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# Tom Wrigley writes from Washington

GOVERNMENT HANDOUTS, as press releases are called, reached a new high this fall. This is the busy season for Federal offices of public information. Press release racks in the National Press Club are swamped. In addition, there is a vast increase of handouts from the multitude of corporations, business associations and labor unions which have national headquarters here. These releases are displayed side-by-side with the Government output. You may find a handout from the Amalgamated Meat Cutters right beside a dignified mimeograph from the Department of State. Next to that may be a pronouncement from Pakistan's Ambassador. In the old days, when the art of public relations was in its infancy, there were few government press releases. One man handled State Department information and the same held true for the War and Navy Departments. Now, State alone has more than 100 public relations men and women, all grinding out press information. By mid-December, there is no doubt that distribution of press information will reach even higher marks as Senators and Representatives return to Washington primed for the Presidential election year of 1960.

STRONTIUM 90 in rivers of the country is below the danger point, reports U. S. Public Health Service. Tests on 17 major rivers revealed the highest level was 4.8 strontium units per liter. The danger level begins at 80 units per liter. Strontium in large quantities causes bone cancer.

GRIM REMINDERS of war surround peaceful Camp David, President Eisenhower's woodland retreat high in the mountains near Frederick, Md. Aspen Lodge, with its big fireplace and rustic furniture, is as restful and quiet a place as one could find. But only a few miles away, near the Maryland-Pennsylvania border, is the nation's "Underground Pentagon"—excavated deep in Raven Rock mountain, a vast military installation which would serve in case atomic attack destroyed other communication facilities. A few miles from Camp David in an opposite direction is Camp Detrick, the nation's secret germ warfare center. There, scientists work to develop lethal poisons for use in case germ warfare is used against us.

EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM suggested by Senate Leader Lyndon Johnson will receive wide attention in the next Congress. He favors loans to college students on the FHA plan. The student would borrow tuition money from the bank and the Government would guarantee the loan, as it now guarantees housing mortgages. The student after graduation would repay the loan with interest.

BOOKS from President Eisenhower are treasured gifts. Two have recently been sent, one to the Prime Minister of Ghana in Africa and the other to the Prince of Cambodia in the East Indies, autographed, "from their good friend, Dwight D. Eisenhower." The books were bound in the little shop of Edward

F. Gruver, the only bookbinder here who can do such special work. Each book is a record, with pictures, of the visit of the foreign officials to Washington. They cost \$350 each. Perhaps Nikita Khrushchev will receive one. Mr. Gruver's biggest job in recent years was rebinding the books in the library of a top Washington official—cost, \$8,000.

GOVERNMENT AUTOMOBILES can be used only for official business, and employees who violate the rule get an automatic 30-day suspension without pay. Limousines provided for top members of Congress, however, can be used for business or pleasure. They are air-conditioned and the cost of maintaining them comes out of the \$2,450,000 appropriation for incidentals.

F.B.I. IS HUNTING for a carriage pistol once owned by President James Monroe. It was stolen from Laurence G. Hoes, a direct descendant of Monroe, and is one of a brace of heavy pistols used in Colonial days to protect carriages and coaches.

WATERFRONT BLUES have hit the historic Municipal Fish Market and all the sea food restaurants along Maine Ave., S.W. Many of them closed early in November on notice from the Redevelopment Land Agency. The entire area will be done over with a new waterfront and all sorts of doodads. Protests over destroying the old fish market and the wharves were of no avail. The market was built in 1916. Oyster boats were moored at the docks and sold their seafood, fresh from Chesapeake Bay to Washington housewives. Oysters and crabs really just don't taste the same when you get them in uptown eateries.

WASHINGTON WHISPERS . . . Beirut is still in Lebanon . . . The Capital area leads the nation in high-priced homes, with Chicago second . . . Space Administration says a man will be put in orbit around the earth in 1961 . . . First U. S. landing on the moon may come between 1968 and 1974 . . . American Cancer Society plans a major anti-smoking campaign among high school students . . . Washington now feeds free school luncheons to 3,000 pupils . . . Tourists in Washington receive polite warning notices instead of tickets for minor parking violations . . . Scientists are working on a synthetic coffee which will taste like real coffee and cost half the price . . . Police arrested a man who moved a five-room house which had disappeared rather mysteriously from its original site. ● ●



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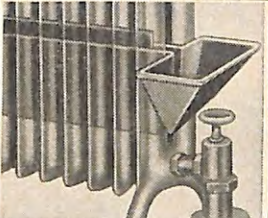
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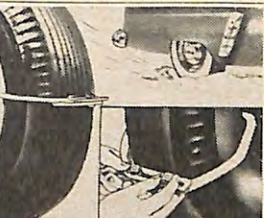
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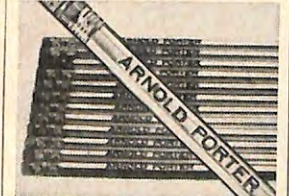
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*"Mount!" Mr. Darling  
yelled. "Ride!" He wheeled  
to face the danger.*

*Ward Beckett*



# HIGH MAN

## on the Mountain

By HUGH B. CAVE

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THE EDITORS  
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GENTLEMEN:

Usually I have the greatest respect for your reporting of events in the Caribbean, especially of happenings in my own beloved country of San Nicolas. Recently, however, you published a story for which I must take you to task. In accepting the official version of what took place at the old Jicomé silver mine, you were unfair not only to me but to my daughter and one of your own countrymen. It is my solemn duty, I feel, to enlighten you.

Allow me, gentlemen, to introduce myself. I am Alonso Paredes, 53, Chief of the Department of Forests, Government of San Nicolas, a position I have held for the past sixteen years. I am married. I have four daughters who are also married, and one other—Elena—who is not. It is partly because of Elena that I take the time and trouble to write to you.

The Jicomé affair began for me with the ringing of my office telephone. This happened at 3 P.M. on the afternoon of the sixth of January, which was a Friday.

I reached for the phone without apprehension. Very often about this hour my Magarita calls me, to make sure I have had a good lunch and have not forgotten to take my indigestion pills. "Department of Forests, Alonso Paredes speaking," I murmured.

"Alonso, brace yourself," said a voice that startled me—the voice of a man much higher than I in Government. "I have bad news."

"My appropriation has been cut," I moaned.

"Not that bad. But I have stolen your weekend. There is an American here, with excellent recommendations, who wishes to visit Jicomé. I have donated your services."

I sighed, because I had planned other things for the weekend. "Why does he wish to visit Jicomé?"

"He may buy the property."

"Oh?" As a silver mine you understand, Jicomé is considered no longer profitable; but there is much land, and land in San Nicolas is expensive. "What is he like, this American?"

"A pleasant-seeming fellow," I was told. "About thirty. Unmarried. Quite attractive. I said you would pick him up at his hotel"—he named the hotel—"at nine in the morning. You are

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# 1960 Looks Good

With emphasis on gasoline economy, introduction and acceptance of the smaller car, and the luxury car better than ever, this shapes up to be a great year for the automotive industry

By JOE H. WHERRY

AS THIS IS WRITTEN—at a time when all the 1960 model cars have not gone on sale—it is apparent that there will be extensive changes on the national automotive scene. The factors of change begin with a type of car that has become known widely by the term *compact*. So remarkably successful has been George Romney's line of Ramblers, and so well accepted by the public have been Harold Churchill's Studebaker Larks, that there will be an even greater selection of similarly small cars during the next year. Nor are all the domestically built "compacts" any longer the exclusive products of the two smallest producers. Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors are in the act with three entirely new makes, the *Valiant*, *Falcon*, and *Corvair*.

If it had not been for the steel strike, the industry would now be in far healthier condition than last year when I was preparing for THE ELKS MAGAZINE the feature on the '59 models. Despite the strike, the sights of the industry are raised for 1960, and the hope is that at least 7 million new models will find homes in the driveways of the land.

But a kitten that playfully popped into the picture about nine or ten years ago has grown into a husky scrapper—"those funny looking little foreign cars" are no longer any laughing matter. They have evolved, the more popular ones, into chic, practical vehicles with an explosive effect that has gone far beyond the original, and alleged, snob appeal. The frisky imports are considered elsewhere, for, in our opinion, they must stand on their own wheels as they represent engineering philosophies quite different from our own.

The cars for '60 represent an effort by domestic manufacturers to broaden the appeal and utility of the traditionally large cars. These big cars, and that includes all the established makes by the Big Three plus American Motors' larger Ambassador and the sporty Hawk by Studebaker, have, with few exceptions, been technically modified to give more miles on the same tank of gasoline. Each of the five manufacturing groups has given attention to better sound-proofing with more extensive insulating materials, better methods and material for body mountings—butyl is replacing pure and

synthetic rubber in many engine and body mounts. Compression ratios are reduced in many models to use lower-priced regular grades of fuel. Wrap-around windshields are on the decrease; by and large, most cars have ceased to grow in length and weight; there are more eight- and nine-passenger station wagons for long distance vacationing families; and the trend, predicted by this writer every year for the past four, toward the mass acceptance of unitized bodies (*integral* body/chassis structures) has now manifested itself in five of the Chrysler Corporation's six makes.

The Ford Motor Company has completely restyled three of its five makes, and General Motors has given most of its cars a new appearance without any radical design or structural changes. The big news, however, is the advent of the Big Three's completely new—and in one case radically different—compact cars.

## WHERE DO THE NEW 'COMPACTS' FIT?

Let's consider a few vital statistics or measurements of these new cars from the Big Three, factors that mean you actually can pack an average family within their all welded, unitized bodies, or store any one of these functional vehicles in that pre-war garage and still have plenty of space on each side to open the doors. This table may be a convenient reference:

	Length Overall	Width	Horsepower
Chrysler's VALIANT .....	15' 4"	5' 10.4"	101
Ford's FALCON .....	15' 1.1"	5' 10"	90
General Motors' CORVAIR ..	15' 0"	5' 6.9"	80

The height of these interesting vehicles varies from 51.3 to 54.5 inches, the *Corvair* being the lowest, the *Falcon* the highest. Each has a six-cylinder engine: the Falcon's is fairly conventional but of a new design, while the Corvair's engine is radical in every respect; it's built largely of aluminum to conserve weight and secure better heat dissipating qualities. This is the first modern domestic-production car with an air-cooled power plant mounted in the rear. The *Valiant's* engine,

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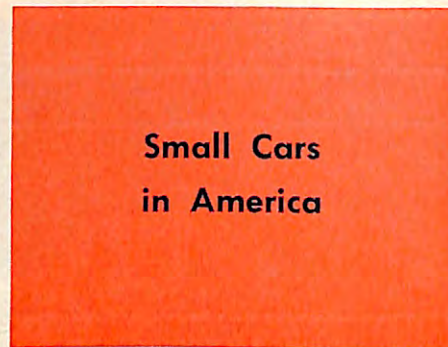
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Small Cars  
in America



VALIANT



RAMBLER



FALCON

on the other hand, is slanted steeply to one side to provide a low hood line for excellent visibility, a prime safety factor. Both Valiant and Falcon have the engine up front, with the trunks situated in the familiar rear position.

Corvaer owners, however, will load their luggage into a smaller compartment beneath the front deck lid, which can really no longer be called a hood. Front-end baggage stowage has not bothered the tremendous numbers of persons who have bought the German Volkswagen and the French Renault as fast as a mushrooming American dealer organization has been able to sell them.

These three new compact cars have adequate interior space for six adults of average proportions; all come in popular four-door models; and both Falcon and Valiant will shortly include station wagon models, the latter with an optional third seat facing to the rear for the small fry in large families. Rumor credits the Corvaer with a station-wagon version, too, but the rear engine location will probably delay this model for several months. On the other hand, because the Corvaer engine is a flat unit—horizontally opposed, in light aircraft practice, with three cylinders on each side of the crankshaft—there is no engineering reason to doubt the ultimate appearance of a novel type of station wagon that will be perfectly functional.

Fuel economy is assured in each of these compact models, with 30 miles to the gallon of low-cost, regular

grade fuel, easy to attain. The light weight, around 2,500 pounds with average equipment, means the smaller engines have no more work to perform for usual highway speeds, and the simpler carburetion will stretch each gallon comparatively farther than the big cars' large engines can. Each of the three will travel upward of 60 miles an hour all day without strain, a plenty high average, considering a family's physical safety on long trips, and at a sensible speed that allows the occupants to enjoy the passing scenery rather than a mere blur of landscape.

The sales notch for these all-new economy cars, the subject of great debate at present, places them, in size and performance abilities, right smack-dab up against the imported economy cars. In price, though, the Big Three's new compacts face a cost-of-labor advantage enjoyed by the Western European manufacturers that may be difficult to lick. However, the widespread dealer organizations of the top three makers enable them to guarantee a service-and-parts-supply network that the imports, even Volkswagen and Renault, cannot presently equal. This is an important sales point which dealers can utilize.

**T**HIS will be an interesting automobile year. The buyer's choice will be greater than it has been in two decades—but more confusing too, because there are so many makes, models and types. Here are the products of each domestic manufacturer, with emphasis on

... Here, competitively, is what they are doing abroad



VAUXHALL



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RENAULT

**Small Cars  
Abroad**



SIMCA



FIAT

changes and improved features. An alphabetical approach is generally fair, so this is the order that we utilize in discussing the various manufacturers.

**AMERICAN MOTORS**

Retaining the distinction between three basic lines of cars, this aggressive firm has expanded the low-priced, popular *American* body styles to include a smart new four-door sedan on the same 100-inch wheelbase as the established two-door sedan and station-wagon models. The rear doors have been engineered into the body by a simple and practical method: the front doors have been narrowed and the space saved has been given to the rear doors. Interior space has not been changed but the fuel tank has been enlarged to take 22 gallons, which is sufficient for 500 miles of average driving. The engine is the durable side-valve, six-cylinder unit with an unchanged 90 horsepower. The lowest priced domestic car at this writing, the American enjoys a wide following. Styling is unchanged, a factor largely credited with high resale value, but interior trim has been altered with a wider choice of materials and colors than last year.

In the senior line of cars the *Rambler Six* and *Rebel* have been shortened about two inches by pulling in the bumpers. The American is some three feet shorter than most domestic cars, and the 108-inch wheelbase Six and Rebel V8 are nearly two feet shorter.

These medium-sized American Motors cars are the ones which started the ball rolling toward more compact cars. The same in every respect except for their engines, the Six and Rebel are powered by 127-138 overhead valves and 200-215 horsepower in-line six and V-eight engines, respectively, giving the buyer a roomy six-passenger car with either moderate performance and great economy or excellent performance and moderate fuel economy.

The larger 117-inch wheelbase *Ambassador* is a high-performance car with a feeling of luxury at a moderate price. The engine is a variation of the smaller Rebel's V8 power plant, but with an increased piston displacement of 327 cubic inches, either 250 or 270 horsepower. The lower powered Ambassador has a two-barrel carburetor and comparatively low 8.7 to 1 compression ratio with a modest appetite for regular-grade gasoline; the more powerful engine has a bigger four-barrel carburetor and 9.7 to 1 compression ratio requiring premium fuel. Less than 200 inches long, this big-on-the-inside car is a full foot shorter in overall length than its Big Three competition.

Changes for 1960 include elimination of the wrap-around windshield, making front-seat entry easier, new and cleaner hood, more discreet fins curving attractively outward, and a completely new dash panel with more easily read instruments which do not reflect on the windshield. Fuel tanks on the Six, Rebel and Ambassador also carry 22 gallons; brake linings are thicker and

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are bonded to the brake shoes rather than riveted. Headrests have been added to the optional equipment and the reclining seats are retained.

American Motors deserves credit for sticking to its engineering principles, despite higher production costs, and perfecting the *unitized* structures it introduced in 1940. This firm also is the only domestic builder that dips bodies all the way under in a huge tank which applies rust-preventive priming paint. A 1960 innovation is this country's first three-seat station wagon that has a side-opening rear door instead of the tailgate, making entry to the extra seat far easier.

### CHRYSLER CORPORATION

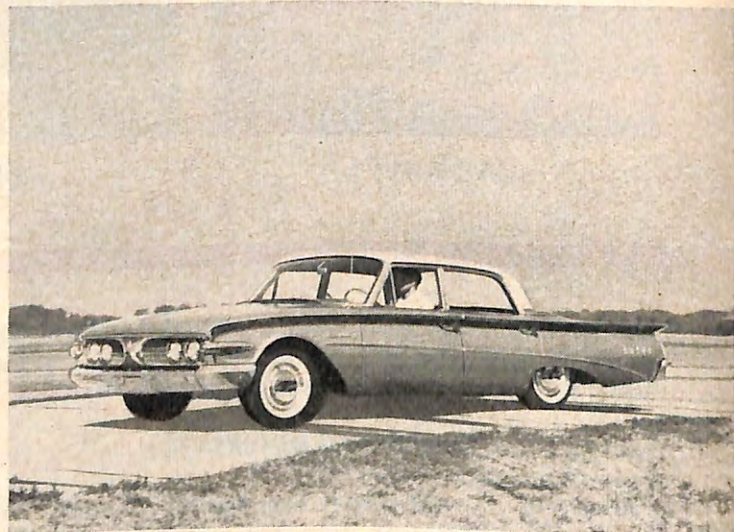
This member of the Big Three went all-out and invested over 350 million dollars in completely re-en-

gineering production lines and cars for a gigantic swing to unitized structures. Building cars in this superior manner requires an entirely different assembly procedure and about the only similarity to a conventional body-plus-frame line is the moving line of cars under construction. Hence, the cost of switching to the more sturdy and longer-lived integral body and frame requires considerable optimism on the part of management. Only the luxury *Imperial* retains the traditional separate body and frame.

Also common to all Chrysler cars are slanted windshield pillars and non-wrapped windshields. More systematic and thorough weather sealing and water drainage are due in large part to the unitized assemblies which employ over 5,000 electric welds instead of many of the previous bolts.



IMPERIAL



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The bodies of these automobiles are dipped in a tank of rust-preventing priming coat from the bottom up to a point 18 inches high.

An optional safety feature on all the cars from Plymouth through Imperial is an emergency flashing system which, upon the actuation of a dash panel switch, keeps all four turn-signal lights flashing. This warning device operates even with the ignition key removed and the doors locked. Another innovation is an engine-vacuum-operated locking device which secures all doors against intrusion. The seats in all cars are raised enough to enable short waisted drivers to see with greater ease, and an option, for the driver's seat only, is a "Command" seat with a raised backrest for greater comfort on long drives.

The instrument panels have been redesigned, with

the figures on speedometers and gauges lighted in an eye-easing green glow by a unique system of voltage-activated phosphorescent coating. With few exceptions, the engines have been unchanged expect in details such as more efficient carburetion and a wider choice of power ratings (maximum of 330 horsepower in the Plymouth right up to a top of nearly 400 in the big Chrysler New Yorker and Imperial). Common to all the standard-sized familiar makes is an optional new "ram induction" principle—a complex system of tubes that feed the fuel-air mixture from two four-barrel carburetors for an exceptionally high power output in the top series, Plymouth Fury for example. This new ram system saves more fuel than last year's similarly large-displacement V8 engines.

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CADILLAC



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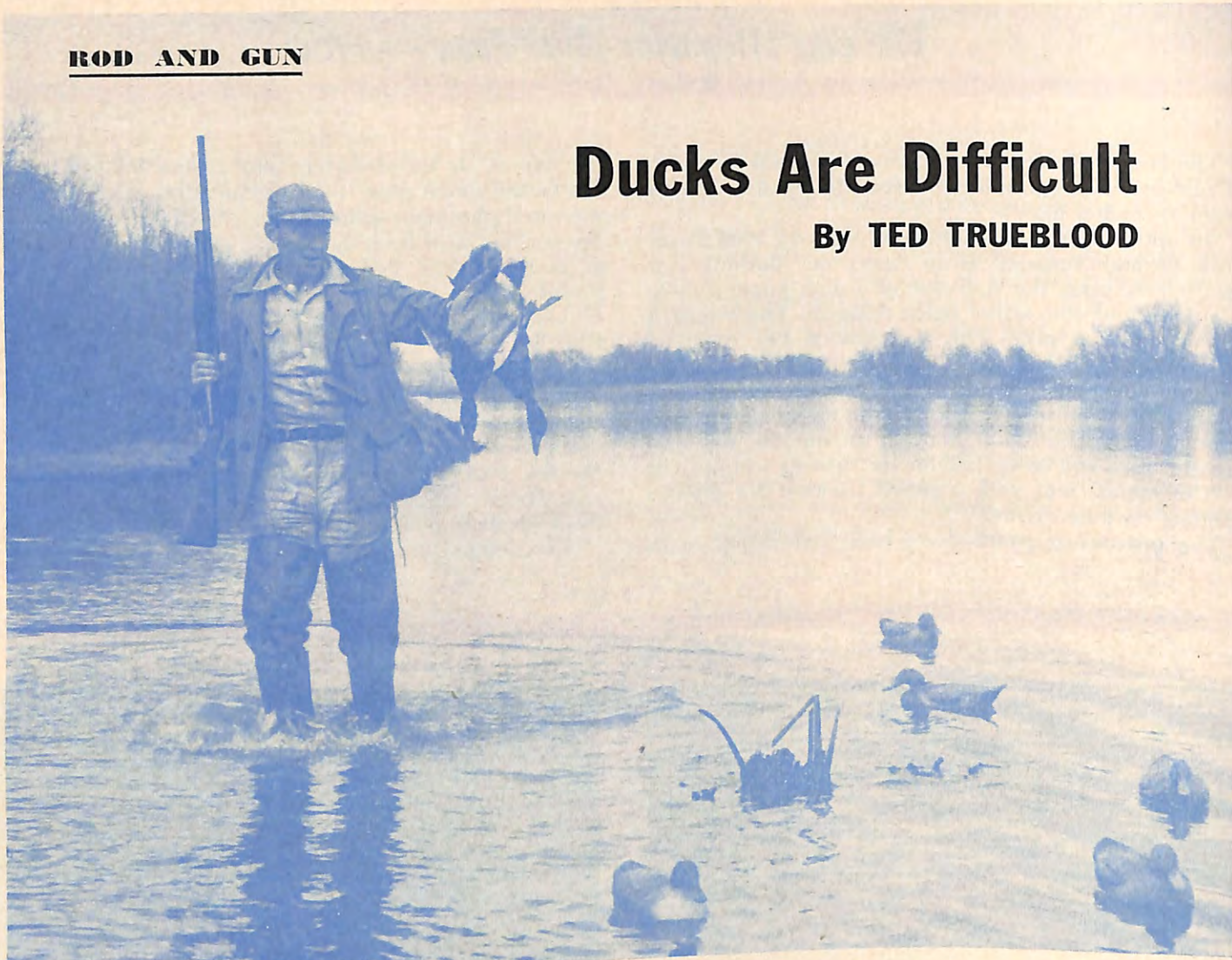
CHEVROLET



LINCOLN

# Ducks Are Difficult

By **TED TRUEBLOOD**



*Duck Hunting can be puzzling but rewarding, to judge by Ted's expression in this picture of a successful day.*

WHETHER DUCK HUNTING should be called art or a science, or whether it consists of a little bit of both plus a measure of suffering, a dash of determination, and a pinch of luck, is something I've never been able to decide. I am sure, however, that it is the most fascinating of all sports to thousands of men who love a smoothbore gun. It is, at the same time, the most maddening, the most frustrating—and occasionally, the most rewarding.

Duck hunting is not easy. Duck shooting is not easy. They are learned well only by years of effort, and it is probably safe to say that nobody has thoroughly mastered all kinds of duck hunting to the degree where he can successfully cope with any situation. Yet there are days when even the veriest neophyte can do no wrong.

Where I grew up, none of the boys possessed such luxuries as decoys or a duck call, and building a blind was unheard of. We simply crouched in the reeds along some slough or stream, or hunted the stubble when conditions were right, and killed what ducks we wanted. Duck hunting was easier then. There was not the competition that

there is now, but I think the main thing was the fact that we lived in good duck country and were free to hunt in the right place at the right time.

Ordinarily, too, we actually didn't kill a great many ducks. There were four in our family. My father didn't hunt and during those early years my brother was too young. Even so, when I had killed five or six mallards, that was enough. Though the limit was 25 per day when I started hunting, neither I nor any of the neighbor boys ever killed so many. The season was long and we could go every day if we wanted to. There was no point in shooting more than enough to eat.

Later, the limit was cut to 15, then to 12. (Man was busy draining the pot-holes where ducks nest and the marshes where they winter, even as he is today.) My brother started hunting when the limit was 12, and he and I shot 24 ducks one wonderful snowy day.

We had gone to the river early and hidden in a clump of reeds far out on the long gravel bar at the head of an island. A few ducks had flown by before it was light enough to shoot, but dawn came bleak and quiet.

About 10 o'clock, it began to snow and there was a whisper of wind out of the northwest. Noon came. The snow was now an inch thick on the gravel bar. We sat and listened to the whirling flakes hissing into the black water, but still no ducks appeared. At last, just as we were almost ready to go in search of a stubblefield in which they were feeding—because mallards nearly always feed in the stubble on the first day of snow—a big, mixed flock of mallards and pintails pitched down.

Their wings were cupped when we saw them, and there was no circling this day. Their crops were already stuffed with grain and they were crazy for water. They cut all holds and pitched to the familiar bar; and almost before we could pick up our guns, we were all but smothered by ducks.

We stood up and shot and reloaded and picked up the ducks we'd killed and almost before we were hidden among the reeds once more another flock was pitching in. We repeated the process and then, this time before we regained our cover, the air was full of ducks. The air was full of them and

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# True Spirit of Christmas

Christmas will be brighter and merrier in many thousands of homes across America this year, as it has for many Christmases past, because of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

I am thinking of the boys and girls whose crippled bodies have begun to yield to the merciful magic of therapy made possible by Elks. I am thinking of the youngsters who have learned to walk a little, or talk a little after months of courageous and patient effort under the skilled guidance of Elk therapists. Christmas will be a joyous time for them as it will be for those other hundreds of children whose sight has been restored and whose bodies have been mended because Elks are men of good will.

Whatever our religious faith, when we give of ourselves and our abundance to enrich the lives of others, we are giving true expression to the teaching of Him whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Our concept of "Fraternity" in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is broad indeed. It knows no provincial, selfish or covetous limitations.

The time was when most of our Elk benevolence was extended at Christmastime, principally to needy families. While we do not overlook this opportunity to bring cheer to troubled families, today through our Elk programs of aiding physically handicapped children, of bringing encouragement and happiness to hospitalized veterans, of helping bright young people to develop and broaden their talents in college, we are making the spirit of Christmas live throughout the year. Isn't that the way that will lead, ultimately, to the achievement of "Peace on earth with good will to all men"?

In that spirit, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

*Wm S Hawkins*

WM. S. HAWKINS, *Grand Exalted Ruler*



Tourists watch Honolulu natives prepare a luau—Polynesian feast.

THE ARRIVAL of the jets has meant a lot to many places, but to no other corner of the world has it meant more than to Hawaii. Sitting alone in the sea, 2,500 miles from the West Coast, the islands were always a lovely but major excursion for any would-be lotus-nibbler. But early last fall, just after one of the greatest tourist onslaughts in Hawaii's history, Pan American started jet service between Hawaii and the West Coast and between Hawaii and the Far East.

And next year United Airlines, which also has flights out of Los Angeles and San Francisco, will be jetting its passengers across to Honolulu, too. This shaves the time between California and Honolulu to as little as four hours and five minutes. In my recent memory was a flight from Honolulu back to Los Angeles that took one whole comfortable night, with dinner in a converted bomb-bay that was outfitted like a cocktail lounge, and a deep sleep upstairs in a cushioned berth. Now, for those who go by plane, there will hardly be room for a cat nap. A single airline brings 10,000 extra seats a month into the islands from east and west. Qantas, the Australian airline, is also using jets between the Far East and the United States and Europe but, being a foreign carrier, it can't take passengers on the Hawaii-Mainland run. No foreign carrier may operate solely within the borders of another's country.

Despite the excitement and the appeal of the jet service into Hawaii, there has been no diminishing of interest in ships, and this summer it was worth your life and all your connections to wangle a cabin on the Matson liners that shuttle back and forth between Califor-

nia and Honolulu. Although the same ships and the same crew have made the trip scores and scores of times, each colorful arrival seems like the first, with bands playing, streamers flying, hula-hips wiggling and flowers tossed about like ticker tape in a hero's parade. The whole spirit of *aloha*, as the Hawaiians are fond of calling it, extends from the docks clear up to the hotels at Waikiki, where ukuleles continue to be strummed, girls continue to shimmer their grass skirts, and the surf boards and the outrigger canoes come roaring in on the surf.

There is no sight quite like Waikiki, no beach that resembles it in any way. So many visitors have crossed the Pacific to discover Waikiki for themselves that there has been a traffic problem in the surfing lanes, not to mention a traffic problem at the hotel registration desks. Still, surfing can be learned under the guidance of a brawny beachboy, and many senior citizens who live in Hawaii ride the waves every day. Outrigger canoe rides are a must, for the experience, the thrill and the view. These boats, patterned after the craft that are traditionally used in the Pacific and which took Polynesians on the perilous journey from Tahiti and Bora Bora north to Hawaii, now take tourists for a roaring ride through the surf. Not the least of the pleasures of the excursion is the wait offshore for the proper wave, and the chance to view Honolulu from the water with the sun beating on the sand, and the tiny white houses running up the steep slopes to disappear in the clouds that hang angrily over the green hills. Then the stern handler cries "Go!" and all hands paddle to get ahead of the wave, and when they've caught it all

## Off to the Islands

By HORACE SUTTON

paddles are taken in, and there is no noise except for a gleeful shout and the whistling of the wind and the rush of the water. Just off the gunwales, surfers are riding alongside, teetering on the boards, keeping their balance and losing it too and plunging into the onrushing wave.

There are, to be sure, less energetic pleasures available on Waikiki. Not the least of them is *watching* people surf and ride the outriggers. Just across the street from the beach—no need, really, to dress or put your shoes on—there are daily shows in a clearing in that jungle of shopping huts, torches and palm trees that is called the International Market Place.

Usually the Polynesians dance twice a week, while Hawaii's other native groups—the Japanese, the Samoans and the Filipinos perform once weekly. Among other free offerings is the hula camera show that is sponsored by Kodak Hawaii and presented twice weekly—a bonanza of an outing for a camera enthusiast, in deference to whom there are hula dancers, coconut tree climbers and other recordable performances. Free for the ladies are flower demonstrations that are held several times a week in the big Waikiki hotels. Hawaii, a land where you might get an orchid decorating your fruit cocktail, has developed its own style of flower arranging, influenced by the Orient of course, but still its own. What you learn in Hawaii might be difficult (and frustrating) to try to repeat at home. Where else in the world can you buy bird-of-paradise flowers for twenty cents apiece or an armful of orchids for six bits. On Sundays there are concerts in the Banyan Court of the old Moana Hotel, first of the great



*Surf boards, bathers and palms adorn Waikiki Beach. Diamond Head looms in the distance.*

hotels to rise along the beach front. And for the energetic there are Sunday hikes by the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club in canyons overgrown with kukui and mountain apple trees, even up the slopes of Diamond Head, that bulwark of an extinct volcano that looks down at the vacationists disporting themselves on the Waikiki sands below. Even the Audubon Society has a Hawaiian branch and organizes Sunday bird walks to Manoa Falls.

Visitors in Hawaii should consult the *Daily Events Guide* published each week by the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. It took me no fewer than six visits to discover this handy gazetteer recently, and then I began turning up at Hawaii's fabulous and little known festivals that are staged at intervals by Japanese Buddhists, Chinese Buddhists, the Koreans and the Filipinos.

The traditional dances and colorful ceremonies are rarely visited by tourists, who seem so rarely to get off the tourist trails, but they provide memorable

experiences for the man with a memory and/or a camera.

Some of the best island entertainment is offered just across the street from the Waikiki hotels by Don the Beachcomber, who has operated a darkened den of rum, tropical foliage, and exotic food for many months now, and presumably will for many months to come, to the rare music of Martin Denny. A few doors away, the same management also operates the Colonel Steak House, where Indonesian-garbed waiters serve whopping cuts of Omaha-imported beef. The blends of coffees with spirits and spices that follow are a tonic that I wouldn't miss. In case anyone wants to be alone, there is a tree-house far up on a neighboring limb where waiters will serve any two recluses. The terrace of the Halekulani seems to say all that should be said about Hawaii, and the Queen's Surf is a seaside nightclub that is always good for a dance, a drink and a mood.

All manner of locomotion exists for

hire on Hawaii, from fast little runabouts clear up to a broad-beamed limousine which is probably handier for those who wish to climb the Pali, Oahu's central cliff, which leads to the windward side of the island. The view is magnificent from the top, but I would also recommend the seaside drive on windward Oahu with stops for lunch at such delightful inns as the Crouching Lion, which crouches under a towering rock cliff, and Pat's at Punaluu, a tropical nest that will lull the senses with banana fritters and mai-tais.

There are, to be sure, the other islands of Hawaii, and pleasures await there, too. I would not, if I were you, consign myself to a mad dash up and down the Big Island or Kauai or Maui, as advertised loudly by the travel agents. The pace is far too hectic and to my made-up mind, quite out of pace with what Hawaii ought to be. There is still sleepy Lahaina with a simple old Hawaiian hotel on Maui, there is the double-plush

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Chairman John Rosasco of Coral Gables, Fla., Elks' Veterans Hospital Committee submits this picture as appropriate evidence of what is going on this month in lodges all over the country. Last year, his Committee's party for veterans at the Coral Gables Hospital was an outstanding one, will be even better this year.



Indoor Carnivals are popular holiday fun with our hospitalized veterans, the Elks of Johnson City, Tenn., have found. Here is a group ready to entertain at their "penny pitch" booth—a gay and exciting attraction that never misses.

## The Season With That Special "Lift"

All through the year, members of the Order are hard at work in veterans' hospitals, trying through every means at their disposal to lift the spirits of convalescent servicemen. This time of the year has a special "lift" of its own which always seems to make the Elks and their wives work even harder to entertain those to whom we owe so much.



Through New Orleans, La., Lodge, the Elks National Service Commission presented two folding wheelchairs to the VA Hospital in that city. Photographed at the presentation which took place during the Elks' monthly entertainment program there, were, left to right, background, Nurse Sara Dumas, VAVS Elks' Representative P.D.D. James H. Aitken, Dr. Thomas L. Harvey, Mgr. of the Hospital, and E.R. Lloyd Adams. Patients in wheelchairs are Dave Miller, left, and Arthur L. Myers.

Place **FIRST** on **YOUR** Christmas List . . .

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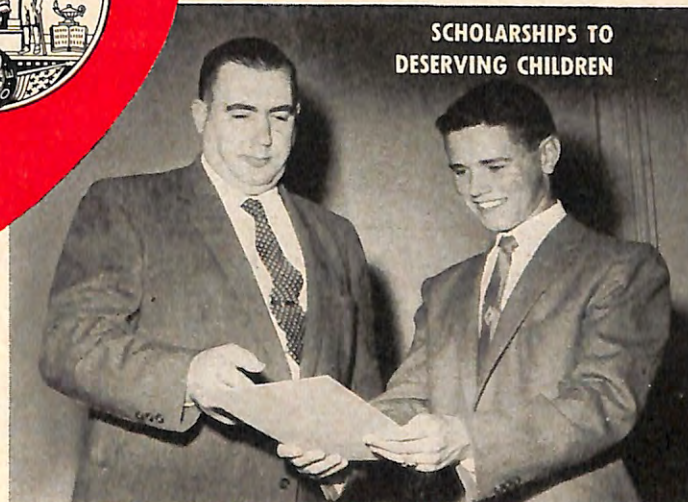
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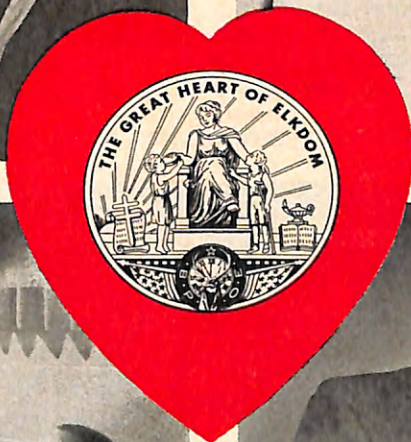
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# Another Kickoff for Charity

**THE TANGERINE BOWL** game on New Year's Day, 1960, will be the 14th annual football classic held under the auspices of Orlando, Fla., Lodge, No. 1079. In 1947, these Elks were looking for a project that would help them provide funds for the favorite charity of all Florida Elksdom—the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children at Umatilla which is operated and maintained by the State Elks Assn. The committee appointed to study the matter recommended an annual football game to be played by teams of outstanding small colleges, the net proceeds going to the Home. That was the birth of the Elks Tangerine Bowl game; since 1947, colleges from Texas to Pennsylvania have been invited to participate in the only NCAA-approved, 100 per cent charity bowl game.

More than \$125,000 has been contributed to the Home by Orlando Lodge as a result of this project. A committee, known as the Tangerine Bowl Commission, is appointed each year by the Exalted Ruler to arrange and stage the game; all the manpower needed as tick-



**HILO, Hawaii,** Elksdom, as sponsor of the 1959 6th Annual Elks Vagabond Tour to our 50th State, welcomed this group of Elks and their ladies.



**ST. PAUL, Minnesota,** Lodge's "River Days" program won the Gavel Club's top award as outstanding community project of the year. It was accepted by E.R. C. H. Zimmerman, left. Others, left to right, are Mrs. Ruby Krause, Altrusa Club; Michael Baglio, Gavel Club; Mrs. William Struve, JC Wives Club; Jay C. Gould, Downtown Lions Club, and Peter J. Maietta, Unico.



**PORT WASHINGTON, New York,** Lodge's first E.R., Nicholas Churchill, center, foreground, is pictured with his fellow officers and, background, officials on hand for its institution, including D.D. John Frank, Chairman James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Membership and New Lodge Committee and Elmont P.E.R. David D. Lee, fourth, sixth and seventh from left, respectively.

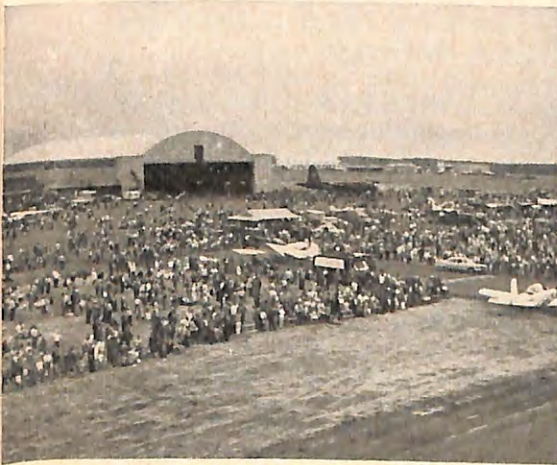
et and program sellers, ticket takers, ushers and so on is taken care of by the members of the lodge and their wives.

Past Exalted Ruler H. Grady Cooksey is General Chairman for the coming game, and he and his committee will be happy to handle any requests for tickets. You may address him at P. O. Box 743, Orlando, Fla.

**FOR SIX WEEKS** this past summer, Iron-ton, Ohio, Lodge, No. 177, was the busiest place in town, and the unusual hot-weather activity brought more favorable newspaper publicity to the lodge than any other event in its 69-year history.

It all started with the launching of a membership campaign. The goal was a Grand Exalted Ruler's Class of 94 members—one for each year in the life of L. R. Andrews, No. 177's senior Past Exalted Ruler.

To spur interest in the campaign, and in deference to the season, four "base-ball teams" of 15 players and three managers were designated to work on the project under the General Chairmanship



**EVERETT, Washington,** Lodge's annual Pacific Northwest Air Fair is growing more popular with each exciting event. Over 25,000 persons saw this year's show.



**IRONTON, Ohio,** team captains in the recent drive Chairmanned by Matt Cloran which brought in 94 candidates included, left to right, foreground, Ed George, Don Flower, Jake Scherer, Bill Paul, Jr., and Henry Parks. Up in the air in that order are Charles Smith, and Harry Gallagher who set the pace with a score of 13 new Elks.

of Matt L. Cloran; they were named, appropriately, the Fawns, the Antlers, the Bucks and the Does.

The tremendous success of this drive resulted in the initiation of 94 men at a ceremony conducted by Ashland, Ky., Lodge's State Championship Ritualistic Team, with the Huntington, W. Va., Elks' Chorus of 36 voices providing entertainment. The project increased Iron-ton Lodge's membership by more than 14 per cent, and the outstanding publicity it received was the result of the many unusual aspects of the campaign. One of the sidelights given thorough coverage by *The Ironton Tribune* concerned Lester Fillgrove, a candidate signed up by Curtis Massie although his twin, Chester Fillgrove, has been an Elk for 25 years. When Miss Kate Holliday read of this turn of events, she promptly wrote a poem about it and the *Tribune* published that, too. Miss Holliday, a retired school teacher, had had the twins as pupils many years ago.

**EVEN BEFORE ITS INSTITUTION,** Port Washington, N. Y., Lodge, No. 2137, had a nice string of charitable acts to its credit.

The 525 Charter Members were initiated Sept. 27th by a team composed of Past Exalted Rulers who were members of the Championship Ritualistic Teams of their respective terms. Former Exalted Rulers of Great Neck Lodge which sponsored No. 2137 handled the installation of Exalted Ruler Nicholas Churchill and his fellow officers.

These ceremonies followed the institution which was conducted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan assisted by District Deputy John Frank and officers of the N. Y. Southeast District. Judge Hallinan was one of the speakers, as were Chairman James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Membership and New Lodge Committee, National Convention Committee Director Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, District Deputies Frank and Harry Macy and Elmont Past Exalted Ruler David D. Lee who was Master of Ceremonies.

The charitable acts referred to above began more than a month before the lodge was instituted and had the blind orphans of St. Joseph's School for the Blind in Jersey City as the beneficiaries. Tom Ludy, President of the Helping Hand Club, and Milton Blackstone, both members of the new lodge, were responsible for making arrangements to entertain the 27 children at Playland in Rye, N. Y. Later, they took the youngsters on a boat ride, gave them a picnic at Manorhaven and took them swimming at the pool at the home of Jay Raddock, another Port Washington Elk.

That's what we'd call starting out on the right foot.

**RISING ON THE SHORES** of Biscayne Bay, the magnificent new home of Miami, Fla., Lodge, No. 948, has all the fea-

tures to make it a popular meeting place. The two-story concrete structure, erected on a five and one-half acre tract, is a five-minute walk from the center of town. The bay side is faced by a coconut palm grove and picnic grounds, and a parking space which will accommodate 100 cars. The glass-fronted building includes a dining room seating 75 persons, and a lodge room which can also be used as a ballroom. A public address system has been installed and future plans call for a swimming pool and cabanas, a gymnasium, steam room, bowling alleys, tennis courts and other country-club features.

Miami's Elks dedicated this home recently, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland playing a major role in the activities.

**THRILLING 25,000** spectators, the third Annual Pacific Northwest Air Fair sponsored by Everett, Wash., Lodge, No. 479, had an international flavor, with Canadian and Mexican participation.

Col. William Shaeffer, Commanding Officer of Paine Air Force Base where the show was held, Lt. Jim Paschall, F-89 jet pilot, and Elk Committee Co-Chairmen Wm. E. Moore, Harold Dalberg and Jack Sheraton were largely responsible for the success of the two-day event opened by Gov. Albert Rosellini. Highlight of the program was the U. S. Air Force Precision Flying Team, the Thunderbirds, with Bob Hoover, test pilot for North American Aviation, putting a jet through some unbelievable stunts. Pete Bower and his antique aircraft group were a big draw; Paine Field offered two exciting acts, and there were nine freetail parachute drops each day by the Seattle Skydivers.

**THE NEW HOME** of Maynard, Mass., Lodge, No. 1568, was officially dedicated with a four-day celebration which also marked the lodge's 30th Anniversary.

All the events drew record-breaking crowds, welcomed by Exalted Ruler Howard Prescott and his fellow Elks. Over 200 visitors were on hand, including former Grand Treas. John F. Burke, and such State Association officials as Pres. Louis Dubin, Vice-Pres. Wm. P. Burke, Treas. T. J. Whalen and Trustee Gerald Slamin.

Exalted Ruler Charles Cremens and the officers of Cambridge Lodge which instituted No. 1568 30 years ago conducted the ceremony. The program booklet carried a tribute to K. Paul Hilander, the lodge's first Exalted Ruler, who passed away shortly before the dedication. Mr. Hilander who had joined the Order in 1924, was one of Maynard Lodge's most devoted and beloved members. The tribute included the fact that his name has been engraved upon the wall of the lodge hall. Mr. Hilander was 69 at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife and sister.



SAN ANTONIO, Texas

... M/Sgt. R. B. Harn of Fort Sam Houston was honored not long ago in recognition of his long and active service as a SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Elk. Col. H. F. Taylor, Fort Sam Houston Commander, was the guest of honor on this occasion when 14 military men, 11 sponsored by Sgt. Harn, were initiated in his name. In the foreground, left to right, are Sgt. L. D. Briley, Col. Taylor, E.R. R. C. Perkins and M/Sgt. Harn.



DAYTON, Ohio

... DAYTON, OHIO, Lodge officers are pictured with members of the class they initiated in honor of D.D. Richard E. Faris, center foreground. State Liquor Director R. C. Crouch, second from right, background, was a candidate.



BATON ROUGE, Louisiana



ELWOOD, Indiana

... These youngsters played under the banner of BATON ROUGE, LA., Lodge last summer in the American Legion C League, coached by Elks H. C. McCall and Sam Harelson.

... When P.E.R. Calvin Sizelove resigned after serving 36 years as Secy. of ELWOOD, IND., Lodge, he was honored at special ceremonies when he received a gold membership card from Grand Lodge Committeeman Robert L. DeHority and a fishing outfit from his fellow P.E.R.'s. Photographed at that time were, left to right, seated, State Pres. Leonard Imel, Mr. Sizelove and E.R. Norwood Allen; standing: D.D. James St. Myers, Mr. DeHority and State Vice-Pres. Paul Manship.



OSHKOSH, Wisconsin

... OSHKOSH, WIS., Lodge paid tribute to State Pres. Jack R. Froom with an initiation, dinner and Harvest Ball. Photographed at the very successful affair were, left to right, State Chaplain A. T. Devine, Pres.-elect Dr. M. J. Junion, State Pres. Froom, host E.R. R. F. Jansen, State Secy. Leo H. Schmalz and Dist. Vice-Pres. J. A. Maldari.



NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana

... With the assistance of NEW ORLEANS, LA., Lodge, the Elks' ladies donated a handsome Werlein spinet piano for the wards of the local Crippled Children's Hospital. Left to right are Hospital Adm. Miss Edna Koffskey, Board Member Mrs. P. H. Maloney, Sr., who accepted the gift, Nurse Janice Stern, Hospital Guild Pres. Mrs. M. K. Lemarie, Acting Secy. J. J. Schwab, E.R. L. L. Adams and Treas. F. J. Schrewe, and Mrs. Schwab, Mrs. J. H. Aitken and Mrs. G. J. Lupo of the Elks' ladies.



**LAKWOOD, COLO.**, Lodge, No. 1777 was host to the first Annual State Elks Golf Tournament. A total of 136 golfers from 12 Colorado lodges, and two from Wyoming entered the two-day contest. In conjunction with the regular 36-hole individual event, eight lodges were represented by five two-man teams, and the teams' best ball totals were added together to decide the winner.

The players were divided into nine flights in individual play—Les Fowler of Boulder won the Championship with ten under par, or a total of 132; Pete Moroney of Pueblo was runner-up. The host lodge captured the traveling trophy in the team event with a combined total of 711 strokes for the 36 holes; Boulder took second place and Pueblo, third.

All lodges which have conducted a State tournament this year are invited to correspond with Lodge No. 1777, P. O. Box 7527, Lakewood 15, Colo., concerning the possibility of conducting a National Elks Golf Tourney next year, with the champion and runner-up from each State competing.

**GEORGE L. HIRTZEL**, 61-year member of the Order and a Trustee of the N. J. State Assn. for 39 years, is one of the most admired and respected Elks of the Garden State.

The Association honored Mr. Hirtzel at its quarterly meeting held recently at Paramus Lodge when Jules J. Marion, a member of the Board, presented a wrist watch to Mr. Hirtzel on behalf of the Trustees. Delegates from 91 of the State's 96 lodges attended the session at which Pres. Edward J. Hannon presided.

Mr. Hirtzel, a Past Exalted Ruler of Elizabeth Lodge, is a former District Deputy and a Past State President. He also served twice on the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee.

**THE 10th ANNUAL CARNIVAL** for patients at the Norwich State Hospital was a joint effort of the hospital employes and members of Norwich, Conn., Lodge, No. 430. About 2,000 patients participated in the program which was well managed by Exalted Ruler John J. Sullivan and his committee.

The patients receive tickets which are used in lieu of money at the booths—otherwise, the carnival is handled on the same basis as any other. Prizes are cigarettes, candy, pipes, cosmetics, and so on, and there were the customary popcorn, hot dog and other refreshment stands. All-day music was furnished by the Norwich Civic Band, and a fine program of professional entertainment was provided by the Elks.

**TIMING THE VISITS** to occur just before Khrushchev arrived, a motorcade of Elks from Lakeland, Fla., Lodge, No. 1291, sped through Polk County behind a police escort and made formal flag presentations to four schools before a combined audience of 3,500 children. A total of 145 new 49-star flags were presented by the Elks that day, each school receiving a flag for every classroom, as well as a nylon auditorium flag and a 5' x 8' flag for its yard staff. At each school the principal served as MC, introducing State Senator Scott Kelly, a Lakeland Elk, as the principal speaker. J. Leon MacCartney is Chairman of the Committee which organized this project. Among the Elks who made the tour was 94-year-old Past Exalted Ruler L. W. Yarnall, Chaplain of his lodge for the past ten years.



**LAKELAND, Florida**, Lodge presented 145 49-star Flags to four schools. Pictured at the Lakeland Senior High School ceremony were, left to right, Elk William LaLonde, Secy. Emory Ivey, school principal L. G. Liggett, Est. Lead. Knight Pierce Guard, State Senator Scott Kelly, E.R. George Borde, Supt. of Public Instruction C. S. Harden, Jr., and P.E.R. W. E. Thompson.



**HOMEWOOD, Alabama**, Elk officials are pictured with members of the largest class ever initiated into that branch of the Order. The 51 men became Elks in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins. In the center, foreground, is E.R. Jack Alexander with P.D.D. Ray C. Balthrop, representing the Grand Lodge, on his left. Over 250 members have been added to the rolls since the lodge installed a \$45,000 swimming pool last August.



**WICHITA FALLS, Texas**, Lodge was host to the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital Trustees. Pictured left to right around the table were Secy.-Treas. George Strauss, Chairman W. P. Howle, J. A. Green, State Pres. Forest Gathright, local lodge Trustee W. J. Edwards, Marvin Hamilton, host Est. Lect. Knight Ralph McGuire, Past State Pres. V. A. Powell, C. C. Kirby, F. W. Wilder, Vice-Chairman Carl R. Mann and Hosp. Adm. Miss Fannie Fox.



**POUGHKEEPSIE, New York**, Lodge initiated 25 men in honor of Sterling J. Holmes who retired as Secy. after 20 years' service. With the candidates are, foreground, D.D. Edward F. Turchen, Mr. Holmes and E.R. F. J. Plonka, fifth, sixth and seventh from left, respectively. At left, background, is P.D.D. Ernest L. Tinklepaugh and, right, P.D.D. J. T. Russell.



**BINGHAMTON, New York**, Lodge sponsored the 1959 Annual Elks National Baton Twirling Contest and sent us this photograph of the winning contestants.



**SCRANTON, Pennsylvania,** Lodge honored its Little League team when it won the League Championship for the fourth consecutive year, and captured the City title for the second consecutive year by taking 45 straight games.



**NORWICH, New York,** Lodge entered this float in the community's Tercentenary Parade, a pageant which took four hours to pass a given point. With the Order's Scholarship and Youth Activities programs as its theme, the Elks' entry won a blue ribbon.



**MAINLAND, Texas,** Lodge, No. 2141, organized with the able assistance of Past State President Raymond L. Wright, has these men as its first panel of officers. Appearing in the foreground, fourth from left, is Charter Exalted Ruler Jack Muecke.



**DECATUR, Indiana,** Lodge had these officials break ground for its new \$65,000 home. Left to right: Charter Member I. A. Kalver, Grand Lodge Committeeman Robert L. DeHority, E.R. George Bair, contractor Cal Yost and State Pres. Leonard Imel.

## LODGE NOTES

Virginia City, Mont., Lodge has an unsung hero in its midst, Secretary Ben Williams tells us. Last August, when an earthquake and landslide hit near Hebgen Dam, Virginia City Elk A. F. Martin happened to be nearby. He rushed a number of survivors up the river, located the dam's custodian and borrowed his truck and boat. With four boys he returned to the disaster scene where they floated the boat on the lake created by the quake and found a Mr. and Mrs. Gault of California clinging to a tree. After rescuing them, and making a thorough search of the area, Mr. Martin returned to the dam-site with the remaining survivors. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Gault appeared on the Art Linkletter TV program when they told of their rescue. Viewers will remember that they did not know the names of their rescuers—in true Elk fashion, Brother Martin had done his job and returned to his home before newsmen arrived.

While all the Elks of Brattleboro, Vt., worked diligently to sell over 2,000 books at \$1.00 apiece for the benefit of Silver Towers, the Vermont State Elks Camp for Retarded Children, major credit goes to Erwin Powers. Initiated only eight months ago, Mr. Powers sold 154 of the books himself. Others who put long hours of effort into this project are State Trustee Herman Ahrens and lodge Steward Jimmy Long.

Three brothers, including Charles A. MacGillivray who holds the Congressional Medal of Honor, and two brothers-in-law were among 15 men initiated into Quincy, Mass., Lodge recently. The others were John J. and Roland R. MacGillivray, and Walter H. Frazier and Wm. J. Clubb. All five were sponsored by the third brother-in-law, lodge Treas. James E. Corbett. Incidentally, Quincy Lodge's Italian Night had a capacity attendance of 350.

Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge's Exalted Ruler Joseph Keller regretfully reports the resignation of the lodge's devoted Secretary, Past Exalted Ruler Edward J. Daly. After serving continuously for 24 years, Mr. Daly was obliged to resign on October 1st because of ill health.

Esquire Phillip G. Penfold of Norwich, N. Y., Lodge informs us that all but one member of the City Council are Elks. They include Exalted Ruler Arthur Dietrich, Inner Guard Ed Leahy, Past Exalted Rulers Dr. Leo Weiler who is the Mayor and a lodge Trustee, and Jim Coleman, and James O'Brien, James Ferry, Tom Natoli, Harold Mattice, Herman Asma and Charles Gregory.

Bellaire, Ohio, Elkdom reports that Past Exalted Ruler Clyde G. Heil, a member for 31 years, completed 20 years of perfect attendance at lodge sessions on August 11th. A former



**LAKE HOPATCONG, New Jersey,** Lodge's Charter is presented by Grand Est. Loyal Knight Joseph F. Bader, left, to E.R. John J. Collins, Jr. The presentation was made at a dinner-dance attended by 300 persons, including D.D. Kenneth Geiselmann, P.D.D.'s Thomas Stewart and Robert Hale, State Vice-Pres. George Dorchak, Past State Pres. Matthew Coyle, Past Vice-Pres. Al DeFiore and P.E.R. William McChesney of Livingston, Chairman of the New Lodge Committee which organized Lake Hopatcong Lodge No. 2109.



**HAVERTHILL, Massachusetts,** Lodge sponsored an essay contest on "Hiring the Handicapped in Our Town." Pictured as the Elk prizes were awarded were, left to right, seated, first prize-winner Vivian Ryan, second prize-winner Maureen Donovan and third prize-winner Sandra Kusminski. Standing: Est. Loyal Knight M. J. Germanaro, counselor Mrs. F. L. Tarleton, Employment Office Mgr. R. L. Walsh and Veteran's Employment representative F. A. Terranova.

**MIAMI, Florida,** Mayor Robert King, a member of the Order, cuts the ribbon at the formal opening of his lodge's handsome new home. To the right of the Mayor is Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland who was the principal speaker. Others include Grand Trustees Chairman Wm. A. Wall, Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Chelsie J. Senerchia, and E.R. I. J. Block and Secy. D. B. Hilton of the host lodge. Among the other 700 guests at the ceremonies were State Pres. Chas. I. Campbell, Director George Carver of the Florida Elks Crippled Children's Hospital and D.D. O. Ralph Matousek.



lodge Trustee and a Past President of Ohio's Southeast District Bowling Assn., Mr. Heil installed his son Donald as 1957-58 Exalted Ruler.

Charles H. Riegel wrote to us recently expressing his desire to thank publicly the members of Chicago (South), Ill., Lodge. Mr. Riegel, a wheel-chair patient, tells us that the Elks remodeled his back porch and installed a mechanical lift which makes it possible for him to enjoy being out of doors once again.

Chicago, Ill., Lodge, No. 4, has also been generous to the handicapped, particularly the youngsters of the Illinois Children's Hospital-School who have been entertained by the Elks at a number of varied parties and outings. Recently a group of the older students, six of them guests of Chicago Lodge, attended a football game between the College All-Stars and the Baltimore Colts at Soldiers Field. They were ac-

companied by the lodge's Crippled Children's Chairman Jacob Shalin and several others, including Ed Bernstein who managed to secure for the children two footballs kicked into the stands during the game. Vice-President Richard Nixon also attended the contest, greeted each child personally, autographed the footballs and other items for them, and then presented his pen to one of the boys.

The Elks of Santa Fe, N. M., were honored in an editorial in *The New Mexican* which praised their assistance to the Valencia family. They were already aiding young Jesse Valencia, a cerebral-palsy victim, when the mother died, leaving eight children. Santa Fe's Elks and their wives decided at once to help the entire family. They took care of the funeral arrangements and expenses, even providing the clothes in which Mrs. Valencia was buried. This good turn led them to another:

when they appealed to the newspaper to publicize their drive to keep the eight children together, they learned that a leukemia victim had used a large supply of blood from the hospital bank. Past District Deputy Ray Arias and Del Miera got to work on the telephone and within an hour, had more than a dozen Elks at the hospital to make blood donations.

Cambridge, Mass., Lodge held a banquet in honor of St. Paul's CYO baseball team which won the Deanery Championship this year. Trophies were awarded to the players, and the boys presented a gift to their manager, Michael Connell. Exalted Ruler Charles H. Cremens was host, and among the guests were Rev. Joseph Glavin, Director of Athletics at Holy Cross College; CYO Director Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Carroll, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Augustine F. Hickey and Rev. Joseph I. Collins, both of St. Paul's.

# Midwest And Northeast

THE DEDICATION of a lodge building is always a memorable occasion, and at Evanston, Ill., Lodge's new home the recent ceremonies were especially notable, owing to the presence of Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins and a number of distinguished Elks. With Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins on the Sept. 14 visit were Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Floyd E. Thompson and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner. Elks attending the dedication also included Past Grand Esquire George T. Hickey, State Pres. Monte Hance, Dr. William R. Fletcher—who was District Deputy when Evanston Lodge was instituted in 1914—Past District Deputies Enoch K. Carlson, Charles E. Mason, Joseph M. Cooke, Frank Wohlleber, Richard Baudin and Franz A. Koehler, Past Exalted Ruler George N. Johnson and Chairman of Lodge Trustees A. H. Labahn. The dedication was conducted by Past District Deputies.

**WATERVLIET, N.Y.** Following New York's Upstate Conference (reported in November), Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins motored to Watervliet, N.Y., on Sept. 21, and were entertained at a dinner there by lodge officers and their ladies. Highlights of the visit included a tour of the Army's Watervliet Arsenal, and a motorcade through the city to the lodge, where a band and over 500 Elks formed a welcoming committee. At the dinner, greetings were extended by Mayor Hugh F. Donnelly, a lodge member. Among those attending were National Convention Committee Director Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Past District Deputies (Continued on page 55)



Elks at a dinner held by Rutland, Vt., Lodge on Oct. 1 include (from left) State Pres. Raymond Quesnel, Elks National Home Superintendent Thomas J. Brady, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins, Exalted Ruler Earl Cram, Past State Pres. Peter Hall, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry. Mr. Hawkins stopped at Rutland overnight.



The Grand Exalted Ruler receives an honorary Deputy Sheriff's badge from Past District Deputy Joseph Melillo at Lyndhurst, N. J., Lodge on Sept. 22. Looking on (from left to right) are Exalted Ruler Patrick A. Melillo, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Joseph F. Bader and Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick.



Shown at Somerville, N. J., Lodge on Sept. 23 are (from left, front row): Brothers William Cremer, Jr., Chris Parenti, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Mr. Hawkins, Exalted Ruler Stanley Frank and Edward Oliver. Second row: Brother George Langon (Mayor of Bridgewater Township), Past Exalted Ruler Andrew Mullen, State Vice-Pres. Bernard McMenamin, Secretary M. M. Ronca,

District Deputy William Flanagan, Chaplain Joseph Kolans, Charles Khoury, Vincent Ryan and Past State Pres. Louis Spine. Third row: Organist Gustaf Anderson, District Deputy Clarence Little, Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Matthew J. Coyle and Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman William R. Thorne. Photograph was taken at banquet honoring Mr. Hawkins.



Mayor Leo P. Carlin, who is a member of Newark, N. J., Lodge, welcomes Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins to the city on Sept. 22. Others shown in photograph are (from left to right) Exalted Ruler David J. Breitkopf, Mrs. Hawkins, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, District Deputy F. A. Padovano.



At new Evanston, Ill., Lodge home, Sept. 14 (from left, upper row): Lodge Trustee A. H. Labahn, PER George N. Johnson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, Mr. Hawkins, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, State Pres. Monte Hance, Past District Deputy W. R. Fletcher. Lower row: Past Grand Esquire George T. Hickey, PDDs E. K. Carlson, C. E. Mason, J. M. Cooke, Frank Wohlleber, Richard Baudin, F. A. Koehler.



A reception was held for the Grand Exalted Ruler at Lewiston, Maine, Sept. 29. Shown in the lodge rooms (from left) are District Deputy L. C. Murphy, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Mr. Hawkins, ER Joseph Winner, State Pres. Alton A. Lessard.



Miss Muriel Wild, a young patient at Passaic County (N. J.) Elks Cerebral Palsy Center greets visitors on Sept. 22. They are (left to right) Mr. Hawkins, Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Chairman of Center's Board of Trustees Denis A. G. Lyons, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Joseph F. Bader, Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Helen Dansceisin, Director of the Center.



Assembled at the speakers' table for dinner at Watervliet, N. Y., Lodge on Sept. 21 are (left to right) Grand Exalted Ruler Hawkins, Past District Deputy J. W. James, and Past District Deputy G. H. Halpin, who served as toastmaster. Mr. Hawkins was welcomed to Watervliet by a delegation of more than 500 Elks, and a band, assembled on the lawn outside the lodge building when he arrived via motorcade.



At New London, Conn., Oct. 4, (seated): Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Arthur J. Roy, Mr. Hawkins, State Pres. James J. Gillespie, ER Allister Hall, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Chairman John E. Fenton. Standing: Past State Pres. John McGuire, State Secy. Thaddeus Pawlowski, State Vice-Pres. John Winn, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, Grand Lodge Membership Committee Chairman James A. Gunn, PER Robert Hullivan, National Home Supt. Thomas J. Brady, PER Joseph Mulvey, DD Louis J. Moran. (See next issue for full report.)

**IN THE DOG HOUSE****Talk of Tricks**By **ED FAUST**

IN JUNE, this department told how to make your dog a better citizen by way of lessons in good behavior. Some of our dog-owning friends may recall a mention of tricks at the end of the article, and a commitment to write in detail about making Fido a proficient parlor performer.

Commands should always be short, single words such as *sit*, *up*, *down* and others relating to the trick you want to teach. Avoid long sentences; these only confuse the dog. Speak to the dog a trifle more sharply than usual, but don't scold and never shout.

I'd add here that to whip a dog for persistently refusing one or more tricks is only a needless cruelty. In fact, the schooling should never be marked by punishment of any sort. If the dog connects punishment with any part of the training program, you'll wind up with a confirmed rebel on your hands. Keep the training sessions to about fifteen minutes; prolonged schooling will only tire the dog and cause it to lose interest. Try, if possible, to give the lessons in a quiet room where there are no other people or animals to distract your pupil. If Fido stalls during the teaching of one trick, don't force this to completion. Start over again at the beginning. At the end of each period reward the dog with some tidbit.

Assuming that you have taught your dog the more important aspects of basic training as given in the previously mentioned June article, it will have by this time learned to stand at command, to come when called and to sit quietly when told. If your dog has mastered these rules of conduct then the teaching of tricks shouldn't be too difficult. If yours is an unruly fellow, entirely undisciplined, then forget the lessons in tricks. The pup first has to learn to be reasonably obedient.

Let's begin by teaching one of the easiest of all tricks, that of jumping on command, easiest because most dogs like to jump and are natural jumpers. Take him to a corner of the room, a corner because the side walls pen him in. Have him stand while you hold a



*Most pups learn easily because, like this springer spaniel, they want to please.*

stick about chest-high and give him the command word "jump". At first he'll very likely try to force his way under the stick. Each time he does put him back to a standing position. Snap your fingers in front of him when you give the command. It won't be long before he will jump to escape the confinement. When he does, praise and pet him. Repeat this until the dog learns to jump as soon as you give the word. When he does then move him to the center of the room, still using the stick and later your arm. Gradually increase the height of the jump, but don't make it so high that the pup has to pole-vault.

Want to teach the dog to stand on its hind legs? Not hard to do—just hold a piece of meat or other bit of food he likes out of his reach over his head. The command, of course, is "up". In his eagerness to reach the morsel he'll rear up. When he does, give him the tidbit and a word of praise. Repeat this often enough and you can eventually eliminate the treat if you want to.

An extension of this stunt is to get the dog to walk on its hind legs. Still holding the food over its head, slowly retreat from him. He'll follow in his effort to get the food. Don't walk him too far this way at first.

The speaking lesson is usually easy. This too calls for a little bribery. Again

we use the food incentive, holding it just out of the dog's reach and giving the command "speak". Don't reward the pooch until he barks.

After this you may want to teach him to roll over. You'll have to show him what you want by rolling him over, and this you do when you grasp his legs on one side and slowly turn him over. Continue doing this but in one direction until he learns to obey when you direct him.

Perhaps you'd like to play catch with the dog. Begin by commanding your dog to stand. Walk a short distance from him, about three or four feet, the distance depending upon the size of the dog. Roll some sheets of soft paper into a compact ball, something soft enough for him to easily sink his teeth into it. Toss it at him and command "catch". Don't be violent in your movements or he may think that you are throwing something at him in anger. At first the ball will probably only hit his schnozzle, and that may confuse him a bit. But if you can keep the tone of your voice lively and friendly so he'll regard this as a game, he will of his own accord try to catch the ball in his mouth. When he does, be lavish with your praise. Remember, dogs want to please.

Gradually increase the distance from

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# California Project Expanding

**ANAHEIM, THE HOME LODGE** of Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, was host to the 1959 Convention of the California Elks Assn. from October 7th to the 11th.

With Pres. Frank M. Linnell presiding, the first business session opened with the introduction of all Association officials, District Deputies, Grand Lodge Committeemen and Mayor A. J. Schutte, following which Mr. Lewis and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely were presented, both dignitaries acting as escorts of honor to Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins and Grand Secretary L. A. Donaldson.

Following an address by the Order's leader and the adoption of the annual reports of the ten Vice-Presidents, the following were elected: President Charles T. Reynolds, Vallejo; Vice-Presidents Richard Rypkema, Paradise, J. P. Bergemann, Nevada City, Elmer Myers, Crescent City, Stewart Barber, Alameda, Edward Duino, San Jose, John Havey, Coalinga, W. E. Fowler, Ventura, Don Peters, Whittier, J. J. Sousa, Big Bear Lake, and Richard Einer, Escondido. Edgar W. Dale of Richmond remains as Secretary of

the organization, and R. E. Walker of Santa Ana is Treasurer. Trustees are J. T. Kenward, Marysville, August Lepori, Petaluma, Eric Silva, Palo Alto, Walter Gieselman, Burbank, and R. F. Buchheim, Santa Ana.

R. Leonard Bush, as President of California Elks Major Project, Inc., reported on the ever-expanding program which is being carried on by the Elks of this State under the guidance of the Major Project Committee. It was noted that the average case-load of cerebral-palsied children being served is 850, with a total of 23,437 home visits made by the therapists of the 15 mobile units which traveled 575,530 miles on these errands of mercy. The Project was handled at a cost of \$338,219.14 last year. Following this report, Chairman Bruce Marsh of Inglewood who has headed the Purple Piggy Bank Program which aids this project called upon the Exalted Rulers on hand to present their annual contributions. This amount, added to \$13,326.48 which had already been contributed through the Piggy Banks, brought the total of special contributions for the year to \$229,091.55.

Chairman R. N. Traver of the Veterans Service Commission also made his report, and the session closed with the annual Memorial Service.

Highlight of the final session was the Good of the Order report delivered by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis who then installed the new official family, including Sgt.-at-Arms Clare McCord, Long Beach; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Otto Recknagel, Vallejo; Tiler E. E. O'Brien, Richmond; Asst. Tiler E. C. Hathaway, Huntington Park, and Chaplain Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. M. Scott of San Pedro.

Salinas, Pasadena and Vallejo placed in that order in the Ritualistic Contest, and the invitation of Sacramento Lodge to hold next year's Convention there was accepted, with the dates set as October 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th.

Final registration figures showed that 5,227 persons attended the meeting during which many outstanding social activities took place. Over 800 persons attended the President's Banquet and the Exalted Ruler's Dinner-Dance was equally popular. Co-Chairmen Charles Organ and Al Raimond

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E. R. O. L. Chandler of Anaheim Lodge which was host to the 1959 California Elks Assn. Convention leads the other Exalted Rulers of his State and presents a \$2,500 check to Chairman Bruce Marsh of the Piggy Bank Program which assists the Calif. Elks Major Project.



Horace R. Wisely is pictured, center, with Utah's State Pres. John C. Green, Jr., on his left and retiring Pres. Jack B. Parson on his right. The photograph was taken during the Convention in Logan.



Nevada Elkdom's New President L. W. Lappin, seventh from left, is photographed with other officials of the Association, and Past Grand Exalted Rulers Horace R. Wisely and L. A. Lewis, fifth and sixth from left, respectively.

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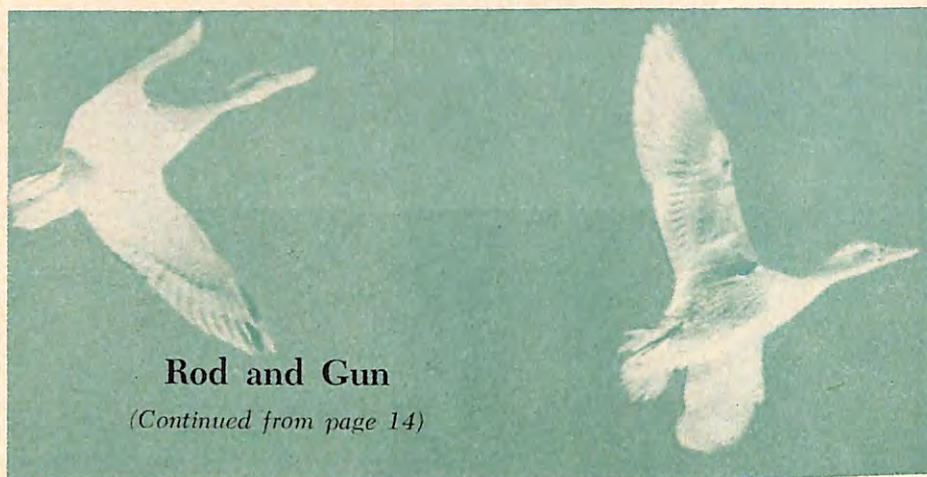
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## Rod and Gun

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soon the river—what we could see of it through the snow—was black with ducks.

We were through shooting all too soon. Then we sat in the snow and watched them come and listened to the whistle of their wings in the air and their talk on the bar and in the shallow water beside it. I can still see flock after flock of a hundred, two hundred, maybe three hundred mallards and pintails dropping down out of the snow.

Though there were many more ducks then than there are in this year of drought on the prairies with its resultant scarcity, shortened season and reduced bag limits, there is a practical application, now as then, of the lesson we learned that day. I believe it is the most important step toward successful duck hunting, and I put it this way: The best way to get ducks is to be where the ducks want to go when they want to go there.

If you are where ducks want to go, you have it made. If you aren't where they want to go, you can have a perfect blind, 200 decoys and be the best caller in America and you won't get good shooting.

Being in the right place at the right time is not always easy. If you live in one of the densely populated areas of the country, you have to belong to a duck club or rent a blind from a man who has access to bay or marsh. In either case, you must trust somebody else's judgment and hope for the best. In other sections, it takes time to learn feeding and loafing habits of ducks.

Next to finding the right spot at the right time, I think the most important thing is to master the art of holding still. Last winter, Jim Eidemiller and I were hunting an island in the Snake River. We had a dozen Canada goose decoys on the bar at the downstream tip because geese usually lit there, and 50 duck decoys over a shallow bar upstream, a spot the ducks preferred.

About 10 o'clock, Jim started down to the lower end of the island to check the goose decoys. He was halfway there when we first heard, then saw, a pair of Canadas coming up the river. Instead of running for the reeds at the

edge of the water or squatting down or making any other move whatever, Jim stood perfectly still, his gun across his arm, on the barren island. There was no cover whatever. He was right out in the open, as obvious as a stop sign. But he stood *still*.

The geese made one big swing over me, too high, then a tighter, lower circle over Jim. He killed one dead at 30 yards and missed the other clean, which is certainly what any sportsman wants to do if he can't hit with both barrels. I'm positive neither goose saw him until he raised his gun to shoot.

You don't need an elaborate blind if you can keep your face down and hold still when ducks are approaching. The reason you see big, tightly built, covered blinds is that the man who built them, whether he was a professional guide or an experienced hunter, knew somebody would move while the ducks flew in. Turn your head to follow circling ducks, or raise your hand, or change the position of your gun, and those ducks will go away. They may not flare, so you may never even know why.

There are places where half a dozen decoys are all you need. In a little pot-hole where only a few ducks would be found naturally, a few decoys are effective. On big water, however, a big, eye-catching stool in the kind of spot the species being hunted prefers is a tremendous help. There are exceptions, of course. You'd use only a few decoys for ruddies, no matter how large the body of water.

With rare exceptions, decoys for puddle ducks, mallards, pintails, baldpates and the others, should be set over shallow water. These ducks don't dive, but they like to be able to reach the bottom. Water six inches deep along the edge of a bar is better than water six feet deep a hundred yards out.

Every duck hunter owns two things: a gun and a duck call. The latter is to warn ducks they will soon be shot at.

There are spots where a duck call, properly used, is a tremendous help. There are also spots where the world's best duck caller could blow his heart out at high ducks going somewhere else



and never make them miss a wing beat. In general, the man who lacks years of experience would, in my opinion, do well to beware of loud and incessant calling. The way to establish a reputation as a duck caller is to be where the ducks want to go, hold still, and speak softly.

A friend of mine once killed three Canada geese in three shots with a .410-bore gun, using No. 7½ shot. The geese were overhead, in good range, and he held for the head, hitting them in the head and neck. I consider that a little far-fetched and I don't consider a .410 a satisfactory gun for waterfowl. At the same time, I deplore the recent trend toward long-range shooting with magnum loads of big shot. Most of us are not good enough.

If you are a sportsman and a duck flies over and you think, "Maybe I can kill that duck," you won't shoot. Long-range shooting is responsible for more cripples than anything else—and this year we can't afford to lose cripples. Entirely aside from the humane aspect, the loss of cripples some seasons is a third as great as the total bag.

If you shoot a moderate load in a gun heavy enough so that you are not punished by the recoil, and fire only at ducks you *know* you can kill, you will, except for occasional errors of judgment, either kill clean or miss clean. You will lose few cripples, you will score

a much higher percentage of hits and, believe it or not, bag more ducks.

I think it is entirely possible that no man, in a lifetime of waterfowl hunting, ever had two shots that were exactly alike. There are many similar shots, but I doubt that any two are exactly the same. The second duck was a little farther or closer, or angling a little more up or down, or right or left, or flying a little faster or slower, or the wind was stronger, or from a slightly different quarter.

This infinite variety of shots is, I think, what makes the art of duck shooting—entirely aside from the inseparable art of duck hunting—so fascinating. It does no good to know that a duck is exactly 40 yards away and flying at exactly 50 miles an hour. You'll miss him anyway. He's quartering into the wind and has a little side drift that you can't detect until too late.

The best shots I know swing fast and pull the trigger as the muzzle passes the duck. They don't attempt to figure out the required lead and then hold it while they pull. They swing and pull—and maintain that swing. They never stop the gun as they pull the trigger; to do so is to miss.

And somehow, using this slipshod, inexact method of projecting a charge of shot into the air so that both it and the duck will arrive at the same spot at the same time, they bag ducks. And sometimes, by some miracle, so do I. • •

## In the Dog House

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you to him, but don't move way out to center field. In time, you can substitute a soft rubber ball, but never a hard one or any other hard object.

A stunt that seems to afford some dogs pleasure is to carry things for their owners. If you link the carrying trick with something else the dog likes to do, it will be easier to teach. Take the dog for an airing. Roll up a few sheets of newspaper and slip a rubber band on each end to hold it rolled. Put this in his mouth. At first he'll promptly reject it. Each time he does put it back. Hold your hands on his muzzle to keep his mouth shut. Repeat this command: "Hold it." The lesson may require much patience on your part—and the dog's too. But if you persevere, Fido should learn to obey in time. When he's progressed this far, then walk him a short distance while he carries the paper. If he drops it, put it back in his mouth. All through this lesson repeat those words every so often: "Hold it."

Here's a simple trick that has baffled some people—selecting the right card on command. Put four aces on the floor or four cards of different colors or any four small, flat objects. Command the dog to select the one you name. With the right schooling, the dog will invariably pick the right object. All you have

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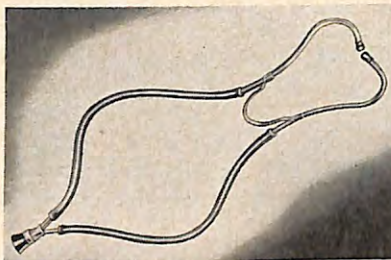
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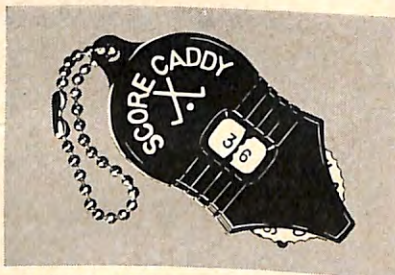


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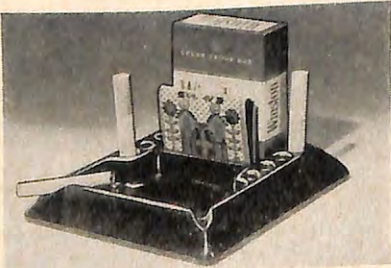
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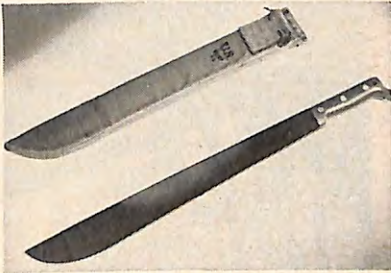


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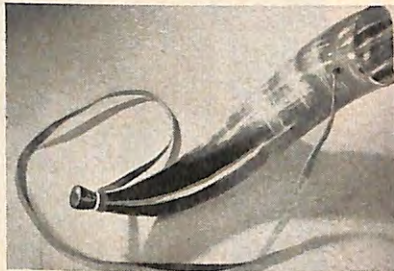


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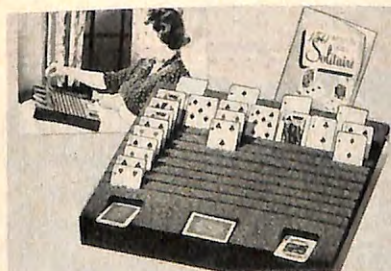
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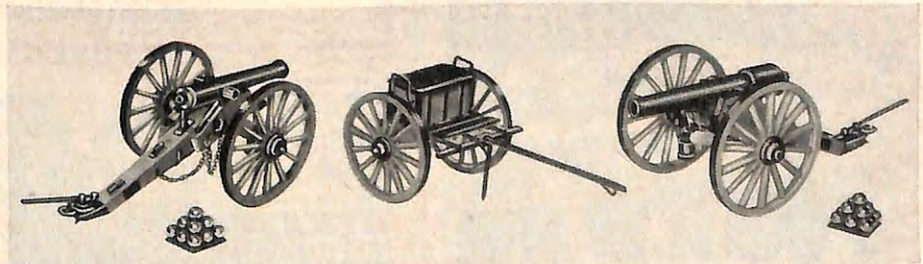
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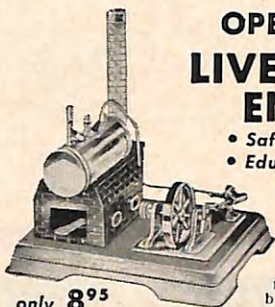
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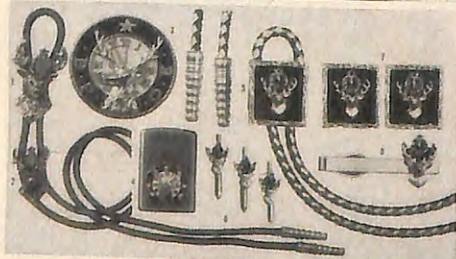
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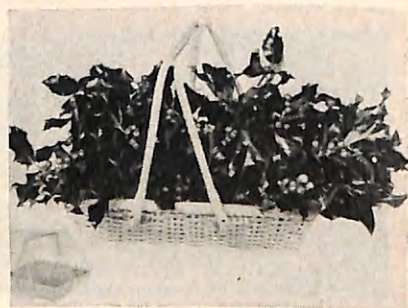
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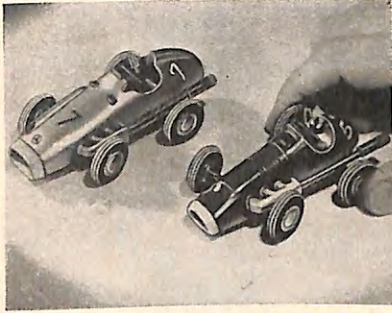
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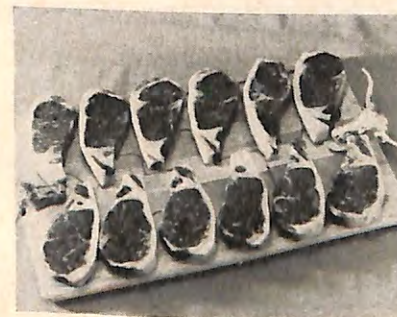
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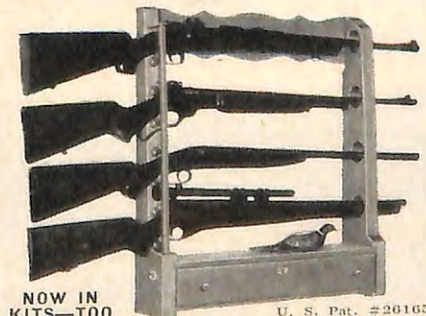
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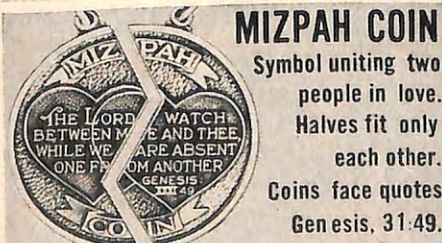
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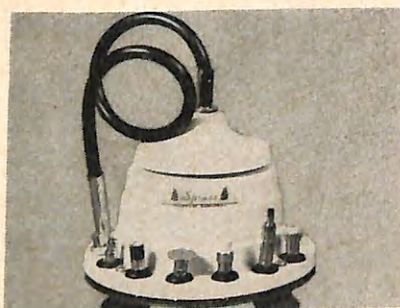
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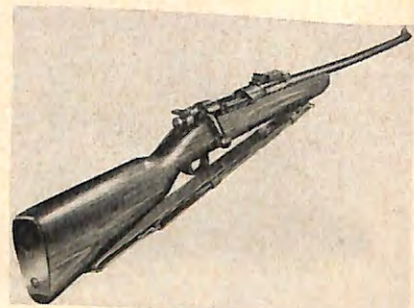
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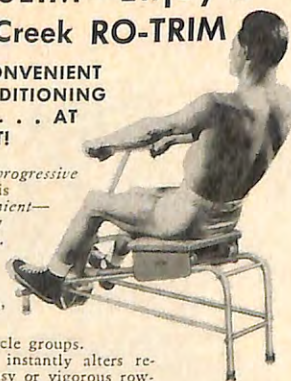
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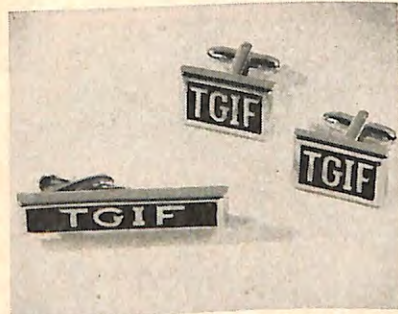
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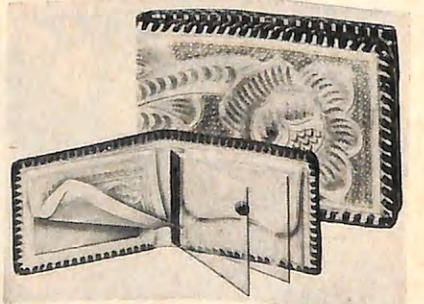
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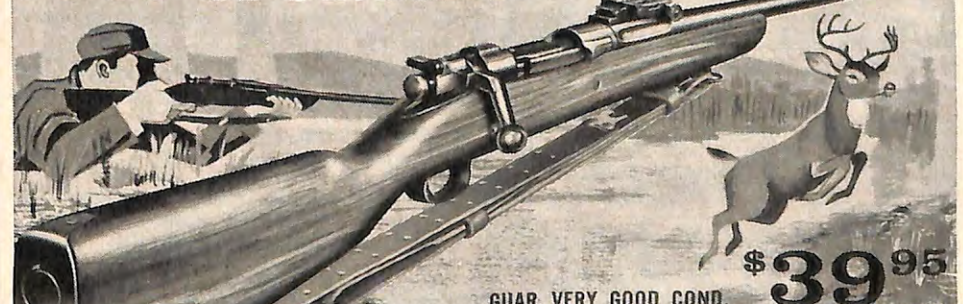
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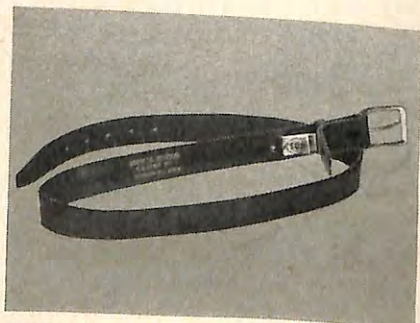
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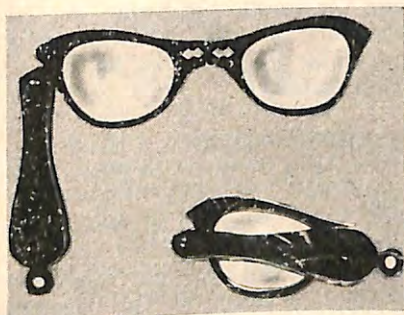


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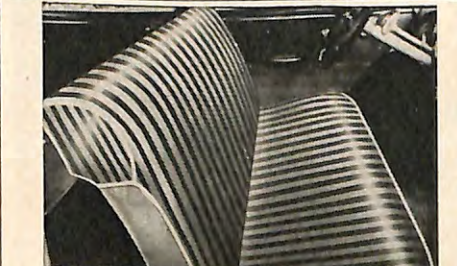
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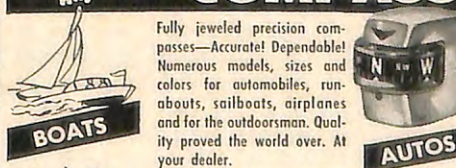
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## News of the State Associations

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and Exalted Ruler O. L. Chandler of the host lodge deserved credit for the success of this meeting.

An interesting feature of this conclave was Grand Secretary Donaldson's presentation of a summary of a book now in preparation which will outline in detail the duties of a lodge Secy. His talk was followed by an informative question-and-answer session which was part of a luncheon meeting attended by 400.

**ELY LODGE** welcomed delegates to the 35th Annual Convention of the Nevada Elks Assn. Sept. 17th, 18th and 19th, at which Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis and Horace R. Wisely were special guests.

During the first business session over \$7,000 was turned over to the Assn.'s "Major Project" by the State's lodges. This project is the support of a speech therapist to travel through Nevada giving care and treatment to children suffering from speech defects. The per capita donation toward this project was also raised to \$3.00.

Reno Lodge took first place over Elko in the Ritualistic Competition and

will be host to the 1960 Convention.

Many interesting events took place during the Meeting, climaxed by the Awards Banquet at the Nevada Hotel. Officers of the Association for the new term are President L. W. Lappin, Boulder City; Vice-Presidents George Ullom, Henderson, and Robley Burns, Sr., Elko; Treasurer Carl Merrill, Reno; Secy. Leo E. Dunbar, Jr., Boulder City, and Trustee A. L. Crocker, Reno. Boyd K. Smith of Ely is Chairman and one-year member of the Major Project Committee, with Charles Milk of Hawthorne as a two-year member and Clarence T. Hibbs of Las Vegas a three-year Committeeman.

**APPROXIMATELY 400** persons were on hand for the Utah Elks Assn. Convention in Logan when Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely was guest of honor, together with Past Pres. F. D. Hilliard of the Idaho Elks Assn. Price Lodge won the Ritualistic title and Walt Gresham and Exalted Ruler Harold Bateman of Ogden Lodge were Golf Tournament winners.

Next year these Elks will meet at

Cedar City. Until that time, the following will hold office: President John C. Green, Jr., Park City; Vice-Presidents Alexander Blight, Eureka "Tintic", Klar Ogden, Tooele, and Paul Steinke, Moab; Treas. F. J. Nelson, Salt Lake City; Secy. B. D. Jones, Park City; Sgt.-at-Arms Louis Willmore, Provo; Chaplain Reid Allred, Price, and Inner Guard Joseph Glorioso, Price.

**MEETING AT LaGRANGE**, the Georgia Elks Assn. held its Fall Meeting Oct. 17th and 18th, with Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland delivering the main address. Robert G. Pruitt of the Grand Forum was among the 381 registered for the session which was highlighted by the reports on the crippled children's program conducted at "Aidmore" the Georgia Elks' Crippled Children's Hospital. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees reported that 267 youngsters had been admitted to the Hospital during the first six months of the year, and that medical supervision had increased, nursing service had been improved and school classes had been extended through the summer months. The Trustees are now considering a building expansion program. At La-Grange, the Hospital received donations totaling \$55,000 from lodges and the Elks' ladies.

**A MIDSEASON CONFERENCE** of the Louisiana Elks Assn. was held in Plaquemine Oct. 16th and 17th with all Assn. officers on hand, as well as delegations from most of the State's lodges and from Oklahoma, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Principal speakers at this meeting were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, Edward W. McCabe of the Grand Lodge Membership and New Lodge Committee and Willis C. McDonald of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee.

Reports on the Association's activities were well received as were the talks delivered by District Deputy Jacob Clausen, former Grand Tiler Sidney Freudenstein, Past District Deputies James H. Aitken and H. L. Boudreaux and former Presidents M. J. Byrne, Sidney Harp and Sol Pressburg.



Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins, third from left, talks things over with Pennsylvania Elk officials including Assn. Secy. Wilbur Warner, Pres. James Ebersberger, Vice-Pres. M. B. Klinesmith, Trustee Homer Huhn, Jr., and Treas. Fred Lenkner.

## Report on 1960 Cars

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"Slant six" used in the compact Valiant is available in the Plymouth and the new Dodge Dart. A large selection of station wagons in all makes except the De Soto and Imperial features optional third seats with a standard tailgate but roll-down windows in the upper half. All station wagons use a 122-inch wheelbase except the Chrysler Saratoga and New Yorker, which have 126 inches between axles.

The *Plymouth* retains the 118-inch wheelbase in passenger-car versions. The series names remain *Savoy*, *Belvedere*,

and *Fury*. The excellent torsion-bar suspension system, shared with all the firm's cars, is retained, placing Plymouth and larger relatives among the finest road cars anywhere.

*Dodge* has two distinct models this year. The new *Dart* shares wheelbase and mechanical features with the *Plymouth* and offers a variety of six- and eight-cylinder engines. Actually a *Plymouth* in almost every respect except name, the *Dart* is not an economy car in the strict sense of the term, but rather offers Dodge styling features

with just as much interior space but less overall length (208.6 as opposed to the big Dodge's 212.6 length). The Dodge D-500 engine, which develops 330 horsepower with ram-induction and dual four-barrel carburetors, makes the *Dart* one of the fastest (if not the fastest) passenger cars available.

The big *Dodge* has a wheelbase of 122 inches, a more luxurious interior, and does not offer any six-cylinder engine for those requiring economy. Two series, *Matador* and *Polara*, replace the previous three series. A full

line of body styles is available and the appearance of the standard Dodge is distinguished from the smaller Dart by a distinctive grille, longer rear fenders, extended taillights, and trim.

De Soto is shorter than in previous years: the wheelbase is now identical to the Dodge (122 inches) but the overall length is about 3 inches longer, the stretch being possible because of bumper and grille designs and extended rear fenders which are like those of the Chrysler. Two series, *Firefite* and *Adventurer* are offered, the distinction being in trim and interior appointments.

Chrysler cars come in the familiar *Windsor* (also the same basic-size car as Dodge and De Soto with a 122-inch wheelbase) and the larger *Saratoga*, *New Yorker*, and top series *300-F* models. Elegantly restyled, especially as to frontal designing, the Chryslers have some of the looks associated with sports cars while retaining an unexcelled ride and roadability for which they have been justly famed during the past three years.

Only the *Imperial*, a giant luxury vehicle with a 129-inch wheelbase and 226.3-inch overall length, has been moderately restyled. Quality control, though, has been much improved, and Imperial buyers will not suffer some of the annoying squeaks and rattles of recent years. A new grille changes the front appearance of the '60 model, and interior improvements include a new air-conditioning system for better spot cooling, and a new instrument cluster using two circular dials with well-designed hood to prevent reflection. The ultra-fine *Le Baron* model, which is available as a limousine, offers a smaller rear window to insure more privacy to rear-seat occupants.

### FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Mechanically, the entire line of five cars, not including the all new Falcon covered earlier, represents refinement and a wider application of two-barrel carburetors, from Ford through the big Lincoln, in order to save fuel.

The *Thunderbird*, the continued sales success of which challenges the Lincoln as a profit maker, has no changes other than more luxurious two-toned interiors, rich fabrics, and a more complex grille pattern that serves, with the triple rather than twin taillights, to distinguish the '60 model from the '59. Much the same can be said for the related and structurally identical *Lincoln* and *Continental* cars for the new year. These prestige cars, as well as *Thunderbird*, have featured unitized structures since 1958; they are built in the same plant and have undergone invisible suspension refinement without major change, to give a softer and quieter ride. An innovation for *Thunderbird* is

the optional, and very European, sliding roof-panel which enhances the sportiness of this popular four-seater. The individual bucket seats rank as the industry's most comfortable.

The Ford line includes five series, instead of the former four, including the *Fairlane*, *Fairlane 500*, *Galaxie* (which has a roof line like the costly *Thunderbird* and now includes a four-door sedan), the *Special* (which is new for '60 and features a luxury convertible called the *Sunliner*) and the very streamlined *Victoria* hardtop coupe. The fifth series is the station-wagon line, with a slanted tail to decrease wind noise. This series includes two- and four-door models and seating for up to nine passengers. The Ford has grown a couple of inches in length, offers station-wagon tailgate only 27 inches off the ground and a loading space nearly one foot longer. I predict the latter factor to be one reason Ford will retain its number-one position in the station-wagon field. Engines include an economical 145-horsepower six-cylinder unit that is highly developed and a variety of V8 engines ranging in size from 292 cubic-inch piston displacement and in power from 185 to 300 horsepower. No longer manufactured is the racy *Ranchero* passenger-style pickup nor the slide-

back steel top that made the special hardtop job into a convertible. Ford has a completely new body from the ground up.

The *Edsel* could very well develop into the styling star of the entire line from Dearborn. The engines are the same as those under the hoods of Fords, and the general styling indicates that the two cars share bodies and all interior and exterior details except for grilles, rear deck and fenders. The *Edsel* can now be mistaken for last year's Pontiac when viewed from the front—an accident of styling which happens every now and then. The controversial, but very distinctive, vertical grille has gone by the boards as a result of poor performance in the market place. At the rear, the new *Edsel* introduces twin vertical, oval taillights. The *Edsel* is several inches longer than the Ford but just one inch longer in wheelbase—119 inches—and it comes in two series: *Ranger* in the passenger line, and the station wagons, which are genuinely luxurious. These are fine handling cars, not the fastest on the road, but with fuel economy improved to a rather marked extent.

The *Mercury* has all new bodies with more restrained lines, much improved suspension systems and a ride that is virtually silent because of ex-

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## Grand Exalted Ruler at Scout Headquarters

When Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins was in New Jersey, touring subordinate lodges on Sept. 23, he stopped at New Brunswick to visit the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. After a tour of Scouting's National Headquarters, Mr. Hawkins conferred with officials of the organization about implementing his campaign to double the number of Boy Scout units sponsored by B.P.O.E. lodges. To commemorate the visit, Assistant Chief Scout Executive Charles Heistand presented Mr. Hawkins



with a reproduction of Norman Rockwell's symbolic painting of Scouting's Fiftieth Anniversary, to be observed in 1960. Photographed at the Headquarters Building (left to right): James A. Hess, Assistant Director, BSA Civic Relationships; Mayor Chester Paulus of New Brunswick; Mr. Hawkins; Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick; Elmaar H. Bakken, Director, BSA Civic Relationships; Mrs. Hawkins, and C. M. Tribur, National Director of Civic Relationships for the Boy Scouts of America.

tensive sound-proofing and improved body-mounting pads with butyl sound deadeners. A new printed-circuit instrument panel, quick-disconnect electrical wiring, and simpler, more efficient two-barrel carburetors are among refinements that will lower maintenance cost. All engines are still rather large V8 units with the same displacements as last year, but the 312 and 383 cubic-inch engines use regular grade fuel while developing 205 and 280 horsepower respectively. The huge 430 cubic-inch engine—basically the same as that used by Lincoln—requires premium fuel and is rated 310 horsepower, considerably less than last year.

Completely new bodies in the three passenger-car series, *Monterey*, *Park Lane*, and *Montclair*, share a 126-inch wheelbase. Thus, the finest Park Lane is slightly shorter than last year's. The overall length of all models, including the swank *Country Cruiser* wagons, is a shade over 219 inches. A new disposable fuel filter strains out impurities and lasts 12,000 miles, decreasing carburetor servicing. A new and unique distributor design eliminates several small and troublesome parts. And probably the greatest attention in the in-

dustry has been given to the ever-present problem of oil leakage (seeping out of the valve rocker cover through the gaskets). A new type of gasket is now stapled to the rocker cover, and when properly installed, will not leak a drop. Finally, aluminized mufflers now extend exhaust-system life and a newly designed water jacket quickly warms incoming fuel on chilly mornings, resulting in quicker overall engine warming and consequent fuel savings in winter.

### GENERAL MOTORS

Traditionally, this giant of the giants has tallied out every recent year with just over half of the total domestic market, but at this writing GM is a few thousand cars short of this mark. The impact of the compacts is undoubtedly the reason for this slight slip. However, each of the five divisions has sold many more cars in '59 than in the preceding year, a pleasing improvement over unfortunate '58, shared by all manufacturers.

For 1960, all lines from Chevrolet up through Cadillac have been extensively face-lifted, so much so in fact that the new models cannot pos-

sibly be mistaken for last year's somewhat radically restyled cars.

*Chevrolet* still retains a substantial overall lead over its traditional opponent, the Ford, but this lead could be trimmed in '60, for whereas the the Dearborn product is completely restyled, the Chevrolet people have contented themselves with evolutionary changes including a cleaner, less pug-nacious grille and a flattening of last year's radical fins. New side-trim on all three series—*Biscayne*, *Bel Air*, and *Impala*—is different from '59, and although the effect gives the popular Chevy a longer look, the overall length has not grown. (Ford, on the other hand, to complete a traditional comparison, is nearly 6 inches longer for '60 than is GMC's top seller.) Detail improvements should give better fuel mileage on all engines, from the peppy, increasingly popular six which develops 135 horsepower through two sizes of V8 engines (283 and 348 cubic inches) which turn out impressive ratings of from 170 to 335 horsepower. Interiors have been refurbished, optional comforts run the gamut from signal-seeking radios to air-conditioning, and improved body mountings and insulation make the '60 Chevrolet the quietest ever.

*Pontiac*, the prize in GMC's entire group in this writer's opinion, made more than twice as many sales in '59 as in '58. The "wide-track" wheels greatly improve handling and roadability, and these gains have been compounded in '60 models with further improvements in ride and response to the steering wheel. There is one engine size, changed in details such as the new water pump which drives the water equally into each bank of the block, increases efficiency and should help raise gas mileage. With 389 cubic inches, Pontiac's high performing V8 engines offer from 215 to 318 horsepower, and a new two-barrel carburetor offers an improvement over last year's better-than-average economy. A new series, the *Ventura*, is centered between the *Catalina* on the bottom end and the luxurious *Bonneville* at the top.

The *Oldsmobile* has been dramatically restyled in detail in all three series—*Dynamic 88*, which offers a simple two-barrel carburetor for a sensible approach to better fuel economy; the *Super 88*, which is the performance queen of the line, and the big *Ninety-Eight*—without more than one inch of length extension. Engines are modifications of last year's and turn out from 240 to 315 horsepower from a 371 cubic-inch block in the two 88's and 394 in the luxury Ninety-Eight. Oldsmobile's ride is quieter, the sound deadened by better engine and body mounting. Like all GMC cars except the Corvair, the "Olds" uses a separate body and frame. The latter has been stiffened for longer life. Interestingly, Oldsmobile's 61-inch-wide wheel tread

is just 3 inches less than that of the "wide-track" Pontiac, is one inch wider than that of Buick and the exact equal of the Cadillac's tread. The Oldsmobile's appearance is much cleaner than in any year since '55, and the grille is a new high in styling simplicity. This is the oldest mass-produced make in America.

The Buick continues the four series, beginning with the 123-inch wheelbase *Le Sabre* and topping out with the gigantic *Electra 225* (those numerals denote the top model's overall length). The rather sharp fin corners have been rounded off, the new grille no longer has the ostentatious and hard to clean jewelled look, and the headlights are now horizontal rather than slanted. Engines range from a two-barrel carburetor unit with 364 cubic inches, developing a sensible 235 horsepower and using regular grade fuel, to a larger-than-Cadillac power plant turning up 325 horsepower and capable of terrific performance on premium fuel. An innovation is a unique speedometer that enables drivers of various statures to adjust a mirror for easy viewing of the speed needle. Another worthy feature is a new, long-life aluminized muffler at right angles to the frame. The latter has been beefed up for torsional resistance. Improved shock absorbers and a new stabilizer bar decrease lean on corners and transform this soft-riding prestige machine into a real road car of top abilities.

The Cadillac retains its former engines, all with 390 cubic inches, developing either 325 or 345 horsepower depending on whether a single four-barrel carburetor is used or a passel of three two-barrel carburetors. The massive lines have been accentuated without any length increase: 225 inches long overall in standard *Series 62* and *Fleetwood*, both on the same 130-inch

### Tribute to Mr. Hawkins

A special event is scheduled in January to enable all subordinate lodges to start the new year right in the matter of membership. The Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities urges every lodge in the Order to initiate a special class in January, in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins.

Each lodge that participates in this tribute to our Grand Exalted Ruler will be helping Elksdom to realize the goal of a ten per cent membership increase this year. The January initiation is one of a series of classes designed for this purpose, and every participating lodge brings the goal nearer. The addition to the Order of fellow citizens who will increase the strength and prestige of our lodges is a fitting tribute to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

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wheelbase. There is air suspension in some models. A continuation of the studded grille, and a discontinuation of last year's controversial fin-tip tail-lights spell out Cadillac's more restrained styling without basic changes. Still the undisputed leader in prestige-car sales, the Cadillac continues to reflect care in fabrication and reminds us that an American manufacturer can turn out a product of great quality.

### STUDEBAKER-PACKARD

With an improved position, exemplified by more than four times as many '59 sales as in the low year of '58, new vitality is being injected into the popular *Lark* cars by two completely new models. These are a convertible, the lowest priced drop-top on the domestic market, and a new four-door station wagon that, despite a very compact 184.5-inch overall length, can carry eight persons with ease and in comfort. The standard passenger lines, including the new convertible and the continued hardtops and sedans, are just 175 inches long. New seat designs are softer and yet provide more knee-room for rear passengers. Reclining seats are optional, as are separately adjustable front seats that add comfort for short-legged drivers without discomforting long-legged right-hand passengers. Headrests are also optional and can be adjusted for height, like barber chairs—an excellent feature for long trips. Still the only manufacturer of compact family cars to offer a high-performance V8 engine (quite economical 180 to 195 horsepower) as well as an economy six developing a frisky 90 horsepower, the *Lark* appears to be in a good position for continued and increasing public acceptance. Styling has remained ultra-modern without superfluous gadgetry, a promise publicly made by management at the time of the *Lark*'s introduction a year ago. This approach has raised resale value. An interesting facet of the wide acceptance of compact cars is the recent 10 per cent reduction in insurance rates by one company, an

obvious result of the *Lark*'s ingenious and practical interchangeability of many parts between right and left sides of the car for repairs. The automatic transmission has been reengineered for smoother operation and decreased "creep" when idling, and a new rear-axle design lessens noise and increases variation of axle ratios. New instrument-panel trim, a new strip of padding across the bottom of the dashboard to protect knees, and retention of the optional twin-traction rear axle—a Studebaker first in '55 which delivers the torque to the rear wheel with the best traction surface—distinguish this car.

The family sports-type *Hawk* coupe, which seats up to six persons in luxurious interiors, continues as a limited-production, prestige and high performance car. A large engine, displacing 289 cubic inches, develops a rated 210 horsepower, a very modest rating by the way, and gives exceptionally good performance. Like the *Lark*, this sporty, highly roadable machine uses low-cost regular grades of gasoline. The oldest domestic manufacturer of family and commercial vehicles—in continuous production since it built civilian and military wagons in 1852—this firm has reduced its debt amazingly with good management and equally good products during the past year. The successful climb back into profitable operations now seems as assured as it is merited.

### IMPORTS—DILEMMA OR DISTRACTION?

Without doubt, the tremendous inroads into the domestic scene have been met with agitation, to put it mildly, on the part of the Big Three. Increasing and unexpected acceptance of the compact Ramblers and Larks—alone a factor that could not be overlooked—served to spur the giants into rushing their own "compacts" into production.

As '59 draws to a close it is evident that at least half a million foreign cars will find new and satisfied owners. The overwhelming majority of these in-

vaders are economy family models, capable of maximum legal speeds while carrying a full complement of family and enough luggage to handle an average vacation.

The top seller is the French *Renault*. Its nicely styled *Dauphine* model carries two adults and three youngsters comfortably. John Green of Los Angeles started the Renault ball rolling shortly after the war, pioneering the line as his own importer. Now with the factory handling its own American affairs through a subsidiary, the John Green Corporation sells more than one-fourth of all Renaults imported and it operates only in Southern California and Arizona. Renault is shooting for 100,000 cars in 1960 which, if attained, will keep Renault on top.

In second place is the beetle-like *Volkswagen* with its fantastic economy of operation, low maintenance, and longevity. It is quite common for the VW to suffer hard use for upwards of 60 thousand miles with little more attention than spark-plug replacement. The semi-unit bodies and undercarriage components seldom require more than a change of tires at 50 thousand miles or more.

Trailing closely in third place is the wide range of British *Ford* cars which come in several sizes, beginning with the ultra-low-priced two-door, four-cylinder economy *Anglia* sedan, and ranging up to the scatty-performing, six-cylinder *Zephyr* convertible and sedan.

Italy is moving in as number four with the wide range of *Fiat* cars which have a world-wide reputation for long life and economy. Fiat offers four-cylinder sedans, convertibles, and station wagons ranging from the diminutive 500 and sporty *Bianchini* series to the five-passenger and moderately high-performing 1800 sedans priced in the same basic category as the domestic compacts.

In fifth spot are the French *Simca* cars, marketed by Chrysler. This line starts with the economy four-cylinder *Aronde* and spirals upward to the \$2,200 compact V8-powered five-passenger sedans, styled very much like American cars.

General Motors also imports the affiliated British *Vauxhall* and German *Opel* sedans and wagons; these attractive cars carry five persons, are capable of over 30 miles to the gallon of gasoline, and are now in the 7th and 10th sales positions respectively.

Between these two GMC imports are the British *MG* (the A sports two-seater and *Magnette* sedan) and the *Triumph*, also British, which is available in both sports models and in low priced sedans and wagons.

Time will tell whether the imports can hold their own. They offer refreshing variety, economy, and unusually good construction. ● ●

## Ralph G. Keller

Only three months after his appointment to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, Ralph G. Keller, prominent Illinois Elk, passed away in Springfield. He was 54 years old.

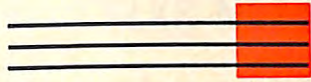
Ralph Keller served as Exalted Ruler of Springfield Lodge No. 158 in 1957-58 and was elected to the Board of Trustees at the conclusion of his term, an office he held at his death.

A most enthusiastic Elk and a diligent sponsor of its activities, he was Chairman of his lodge's Elks National Foundation Committee for the past two years; Springfield Lodge, incidentally, has led the Nation in individual contributions to the Foundation, a fact for which his Brother Elks feel Ralph Keller was largely responsible.

He is survived by his wife, his mother and two brothers.







## FROM OUR READERS

We enjoyed the post-Convention Tour to Hawaii this year very much. This was the second such tour that Mrs. Panek and I have made; that speaks for itself. We had a group of about 30 this year, under the guidance of Mrs. Maile Caceres, a native of Hawaii with personality plus, who arranges these trips. They are certainly most complete.

The Hilo Elks entertained us regally, and all along the way there was a hearty welcome by the friendly people of our new state. I most emphatically recommend that any Elks desiring to visit Hawaii go with an Elks group.

LAKESIDE, OHIO  
EMIL PANEK

Horace Sutton's "For Elks Who Travel" article ("Northwest—New and Old") in the October issue is excellent. For the information of readers, however, Nome is farther south than Fairbanks.

NOME, ALASKA  
L. E. HOUGH

I enjoyed the October cover of THE ELKS MAGAZINE very much. Woodcock are one of my hobbies, and artist C. E. Monroe, Jr., captured a life-like feeling. I keep returning for another look.

EAST HAMPTON, N. Y.  
D. C. BAKER

"On the Trail of Mule Deer" by Ted Trueblood, and the fine illustration by C. E. Monroe, Jr., (in the October issue) struck home. We are right in the heart of the mule-deer country, and know exactly what he is talking about. The early morning start, the grass, the sage, bitterbrush, alders and aspen—how well the author described all these!

BUTTE, MONT.  
D. R. NICKERSON

Thanks so much for your fine "Freedom's Facts" excerpts on Communism. They are wise and helpful.

As a college teacher, I find that if we are to keep our independence, freedom of worship, etc., we have to inform a lot of Americans about the truth of the situation—and quickly! You are doing a wonderful job in this drastically needed effort. Keep up the good work!

WOODLAND HILLS, CALIF.  
T. A. DEVINE

Bruno Shaw's article in the September issue, "The Soviet Challenge" (an interview with Admiral Arleigh A. Burke) is one of the most interesting articles I have read pertaining to this subject.

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## High Man on the Mountain

(Continued from page 7)

not too unhappy about this, Alonso?"

I am, if you will excuse my saying so, a man noted for his ability to size up a situation quickly. "No-o-o," I said, already deep in thought. "Not too desolate."

"His name is Darling," said the voice. "Harold Darling. Thank you, Alonso." And he hung up.

I sat for a moment with my thoughts, then called my Magarita and told her what had happened. She was at first annoyed, but when I repeated certain words—*pleasant, attractive, about thirty*—she, too, began to see the possibilities. When I pointed out that any man able to consider buying Jicomé must also be well blessed with worldly goods, she became enthusiastic.

"Speak to Elena," I urged. "No ordinary man would be interested in such an out-of-the-way place. This Mr. Darling may be the very sort—well, you know what I mean."

"Say no more, Alonso," my wife replied happily. "Leave it to me."

By the time I arrived home from the office, it was settled. Magarita was beaming. My daughter Elena—my one daughter yet unmarried—was getting her things together for the journey.

I am under an obligation at this point, gentlemen, to tell you about my Elena, lest you misunderstand my concern. She is beautiful. In all San Nicolas, in all the Caribbean, there is not a more desirable girl. Tall, slender, with eyes like purple star-apples and a mouth made for love . . . But wait; if I can find a picture to enclose, it will save me many words.

There! I have found one. You see?

But with Elena, where men were concerned, there had always been one great difficulty. Those lovely legs you see in the picture were not for dancing, but for riding a horse. Those star-apple eyes were for sighting a rifle, not for looking languishingly into the face of any man. The lips—sadly I say this—were ardent only when singing songs of the great outdoors.

In short, gentlemen, at the age of twenty-six my lovely Elena had never met a man she considered man enough. Not one. Nor, to be truthful, was she thinking of a man at this moment. "I have always wanted to ride a horse over the Jicomé trails, Papa," she said. "Have you arranged for mounts at the forestry camp?"

I said I had looked after every detail, and gave her mother a hopeful smile.

Next morning, in a department jeep, we picked the American up at his hotel. He was waiting on the steps. I confess I frowned at sight of him. He was the right age, and tall enough—easily six feet three—but so painfully thin he looked fragile. Yet when he greeted us

he had a good deep voice, and his handshake was not so bad.

"I hope I'm not ruining your weekend," he said.

"Not at all," I assured him. "My daughter has always wanted to visit Jicomé."

"Oh?" He seemed surprised. "You are coming with us, *señorita*?"

"Weekends in the city bore me to tears," said Elena. "Sit in front, please."

"No, no. I can ride in back—"

"You and Papa will have things to talk about," she said with a shrug, and was seated in back before he could prevent it. Off we went.

Nothing much happened in the beginning, except that the young man asked many questions. He had studied our excellent department maps carefully; that was obvious. But there were many things the maps had not told him. The soil at Jicomé, what was it composed of? What about rainfall and temperature at various times of the year, etc.? The questions puzzled me, and I wondered what he would use the land for if he bought it. But, of course, I did not feel free to ask.

To my daughter he spoke scarcely a word. Of course, that road is a bad one, worsening with every mile, and conversation of any kind was difficult.

At the forestry camp, four miles from our destination, we stopped to refresh ourselves with coffee and change to the horses that were awaiting us. Mr. Darling asked, frowning, if the road went no farther.

"A mile or so," I said, "but then it becomes hopeless. It could be repaired, of course. When the mine was in operation, trucks used it."

"The air strip at the mine," he said. "That is unusable too?"

### Observances of Elks Memorial Sunday

In keeping with the traditions of Elkdome, subordinate lodges will pay tribute to our Absent Brothers at the annual Memorial Services, held on the first Sunday in December.

All reports in connection with these observances are to be submitted to John H. Bennett of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, 513 Brandon Avenue, Williamsport, Pa. Reports must reach Mr. Bennett by December 20. Awards will be made for the most effective programs by lodges with over 600 members and by those with fewer than 600.

"No, that is in fair shape. The government keeps it so for emergency use."

"Ah," he said, nodding. "Good."

Off we went again, now on horseback. I had requested three kinds of horses: a spirited animal for my daughter, who would be unhappy on anything less; a good but not so difficult one for myself; a safe one for our young American, who for all I knew might never have sat a saddle before. Elena was off like a shot the moment her feet were in the stirrups.

"My daughter enjoys riding," I said apologetically to Mr. Darling.

"So I see," he replied.

"You and I can go along more slowly."

"Quite slowly, if you don't mind," he said. "I want to—ah—see something of the country."

I led the way, of course; he did not know the trail, and we were now high in the Cordillera Central where the trails are not marked. I set what I thought was a moderate pace, one that would allow him to admire the magnificent mountain scenery. When I looked back, he was not behind me.

I WAITED. He did not come. I returned and found him walking along with his gaze on the ground, leading his animal.

"Some trouble?" I asked.

He lifted his head as though surprised to find me there. "Oh-oh," he said with a grin. "I'm sorry. There was something I wanted to look at."

"Nothing is wrong?"

"No, no. Nothing at all."

I thought we would never reach Jicomé, for that is how it went the whole four miles. That trail is not so difficult, you understand. A bit steep in places, but not frightening. Yet time and again I would get ahead of him without meaning to, discover him not behind me, and have to ride back to find him. He would be trudging along at a snail's pace, gazing about him or peering at the ground. Once I found him sitting like a statue, gazing at a large yellow flower he had plucked.

My daughter came back, alarmed about us, and found me waiting at the top of a long climb for our Mr. Darling to catch up. "What's wrong, Papa?" she said. "I was almost there!"

With a sad nod I directed her attention to our plodding companion. "Perhaps he is not comfortable on horseback."

"Oh."

"That is not to be held against him," I hastened to add. "Many a good man is unfamiliar with horses."

"Of course," she said with a shrug.

Eventually we arrived, my daughter obviously struggling to suppress her amusement, I full of misgivings. Our

# ELKS NATIONAL HOME NEWS

Residents at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., publish a monthly periodical—*The Elks National Home Bulletin*—under the Editorship of Brother Matt Tanzer. The front page of a recent edition was devoted to an account of Elks National Home Superintendent Thomas J. Brady and a tribute to his spirit and capability. Beneath a photograph of Mr. Brady was an announcement of Superintendent's Night, held by the resi-

dents in tribute to him for his achievements at the Home.

Another recent edition carried a report on Grand Exalted Ruler Wm. S. Hawkins' tour of New England lodges, on which he was accompanied by Mr. Brady. In addition to such reports, the bulletin also carries news items about residents, about their home lodges and about events and improvements at the Home.

American friend was in the saddle at that point, perhaps weary from so much walking, though he looked fresh enough. When we reached the top of the trail, where the ridge begins, he stopped his animal.

"Ah, what a beautiful spot!" he said. "The mine itself," I explained, "is on the far side of the ridge, not to be seen from here. The air strip is behind those pines. The house was of course the owner's residence, and is where we will spend the night."

He turned in the saddle—quite gracefully, I thought, for one who disliked or was afraid of horses—to look out over the Cordillera. If there is a finer view in the Caribbean, I have not seen it. Mountains beyond mountains, all green, with ribbons of road twisting through them and the sea blue in the distance. And the air so cool and fresh you would never know how hot it can be in San Nicolas City. "Wonderful!" he said.

"There was never a village here," I explained. "The workers were mountain peasants recruited from round about. There was only the mine, the air strip, and this magnificent stone house, which is as good today as when it was constructed. My department keeps a caretaker here, at the owner's expense, to discourage vandalism."

"The perfect place," he said. So we rode up to the house. We dismounted, and I wondered why the caretaker, Benito, did not come out to greet us. We climbed the steps, crossed the handsome veranda, went inside—and found ourselves gazing into the muzzles of five pistols!

Five pistols. Four men and a girl, lined up before us like executioners. I gasped, and clutched at my daughter's arm, feeling my shoes glue themselves to the floor. The American halted too, with the merest of sounds, only a grunt.

"Sit," said one of the men, a large one made all of muscle, with a face chipped from stone. He flapped his empty hand toward three chairs placed against the wall. We sat.

He stepped forward to scowl at us. "You, I know," he said to me. "Alonso Paredes, Chief of the Forestry Department. Who is this?" pointing to Elena.

"My daughter," I stammered, feeling the skin cringe on my ribs. For if this

hulking man knew me, I knew him even better. He was Colonel Luis Carillo, forced to flee from our country to the Republic of Manigua five months ago after an abortive attempt to assassinate our good President and seize control. What was he doing back in San Nicolas? Who were these men and this girl with him?

"And you," the Colonel growled, scowling at Mr. Darling. "Who are you?"

"My name is Harold Darling," the American said. "I am an American."

"Why are you here?"

Mr. Darling stopped looking at Carillo's ugly face and lowered his gaze to the man's weapon. He lifted his shoulders. "I am interested in buying some property in San Nicolas."

"You would buy Jicomé?" the Colonel said, obviously puzzled.

"If it suits me."

"What for? To reopen the mine?"

"Not at all," said Mr. Darling. "To grow flowers."

I blinked at him, unbelieving, and so did my daughter. To grow flowers! Some of Colonel Carillo's men laughed—one bearded fellow made a noise like a cannon going off—and the Colonel himself scratched his jaw with the barrel of his pistol before saying, "Are you serious, señor?"

"Certainly. Growing flowers is my business."

"*Madre de Dios*," the Colonel said. "And we thought you might be coming to capture us." He too laughed, the sound filling the whole room and booming from the walls. He returned his pistol to its holster. He went and sat down. "Well," he said then, "the only problem is what to do with you."

SILENCE filled the room as the Colonel lit a cigarette and pondered his problem. I asked myself who these others were and decided they were some of those who had fled with him from San Nicolas to Manigua when the coup failed. Why the girl? I did not know. Perhaps she was a good fighter—in Cuba, many young women fought with Castro's men. Perhaps she was someone's sweetheart. I knew only that in her tight black pants and red silk blouse she was exciting and beautiful,

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though her flashing dark eyes were too self-assured, too mocking, to make me feel comfortable.

How had they got here? And what had they done to the caretaker?

Carillo reached a decision at last and raised his head. "We will lock them up," he announced. "I see no need to shoot anyone—yet."

The girl rose and went to him. She whispered into his ear, and he frowned at her a moment, then shrugged his massive shoulders. She walked across the room—ah, how she could walk, that one!—and halted before our Mr. Darling.

"You must be a very wealthy man, to think of buying Jicomé, señor," she said.

Mr. Darling only smiled.

"You are also very handsome. You know something? I do not believe you are a man who grows flowers."

"I assure you—" Mr. Darling began, but she silenced him. She did this by placing her hands on his shoulders and her mouth against his, in a kiss that flattened him against the back of his chair and caused his feet to come off the floor. It took a long time, that kiss, and when the girl stepped back she shook her head at him.

"Definitely no," she said. "You do not grow flowers."

Mr. Darling gazed at her strangely and ran a finger along his lower lip, as though to make sure it was still there. I glanced at my daughter. Elena had stiffened on her chair and appeared to be struggling with her emotions, as though she herself had been challenged!

"Not flowers," the girl said again, smiling now. "Bulls or wild horses perhaps, but definitely, señor, you are not a man for flowers. Colonel, I think I should talk to this one alone. Keep him separate, eh?"

The Colonel laughed, and so did the others. A big joke. But when he was done laughing, he motioned two of his men forward. "Tie the American in Lupe's room," he instructed. "The others we will put in the servants' quarters, out of the way."

So the American was taken upstairs, and my daughter and I were escorted to one of the small rooms behind the kitchen, where we were commanded to sit and were tied to the chairs we sat on. Nothing would happen if we behaved ourselves, Colonel Carillo assured us. At least, nothing would happen just yet. We must understand, however, that the success of his mission was all that mattered to him.

"May I enquire what your mission is?" I asked, as he prepared to leave us.

"Certainly. To take over the country."

"With an invasion force of only five?"

"I have many friends in San Nicolas," he said. "It is only necessary to rally them—secretly, of course—and bring off a coup. That is why you and your daughter, señor, and your American friend, may be a problem. I cannot let

you return to the city with news of my being in San Nicolas. I cannot spare a man to remain here and guard you. I may, in the end, have to shoot you."

I think I am reasonably brave, but when I saw the indifference on the Colonel's coarse face, I shivered. "What have you done with the caretaker?" I asked.

"He was a foolish fellow. He tried to run away."

"And you killed him?" cried my daughter. "What a monster you are!"

The Colonel turned to her with a smile. "Señor Paredes," he said, "I compliment you on your daughter's beauty. When I am President, we must become better acquainted."

"Beast!" Elena said.

"Would you like me better if I grew flowers, señorita?" Carillo retorted, and his roar of laughter lingered in the room even after the door was closed behind him.

We could only wait then, and I wondered how long we would be allowed to do even that. These people had come by plane, I told myself. There had been a moon last night, and a capable pilot could have put a small airplane down on the Jicomé strip by its light. They were waiting now for night to come again. When it did, they would leave here and make their way to the city, to seek out the followers Carillo had mentioned.

We had only a few hours left.

"Papa," my daughter said, "what does that girl think she will accomplish with Mr. Darling?"

I stopped trying to loosen my bonds—a waste of effort, in any case—and gazed at her with a sad smile. "They hope he can be persuaded to help them, I suppose."

"Help them! What good would he be?"

"You misunderstand. His money is what interests them, not the man himself. Revolutions are costly."

"So the girl will try to win his sympathy, and he will be allowed to buy his life. Is that it?"

"I think so. Yes."

"Disgusting!" my daughter said.

The hours passed. I became hungry, then very thirsty, but no one bothered with us. Perhaps they could see no sense in fussing over people who would shortly have to be shot. I tried to work my chair across the room, thinking to open the door somehow—it had no lock—and call out to them. But they had fastened both our chairs to the legs of a bed, and the bed would not budge.

"Would anyone hear if we shouted for help, Papa?" Elena asked.

I shook my head. "Only they, and it might anger them into shooting us sooner."

Gazing at the room's only window, she said with a small sigh, "It's already getting dark, Papa."

"They will not leave until late, per-

haps. The moon will be bright, early."  
 "Poor Mr. Darling," she said. "He must be so frightened."

Poor Mr. Darling, indeed! We were the doomed ones, not he. Oh, they would not hesitate to remove him if he became a problem, but how could he be, that timid grower of flowers whom I had mistaken for a man of boldness and daring? No, no, they would not shoot our dear Mr. Darling. But every time I heard a footstep in that house I shut my eyes and prayed, expecting our own executioner.

Ten o'clock came. Eleven. I could not even hold my daughter's hand as we waited. Suddenly I heard a sound at the door, and jerked my head up to see the knob turning.

"Have courage, Elena," I sobbed.  
 "Yes, Papa."

The door opened. Mr. Darling came gliding in, with a pistol in his hand! He shut the door behind him and hurried to my daughter. "Be very quiet," he warned. "They don't know I've escaped."

He untied my daughter and turned to me. "The horses are where we left them, still saddled," he said while working on my bonds. "We'll go out the window here, and around the house." He seemed quite calm, but I could see he was not, really. His hands were clammy, and there was a film of moisture on his face.

We hurried to the window, and he helped my daughter to climb through it. It must have startled her, the nonsensical way he helped. I half expected her to turn and slap him! Then he assisted me and followed. We crouched against the house.

"Mr. Darling," my daughter whispered, "do you think we should take the horses?"

"Why not?" he said.

"The trail will not be easy in the dark, and you—you—"

"Don't be a fool," he said. "Come."

He led the way, hugging the house but moving swiftly now, so that we had almost to run to keep up. Around the side of the house we went, to the front, and I saw the horses. My heart sank. They were only a yard or two from the veranda steps, and the door of the house was open.

Mr. Darling pondered the situation a moment, then spoke. "Walk," he instructed. "Don't run, or they might take flight. The minute you get there, mount and ride like the devil. All ready?"

"But, Mr. Darling," Elena protested. "You—"

"Go!" said Mr. Darling.

I thought we would never get there, once we stepped out from the shadows of the house. The moon seemed bright as a searchlight, and I was in a nightmare with the horses gliding away from us and that menacing open door of the house growing larger with every step.

An illusion, of course. Actually, the

animals did not even look up. But the danger from the door was real enough. Just as we reached the horses, a hulking figure appeared there. The stillness of the night was shattered by his roar.

"Mount!" Mr. Darling yelled. "Ride!" He grabbed the bridle of his animal and wheeled to face the danger, just as Colonel Carillo's pistol went off. Mr. Darling's weapon went off, too. The man in the doorway staggered crazily backward, into the house.

All was confusion then, at least for me. I had trouble reaching the stirrup with my foot. My daughter, in the saddle, swung her horse around to help me. Mr. Darling was backing away from the veranda, calmly firing at the door to keep the colonel's men—I could hear them yelling—from rushing out at us.

Mr. Darling turned his head toward us and shouted, "Ride!" My daughter cried out in a desolate voice, "Papa, we can't leave him! He'll never—" Then Mr. Darling gave her horse such a slap on the rump that it nearly sailed out from under her.

At a wild gallop, Elena and I thundered across the clearing toward the safety of the trees.

When I could look back at last, from the clearing's edge, I was just in time to see Mr. Darling get onto his own horse after making our escape possible. He did so with a flying leap that was beautiful to behold. Then, with Carillo's men pouring from the house to shoot at him, he lay along the animal's flank and came toward us like a comet, he and the horse blending in a blur of speed and grace. And I had thought him unable to ride, even afraid to try!

"You're not hurt?" he said, coming to us. "Good. Look now. They won't try to follow; they'll be more anxious to get out of here. I'd better have a look at that plane."

"It's true, then?" I said. "They did come in a plane?"

"The girl told me they did. You two ride on down to the forestry camp. I'll join you there."

"Mr. Darling," I said. "Who are you?" He seemed puzzled. "Who am I? What do you mean?"

"All this about wanting to buy Jicomé. About growing flowers—"

"I do grow flowers," he said. "What's wrong with that?"

I gazed at my daughter and shook my

### Elks In Congress

Brother Christie Coogan, Secretary of Watertown, Wis., Lodge, has called our attention to the fact that Congressman Robert Kastenmeier's name should have been included in our "Elks In Congress" page, which appeared in September. Brother Kastenmeier is from the Second Congressional District of Wisconsin.



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head. It was too much for me. I put my horse to the trail and rode on. Then, becoming aware that Elena had not followed, I turned my head.

She sat there in the saddle like a woman in a trance, staring after the American as he rode away. I had to call to her, and even then she seemed hypnotized.

Never before had I seen that expression on her face—as though she had just discovered something basic, like breathing.

We rode on down the trail, and presently a strange thing happened. There was an odd muttering sound in the stillness above us. It grew louder, was interrupted suddenly by a sound of shots, and then swelled abruptly to a roar. As we looked up, alarmed and puzzled, an airplane came into view above the trees, shining in the moonlight.

My daughter leaned from her saddle to clutch at my hand. "Papa! They're getting away! They've killed him!" Her face and voice were full of anguish.

Anguish seized me too. Those shots—what else could they mean except that our Mr. Darling had been cut down? Then I observed that the plane was behaving strangely.

Almost over us now, the pilot was wagging its wings, trying to tell us something.

I am not up on these things. I could no more fly an airplane than fly without one. But instinctively I knew the truth.

"It is he!" I shouted. "It is Mr. Darling!"

The plane dipped toward us, wagged its wings again, then rose and sped toward the city. My daughter said nothing, but again that odd expression of discovery lingered on her face as she watched.

We finished our descent to the camp and hurried homeward in the jeep. A few miles outside the city he met us, riding in the cab of a truck filled with soldiers. There were other trucks behind, many of them. Mr. Darling transferred himself to the jeep.

"I hope you were not too upset," he apologized. "It was just too pretty an airplane to smash, so I decided to fly it out of there instead. The shots you heard, if you heard them, were to discourage the Colonel's men when they rushed me." He spoke as you would expect a grower of flowers to speak, with the greatest modesty. "I went to the authorities as soon as I landed," he continued, "and it should be all over in a few hours. You are both all right?" But when he said "both" he looked at Elena.

"Yes," Elena said softly. "Thanks to you."

"Tell me something," I said as we drove along. "How did you manage to escape from that girl's room in the first place? How did you get her gun?"

Mr. Darling gazed at the scenery for

a moment—such an innocent gaze!—his smile a mere twitch of the lips. "As it happened, she—ah—untied me," he answered at last. "Then I was a bit rude, I'm afraid. But I had to have the gun, and keep her from raising an alarm."

"She untied you?" my daughter said, frowning. "Why?"

"Señorita, I can't answer that. I'm not a woman."

I hastened to change the subject. It seemed a shame, I said, that a girl so young and attractive should be mixed up in such an affair and would probably end up in prison.

"Oh, she'll deserve whatever she gets," Mr. Darling said. "She has quite a reputation, that one. They say she has more than one notch on her gun."

"You know her?" Elena gasped.

"I know of her. The Republic of Manigua—where she comes from—is where I live."

"But you are an American!" I protested.

"Certainly. But I've lived in Manigua for years. I have a plantation—I grow expensive flowers for the American market—at Magullar."

I turned my head to gaze at him in astonishment, nearly driving off the road as a consequence. I know Manigua a little. The place he had mentioned is all mountains and jungle, wild and remote. There is not a more challenging area in the entire Caribbean. No wonder this man could ride a horse and look after himself!

"You—you have your own plane there?" I asked.

"Yes," he said. "Of course."

"But now you will buy Jicomé and grow your flowers here?" I was thoroughly confused. "Why?"

"Because," he said, "Manigua is torn with political strife, and I am tired of such nonsense. A man wants to see his adopted country at peace, and prospering, so he can be at peace and prosper with it." He turned his head to smile at my daughter. "Is that not so, *señorita*?"

"I am sure it must be, Mr. Darling," she replied, "if you say so."

So there, gentlemen, you have the facts of what happened at Jicomé and can appreciate how very sketchy was your account based on official records. True, Colonel Carillo and his accomplices were captured by soldiers while attempting to escape from Jicomé on foot, but the man who made the capture possible was Mr. Darling. In fact, but for him the coup might well have succeeded and our little country been plunged into the chaos he so deploras.

I trust you will at some early date print a corrected version of the story, giving due credit to that magnificent young grower of flowers, the son-in-law-to-be of

Yours respectfully,  
Alonso Paredes.

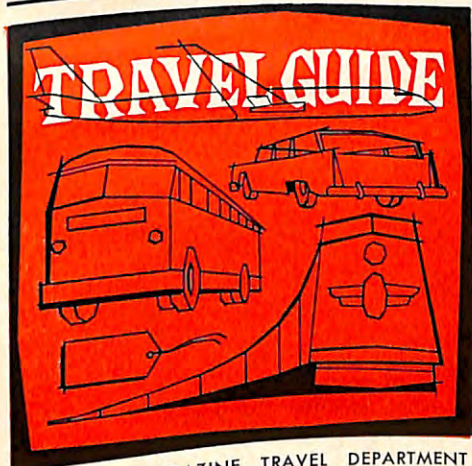
## For Elks Who Travel

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elegant Hana Maui on the other side of the island, and there is Grace Buscher's well-run Coco Palm, on Kauai where the ancient traditions are preserved and the pace is soft and easy. And more are abuilding in the outer islands, for here is where the peace begins. The owners of the Halekulani are moving to Kauai and selling their lovely site on Waikiki Beach to other interests who will erect a skyscraping shaft. On Maui, American Factors is trying to interest hotel builders in a gorgeous beach frontage at Kaanapali which has room for a well ordered dozen hotels that may yet be-

come a second Waikiki. As yet, there is nothing on it but a shack or two and a dream or two.

By the way, two new books are just out on Hawaii and they ought to be read by any adult or any pint-sized traveler with Hawaii on the brain. The first is James Michener's great epic called "Hawaii"—a novel of the origin of the islands. The second, by Barnett Laschever, is for children and is called "Getting to Know Hawaii". Both of these books will, it seems to me, make Hawaii smell sweeter to the sojourner, if indeed that is at all possible. • •



THE ELKS MAGAZINE TRAVEL DEPARTMENT PLANS are now being made for the seventh annual Official Elks Hawaiian Tour, following the Elks National Convention in Dallas, Texas, in July, 1960. The Tour will be sponsored by the Hilo Elks Lodge. It offers a dream vacation with a congenial group under the direct supervision of those who know how to give people a truly happy, carefree welcome. The official folder with all the details should be available for distribution shortly. Send your inquiries to us at 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

New York is ablaze with Christmas lights, and the big tree in Rockefeller Plaza will soon be illuminated. It is worth a visit if you have never seen the festivities connected with this tree-lighting: carol-singing, skaters in bright costumes and an organ playing under the giant tree, which was given this year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Florida-bound visitors who want something constructive as well as entertaining may find the answer in the educational Florida Roundtable. The fourth winter season of courses will open in mid-January at Daytona Beach, sponsored by Vacation College. Open to men and women of all ages, this season's offering will be geared especially to businessmen and their wives. Pro-

grams range from public speaking and diction to psychology. Write Miss Baker, Box 5263, Daytona Beach, Florida.

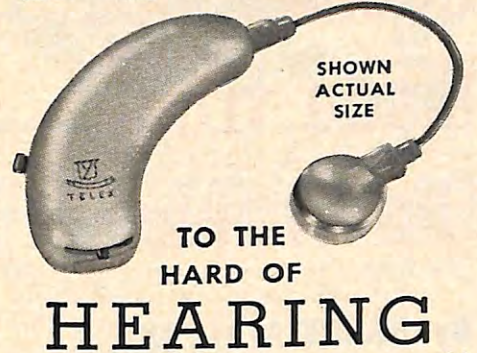
A series of 33-day cruises—arranged by Columbia Tours, 554 Fifth Avenue, New York—will start December 8 with a Christmas-New Year trip. A 10-day excursion in Italy is included in the fare. Sailings will be from New York, with a stop in Boston for New Englanders. Rates start at only \$595, cabin class.

North German Lloyd's new Bremen, the liner which arrived in New York in July of this year on her maiden voyage, will make three cruises to the West Indies and South America this winter. Her sister ship, the popular Berlin, will offer the cruise over the Christmas-New Year's season. Sailings will be from New York. The line's office is at 666 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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# Shadow Box Made from Old Frame

By **HARRY WALTON**

AN OLD picture frame you may have in your own attic, or can pick up in a second-hand shop, takes on new charm when converted into a shadow box for the display of bric-a-brac or souvenirs.

THE SHADOW BOX can be made of any size frame that suits the wall space available, and it can be built with its shelves running the long way or the short way of the frame. The latter should preferably have wide, deep molding to set off the box.

Brush dust from the molding and wipe it clean with a damp cloth. Set aside the backing and glass. Place the frame front-side down on thick newspaper or cardboard.

Having determined which way the shelves are to run, take what will be the vertical measurement inside the picture rabbet (Figure 1). From half-inch by four-inch wood (which will measure nearer 3/4" wide) cut two pieces this long. Hold both in the frame and measure precisely between them. Cut two endpieces and as many shelves as you desire to this second dimension. (All these cuts are simple ones, but lay them out with a square and take pains to saw them carefully.)

SANDPAPER FACES and edges of all the pieces. Then assemble four sides in the frame, using glue and 1 1/4" finishing nails. Be careful to drive these straight, as the wood is thin. Wipe off glue squeezed out of the joints.

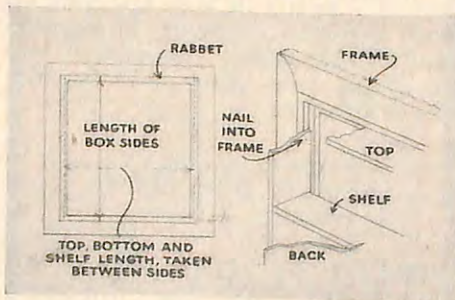
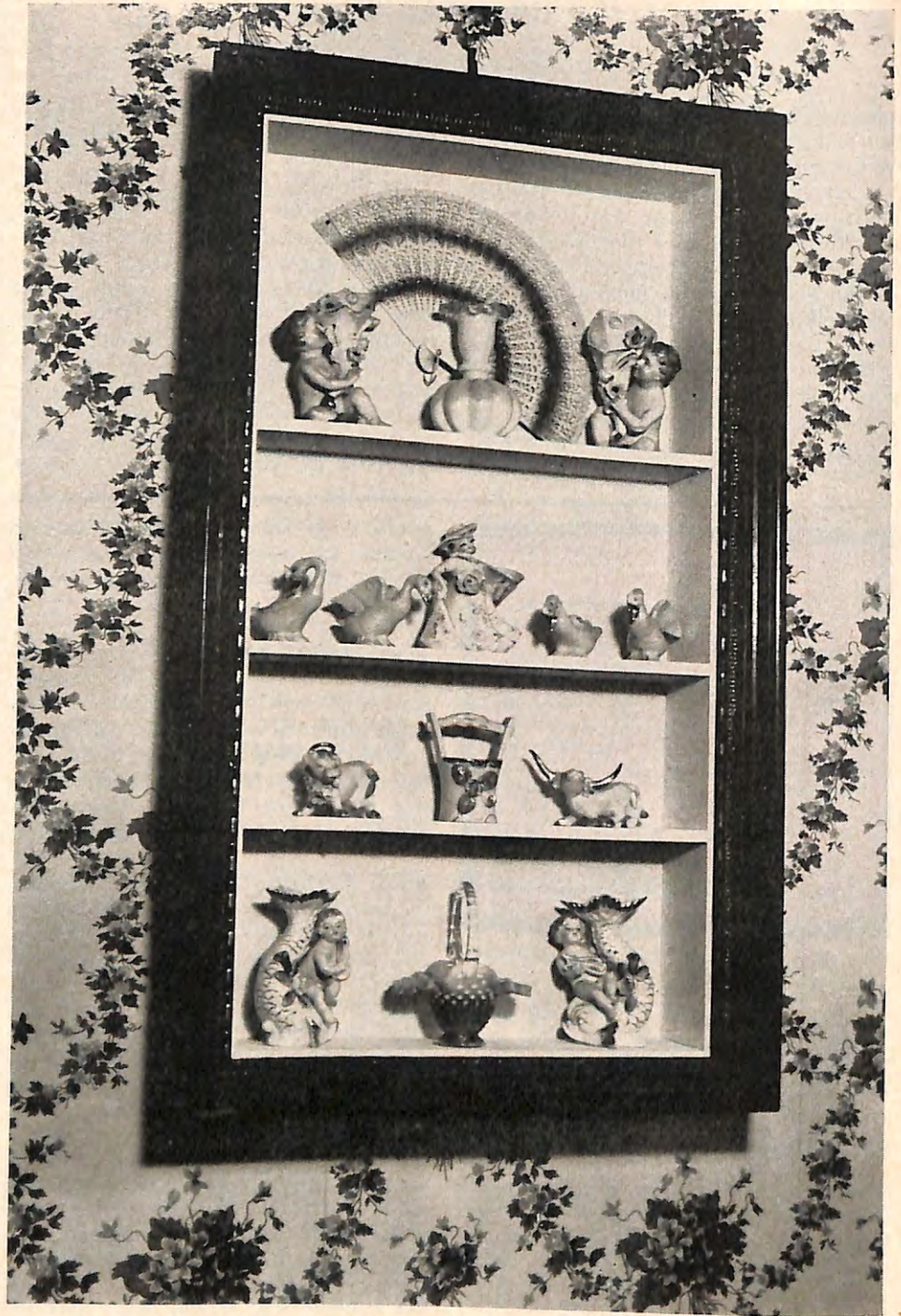


Figure 1

Figure 2



*The shadow box, with its collection of small objects and souvenirs, will become a conversation piece in most homes.*

Measure off shelf locations along both sides and mark them. They need not be uniformly spaced; you may want to try placing the shelves by eye to determine the most pleasing effect, but bear in mind that most bric-a-brac is small. Glue and nail the shelves in. Then mark one corner of the shelf unit and the frame for later reference.

Pull the shelves out of the frame, set them on edge on the workbench, and drive the nails slightly below the wood surface with a nail-set. Fill over them with putty or wood filler, and when this is hard sand all smooth.

For prized pieces, or where vibration may shake things off the shelves, you

can add a railing of 3/8" quarter-round molding to the front of each shelf. Finish the shelf unit with stain and shellac, or with enamel. Then set it into the frame again, the marked corners together. Fasten it by driving a few finishing nails through it into the frame rabbet (Figure 2) or with small angle irons. Attach sturdy screw eyes to the shelf unit for hanging.

ON SOME WALLS the box might be used with an open back, but more often it is closed. Cut the back from 1/2" drawer-bottom plywood, thin hardboard, or even heavy cardboard. Paint it, then fasten it to the unit with brads. ● ●



## Lodge Visits

(Continued from page 26)

George J. Halpin and J. Wilson James, District Deputy J. Harry Soden and Exalted Ruler Dominic J. Urbano.

**NEW JERSEY.** Accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins visited a number of New Jersey lodges, beginning with Newark on Sept. 22. They were met at the airport by Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Joseph F. Bader, District Deputy Fred A. Padovano, Past District Deputy Daniel V. Crosta, Lyndhurst Secretary Charles J. Goll, Newark Exalted Ruler David J. Breikopf and Lodge Secretary Edward A. Reilly. Mr. Hawkins was officially welcomed by Mayor Leo P. Carlin, a member of the lodge.

From Newark, the Grand Exalted Ruler's party proceeded to the Passaic Elks Cerebral Palsy Center, a philanthropic project which is supported by the Elks of the area. They were conducted on a tour of the facilities there by Denis A. G. Lyons, Chairman of the Center's Board of Trustees, Miss Helen Dancisin, Director of the Center, and State Vice-Pres. William Morse.

Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Jernick and Mr. Bader then visited Lyndhurst Lodge, where they were greeted by Exalted Ruler Patrick A. Melillo and Past District Deputy Joseph Melillo.

The next day, Sept. 23, found Mr. Hawkins and his party at Somerville Lodge, where a banquet was held in his honor. Among those present were Grand Lodge State Associations Committeeman Matthew J. Coyle, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman William R. Thorne, Past State Pres. Louis Spine, State Vice-Pres. Bernard McMenamin, District Deputies William Flanagan and Clarence Little, Exalted Ruler Dr. Stanley Frank, Chaplain Joseph Kolans, Secretary M. M. Ronca, Organist Gustaf Anderson and Brother George Langon, Mayor of Bridgewater Township.

**SYCAMORE, ILL.** The Fall Conference of the Illinois Elks Association was held, Sept. 25-27, in Sycamore, where the lodge was host to Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins and some 400 Elks at luncheon for the Grand Exalted Ruler. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins were met by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and State Pres. Monte Hance.

That evening there was a dance, and a film on Veterans Service activities with narration by State Chairman William A. Lauer. At one o'clock the next day, the State Crippled Children's Commission met, with Past Grand Esquire George T. Hickey, Vice-Chairman, presiding. Mr. Hawkins also attended business sessions of the State Association and the Secretaries Association. At the latter meeting, a minute of silence was observed in memory of Brother Darwin R.

Teavault, Vice-President of the group, who passed away on Sept. 5.

Convention Chairman James W. Cliffe welcomed luncheon guests, among whom were Past State Pres. R. G. Borman, State Secretary-Treasurer A. W. Arnold, State Membership Chairman L. B. Richmond, State Public Relations Chairman J. R. Wilson, State Vice-Presidents H. F. Sears, G. C. Berry, A. W. Pitchford, A. L. Jackson, Louis Gorman and J. G. Craven, and all District Deputies.

One of the most moving moments of the Conference occurred during the luncheon, when, to the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, the pastor who married them 25 years ago came forward. Reverend and Mrs. Roger Oliver had been concealed behind a curtain, and from this hiding place Reverend Oliver repeated a phrase from the marriage ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins recognized the voice and were visibly moved to see Reverend and Mrs. Oliver.

**NEW ENGLAND.** On Sept. 28, the Grand Exalted Ruler met with New Hampshire Elks Pres. Ralph R. Rosa and visited Exeter-Hampton Lodge, where the party inspected the fine new lodge home. They were greeted there by Governor Wesley Powell. The group then proceeded to Portsmouth, where local Elks treated them to an old-fashioned New Hampshire clambake. Their journey then took them to Poland Springs, Maine. State Pres. Alton Lessard greeted the group at Poland Springs.

Arriving at Augusta for luncheon the next day, Sept. 29, the party was welcomed by Governor Clinton A. Clauson, and that evening Mr. Hawkins was the guest of Lewiston Lodge at a reception and dinner attended by 300 Elks and their ladies. Present on this occasion were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, State Pres. Alton A. Lessard, District Deputy Lawrence C. Murphy and Exalted Ruler Joseph Winner.

On Sept. 30, the Grand Exalted Ruler was met by a large delegation of New Hampshire Elks, who escorted him to Eastern Slope Lodge; the group toured the White Mountain area, reaching Littleton Lodge in time for a reception and dinner.

A delegation of Vermont Elks met the official party at Littleton on Oct. 1, and accompanied Mr. Hawkins on visits to St. Johnsbury Lodge and Hartford Lodge, where the group enjoyed luncheon with local officers and members. They then proceeded to Rutland, where a reception and dinner were held in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. With Mr. Hawkins at Rutland were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, Elks National Home Superintendent Thomas J. Brady, State Pres. Raymond Quesnel, Past State Pres. Peter Hall and Exalted Ruler Earl Cram. The Grand Exalted Ruler left Rutland Oct. 2, in time to arrive at Springfield for luncheon. ● ●

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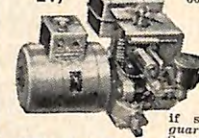
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## Membership Percentage Gains

Responding to requests that we publish in THE ELKS MAGAZINE the increase in membership of those states showing the largest gain in the last subordinate lodge year, we referred on our Editorial Page in the November issue to the twelve states showing the largest gains.

Naturally, they were mostly the states already having the largest memberships and naturally, some of the smaller states that did not have as large an increase but did have a large percentage of increase began to suggest to us that the states having the largest *percentage* gains in membership be given some recognition in THE ELKS MAGAZINE.

We are very glad, accordingly, to submit the following list of the twelve states showing the highest per-

centage of membership increase during the official subordinate lodge year ending March 31, 1959.

1. Louisiana .....	20.8%	7. Utah .....	4.7
2. Oklahoma .....	17.0	8. North Dakota ....	4.0
3. New Mexico .....	6.2	9. Texas .....	4.0
4. New Hampshire	5.5	10. South Dakota ....	3.9
5. Arizona .....	5.3	11. Florida .....	3.6
6. Arkansas .....	4.8	12. California .....	3.5

The twelve states show an average gain in membership of 4½ per cent.

If such a percentage of gain were shown by all the states of the Order the total gain for our last fiscal year would have been over 54,000.

### These Are the Elks

Naturally, when a magazine has been in existence for thirty-seven years and it has never raised its subscription rate in that period of time, while expenses have had the habit of continuously climbing, such a publication needs additional income. The only source of such increased income is the advertising industry.

It is because the Magazine has appealed as strongly as it has to the advertiser that it has been possible to continue it and, in fact, to enlarge it and improve it as the years have passed.

One of the things that the advertisers want to know is what type of men are subscribers to THE ELKS MAGAZINE.

There are various organizations that make a study of the character of the subscribers of various magazines. THE ELKS MAGAZINE is one of 53 magazines whose subscribers are surveyed by one of the country's leading firms in this line.

This list of magazines includes weeklies and monthlies, magazines having circulations as low as 400,000 and as high as 12,000,000. Naturally, this list includes practically all of the most prominent magazines in the country, such as *Reader's Digest*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *Life*, *Look* and *Time*.

The subscribers to only one of the other 52 magazines on the list exceed the Elks in the percentage of business ownership.

Only one of the magazines has subscribers showing a larger percentage of automobile ownership than shown by the Elks.

The survey shows that THE ELKS MAGAZINE has the largest percentage of subscribers with incomes between \$7,200 and \$15,000.

The survey shows the following in respect to the members of the Order:

- 93.5 per cent are married
- 78.1 per cent own single-family houses
- 94.1 per cent own one or more automobiles
- 50 per cent are professional men, technical workers, officials or owners of businesses

We know of no survey of subscribers to any general list of magazines indicating what percentage thereof are members of Congress.

We do know, however, that at the present time half of the Representatives eligible for membership in the Order are Elks, as are over half of the members of the United States Senate.

The last checkup that we had made of Governors of States showed that 75 per cent were members of the Order.

The same check indicated that over 20,000 Elks were holding positions of prominence and responsibility in state and local governments.

### Grand Lodge Committees

While the officers of the Grand Lodge, the Presidents and Secretaries of State Associations, the District Deputies and the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of subordinate lodges are kept very well informed of the activities of the several Grand Lodge Committees, there is some question as to the percentage of the general membership in the Order that realizes the importance, the fine programs and accomplishments of these Committees.

Of course, their success results from the support they receive from the individual lodges and members thereof.

The Committees that we have in mind particularly are the following:

- Lodge Activities Committee
- Membership and New Lodges Committee
- State Associations Committee
- Youth Activities Committee

These Committees meet immediately after their selection by the Grand Exalted Ruler and plan their programs.

The program once adopted is then explained in detail to the District Deputies, the various officers of the State Associations and the lodge officers.

We are prompted to refer at this time to the Lodge Activities Committee as the result of receiving a striking calendar of suggested subordinate lodge activities that the Committee, under the Chairmanship of Nelson E. W. Stuart of Cleveland, Ohio, Lodge, is sending to all of the subordinate lodges.

The activities suggested, which are so vividly emphasized in the calendar, are:

Nov. 1959—All Sports Parade  
Dec. 1959—Family Christmas at the Lodge

Jan. 1960—School and Family Night  
Feb. 1960—Birthday of the Order  
March 1960—Father and Sons or Daughters Night

April 1960—Community Projects Night  
May 1960—Mother's Day  
June 1960—A Family Picnic

This Committee furnishes a wealth of material on how to handle these recommended activities, and suggests many other worth-while affairs.

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