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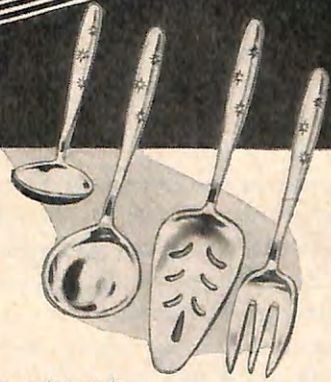
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How I Turned \$1,000 into a Million

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AN AMAZING STORY THAT MAY CHANGE YOUR LIFE



by William Nickerson

PERHAPS the hardest thing about making a million dollars — or even \$200,000 — is the act of believing it to be possible.

This may be the stumbling block which will keep you from seizing upon the extraordinary opportunity presented here.

Out of every thousand people who read this page, perhaps only 10 will be able to overcome their ingrained skepticism enough to send away for more information. And out of those ten, perhaps only one or two will exploit this opportunity to the hilt. But those fortunate few may enjoy the kind of financial success that millions dream of but only a few achieve.

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I did better than that. When I was 25, my wife Lucille and I started saving part of my first modest earnings as a telephone company employee. In three years we had saved the down payment to buy a home. I began looking about for a way to insure a modest retirement income to supplement my telephone company pension.

From "Scratch" to \$500,000 by 42

Starting with only the \$1000 cash equity in my home, I pyramided this modest asset into \$500,000 by the time I was 42 — all in my spare time. I retired at 42 to concentrate on my investments — with considerable time for gardening, swimming in our backyard pool, hunting, fishing, and traveling.

Many friends turned to me for advice on how they could follow me up the road to fortune. Finally I decided to write a unique guidebook, in which I would share my money-making secrets.

But editors who read my first manuscript told me: "Ah, but your success depended on starting during the depression. It could never happen again!"

Another \$500,000 in Only 2 Years

This led me to study *other* men's money-making experiences, and *current*, non-depression-period opportunities. Although I had not intended to increase my holdings, I found so many opportunities that in 2 years I doubled my estate to over \$1,000,000.

Now my book, HOW I TURNED \$1000 INTO A MILLION, is ready at last. And in

it I reveal — and tell how to use — these 4 basic principles of traveling the last remaining road to great fortune still open to the average person:

1. How to harness the secret force of free enterprise — the pyramiding power of borrowed money. If you have ever experienced difficulty in arranging a personal loan (or a commercial loan to go into business) you may have the idea that banks won't lend money to the "little fellow" for the purpose of making money. But I will show you how you can get lenders to put up gladly at least three dollars for every one of yours, thereby quadrupling the earning power of your capital.

2. How to choose income-producing multiple dwellings in which to invest your own (and your borrowed) capital. If you are interested in investing in income-producing property for income alone, then you will probably get along all right without any advice from me, although even there I can give you many tips. But if you are out to pyramid your capital, there is a definite set of conditions to look for.

3. How to make your equity grow. A fair market value of an income-producing property is in ratio to its income. Therefore, if you increase the annual net by means of the steps I outline, you increase the market value of the property — thereby increasing your equity.

4. How to virtually eliminate the "tax bite" on your capital growth. I will show you how you can increase your net worth steadily *without* its being subject to income taxes — not even capital gains tax! J. K. Lasser's famous guide, YOUR INCOME TAX, says of this method that "the mathematics have almost unparalleled attraction."

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- In 4 years, you have \$11,575.
- In 6 years, \$21,681.
- In 8 years, \$39,363.
- In 10 years, \$70,548.
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How far you want to go up this ladder depends on how much retirement income you would like. You can *conservatively* expect to earn an average net return of 6%

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"There Must Be a Catch to It!"

Right now, it would be understandable if you were sputtering, "But — but — it's not that simple. There *must* be a catch to it!"

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Several thousand Illinois members of the Elks were rooting for Erminia Juliano when she received her master's degree in educational supervision and administration from Roosevelt University. Her advanced studies will help her to set up an expanded physical therapy program for crippled children, which is sponsored by the Illinois Elks Crippled Children's Commission.

Miss Juliano has been traveling the state as an occupational therapist, administering to the physically handicapped youngsters under the Elks program since January. Under the new program, she will supervise 20 therapists throughout Illinois.

A native of Italy, Miss Juliano was graduated from Blue Island High School, and then worked as a therapist for the Gary, Ind., Board of Education for seven years.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner stands amid coin boards which the Elks of Kansas donated to the Elks National Foundation in his honor. The coin boards, which were sent to all Kansas lodges, each had a capacity of 200 fifty-cent pieces, and almost without exception the state's 39 lodges returned them filled. The plastic thermometer arrangement of coins was presented at the Grand Lodge Convention.



Presentation of \$500 check to Camp Jolee, Cerebral Palsy camp operated by the United Cerebral Palsy of Western Massachusetts. Left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Foundation; Phillip R. Schneiderman, Executive Director of U.C.P.; William H. Shaw and Thomas F. Gibbons, Mass. Elks Vice President.

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FROM OUR READERS

The second paragraph of "Tom Wrigley Writes from Washington" (in the July issue) places Beirut in Syria. Knowing the feelings between Lebanon and Syria, I sure would not want a Brother Elk to be the instigator of an incident between the two countries. Beirut, unless ceded to Syria within the last 24 hours, is located in Lebanon, some 35 miles from the Syrian border.

Right here among the TWA personnel assigned to Saudi Arabian Airlines we have at least five Elks, and perhaps more since there was a recent transfer of personnel from Kansas City. I want Tom Wrigley to know that we really enjoy his news, and THE ELKS MAGAZINE. He is so right: "This Magazine travels all over the world."

CARL F. KROGMAN
Captain, TWA
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Beirut is in Lebanon, even though this reporter moved it nicely over to Syrian soil. We thank Captain Krogman, of Washington, D.C., Lodge No. 15, for giving us a chance to put Beirut back where it belongs.—Tom Wrigley

The articles about small business in THE ELKS MAGAZINE have been very worthwhile. Being in the credit reporting field, I was particularly interested in Eugene Rachlis' article—"When Credit Goes to Work"—in the August issue. I have been an Elk for over 20 years, and always enjoy the Magazine; I wish to commend your writers for these business articles in particular.

J. J. NESTOR, Manager
Credit Bureau of Frederick

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Eugene Rachlis' article on credit in business was very interesting, and I have recommended it to many of our Credit Bureau members.

C. M. PHILLIPS, Manager
Southwest Wisconsin Credit Bureau
LANCASTER, WISC.

My husband and I wish to thank your Travel Department for the material regarding our trip to Maine. The maps and hotel and motel listing are quite informative. The booklet listing lodges that offer various accommodations is something we will be able to use any time and anywhere we travel.

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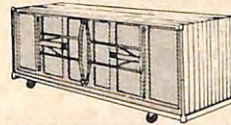
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ADDING UP YOUR ASSETS

WALL STREET keeps getting closer to Main Street all the time. Yet it was not so long ago—about a quarter-century ago, before the “truth in securities” acts were put on the books—that investors had a hard time of it. There was only one sure way to learn much about a company you’d put your money into. That was to marry the boss’s daughter.

It’s a lot easier to get close to business these days. There are still some recalcitrants, but for the most part an open book and free interpretation is the rule. All it takes to understand an annual report is an accounting vocabulary—give or take a few words that not even a C.P.A. would use at an alumnae tea.

One of the words not so proscribed is *assets*, a term that describes what the company—and its stockholders—own. This statement appears in the heart of the report, usually, on the left side of a listing called the *balance sheet*. It is offset on the right hand side of the page by a rundown of *liabilities*—a statement of what the company owes to others, plus reserves, whatever surplus has accumulated over the years and the value of stockholders’ interest in the company.

Glance down the assets side of the sheet. The first major subheading is *current assets*, a catch-all for the cash the company has on hand and other items that can readily be converted into cash.

Among these items are holdings of government securi-

ties and a category labeled *accounts receivable*. Most companies do business on credit, and receivables is accounting argot for the cash owed a company by its customers.

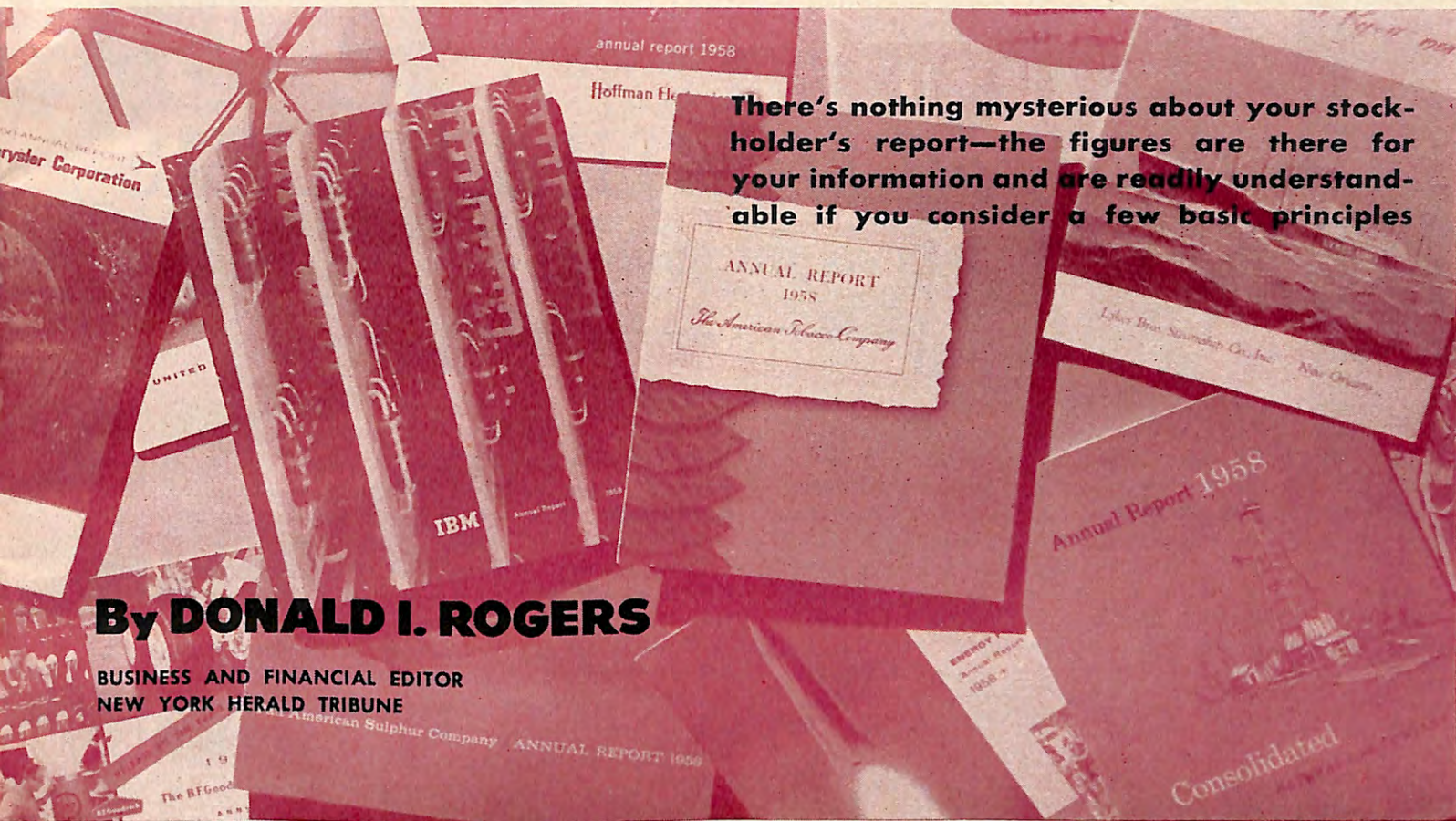
This sum in most annual reports is followed by a statement of inventories—raw materials on their way through the manufacturing pipeline or finished goods that are awaiting shipment. The sum of all these items—cash, governments and accounts receivables—is what the bookkeepers mean when they refer to *total current assets*. (More about these later.)

Following the statement of total current assets, you will usually find a listing of the company’s “bricks and mortar”—the value of its investment in *property, plant and equipment*. This value is usually expressed two ways; first at original cost, then at cost less depreciation, the amount of cash the company has written off against wear and tear on plant.

Original plant less depreciation gives you a heading called *net property*. This is an important item. It bears watching, particularly in relation to gross (or original) value. If net property amounts to as much as 70 per cent of gross property, it means that the company has not been building. It has not been expanding and these days that may mean stagnation.

Moving over to the liability side of the balance sheet, you see that it’s the reverse of the asset side. It spells





There's nothing mysterious about your stockholder's report—the figures are there for your information and are readily understandable if you consider a few basic principles

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out what the company owes to others. Thus, the sub-heading *current liabilities* tells you about the company's short term debts—those expected to fall due within a year. The big item here is *accounts payable*, which reflects cash advanced to the company for the purchase of raw materials and supplies.

The hope is, of course, that these materials can be upgraded into something that can be sold for a profit. Anybody that turns a profit has to turn over a portion of it to Uncle Sam. This liability is inserted into the report under the heading of *accrued taxes*.

Taxes are a big bite, but labor costs are a still bigger bite and on the day the books were closed on the company's fiscal year, it owed money to its employees. Exactly how much cash it had earmarked for pay envelopes on that day, plus whatever it owed on money it might have borrowed is spelled out under the heading of *accrued wages, interest and other expenses*.

The sum of all these factors—accrued wages and taxes, plus accounts payable—makes up a heading called *total current liabilities*. Comparison of total current liabilities with its fellow on the facing sheet gives you a thing called the *current ratio*.

This is an important statistical measure of a company's financial strength that no security analyst would be without. We'll talk more about that later and for the moment continue right on down the liabilities sheet.

Suppliers, workers and Uncle Sam, as we have seen, are all at one point in effect creditors of the company. Many (but not all) companies also have creditors in the shape of bondholders. When a corporation sells bonds it is borrowing money. Alternatively, instead of selling securities, it might have got a straight-forward cash advance from a bank or insurance company, but in either case the amount of cash it has borrowed is usually spelled out after the statement of total current liabilities.

Borrowed money, of course, has to be paid back, a truism that is summed up delightfully, if somewhat obliquely, in the old rhyme about market operators who go short a stock:

“He who sells what isn't his'n
Must pay it back or go to prison”

Apart from the certainty embedded in that couplet and a couple of equally harsh facts of commercial life bound up with things like unpaid bills, a businessman can rarely tell what the future will bring.

To protect himself against unpleasant but often only dimly foreseen surprises, the prudent businessman will have his treasurer set up a *reserve for contingencies*. This appears after the statement of borrowings if it appears at all, but before the statement of the next major heading, which is *capital stock*.

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On the Trail of MULE DEER

By TED TRUEBLOOD

ILLUSTRATED BY C. E. MONROE, JR.

IT WAS PITCH-BLACK when the alarm rang and I crawled out of my sleeping bag, fumbling for the lantern. The tent seemed cold and damp. There was the glow of a match, then a white blaze of light. Then shirt, pants, and boots were on, and soon I was kneeling at the door of the little sheet-iron stove, igniting the handful of pitch-fat shavings, whittled and carefully laid aside the last thing the night before.

The flame flickered, then grew rapidly. Soon it was licking hungrily at the kindling. I laid on larger wood, then set the coffee pot on the stove. By the time my boots were laced, its sides were glowing red and the tent was getting warm. Outside, the stars were snapping brightly and before I could fill the pan to wash I had to break a skim of ice that had formed over the water bucket during the night.

My companion was dressing by the time I came back in, shivering a little, face and hands tingling from the cold water, but wide awake and eager for whatever the day might bring. Soon the aroma of frying bacon filled the tent and scarcely had it been enriched by the bubbling coffee before breakfast was ready.

We ate quickly. The food was good and the tent was warm, but we were anxious to be hunting. We discussed our plans briefly. Yesterday, we had worked out a basin north of camp together, but had seen nothing. Today, we would separate, one hunting east, the other west, thereby increasing our chances either to find game or else to learn its whereabouts from tracks.

The promise of dawn was a faint strip of pale light that silhouetted the jagged ridges to the east and outshone only a few of the weaker stars when I started away from camp. It was brisk. I could feel the frost-stiffened grass crunching underfoot, but I didn't wear my coat because clear October days are always warm in the mountains and I didn't want to carry it later. I shivered and walked quickly to hasten the warming process, and hung my rifle on its sling over my shoulder so I could put both hands in my pockets.

Day came as I hurried along. Stars faded one by one. The sky grew pale. The rim of light along the eastern horizon became brighter and more colorful. Finally, it was light enough to shoot, and I was approaching the area I wanted to hunt. I slowed my pace and attempted to put each foot down quietly, though it was hard to do in the frosty grass, and I watched carefully ahead and to both sides.

Mule deer, whether by nature or because they have become wise to the ways of man, are most active at night in autumn. They feed and travel during the hours of darkness, late evening, and early morning.

They normally spend the warm part of the day bedded down in some secluded hideaway. Consequently the deer hunter, if he would find his quarry in the open, rises early.

Now, I was in an ideal spot at an ideal time. A little stream murmured down toward the river bottom from the north. Here, where the brook emerged from the hills, its valley was a V, with steep slopes leading to parallel ridges 300 yards above. Farther upstream, however, it drained a little basin. Tributary brooklets bubbled down from thickets of alder and aspen, past dense clumps of fir and patches of brush, with majestic yellow pines scattered here and there on the more open southern slopes.

The mule deer in this area, as in much of their range from northern Alberta to New Mexico, Arizona, and California, were migratory. They spent their summers in the high mountains, with their lush meadows and slopes watered by melting snow. In the fall, with the threat of winter impending, they gradually wandered down toward lower country.

The migration route here swung around the point of the eastern ridge, angled down to cross the stream, then curved up around the ridge on the west. I was near the brook, at the mouth of its valley, and could see both slopes. Sometimes daylight found the deer on these comparatively open hillsides. Sometimes they turned up the brook before it was light enough for man to see, feeding leisurely as they went, and eventually finding a safe spot to spend the day, somewhere in the varied cover of its basin.

Now, standing as still as my shivering permitted, I searched both slopes. They were mostly grass, but there were patches of chokeberry, bitter brush, and ninebark, and within this cover were many spots in which a deer would be extremely hard to see. I looked carefully for fifteen minutes—a period that seemed four times as long in the dawn chill—but saw nothing. Then, since the breeze was drifting down the valley of the brook, I decided to follow the game trail up it.

Moving slowly and attempting to step quietly on the frosted, crunchy earth, I turned up the path. I could see well now. Red morning sunlight was painting the high peaks in the west. It would not be long until it bathed the valley of the little brook with warming light. I welcomed the prospect, even though the best of the hunting would then be over. I was still chilly, and the frost lay heavy on the grass in the stream bottom.

There were a thousand places where a deer might be and as I followed the trail, (*Continued on page 39*)



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FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL

Snow sparkles atop the Sunrise Slope of Washington's majestic Mt. Rainier.

Northwest — *New and Old*

By HORACE SUTTON

WELL, now that everyone is telling everyone else just how he spent the summer, this is to say we spent at least part of ours traveling northwestward. It has been a new direction for our compass. First we flapped off to what used to be called *The Northwest*, which is to say Oregon and Washington. After that we headed even more northwesterly, into Alaska. We got so far north and west that looking back on Oregon and Washington, I had the feeling in these days of expanding frontiers that those states are destined to be called the near-Northwest.

We chewed away a Sunday flying from Manhattan to Portland, a route, which by a curious circumstance of airline planning, requires passengers to stop first in Seattle and then after a short wait, backtrack down to Oregon. Portland was deep in the lethargy of a summer Sunday afternoon when we finally got there. The roads in from the shining new airport were clogged with Sunday drivers and homecoming Sunday golfers. As for the city, it was all slicked up for its Centennial celebration, which honored the 100th an-

niversary of Oregon's entrance into the blessed realm of Statehood.

Hiltons and Sheratons were bustling about town with all sorts of plans, and the comfortable old Benson was itself rushing to finish a new wing to meet the challenge of the chains. Nobody beats the Benson when it comes to food, however, and its London Grill is a fine restaurant by any city's standards. It is done up with lots of razzmatazz—they sound a gong every time a waiter comes by with a flaming sword—but lots of knowhow too, and about as elevated a spirit of morale as I've experienced anywhere. Royal Chinook Salmon is poached in herbs and wine, the steak is charcoal broiled, the canapés in the bar include sautéed frog's legs and the *sommelier* is as happy a wine taster as I ever saw.

By a chain of circumstances, we chanced to descend to the dark depths of the London Grill with no less a luminary than Trader Vic Bergeron, whose own restaurant was about to open in the Benson wing. Polynesia has at last come to Portland, and not a moment too soon. The local Trader Vic branch is dark and mellow like the others, and has the standard equipment, right down to the Chinese oven burning some sort of exotic wood.

While on the subject of comestibles, I ought at least to put in a word for Jake's, a Portland specialty spot where you go for crayfish. The only place I know of that makes such a fuss about crayfish is Finland, where the eating thereof is accompanied by considerable ceremony and considerable *aquavit*. They are also served with distinction, if memory does not fail, in the excellent restaurant of the Hotel de la Poste in Avallon, France, although instead of being fished from the nearby river they are imported from Poland. In Portland they are flooded with a black sauce that is practically bubbling with spices and you wade in hands first.

Having written at book length about the old (and the new) Waldorf Astoria, and thereby delved back into the beginnings of John Jacob Astor, I was interested in looking at Astoria, the Oregon town that has grown up on the site of the trading post Astor launched way back in 1811, just after the Lewis and Clark explorations. The fur fantasy flopped mainly because the impending War of 1812 threatened its extinction by the British. Fish were a much more successful catch and became an important industry here, although the catch has suffered greatly during the past ten years because the tuna have wandered off to happier grazing lands. Still there is a mass of boats parked at the docks, gill net boats, otter trawlers and ocean trollers that go ocean fishing for salmon. Cans of fish put up in boxes are still a tourist buy here, but gone are the days when you could buy "tuna dents" (marked-down tins of tuna that

had been dented). Is there anyone in the house who remembers the Broken Cracker window at the big biscuit factory in Long Island City?

The memories of Astoria's first settlers are commemorated here with a stockade on the hill looking over the town and the water, and the stockade is sort of tied to a mural that melts off into historical infinity. The John Jacob Astor Hotel is not exactly a Waldorf and is painted pink. But perhaps Mr. Astor's memory is better served by the Astor Column, a pillar built in Italy after the pattern of Trajan's Column. Both Vincent Astor and the Great Northern Railway footed the bill and agreed to have the column commemorate three noteworthy events: the discovery of the Columbia River, the Lewis and Clark trek to the Pacific, and the Astor fur trapping mission, which came six years later. The column has failed to weather the stiff blows that come off the river, but the view is enduring and gives out expansively to Washington across the water, to log booms floating, to sawmills smoking, a symbol of the dynamic Northwest.

Later we flew onward to Seattle, zooming boom town of the Northwest,

or the near-Northwest, named for Chief Seattle of the Suquamish tribes. The airport has become a frenetic center not merely for flights eastward to New York and westward to Hawaii, and northwestward to Alaska, but over-the-poleward to Europe. We took the long ride to town past the mammoth Boeing works where planes of many insignia were lined up—big Boeing 707's waiting for the finishing touches before roaring off to join the airways of the world. The New Washington Hotel throbbed with tourists, but the view from our quarters on the twelfth floor looked far out over Seattle and we could see the ships that steam to Alaska.

Seattle lives most of its leisure life on the water and some of its workaday life too. It has a floating bridge and floating houses and stationary apartments that flank the water where tenants can watch everybody else's boat go by. Three million visitors come to town each year, but they will flock in greater numbers in 1961 when Seattle will be the site of Century 21, a world's fair on the Pacific Coast that will look ahead to the new century and what it will hold for those of us who

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Frieze on the Astor Column at Astoria, Ore., depicts the history of the Northwest.

OREGON STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION PHOTO

OUR NEWSPAPERS AND OUR FREEDOM



Because truth is a basic safeguard of democracy, our Founding Fathers insisted on freedom of the press. They included this freedom in the very first Article of the Bill of Rights. They knew that, given the facts—given truth—Americans could be counted on to make the right decisions. A vital part of our nation's heritage, freedom of the press is perhaps more important today than ever before. The dissemination of truth by a free press is one of our greatest bulwarks against communism and, in fact, against all aggression, anywhere. The world looks to the United States as the leader in the battle for truth and democracy. And the United States looks to its newspapers for the dissemination of truth.

The twentieth annual observance of National Newspaper Week is scheduled for October 15th through October 21st. At this time the entire nation will pay tribute to the free press. As patriotic Americans, Elks everywhere—in lodges throughout the Order—will join in saluting the newspapers for their part in guarding our liberty.

This is a deserved recognition of a noble profession, and at the same time National Newspaper Week affords our fraternity the opportunity to tell again the great story of Elksdom. Through cooperation with the newspapers and enthusiastic observance of the occasion, our lodges can inform the public of the charitable, benevolent and patriotic work of the B.P.O.E. Through the years, it has been found that local newspapers are among the most effective means of communicating to

the public both the activities and the goals of our lodges—our accomplishments and our ideals.

In order that the newspapers of our nation can completely and accurately disseminate the news of the Order of Elks and of its accomplishments, it is imperative that we cooperate by making that news immediately and accurately available to the proper personnel. The public—as well as our own members—is entitled to know, through the columns of the newspapers, the good that we do. It is newsworthy.

Elksdom owes an incalculable debt of gratitude to this nation's press for the recognition the fraternity has received in thousands of newspapers. By according us this type of publicity, the newspapers have fostered the Order's growth in size and prestige, and have helped us to realize many of our goals. It is fitting that we use this occasion to repay kindness with kindness and honor the press that honors us.

To stress the importance and patriotic significance of Newspaper Week, I would like to quote a statement made by Dr. Howard R. Long of Southern Illinois University, addressing Chester, Ill., Lodge at last year's observance.

"What is happening or has happened in the Far East," said Dr. Long, "will happen in America unless the people take enough interest in their own rights to freedom of information."

Let us make this salute to our newspapers another example of how Patriotic Fraternalism fights for Freedom!

Wm S Hawkins

WM. S. HAWKINS, Grand Exalted Ruler

Elks National Service Commission



This photograph represents the presentation of \$250,000 in tanned leather, for occupational therapy departments of Veterans Hospitals throughout the country, provided by the Elks of Arizona, California, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Wyoming.

Standing at center background, eighth from left, is Elks National Service Commission Vice-Chairman Henry C. Warner with Committee Chairman Robert N. Traver of California on his right. The presentation was a highlight of the Grand Lodge Convention.

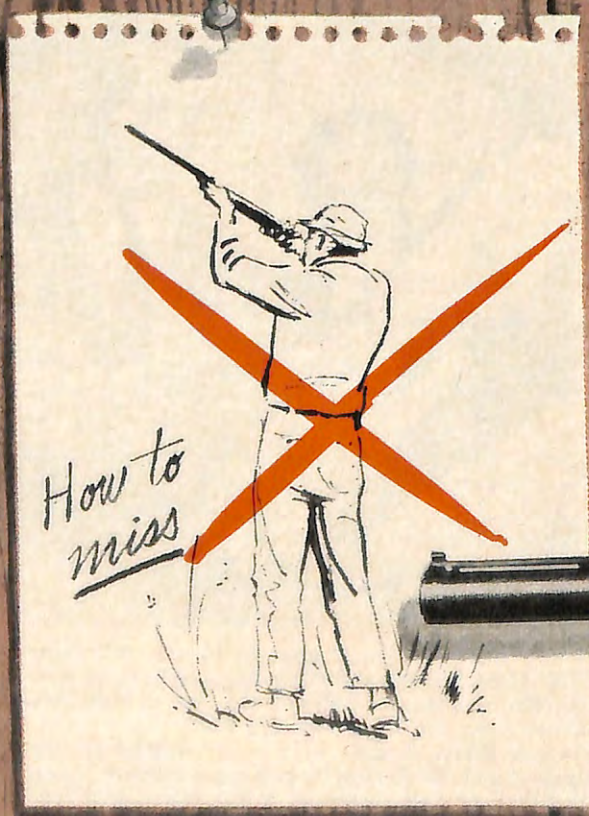
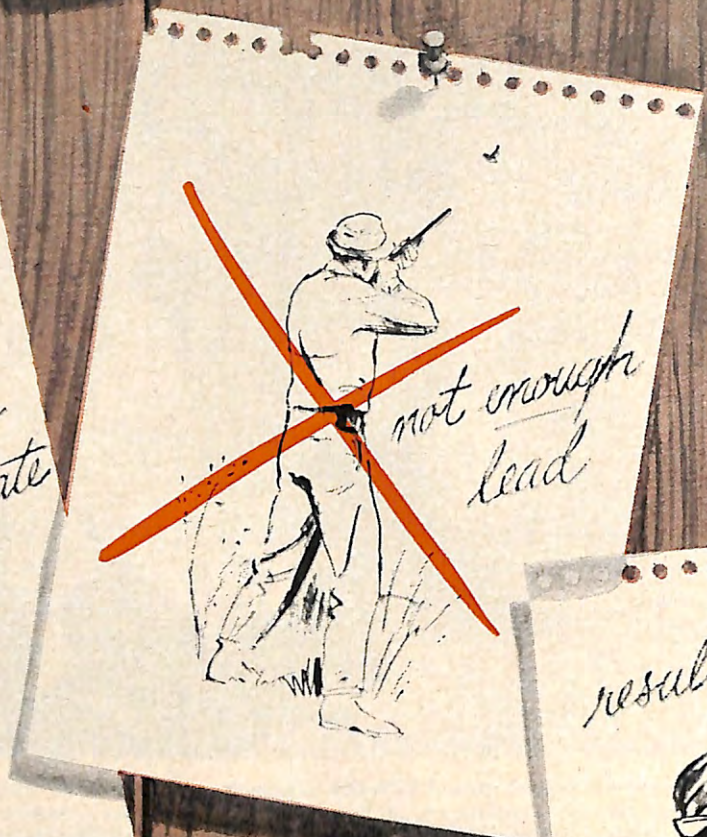
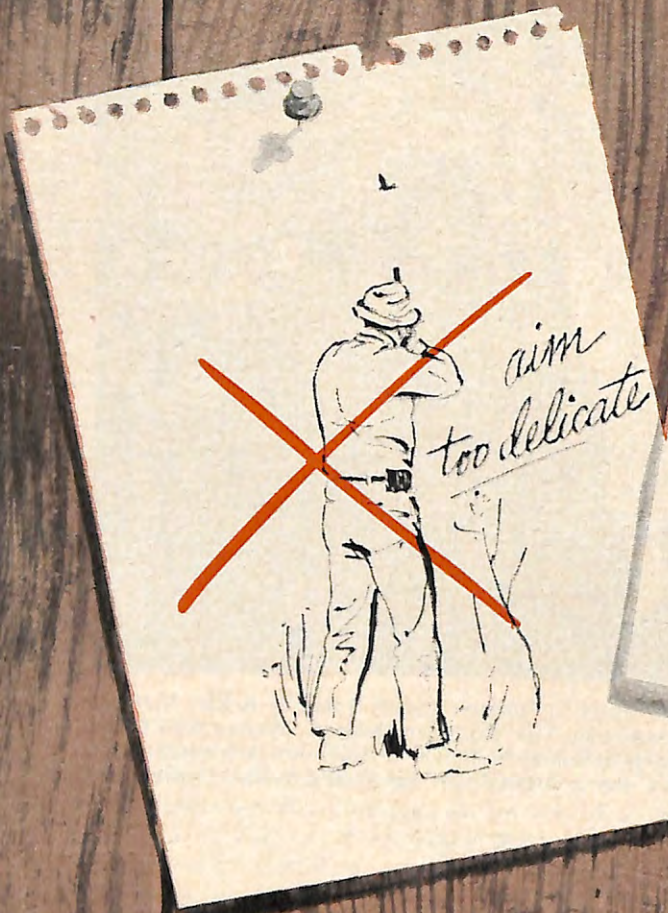
Activities on Three Levels



The Rhode Island Elks played a large part in the Volunteer Awards Program held during National Hospital Week at Providence Veterans Hospital. The event, held in the auditorium, was televised over the Hospital's closed circuit system. Dr. Edward C. Morin, Chairman of the State Elks Hospital Service Committee, arranged a very fine variety program to entertain the veterans after the presentation ceremonies. Left to right are Dr. Morin, Recreation Director of the Hospital Edward J. McGrory, a Pawtucket Elk, and retiring State Pres. Edouard N. Decelles.



VAVS representative Charles K. Carter; Salt Lake City, Utah, E.R. Mont Gowers, and Wells Tannery foreman John Speters, left to right, examine the hides turned over to Fort Douglas Veterans Hospital by the Elks. The 275 hides collected by members of Jackson, Wyo., Lodge, were to be shipped to Los Angeles for tanning and distribution by California Elksdom. When they arrived in Salt Lake City, however, it was feared that further shipment might cause spoilage, so Mr. Gowers and Mr. Carter arranged for local processing without charge, by J. L. Fox of Wells Tannery.



Trouble With Doves

By DAN HOLLAND

ILLUSTRATED BY DONALD F. MOSS

DOVES leave me gaping. I've been a hunter long enough that I can usually come up with a good alibi if not with a good shot. An alder gets in the way of a woodcock, a pine tree of a ruffed grouse. Bob-white take off too low over the dog's back, or toward a farmhouse a mile away, I explain as I eject the empties. It isn't easy to come from a deep crouch in a blind to rake down a fast mallard overhead. When a jacksnipe jumps, my hand is in my pocket reaching for a match.

But doves leave me gaping, and speechless. Normally they fly past in the wide open. There is ample time and room for a free swing. There is nothing between the gun and the bird but thin air, and nothing behind him but blue sky. That leaves no excuse to miss, I tell myself, but I do.

And I'm not the only one. I once hunted doves with an Air Force Colonel who was a crack shot. During his service career he had

taken full advantage of the skeet-shooting opportunities. He seldom missed a clay bird, and I had seen him do his stuff on quail. He talked enthusiastically about duck shooting. He didn't brag, yet I soon knew I was talking to a man who could hit them. But he had never shot doves.

We stood between two hedgerows in a lane which separated two enormous fields of thistle. The hedgerows were sparse enough that we could see the birds coming as they traded back and forth between the two fields, yet dense enough that we could stand upright as comfortably as the Colonel stood on his skeet range. It was ideal. There was only one trouble: the birds were doves.

After the Colonel had missed two or three, he said, "I'm obviously not getting down on my gun." After he was certain that he was down on his gun, he said, "I guess I shot over that one." Later he (*Continued on page 24*)



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About Brotherhood And Statehood

WHILE IN GREAT FALLS for the Montana Elks Assn. Convention, Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawkins was called upon to dedicate the fine new Speech and Hearing Wing of the Great Falls Rehabilitation Center. The Elks of the city furnished the Wing at a cost of \$10,000 and in his address, the Order's leader dedicated it to our youth. Mr. Hawkins presented the dedication plaque to two children who represented the many who will receive speech and hearing therapy in the new wing. The children, in turn, presented the plaque to the Center's Director Richard Nord. It reads: "Dedicated to the principle of Brotherly Love by Great Falls Lodge No. 214, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks."

During the ceremonies, Great Falls Lodge's Exalted Ruler Edward C. Alexander presented \$1,500 to Kenneth E. Hickel, Executive Director of the Montana Society for Crippled Children and Adults, for the operation of the Wing.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, LODGE, No. 420, played a leading role in the 4th of July Statehood Celebration of Alaska's Capital City. During the observance, Juneau's Elks entertained the Sheriff's Posse of Contra Costa County, Calif. This group of 137 persons, including the mounted posse which led the July 4th parade, was composed almost entirely of Elks and their ladies, most of them from Richmond and Concord, Calif., Lodges.

John A. Miller, representing Richmond's Exalted Ruler, opened the festivities on the 3rd when he presented a 49-star Flag to Juneau's Est. Lead. Knight M. L. Fenster. This was followed by the 4th of July Queen's Ball at the lodge home when Dodie Peterson was crowned by Mayor M. L. MacSpadden, a Juneau Elk.

On the morning of the 4th, following its usual custom,



JUNEAU, Alaska, Mayor M. L. MacSpadden, a member of the Order; P.E.R. C. L. Wingerson who was Master of Ceremonies, and Miss Dodie Peterson, Juneau's 4th of July Queen, were pictured, left to right, at the Statehood Day celebration in Alaska's Capital.



GREAT FALLS, Montana, Lodge's Speech and Hearing Wing at the Great Falls Rehabilitation Center was dedicated by Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawkins, pictured, right, with the Center's Director, Richard Nord, and Leslie Beck and Dick Knutson who represented the children who will receive aid in the new building.

Juneau Lodge conducted the children's races and in the afternoon's parade, the Elks were awarded second prize for the float they entered in the "most patriotic" group.

The California visitors were the guests of Juneau Lodge from the 3rd to the 8th, with Past Exalted Ruler C. L. Wingerson in charge of entertainment.

COLORADO ELKDOM welcomed a new branch of the Order not long ago when Englewood Lodge No. 2122 was instituted.

Denver Lodge No. 17 was the sponsor of this lodge and its officers handled the installation ceremonies. Englewood Elkdom has 150 members who elected John C. Just as their first Exalted Ruler.

THE ANNUAL FISHING RODEO sponsored by State College, Pa., Lodge, No. 1600, for boys and girls from four to 14 years of age was another big success. This year over 300 youngsters participated in the event which was held at three ponds located about five miles outside the city. Transportation, instruction and supervision for the project were provided by the 15 enthusiastic members of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee, including Chairman Carrol F. Ekdahl and, of course, Exalted Ruler Robert H. McCormick. Over 1,200 fish were snagged by the young anglers.

The Rodeo was one of 20 activities sponsored by the lodge last year, which served 4,131 young people of the community and helped State College Lodge win the State Elks Association Contest for the best over-all Youth Activities Program.

PHILIP T. JOHNSON of St. Paul, Minn., Lodge, No. 59, passed away August 7th at the age of 72.

Initiated in 1942, Mr. Johnson went through the chairs to become Exalted Ruler in 1946. In 1950, he was appointed District Deputy and in September, 1953, he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding service. During his Elk career, he had been Chairman of the lodge's Membership Committee and Co-Chairman of its Social and Community Welfare Committee. Since 1943, he had

served as Elks National Veterans Service Commission Hospital Chairman for the VA Hospital in St. Cloud and the Veterans Hospital at Fort Snelling. At the time of his passing he was a Trustee of the Minnesota Elks Assn.

A 3½-ACRE TRACT, ideally suited as a park, has been donated to Sarasota, Fla., Lodge, No. 1519, by Mrs. Marie Selby, wife of the late Wm. G. Selby.

Past Exalted Ruler Joe E. Barth, a lodge Trustee, approached Mrs. Selby early this year with a plan for the conversion of this land into a park. Mrs. Selby immediately agreed to donate the property; since her husband had been an Elk for over 30 years she is very familiar with the many charitable endeavors of the Order, both local and national.

The park site is located about five miles from the city on Phillipi River. A paved street runs to its entrance, and plans call for its immediate clearing and beautifying, so that it will be ready for the Elks' annual picnic next month. It will be named "Elks' Bill and Marie Selby Park" and shall be maintained as a living memorial to both its donors, in recognition of their many generousities.

Deeded to the Elk Trustees and their successors, the Park will be managed, regulated and supervised entirely by Sarasota Lodge. Other religious, school, youth, charitable, civic and fraternal organizations will be invited to use its facilities under the rules and regulations specified by the Trustees.

NEWS OF QUINCY, MASS., Lodge No. 943, has been interesting and varied recently. The Strawberry Festival sponsored by

the Youth Activities Committee at the lodge home was a huge success, with 14-year-old Georgia Maher crowned as Festival Queen. This was the first program held for the newly formed Junior Elks Club for teen-agers of 14 years and over. Other activities planned for the Juniors by the sponsoring Quincy Elks include the formation of a choir and glee club, panel discussions, bowling teams, instruction in parliamentary procedure, theatrical programs and record hops.

Another community project of Quincy Lodge was the presentation of a 49-star Flag to the city, with Mayor Amelio A. Della Chiesa accepting it from Past Exalted Ruler J. Russell Bradley at public ceremonies held at City Hall. The program was followed by a colorful parade.

SIXTY-EIGHT GOLFERS from Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa played in the first Minnesota State Elks Golf Tournament at the Rochester Golf and Country Club. The 18-hole medal play contest was open to both professional and amateur golfers, the latter classified according to handicap and the pros competing in one group.

All top honors went to Minnesota golfers. The Class A championship flight went to Bob Miller of Rochester, while Art Lillyblad of Red Wing and Joe Shea of Owatonna tied for first-place honors in Class B. Norm Kuyath of Rochester was the winner in the Class C division. In the Senior division, Earl Edes of Minneapolis took low gross honors, while low net was shared by Mr. Edes and C. A. Hendrickson, also of Minneapolis. In the Professional division, Wally Ulrich of Austin came in first with 67, four under par.



TUCSON, Arizona, Lodge's E.R. Blaine Moke is pictured, center, with some of the medal winners in the recent Arizona Junior Olympic Swimming Championships co-sponsored by the Elks and the Y.M.C.A. Over 650 youngsters from all over the State participated in the two-day meet when Paul Ostroy set a new national Junior Olympics free-style record.



ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Lodge's E.R. Lester J. Jackson, center, presents the city's first 49-star Flag to Mayor Joseph Altman, P.E.R. and lodge Trustee. Others are Elks National Foundation Scholarship contestants, left to right, Jo Anne Draude, Arthur Blitz and Carol Thomas, sponsored by Atlantic City Lodge and winner of the \$500 Foundation award for the State.



LONG BEACH, California, Lodge honored our 49th and 50th States with a special program attended by 600 persons when Est. Lead. Knight Dr. C. H. Fabish explained the arrangement of the stars on our new Flag to three of the 21 Miss Universe Contestants, left to right, Miss Japan who won the title, Miss Texas who was runner-up in the Miss U.S.A. Contest, and Miss Iceland.



LAKE WALES, Florida, Lodge sponsored three of the winners in the Soap Box Derby semi-finals in Tampa. They were, left to right, John Commeville who had the best brakes; Elvin Johnson whose car was the best designed and Roy Singletary who was the oldest contestant. The lodge's Youth Committee sponsored the local Derby this year and will do so again in 1960.



MASSACHUSETTS ELKS are pictured when they visited Camp Sea Haven, operated during the summer for the rehabilitation of polio and cerebral-palsy victims. In the background are Elks of Mass. N.E., with some of the Camp counselors. In the foreground are, left to right, Chairman John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, Camp Director Mrs. Daniel Harrington, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, State Pres. Louis Dubin and State Trustees J. F. Clancy and F. E. Laycock.



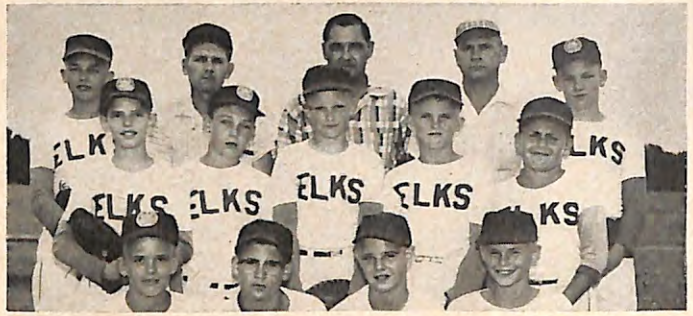
LEWISTOWN, Pennsylvania, Lodge's Student Assistance Committee is pictured with eight \$200 scholarship winners. The students are, left to right, John B. Walker, Jr., Barbara Sunderland, Hazel Ballentine, Diane Wischaupt, Gloria Gilbert, Carol Bingman, Esther Gentzel and Louis E. Fisher. Committeemen are, seated, J. G. Willard, C. R. Price, G. M. McNitt, P. L. Powell, John Gorman and Eugene Colyer.



GOVERNEUR, New York, Lodge's home was dedicated by these dignitaries, left to right, foreground, P.D.D.'s Edward Hudson and Ralph Foote, Past State Pres. Theodore R. Beales, E.R. Robert C. Dier, Chairman James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Membership and New Lodge Committee, Past State Pres. Francis Hart and Dist. Chairman Edward Burns of the State New Lodges Committee who was guest of honor. In the background are other lodge officers and Trustees.



DAYTON, Ohio, Lodge welcomed these candidates, all sponsored by Trustee T. R. Williams. They include former All-American Lew G. Hinchman, now a WHIO TV and radio sports commentator, and Charles Hinkle, also prominent on WHIO. Left to right are Earl E. Brenner, Eugene C. Rose, Trustee Williams, R. C. Mulholland, Charles Hinkle and Lew Hinchman.



PONCA CITY, Oklahoma, Lodge's "A" and "B" junior baseball teams took the championships of their Leagues for the second year. As a token of appreciation their sponsors took the boys and their coaches by special train to Kansas City to see the Athletics play the Yankees. The "A" team is pictured with the men who coached them to a 13-2 record for the season. In the center background are, left to right, Coach Hubert McMonigle and Assistant Coaches Elwin Gillogly and Albert Crane.



NORWICH, Connecticut, Lodge welcomed 15 candidates at a ceremony held on "French Night." The ritual was handled by a group of Past State Presidents. They were, left to right, seated, T. J. Clark, J. J. Gillespie, Grand Est. Lead. Knight Arthur J. Roy, Dr. George Caillouette and E. J. Maley; standing: A. C. Weisner, George Grasser, T. F. Winters, John Nugent, M. S. Ackerman, L. I. Olmstead and D. F. Foley. Over 400 Elks attended.



SOUTHEASTERN ELKS held their two-day annual Golf Tournament at Griffin, Ga., where E.R. C. H. Kite, right, presented the Haygood-Tolbert Championship Team Trophy to three of the four members of the winning Griffin Team. They are, left to right, Emmett Craddock, Bill Simons and Jep Pullin. Missing golfer is Troy Smith, Jr. Mr. Craddock was elected President of the Southeastern Elks Golf Assn. and the 1960 Tournament will again take place at Griffin.



VINCENNES, Indiana, Lodge's fine new country club was the scene of the annual golf tournament for lodges of the Indiana Southwest District. The team representing the host lodge took permanent possession of the trophy by winning it for the third time. The Vincennes champions are, left to right, Frank Landrey, Earl Greenwell, John F. Miller and Dick Rohrer.



HUNTINGTON, West Virginia, Lodge entertained 70 foreign students from 22 countries at a dance at its home. The visitors were welcomed by Committee Chairman F. R. Rodriguez, E.R. R. D. Carpenter and Entertainment Chairman I. H. Follrod.



ASBURY PARK, New Jersey, Elks were hosts to more than 385 students at the High School Junior Prom held at the lodge home. Chairman of this successful affair in which the Elks' ladies assisted was P.E.R. Frank Ten Broeck, Jr., of the Scholarship Committee.

LODGE NOTES

The Elks of Sierra Vista, Ariz., deserve tremendous credit for their outstanding promotion and observance of July 4th as "Americanism Day". *The Huachuca Herald* cooperated by publishing a "Special Elks' Supplement" on July 3rd in which Vice-President Nixon, J. Edgar Hoover, Governor Fannin, Senator Hayden, Congressmen and other high government officials, as well as Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wisely were quoted. Each of these men wrote "A Message on Americanism" for this edition in which they commended Sierra Vista Elkdom and the newspaper for this joint endeavor.

Garden Grove, Calif., Lodge held its second annual Lucky Baldwin Bowling Tournament, and Bowling Chairman John R. McKinley reports that 1,000 California Elks and their wives participated in the two-day contest.

Thanks to the Michigan Elks Major Project Commission, little Charlotte Kenyon is able to see. The Ann Arbor youngster had been confined to her home because her eyesight was so badly impaired and she had no glasses to correct her vision. When Chairman Charles W. Hall and his Ann Arbor Elks' Handicapped Children's Committee learned of her plight, they came to her aid. When they found no help available from other sources, they called upon the State Elks' Commission. Now the young lady has her glasses and is happy in her new-found freedom.

When the 58-year-old cornerstone of St. James Cathedral was opened recently, the Fresno, Calif., Elks Lodge came into the limelight. It was found that the stone held a sheaf of papers which proved to be the lodge's 1901 membership roster. After other historical articles had been removed, a large medalion was revealed. Although it was a little crusty with age, the letters "BPOE" shone clearly. It is suspected that the first rector of the Cathedral, Rev. Harvey J. Hanson who was also Chaplain of Fresno Lodge at that time, was responsible for this promotion of our Order.

The Elks of Babylon-Bay Shore, N. Y., have placed the accent on youth in recent months. They cooperated with the Stancato National Accordion School by sponsoring an accordion recital at Babylon Memorial Grade School. Twenty children from eight to 12 years of age took part in the recital which realized \$100 for the Babylon Guild of Good Samaritan Hospital. Exalted Ruler Michael De Salvo accepted the gift for the Hospital.

Scouting is a very serious thing with the Elks of Bridgeport, Conn., who recently held their 10th Anniversary Father-and-Son Dinner for the Boy Scout Troop and Explorer Post they sponsor. The boys' current record is an enviable one—six Eagle Scouts, eight Star Scouts, one Life

Scout, two Eagles with Bronze Palm and two Explorers with the Gold Award. The Explorers have a 12-boy Rifle Club which is affiliated with the National Rifle Assn., and it has won the Regional Standard Award. One of the Eagle Scouts, Edmund Kelly—whose Elk father is the Troop's Scoutmaster—represented the Eagles of the State in making a Scouting safety report to Gov. Abraham Ribicoff; ten members of the lodge's Scout Committee have completed advanced Scoutmaster Training, and Past Exalted Ruler John Gillespie has received a trophy in recognition of his ten years' membership on this Committee.

Long Branch, N. J., Lodge held a 40th Anniversary Testimonial Dinner honoring Past Exalted Ruler Carlton Warwick. Among the guests welcomed by Exalted Ruler Robert Olivadotti were 82-year-old Past District Deputy George Hirtzel of Elizabeth who helped found Long Branch Lodge in 1901, and Pres. Edward Hannon and Vice-Pres. Frank Garriel, Jr., of the New Jersey Elks Assn. Past Exalted Ruler Dominic Grandinetti was Chairman of the Committee.

Hartford, Conn., Lodge's Father and Son Night had an added attraction—prizes which included a trip to New York for a major-league ball game for a number of youngsters. Other activities included refreshments and a program conducted by Capt. Frank Chamerooy of the Conn. State Police. Dr. John S. Wetherbee is Youth Chairman for the lodge.

The varied youth activities of Cambridge, Mass., Lodge are receiving a large, and deserved, amount of coverage in the *Cambridge Chronicle*. The lodge underwrites the Little League program of the community in which a total of 570 boys played during the past season. The Elks sponsor two teams in the League which is composed of 18 major, 18 minor and four farm groups. E. S. McCann is Chairman of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee and recently it sponsored a Boy Scout "bivouac". The event, which included contests and exhibits, was held on a Memorial Drive parking lot and attracted a great deal of interest and favorable comment. The Cambridge Elks' participation in the Elks' statewide patriotic essay contest, when two of their six entrants were awarded prizes, also came in for its share of praise.

When it was learned that last year's Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely would not be able to attend the annual Convention of the Oregon Elks Assn. in June, Klamath Falls Exalted Ruler G. C. Flitcraft flew his own plane to Salinas, Calif., in order to present an official Oregon Convention hat to Mr. Wisely. Mr. Flitcraft was accompanied on the flight, made several weeks before the Meeting, by General Convention Chairman Mike Balsiger and Past Exalted Ruler Vern Moore of Klamath Falls Lodge.



TRACY, California



WRANGELL, Alaska



FRESNO, California



OCEANSIDE, California



MESA, Arizona

... These little piggies went to market during TRACY, CALIF., Lodge's annual banquet for the California Elks Major Project. Paul Lenox, Jerry Lee, Bill Grove, Neal Stearley and E.R. Gust Marmas as pictured, left to right, as they counted the coins which the dinner guests deposited in the famous Purple Piggy Banks which aid this project.

... President Hal Gilfilen of the Alaska State Elks Assn. addressed 19 graduates of WRANGELL High School at their commencement exercises when numerous Elk awards were presented by Mr. Gilfilen, E.R. Olaf B. Hansen, Youth Committee Chairman R. E. Fisher and Past State Pres. James Nolan. Left to right are Mr. Gilfilen, Miss Carolyn J. Ness who received the local \$50 Youth Leadership Award and a \$250 Student Leadership Contest prize, Mr. Carroll Hamley who won the local \$50 Youth Leadership prize and a total of \$1,100 in Elks National Foundation Scholarships, and Mr. James Nolan. In the background are Mr. Hansen and Mr. Fisher.

... Michael J. Ryan, a FRESNO, CALIF., Elk for 14 years, recently witnessed the initiation of his three sons. Left to right are Mr. Ryan, his sons Michael, Jr., Mayo and Gregory, E.R. Frank E. Leino and Past District Deputy Austin M. Healey who sponsored the trio.

... These Charter Members were present when OCEANSIDE, CALIF., Lodge celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Left to right, they are Walter Johnson, Walter Clapham, Ralph Blodgett, Harry Zimmerman, Fletcher Cherry and Roy Hoover. Fifteen of the lodge's 26 living Past Exalted Rulers attended the program which was highlighted by reviews of the history of the lodge given by Past District Deputies Paul Beck and N. P. Maurer.

... Ten years to the day after its institution, MESA, ARIZ., Lodge welcomed a class of 100 new members, most of whom appear in this photograph.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

1959-1960

Ala. Central	JAMES J. BURKS	Birmingham No. 79	Mo. Southeast	ROBERT G. MADISON	Festus-Crystal City No. 1721
Ala. North	GRAY L. LOVELACE	Florence No. 820	Mo. Southwest	ORVILLE F. KERR	Springfield No. 409
Ala. South	WARREN S. REESE, JR.	Montgomery No. 596	Mont. East	ARNOLD B. RUNNING	Miles City No. 537
Alaska East	E. ROBERT HAAG	Juneau No. 420	Mont. North	FRANCIS A. BLACK	Hayve No. 1201
Alaska West	BUD METZGAR	Kodiak No. 1772	Mont. West	ARTHUR G. FITZPATRICK	Helena No. 193
Ariz. Central	RAY N. WOMBACHER	Casa Grande No. 1957	Nebr. East	GRADEN L. RATHBUN	Lincoln No. 80
Ariz. North	CARL S. KELLEY	Winslow No. 536	Nebr. West	GEORGE E. MINTZER	Alliance No. 961
Ariz. South	M. E. MCPHERSON	Bisbee No. 671	Nev.	MELVIN E. LUNDBERG	Elko No. 1472
Ark. East	ROBERT L. HARRISON	Mountain Home No. 1714	N. H. North	DELLAS LAMBERT	Franklin No. 1280
Ark. West	JAMES M. VAUGHAN	Hot Springs No. 380	N. H. South	MAJOR L. RODD	Concord No. 1210
Calif. Bay	PAUL S. MOFFATT	Berkeley No. 1002	N. J. Central	WILLIAM T. FLANAGAN	Rahway No. 1075
Calif. E. Central	GERALD STROHM	Fresno No. 439	N. J. No. Central	FRED A. PADOVANO	Kearny No. 1050
Calif. North	FRANK E. CORSON	Susanville No. 1487	N. J. Northeast	HARRY W. WOLF	Bergenfield No. 1477
Calif. No. Central	EUGENE HEIL	Stockton No. 218	N. J. Northwest	KENNETH GEISELMANN	West Orange No. 1590
Calif. Northwest	EMMETT S. DADO	Petaluma No. 901	N. J. South	ISAAC C. GINSBURG	Atlantic City No. 276
Calif. South	FRANK W. BURNS	Redlands No. 583	N. J. So. Central	CLARENCE M. LITTLE	Hightstown No. 1955
Calif. So. Coast	CHARLES B. LANNING	Newport Harbor No. 1767	N. M. North	LOUIS R. KAVANAUGH	Las Vegas No. 408
Calif. So. Central	L. KEITH TINDALL	Lancaster No. 1625	N. M. South	JAMES N. BUJAC	Carlsbad No. 1558
Calif. So. Cent. Coast	LEROY J. KOOS	Culver City No. 1917	N. Y. Central	ARTHUR P. OLIN	Oneida No. 767
Calif. W. Central	WALTER J. SCHVEEN, JR.	Salinas No. 614	N. Y. East	HARRY M. MACY	Patchogue No. 1323
Canal Zone	THOMAS G. RELIHAN	Cristobal No. 1542	N. Y. E. Central	EDWARD F. TURCHEN	Middletown No. 1097
Colo. Central	EDWARD M. KLIPKA	Lakewood No. 1777	N. Y. North	JOHN J. O'BRIEN	Whitehall No. 1491
Colo. Mountain	JOHN E. ALLEN	Gunnison No. 1623	N. Y. No. Central	CHARLES N. HALE	Carthage No. 1762
Colo. North	LEWIS E. KITTS	Greeley No. 809	N. Y. Northeast	J. HARRY SODEN	Cohoes No. 1317
Colo. South	LOYD M. FRANKS	Lamar No. 1319	N. Y. South	RUSSELL J. DiBLAS	Ossining No. 1486
Colo. West	ALBERT G. WUNDERLICH	Telluride No. 692	N. Y. So. Central	ROBERT W. STUART	Binghamton No. 852
Conn. East	LOUIS J. MORAN	Willimantic No. 1311	N. Y. Southeast	JOHN L. FRANK	Queens Borough No. 878
Conn. Northwest	FRANCIS P. HINES, SR.	Bristol No. 1010	N. Y. Southwest	J. GERALD GRIFFIN	Hornell No. 364
Conn. Southwest	PATSY J. DiPIETRO	Norwalk No. 709	N. Y. West	RAYMOND BARNUM	Lockport No. 41
Del., Md., D.C. East	T. FRANCIS BRITTINGHAM	Salisbury No. 817	N. Y. W. Central	WILLIAM P. PRENDERGAST	Penn Yan No. 1722
Del., Md., D.C. West	FRANCIS W. TAYLOR	Silver Spring No. 1677	N. C. Central	KENNETH R. KNIGHT	Winston No. 449
Fla. E. Central	VAUGHAN F. MARTIN	Winter Park No. 1830	N. C. East	PAUL FITZGERALD	Raleigh No. 735
Fla. Northeast	W. LEE MONK	Gainesville No. 990	N. C. West	W. P. ALEXANDER	Statesville No. 1823
Fla. Northwest	L. M. STRICKLAND, SR.	Tallahassee No. 937	N. D.	KENNETH J. MULLEN	Grand Forks No. 253
Fla. South	O. RALPH MATOUSEK	Homestead No. 1754	Ohio No. Central	ERNEST WIDNER	Bellevue No. 1013
Fla. So. Central	JAMES W. VANN	Pahokee No. 1638	Ohio Northeast (No.)	F. ALVIN SEUFFERT	Cleveland No. 18
Fla. W. Central	H. F. JOHNSON	Wauchula No. 1700	Ohio Northeast (So.)	FRANK B. HALLOCK	Akron No. 363
Ga. Northeast	GEORGE C. IMES, JR.	Griffin No. 1207	Ohio North	ALBERT J. ALLMAN, JR.	Tiffin No. 94
Ga. Northwest	JOHN S. ANDREWS	Dalton No. 1267	Ohio So. Central	HAROLD M. SCOTT	Portsmouth No. 154
Ga. Southeast	A. WRIGHT KNIGHT	Brunswick No. 691	Ohio Southeast	JOHN M. WELSH	Barnesville No. 1699
Ga. Southwest	CHARLES E. ROWE	Moultrie No. 1277	Ohio Southwest	RICHARD E. FARIS	Hillsboro No. 361
Hawaii	M. O. ISHERWOOD, SR.	Hilo No. 759	Okla. Northeast	J. KENNETH HARRISON	Sapulpa No. 1118
Idaho East	ARCHIE M. McFARLAND	Salmon No. 1620	Okla. Northwest	W. T. HUGHES	Woodward No. 1355
Idaho North	ROSCOE L. WILLIAMS	Moscov No. 249	Okla. Southeast	CHAPIN WALLACE	McAlester No. 533
Idaho South	CECIL E. KENT	Caldwell No. 1448	Okla. Southwest	HAROLD CAREY	Lawton No. 1056
Ill. E. Central	WARREN A. TITUS	Princeton No. 1461	Ore. North	A. P. VENGELLEN	Portland No. 142
Ill. Northeast	RAYMOND D. ST. AUBIN	Oak Park No. 1295	Ore. Northeast	WILLIAM S. THOMAS	La Grande No. 433
Ill. Northwest	CLARENCE E. YEAGER	Sterling No. 1218	Ore. Northwest	E. N. BUTLER	Corvallis No. 1413
Ill. South	DAVID W. EYERS	Salem No. 1678	Ore. South	OTTO STREITBERGER	Myrtle Creek No. 1943
Ill. Southeast	ROBERT H. STOFER	Charleston No. 623	Ore. Southeast	LEE McCLENDON	Burns No. 1680
Ill. Southwest	COURTLAND W. LYBARGER	Granite City No. 1063	Pa. Metropolitan	WILLIAM GRAVELLE	Braddock No. 883
Ill. W. Central	HARRY J. GREGORY	Galesburg No. 894	Pa. No. Central	H. BEECHER CHARMBURY	State College No. 1600
Ind. East	JAMES A. ST. MYERS	Union City No. 1534	Pa. Northeast	BRYDEN S. McINTYRE	Wilkes-Barre No. 109
Ind. Northeast	MARVIN E. RICH	Huntington No. 805	Pa. N.E. Central	JAMES P. TOLAN	Mahanoy City No. 695
Ind. Northwest	CLARON VELLER	LaPorte No. 396	Pa. Northwest	DONALD G. NANTES	Corry No. 769
Ind. Southeast	CLYDE M. MARTIN	Bloomington No. 446	Pa. So. Central	WILLIAM D. BAILEY	Lebanon No. 631
Ind. Southwest	JAMES C. HYLAND	Evansville No. 116	Pa. Southeast	CHARLES G. RATHKE	Bristol No. 970
Ind. West	HAROLD DUNGAN	Shelbyville No. 457	Pa. Southwest	WATKIN W. WILSON	Washington No. 776
Iowa Northeast	R. J. VLACH	Cedar Rapids No. 251	Pa. West	THOMAS M. GIBBONS	Sharon No. 103
Iowa Northwest	GERALD G. HEMPHILL	LeMars No. 428	Pa. W. Central	CHARLES C. FLEGER	Tarentum No. 644
Iowa Southeast	WENDELL G. WHITE	Muscataine No. 304	P. I.	HOWARD M. CAVENDER	Manila No. 761
Iowa Southwest	ROBERT E. WEICHMAN	Des Moines No. 98	P. R.	JOHN F. MALLEY, JR.	San Juan No. 972
Kan. Northeast	VINCENT M. WHITAKER	Topeka No. 204	R. I.	JOHN W. MOAKLER	Providence No. 14
Kan. Northwest	FLOYD W. DAVIS	Phillipsburg No. 1915	S. C. East	HORACE E. MILLER, JR.	Charleston No. 242
Kan. Southeast	BEN L. HUMPHREYS	Pittsburg No. 412	S. C. West	ROBERT T. ARIALL	Greenville No. 858
Kan. Southwest	BYRON BARR	Wichita No. 427	S. D.	ROSS E. CASE	Watertown No. 838
Ky. East	GARLAND F. GUILFOYLE	Newport No. 273	Tenn. East	C. EARL OGLE	Gatlinburg No. 1925
Ky. West	WILLARD A. MOORE	Princeton No. 1115	Tenn. West	MOREY EVANS	Northgate-Memphis No. 2039
La. East	JACOB CLAUSEN	Franklin No. 1387	Texas Central	HARRY T. DAVIDSON	Austin No. 201
La. West	GILES W. MILLSAUGH, JR.	Natchitoches No. 1363	Texas East	LOUIS KAYATT	Beaumont No. 311
Maine East	WILLIAM P. MENNEALY	Presque Isle No. 1954	Texas North	BENNY L. HART	Brackenridge No. 1480
Maine West	LAWRENCE C. MURPHY	Rumford No. 862	Texas Southeast	P. WALTER HENCKELL	Baytown No. 1649
Mass. Cape	VINCENT T. McHUGH	Attleboro No. 1014	Texas Southwest	LOYD W. BURWICK	McAllen No. 1402
Mass. East	MELVIN R. TAYMORE	Chelsea No. 938	Texas West	T. O. WILKINS	Lubbock No. 1348
Mass. E. Central	THOMAS F. O'MALLEY	Framingham No. 1264	Utah	WILLIAM A. BEAZER	Provo No. 849
Mass. Metropolitan	EARL F. BALLOU	Medford No. 915	Vt.	PETER N. HALL	Hartford No. 1541
Mass. North	FELIX L. O'NEILL	Lawrence No. 65	Va. No. Central	LAWRENCE A. BELCHER	Richmond No. 45
Mass. South	JOSEPH E. BRETT	Quincy No. 943	Va. Southeast	BENJAMIN L. CAMPBELL	Petersburg No. 237
Mass. West	RAY E. GODDU	Holyoke No. 902	Va. Southwest	ROBERT S. GARNETT	Marion No. 2009
Mass. W. Central	EDWARD CHITOW	Gardner No. 1426	Wash. Northeast	BOYD E. ERIKSON	Ephrata No. 1816
Mich. E. Central	BERNARD F. McBRIDE	Alma No. 1400	Wash. Northwest	JOHN W. STOMBAUGH	Anacortes No. 1204
Mich. Northeast	F. FREEMAN WILSON	Sault Ste. Marie No. 552	Wash. Southeast	HENRY E. SAVAGE	Colfax No. 1794
Mich. Northwest	FRED J. MICHETTI	Ironwood No. 1278	Wash. Southwest	RUSSEL B. POLLARD	Kelso No. 1482
Mich. Southeast	CLEMENT C. VOGEL	Port Huron No. 343	Wash. W. Central	J. S. ROBERTS	Tacoma No. 174
Mich. Southwest	JOHN HUIS	Otsego No. 1711	W. Va. Central	CHARLES A. JENKINS	Fairmont No. 294
Mich. W. Central	LEWIS L. NURNBERGER	Manistee No. 250	W. Va. North	THOMAS A. GOODWIN	Wheeling No. 28
Minn. Central	MARTIN P. HUNZIKER	Willmar No. 952	W. Va. South	W. R. FUGITT	Beckley No. 1452
Minn. North	J. A. ROSE	International Falls No. 1599	Wis. Northeast	PAUL A. FISCHL	Manitowish No. 687
Minn. South	L. R. BENSON	Rochester No. 1091	Wis. Northwest	ROBERT F. SCHILL	Wisconsin Rapids No. 693
Miss. North	CHARLTON G. BRENT	Vicksburg No. 95	Wis. South	THEODORE M. OETTINGER	Waukesha No. 400
Miss. South	EARL M. BUCKLEY	Gulfport No. 978	Wyo. North	HAROLD M. FALLBECK	Riverton No. 1693
Mo. Northeast	GEORGE TALLEN	Columbia No. 594	Wyo. South	MAURICE VETA	Torrington No. 1726
Mo. Northwest	ROBERT W. BOYLE	Kansas City No. 26			

Mainly Along the East Coast



Cumberland's Mayor J. Edwin Keech, second from left, foreground, welcomes Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. J. Jernick to the Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn. Convention. At left, foreground, is City Commissioner Mrs. L. W. Roeder; at right is retiring Pres. Earl J. Huber. Others, left to right, are City Commissioners G. R. Light and J. J. Long, D.D. F. W. Taylor and host E.R. F. L. Robertson.



His first official visit as Grand Exalted Ruler found Wm. S. Hawkins as the guest of Montana Elkdom at the State Meeting in Great Falls. Left to right are Grand Lodge Youth Activities Chairman W. L. Hill, third-place National Youth Leader Mary Anne Zimmerman, first-place Elks National Foundation Award winner Daniel J. Smith and Mr. Hawkins.



At Holiday Isles Lodge, E.R. Robert Cameron, standing, delivered the gavel to Florida State Pres. C. I. Campbell. Left to right, seated, are State Secy. James Fernandez, Pres. Campbell, Past Pres. George Carver, Director of the Fla. Elks Crippled Children's Hospital, and Grand Trustees Chairman W. A. Wall.

CUMBERLAND WAS THE SCENE of the 39th Annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Assn. when 800 Elks and their ladies saw Louis A. Myers of Salisbury Lodge installed as President for the coming year.

The three-day session opened July 30th with a reception at the City Hall where Mayor J. Edwin Keech, a member of the host lodge, welcomed the Association officers. Harry S. Tracy was Chairman of the Entertainment and Convention Committee, providing an outstanding program of social events for the guests of his lodge.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick was the guest of honor at this meeting which was also attended by Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Lloyd B. Pahlman and the area's new District Deputies, Francis Taylor and Francis Brittingham.

Committee Chairman Otto Ortland presented to Joanna H. Cato a \$100 Assn. award and another \$100 Elks National Foundation prize for Youth Leadership, with William Hahn receiving \$100 from the Assn. as top boy in the Youth Leadership Contest. Seven other young people were also rewarded in this field.

Memorial Services held on July 31st were well attended by the Elks and their guests, and it was decided that the Annual Convention would take place at Cambridge late next summer. Seasonal meetings will be held this month, and in January, April and July, 1960.

Serving with Mr. Myers are Vice-Presidents Thomas E. Blades, Jr., Crisfield, Otto Ortland, Annapolis, and Charles Kretchman of Baltimore. Secy. R. Edward Dove of Annapolis and Treas. Joseph C. Motyka, Washington, D. C., continue in office. F. L. Robertson, Cumberland, is Chaplain; H. G. Robinson, Prince Georges County, is Tiler, and Trustees are C. S. Martin, Washington, Elmo Hackett, Dover, Dela., William Wise, Cambridge, John McFarland, Havre de Grace, George Krill, Baltimore, E. R. Bowlus, Frederick, D. T. Witts, Towson, and outgoing Pres. Earl Huber, Prince Georges County.

WILLIAM J. JERNICK, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order and a member of Nutley, N. J., Lodge, installed the new officers of the New Jersey State Elks Association who were elected at the organization's June 19th and 20th meeting in Atlantic City.

Edward J. Hannon of Dunellen was

unanimously elected President of the group, succeeding Matthew J. Coyle. Serving with Mr. Hannon are Vice-Presidents C. Bernard McMenamin, Bound Brook, C. Dean Ewen, Millville, Frank Garriel, Long Branch, Morris Rosenblum, Bayonne, George Dorchak, Jr., Livingston, and William E. Morse, Belleville. Harold L. Wertheimer of the host lodge continues as Secretary, and Theodore Grimm of Bloomfield is Treasurer. Michael A. Meany, Sr., Mount Holly, is Chaplain; James McKenna, Cliffside Park, Inner Guard; Charles A. Rorke, Rahway, Sgt.-at-Arms, and Trustees are Chairman Emanuel J. Eckstein, Atlantic City, Secy. Charles A. Hotaling, Red Bank, Harry H. Smith, Englewood, Julius J. Marion, South Orange, Denis A. G. Lyons, Passaic, and George L. Hirtzel, Elizabeth. W. E. Whelan of Point Pleasant is Tiler and H. A. Burnham, Union City, Organist.

Reports of various Committees gave ample evidence of the growth and progress which has been enjoyed by New Jersey Elkdom during the past year, and Past District Deputy Bart Boyle presented scholarships to a handicapped boy and girl to a four-year course at colleges of their choice.

A parade representing most of the State's 93 lodges along Atlantic City's famous boardwalk was witnessed by an estimated crowd of 100,000 persons. A banquet at the President Hotel climaxed the highly successful reunion.

VIRGINIA ELKDOM'S GOLDEN Anniversary was celebrated in fine style when an enthusiastic crowd of Elks and visitors attended the Association's Convention in Harrisonburg August 15th to the 19th.

Speakers included Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins and Virginia's own Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker. Mr. Hawkins emphasized the importance of sponsoring Boy Scout Troops in his address. Mr. Walker gave a memorable eulogy on the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett at the Memorial Services when the Hon. Lawrence H. Hoover gave the memorial address.

Grand Inner Guard Charles D. Fox, Jr., was also on hand to see Paul S. Johnson of Roanoke elected President. Judge Johnson's lodge will be host to the 1960 Meeting August 11th to the 15th. The new official family also includes Vice-Presidents Landon B. Maxey, Suffolk, Charles H. Kirsh, Richmond, and W. Lenon Oakes, Danville; Charles F. Curtice, Petersburg, is Secy. once again; Cecil T. Duffee, Norfolk, is Treas.; V.



Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman Leo B. Carey of West Warwick, R. I., presents the third-place \$300 Grand Lodge Award to Youth Leader Peter A. Kelly of West Warwick who received \$300 from his State and sponsoring lodge. At left is R. I. Youth Chairman T. J. Pendergast.



Grand Lodge Committeeman Raymond J. Quesnel, center, is congratulated as the new Vermont State Elks Association President by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, left. At right is Dr. William F. Maguire, former President of the Massachusetts State Elks Association.

King Pifer, Hampton, Chaplain, and retiring Pres. Porter R. Graves, Harrisonburg, is five-year Trustee.

The Virginia Elks Boys' Camp, Inc., completed another fine year under Pres. Friend L. May and Camp Director Joseph S. Hackman, and Morris Lutto gave a report for the Veterans Service Committee which spent \$5,000 last year on our hospitalized servicemen. The State's lodges gave over \$70,000 to charities since the last Convention and during the meeting Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins presented \$200 State Youth Leadership Awards to Miss Wilda M. Wampler and Larry L. Sampson who also received a \$100 Bond from the Elks National Foundation. Miss Louise E. Duis received a \$500 State scholarship and a \$600 Elks National Foundation Award. Another \$600 Foundation scholarship also went to S. A. Garrison, III, who won \$300 in the State contest.

Ritualistic work in Virginia, under the leadership of Robert S. Garnett, continues on the upgrade. The State title went to Suffolk Lodge this year, with Richmond in second place.

The Harrisonburg visitors were well entertained by a Steering Committee headed by O. D. Simmons, Jr. There was a dance each night with the Grand Ball on the 17th. A chicken barbecue was served in the Endless Caverns, followed by a guided tour of the caves. Other social features included luncheons, buffet suppers, several swimming parties, and golf tournaments for both the Elks and their ladies.

OVER 1,200 ELKS and guests were registered for the 51st Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Elks Association in Wheeling August 20th, 21st and 22nd. All 25 lodges of the State were represented, with 14 of the 23 living Past Presidents, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner and Grand Trustee Dewey E. S. Kuhns, on hand to welcome Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Wm. S. Hawkins.

At this session it was revealed that

attendance at the Assn.'s Crippled Children's Camps had increased this year, and the delegates voted to raise to \$5,500 the amount allotted to this important project next year. As usual the Veterans Service Committees did an outstanding job, and it was revealed that the Association is contributing \$1,000 to the Elks National Foundation this year. At an open meeting, well attended by the public, reports were made and awards presented by both the Scholarship and Youth Activities Committees. The Director of the Crippled Children's Camps also spoke and introduced some of the children who have benefited from this fine program.

George W. May of Fairmont is the new President of the organization with W. Grady Carper, Princeton, Ray Malone, Wellsburg, and Edwin L. Kimble, Morgantown, as Vice-Presidents. Garnett W. Shipley, Martinsburg, remains as Secy., and Wm. F. Cook, Princeton, is again Treas. Louis A. Maxwell, Sistersville, was named a five-year Trustee joining L. E. Pruett, Beckley, G. J. Jones, Wheeling, S. O. Stover, Elkins, and W. Don Morris, Huntington.

A two-mile parade highlighted the lighter side of the Convention and at the banquet of the Past Exalted Rulers' Assn. H. W. Ryan of Williamson was elected President. E. C. Shroades, Martinsburg, is Vice-Pres., and Secy.-Treas. is R. H. Talbott, Elkins.

Fairmont Lodge will be host to the annual conclave next year.

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Trouble with Doves

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said, "I'm too tight today; I'm not following through." Finally he said, "What am I doing wrong?"

To make matters worse, I was red hot that day, actually hitting an occasional one, and he knew that I wasn't much of a shot. If I ran up a score of 20 on the Colonel's skeet range, they would retire the two-handled, two-quart loving cup with my name engraved across it in a fine old English hand.

When I hit another, he was slightly less than civil. "Come over here and tell me what I'm doing wrong," he demanded.

I walked over and stood behind him, which didn't help his shooting at all. He missed again, and even I could see why he didn't connect, but it wasn't easy to tell him.

The crack-shot Colonel had two faults, common to almost everyone who has never shot doves. For one thing, a dove's flight appears so effortless that he didn't realize how fast they were traveling. He was underleading them. For another, and more important, he was shooting too deliberately. Trying to make his shots count, he was swinging with a studied aim, even more so than he would have done at clay birds. Nothing could add more to the longevity of a dove than a deliberate aim.

Good dove shots swing fast.

A dove has a rolling, twisting, darting pattern of flight. He doesn't stay in one line long enough to permit an easy swing as at waterfowl. An experienced dove shot waits until the right moment to touch the butt of the gun to his shoulder, then he swings and fires. A fast swing gives him ample lead, of course, and it may catch the bird before it goes into its next roll.

The fastest thing a-feather, in my mind, is a Cuban dove. He is a shade smaller than our mourning dove, and he does even more ducking, dipping and weaving. All that shooting over there has made him nervous, I suppose.

A perfect score on these speedballs as far as I am concerned is one bird for every two shells. Although I've shot them several times, I've never made my perfect score. Cuba doesn't put much of a bag limit on anything (especially sympathizers with the losing side), but we always imposed a 15-bird-a-day limit on ourselves. Twice I had 14 doves with 29 shells. All I had to do was connect with the next one. Each time I waited for an easy shot and aimed carefully—and missed, of course.

The next fastest thing to a Cuban dove is our mourning dove, often called turtle dove after its biblical ancestor. After that, the next fastest thing I've shot at is the Chilean dove. In general appearance he looks just like the mourning dove or the Cuban dove, but he is

larger than our own bird. I've brought down my limit of 15 Chilean doves with a box of shells, and I'm proud of it.

Still, in spite of being such an elusive target (or perhaps because of it), the dove is by far the most popular of all upland game birds. Its enormous contribution to our sport of hunting was made graphic in surveys conducted by an ammunition firm. These show that as many as 19 million doves have been harvested in one season. They also show that in the 30 states where shot, the take exceeds even that of rabbits, long the Number One consumer of ammunition in America. And at the same time the dove population is increasing!

This increase is due to several factors, good game management being one of them. For another, unlike most wild game, the dove thrives on civilization. Being a seed eater, it has benefited by the disappearing forests and the intense cultivation of the land. Also, the mourning dove nests several times a year, as many as six times in the proper climate; therefore there is no such thing as an unfavorable nesting season wiping out an entire year's crop. And there are other reasons. Biologists have discovered that these birds have a very short life expectancy regardless of the shotgun. Seventy per cent of them never reach the age of one year. They don't survive from the end of one shooting season to the next so it is sane to use some of this excess as a sporting crop.

Another interesting fact about the dove is that it is the only upland bird found in all of the old 48 states, although it is listed as a game bird in only 30 of them. And, whereas it is constantly increasing within these 30 states where hunted, there is little evidence of increase in the other 18. The reason for this is that autumn shooting, when the doves are at their peak of population, thins the ranks and reduces the opportunity for the spread of diseases. This is a case of having our cake and eating it too.

In the 18 states where he is not recognized as a game bird, he is hardly recognized at all—except by the most inveterate of bird-watchers. More non-hunters have asked me the identity of "that funny looking bird with the pointed tail" than of any other species.

Yet everyone knows the dove by name. They know him as the messenger which returned with the olive leaf to the ark: "So Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth." They know the dove as the symbol of peace. If they have read the Song of Solomon, they may also recognize him as the harbinger of spring: "And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

For these purely sentimental reasons, the dove is a prime target for anti-hunt-

ing groups. It is the name, not the bird, which they know and wish to place on the song-bird list. The game bird actually bears little resemblance to the symbolic olive-branch dove, which is portrayed as a fat but immaculate pigeon. Our dove is slim and graceful, with a long, tapering tail. And it is buff color, not white.

And those who would classify him as a "song" bird certainly don't know "the voice of the turtle" when they hear it. The voice of the turtle dove is one of melancholy and despair. It is the dirge of the bird world, a sorrowful, complaining coo repeated over and over, producing a deeply depressing effect on some people.

Shooters and conservationists alike will agree that a dove can take care of himself. It is the hunter who needs help. He must be an able man with a shotgun, and even this isn't enough if he doesn't understand these birds. Some knowledge of the natural history of any particular game animal or bird is a necessity to consistent success.

The dove has one outstanding habit: his regular journeys to water. He will travel to water every morning and evening, sometimes many miles from his feeding grounds, and he makes unscheduled trips to water during the day. When his crop is full, he goes for a drink. It is said that early travelers in the arid regions of the West followed the course of dove flights to obtain water for themselves.

A hunter should never shoot the water hole, however. For one thing, it wouldn't be sport. The birds fluttering down to water would be easy marks. For another, the doves would shift to another water hole immediately.

Doves are primarily weed-seed eaters. During hunting season, however, they are often found in the stubble of rice, barley, wheat, oats, or whatever is handy, picking up the leavings from the harvest. Otherwise, especially if driven to it, they resort to waste land and continue to feed on weed seeds. They are gregarious, traveling in bunches of from

two to a dozen, and practically all the doves in any immediate area will feed in the same field.

If a shooter is fortunate enough to find such a field unmolested by other hunters, he is all set—if he doesn't get too greedy. He and his friends can shoot the field itself as long as they don't overdo it. A dove is more persistent than a duck. To a point, he will come in despite the shooting as long as there is food. If bombarded, however, the birds will feed elsewhere the next day.

The safest procedure, and the most fun, is to study the birds' line of flight—the channel through which they enter the field and leave with a cropful of food. Here a few fellows can enjoy excellent pass shooting without running the risk of driving the birds away.

And this pass shooting at doves is something special. Nothing will teach a man the mechanics of a shotgun—swing and lead—more effectively than a mourning dove. A fellow will hate himself in the process of learning—and be all the more satisfied with himself when he finally does connect.

I've hunted with only one newcomer to dove shooting who took it in his stride. When a half-dozen whipped by in the early-morning light, he dropped one with his first shot.

"Nothing to it," he remarked coolly.

Apparently the field had been worked hard the day before because they didn't come through as we had anticipated; so his record stood up. It wasn't until several years later that he told me he had a confession to make.

"Remember that morning we went dove shooting in California about three years ago?" he asked.

"Yes," I answered, "I remember. That was the best dove score I've ever witnessed: one shot, one dove."

"I have something to tell you," he continued. "There were about six birds in that bunch. They went by so fast I can't say for sure how many. Anyway, I shot at the lead bird in the flock, and the one that dropped was the last one in the flock." • •

GRAND EXALTED RULER IN THE NEWS

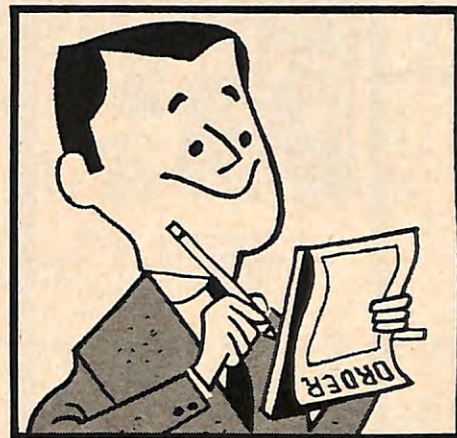
Tribute was recently paid to Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins, and to the Order as a whole, when the *Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Press* published an entire section devoted to the civic and fraternal activities of Mr. Hawkins, the news of his election, highlights of his acceptance speech, and accounts of the benevolent, patriotic and social programs of the B.P.O.E.

Accounts were given of Mr. Hawkins' role in the development of the Rehabilitation Center at Boise, of his concentration on sponsorship of and cooperation with the Boy Scouts, and of his efforts on behalf of his lodge, the State Association and the Grand Lodge. There were also full-page

articles describing some of the good works of Elkdom. One article, for example, made the point that the Elks pioneered in the observance of Flag Day, and another praised Coeur d'Alene Lodge's Youth Program. In addition, the entire center spread of the newspaper section was devoted to photographs of Coeur d'Alene Past Exalted Rulers.

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FREEDOM'S FACTS

Reds Plot New Youth Drive

AMERICA'S future strength largely depends upon today's youth. We cannot afford to think of these boys and girls as merely carefree children, not to be taken seriously—for they will be tomorrow's voters, and many of them will be tomorrow's leaders. That is why Elldom so emphasizes youth programs to foster the qualities that make good citizens. The communists too are aware of the importance of young people in national and world affairs. The danger of communist infiltration into youth groups is pointed out in this month's excerpt from Freedom's Facts—monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. The Conference consists of fifty national patriotic organizations, including the B.P.O.E.

American youth organizations should be on the lookout for increased Communist activity among teenagers, students and young workers. Reds will be heavily armed with propaganda.

Behind this story is the recent announcement that all U. S. Communist Party members, including Party youth, have been ordered to "widen the Party's youth work and its participation, initiative, and influence in mass youth movements and campaigns." (*Political Affairs*, June 1959.)

The Reds can be expected to encourage and support all kinds of local youth organizations and committees, among them various "interim and provisional forms of organizations"—for the immediate purpose of establishing a Communist base among American youth.

Why? The Party's youth expert, Hyman Lumer, explains: "The Party cannot wage successfully the fight for progress and socialism without striving to win a solid base among the youth, and without a continual influx of young people into its ranks."

You can check off two aims for the Reds' renewed youth operations: to build a base for Communist power in the U. S.; and to subvert American youth into entering full Communist Party membership.

Here is what the Communists have in mind:

1. Formation of a national socialist organization broad in popular appeal but based on a hard-core of Party members. This organization would seek *united front* alliances and activities with other youth organizations.

2. This organization would admit both Communist and Marxist-oriented

non-Communist youth who want to take part in any of its activities.

3. The new organization would feature "solidarity" with working class struggles.

4. It would maintain friendly relations with the Communist Party, and "should have a positive attitude to the socialist countries."

5. It should support struggles of people all over the world for independence and liberation from imperialist domination.

This is a typical profile of a Communist-front organization of our era. Not even U. S. Communists say this idea is new. The new element is that today the top Reds think that conditions are ripe for the success of such a youth organization.

What are these conditions? Young people are taking a growing interest in social conditions. Some are interested in the "peace" movement. Communists note that on many college campuses, student or student-faculty committees have been formed to fight to end nuclear tests and outlaw nuclear weapons.

Reds also think they see a rise in unemployment among young people. Youth were the first to be laid off in the recent recession. As a result, young people are uncertain of the future. They are looking for answers to questions of unemployment, war and peace, educational opportunities. Communists are moving in to give our youth their socialist answers and a point to rally around.

In the thirties, says Hyman Lumer, "the fight for a National Youth Act, one of the main activities of the American Youth Congress, offered such a rallying point. Today, the fight for a new National Youth Act, providing aid in education, vocational training and securing employment . . . would similarly serve as a basis for rallying youth in a mass movement for jobs."

This is their kind of thinking: Pinpoint problems bothering young people. Gimmick up a program that will give youth the idea they are fighting for something they want. Then, quickly weld youth in the movement into a national socialist organization built around a hard core of Communist Party members.

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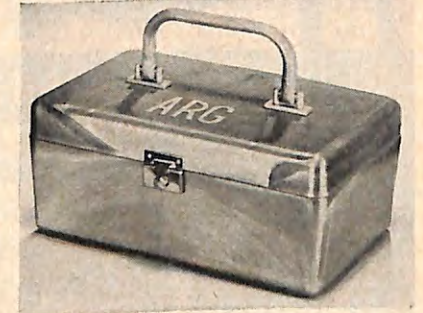
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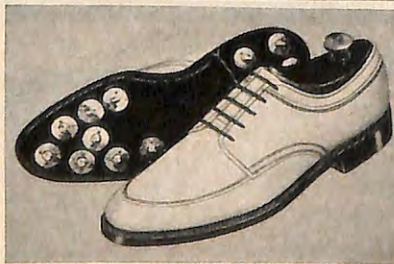


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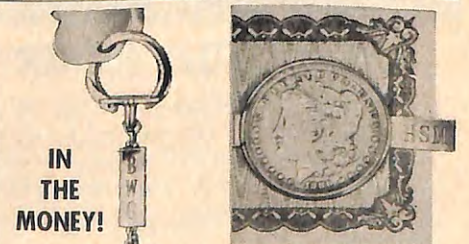
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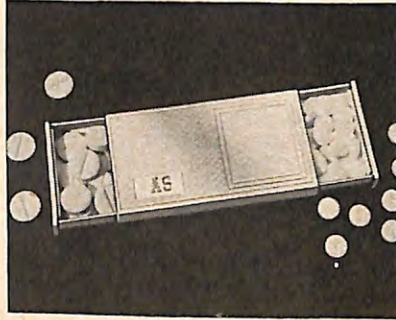
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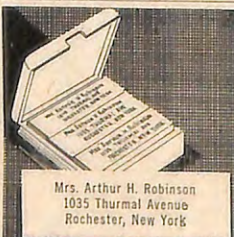


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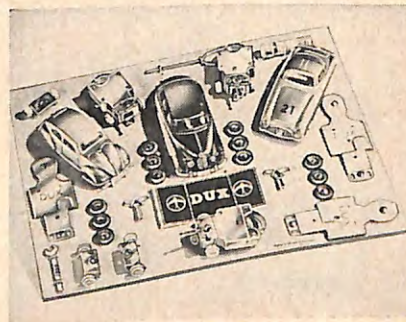
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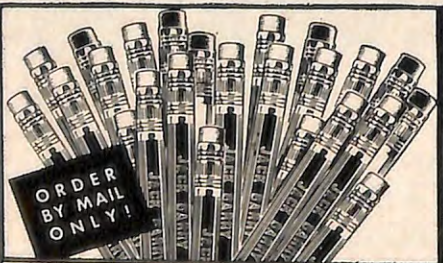
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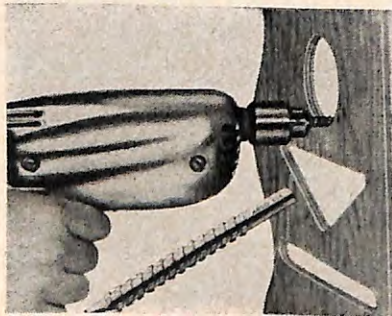
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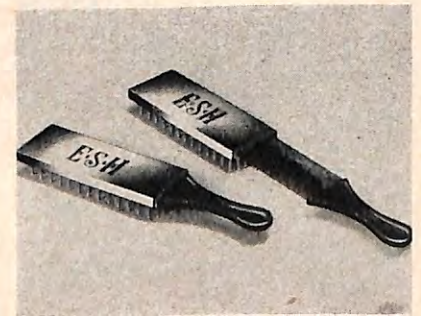
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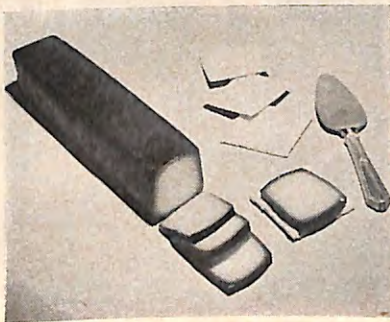


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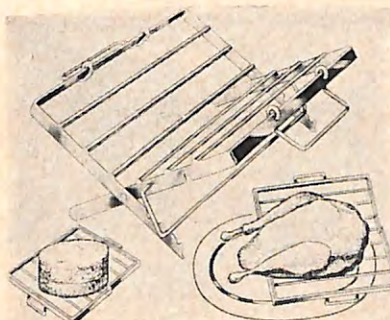
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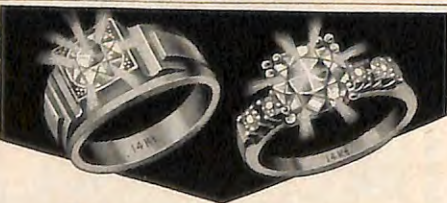
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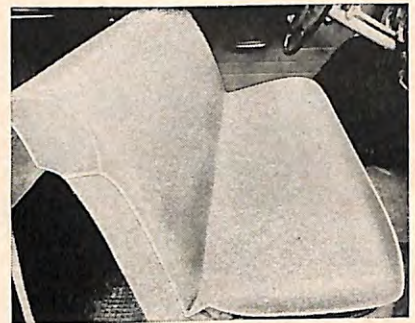
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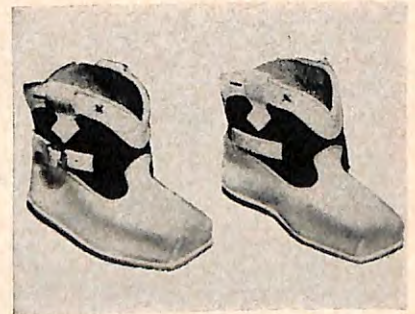
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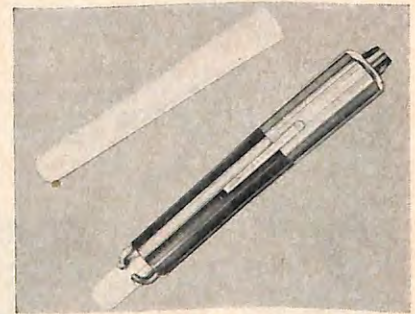
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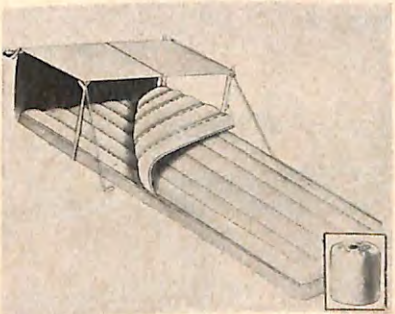
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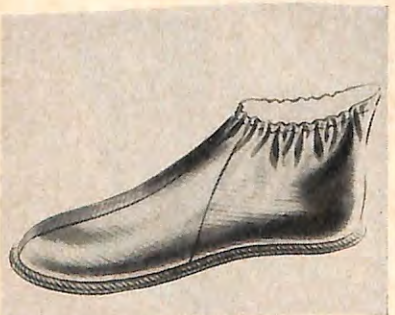
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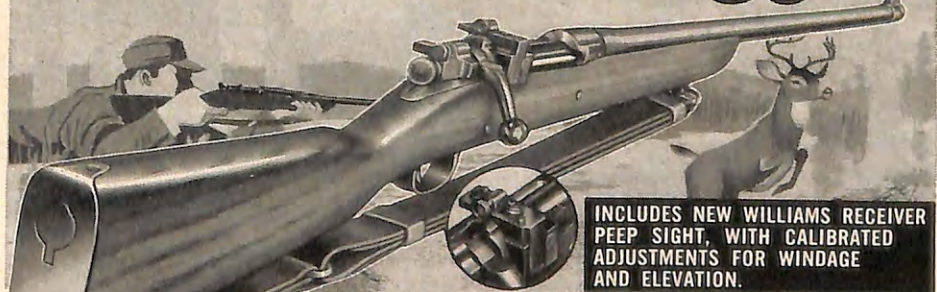
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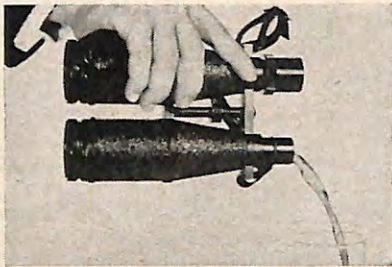


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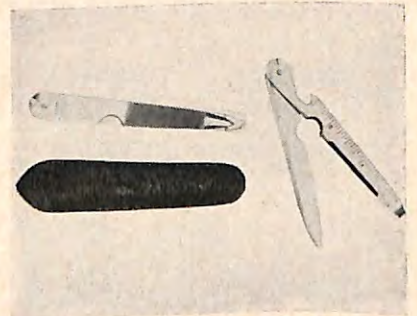
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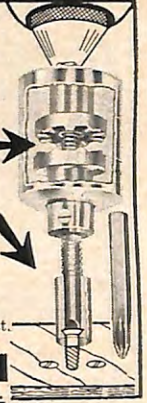
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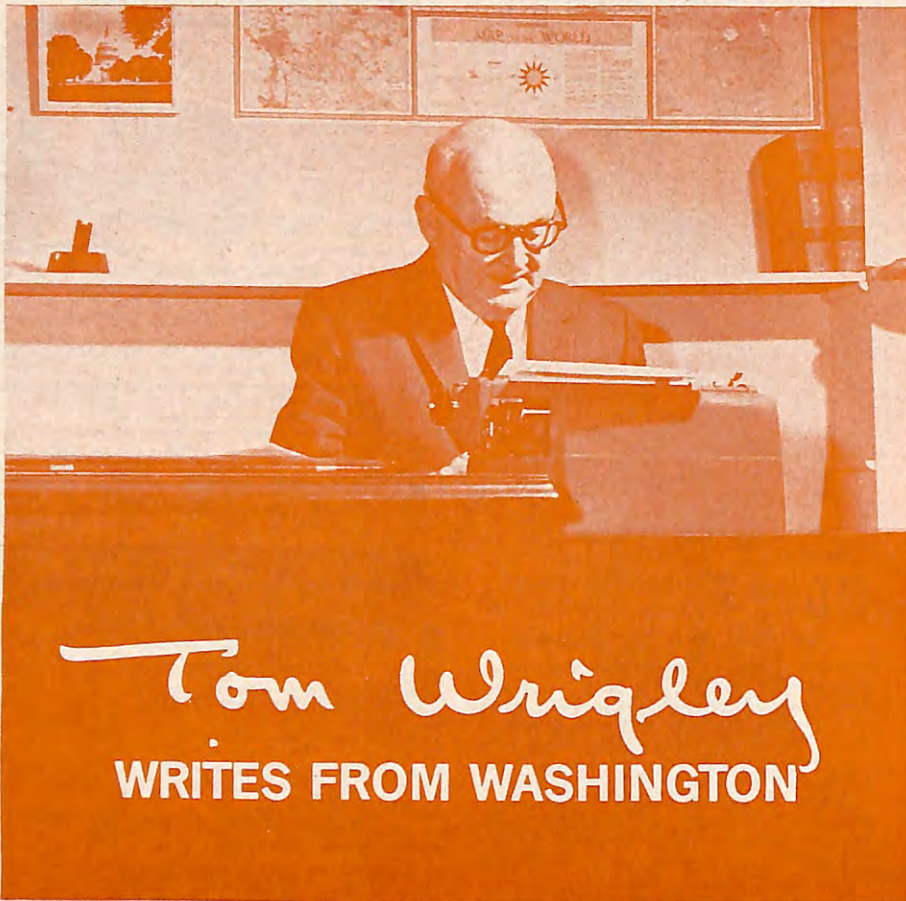
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ALLEGED foreign aid mismanagement in Vietnam and other Far East spots will be investigated by both Senate and House committees. Rep. Pilcher, Ga., of the House Subcommittee on the Far East and Pacific, leaves for Vietnam October 20 with five other Congressmen. Sen. Mike Mansfield, Mont., will send staff agents of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to Vietnam.

TAXPAYERS take notice and remember the name of Wiley Buchanan, Chief of Protocol of the State Depart-

ment. With all these foreign dignitaries coming to Washington, he has many problems, but he never complains. He took over his job in February, 1957, with a staff of 27 and he has not added one additional employee, although the work of his office has about doubled.

CONTRADICTIONS by Soviet leaders are glaringly exposed in a report of the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Administration of the Internal Security Act. Sen. James O. Eastland, Miss., Chairman, issued the report, which shows the extreme inconsistencies of the dogma of Marx-Leninism.

GERM WARFARE BOMBS can now be made at the Pine Bluff, Ark., Arsenal, declares Rep. Olin Teague, Tex. He visited the arsenal as a member of the House Science and Astronautics Committee, and is Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. The arsenal, he says, is a standby facility for producing and loading germ bombs in case they are needed in defense.

LIBRARIES have everything, according to the new catalogue of the Library of Congress. Reference libraries in the Washington area total 244. One at the National Zoo has 4,000 books on how to capture and care for wild animals. Reference books on American short-line railroads show that the Bath and Hammondsport R. R. in New York State, with nine miles of track, is one of the shortest. It is privately owned

and hauls champagne and other wines. Railroad President U. S. Arland says it is not as long as the others but is just as wide. This reporter has an honorary pass on the line "between all stations of the system"—of which there are two, Bath and Hammondsport.

THE LADY atop the Capitol dome is the Goddess of Freedom, although from her strange head-dress some tourists think she is Pocahontas. The statue weighs seven and a half tons and every four years the dome and the goddess are supposed to get a new covering of gold. The job has just been completed. It was badly needed because the last gilding was way back in 1952.

OYSTERS are in season and oyster boats are coming to Washington wharves. Shuckers use two methods, "breaking" or "stabbing". Some break the edge of the shell, then insert the point of the oyster knife. Others press the knife point in a likely spot and pry the shell open. You should always use a board and open the oyster on the side opposite the hinge, the shuckers say. An expert shucker can open 250 small oysters in 35 minutes.

POTOMAC PITH . . . A 100-foot carillon tower with 49 bells, given to the United States by the Netherlands, will soon be erected near the Iwo Jima Memorial along the way to Arlington National Cemetery . . . District gas taxes, plus Federal, now total ten cents a gallon, but liquor taxes are still lower than in most states . . . Alfalfa in Maryland, Minnesota and South Dakota has been found to have from 8 to 10 times the permissible level of strontium-90, deposited from atomic tests in Nevada . . . At Gettysburg, Pa., President Eisenhower fooled the secret service man holding open the door to his car, ducked into a crowd of townspeople and farmers and had a good time talking with them . . . Interior Secretary Fred Seaton has made such a good record that folks keep asking him if he will run for Vice-President or something next year; he tells them, "the only thing I am running for is home!" . . . Agriculture Department says an excellent bug repellent is diethyltoluamide . . . Hospital costs now average \$27.96 a day, an eleven per cent boost . . . Suggestion that Washington's overweight policemen be fed from a police "diet wagon" was turned down; they would rather stay heavy . . . Interior Department calls it "The General Grant Memorial", but New York City Street Guides say it is "Grant's Tomb" and that's what it will always be to millions of sightseers . . . On October 15, President Eisenhower will break ground at his boyhood home of Abilene, Kans., for a library of his military and presidential papers . . . A taxi driver was arrested for shaving while driving. ● ●

Trail of Mule Deer

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sometimes beside the brook, sometimes fifty feet up the slope above it, I tried to inspect them all. But a gray deer, half obscured by brush, is hard to see. I watched for movement, the flick of an ear or turn of an antler, for a white rump, for a shape that might seem out of place among the shrubs and scattered trees.

Alternately walking a few steps and pausing to look everywhere carefully, I gradually made my way along the brook. But I saw no deer. I did, however, see fresh tracks. Two or three deer had walked up this same trail earlier this same morning. I could see where their hooves had crushed the frost that had pushed up in the moist spots and their legs had brushed it off the grass that overhung the trail. It was impossible to tell whether they were bucks or does or how many of them there were, but the sure knowledge that they were here in this same little valley, perhaps browsing only two or three hundred yards ahead, kept my senses alert and my pulse racing as I followed the trail.

By now, the sunlight was creeping slowly down the western slope of the valley, only a few hundred yards above the stream. I was tempted to climb up to meet it. The warmth would be most welcome.

Still, the deer were somewhere ahead of me along the bottom. I decided to follow them.

Real tracking was, of course, impossible. I could tell from the frost that the deer were still following the trail, but not much more. Soon, as the sunlight came farther into the valley, even this aid was to be denied me. The frost was melting. It went quickly, and my hopes went with it. Now I could never tell whether the deer still followed the trail or had turned off up one of the dozens of side draws to bed down in some obscure thicket for the day. I walked along the bottom a little farther, then turned up from the bottom toward the sunlight.

UP the slope, I sat down, leaned my rifle against a rock and dug out my pipe. It was the best moment of the day. The miracle of instant warmth at sunrise is known only to hunters in high altitude.

One moment I had been shivering; the next I was soaking up the blessed heat of the morning sun like a wet kitten behind the stove.

I had missed seeing the deer by very little—maybe half an hour; maybe five minutes. If I had only reached the brook a few minutes sooner. . . . Still, if I had been earlier it would have been too dark to see them, anyway. It was just one of those things. A hunter must

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know a great many disappointments before he can really learn to appreciate success.

It was a lovely morning. Nobody should ask for more than simply to be alive at such a time. In the bottom, the trunks of the aspens were as clean white as birch and their topmost leaves, now back-lighted by the morning sun, were pure gold. Mountain maples were patches of scarlet in the basin, like bright rubies set on the golden filigree of the aspens, and the velvet green-black of the shaded conifers served perfectly to heighten the colors of the others.

Just below me on the slope an elderberry, some of its leaves gone to satisfy the appetite of nibbling deer, was laden with fruit. Its berries hung in heavy clusters, dead ripe and dusty blue. The sun-bathed trunk of a huge yellow pine was as red as brick. A few withered, black choke-cherries still clung to their twigs and the yellow cherry leaves, warmed by the sunlight, were dropping one by one. There was not a cloud in the sky.

The air was charged with a wonderful, invigorating freshness. It was as fresh as the first fresh days of spring, but typically autumnal, too. The odors of pine and sagebrush were strong and clear, but mingled with them was a hint of ripened berries, of moist earth steaming in the morning sun, and of frosted grass.

After I was warmed through and had finished my pipe and carefully ground out the ashes on a spot of mineral soil, and had resigned myself to the fact that I probably would not see a deer this day, I decided to continue up the valley. It was far too early to go back to camp, even though the best time for hunting was now gone. I was disappointed, of course, to have come so close and missed. I wanted a deer. Still, of all the year, this was the best time and the best place. The atavistic thrill of walking silently and alone in the pursuit of game, the big, bright country and the feeling of utter freedom it engendered, the perfect day were all insurance that my hunt would be successful, even though I would, in all probability, come in that evening tired and empty handed.

Since the sun had now warmed the little valley until the air was rising, I decided to walk along the hillside. In this way, I might be able to approach closely any deer that happened to be below me. I wandered along for a quarter mile or so, moving slowly and quietly and angling slightly upward as I went.

Then I dropped down into a steep brush-choked ravine, crossed it and climbed out onto a hillside bench. It was nearly level, about an acre in extent, and dotted with many of the browse plants that deer love. I half expected to find one enjoying a late

breakfast here, but of course that was not to be.

Across the bench, a ridge rose sharply, though not high, joining at a right angle the higher one that paralleled the brook. At its base on the far side, I knew from previous hunting here, flowed one of the tiny tributaries of the main stream. This trickle welled up in a clump of alders about halfway down the slope. Above that, the draw was dry, though it continued nearly to the top of the main ridge. Below the spring, it was densely grown up with alder, willow, red ozier, and other moisture-loving plants. Above the spring, the bottom was mostly barren, clothed only with grass and a few small cherry thickets.

I crossed the bench, climbed the rise and looked down into the ravine on the far side. I could see it well from the spot where I happened to top out, and though by now I no longer expected to see a deer in the open, I decided to sit down and watch quietly for a while before moving on.

I had scarcely settled myself comfortably, back against a tree, rifle across my knees, when I heard a twig snap in the dense cover around the spring. "A deer!" I thought, but I could see nothing. I watched and listened intently, but there was not another sound and I could see no movement. I decided that I must have heard a squirrel dropping a pine cone.

I leaned back and relaxed. Everything was quiet for a long time. Not a bird fluttered; not even a chipmunk scuttled through the leaves. I began to wonder whether I should move on to a new vantage point. But I was comfortable. It was easy to be lazy.

Time flowed by like a deep and quiet river. I was on the verge of dozing when, suddenly and without a sound, a doe stepped into the open above the spring. The full realization that she was actually there had scarcely sunk home when a buck stepped out of the cover beside her. He was a three-pointer, western count—three points on each antler—and as fat as butter.

The two advanced a few steps and paused to nibble at some cherry twigs. They were less than 100 yards away. I would never have a better chance for a good shot.

Slowly, cautiously, so as not to make a sound, I eased the bolt back and as carefully pushed it forward again. I turned the handle down, locking a cartridge in the chamber. I moved only my right hand, and it slowly, and kept my eyes glued on the deer to detect the first sign of alarm.

There was none. They were totally unaware of my presence. Should I shoot now, or let them come still closer? They were obviously headed up the draw, looking for a safe retreat for the day, and they would be a scant fifty yards away when they passed below me.

They were in no hurry and time stood still. They took a few steps, paused to nibble a twig or leaf, took a few more steps and paused again. I decided to wait. They would never hear my pounding heart—though it sounded loud enough to me—and the only hazard was that the rising breeze might turn and flow downhill. That was unlikely.

The doe and buck had come thirty or forty feet from the alders when a third deer stepped from cover. I caught my breath. It was a buck—a buck that looked fully twice as big as the three-pointer. It was a magnificent, mature mule-deer buck, with four points on each antler, not counting the brow tines. He, too, was in perfect condition, for the rut had not yet started. I was quickly thankful that I had not shot the smaller buck—or, for that matter, the doe—as soon as they stepped from cover.

The big buck was as deliberate as the others had been. He paused to look in all directions as he left the alders. He walked a few steps and stooped to nose the cherry bush from which the doe and younger buck had eaten. He moved on a few more steps in this direction and paused again.

Years seemed to pass. I watched a black ant crawl up my boot and disappear inside my trouser leg, but I dared not slap him. The doe and small buck passed below me. A pine squirrel chattered somewhere in the fir thicket to my right. All three deer turned their heads to look, ears forward, in his direction, their gaze sweeping directly past me in the process, but they did not see me. They remained intently alert for a minute or so, but there was no further sound, and they turned back up the draw.

The big buck was approaching the spot where I had decided to raise my rifle. The nervousness I had felt when I first saw him was now gone. There was a small, lone thick-branched fir below me. The other two deer had already passed behind it and emerged on the uphill side. When the big buck was behind it, I would raise my rifle and when he came out I would kill him. The lightning would strike and he would be dead and he would never know.

He stepped behind it. I put the rifle to my shoulder, elbows on knees, and aligned the sights on the spot where he would emerge. I waited, tense but calm.

His head, neck, and shoulders appeared. He paused. I held low on his neck, close to his head, and squeezed the trigger. The report and the recoil and his dropping motionless were as one.

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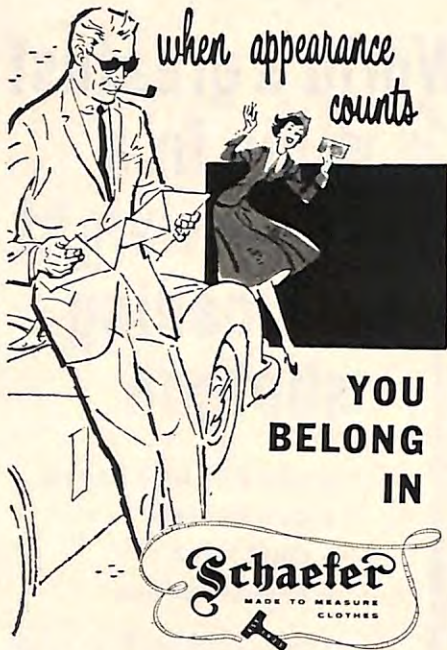
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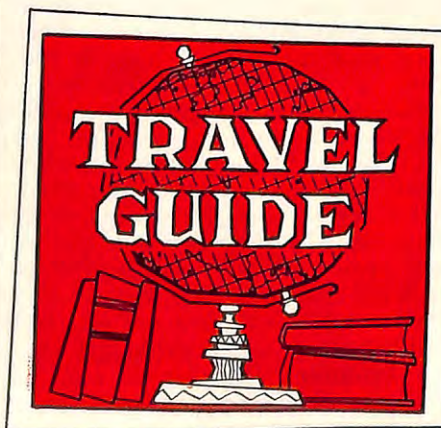
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If contemplating Mount Rainier from a distance is not satisfying enough, there are excursions down to the 14,408-foot peak, which is enclosed in a national park. And there are trips in the opposite direction to Olympic National Park on the Olympic Peninsula with its handful of 7000-foot peaks, its rivers and hot springs. And there are trips up Puget Sound and around the San Juan Islands to Vancouver, and even nearer still to the lovely old city of Victoria in British Columbia, where there is never a day when roses don't bloom nor a day when one can't have a round of golf.

Seated in a big Boeing Stratocruiser with a flying cocktail lounge on the under deck, one can fly off in two hours and a half to Alaska, the new Northwest, landing at Annette Island for a transfer by Ellis Airlines to Ketchikan, world headquarters of the salmon. Pan American World Airways flies the big Boeings, as it will ultimately fly the jets on this run, continuing on to Juneau, to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory and then onward to Fairbanks.

Ketchikan, so some wag long ago said, was named for the local practice of catching 'em and canning 'em. It is true that the city's fishermen bring in salmon by the boat load, giant halibut so big they have to be dressed out

on palettes onto which they are swung by winch. There are plenty of fish left for sportsmen, too, and king salmon abound and are considered the only real catch hereabouts. You can hook them five minutes out from the dock at the camps a few miles out of town. Juneau, farther north, is fish happy too, but it hasn't got the commercial fish interests of Ketchikan. It is a capital city and is concerned now with state government; and with what energy is left over, it takes care of its tourists, who are really putting just a toe into Alaska. Mendenhall Glacier, just outside town, is the main sight, but anybody in town ought to take time out for a look at the museum, for its cases are filled with the lore of all Alaska clear to the edge of Siberia. Fairbanks is frontier, a mixture of a few tall buildings that seem still to be out of place, and old log cabins that grow frost on the interior walls when the hateful winter comes. Alaska Airlines will take you farther north from here and so will other lines, and the government-owned Alaska Railroad will take you south to McKinley Park, to Anchorage and Seward. Nome waits for those who go northward, and Point Barrow and Kotzebue, the land of the Eskimos. And after that there is the Bering Sea and shortly thereafter Siberia begins. Isn't that about as northwest as you would want to go? • •



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The shades of fall are covering the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the foliage is changing color all along Virginia's roads. Historic Virginian attractions include Jamestown, site of one of the ear-

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KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK

Enthusiastic Patriotism

To "quicken the spirit of American patriotism" the Order of Elks again this year will take the lead in the nationwide observance of KNOW YOUR AMERICA WEEK, November 22-28, at the call of Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawkins.

The week of re-dedication to and reaffirmation of American principles is sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, a federation of some 50 national organizations of which the B.P.O.E. has been a sustaining member since the Conference was established ten years ago.

"Know Your America Week should be observed in every town in the United States," Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins said, "and every Elks Lodge should lead the observance in its community. Elks are patriots. Let's be enthusiastic patriots, so enthusiastic that our enthusiasm will infect our neighbors and all the people of the community, and especially the young people, for America's future, the defense of freedom will be up to them.

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Nelson E.W. Stuart, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, has mailed every Exalted Ruler a guide to the organization of a Know Your America Week observance, suggestions for programs and ideas for promoting the event.

The guide, prepared by the national Know Your America Week Committee of the All-American Conference, outlines the theme for each day in the week, each one intended to emphasize a particular aspect of freedom and its meaning to us.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, falls appropriately in KYA Week. The theme for this day is "Consider the blessings of freedom." Other daily themes are "The Faiths by which we live"; "Our Constitution and the laws under which we live"; "Citizenship—our rights and responsibilities"; "Education—the schools our children attend"; "Labor-Management—the jobs at which we work."

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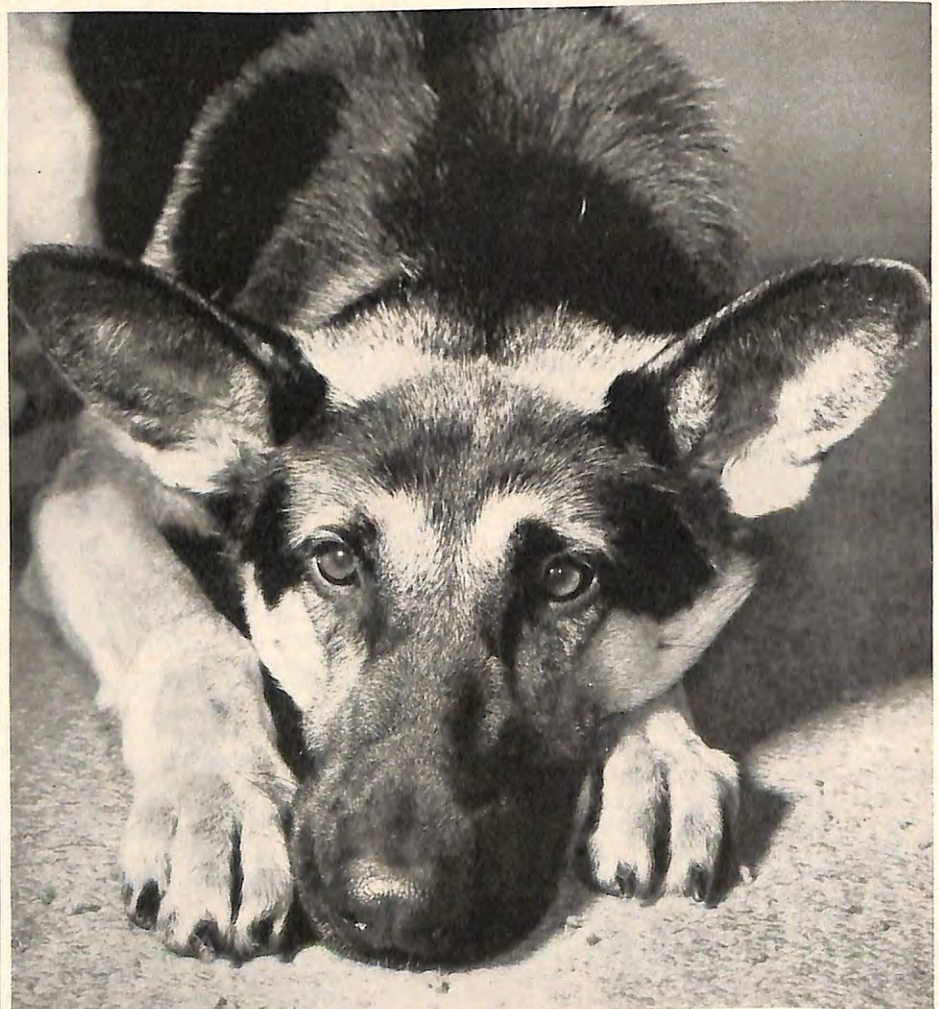
AS A HEADLINER, the dog outdistances all other animals, even the horse and the cat. In fact, whenever Fido acts a little out of character—whether in a droll or heroic way—he is pretty sure to be deemed newsworthy by countless publications, from country weeklies to metropolitan dailies.

For example, consider the case of Butch; he made the *New York Times*. A black and white cocker spaniel owned by illustrator Albert Staehle, Butch attends the annual sale of articles made by sightless people (a sale conducted by the New York State Commission for the Blind), there to pose for his master for sketches sold to aid the blind. Butch is old. He is also blind. But he has his own seeing-eye dog—his son, Butch, Jr. Outdoors, wherever Butch, Sr., goes he

is led by his own guide dog, Butch, Jr.

From the INS news wires, we learn that fringe benefits are no longer limited to people. Those brandy-bearing pups of the Alps, spending their lives bringing restoratives to lost persons, are now endowed with health insurance by the Alpine Club Center of Innesbruck, Tyrol. Owing to their work and hardships in the rugged mountains, these dogs warrant old age and health benefits. They are subject to rheumatism and blindness, caused by the severe cold and snow storms.

A story from Chicago recalls that ancient ditty, "Did He Ramble?" as we read about a Mr. John Mayo's police dog; and it also reminds me to remind my readers that the only police dogs are those specifically trained for police



The German shepherd isn't always a "police" dog but his heroism often makes news.

PHILIP GENDREAU

work—and they are not always German shepherds. But back to Mr. Mayo's dog. Three small children in the vicinity of Mr. Mayo's home got lost. Police were notified and, with the assistance of kindly neighbors, scoured the area until it occurred to one of the neighbors to investigate the Mayo dog house. Behind the padlocked door, sure enough, three small, frightened voices were heard wailing. Nobody could account for the door being locked. To add to the mystery, nobody could account for the Mayo dog until it was discovered that one of the most diligent members of the searching posse was Mr. Mayo's dog.

Santa Ana, California, is the scene of our next story, which also comes from the Associated Press. Frank Grove and James Hazleton would a-hunting go and with this in mind borrowed a time-worn hunting dog from Mr. Hazleton's sister. The game was quail, the location Lake Matthews. Game sighted. Game shot at. The shot was a starting gun for Yo-Yo, the dog. Over the hills and far away went Yo-Yo, to the amazement of the hunters. Later they learned the reason for the dog's hurried departure. Yo-Yo had been a K-9 Corps dog during World War II and, like many veterans of that war, became a victim of battle fatigue. Gunfire completely unnerved him.

I first read this with a chuckle, but it makes good sense. Here it is—an advertisement in the *New York World Telegram*: "SITUATION WANTED, Fem. dog-cat sitter. Exp'd. Reliable. Best care. Write . . ." I wouldn't be surprised if the lady received more requests than she could handle. To the dog- or cat-owning person who lives alone, or the couple similarly situated, the problem of what to do about Fido or Tabby when it is necessary to leave the animal is a very real one.

Item for stamp collectors: so far as I've been able to discover, eleven countries have issued stamps bearing pictures of dogs. They are the United States, with a Columbian Exposition issue picturing a mastiff; Newfoundland, which has made several issues, showing that Province's favorite, the Newfoundland dog; Canada, Holland, Switzerland, the Saar (while under French mandate), Russia, Germany, Greenland, Czechoslovakia, and the French colonial St. Pierre.

This story was detached from one of a number of letters that came to my desk—all from the same locality—so I don't know where the credit belongs, but the original source was the Associated Press. It's about Oscar, self-appointed postal messenger, and his likewise self-appointed assistant, Pete. Both are plain dogs without family trees, but endowed with more savvy than most of their kind. Both regularly meet the trains arriving with mail for Faber, West Virginia. Punctually, ten

minutes before train time, Oscar and Pete arrive at the station and await the dropping of the postal pouch. Depending upon its weight, Oscar—with Pete's help—carries or drags it to the post office nearby. Oscar is owned by a Mr. Bowen, who is on the payroll to meet the trains, but he claims that he didn't train Oscar to do his job. Nobody knows who drafted Pete.

In the *New York Daily News* there's a grim story of a dog preventing the murder of its master, roadhouse owner William Bates. This happened in Brookfield, a Chicago suburb, and was related by Police Chief Walter Griffin. Mr. Bates was heading for his car one day with his Doberman pinscher, Princess. Suddenly he halted as the dog began to growl. Drawing his gun, Mr. Bates opened the car door. As he did so the dog leaped into the rear seat, just as a man hidden there opened fire on the dog's owner. Bates promptly returned the fire, killing the gunman, who was found to be a slot-machine bandit. Two other conspirators, parked in a nearby car, drove off hurriedly. If it were not for Princess' spoiling the gunman's aim, Chief Griffin says that Mr. Bates undoubtedly would have been killed.

If some gentlemen attached to the fire departments of communities in the vicinity of Jackson, Michigan, never see

a certain dog again they'll be thankful. The dog, a stray, made the mistake of straying onto the ice of Center Lake. Result: ice broke, dog submerged. Kindly firemen Nicholas and Hawley of nearby Napoleon attempted to rescue the dog. They too submerged. Three members of still another neighboring community succeeded in saving both the men and the dog. To complete the misadventure, the fire truck bringing rescuers and dog back to the firehouse to thaw out mired in mud and, in turn, had to be rescued by a wrecking truck.

California's *Fresno Bee* gives us the tale of Susie and Snowball. Snowball is a Persian lady cat who prepared for the stork by making an old apple box into her maternity ward. But she made the mistake of taking a stroll one day, unaware that Susie, a fox terrier also preparing for family duties, would move in on her tidy nest. It was a bit crowded to be sure, but both mothers got along fine. Mr. Sims, overseer of both families, provided a cardboard carton as a larger nest. From then on things were comfortable, and each mother baby-sat for the other.

If you enjoy reading these occasional anecdotes about dogs and have any you'd like to see in print, send them to me for some future article. Newspaper, dated clippings or documented facts only, please. • •

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Adding Up Your Assets

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accounting terms, this hits the nail right on the head. Capital stock spells out just what it seems to detail—the number of shares and the stated value of each kind of stock the company has outstanding.

Preferred stock—if the company has any—is listed first. Then comes the common stock. Preferred stockholders have a right to dividends before the common holders and both, theoretically, are entitled to a share of the company should it go out of business.

This is why capital stock is carried as a liability, though neither preferred nor common holders are creditors in the strict sense. **Surplus**, the next major heading on the liability side, is not a liability in the strict sense, either. It represents the difference between the stated (or par) value of the stock and the net assets that stand behind the stock.

Capital surplus, for instance, measures the difference between the price at which the company managed to sell its stock in the market and the price at which the stock is carried on the books.

The stated value of a company's stock is essentially an accounting fiction, and of far more importance to the read-it-and-run security analyst, consequently, is the catch-all known as **earned surplus**. There's nothing fictional about that category. Earned surplus has the hard reality of any savings account, because in effect that's exactly what it is.

Earned surplus is the account into which funnels whatever earnings a company has left over after meeting all its costs and paying its dividends. Earned surplus is often also called re-

tained earnings. This is the cash a company will tap if it is going to build a new plant or invest in new equipment.

Retained earnings, in fact, coupled with depreciation—the money written off against wear and tear on plant and equipment—is the single biggest source of corporate capital. This is why Wall Streeters keep a cautious eye on the rate at which a company's earned surplus increases.

GETTING back to the balance sheet, they keep a close eye on the relationship between a company's total current assets and its total current liabilities. As we saw earlier, total current liabilities shows what a company owes its workers, suppliers and short term creditors. Total current assets shows what is owed the company. The difference between these items—subtract liabilities from assets—is working capital, the amount of cash a company has to carry on its day-to-day operations.

A company that is shy working capital has got trouble and so do its stockholders. Wall Streeters sometimes talk about working capital in a different way. They will focus on the **current ratio**, the figure you get by dividing total current liabilities into total current assets.

This figure comes out a whole number. The analysts will talk about a current ratio of two-to-one. This means a company's total current assets are twice its total current liabilities, or three times or whatever.

The current ratio varies from industry to industry—higher in some, lower in others, depending at least partially

Freedoms Foundation Awards

The deadline is approaching for nominating outstanding Americans and Americanism programs in Freedoms Foundation's 1959 National Awards Program. Better hurry if you have a nominee for the cash and honor medal awards.

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Awards during the past decade of Freedoms Foundation's history have gone to Elks Lodges for outstanding and unusual Flag Day and community programs, to brother Elks for public

addresses, editorials and sermons, and to many teachers, schools and others nominated by the readers of THE ELKS MAGAZINE.

THE ELKS MAGAZINE has cooperated with Freedoms Foundation for many years because it feels that the program of this non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit organization offers its readers an opportunity to participate in bringing honor and national recognition to those who seek to uphold the fundamental freedoms of our country in the typically courageous, patriotic manner of good Elks.

The deadline for nominations is November 1. Write to AWARDS DEPARTMENT OF FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA for nomination blanks.

on whether the selling involved is pretty much a current cash operation or mostly for credit.

This variation means that the current ratio should be put in context. It should be measured against other companies in the same industry, not only absolutely but on a trend basis as well. Has the company's current ratio gone up over the years? Is it on the downgrade? Is the company pinched for working capital? If so, it may have to do some financing, possibly on unfavorable terms that will dilute your stake in the company.

This makes a tight current ratio cause for some concern. But too plucky a working capital position is cause for concern, too. It may indicate that management is sitting on its cash and keeping in the bank money that should be plowed back into expansion.

The current ratio is just one of the important statistical measures of a company's performance (or lack of it) that you can dredge out of a balance sheet. Inventories deserve a good look, too. They are important for a number of reasons.

A COMPANY whose shelves groan under the weight of goods it cannot sell may well have to start marking down its prices. This is a painful process, not recommended as desirable procedure at the Harvard School of Business, and one that can nip deeply into earnings.

Inventory turnover is important in every industry, but it's especially so for retailers. A department store that can jack up its turnover, even fractionally, by aggressive selling is going to be able to bring just that much bigger a portion of its sales dollar down to the earnings column.

Inventory, in fact, has to be considered in terms of sales or in terms of what the company has paid for the goods it sells. Both of these figures—sales or cost of goods sold—can be found in the income sheet; and either of them, divided by the inventory figure you've picked off the balance sheet, yields a whole number—such as three or four, or whatever. This is inventory turnover.

It's a statistical touchstone which, like the current ratio, varies from industry to industry. Here too the trick is to put the figure in context. What has the trend been over the last five years? How does it compare with the competition?

You ask the same questions about a company's *book value*, another yardstick that can be plucked out of the balance sheet—with a little practice. Book value, net worth and stockholders' equity all mean the same thing—the size of the stake that stockholders have in the company.

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to the stated value of the company's stock the reserve and surplus figures usually spelled out just above and below the common stock heading.

This gives you the theoretical liquidating value of the common stock, a value that is, naturally enough, interesting only in theory. The hope is that any company you invest in is a long, long way from liquidation. Computing book value, however, gives you the raw material by which you can measure two other very important things—the rate at which a company has been growing and the return it is making on invested capital for stockholders.

You figure the growth rate on book value (and on sales or earnings, too, for that matter) by whipping out your slide rule and calculating the rate of increase shown over the last five years or so. You find *return on invested capital* by expressing net earnings as a percentage of book value—i.e., divide earnings by book value.

Anybody inquisitive enough to start asking questions about return on invested capital, of course, immediately marks himself as a very pragmatic type, the kind of Joe who always asks penetrating questions like "So Where's the Money?" There's only one place to find the answer to that question—on the *income sheet*.

Income sheets vary as to detail, but they all tell you pretty much the same thing—how much cash the company took in, how much it paid out and what it had left over after meeting all its obligations. Most income sheets start out by telling you how much money the customers were billed for. Sometimes this is done only on a *net sales* basis. This spells out how much the company grossed after things like quantity discounts and returns.

Sales are usually followed by a statement of cost of goods sold. This is a catchall. It covers a multitude of expenses, mostly of the direct variety, like raw materials, wages, freight and

all the other immediate costs of turning felt into shingles or iron ore into angle irons.

Any manufacturing process, though, also involves indirect or overhead costs like executive salaries, advertising and promotion expenses and salesmen's commissions. These rate a line of their own under the heading *Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*.

Given a management that is something less than fussy about its costs, overhead expenses can chew up a big chunk of the sales dollar and leave just that much less for stockholders. Depreciation can be a big cost factor, too. This item appears on most income sheets and details just how much cash a company is charging off against wear and tear on its plant. It is written off against earnings and, as we've already indicated, is a big source of internal capital—the cash a company generates on its own and uses to make its business grow.

Some companies carry this a step further and detail the amount of money they've put into maintenance and repair, and every company spells out the amount of money it has paid to the tax collector. The tax collector's bite is a major cost of doing business. Interest costs loom large in some businesses, too, particularly utilities and railroads. After they and all other expenses have been skimmed off the top, what you have left is net income. This is what pays your dividends and it is consequently a figure that is worth more than a passing glance.

Net income bears a really close look in terms of its relationship to sales. This is the measure of a company's margin of profit—the number of pennies out of each sales dollar that a corporation brings down to earnings.

Profit margins are easy to figure. All you have to do is divide net income by sales. A company that earns \$100,000 on \$1,000,000 sales has chalked up a profit margin of 10 per cent. This is

News from the Elks National Home

HOME AGAIN, the film about the Elks National Home at Bedford, Va., has made a profound impression where ever it has been shown. Recently, Home Superintendent Thomas J. Brady received a letter in this connection from Brother Dan Daniels, Editor of the *Miami Beach Lodge Bulletin*. With the letter was a clipping from the bulletin, describing a showing of the film at his lodge.

The 28-minute film, noted this article, "showed the beautiful rolling country at Bedford. It showed

the happy home life the Brothers are leading there . . . This film held the viewers at rapt attention because the subject was ours. It was a most enlightening visual tour."

Lodges wishing to book a showing of this 16 mm. movie, in color and sound, may do so by writing to Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Elks National Memorial Building, 2750 Lake View Avenue, Chicago 14, Ill. Do not send requests to the Home, as all bookings must be processed by the office of the Grand Secretary.

Newspaper Week Contest

Awards will be made again this year to lodges holding the most effective observances of National Newspaper Week, Oct. 15-21. The Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities will present awards in two categories—to lodges with a membership of over 600, and lodges with a membership of less than 600. All reports should be submitted to Committeeman Norman Hansen, Osakis, Minn., no later than Nov. 15. *Newspaper Week reports should not be sent to The Elks Magazine.*

not a bad proportion. It is higher than the average of all the nation's industry, but as an isolated figure it means nothing.

Again, what is the trend? How does it stack up against the competition? If profit margins are on the skids, the obvious question is how come? The answer to this can sometimes be culled from elsewhere in the income sheet. Does the income sheet spell out the company's labor costs? Figure them out as a percentage of sales, just as you did net income. If a company's labor costs are higher than a competitor's, its profit margins will almost invariably be lower.

Maybe the reason for a comparatively lower profit showing lies buried in the balance sheet. Take a good look at the property account. Has this been expanding? Has the company been putting its earnings back into newer and more efficient machinery? If it hasn't, maybe you've found the reason its labor costs are higher and its profits position correspondingly lower.

The higher a company's profit margins are, the better off its stockholders are likely to be. One thing to remember, though, is that profit margins can change and change quickly. Domestic sulphur producers, for instance, for a long time sported profit ratios that were among the highest in U. S. industry.

Then what happened? Mexican producers came into the picture. They began cutting prices. Domestic producers had to follow suit and their profit margins showed it. As this suggests, prices exert a big pull on profits, too, and any mention of prices in an annual report should consequently be read very carefully.

Careful reading of everything in the annual report is the keystone to competent investing. Shy away from the hot tips and stick to the basic statistics you can pick out of the report. They're solid guideposts. Properly interpreted, they can help you pick your way through the sometimes unreal world of Wall Street without too much risk and often with profit.

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Under the paint, real walnut! Stripping off old finish is messy but rewarding.

New Finishes for Old Furniture

By **HARRY WALTON**

THERE WAS A TIME when a good furniture finish called for long effort by a skilled craftsman. Today anybody can transform an attic relic into an attractive home accessory.

The first step is to find a reasonably dust-free working area. The second is to remove handles, escutcheons and other hardware from the piece—it is much easier to work on clear surfaces. Dismount doors and remove drawers. You get fewer "runs" if finish is applied to these in a horizontal position.

STRIPPING OLD FINISH is usually necessary, for fresh varnish or enamel will not disguise defects underneath. The exception is a piece you intend to enamel, on which the old finish is worn perfectly smooth, not chipped, flaking, or crack-textured. Sand lightly with 4/0 finishing paper, dust well with a turpentine-moistened cloth, then enamel.

But any that is flaking or chipped, or has an alligator-hide texture, will show through fresh finish. Old varnish will hide natural grain. To lighten finishes and transform glossy surfaces to modern dull sheens, old material must be stripped off down to bare wood. One

way is to sand it off with coarse flint sandpaper. Wrap this around a wood block, without padding. When wood begins to show through, switch to a medium flint paper.

This abrasive is cheap and recommended for hand sanding. For power sanding, use an open-coat or space-grit paper, or the new open-mesh screen abrasive.

CHEMICAL REMOVERS work while you rest. But their use is even messier than sanding. Some give off toxic or inflammable vapors, others are strongly alkaline and hazardous to handle. Use volatile solvent removers only in the open air, but not in the direct rays of the sun, which will evaporate them before they can act. Avoid working on grass; most removers will kill it.

Paste removers are somewhat easier to use than fluids. They stay on longer and so have more time to work, do not splash, and don't run off vertical surfaces. Some come ready to use; others must be mixed. Wear rubber gloves.

Removers are especially useful for stripping moldings and carvings.

Use a scrubbing brush on spindles or

moldings, a toothbrush or brass-wire suede brush on delicate parts.

Old "varnished" furniture may be finished with shellac, which can easily be stripped off with plain alcohol and steel wool. Work in a well ventilated place, for denatured-alcohol fumes are toxic.

CLEAN OFF WAX, an ingredient in many removers, by scrubbing with a wax remover, or mineral spirits followed with detergent and water.

Now take stock of the bare wood exposed. Fuzzy grain, tool marks, dents and scrapes will show through a natural wood finish. Even enamel won't hide a rough surface. Shallow scars and scratches can be sanded out with No. 80 or 1/0 garnet paper. Dents can often be eliminated by placing a damp cloth over them and applying a hot iron. It may take several such treatments to bring up the dent.

Gouges and cracks in a piece you plan to enamel can be filled with plastic composition wood. But this will not take stain, and so will be conspicuous in a natural wood finish. Use colored composition wood to match the stain.

FINISH-SANDING largely determines the quality of the job. Sand with 4/0 garnet paper, always with the grain. Beware of running off one piece to an adjacent one that has the grain at right angles. Sanding cross-grain makes scratches that can be removed only by hard work. For a super-smooth finish, sponge the wood with warm water, let it dry, and then sand with 6/0 paper. The dampness raises grain which might otherwise come up afterwards, and sanding levels it.

FOR AN ENAMELED FINISH on close-grained wood, you can now put on a coat of thinned shellac, followed by one of primer and a finishing coat of enamel right from the can. Sand lightly between coats, being careful not to sand off the finish along edges.

The professional steps to a natural wood-grain finish on bare wood are staining, filling, sealing, and building up finish coats of shellac, lacquer or varnish. But the modern trend is to dull-sheen finishes, easier to achieve.

PENETRATING WOOD FINISH is one of the most durable and easiest to apply. It comes clear (uncolored) and in various wood colors. It must be used only on bare wood, never over any other finish. No sealer or filler is needed with it. Simply mop it on, let it stand 10 to 15 minutes, and wipe off vigorously with a clean cloth. Let the first coat dry a few hours. Then sand lightly with 6/0 paper, dust off the surface carefully, and apply a second coat, again rubbing it off after a few minutes. Sand and dust again, apply a third coat, and rub to a glow with 0000 steel wool.

Stain waxes work much the same way,

but do not penetrate and so offer less protection. They too must be used only on bare wood.

TO STAIN WOOD you plan to give a shellac or other clear finish, use penetrating oil stain. Try a small area of the piece first, as the color may be too dark. It can be lightened by diluting the stain with turpentine, by wiping it off immediately, or both. You can blend different stains.

SEALING COMES NEXT. Apply a thin coat of fresh shellac diluted with three times its volume of alcohol. After drying, sand with 6/0 garnet paper.

Fillers are flour-like materials mixed with a binder. They are needed only on open-pored woods like oak, walnut and mahogany, and then only if their open grain is objectionable in appearance. Apply filler of the appropriate color after staining and sealing. Rub it in well, let dry, but do not sand it.

FINISH COATS over stained wood may be shellac, brushing lacquer, or varnish. Thin commercial shellac with three parts of alcohol. Let each of two coats dry overnight, rub both with 00 steel wool, and buff the third coat with 0000 steel wool. Then wax it.

Lacquer is water-clear and good for modern blonde effects. Be sure you get the brushing kind; apply it rapidly without trying to brush it out as you would slow-drying material. Sand the first coat lightly, dust it, and apply a second. Steel-wool and wax this.

Varnish is slower drying, and tends to darken the wood. But a beautiful dull-sheen finish is achieved by applying up to five coats of egg-shell furniture varnish. Be sure each is hard before sanding, dusting, and applying the next. Buff with steel wool and wax.

SUPPOSE IT'S DARK and you want to give the piece a new, light finish? Stain left in the wood by varnish remover can often be bleached out. Wearing rubber gloves, rub in liquid household bleach with a pad of steel wool.

If this does not lighten the wood enough, an acid bleach may do so. This is more dangerous to use and must be neutralized before finish is applied.

MODERN COLOR FINISHES that show the grain are possible with special oil stains or aniline dyes. Two-toned "limed" effects can be had on open-grained woods. All old finish and filler must be removed even from the pores. Let remover soak in well, then scrub it with a stiff brush.

After the piece is dry, sand it smooth, dust it, and apply two coats of thinned enamel of any color, sanding lightly between them. Then wipe white or light gray paint into the grain with a small cloth pad. Apply a protective coat of dull furniture varnish over all. • •

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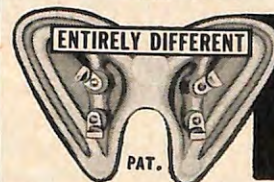
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The Khrushchev visit and the evaluation of his motives serve to emphasize the appropriateness and the timeliness of Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins' adoption of his slogan, "Fraternality Fights for Freedom." It was a clarion call that he sent out to the members of the Order of Elks when he adopted that slogan and stated that such a fight would be made part of his program.

His attitude was emphasized in the following statement in his speech of acceptance:

"It is not my intention to depart from the basic fundamentals and principles of the Grand Lodge procedure of 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 Elksdom—and that is 'Patriotic Fraternality'."

The history of Elksdom's patriotic fight for freedom dates back to the Grand Lodge session in Boston in 1917 when there was adopted a resolution in which was incorporated the following:

"We pledge to President Wilson and to his administration, for love of country, and for the vindication and triumph of those inspiring principles upon which our government was founded; for the betterment of mankind and the enjoyment of personal freedom everywhere and forever; and finally as our precious privilege and to our last limit, for these worthy objects and purposes, we repeat the pledge of the very best that we have to offer in service at the front and in resource and fealty at home today and always."

This was accompanied by a resolution creating an Elks War Relief Commission and appropriating \$1,000,000 to carry forward the patriotic work of that Commission.

When the threat of war came on us again, the Grand Lodge Session in Houston, Texas, in 1940 adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America that there be and is hereby created a Commission to consist of 7 members to be appointed by the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler, to be known as the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission, to serve until such time as the Grand Lodge shall otherwise order. Such Commission is hereby directed to create and supervise plans for the fullest cooperation of the Grand Lodge, the State Associations and the Subordinate Lodges and their members with their national, state and local governments in any eventuality or contingency that may arise."

Less than six months later occurred the attack on Pearl Harbor and the name of the Commission was changed to Elks War Commission.

It has become generally recognized that the patriotic services rendered by the Elks War Relief Commission in World War I and by the Elks War Commission in World War II were not matched by any other national civilian or fraternal organization.

When the Korean War came, a continuing patriotic fraternal recognition was in existence in the Elks National Service Commission which maintained the reputation of the Order of Elks in service to our country in time of war and in caring for the young men going into service, being in service, and coming out of service.

It represents and will continue to represent the patriotic spirit of the Order of Elks not only in time of war but so long as a hospitalized veteran remains to be served.

But the fight for freedom that Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins appeals to all Elks to make—and make with "enthusiasm"—is not confined to days of war. The members of our Order recognize that the one great threat to freedom in the world today is the purpose of world-wide destruction of freedom boasted by the atheistic Soviet Government.

On November 7, 1917, the Bolsheviks overthrew the Kerenski Government and founded the Council of People's Commissars, and Russia was under the control of the Bolsheviks headed by Lenin.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks probably was the first great national organization in this country to recognize the dangers and the threat of this development.

In his 1919 report to the Grand Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell stated that a member of one of the lodges of the Order had expressed sympathy with Bolshevism and stated that he was for the Bolsheviks, that the matter was submitted to him by members of the lodge on the question as to whether or not charges could be brought against him and he be expelled from the Order.

The Grand Exalted Ruler referred the matter to the then Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, William M. Abbott, later Grand Exalted Ruler. The report of the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, following a scholarly, thorough analysis of Bolshevism, resulted in the adoption of a resolution, ending as follows:

"Resolved that the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in annual session assembled, does hereby pledge this Order to use all lawful means to check and prevent the extension of the dangerous doctrines that threaten our free institutions and our Flag, and that no person shall be permitted to join or remain in our Order who openly, or covertly, directly or indirectly, gives aid, comfort or support to the doctrines, practices or purposes of the Bolsheviks, Anarchists, the I.W.W., or kindred organizations, or who does not give undivided allegiance to our Flag and the great principles of constitutional free government of which it is the emblem."

The attitude of the 1,252,000 members of the Order of Elks in respect to governmental freedom has not changed and the Grand Exalted Ruler will have their unanimous, vigorous support in his "Fight for Freedom".

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