in St. Louis and \$1,500,000 worth of orders processed in anticipation of a pennant—the Cards having opened up a two-game lead. Congratulatory telegrams poured in. Everyone was celebrating victory—except Dyer.

"Did you notice that Kazak," he said,

referring to Eddie Kazak, his rookie third-baseman, "walked around the bases when he hit a home run yesterday? He was simply too tired to run. This is a worn-out team."

That doomful remark was lost in the huzzahs as flags were draped throughout St. Louis, but it exploded with meaning in the season's final four games. The Redbirds left their runners stranded and lost all four. The Dodgers, although Billy Cox, Ralph Branca, Spider Jorgenson, Duke Snider and Gene Hermanski were on the cripple list, had just enough life left to come from behind in three of their last starts to win heart-stoppers—and so they backed into the title by one game.

Everyone was exhausted except the Cardinal front-office staff. At \$12,000 expense to the team, they returned all ticket orders with a note attached: "We are really RED Birds now—embarrassed

as can be. But here's a World Series ticket as a souvenir . . ."

Al Lopez, the Chicago White Sox leader, recalls a fly ball which soared to center field—but was caught *behind* home plate by the catcher. Lopez was the catcher. A hurricane suddenly hit the Boston park and blew the ball back to the plate for the craziest put-out of all time. Naturally, it happened during the stretch. Too, there was a Cleveland team which bowled over everyone at the end—a team which led the league in batting, fielding and total bases, had three 20-game winners, five .300 hitters, the league's top run scorer and the No. 1 basestealer. A winner? Certainly not—the '06 Indians finished third!

"As a matter of fact," says Fred Haney, the pleasant little gentleman who manages Milwaukee, and the survivor of 35 years of dizzy finishes, "the stretch is a badly-misunderstood thing. The so-called experts keep telling managers they should look to the past and profit from experience. What bunk! There's no logic to the stretch, no repeat pattern from one year to another."

Some, for instance, claim that a daring, gambling game will pay off, the other clubs being so weary that they won't be able to react quickly. For a few teams this has worked; for others it has been fatal. It happens, too, that six times in recent years the team which led the race on September 1 failed to reach the World Series—these being the '48 Dodgers and Red Sox, the '49 Cardinals, '51 Dodgers, '55 White Sox and '56 Braves. Nothing is certain.

Mr. Haney, who in June of this year indicated he will retire if the current season forces him to live through another stretch shocker like that of 1956, is a man who likes the bunting game. His defending champion Braves are strong with consistent pitching; not so dependable at bat. Rave, if you like, about Hank Aaron, Bill Bruton, Joe Adcock, Wes Covington and Eddie Mathews. But Haney knows that his sluggers often have stopped all at once on him, whereas Warren Spahn, Lew Burdette, Bob Buhl, Bob Rush and the Braves' bull-pen have remained baseball's steadiest hurling staff. Thus his tactics have evolved—bunt at timely moments, aiming to get one run at a time. "If you get a run by bunting in an early inning, it may mean you need only two or three more runs to win," argues Haney. "And you might be able to bunt for another run in a later inning. After that, I've had the pitching to hold a small lead."

This reasoning met its first acid test in '56, when the Milwaukeees confidently rolled into the final week-end of play with a two-game edge on the Dodgers. In Brewerytown, a party was going which overshadowed even that of St. Louis in 1949. It is estimated that at least 300 hotel clerks turned down 30,000 people seeking World Series beds.

In the closing set against the Cardi-



FROM OUR READERS

I was much interested in the article by Harold Rosenthal—in the June issue—about the Pittsburgh Pirates and Forbes Field. From 1931 through 1946 I was President of the Pirates. I am now retired.

I was Master of Ceremonies at the dedication of the Honus Wagner statue in 1955, and in the photo accompanying your article I am at the extreme left. The others in the picture, behind Wagner, are Rev. N. R. H. Moor, Moose Solters, Mrs. Benswanger, Commissioner Ford Frick, National League President Warren Giles and Ben Fairless of U. S. Steel. PITTSBURGH, PA. W. E. BENSWANGER

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we were reminded of the small car our girls use in going to school.

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QUINCY, ILL.

JOHN F. BLONSKI

nals, Haney flashed the bunt sign half a dozen times. Each time the ball popped up or rolled into greedy Cardinal hands for lightning force-outs. The Braves lost, 5-4. And the next day, with the Dodgers busy beating Pittsburgh, the strategy went astray again—by a score of 2-1.

Just that quickly the city of Milwaukee lost several million dollars in Series tourist money and the Braves dropped \$7,000 each in Series shares.

Haney suffered outrageously because of the last-second loss of the title to the Dodgers. He was termed "Bunty O'Haney" and an arch-conservative who was afraid to cut loose, in the Yankee manner, for a splurge of runs. Haney's first-inning bunting became an object of bad jokes around the league.

And what has been the follow-up to this? In 1957 and 1958, Haney continued to order his men to squiggle the ball down the baselines and both times came through the stretch with a championship.

Each time, "Bunty O'Haney" won by a broad margin of eight games, it might be added.

"What you do in the stretch has to be impromptu," repeats Fred. "It's a time when little things become gigantic and things that made sense before suddenly don't apply."

For instance, it always has made sense to veteran ballplayers never to relax when the enemy is still breathing—no matter how far behind you. But the trouble with the stretch is that it's so tempting. It means months of toil are almost over, and beyond every diamond stretches a vista of bird dogs working a clutch of quail, a lazy golf course, a fishing lodge or a chaise longue, with the kids running Tired Old Dad the pipe and slippers. Most big-leaguers are small-towners, who can't wait to shed city soot and jam for the more compact glory awaiting them back home in Easyville. Holding a big lead in September, no amount of nagging by the bosses can stir them into worrying about what *might* happen.

EXPERTS say that no touchstone exists which will help teams through their time of torment. But that's not quite the case. In 1940, when his Cincinnati Reds faltered in August, Manager Bill McKechnie remarked that there was something mighty strange about his old red wool necktie. "Seems like every time I wear it," Bill idly observed, "we win."

That day Bobo Newsom touched the tie before taking the mound. Bobo threw a two-hit shut-out.

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charm to bed at night—or so he said. Later he offered it to baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown. For the Reds stopped stumbling and finished with exactly 100 victories—43 of them achieved by a one-run margin. They took the flag by a runaway 12 games.

"How we needed that tie," McKechnie later said, referring to the fact that Willard Hershberger, the team's popular little catcher, took his own life in a fit of despondency during the stretch run. The suicide stunned the Reds. But they had the lucky tie. And they had the powerful motive of winning a \$5,800 World Series victory share for Hershberger's mother—who was voted the money on the day the flag flew.

Suggestible ballplayers don't need a fetish or talisman to come through when it counts, as Roy Campanella sees it. "But you can sure work on one man's mind to save the winter's meat and potatoes," says the ex-Dodger catcher. Observe this scene on the night of September 26, 1956.

With four games to go apiece, the Dodgers and Braves were virtually deadlocked. A grim Sal Maglie, who'd pitched a no-hitter the day before, to keep the Dodgers alive, told his mates before the tussle with the Phillies, "The main thing is, *pay attention*. Don't think about anything but that ball for a second."

Yet 23-year-old Sandy Amoros, the

fleet little Cuban outfielder, couldn't help letting his thoughts lead him astray. What if *he* was the one to make the fatal bobble?

In the second inning, the tense Amoros misjudged a fly ball with two runners on base. In the seventh, he threw wildly over third base. Then he dropped another fly ball. The Phillies won, 7-3, and there was dancing in the Milwaukee streets. It seemed to be all over.

Slumped on a bench, Amoros couldn't help hearing another Dodger tell newspapermen that the "dumb, bush" play in left field had cost the team a fortune.

"That night," says Campanella, "I took Sandy to my home for dinner. Took him straight home before he could read those headlines calling him 'goat'. We jollied him and talked about the '55 World Series, when Sandy made that catch off the Yankees that was voted the No. 1 sports thrill of the year. Pretty soon, Sandy's head started comin' up out of the soup. He wanted to turn in his suit when we left the park. But 'bout one a.m., he was laughin' and I saw he was relaxed.

"I began figurin' that maybe we had a chance."

"Stretchitis" had both teams by the throat. But with a difference. Milwaukee lacked any one star so downhearted that the right psychological handling could convert him into a one-man gang. Amoros, thanks to Campy, came back snorting fire. He walloped a two-run

homer to beat Pittsburgh the next day. In the all-important season's finisher, he hit two more home runs—home runs which happened to be the pennant-winning blows.

A strange time, the stretch. The Dodgers divided a \$200,000 purse chiefly because one of their players momentarily did everything wrong.

The one-man theme pops up so repeatedly in studying the mystery of the stretch that fans often buttonhole managers in hotel lobbies (if it's September, the house detectives may have to break it up), to say, in effect, "Listen, bum, get yourself a Floyd Giebell, a Paul Erickson or a Babe Adams and you can't miss finishing on top."

Who?

Giebell, a Detroit pitcher, won three big league games in his entire career. "Li'l Abner" Erickson was an obscure Cubs tosser. Babe Adams was a bench-warming rookie pitcher with the Pirates. Yet all three of these men supplied the big act of heroism which won a championship.

Giebell became involved in a most cockeyed situation in 1940. Manager Del Baker was in charge of a Detroit club which trailed the Cleveland Indians all through the final weeks, but, for unknown reasons, had vowed to dedicate itself to cheering up the sad sacks on the team. "Instead of gathering around the hero's locker after a game, we'd give all-out attention to the guy who'd made the worst plays," relates Dick Bartell, the star Tiger short-stop of '40. "The worse the boners, the more we'd slap his back and tell him he'd murder the other team the next day. If a guy struck out three times and caught a Texas Leaguer with his chin, we bought him beers."

It had a positive effect on Giebell. Hammered hard the few times he got to pitch, he had only two wins on his record when the Tigers farmed him to Buffalo. "You're so dang nice," he promised, before leaving, "that I'll pay you back some time."

Thriving on camaraderie and forgiveness, the Tigers forged from well back in the pack to tie the Indians in the last series of the year—the most hectic of all stretch finishes.

It so happened that fall that the Indians were widely unpopular because some of them had signed a petition demanding the firing of Manager Oscar Vitt. The "crybabies" who claimed Vitt had been too harsh with them were pelted with old eggs and fruit in Detroit. A police escort had to muscle them through jeering fans from the depot to their hotel.

Vitt grimly looked neither right or left. Neither did the petitioners. No one was speaking to anyone. It was stretchitis in its worst form.

In Detroit, the Indians lost two out of three, and the startled Tigers found themselves in front by one game, need-

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ing but a single victory to clinch the post-season prize.

Action now swung back to Cleveland—the Tigers versus the Indians again, and all the chips on the table.

D. D. (Del) Baker, the Tigers' manager, walked down his dugout and all could see his arms hanging limp with fatigue. His fine foursome of Schoolboy Rowe, Tommy Bridges, Dizzy Trout, and Bobo Newsom was exhausted. Should he turn to his bullpen for a starter?

"I've recalled Giebell from Buffalo, and I'm using him," announced Baker, with a look of a man signing a \$10,000 check when he has \$92.78 in the bank.

Those who gamble gave as high as 6-1 on Cleveland, for Vitt was calling upon a well-rested Bob Feller, winner of 27 games. A newspaper outcry charged Baker with a mismatch which should be investigated by Commissioner Landis.

Farmhand Giebell's first pitch was into the dirt. Thousands who disliked the "crybabies" groaned.

After that, just to show his gratitude for all those back-pats, Floyd Giebell became, for nine innings, another Christy Mathewson. He pitched sinkers and curves that were topped or popped up. When Giebell wavered, Cleveland fans cheered for him. Turning on their own team, they showered so much debris onto the field that Umpire Bill Summers had to threaten a forfeit.

It was the dangdest thing he'd ever seen, commented Giebell, after he'd pitched a shutout and beaten Feller, 2-0, to clinch Detroit's pennant.

Strangest of all, not another big league game did Giebell ever win.

With Paul Erickson, the little-known Cub pitcher, it was a case of maintaining your poise against impossible circumstances. "Li'l Abner" was sent in one late September day of 1945 to save the bacon against the Pirates. It was the ninth inning, Cubs leading 4-3, the tying run on third base. Erickson had a career record of 18 wins, 29 losses, and never had been asked to deal with a real crisis. As they handed him the ball, some 30,000 Cub partisans were screeching advice at Erickson.

How did "Li'l Abner" feel? "Like nothing," he has since said. "I was numb."

Pitch No. 1 was *behind* batter Tommy O'Brien. The wild throw ticked the bat for a fluke strike one. Pitch No. 2 was six feet over the catcher's head.

On Pitch No. 3, Erickson was in the nervous act of winding up when his cap started to fall off. Yet he went through with it, realizing in a split-second that to stop would be to balk, and to permit the tie run to come in. It was a blazing strike.

Witnesses say something quite visible happened to "Li'l Abner" just then. He seemed to swell around the chest. In his resistance to a mishap he found he

had courage, after all. Never a curve-ball pitcher, he bent a third strike past the astonished O'Brien, and the Cubs were home safe as National League champs.

The finest instance of courage he ever saw, Honus Wagner used to vow, came in 1909, when a shy rookie named Babe Adams pitched far better than he knew to help win the flag for Pittsburgh. In the World Series, the Buc stars, Howie Camnitz, Vic Willis and Lefty Leifield, failed to win a game from Detroit. Young Adams, gaining poise in the stretch, whipped the Tigers a magnificent three times.

From then on, in Pittsburgh, it was, "shake the hand that gave Ty Cobb one measly hit in 11 times at bat!"

Such surprises are the pleasant aspect of the September sprint. It produces unexpected heroes, who, though their fame might soon flicker out, move off-stage knowing that when the great gesture was needed, they were able to supply it. Nothing in sport is a stricter test of man's nerve and self-reliance than the big league firing line in the showdown month. And nothing can be quite so bitter.

Whatever happens this fall, it can't more than approach the last days of a season 20 years ago—yet still fresh in the memory. Dizzy Dean, long after an injury had robbed him of his fastball, fought to save the Cubs that year. Again and again, the Oklahoman reached inside himself to keep his team in the race. Dean had nothing left but a "nuthin' ball"—and an unsinkable spirit. Gone was the comedian Dean. Now the public came to know and respect the Dean who wouldn't admit defeat, even when his time had run out.

With success only a few pitches away, Diz's arm collapsed for good. Suddenly the Pirates were hammering everything he threw.

His manager, Gabby Hartnett, came out, put an arm around the old warrior, and led him off the mound. The scorebook said Dean was defeated. Yet the fans—standing, cheering, with not a dry eye among them—said he was NOT defeated.

That's the stretch for you—an unending miracle, a time of triumph amidst tragedy, and, as the philosopher put it, "a perfect nonplus and baffle to all human understanding." • •

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Rod and Gun

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with, the sport was dressed in several layers of wool clothes topped with new knee-length boots, red-plaid pants, red-plaid coat and red-plaid hat. He wore binoculars on a strap about his neck, and around his ample mid-section was a cartridge belt on which hung a huge knife. In his hands was a factory-fresh .300 Magnum rifle. He was equipped for the kill.

"Have you hunted moose before?" asked Roy.

"No," he answered.

"Have you ever seen a moose?"

"No," he replied bluntly. "That's your job. And I want a big one."

Realizing that this would be a difficult mission on foot, Roy loaded him in his canoe and started paddling down the river, easing around each bend and scanning the shallow coves for feeding moose. The hunter sat confidently on the bow seat, the muzzle of his rifle between his feet and his finger on the trigger.

They glided around a sharp bend, and there stood an enormous bull hardly fifty feet away, belly deep in water and head down. Our hunter was looking for squirrels at this point; so Roy reached forward with his paddle, tapped him on the shoulder and pointed the blade at the big bull. At this moment the moose lifted his massive, dripping head and looked at the canoe. The sportsman froze. He stared at the bull and the bull stared at him.

"Shoot," said Roy, and still the hunter stared at the moose and the moose at the hunter. "Shoot! Shoot!" pleaded Roy, and the sportsman did. Without lifting his rifle, he commenced shooting holes through the bottom of the canoe, still staring the bull in the eye.

Roy hurriedly beached the canoe, built a fire to warm his shivering guest, and patched the canoe with spruce gum.

"I didn't know they were that big," said the hunter after he got his tongue unstuck from the roof of his mouth.

The day passed without further incident until the hunter told his guide that he wanted to go ashore for a moment. Roy obligingly turned the canoe into a quiet eddy carpeted with a mass of colored autumn leaves; whereupon, before Roy could stop him, the sportsman stepped out of the canoe onto the floating leaves and disappeared like a shot into about eight feet of water.

"I didn't have to guide him any more," Roy added. "He went home the next morning."

Austin Scott, veteran of many seasons in the Connecticut Lakes region of northern New Hampshire, has experienced most of the hazards of the guiding business, such as being tipped over, having a hook buried in his back, or being hit in the face with a fish.

"Some of them expect a good deal of a guide," Austin says, "but there are two things I can't control: the weather and the appetites of fish."

"A standard question we're asked is, 'Are the fish going to bite today?' That isn't an easy one, but an old fellow who worked here many years had an answer for them. When they asked him that, he would wet one finger and hold it up, look to see how the smoke was rising out of the cook shack, watch the clouds for a moment, comment on the swallows dipping low along the water, then take off his greasy cap, scratch his bald head and answer, 'Maybe yes—and maybe no.' That settled it."

One day Austin was guiding a novice during the fly-fishing-only season, and, after ducking a few wild casts, suggested they might do better trolling. Even this proved too difficult for the fisherman; the trout kept getting off.

"Would it be okay to troll this fly on my spinning rod instead of on this fly rod?" asked the fisherman.

"Suit yourself," answered Austin, and soon the fisherman hooked another trout. This time he was on more familiar grounds. He put the end of the rod in the water and reeled as fast as he could. The guides on the spinning rod were large, reported Austin, but not large enough to take that trout. When its nose slammed against the rod tip, something had to give. The fly hook straightened out.

"Did I do anything wrong?" asked the fisherman.

"No," answered Austin. "I could tell by the look in your eye that if the fish had held onto his end you'd have held onto yours."

Austin guides hunters as well. He

finds most of them good company, but a few offer special problems. One such was a man who carried a first-aid kit complete enough to equip a clinic. Among other things, it contained a vial with about two ounces of brandy.

"What's that for?" asked Austin.

"I carry that in case of heart attack," explained the man.

The next season the hunter arrived with two other men, a twelve-year-old boy, and his first-aid kit.

Austin described the boy. He had eyeglasses as thick as the bottoms of milk bottles, wore Size 14 insulated Korean boots, had two left feet, and his voice was changing. "It was some difficult to put them onto a deer," added Austin, "but we did finally get one, a good one, about a mile behind a ridge. Weighed 215 pounds dressed. Four of them in the party made it easier to drag him out because they could trade off—but I didn't notice anyone trading off with me. I was plain tuckered before we got that deer out. When we reached the car an hour later, I remembered the first-aid kit and I had a heart attack. The tape around the top of that little bottle was so old it had turned hard and yellow, but I managed to break it off."

"You didn't drink all that brandy, did you?" the hunter asked.

"This is a pretty bad heart attack," I answered.

The most suffering guide I ever met had a brand of trouble all his own. He wasn't too bright, but he was eager and obliging. The evening I was with him he almost tipped over the canoe with an enthusiastic lunge with the net at a nine-inch trout. In the process he lost the trout, net and paddle. We managed to retrieve the paddle, and I suggested we return to camp. On the way he told me that he guided a certain friend of mine every time he came up there. "He takes movies, you know," he added proudly, "and he always has me in them." With so many capable guides in the area, I couldn't imagine why my friend Dave would employ this particular man. Then I began to get the picture. Dave has a sense of humor, and he wouldn't be likely to make a fishing movie without a laugh in it. Probably this poor man was the fall guy.

"Did you ever see any of his finished movies?" I asked.

"No," answered the guide, looking suddenly sad, "and I don't want to. I don't know why, but something embarrassing always happens when they're taking pictures."

"Like what?" I asked.

"Well, like the time I tried to get the fly out of the tree. He hooked this fly on a pine branch over a deep pool. 'All part of fly-fishing,' he said. 'We'll



"Just as I was stretching for the fly, the limb snapped and I dove headfirst into the pool."

take pictures as you climb out on the limb and unhook it.' I know that pine is brittle. I know that. But—well, they wanted pictures, so I climbed out on the limb. Just as I was stretching for the fly, the limb snapped and I dove headfirst into the pool. When I got my head above water, they were still taking pictures.

"Another time he wanted a movie of taking a canoe down a fast shoot of water into a big pool. He set up the camera, and a heavy man in the party climbed in the bow of the canoe with me. It was only a sixteen-footer and I explained that with such a heavy man in the bow we would go under when we hit the pool, but they wanted me to try anyway, so I shoved off. I was right. At the foot of the shoot the canoe plunged under. I dragged it to shore, dumped all the water out, climbed back in—all the while they're taking movies—and was set to go again when, before I could stop him, this big man stepped right on the gunwhale and over we went again."

The guide looked down for a moment, then added, "You don't know how embarrassing it can be, especially

when you're trying to make things look good for the movies. And there were others, too. Like the time he said I was too close to the camera and I stepped backward off the dock—or the time he set up the cooking scene with a pot of soup, coffee, and a frying pan balanced on two parallel sticks layed across the fire. By the time they started taking the movie I told him that one stick was almost burned through. 'Don't touch it,' he said. 'This will only take a moment.' Just as I expected, the stick burned through and dumped everything into the fire. I grabbed the frying pan, but the handle was hot and I guess I kind of tossed it into the air—eggs and all." He shook his head. "But he wouldn't use anything like that in his movies, would he?" he asked.

Knowing the man behind the camera, I said nothing.

"Anyway," he concluded, "I've never seen the movies. I don't want to."

So it isn't only the disappointed sportsman failing to catch a big fish who has guide trouble. Guides themselves have trouble, too, and it comes in the form of something they do catch—us sportsmen. ••

News of the State Associations

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WEST PALM BEACH LODGE is the Ritualistic title-holder for the State of Florida, it was decided in Pensacola during the Association Convention there May 21st to the 23rd. Over 800 Elks from the State's 70 lodges attended the Meeting to elect Charles I. Campbell of Tampa their new State President. Other officers are Vice-Presidents Fleming Folks, Panama City, William Bartlett, Ocala, G. A. Mansfield, Kissimmee, J. A. Sams, Arcadia, Jack Carver, Delray Beach, and N. P. O'Brien, South Miami; Treas. G. C. Russ, Tallahassee; Historian Wm. A. Partain, Jr., San Mateo; Tiler E. B. Jones, Pensacola; Sgt.-at-Arms Joe Queipo, Tampa; Chaplain G. P. LeMoyné, Fort Myers; Organist Charles Doolittle, Daytona Beach, and Secy. James J. Fernandez, Tampa, who was reelected.

In his report, retiring Pres. W. V. McCall revealed that in his travels to the lodges of his State he had covered 17,938 miles. Secy. Fernandez stated that the year's net membership increase was 1,205; that the lodges had spent \$166,390.24 on charities, including \$93,978.78 toward the support of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home which is owned and operated by the Assn., and another \$74,878.19 on general welfare work.

The report of the Trustees of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund showed a net value of \$1,297,382.01. Past Pres. J. P. Smith of Gainesville was elected to a seven-year term as one of these Trustees, and Past Pres. C. H. Talton of Daytona

Beach was reelected to a five-year term on the Board of Directors. Other Directors are C. C. White, Fort Walton, W. G. Daily, St. Augustine, R. L. Saxon, New Smyrna Beach, L. S. McClure, Tarpon Springs, L. J. Fraser, Pahokee, and C. A. Campbell, Homestead.

Dignitaries attending this session included Chairman Wm. A. Wall of the Board of Grand Trustees, former Grand Est. Loyal Knight Chelsie J. Senerchia, Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman J. Frank Holt who directed the annual Memorial Services, former Grand Lodge Committeeman J. Alex Arnette and nine other Past Presidents. One of this number, George Carver, delivered the Memorial Address.

ALL ARKANSAS LODGES were represented at the May 16th and 17th Convention of the State Association at Hot Springs when the largest registration in ten years was recorded.

Willis C. McDonald, former President of the Louisiana Elks Assn., was an informed speaker at both the business session and the State banquet attended by 750 Elks and their wives who were welcomed by Mayor F. A. Housley and host Exalted Ruler Scott Campbell. Joseph D. Meeks, immediate Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, was Toastmaster.

Elkdom in Arkansas is making splendid progress and is enjoying a growing membership. Charles Carpenter, State Chairman for the Elks National Foundation, gave an outstanding report,

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with the Foundation's "Most Valuable Student" award going to Miss Kay Young of Texarkana. The Ritualistic Contest was won by North Little Rock Lodge this year, with Hot Springs in second place and Texarkana, third.

Victor Wilder of Little Rock is the new President of this group, and Vice-Presidents are Boland Phillips, Texarkana, and Dr. Ben Salzman, Mountain Home; Sam Milazzo of Texarkana Lodge is continuing his duties as Secretary and Vindle Swafford of the same lodge is Treasurer. Other officers are Chaplain R. L. Glover, North Little Rock; Sgt.-at-Arms H. H. Ringler, Fort Smith; Tiler A. L. Justin, North Little Rock, and President-Emeritus W. H. Laubach, Little Rock. Trustees are C. A. Bahil, North Little Rock, J. T. Aaron, Texarkana, J. H. Webb, Hot Springs, Maurice Finn, North Little Rock, and J. I. Malham, Brinkley.

THE CITY OF BANGOR postponed for two weeks the mammoth parade celebrating its 125th Anniversary in order to have it take place while the Maine Elks Association Convention was in session. The pageant, held May 23rd, the second day of the three-day Meeting, was a very thrilling one, with all personnel from nearby Dow Field Air

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS			
State	Place	Date	
Del., Md., D.C.	Cumberland, Md.	July 30-31, Aug. 1-2	
Virginia	Harrisonburg	Aug. 15-16-17-18	
West Virginia	Wheeling	Aug. 20-21-22	
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	Aug. 23-24-25-26	
Colorado	Fort Collins	Sept. 10-11-12	
Nevada	Ely	Sept. 17-18-19	
Tennessee	Knoxville	Sept. 18-19	

Wm. S. Hawkins' Acceptance Speech

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fore, it is proper that we, in Elksdom, extend a hand to the youth in Scouting so as to make the ladder of progress in Patriotic Fraternalism easier to climb.

Scouting and Elksdom have both survived the "testing years" and each will survive the test of the centuries. Scouting in youth and Elksdom in maturity—Elksdom will sponsor scouting in its infancy and prosper by the products of Scouting in the maturity of its membership.

The importance of Elk membership requires emphasis, and in that connection I think that the accentuation upon fraternalism and patriotism will be one of the magnets that will attract more members to our organization and will retain those that we now have.

I will constantly urge the continuance of the programs in Elksdom, as heretofore practiced, in all respects.

Although I don't pretend to be the ultimate authority in connection with a knowledge of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes, and their various

Base, the National Guard and Air Reserves participating, as well as Navy ships in Bangor's Penobscot River. Naturally, the Elks had their own division in the line of march.

During the well-planned afternoon meeting, the delegates renewed their pledge to give wholehearted support to the Elks National Foundation, and their Crippled Children's and Veterans Service Committee programs.

The Convention banquet had interesting speakers in Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, Gov. Clinton A. Clauson and Past Exalted Ruler Al Gross of Boston Lodge, Chairman of the Mass. Veterans Service Committee. Mr. Spry also had the pleasure of presenting the \$500 Elks National Foundation Award to Miss Maria Dorgio of Brunswick.

The Annual Memorial Services were well attended, with Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Daniel E. Crowley delivering the eulogy, and special mention made of the late Brian M. Jewett, former Grand Lodge Committeeman, whose untiring work on behalf of Maine Elksdom will never be forgotten.

Officers of the State Association until the 1960 Convention in Lewiston are President Alton Lessard, Lewiston; Vice-Presidents D. E. Edwards, Houlton, H. V. Fielding, Bath, Howard Ragsdale, Waterville, and G. A. Palmer, Biddeford-Saco; Administrative Asst. Joseph J. Cummings, Augusta, and, for the 32nd consecutive term, Secy.-Treas. Edward R. Twomey, Portland.

The Maine Past Exalted Rulers' Assn. also met, electing Wm. P. Memmally of Presque Isle as its President, and Joseph J. Cummings of Augusta as Secretary-Treasurer.

interpretations, I feel that I have had more than average experience in that connection and will attempt to not only continue to interpret them in the proper manner, but to enforce them.

I urge the importance of STATE ASSOCIATIONS, and their activities are most important. These have grown in many sections of the Country to positions of tremendous prominence—not only by the activities of the Elks in the subordinate lodges, but by the State Associations and their activities in the sponsorship of their varied humanitarian major projects which they sponsor throughout the country in each area.

The Grand Lodge can enjoy reflected glory in those Associations but it must be kept uppermost in our minds that the Grand Lodge is the polar star by which all subordinate lodges and State Associations are, and must be, guided.

Emphasis will be made upon participation in community activities in the areas in which our lodges are situated.

Although patriotism is a very impor-

tant thing at this time, fortunately we are not involved in any armed conflict and it will be well for us to devote our energies to peace rather than to the recognition of conflict.

As concerns activities of subordinate lodges, emphasis must be placed upon participation in management and operation of those Lodges by membership—individually and in committee assignments. This, of course, goes to community projects in which the Elks Lodges will participate. Those will include (1) Boy Scouting, (2) Under-privileged and Exceptional Youth, (3) Appropriate Charities, Cerebral Palsy, Eye, Heart, Cancer, and many other worthwhile programs.

I intend to place special emphasis on the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION and on membership—but without slighting in any way our program as concerns the Elks National Service Commission. Likewise, as have those who have preceded me, I will emphasize the payment of dues and the drastic results of delinquency in dues payment.

Of course, our "Most Valuable Student Awards" are of prime importance—not only to our activities but to the acceptance of our organization in the eyes of the public. That, again, will be given special attention.

There is no intent to abandon but, more, to stress the importance of the indoctrination of new members and I feel in that connection when we appeal to young members that we will have a strength in our organization.

It has been my observation in my travels throughout the United States, and, particularly, among the Elks Lodges, that we have some of the finest properties from the standpoint of public use in the Country. Many of them are the finest buildings in the communities in which they are situated and special emphasis will be made to encourage those lodges to, through some lodge activity, make those facilities known to the public in their area, which will not only serve as a useful purpose to those people, but will, likewise, enhance the Lodge itself and its membership—resulting, increasing the effectiveness of the affairs of the Grand Lodge on the National scale. Lapsation will be discouraged and methods will be presented to the subordinate Lodges to assist them in preventing lapsation and improving the position of dues payment.

Importance will be placed upon the fact that when you select an officer in the Lodge it must be with the view that he is a prospective Exalted Ruler of that Lodge, and, therefore, its representative—not only in the subordinate Lodge but in the community and in the Grand Lodge. Therefore, if there is a progression among the Chairs, the one who is selected to the position of Inner Guard, or one of the subordinate appointive offices, must be one who is of the caliber of a potential Exalted Ruler.

Criticism will be leveled against selecting one who is not so qualified. If an unqualified person is selected, when such is apparent, he must be eliminated during his progress through the Chairs because we must at all times maintain high-caliber leaders, especially in the position of the elective officers.

I am somewhat of a moralizer and believe in the things of life, and in the public appearances that I may be permitted to make during the ensuing year, I hope to proudly represent you in all that the Elks Lodge represents, and epitomize the good things of life in Elkdom. Certainly not to detract from the social life of Elkdom as it is enjoyed in all of our Lodges, but to impress upon, not only those who do belong to our organizations, but also upon those who do not, that we believe in the fundamental things of life that go to the preservation of an acceptable society.

I will at all times welcome and seek suggestions from those who have preceded me and at the same time, expect to maintain my own identity, but certainly without any intention to invade the jurisdictional aspects of the leadership of our Order. I do not intend to invade that without the advice and direction of those who have guidance of those areas of jurisdiction.

Nothing is of more importance to Elkdom than the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION. I feel that I am versed in its activities and its importance and will lay special importance on it throughout the entire year with the hope that we can increase our reserve so as to make greater benefits available to more people. I have already mentioned that in previous comments and I do not mean, by abbreviating this, to detract from the importance of that program in Grand Lodge work, and I will give it special emphasis wherever I go and at all times.

You are the chosen leaders of approximately 1900 subordinate Lodges throughout the realm of Elkdom. You, in turn, have selected me as your leader for the following year. If each of us is deserving of the title that we now hold, then each of us will, during this year, produce results of which we may be justly proud a year from today. We will have established a pattern and a standard by which those who follow us will be guided to even greater accomplishments.

If we establish a different pattern, then we will have failed. Failure is a word which I include in my vocabulary only for the purpose of comparison and as a constant reminder that it is truly an antonym for success and accomplishment.

I count on you to make success and accomplishment possible and trust that each of us, throughout the year, practices true "PATRIOTIC FRATERNALISM" in our continued fight for freedom and fraternity.

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ELKS HOME WORKSHOP

By HARRY WALTON

Custom Floor Finishes That You Can Paint

WHEN LINOLEUM begins to scuff in the kitchen, den or playroom, you might well consider painting as an alternative to replacing it. A paint finish costs little, is less work than laying new floor covering, and can easily be individualized to your own taste.

Similarly, a softwood floor on a porch, in an attic, a summer cottage or a beach house can be attractively refinished with paint, a practice popular in Colonial days. Even a wood floor in bad condition, which could not be patched well enough to accept the usual clear shellac or varnish finish, can be repaired so that a painted finish will hide its defects.

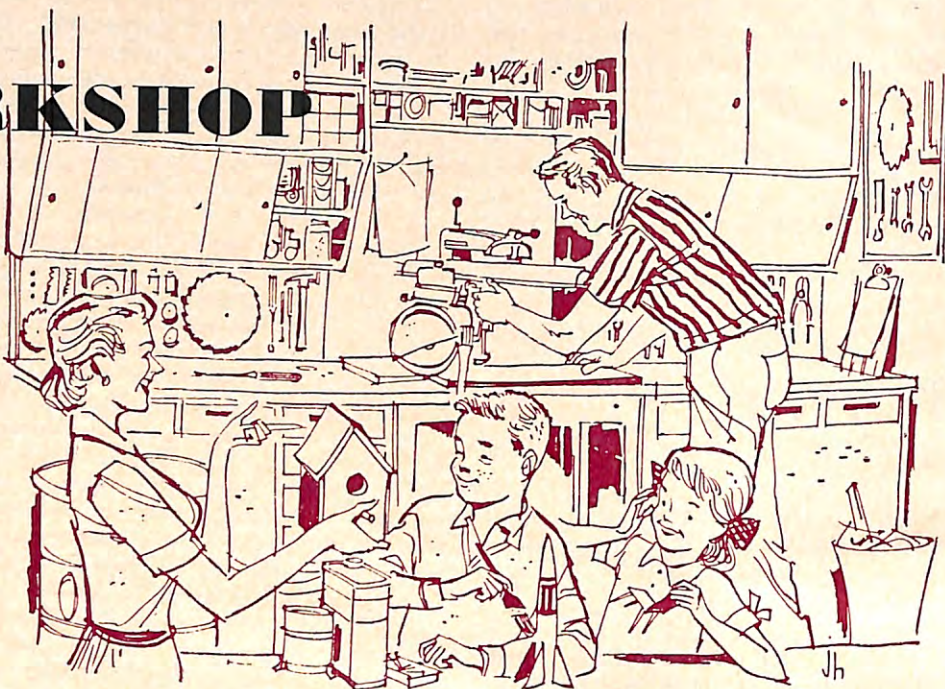
SEE TO THE SURFACE before painting a softwood floor. Glue down loose splinters; fill holes and open splits with crack filler. Badly damaged boards should be cut out and replaced with sound ones. If the surface is rough or has protruding knots or sunken areas, it will pay to rent a floor sander. This produces a flat, smooth surface with a minimum of labor.

A newly sanded floor should be sealed with a prime coat of floor sealer or thinned varnish. It is then ready for paint.

LINOLEUM MUST BE SOUND, flat and securely fastened down. If it is worn through to the backing, it's not worth painting. But if only the surface pattern is scuffed, painting is practical.

Tack down any edges or corners that have lifted up off the floor. A single worn spot or two may be patched with a piece of new linoleum of the same thickness. For a good fit, lay the new material over the bad spot and cut out the needed repair patch, forcing the knife at least partly through the old linoleum as well. Lay aside the new piece and carefully cut out the bad section along the cut so made. Cement or tack down both the patch and the edges of the area cut out.

BEWARE OF OLD WAX, whether you are painting linoleum or wood. If the residue of former waxings is not com-



pletely removed, the applied finish may take days to dry and never be satisfactory.

Mop or scrub the floor to remove soil, let it dry thoroughly, and then wash it with a rag or scrubbing brush dipped in turpentine or one of the cheaper mineral-spirits substitutes. Then wipe it with a second rag moistened with the same solvent. If the surface has been regularly and heavily waxed, scrub it with steel wool and solvent, then with a detergent and water. Should there be any doubt about getting off all the wax, paint a small inconspicuous area to see whether it dries well, before tackling the whole floor.

Time your painting to let each coat dry overnight. Although the finish may set finger-dry in four hours, it will not be ready to walk on. Open a window or two from the top before starting to insure good ventilation for drying.

Paint may be applied with a roller, but keep a small brush handy to fill in corners, areas around pipes and radiators and other tight spots the roller cannot reach.

One full-bodied coat will probably

cover linoleum. Newly sanded wooden floors will probably require two, in which case the first coat may be thinned slightly with turpentine.

ADDING DECORATIVE TOUCHES. A solid color may be just what you want. But if not, you can easily put a pattern on the floor, using two or three extra colors. The methods are old, but the effects are highly up-to-date.

Ideally, patterns should be painted on with the same kind of floor enamel used for the base coat. But durable results are possible even with leftover oil paints of other kinds, provided a coat of clear floor varnish is applied over the whole surface afterwards. This protects the pattern, which would otherwise wear off before the base coat.

Decorative touches can be applied all over, around the border only, or in round or oval areas to simulate colorful throw rugs. Patterns can be painted on in several ways. All are easy, but be sure to try the one you choose on pieces of cardboard or newspapers before doing the job, so that you will be familiar with the technique.



Stippling can be combined with dots or used alone. A sponge makes the fine-grained imprint at left above. Wadded newspaper prints a bolder pattern (at right). Frozen-dinner trays are convenient for paint.

STIPPLING WITH A BRUSH produces a fine-grained effect. Cut back the bristles of an old brush to a length of two inches. Dip it into paint, let it drain, and then scrub it on newspaper until it seems downright dry. Stipple with light, hard jabs, holding the brush straight up. Practice until you obtain a textured effect; too much paint will produce only smudges. Don't crowd the brush marks too closely. A second color may be applied with another brush right after the first.

SPATTERING IS EFFECTIVE. Rap a lightly loaded paint brush sharply against a stick held in your other hand, directing the resulting spatter onto the floor. Two or three colors may be applied in succession. Spots will overlap or even run together at random, but the overall effect can be pleasing.

SPONGE AND PAPER STIPPLING works on the principle of the rubber stamp. Dip a cellulose sponge into paint, and pat off the excess onto newspaper until little paint remains on the sponge. Then use it to imprint the floor.

Avoid a rectangular mark by using an oval sponge, or by cutting the corners off a rectangular one. Vary the marks by bending the sponge as you apply it, or by putting less pressure on one end than on the other, and by turning it at a different angle each time.

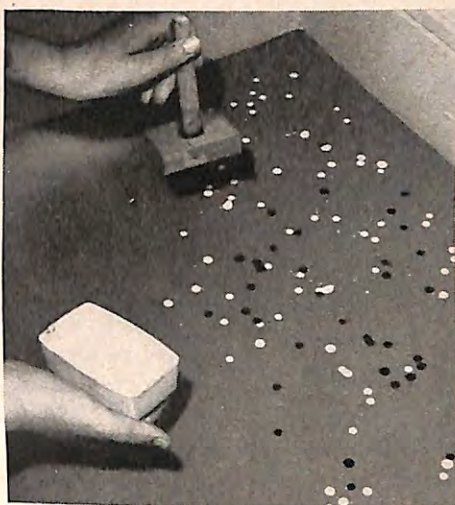
Instead of a sponge, you can use a crumpled wad of paper. Pound it on a flat surface; then pick up some paint, work off the excess on newspaper, and use it like a stamp. The wrinkled folds make a characteristic pattern, coarser and of a different kind than that made by a sponge.

A CARPET OF DOTS is a favorite from Colonial times. Make an applicator by driving shingle nails part way into a block of wood small enough to dip into your paint container. Cut the heads off most of the nails, but leave them on a few—they'll make bigger dots.

Use a container you can easily hold in one hand. Dip the applicator and immediately hold it over the floor, letting paint drip off where it may,

STENCILS ARE PLEASING, especially as a border treatment. Use a stiff-bristled stencil brush or a cellulose sponge. Stamp off excess paint until the applicator seems dry, hold the stencil sheet firmly, and apply paint with a straight-down stippling action. Remove the stencil with two hands to keep it from sliding about.

Immediately wipe the back of the stencil sheet with a clean cloth. Any paint seeping around the edges will otherwise spoil the next pattern. Use thick paint and remember to use a dry applicator; too much or too fluid a paint will creep under the edges and spoil the design.



Random dots on the floor blend into an eye-pleasing pattern. The applicator is made from a block of wood with protruding nails.



Stenciling is an art anybody can master with practice. Paint must be thick and very sparingly used. Stencil brushes are round, but above is an old paint brush cut short for the purpose. The horn-and-crown pattern shown is supplied free at many lumber yards.

STILL OTHER PATTERNS are possible. A flagstone effect can be achieved by painting the mortar or separation line visible between real flagstones. Use light gray or tan enamel and a half-inch brush. Lay out the pattern beforehand with chalk.

One family applied footprints in two colors, a novel effect for a playroom, seashore cottage or porch. One bare foot was used to make the imprint, the other being used to maneuver.

For extra long life, protect the pattern with a good floor varnish. When this has thoroughly hardened, apply paste wax and polish it. Regularly cleaned and waxed, painted linoleum floors have lasted four to five years.

Concrete floors too can be painted. But be sure to use a concrete floor primer first, or the enamel will be softened by an alkaline reaction. Vinyl tile may be painted, but never apply paint over asphalt tile. This will "bleed" through, staining the new finish. ● ●



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Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins

Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan, in 1912, in his report to the Grand Lodge, included among the new lodges during his term of office Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Lodge No. 1254, which was instituted September 26, 1911.

On the charter list of that lodge was J. V. Hawkins. He was the lodge's Exalted Ruler in the second year of its existence. The year following his service in that office he was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Idaho.

At the time Coeur d'Alene Lodge was instituted Brother Hawkins had a two-year-old son, William Stark Hawkins. It was natural that the latter, born in an Elk atmosphere, should join the Order soon after his having attained the qualifying age.

Within two years he became Exalted Ruler and is the only holder of that office in Coeur d'Alene Lodge who succeeded himself. Three years later, following in the footsteps of his father, he served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Idaho. For more than 20 years he was a Trustee of his Lodge, demonstrating his continuing interest in its affairs.

He served in several offices of the Idaho State Elks Association and was its President in 1949-50.

In 1950 he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary. He served seven years on that committee, the last two as its Chairman. In 1958 he was appointed Justice of the Grand Forum.

He is a graduate of the College of Law of the University of Idaho. He served as prosecuting attorney in his county for six years and was appointed judge of the 8th Judiciary District in Idaho in 1945. In World War II he served as a United States Naval Officer.

Brother Hawkins comes to the Grand Exalted Rulership remarkably well equipped to assume the responsibility of the office because of his natural talents, long service in his own lodge, in the State Association, and as a Grand Lodge Officer, and his deep devotion to the principles and purposes of Elksdom.

He has always been interested in aiding youth. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and he has always worked with that organization as well as other organizations designed to contribute to the sound development of the younger generation. He was an important factor in the creation, the construction and the operation of the Elks Rehabilitation Center at Boise, Idaho. This is recognized as one of the best equipped institutions in the country for the physical rehabilitation of children.

Wholeheartedly he will lead the Order of Elks in its expansion of its many activities in the interest of our youth.

He has adopted for his slogan

"Patriotic Fraternalism"

recognizing, as he does in his speech of acceptance, the importance of Elks accelerating their activities in the affairs of our country and the observance of the fundamental principles and purposes of our Order.

We may look forward with confidence to an Order of Elks of greater accomplishments and to a stronger and better America because of his Grand Exalted Rulership.

He is blessed with a charming family, a wife, a son who recently became an Elk, and two daughters.

Whenever his wife, Agnes, or any other member of the family is with him on a visitation, his reception will take on an increased warmth and effectiveness.

Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson

In August, 1954, the Order of Elks was very fortunate that Lee Donaldson was available to fill the vacancy in the Grand Secretaryship.

The Order has been further favored in that it has had the benefit of Brother Donaldson's services, in that capacity, in the years that have since passed, and he now enters upon his sixth year of effective service as Grand Secretary.

Lee Donaldson is Past Exalted Ruler of Etna, Pennsylvania, Lodge 932. For several years he was the Secretary of that Lodge.

He has been District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and an active worker in the Pennsylvania State Elks Association and he has been its President.

From 1945 to 1953 he served as a member and Chairman of various Grand Lodge Committees and in 1953 as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight.

Since the contacts of the Grand Secretary are with Exalted Rulers and Secretaries, with District Deputies, with officers of State Associations, and officers and committeemen of the Grand Lodge, he has been unusually qualified by experience to meet the responsibilities of the office.

Something has been added. Much as the usual procedure of the office demands his time and attention, Brother Donaldson has added something beyond the call of duty. Shortly after he became Grand Secretary, he was invited to speak at a luncheon of Lodge Secretaries at the Illinois State Convention.

He talked shop and asked for any questions and suggestions that the Secretaries might have. They posed a number of questions and made a few good suggestions which he accepted. There was a very satisfactory show of interest on the part of the Secretaries.

Learning of this development, several Past Grand Exalted Rulers have invited Grand Secretary Donaldson to hold

clinics in their respective territories and the movement has gained a really national recognition.

At the clinic Brother Donaldson had at the California State Convention, more than one hundred Secretaries were in attendance. At a clinic in Arizona only one Secretary was absent, while at a clinic for Washington, Oregon and Idaho, there was not only a generous attendance from those states but five Secretaries from Alaska participated.

The Grand Secretary has received statements from many Lodge Secretaries telling him of the benefits they have derived, and for months after he has held the clinic in a state an unusual number of letters and inquiries from Secretaries of that state follow.

We cannot doubt that such contacts between the Lodge Secretaries and the Grand Secretary have contributed and will continue to contribute to efficiency in the operation of the Subordinate Lodges and to the strength and growth and accomplishments of our Order.

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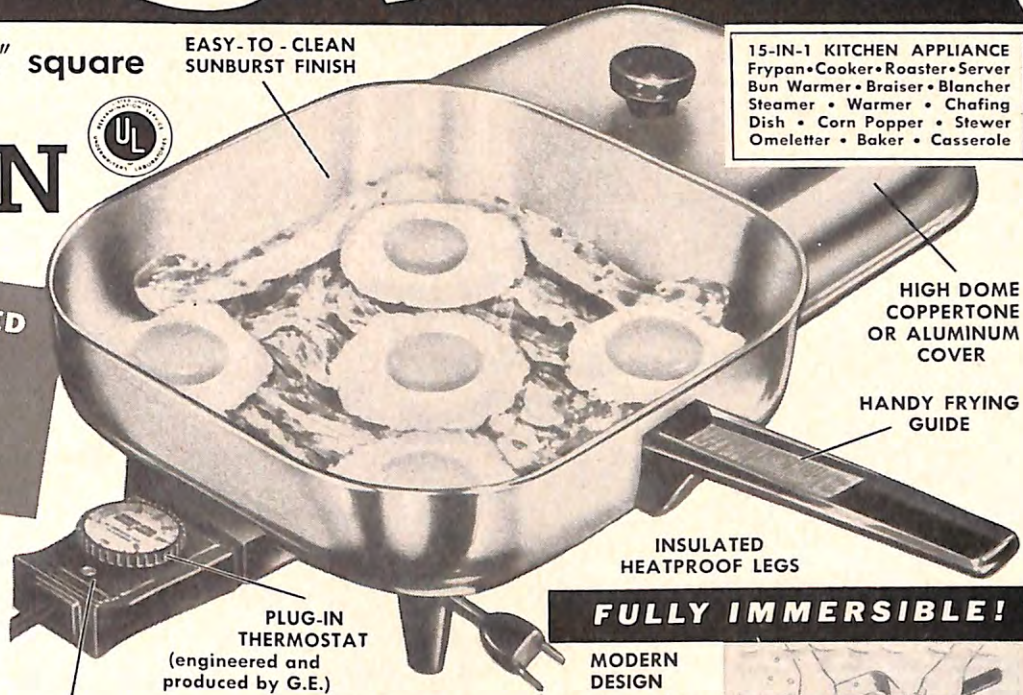
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