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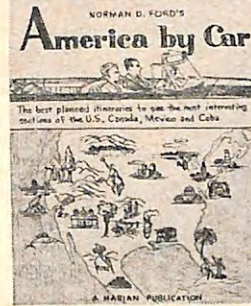
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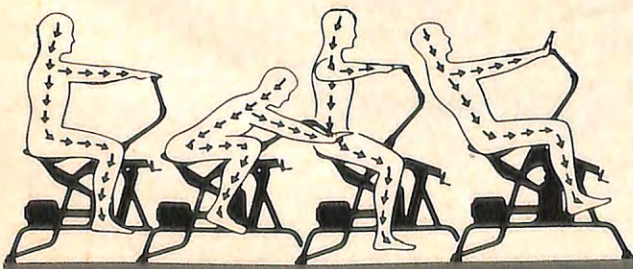
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GREEN *is for* DANGER

By WILLIAM M.
STEPHENS

MIKE SCULLY WOKE SLOWLY, raised himself onto his elbows and squinted at the sun's bright rays slanting through the blinds of his air-conditioned apartment. His watch showed eleven o'clock. Outside his window the green fronds of a coconut palm stirred listlessly. Beyond, past the blazing scarlet of poinciana trees, a ribbon of white sand encircled the blue mirror of the bay. *A perfect day, he thought. Calm and clear on the reefs—if anybody cared.*

He struck the heel of his hand against his forehead to jog his foggy mind. What was he supposed to remember? The banquet? Something about the girl he had met at the banquet last night. What was her name? Jean. Jean Landers. Just a kid, but a nice kid. A vacationing stenographer. Liked skin diving and listened wide-eyed to Mike's stories of the reefs and big fish. *That's one thing I'm good at, he thought, talking a good diving game.*

As he reached for a pitcher of water, the telephone rang. He picked up the instrument and said hoarsely, "Scully speaking."

"Mike . . .?" said a feminine voice tentatively. "This is Jean."

He set down the water pitcher. "Well, hello!"

"Hello to you. Have you forgotten our date?"

Date? He closed his eyes and grimaced. *That was it. Nine o'clock. At the dock.*

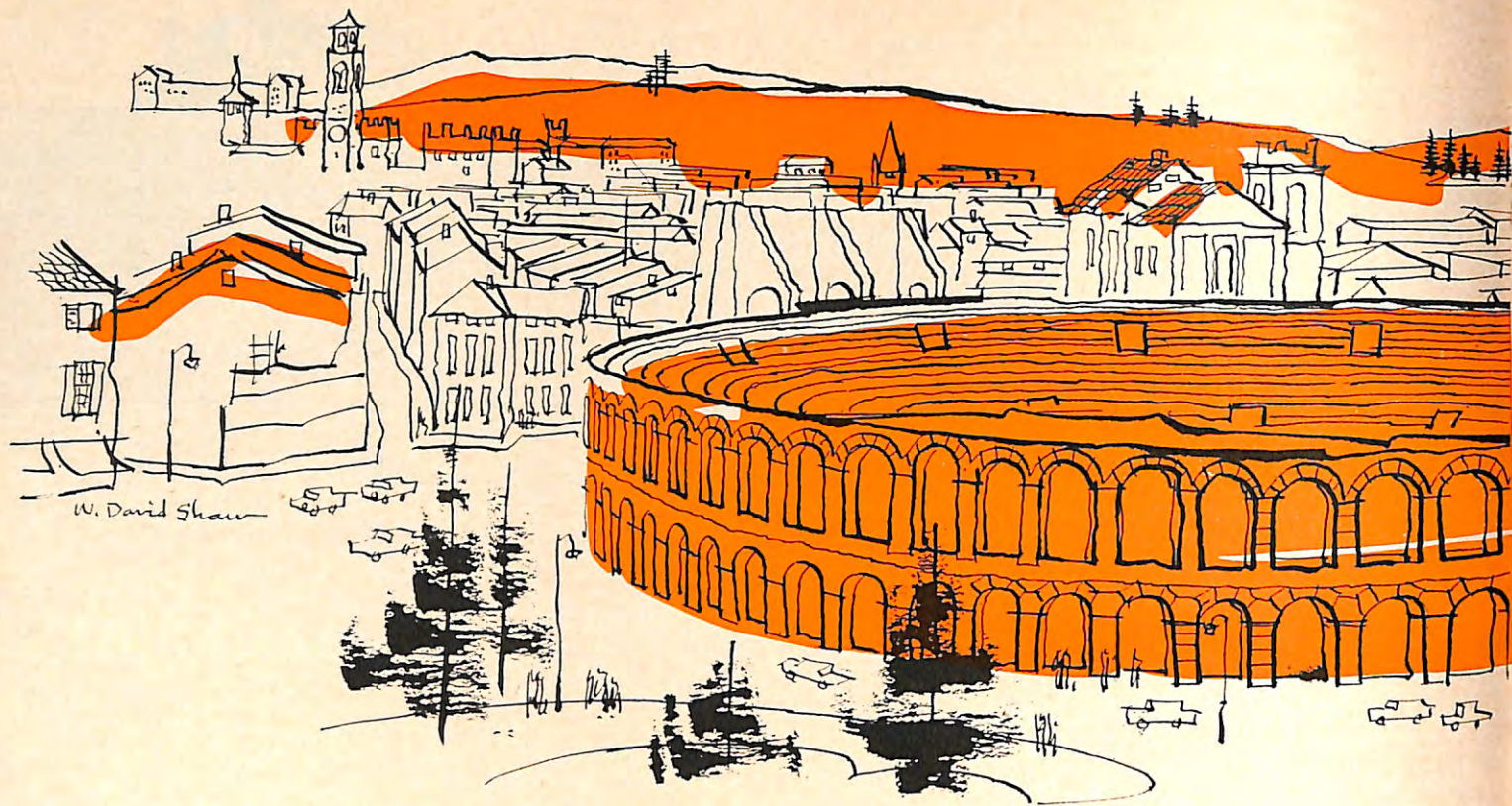
"To go diving on the reef," she went
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He kicked himself downward, and then he saw her, motionless, a few feet above bottom, her arm against the coral.

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Several Towns in Italy

By HORACE SUTTON

THE MORE OCCASIONS I have to return to Europe following explorations in primitive fields, the more I am driven to the realization that the Continent is full of wonders which have never been charted by me. Since the war ended and this commuter life began for me, I have journeyed to Europe more than a score of times, frequently through Italy. In 1950, I wrote a book on that land of fascination, which of course made me an expert commencing publication day. Now I find myself at once ashamed to say, and yet delighted, that it was only this fall that I discovered the glories of Verona and Vicenza lying along the route between Milan and Venice. Thinking back to those days in 1949 when I first toured the area, I am at a loss to recall what perverse routing was designed for me that managed to bypass these cities. Certainly I had spent nearly a week in Venice (without, of course, believing it); and I had even rolled through the ancient city of Padua, site of the famous university founded in 1222—nearly three centuries before our own Continent was to be discovered. I had even, on that trip in '49, skirted Lake Garda and spent days in Milan.

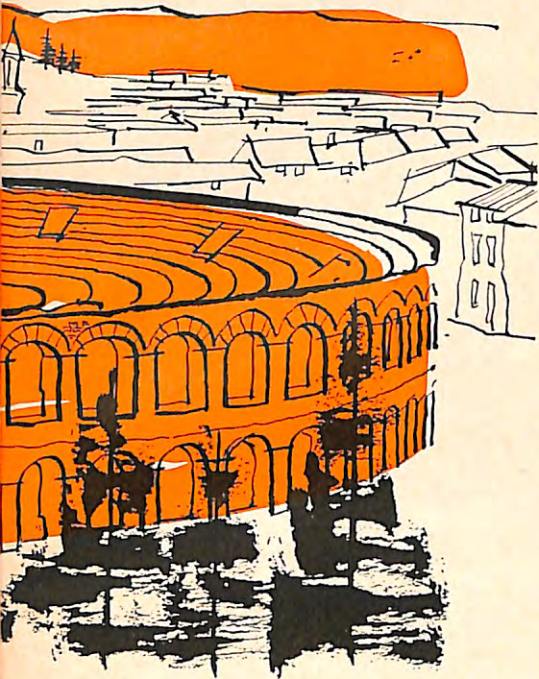
There have been some vivid changes

in Milan in eleven years (heavens, there have been some vivid ones in *me*) and not the least of them is the air of assurance, of construction, of tall buildings, and fashionably dressed women. The first hint of it is in the daring decor of the new airport at Malpensa, which I had seen on intermediate stops here last year. Air France is sending its snappy Caravels rocketing over from Paris with just about time for lunch, into Forlanini Linate Airport, nearer town. Principe Savoia, where I had stayed before and to which returned once more, has added a whole new wing, filled with electronic delights and period furniture, a blessed combination. The crowds in the stand-up coffee bars that are also confectioner's shops, an institution dear to Milan, do an enormous business in cappucino and espresso, tiny baked pizzas and all sorts of glazed fruits. Savinis, that temple of calories in the gallery, was filled to its elegant walls with the well-to-do slicing into Steak Woronoff, the house specialty.

A splendid speedway runs across the top of Italy now, from Turin in the west, over the top of Milan to Brescia. If it doesn't reach all the way to Venice, the intentions are there and the high-

way, for that matter, picks up again outside Venice. From Milan, where I picked it up, it stretches flat and straight with the beginnings of the Alps visible from the port window. From the time of the Peace of Cambrai in the early 1500s, for three centuries, Venice maintained a peaceful domination of this stretch of land—from the peaks visible out the car window clear to the headquarters on the Adriatic—its influence spilling over into the Istrian Peninsula, which later was passed to Austria and ended up as part of Yugoslavia.

Just after Brescia one can, in good season, veer off the road to Lake Garda, a favorite of such early devotees as Virgil and Catullus, and of such later ones as Goethe and, more recently, Churchill. Fifteen miles away is Verona, where the hand of the Roman is clearly visible. Spang in the center of town, in the center of the Piazza Bra, stands the Roman Arena built in 72 A.D. The Venetian Republic did some restoration work in 1500, but the exterior walls are original, containing the grandstands that in Roman times seated 80,000. For the operas that are played here now in July and August, the place can hold 25,000. Gladiators fought here in the early days



The 1800-year-old Roman arena in Verona is still being used.

on the first floor. Her room on the second floor, with the famous balcony intact, looks out now on a lamp store and a coin shop.

Piazza delle Erbe is one of the liveliest squares in Europe and one of the most engaging. It stands at the spot where two Roman roads crossed, a point designated as the site of a Roman forum by a soothsayer. It was only after the soothsayers had their say that the architects could move in. Looking down on the white tenting of the pushcarts and stands which sell produce and hot sweet potatoes and quail and pheasant and everything else, is the 14th-century Gardello tower. In front is the winged lion of Venice on a high column, placed there when the Venetians arrived in 1400. Alongside the Piazza Erbe is the equally fascinating Piazza Dante with its residence of the Kings of Verona, now the Mayor's house. The square was named for Dante after he was forced to leave Florence and took refuge in Verona.

Today, Verona has about 200,000 residents, and is the site of a large agricultural fair each March. It deals in the wines of the region, which are the most famous of Italy—Soave, the

dry white that is served in so many Italian restaurants in the U. S., Valpolicella, the red, and Bardolino and Recioto. The town also has an unusual hotel in the Albergo Due Torri, a masterpiece of impressive decor and works of art. It has 100 rooms—no two alike—and all of them full of period pieces, marble floors, damask draperies and trappings from some expensive gallery. The lobby floor is a checkerboard of marble, with arches and marble columns and a ceiling that is alternately lighted panels and murals. Directoire, Empire, Charles X and Louis XVIII are among the styles available in the rooms, and each floor has a sitting room of its own.

As for Vicenza, which is not far down the pike, it was the city of Palladio, the patron saint of architects, and is full of buildings he designed. The most famous of the masterpieces, all of which were designed during the 16th century, is the Olympic Theater, a plaster and wood stage setting that still stands and is, indeed, still used. Three centuries later, the three-dimensional qualities which Palladio brought into play are a stunning sight. The wood and plaster effect is of the city of

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and the arena was sometimes flooded for naval engagements, the water issuing from ducts that led from the River Adige. The orchestra for the opera plays in the old water trough.

Ancient Roman walls still protect the city, and on the far side of the river still stands the Roman theater. While the Arena provides a setting for one of the largest stages in the world (the opera casts can number 1500) the Roman Theater provides a magnificent setting for the plays of Shakespeare, who chose the old city for two of his most famous works, "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Two Gentlemen from Verona". It's all done in the open air, under the summer sky. Romeo and Juliet are more than merely legend in Verona, for there in a grape arbor is the entrance to the cloisters where Juliet is supposed to lie. It was in the convent, now destroyed, that Juliet and Romeo, she thirteen and he fourteen, got married back in 1302. In the center of the courtyard there are white doves for love, ivy spilling down the walls and a bust of Shakespeare, who wrote the play after reading a story by one Luigi da Porto. Even the tourist office has chosen as its location Juliet's own home, with an information office

Vicenza's town hall was designed by the great architect Palladio.



W. David Shaw

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THERE'S NOTHING NICER on a winter evening than to sit quietly with a few close friends and enjoy the pictures you took on a hunting or fishing trip six months—or six years—before. And if those friends were your companions when the pictures were taken, that makes it perfect.

I have a friend named Jones, a most remarkable fellow, who actually does that very thing. Jones hunts and fishes and takes pictures, too. Most of us only hunt and fish. We leave the camera in the glove compartment and forget to take it out until too late.

But Jones doesn't. He finds time for everything. A year ago last fall, Jones and Jim Baughman made a sheep hunt, and several months later my wife and I were invited over to Baughman's house
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Among the great shots Ted has missed are these—of rising ducks, a coyote, a pack train in the snow, and a fish hawk with its catch.





At the Boulder Meeting of the Colorado Elks Assn. were, left to right, retiring Pres. William Brennan, Grand Trustee Jacob L. Sherman, Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, host E.R. H. A. Tingley, Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, Grand Lodge Committeeman Campbell F. Rice and Convention Chairman Les Newkirk.

Closing the Convention Circuit

IN HISTORIC SITKA, site of the old Russian Capitol, the second Elks Convention since Alaska became our 49th State was called to order by President W. C. Stump on September 29th. Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Emmett T. Anderson and Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson were honored guests at the three-day session during which Mr. Donaldson held a fruitful Secretary's Clinic.

A stirring demonstration of what is being accomplished by the Association's Major Project Committee in aiding cerebral-palsied and other handicapped children was provided by administrative therapist Nick Peters and therapist Mabel Nihoul. Immediately following this, more than \$26,000 was contributed to the program by the 8,000 Elks of

Alaska's 13 lodges. Committee Chairman Hollis Henrichs accepted these donations.

At this Meeting the Alaska Elks voted the adoption of a project to promote the Golden Gloves contest in their State through the AAU, with John Pappas of Anchorage as Chairman.

Officers elected for the coming year were President R. D. Lewis, Anchorage, Vice-Presidents E. Robert Haag, Juneau, and Hollis Henrichs, Cordova, and continuing his duties as Secretary-Treasurer will be L. J. Weeda of Anchorage. Trustees are Chairman John F. Cushing, Sitka, Hess Ragins, Fairbanks and Robert O. Faulkner, Juneau. Joseph Bailey of Ketchikan is Chairman of the Major Project Committee, assisted by Eldon Lester of Kodiak and

T. Stanton Wilson of Anchorage. Cordova will be host next year.

DELEGATES to the Mid-Season Conference of the Louisiana Elks Association which took place at Houma October 14th and 15th welcomed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James who was the principal speaker at their banquet. Mr. James took advantage of the opportunity to congratulate Exalted Ruler Nolan J. Cunningham and the host lodge whose home has just been remodeled, and whose membership has enjoyed a twelve per cent increase.

Louisiana's senior U. S. Senator Allen J. Ellender also addressed the nearly 200 delegates and guests who were welcomed by Mayor Leon Gary.

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Pres. George W. May, left, welcomes Grand Exalted Ruler Fenton to the West Virginia Elks Assn. Convention at Fairmont. Looking on are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, third from left, and Grand Trustees Chairman Dewey E. S. Kuhns.



Photographed as they talked things over in Houma during the Louisiana Elks' Mid-Season Conference were, left to right, State Pres. J. J. Eichelberger, U.S. Senator Allen J. Ellender, host E.R. N. J. Cunningham and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James.

There have been forecasts of a recession, and other forecasts of a boom in 1961. Here is one economist's thoughtful analysis of the outlook for the coming year

IN THE JANUARY, 1960, issue of THE ELKS MAGAZINE, the author reached the following conclusions: "Gross national product will exceed the \$500-billion mark. Disposable personal income will rise and consumption expenditures on durable goods, non-durable goods and services will reach new high levels." "Construction in general will decrease during 1960 and the number of home-starts in particular will be smaller than during 1959." "In spite of the dire predictions that have been made at home and abroad, a devaluation of the dollar in 1960 will not take place."

Although business activity during 1960 remained more or less stagnant and actually decreased during the third quarter, the GNP of the United States did exceed the \$500-billion mark; personal disposable income reached a new high record and personal consumption expenditures during the third quarter of 1960 on an annual basis, seasonally adjusted, amounted to \$328-billion, 500-million, as compared with \$316-billion during the third quarter of 1959; home starts decreased considerably; and, in spite of the rather large outflow of gold from the United States, the dollar did remain impregnable.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

The U. S. economy toward the end of 1960 is undergoing a mild recession. There are both strong and weak factors operating in the economy. At present, the weak factors seem to predominate and this is the reason business activity is moderately decreasing. The strong factors, briefly summarized, are:

1. Government expenditures are increasing. Thus, whereas during the first quarter of 1960 Government purchases of goods and services aggregated \$97.5-billion, on an annual rate, seasonally adjusted, they were estimated during the third quarter at \$100-billion, 500-million. Federal and State and local government expenditures all moved up.

2. Consumption expenditures on non-durable goods and services continued to rise, although during the third quarter of 1960 there was a minor decline in expenditures for non-durables.

The weak forces in the economy were more pronounced.

1. Gross private domestic investments, which during the first quarter of 1960 amounted to \$79-billion, 300-million on an annual rate, seasonally adjusted, decreased to \$75-billion, 500-million in the second quarter and to \$70-billion, 500-million in the third quarter of the year. The principal change in gross private domestic investment occurred in inventories. Whereas during the first quarter of 1960 inventories were accumulated at an annual rate of \$11-billion, this was reduced to \$5-billion during the second quarter, and during the third quarter



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there was actually a liquidation of inventories of \$300-million. Fixed investments, on the other hand, continued to increase during the second and third quarter.

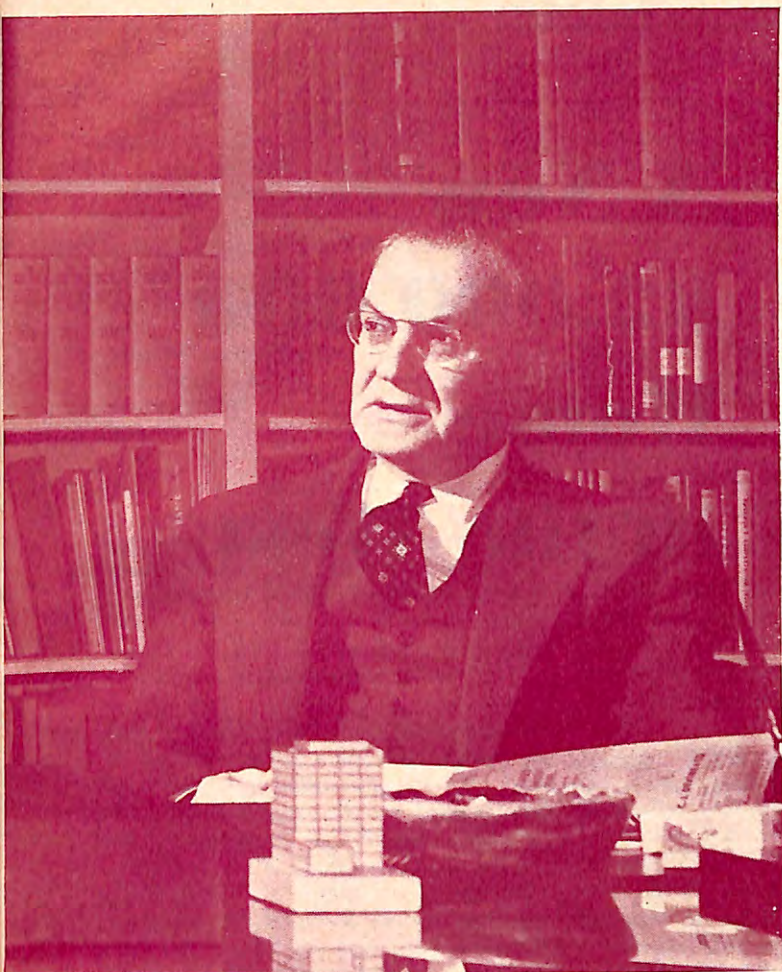
2. Housing starts witnessed a material decline. Total private housing starts, seasonally adjusted on an annual rate which amounted to 1,578,000 units in July, 1959, decreased to 1,077,000 units during September, 1960.

3. Consumption expenditures by individuals on durable goods, notably appliances, decreased. They amounted to \$44-billion, 500-million in the second quarter of 1960, and to \$42-billion, 500-million in the third quarter of 1960.

As a result of these developments, unemployment increased and in October, 1960, about 6.4 per cent of the labor force was unemployed. Similarly, the GNP witnessed a decline during the third quarter of about \$2-billion. This decrease, as stated before, was caused primarily by the change in the accumulation of inventories. The index of industrial production decreased from 111 in January, 1960 (1957=100), to 107 in October.

THE OUTLOOK

It is not easy at this time to make any definite statements about the future trend of the economy. First, it is not yet known what policy the new Administration will adopt to stimulate the economic growth of the country. Second, the U. S. today is confronted with a serious balance-of-payments problem. So long as the balance-of-payments deficit is as large as at present, it imposes a certain degree of fiscal and monetary discipline on the Administration. Third, as is well known, the international political situation is confused, hence



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covered, and thus the Government competes for capital, materials, and labor with the private sector of the economy. This was clearly demonstrated during 1959. At present, however, it is not certain what measures the Government will take to stimulate economic growth. One thing is certain—that measures will be taken in the first half of the year and that these measures will be felt in the second half.

2. State and local government expenditures will increase during the next year, probably by \$3-billion. Since the end of the war, the purchases of goods and services by state and local governments have increased every year, and there is no reason to believe that this will not continue in the future. It is therefore evident that the public sector of the economy will play a more important role in the coming months than during 1960.

3. Consumption expenditures by individuals on non-durable goods and services will continue to increase. These expenditures, as a general rule, are not, or are only very little, affected by business activity. They continue to rise irrespective of business conditions and employment opportunities.

4. One may expect with a fair degree of certainty that construction in general and housing in large cities in particular will increase. Partly this will be the result of the measures taken by the Government, partly it will be the result of the increased availability of mortgage money and the lowering of long-term interest rates. A housing boom, however, is not indicated. The pent-up demand for housing has already been met and at present the percentage of vacancies is higher than ever before since the end of the war. The greatest emphasis will be made on multiple-dwelling houses.

There are, however, weak forces operating in the economy, which will be felt throughout 1961. Briefly enumerated, they are as follows:

1. Capital expenditures by corporations for plant and equipment will decrease. Estimates are that they will be 3 to 5 per cent smaller during 1961 than during the past year. The reasons for this decline? The productive capacity of the country today is greater than the present effective demand; competition, domestic and international, is very keen and there is a squeeze on the margin of corporate profits. These conditions do not favor increased expenditures to enlarge the productive facilities of the country. However, substantial sums will be spent on modernization of plant and equipment in order to reduce cost of production.

2. The outlook for durable consumer goods, such as automobiles and home appliances, is not particularly favorable. This is due to the fact that the volume of consumer credit outstanding is large. Repayments of such debt have reached new peaks and the people in general view the future with (Continued on page 39)

its impact on the economy cannot as yet be predicted.

However, in spite of these difficulties, a careful analysis of the known facts will enable one to reach certain conclusions as to the trend of the economy during 1961.

1. *Policy of the new Administration.* The election was very close and the people did not give the new Administration a mandate to bring about structural changes in the economy. Furthermore, the country is not faced with a serious emergency. Essentially, the economy is sound and no sector of it has been abused. It is, however, fairly certain that the Administration will take measures to stimulate the economy in order to prevent large-scale unemployment. In all probability, the measures taken by the Government will be concentrated in the fields of public housing, notably in the large cities, slum clearance, urban renewal, roads, highways, and other public works. It is also quite likely that the new Administration will ask and obtain from Congress the power to spend substantial sums on urban redevelopment and to grant assistance for distressed areas and for education. Moreover, because of the highly uncertain international political situation, more money will be spent on defense.

Whether or not the new Administration will lower individual taxes in order to stimulate the economy is problematical. Every Government, when necessary, has to take measures at its disposal to influence business activity. One is increased expenditures, the other is a lowering of individual taxes. The latter is much more automatic and direct, for it leads to an almost immediate increase in the personal disposable income of the people. The former is slow in developing, and usually reaches full fruition when the economy has already re-

A New \$2,000,000 Home in the West



LONG BEACH, California, Elk officials raise Old Glory for the first time at the formal dedication of the flagpole outside their beautiful \$2,000,000 country club home.

EXCEEDING ALL EXPECTATIONS, the ten-day celebration of the dedication of the sumptuous home of Long Beach, Calif., Lodge, No. 888, drew an estimated 42,000 persons. Instituted in 1904 with 26 Charter Members, this lodge now numbers 7,500 men, including the 1,001 candidates who made up the Dedication Class.

The transfer of activities to their new home began on August 29th with a parade headed by a float carrying the lodge officers, followed by the Treasurer in an armored car, ending when Past Exalted Ruler E. W. Hyka officially cut the ribbon to allow approximately 2,500 members to attend their first session in the new home.

Under the General Chairmanship of Clare McCord, the program featured many exciting events, beginning on the 16th with the official dedication conducted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight C. P. Hebenstreit, State President Charles T. Reynolds, Grand Trustee R. Leonard Bush, former Grand Esquire Vincent H. Grocott, Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight R. S. Redington, District Deputy T. J. Reese, host Exalted Ruler Harry Jordan and Past State Presidents Owen Keown, Frank Linnell, Stephen A. Compas and John Morey.

The Dedication Ball and floor show were enjoyed by 5,000 persons and thousands more celebrated Family Day when a Flag which had flown over the Nation's Capitol was officially raised, followed by a unique ceremony when

gifts of water sent by 250 lodges were poured into the Reflection Pool which surrounds the rotunda and offices of the \$2,000,000 edifice. Later, former Olympic diving champion Pat McCormick put on a show at the home's huge swimming pool.

Other highlights of this gala period were Old Timers Night, Civic and Fraternal Nights, Ladies Night and the Elks Round-Up and Open House, as well as the big finale dance and the annual bar-

becue and picnic attended by about 4,000 persons.

The moat referred to above is 30 feet wide and four inches deep, water-scaped with tropical plants. It completely surrounds the 476-foot concrete dome which dominates the imposing structure and houses the lodge hall accommodating 1,100 persons. Erected on a 12-acre site, the building also features a banquet room serving 600, the swimming pool and country-club patio, com-



THE CLASS initiated to mark the formal opening of the new home of Long Beach Lodge was so large—1,001 members—that it was necessary to initiate these candidates in four units. This photograph shows the first unit to join the Order in the 18,000 square-foot lodge room. Officials of the host lodge initiated the first two sections, with Compton Lodge's officers assisting with the third group, and the All-Star Team from lodges of the South Central Coast District handling the fourth ceremony.

plete with cabanas, shuffleboard courts, barbecue pit, and many game facilities; an activities room, library, toast room, a tropical room equipped with color TV. Furnished at a cost of \$350,000 the home is completely air-conditioned and continuous music is piped throughout the entire structure. There also are parking facilities for 640 cars.

The pouring of water into the Reflection Pool was something in which so many lodges cooperated that it is impossible to find space to list them, or to mention any of the interesting facts on the origin of these waters which came from the glaciers of Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico, from the streams of Hawaii to the Atlantic Ocean. However, the purpose of this feature is in keeping with the basis of this great Fraternity, to give all 1,280,000 Elks in the Nation a part in this magnificent Long Beach Lodge home, all of whose members hope their fellow Elks will visit whenever the opportunity arises.

EARL E. JAMES, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, was the key speaker at the dedication of the spacious new home of Harlingen, Texas, Lodge, No. 1889. Introduced by Charles C. Bowie, a member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, Mr. James' talk was followed by the ritual of dedication handled by former Deputies of the Texas Southwest District.

This formal program began a week-end of dedication activities which included a group trip to Mexico for the ladies, followed by a barbecue luncheon and a semi-formal dance that evening. On Sunday morning, all local and visiting Elks gathered for a Clinic conducted by District Deputy James Norris who, acting as Grand Exalted Ruler for the dedication, had received the key to the

new building from Past Exalted Ruler Ralph M. Juillard, Chairman of the Building Committee.

Final feature of the celebration was an International Swimming Meet between the Harlingen Elks' children's team and one from Matamoros, Mexico, held in the Olympic-size pool which is one of the finest features of the \$250,000 building, which is completely air-conditioned with a 60-ton unit.

The new structure sprawls over a five and one-half acre tract of land; along with its recreational structures, the main building is of single-story construction containing ten rooms, among them a huge 73' x 50' lodge room. Other facilities include the Elks' club room, a lounge overlooking the pool and patios, and a visitors' lounge—all of generous proportions.

Even while the dedication of this home has just become a fact, lodge officials are planning expansion and improvement to make it the finest family institution available in south Texas.

BRISTOL COUNTY, Rhode Island, Lodge, No. 1860, through its Youth Activities Committee Chairmanned by the popular James D. Rielly, sponsored a unique tribute to our 50th State. The event was the Hawaiian Dance held at the lodge home and attended by 125 young people, all dressed up in leis and other colorful Hawaiian accessories. Mr. Rielly, who, incidentally, is an honorary Chief of the Coast Guard, had 250 signatures to send to the Governor of Hawaii, attached to a good luck message.

The Golden Age Club of Bristol and Mr. Rielly gave mutual support to individual objectives when the Golden Agers voted support to Mr. Rielly's one man campaign to have park benches

placed in Rockwell Park. In return, Mr. Rielly invited the Club to a record hop at the lodge home sponsored by his Committee. The event was a decided success; run on the same basis as the teenagers' dances, this affair featured Lawrence Welk and Wayne King records with accents on the waltz.

A \$300,000 FIRE gutted the second floor of the home of Everett, Wash., Lodge, No. 479, calling a halt to the remodeling plans on the handsome, 50-year-old landmark. Started by a fire in the deep fryer of the club's main floor kitchen at 2:50 in the afternoon, the flames were carried up through the ventilating system and overheated pipes ignited wooden portions of the upper story. Just when the fire seemed to be almost under control, it flared up again, flashing quickly through the attic area and burning downward.

Two fire captains were felled by the dense smoke. Both hospitalized for the night, they were William Wood and Chet Peterson.

Exalted Ruler Robert E. Cassidy reported that while actual fire damage was confined to the roof and second floor, smoke and water damage was extensive throughout the rest of the building.

PAYING TRIBUTE to 44 members of more than 30 years' standing, Jamestown, N. D., Lodge, No. 995, presented Life Membership pins to each of them, giving special recognition to Tony Geurds, an Elk since 1921 who served as Club Manager for many years and is now chief bookkeeper.

The event coincided with the official visit to the lodge of District Deputy Morris Weber and was highlighted by the initiation of a group of candidates.



ATHOL-ORANGE, Massachusetts, Elks Clifton Hastings, Clyde Burgess and Youth Chairman Lionel Lattinville, left to right, stenciled STOP-LOOK-WALK on some 300 crosswalks as part of a safety program sponsored by the Elks, police and Western Mass. Safety Council. Posters were distributed to all classrooms, with spot announcements on radio and television stations.



PHOENIX, Arizona, Lodge chalked up a first for its 64 years not long ago when twin brothers were initiated in the same class. At left, E.R. Thomas W. Jessup presents the Flag to Ronald Franklin whose twin, Richard Franklin, third from left, has the Elks' emblem pinned to his lapel by the young men's father, and proposer, Charles Franklin.



GRAND ISLAND, Nebraska



PORT HURON, Michigan



CHICAGO (NORTH), Illinois

... As part of GRAND ISLAND, NEB., Lodge's celebration of its 60th Anniversary, it welcomed a class of 64 candidates, the largest in its history. The officers of Holdrege Lodge performed the ceremony and Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge was on hand to address the initiates. In his talk, Mr. Blackledge, a member of Kearney Lodge, mentioned the fact that he had been initiated into the Order 33 years ago in the very same lodge room.

... The Elks of PORT HURON, MICH., were so pleased with the record chalked up by these young men who play baseball for them in the local Little League that they treated the youngsters to a day at the Clyde Beatty Circus, the zoo and other places of amusement. Pictured with the boys are Clyde Beatty, standing at left; Manager Bruce Carmody,

standing at right, and, in the right center background, Coach Car Henry.

... The Little Leaguers playing for CHICAGO (NORTH), ILL., Lodge had a very successful season. This team is the senior group. Known as the Cardinals, they were coached by Frank Schmit, left background, and his assistant Jack Tonkinson, Sr., right. The equally able juniors play under the name of the Braves, and are coached by Chuck Meyer.

... When SIDNEY, NEB., Lodge received its official visit from District Deputy William M. Dunn, the occasion was celebrated with the initiation of a class of 55 candidates in the Deputy's honor. E.R. Robert E. Williamson can be seen at left background with Mr. Dunn on his left.

SIDNEY, Nebraska





FAIRFIELD, Iowa, Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a gala four-day program. Receiving the Key to the City on his arrival to participate in the festivities is Grand Secy. Lee A. Donaldson, fourth from left. Others are, left to right, P.E.R. L. E. Whitney, Mayor Bill Foshier, a member of the lodge, E.R. H. R. Hollander and P.E.R. John W. Ward.



MASSAPEQUA, New York, Lodge's E.R. Monroe Lewis, State Vice-Pres. Peter Bernier, Youth Activities Committee Chairman William Crawford, left to right, receive the baseball with which Gregg Fram, right, pitched four consecutive no-hitters. Gregg is pitcher for the team sponsored by the lodge which won the Nassau County Police Boys Club League championship.



FLORENCE, Alabama, Lodge honored Grand Tiler Adin Batson with the initiation of a class of 25 and a banquet at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, right, was the featured speaker. Others are, left to right, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee Chairman M. S. Bell, Mrs. Batson and Mr. Batson. Guests included Grand Lodge Committeeman Edward W. McCabe, State Pres. H. C. Van Buskirk and Secy. Ed B. English.



MOUNT VERNON, Indiana, Lodge's Youth Program has won the State award for nine years, during which time it has also won six Grand Lodge awards. E.R. Lloyd E. Peerman, right, presented the 1960 Grand Lodge awards to Chairman J. O. Baxter of the lodge's Youth Committee who holds the brochure on this year's prize-winning project. The 1961 program will include more than 30 activities and will serve over 16,000 young people.



LEBANON, Ohio, Lodge welcomed D.D. Charles E. Sims on his official visit in the company of fellow Elk, Congressman C. J. Brown who presented to Lebanon Lodge a 50-star Flag which had flown over the Nation's Capitol. Pictured are, left to right, Mr. Sims, E.R. Richard Stanley, State Rep. and P.D.D. C. J. Waggoner, lodge Secy. I. M. Hyman, Congressman Brown and State Pres. John D. Quinn. A large crowd attended the program.



ELIZABETH CITY, North Carolina, Lodge's 90-year-old member Dr. Ike Fearing, dean of the medical profession in that city, foreground, presents his lodge's \$400 check to Mrs. Tom Nash to furnish and memorialize a waiting room in the new area hospital. Others are, left to right, Elk Trustees Chairman E. Copersmith, E.R. A. W. Houtz, P.E.R. L. W. Midgett, Secy. Joseph Ferrell, Mrs. Willis Wright, Jr., and Mrs. R. E. Foreman.

A CROWD of 300 ritual-minded Elks gathered at the home of Omaha, Neb., Lodge, No. 1817, to attend the first Mid-western Ritualistic Clinic when the fine points of this effort were explained to Elks from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota by Marston S. Bell of Columbia, S. C., Lodge who is Chairman of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge welcomed the delegates and introduced State Vice-Pres. William Heiser and former District Deputy Graden Rathbun. Other Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeemen present were Lloyd Chapman and Cloyde U. Shellady.

After a review of the features for which judges watch in the ritual, a team composed of officers from the participating States presented the ritual of initiation. Members of the audience were provided with judging sheets so that they could score the presentation, and as the officers performed, Mr. Bell gave a critique on their rendition, offering many valuable individual suggestions. Past Exalted Rulers who attend two such clinics and judge the ritual successfully may then be certified as qualified judges.

Other dignitaries present were Campbell F. Rice of the New Lodges Committee of the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Paul D. Zimmer.

POMPTON LAKES Lodge No. 1895 was host to the quarterly meeting of the New Jersey Elks Assn. attended by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, President Michael A. Meany, Sr., and over 1,000 Elks and guests.

These Elks have recently doubled the capacity of their former home, and have reconditioned a carriage house on their property which has stood since 1700. Until recently this home was the site of the training camp made famous by Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, Jack Sharkey and other boxing greats.

GOV. J. MILLARD TAWES, a Past Exalted Ruler, was the principal speaker on the opening day of the three-day celebration of the dedication of the home of Crisfield, Md., Lodge, No. 1044.

Located on the outskirts of the city, the building is mirrored in a pond stocked with large-mouth bass for which many youngsters fished in an exciting sports event for the small fry, with prizes awarded for various catches.

The large and modern building has a dining room accommodating 500 persons, and its main room is adaptable for either large or small affairs. Over 400 Elks and their guests attended the dedication banquet at which the Governor spoke, and Exalted Ruler Harry T. Phoebus, Jr., introduced his fellow officers to the gathering, before presenting Philip Tawes, Master of Ceremonies.

After congratulating Carlton Dize and the Building Committee, Mr. Tawes introduced State Sen. Harry T. Phoebus, Sr., Congressman Tom Johnson, Maryland Comptroller L. L. Goldstein, State's Attorney General C. F. Sybert, Elks Association Secretary R. Edward Dove and Trustee D. T. Witts, District Deputy R. L. Bailey and Editor B. L. Stanley of the Tri-State Elks News.

Dancing followed the dinner, and on the next afternoon a crab feast and oyster roast were enjoyed, with the dedication ball in the evening. A concert by the band from Washington, D.C., Lodge featured the final day's program, together with the formal dedication of the building.

Other dignitaries in attendance at this ceremony included President E. Robert Bowlus of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association, W. Edgar Porter of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, former Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman Lloyd Pahlman, District Deputies Bailey and Ernest J. Short, and former District Deputies T. Francis Brittingham and Fred Gerald, all of whom spoke briefly.



DANVILLE, Illinois, Lodge was host to more than 500 Elks at the Southeast Dist. Meeting conducted by, left to right, State Pres. H. Foster Sears, Dist. Trustee John Walters, former Grand Tiler Omer C. Macy, D.D. A. W. Pitchford and E.R. Harold Arant.



ORLANDO, Florida, Elks' E.R. Edw. J. Hanlon, Jr., auctioned to the highest bidder a board of 54 silver dollars which had been presented to him by the Montana Elks Assn. The \$124 realized through the sale was given to the State Elk-sponsored Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children. Left to right are State Vice-Pres. C. N. Jones, E.R. Hanlon, Harry-Anna Home Director George Carver and County Sheriff David Starr, auctioneer *pro tem*.



MAHANAY CITY, Pennsylvania, Elk-sponsored Stephen Engle was pictured, third from left, when he received his State Assn.'s \$700 Elks National Foundation Award. Others are, left to right, D.D. Ray Lauer, E.R. Wm. N. Kern and P.D.D. James P. Tolan. A class of candidates was initiated in Mr. Lauer's honor.



KISSIMMEE, Florida, Lodge receives an electric organ from the Elks' ladies, represented by, left to right, Mrs. Jack Carroll, Mrs. Tom Bumby, Mrs. Jack White and Mrs. Paul Smith. With them is E.R. John D. Davis, Jr., who accepted the gift.



SOUTH RIVER, New Jersey, Lodge's home was dedicated by, left to right, Trustees Chairman Alex Kasper, Grand Lodge Committeeman Joseph F. Bader, E.R. Salvatore Marvuglio, Mayor Edmund Luker, D.D. Raymond Bright and P.D.D. Harrison Barnes.



NEWPORT, Rhode Island, Lodge welcomed D.D. Edward L. McWilliams, left, on his official visit when Alva F. Weaver, third from left, an Honorary Life Member and an Elk 61 years, received a cake decorated with 100 silver dollars, marking his 100th birthday. Others are E.R. H. R. Locke, right, and P.E.R. Thomas J. Pendergast, second from left. Over 300 local and visiting Elks attended the celebration program.



PORTLAND, Maine, Elks hired a bus and provided a day's outing for patients of the City Hospital who were well enough to leave their rooms. According to Hospital Director M. I. Barron, this was the first time several of the patients had been away from the hospital in years. Left to right are P.E.R. James F. Usher; Miss Mary Wold, a patient; Mrs. Eleanor C. Bragdon, Hospital Supervisor, and E.R. Donald A. Bruns.

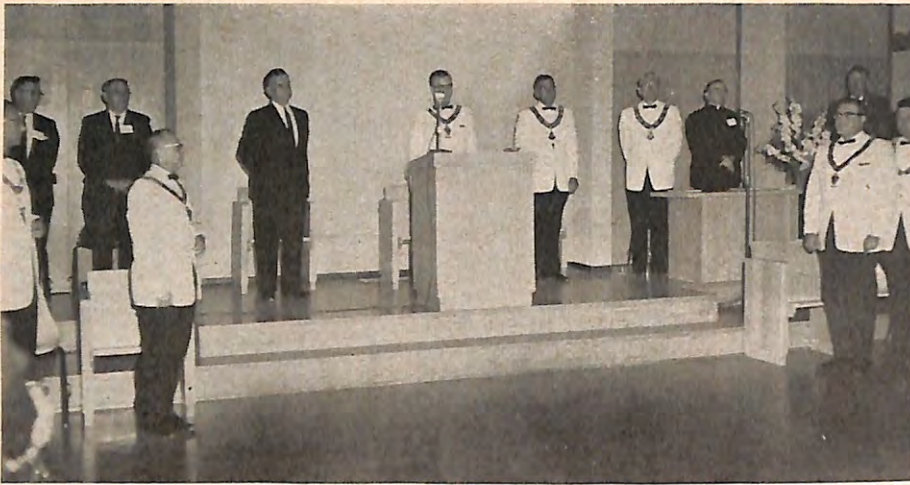


DOUGLAS, Arizona, E.R. V. H. Daniel, left, presents an isolette to Cochise County Hospital represented by Dr. E. W. Adamson and Nurse Marion Christian. This is the second \$900 baby incubator given by the Elks to the hospital where, in the past year, six sets of premature twins were born.



TEANECK, New Jersey, E.R. Allan Weinberg, left, and Youth Activities Chairman Samuel E. Barison, right, with the Teaneck High School Northern N. J. Interscholastic and County Basketball Champions, their Coach, Joseph Cervino, second from left, and Asst. Coach Edwin Scagliotti, fourth from left.

LODGE NOTES



GARDEN CITY, Kansas, Lodge's \$130,000 home was dedicated by Phillipsburg officials. Left to right: host Esq. Harrison Smith, D.D. Wm. M. Murphy, Dist. Pres. Lyle Rathbone, Phillipsburg Esq. Ray Salmon, Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, Phillipsburg E.R. N. H. Arasmith, host E.R. Dale Edelblute, Secy. J. O. Kuhn, Past Grand Chaplain Rev. F. W. Zimkosky, Phillipsburg Chaplain Donald Lumpkin, State Pres. G. H. Murray and host Chaplain R. L. Collins.



NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Elks present a full-sized trampoline to the Tennessee School for the Blind, some of whose students demonstrated its possibilities for, at right, left to right, Elk Secy. H. L. Dahlman, E.R. Ed Clark Ford, School Athletic Director Miss Earline Wolfe and Supt. E. J. Wood, and Est. Lect. Knight Howard Andes.



GREENWOOD, South Carolina, Lodge, No. 2184, newly instituted, has these men as its first panel of officers. They are led by E.R. H. Mack Crum, fourth from left, foreground.

Forty-two youngsters from the North Idaho Children's Home were guests of the Elks of Moscow, Idaho, for a very full day's program a while ago. The children saw an exciting demonstration put on by members of the Moscow Fire Department at Chormley Park, they swam in the Moscow Municipal Pool and toured the University of Idaho campus before being entertained at dinner by the Elks at their lodge home.

Belleville, Ill., Lodge has an interesting history insofar as its Secretaries are concerned. Instituted nearly 62 years ago, five of its members have held that office. The late Arthur E. Krebs was the first, serving for nine years. He was succeeded by Wm. E. Schrader, also deceased, who held the office until 1915. Next came William Schmidt, Jr., who has since passed away. Following him five years later was Wilbur K. Krebs, the son of the first Secretary; he served 31 years, and was succeeded by Albert B. Baldus now celebrating his tenth anniversary in that office.

Peter C. Boyd of Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge writes to tell us that his son, Peter Boyd, Jr., was initiated into the lodge recently. Selected as spokesman for the class, the young man was one of 26 candidates initiated in honor of District Deputy Elwood G. Grisell when he made his official visit to Wheeling. Incidentally, the senior member of this Elk family has been an affiliate of the Order for 52 years, has been editor of the lodge's fine bulletin, "Cervus Alces", for 46 years.

Thomas R. Burke, a Life Member of Fostoria, Ohio, Lodge, died recently. Mr. Burke had been a Trustee of his lodge for the past decade, and was Chairman of Ohio's Northwest District Cerebral Palsy Fund-Raising Campaign. He had devoted much time and energy to this worthy cause, as well as to the activities of his own lodge.

Robert R. Schaefer, 42 Tillotson Place, Buffalo 23, N. Y., is not a member of the Order, but he appears to have all the best characteristics of an Elk. He took the trouble to write to tell us that last August, while vacationing in Denver, Colo., he found a pocket-knife engraved on one side with the Elks' emblem; on the other, the initials "H.H.K." and the date "12-25-'16." In view of the fact that it would appear to have been a Christmas gift of 44 years ago, Mr. Schaefer feels this must

have a great deal of sentimental value to its owner and would like to return it to him. We hope this notice will make that possible.

The Elks of McCook, Neb., have erected two compelling roadside signs on the highway east and west of that city, and are considering placing two more north and south of town. Designed and executed by Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight W. K. Swanson, a member of the lodge, they invite the public to enjoy the Saturday night dinner-dances, and Sunday family dinners which are served at the lodge home, and to make use of the club's golfing facilities.

Much favorable comment has been made on the will left by Harry B. Felton, an Honorary Life Member of Akron, Ohio, Lodge who died recently at the age of 72. One of the few 30-gallon blood donors in the country, Mr. Felton had persuaded other members of the Order to donate more than 200 gallons of blood. In his will he directed that his eyes be given to the Illinois Eye Bank, and that the Medical School of the University of Illinois at Chicago should have whatever parts of his body it could use for its bank there. His will also asked that whatever memorial contributions friends might wish to make be in the form of blood donations. An outstanding exemplification of the true Elk, Mr. Felton had been active on committees and other groups working for the advancement of medical science and human welfare. He is survived by his sons, Lawrence and Stuart Felton.

It has been brought to our attention that Aaron Swartz, a devoted member of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lodge and more than 80 years of age, has been present at the installations of 57 of Cincinnati Lodge's officers, an outstanding evidence of loyalty to Elksdom.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Past Exalted Ruler George K. Roller, Jr., a Florida State Flag is now flying below our National Emblem atop the flagpole outside the beautiful new home of Miami Lodge, making it the first in Florida to fly this State banner.

New Britain, Conn., Lodge's annual Italian Night was the biggest night of the year. Chairman Robert L. Caslen reported a complete sell-out on this occasion, thanks to the teamwork of his fine committee.



COLONIE, New York, Lodge, No. 2192, was instituted with 218 members. Participating officials included, left to right, foreground, Watervliet E.R. A. T. Parsakian, Chairman James A. Gunn of the New Lodge Committee of the Grand Lodge, D.D. Robert M. Bender and Chairman J. Harold Furlong of the State New Lodge Committee; background: Colonie E.R. Geo. L. Bricker, Jr., State Pres. Martin Traugott and Organizing Committee Chairman Michael J. Hoblock.



HUNTINGTON PARK, California, Lodge honored Grand Est. Lead. Knight C. P. Hebenstreit by dedicating to him the expense of the treatment of little Jon Manning. Left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace R. Wisely, Mrs. L. A. Lewis, Mrs. Wisely, Jon and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hebenstreit and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis.



MISSOURI Elksdom's Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle Class initiated at Fall meeting when Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson spoke, shortly before his death.



While on a visit to Meriden, Conn., Lodge, Oct. 1, Judge Fenton was shown through Newington Home for Crippled Children, which receives support from the State Assn. Shown kneeling with two young patients are the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman Arthur J. Roy. Standing (from left): State Chairman for the Crippled Children's Program Edward Malley, District Deputy J. B. Tanner, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, Newington Director B. E. Foss and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Elks National Foundation Chairman.

FROM COAST TO COAST

GRAND EXALTED RULER John E. Fenton has recently traveled from coast to coast, visiting lodges as far East as Meriden, Conn., and as far West as Sacramento, Calif.

ELWOOD, IND. On Sept. 25, Judge Fenton arrived at Elwood, Ind., for the Fall Meeting of the State Association, and while there he visited with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, State Pres. Charles Bender, and a number of other distinguished Elks. On display at the meeting was a large photograph of a winning float, entered by the State Association in this year's 500 Festival Parade at Indianapolis. The float depicted Indiana Elksdom's major benevolent projects, and was viewed by 320,000 spectators (for a picture of the float as it appeared in the Indianapolis parade, see page 49 of the November issue).

NEWARK, N.J. Mayor Leo P. Carlin (an Elk himself) of Newark, N. J., presented Judge Fenton with a key to the city during a luncheon at the Essex House, given in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler by local Elks on Sept. 28. With Judge Fenton at Newark was Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, who accompanied him on a tour of New Jersey lodges (reported in December on these pages).

MERIDEN, CONN. Elks and their ladies came from the State's 35 lodges to attend a banquet for Judge Fenton at Meriden, Conn., Lodge on Oct. 1. Dur-

ing this visit, Boy Scouts representing the Meriden Council area presented a statuette to Judge Fenton in recognition of Elks sponsorship and the close cooperation between the Order and the Scouting movement. Another gratifying experience that day was a trip to Newington Hospital for Crippled Children, support of which is a project of the Crippled Children's Committee of the State Association. Accompanying the Grand Exalted Ruler, as he viewed the hospital facilities and chatted with patients, were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Grand Trustee Edward A. Spry, Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman Arthur J. Roy, Connecticut's Crippled Children's Program Chairman Edward Malley, District Deputy James B. Tanner, and Berger E. Foss, Director of Newington Hospital.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The Grand Exalted Ruler was present at the Fall Conference of another State Association—California—on Oct. 12. Held in Sacramento, the meeting was attended by Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis and Horace R. Wisely, Chief Justice A. F. Bray of the Grand Forum, and State Pres. Charles Reynolds. As a memento of the visit, Judge Bray presented to Judge Fenton a chest of silver, during a banquet held by Sacramento Elks.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Between plane flights on Oct. 17, the Grand Exalted Ruler paid an informal visit to Minneapolis Lodge, where he was welcomed

to a luncheon by 200 members and their guests. Those present for the visit included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Past Grand Tiler Emory Hughes, Past State Pres. Chester Nelson, State Chairman for the National Service Commission S. P. Andersch, State Elks Youth Camp Director George Freeberg, Exalted Ruler Dr. J. C. Hayes, and Past Exalted Rulers John Hafich and Bob Newhouse.

MINOT, N.D. The Elks of Minot, N.D., welcomed Grand Exalted Ruler Fenton to their lodge on Oct. 17. A banquet was held in his honor, and was very well attended. Present for the occasion
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Brother Leo P. Carlin, Mayor of Newark, N. J., presents the key to the city to Grand Exalted Ruler Fenton during his Sept. 28 visit to that city's lodge. Looking on, at left, is Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, who accompanied Judge Fenton.



Shaking hands with Judge Fenton as he welcomes him to Sacramento, Calif., Lodge on Oct. 12 is State Pres. Charles Reynolds. Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis and Horace R. Wisely appear to the left and right of the Grand Exalted Ruler in this picture, which was taken at the Fall Meeting of the State Assn.



Exalted Ruler R. L. Stafford welcomes Grand Exalted Ruler Fenton to Mendota, Ill., Lodge on Oct. 21, for the celebration of the lodge's Fiftieth Anniversary. Looking on are charter members J. C. Kehm (left) and R. E. Hall. A third charter member, J. W. Dubbs, could not be present on this occasion.



Pictured at the head table during Minot, N. D., Lodge's Oct. 17 banquet are (from left to right) District Deputy Henry Flohr, State Pres. Richard Gallagher, Grand Chaplain Rev. Felix J. Andrews, Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, Exalted Ruler E. W. Olson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Former Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee Raymond C. Dobson and District Deputy Morris Weber.



The Elks of Brainerd, Minn., Lodge gave a luncheon for the Grand Exalted Ruler on Oct. 19 at the State Elks Youth Camp on Pelican Lake, which is located just north of Brainerd. This photograph shows Judge Fenton signing the camp register. Standing (from left to right) are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Brainerd Exalted Ruler Ross Olmsted, and Brothers Everett Anderson, Melvin Olson and Warren Welton.



Admiring a photograph of the Indiana State Association Float, a winner in this year's 500 Festival at Indianapolis, are (from left to right) State Pres. Charles Bender, Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle and Special Deputy Robert L. DeHority. This meeting took place at Elwood Lodge on Sept. 25.



Conferring at Blue Island, Ill., Lodge on Oct. 27 are (from left to right) Grand Lodge Membership Committeeman George T. Hickey, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton, Mayor John M. Hart (who is a member of the lodge), District Deputy Bede Armstrong and Past Exalted Ruler Robert Campbell, Illinois New Lodges Chairman.

An Appeal for Your Support of Our ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



If it were possible, I would like to call on each of our 1,300,000 Elks in their homes or offices, wherever I could reach them, and personally ask them to give to the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation has done so much for our Order through its remarkable record of fostering good works to help people in need that I am firmly convinced that every Elk should welcome the opportunity to have a share in such a truly great institution. I cannot visit each of you personally, but I can speak to you through THE ELKS MAGAZINE and appeal to you to make a gift to the Elks National Foundation, the GREAT HEART OF ELKDOM.

Here are some of the reasons why Elks are so proud of the Foundation.

Some 4,000 fine American boys and girls have been helped through college by Elks National Foundation scholarships, and every year 300 more are given scholarship assistance.

Nearly 1,000 nurses, doctors and therapists have received grants from the Elks National Foundation to enable them to obtain training in the modern methods of rehabilitating the cerebral palsied and other physically handicapped children. The Elks National Foundation makes about 150 of these grants yearly to help meet a desperate shortage of trained personnel.

The Elks National Foundation has contributed nearly \$700,000 to State Elks Associations to help finance their major projects such as cerebral palsy therapy, aid to crippled and handicapped children, summer camps, aid to blind children, college scholarship programs and many other wonderful benevolent projects.

These are just some of the major accomplishments of the Foundation. There is no way to tell how many thousands of lives have been enriched, how much pain has been eased, how much our Nation has benefited from the more than two and one-half million dollars that the Elks National Foundation has expended for educational and humanitarian purposes.

What we do know is that all of this was made possible by the gifts that generous Elks have made to the Foundation down through the years. Those gifts now total \$6,250,000, which through wise investment have

grown to \$9,000,000, and it is the income from this money that our Elks National Foundation has used to accomplish its remarkable record of constructive, practical, heartwarming good works.

Just think what the Foundation could do if it had two or three times that amount! There are thousands of youngsters who are unable to talk or walk because their faculties are impaired by cerebral palsy. Your dollars given to the Foundation will help to teach them to walk and talk and live normal lives as thousands already have been taught.

Your money given to the Foundation will make it possible for more gifted boys and girls, of limited means, to develop their talents in the service of the Nation.

It is to meet the compelling needs of our time and to enable our Order to rise to the opportunity for greater usefulness to our neighbors, to permit Elkdom to serve our Nation better, that I have asked my Brother Elks to give a million dollars to our Elks National Foundation by April 30, 1961.

I appeal to each of you to give generously for this great purposeful good work which will endure forever. I ask every State Association and every lodge to give at least \$1,000. I ask every Elk to become enrolled as a Participating Member by donating \$100, with an initial payment of at least \$10 this year, and for those in a position to do so to become Honorary Founders or Permanent Benefactors by donating \$1,000. Payments for such memberships may be made over ten years at the election of the donor.

Send your check to THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, 16 Court Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts. Be sure to name your lodge so that you, your lodge, and your State will receive credit for your gift to the Great Heart of Elkdom.

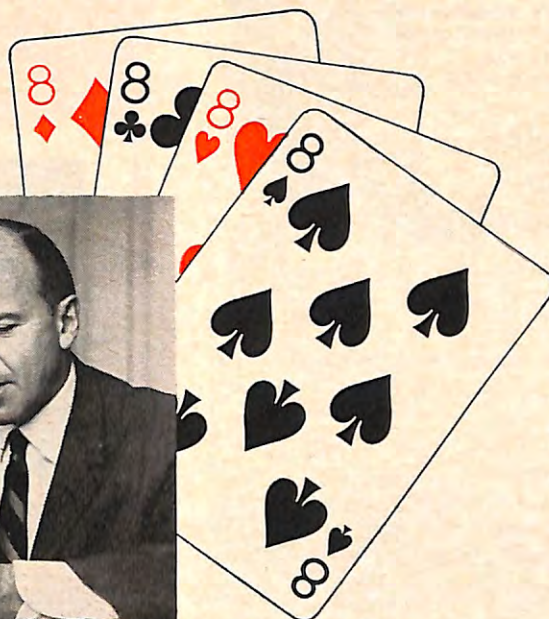
If each Elk will respond to this appeal, each will experience the joy and the happiness and the satisfaction that come to those who share their material blessings and extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than themselves.

May I count on you for your support?

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Fenton".

John E. Fenton, Grand Exalted Ruler

Play Cards With John R. Crawford



THIS MONTH I want to introduce you to a little-known card game called Eights. Those who play the game sometimes call it "Crazy Eights" or "Whiffle".

I can think of many ways in which Eights is appealing. It is easy to learn (as I hope this article will prove). It takes enough skill to make it interesting even to expert card players, but it is simple enough so that you don't have to be an expert to enjoy it. Almost any number of people can play, from two up. Young and old alike can play Eights. I often play the game with my daughters. And it takes only a few minutes to play a hand.

As in rummy, there is a stockpile of undealt cards, and a discard pile. Each player starts with a seven-card hand and in his turn must match the last discard by either playing a card of the same *suit* (a diamond on a diamond, etc.) or a card of the same *rank* (a six on a six, a jack on a jack). If he cannot play, he must draw from the stockpile until he can. But all eights are *wild*—a player may play an eight at any time and, furthermore, when he plays an eight he may call the suit that the next player must play. The first player to go out wins. That's practically all there is to it.

You will find the detailed rules in this issue of the Magazine. Now let me tell you something about good play in this game.

STRATEGY OF EIGHTS

The object of the game is twofold. One is to force your opponent to draw, and thereby be stuck at the end of the hand with a lot of cards, and the other is to go out as soon as possible yourself. *Memory.* A good memory, as in any card game, is a big help. You don't really have to remember the cards to enjoy the game, but if you can keep a few of the following points in mind it will improve your play.

(a) Number of eights played.

(b) Suit that forced your left-hand opponent to draw.

(c) Suit that your left-hand opponent shied away from. For instance, on your play of the nine of hearts he played the nine of spades. He is probably short of hearts, or he wouldn't have changed suits.

(d) An idea of whether a lot of cards or just a few cards have been played in certain suits. If nine or ten diamonds have been played you are more likely to force your opponent to draw with a diamond than with a heart, of which only a few have been played.

(e) A card expert will also remember when several cards of a certain rank have been played. This is particularly advantageous in two-handed play. Suppose spades are being played and you want to stay in that suit. You have ♠Q, ♠10 and ♠6. Three queens have been played, two tens, and only one six. You should first play your queen (which means the suit can't be changed except by an eight), then your ten (only the last ten or an eight can change the suit), and finally your six. In this way you may get rid of three cards.

Handling of Eights. Eights are valuable and should not be played helter-skelter.

(a) Don't waste an eight just to make your opponent draw, unless he is down to one card and might go out.

(b) Follow suit or change suit in preference to playing an eight.

(c) Often, particularly in the early play, draw instead of playing your only eight. If you must play to the six of hearts and this is your hand—



if only a few hearts have been played, draw a couple of times. You may easily draw a heart or a six and be able to save your eight.

(d) Almost never draw if you have two eights.

(e) In the hand just shown (example c) you would play your only eight if a great many hearts have already been played, rather than take a chance on drawing one of the few remaining hearts or a six. What suit you call for depends on the circumstances. You may call a suit because you want to get rid of cards from your own hand, or you may call a suit because you know your opponent hasn't any and you want to make him draw.

Changing Suits. Sometimes change suits (but not with an eight) even if you can follow. This is your hand, after several plays, and the last discard was the jack of hearts.



You should play the jack of clubs, not the six of hearts. If it stays in clubs a couple of times it will be some time before you have to draw and your chance of winning the hand will be greatly increased.

I hope you will try this fine game. I am sure that any questions you may have will be answered by the complete rules which I have drawn up.

Mr. Crawford has written a complete, clear set of rules for playing Eights. Turn to page 47.

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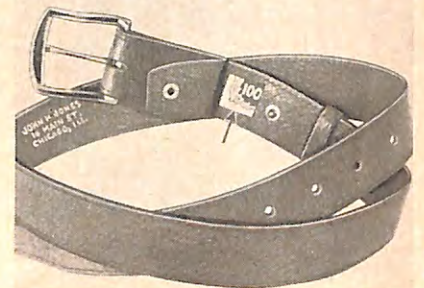
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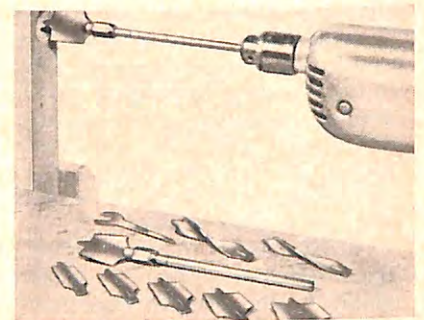
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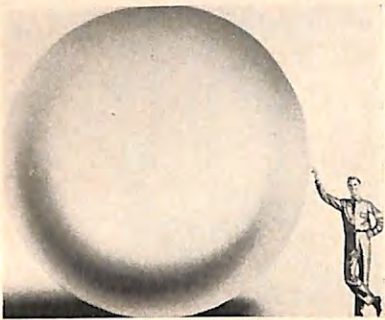
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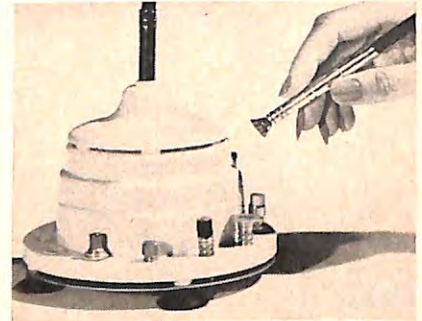
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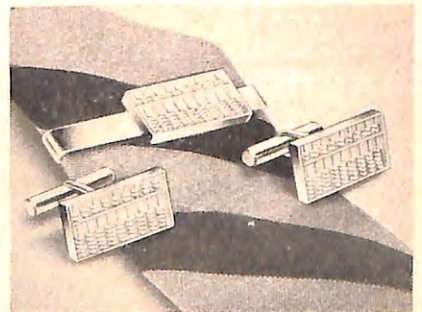
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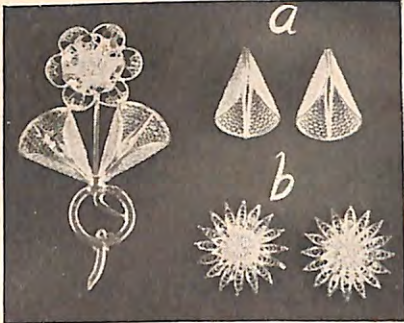


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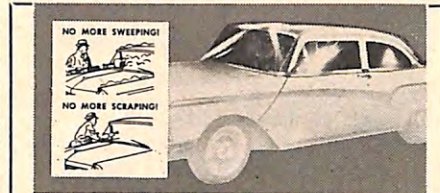
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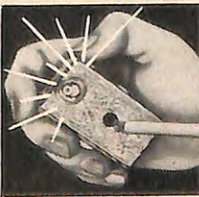
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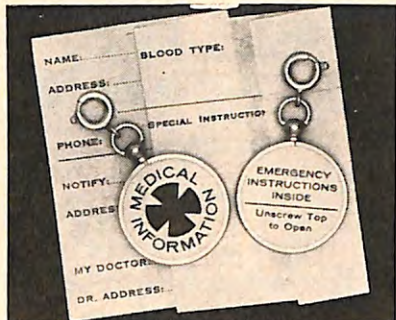
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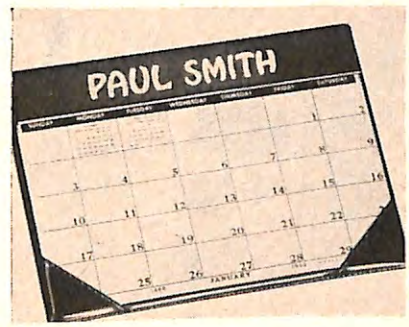
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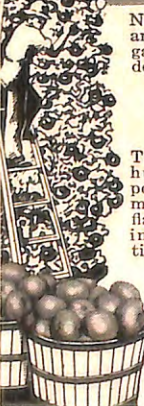


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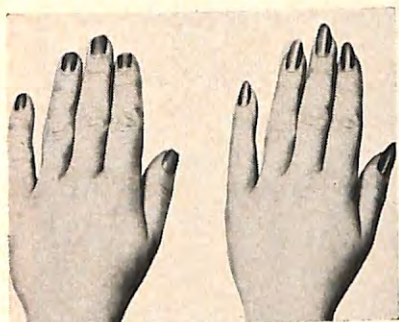


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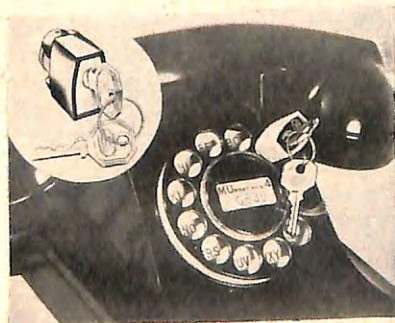
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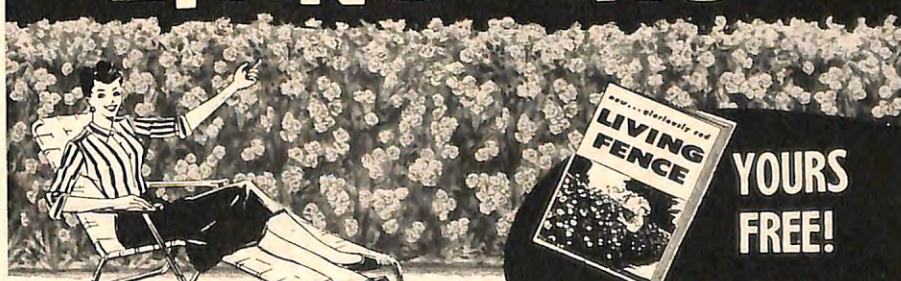


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The handsome and popular Afghan hound, despite its name, originated in Africa—as did the other four breeds discussed in this article.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS tell us the first animal domesticated by man was our friend the dog. The only place I know of where Fido doesn't hang his hat is that five million miles of desolation we call the Antarctic regions. But even there our four-legged partner has at times been a valued assistant in some of our greatest Polar explorations. Yes, wherever you find men you're likely to find dogs and if we can believe it the Soviet Fidors have been to outer space and back. Of all the nations that have developed distinctive breeds, England is first, with twenty-nine different breeds of dogs. If we add Ireland, Scotland and Wales we come up with forty-seven breeds ranging from toy spaniels to giant wolfhounds. The count shows Germany second with eighteen breeds. So far the United States has produced four dogs, the Chesapeake Bay retriever, the coonhound, the Boston ter-

rier and the American water spaniel. With the admission of Alaska to the Union perhaps we can add the Alaskan Malamute, which incidentally is a fine dog, long-coated, as are all Arctic dogs, rugged and powerful, not over friendly with strangers but said to be intensely loyal to its master.

Not long ago an item in one of the dog publications stated that there were probably about one hundred million dogs on earth but the writer wisely emphasized that this figure was only a rough estimate. As to the United States, there seems to be general agreement among dog authorities that our total dog population is twenty-six million. For years I've read this figure, or heard it quoted, but I have yet to find documentary proof. Recently a consumer magazine reporting the sales of sundry dog products again cited that elusive twenty-six million as on the

basis of the 1960 census. How this figure is arrived at is a mystery to me considering the thousands of dogs that are unregistered and the still greater number that are unlicensed and the many, too, that have no homes at all. A widely syndicated lady newspaper columnist had an item flatly stating that there were no less than this debatable twenty-six million canine population. I wrote asking her to name her authority. This was quite a while ago. I'm still waiting for an answer. If there is an answer I strongly suspect it would be based upon the guesswork of the authorities themselves, their opinions being premised upon piece-meal surveys of licensing agencies, sales of products for dogs, registrations of pure-breds and perhaps a survey of animal hospitals and veterinarians, none of which take into account the thousands of dogs that go unlicensed, have nothing bought for

them, get no medical attention and are thus wholly uncounted and, short of a nationally supervised census, unaccountable.

As for the number of distinct breeds, this, too, is a matter of approximation, the estimate by one authority being two hundred and twenty-five throughout the world. Of these, one hundred and fifteen are officially recognized in the United States, although all are not strictly distinctive breeds, there being variations among the pure-breds. For example, there are two varieties of collies, rough-coated and smooth-coated; three varieties of schnauzers, giant, standard and miniature, and other separations within breeds based upon differences of coat, size or type. The total number of pure-bred dogs registered in this country during 1959 was 460,300. Among these are five of the most unique of all breeds. As this is written the eyes of the world are on Africa and it may be the more interesting to examine these five breeds because all of them are African. All are hounds and among them are the fastest of all dogs and two of the strangest. Among the fast purps are the Afghan hound, the saluki and the swiftest of all dogs, the greyhound. The strange dogs are the Rhodesian ridgeback and the basenji.

Perhaps the best known among them in this country is the greyhound. He's the mainstay of dog racing, a colorful

pastime productive of much publicity and a lot of enjoyment or headaches depending upon the way you bet. As I've previously mentioned, he isn't always grey; he can be any color, he weighs sixty to seventy pounds and when he isn't employed racing, he can be a graceful and affectionate pet. Although his name is said to originate from the contraction of the words Greek Hound this is only because the Greeks of long ago were first to introduce him into Europe. Not only is this fellow fastest of all dogs but, along with his nearer cousins, the Afghan and the saluki, is one of the oldest known. Carvings representing the greyhound have been found on the walls of royal tombs in the valley of the Nile going back to the 4th Dynasty—more than five thousand years ago. Herodotus, Greek historian of the 5th century B. C., in his description of Egypt tells that when a greyhound died the family owning it would shave their heads as a sign of mourning. The Roman poet Ovid gave the first written description of the greyhound nearly two thousand years ago. These have always been dogs of sport used to run down their game. Scent with them plays little part. Their speed enables them to keep the quarry in sight, which is the reason they've been so often employed for coursing.

These are very much the patricians

among dogs, as are all hounds of this type, including the previously mentioned Afghan, the saluki and, in addition, the Borzoi (Russian wolfhound), the whippet and the Scottish deerhound.

Another African dog, although he bears the name of a country in Asia, is Egypt's Afghan hound, one of the oddest looking of the hounds if not of all dogs. There are not too many Afghans in this country; only 691 were registered in 1959 with the American Kennel Club and because of their comparative scarcity and value it is safe to assume that not many more than this number decorate the American scene.

Decorate is the right word too. Picture a dog with a long, lean and clean schnozzle surrounded by a silky top-knot and long ears heavily coated with long, fine hair, forefront, sides and rear quarters coated the same and a short-haired back with a scantily-fringed tail curving over it and you have the Afghan. If you haven't seen one of these dogs but are trying to picture it from this description, it's just as strange as you imagine it. He'll be about twenty-six inches at the shoulder and his color is of no importance. Although it's pretty certain that he originated in Africa, it is believed that he was largely developed in Afghanistan. He's rugged and had to be to thrive in that climate. The Afghan is one of the very old breeds, with

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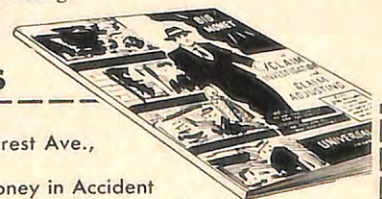
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Perhaps the most moving appeals for support of the Elks National Foundation are those which come from people who have, themselves, been helped by Foundation funds to achieve distinction in their life work. Here is a statement from such a man, Bob Battle, City Editor of *The Nashville Banner*. Mr. Battle describes the Foundation's role in his life in these terms:

"Probably no one is better qualified to testify to the far-reaching benefits of the Elks scholarship program than a farm boy who became City Editor of a major Southern newspaper.

"In the fourteen years since the need for that financial assistance, this 34-year-old person has received an education at Peabody College, served for a number of years as reporter for *The Nashville Banner*, and seven and one-half years ago became the newspaper's City Editor. His writings won him a trip to Hollywood, and a minor role in Paramount's 'Teacher's Pet'.

"Those are among the rewards of a life that would have been half complete had the Elks scholarship program not rendered assistance at a time when it was so desperately needed.

"I know this story better than anyone, because I am that young man.

"My father died when I was 16, leaving me head of a household composed of my mother, a younger brother and an eight-year-old sister. Income from a dairy farm was sufficient to feed and clothe the four of us, but it left no funds for furthering my education.

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"Since that time, I have aided my sister and brother in receiving a college education. The former also won Elks scholarships on two occasions.

"This year I have found still another reward:

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Bob Battle, City Editor of The Nashville Banner, at work.

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a family tree that goes right back to the Pharaohs. Mention of the dog is made in a papyrus that its archaeologist translator believes was inscribed three to four thousand years ago. A free translation of the breed name is "Monkey-faced dog". And this is not at all far-fetched as the dog does oddly suggest a member of the monkey tribe. He's a fast runner, fast enough to wear down the swiftest of all antelopes, the gazelle. Add to this his remarkable jumping ability and courage sufficient to pursue and kill that fighting fury the leopard. These hounds were a sensation when they were introduced into the United States during the middle twenties. Since then their popularity has steadily but slowly increased. Being large, unique and not indiscriminately bred, you'll seldom, if ever, see them in pet shops at pet shop prices.

Close kin to the Afghan is the saluki, a dog very much resembling the former but with a short coat and a color range almost as great. It is said to have been a distinct breed as long ago as 329 B. C. It has the long, hair-fringed ear of the Afghan and a long, curved tail feathered on its underside. The Crusaders probably were first to bring the saluki to Europe. No race is more careful in breeding its horses and dogs than the Arabs and for centuries the saluki was a favorite of Arabian aristocracy and few dogs of the breed were permitted to be taken away from them. Although the Moslem regards the dog as an unclean animal, he accepts the saluki as sacred, deeming it "The noble one." He looks frail but is surprisingly hardy and can endure great changes in temperature and has considerable staying power. As a runner he's right up there with the Afghan and when properly schooled makes an excellent field dog as he has perhaps the keenest nose of any of the dogs of the greyhound type. He's persistent too and no end smart. He'll flush game, run it down if necessary and has been taught to become a fine retriever.

The breed was first officially recognized in this country in 1927. It is still not plentiful, for only forty-two were registered in 1959. Breeders are not anxious to make the saluki too popular, preferring to put these dogs in the keeping of those who want a graceful, large dog as a pet and one intelligent enough to make a fine hunter if needed. Maximum size is twenty-eight inches—at the shoulder of course.

A real newcomer to the American scene is the basenji, which when introduced here in 1937 leaped into the headlines as the barkless dog.

The breed actually didn't get started here until 1941 when the first litter of basenji puppies were whelped, but so attractive were these dogs that they quickly won acceptance among quite a few breeders. As a result, in 1943 they won official recognition by the Ameri-

can Kennel Club, governing body for pure-bred dogs. Not many breeds have scored such quick success. The basenji is a quiet little dog about the size of a fox terrier. His coat is short, glistening and colored red, fawn or chestnut with white markings. He has upright ears, a deeply wrinkled forehead which gives him an odd, quizzical expression. His tail is curled something like that of the pug dog. Their owners say that they are very intelligent, very quick and nimble and very playful. A peculiarity of the basenji is his daintiness and cat-like habit of cleaning himself. Although barkless, he's not entirely mute, and excitement will cause him to utter a soft chuckling-yodeling sound. But the person who wants a dog that will not be a barking nuisance to its owner or neighbors would do well to consider the basenji. What's more, he's of a size ideal for city apartment or small living quarters. But he's not a sissy; far from it. He comes from one of the most rugged places in the world, the Congo. There he has been used for thousands of years as an able assistant to the native hunter. In this work he's fearless and has to be where the quarry numbers some of the most dangerous animals on earth. On the hunt he can point, flush his game, drive it into the open or into nets and where possible retrieve it. He has a keen nose in the field too.

Like most African dogs, his breed is very old and as with the previously described hounds shares the honor of having been a favorite and companion of Kings when the Pharaohs ruled ancient Egypt. Every year sees more basenjis on the show bench and as their excellence becomes better known we're sure to see more and more of them installed as house pets. During 1959, 906 were registered but there's no doubt that this is only a small part of the many that are already established in American homes.

It is only fitting that I thank Brother Tom Cummins of Battle Creek, Mich., a basenji enthusiast, for some of the information which he gave me, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Glen Purdy of Glenelley Kennels, breeders of these good little dogs. I'll also add that I've drawn much from official sources.

The newest African dog to win official recognition is the Rhodesian ridgeback, or lion dog. Here's another that's no powder-puff pooch. Any dog brave enough to make life miserable for a lion must be without fear and the ridgeback is that. He'll hunt anything that walks or flies, and according to the Boer farmers of South Africa, who originated the breed, he'll flush a bird, guard a farm from marauding animals or prowlers and enthusiastically go after a lion. The ridgeback is a cross between the half-wild dogs found in the Hottentot Kraals and sundry hounds, terriers and other breeds brought to Africa by European migrants. There's well over a hundred

and fifty years of breeding behind the ridgeback. The dogs are unusually hardy. Early settlers had to have a dog that could guard the hunter while he slept in the bush and that could endure the drastic changes of temperature from the heat of day to freezing nights that characterize the African veldt.

A distinguishing feature of these dogs is a ridge of hair running on top of the back from shoulders to hips. This grows in an opposite direction from the rest of the coat. I've seen ridgebacks at shows and, believe me, they're powerful dogs. They'll weigh up to seventy-five pounds. Colors are light to red wheaten (sandyish). They have the drooping hound ear and long, powerful jaws. The breed was officially recognized in September, 1955. During 1959 there were 212 registered, although there are probably six to eight hundred in the United States. Whether they'll ever be very popular is anybody's guess. Sometimes a breed will go along for years in the shadows and then for no discernible reason take a sudden spurt to become the current dog of the day. This could happen to the lion dog.

If you have any questions about dogs other than of a medical nature, drop me a line and I'll try to give you the right answers.

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Slogans and Subversion

THE SPIRIT of nationalism continues to grow as newly self-governed nations emerge throughout Asia and Africa. These nations, for the most part unfamiliar with orderly self-government, but seeking independence as well as economic help, are prime targets for communist propaganda, infiltration, subversion. Moscow-inspired slogans are circulated among their politically uneducated peoples, and communists are stirring up hatred and pitting one against another in the usual divide-and-conquer pattern. The situation is described in this month's excerpt from Freedom's Facts—monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. The Conference consists of fifty national organizations, of which the B.P.O.E. is one.

When President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana urged the United Nations to appoint a committee of African states to solve the problems of the turbulent Congo, he raised from obscurity a slogan popular five or six years ago—"Africa for the Africans".

At that time the Soviet Union was exploiting rising African nationalism as a means for forcing countries of Western Europe out of Africa. Dr. Max Yergan, an authority on Africa, pointed out on August 11, 1954, that communists were then working through the French Communist Party, the Indian Communist Party, the South African National Congress, and through thousands of students who had been in communist centers in the Soviet Union or in Europe.

Radio Moscow proudly pointed out on April 7, 1955, that "The national liberation movement is the main factor which determines the present political situation in Africa." As Freedom's Facts reported in June, 1955, the Red technique then, as now, was to weaken European and American economic interests, sabotage military installations, increase bitterness between peoples, and sabotage orderly development of self-government. "... an outbreak of major violence is only a matter of time."

Two years later Freedom's Facts reported: "Africa is rapidly coming into focus as a major battleground in the East-West struggle. Communist leaders, as well as Western leaders were much in evidence recently when the new African state of Ghana celebrated its formation. Now the struggle for the

resources and for the loyalties of the people of Africa is being stepped up. The West's actions today may determine whether we lose Africa in coming years as we lost China in the 1940s."

Three years went by before the Congo exploded, unexpectedly for the West, as the result of a determined, long-range program of the communists. While the quick and decisive action of the United Nations managed to restore order to the Congo, and to drive out the main communist agitators, the revival of the old communist slogan—"Africa for the Africans"—and the Soviet attack upon the UN leadership itself indicates that the struggle is far from over.

Communists will pull every trick in the book to reopen the doors to conquest of possibly the most strategically located state in Africa south of the Sahara. These tricks include using heads of other new African states to promote actions which would drive the stabilizing influences out of Africa and open the door to communist-created turmoil, chaos, and even the mass murder we have already seen this year throughout the Congo.

Further trouble may be brewing already, as a result of communist influence in Africa. J. Kozonguizi, Chairman of the Southwest African National Union, on a visit to Red China, said last September 5th, "No doubt the entire African continent will soon be liberated." He added that people "must keep vigilance against U.S. imperialism, which, under the cloak of aid, would conduct aggression through economic plunder. . . . All the anti-imperialist forces, not only in Africa but throughout the world, should unite to oppose aggression."

African nations can also expect subversion from their neighbors—not just from Russia or China. The always simmering Middle East is again on the verge of crisis. The United Arab Republic's President Gamal Nasser is stepping up his agitation against King Hussein of Jordan. The main issues appear to be Israel and relations with the West. Nasser's plans appear to be aimed at gaining control of Africa, but he first must mobilize all the Arab states behind his banner.

The real battle of Africa is a battle for the loyalties of the African peoples, and the outcome depends on the ability of the free world to show that our way is best for these peoples and their goal of freedom and independence.

Rod and Gun

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for dinner. Jones was there. After dinner, Jim set up his slide projector and we spent an enjoyable two hours looking at the pictures he and Jones had taken on their hunt.

Maybe I'm doing Jim an injustice in giving Jones most of the credit because Jim took pictures on the hunt, too—nearly as many as Jones did. But I suspect Jones egged him on. I've been out with Jim too many times, both hunting and fishing, not to know how he operates. He does what I do. He takes a camera along, and maybe even carries it, but he gets so engrossed in the project at hand that he forgets to take any pictures.

Anyway, between them, they brought back a dandy set. They had pictures of packing in, of setting up camp, of hiking through the rough country, of the magnificent scenery, and even one or two of some bighorn sheep. They didn't have any slides of trophies because they didn't find the big rams they were after.

This really didn't matter. Their pictures were a better memento of the hunt than mounted heads would have been. The pictures showed the whole trip, from cooking breakfast to studying an alpine basin through binoculars. Some were amusing, some were beautiful and, of course, a lot of them were just pictures, but they were all interesting.

That is the way it should be done. But how many of us do it that way? Darned few! Nearly every one of us who hunts and fishes has a camera; we all enjoy looking at pictures of our big fish and pleasant camps and the scenes where our sport has taken us—but few of us find time to put these things on film.

In the case of fellows such as Dan Holland and I, who write about hunting and fishing, it is even worse. Not only do we like to look at pictures; we *need* them. We are always short of pictures to illustrate some story or article on which we're working. Just recently, for example, Dan wrote and asked if I had a picture of myself hunting, preferably with a game bird.

Now, Dan and I have hunted together literally hundreds of times. We have hunted pheasants and ducks, grouse and quail, Huns and chukars. Yet he didn't have a picture of me with a game bird! Why? The reason is obvious: When the hunting was good he was too busy to take it. When the hunting was poor, he couldn't.

The situation might easily have been reversed. I'm not so sure I have a picture of *him* with a game bird. (I do have an old one of him sitting cleaning his gun; we stayed in that day to rest.)

Because pictures mean money in my



pocket, I probably do take more than most sportsmen (Jones excepted) who do it only for fun. But I don't take nearly as many as I should, and I never seem to get any of the truly memorable things that all of us see occasionally in the out-of-doors.

These are the best pictures I've never taken. There are a thousand reasons I will never see them except in memory's eye. Sometimes, many times, I didn't have my camera. Sometimes the light was too poor. Sometimes I couldn't, or wouldn't, stop what I was doing to take a picture. And sometimes there was no reason at all but plain stupidity.

The best example of this occurred on a bright July day several years ago. I was sitting on top of a beaver house beside a deep pool in a stream that flowed through a mountain meadow. I had been fishing, but stopped here to rest because it afforded both a dry seat and a good view into the clear water of the pool.

I could see several small trout and about half a dozen big whitefish, just out from the beaver house and possibly five feet beneath the surface. I watched them a while and then decided to take a picture. I got out my camera, took a reading with my light meter, adjusted the lens and shutter, and focused on the middle of the pool.

At that moment, I heard a thunderous roar in the air. Before I could even glance up, something crashed like a cannonball into the pool. An instant later, the head and shoulders of an osprey appeared above the surface. He kept coming up, and shortly both wings were clear. He began beating the water with them, still rising. Possibly two seconds after he struck the water, he had cleared it completely. A whitefish about 15 inches long was clutched firmly in both claws.

I watched him start flying freely as soon as his wings no longer touched the water and during the first few yards he switched the position of his fish quite dexterously. It had been cross-wise when he came into view. He changed it to a head-first position, parallel to his own body, so it would have less air resistance.

I watched him fly away. I was delighted at having had the chance to see such a thrilling exhibition at such close range. I could see his sharp talons biting into the unlucky whitefish. I could even see the color of his eyes. I saw how deep he could go and how he got back out of the water with his burden. (He flew out.)

Only when he was far gone, a mere speck in the blue sky, did I remember the camera, cocked and ready, in my hands. What a picture he would have made just as he cleared the water! It's one of the best I've never taken.

Years ago, I watched a flock of white western pelicans herd a school of small

fish into a shallow bay. They lined up across the mouth, wading and flapping their wings, and when they had driven the fish into the head, where the water was only two or three inches deep, they set to work with their big, efficient bills and scooped them up. What a picture, what a movie, that would have made!

It was one of the reasons that decided me to get a camera and start carrying it. Since then I have bought many cameras, all with good intentions. I have carried them in planes, trains, boats, and cars, on horseback and on foot. I have had big, single-lens reflexes and press-type cameras, twin-lens reflexes and .35mm reflexes, folding and non-folding cameras, cameras with ground-glass focusing, range-finder focusing, and guesstimate focusing. I've used every film size from .35mm to 4x5.

On the basis of that experience, I'll tell you something: the best camera for a sportsman has not yet been invented.

There might be some argument as to which is the best of those available now, but I don't think anybody can argue that all of them are far from ideal from the sportsman's standpoint.

THE ideal sportsman's camera should be little bigger than a pack of cigarettes—small enough to fit comfortably in a shirt pocket, yet use film of a respectable size. It should have a waterproof, dustproof cover, yet flip open instantly, ready for use. It should have a shutter fast enough to stop a jumping fish or a flying grouse and a lens fast enough to take pictures in poor light. It should be automatic and completely foolproof, which no automatic camera is yet, with a simple, quick adjustment, such as a button to press, to set shutter and diaphragm either for fast action or for scenery. And, finally, it should have an optical impossibility—a wide-angle-telephoto lens so that you could instantly take pictures of game at a distance or a scene inside the tent.

Lack of such an ideal camera is an alibi of questionable worth, perhaps, but it does keep us from getting many memorable pictures. You can't take a picture with your camera in your duffel bag because it's too hard to carry, yet many times mine has been there when I should have been using it. Some ten years ago, for example, I missed a great picture for that very reason while Dan Holland and I were on a big-game hunt.

We had killed what we were after and were just about ready to start the 25-mile ride to the road when it began to snow. It snowed all that day, all night, all of the following day and part of the second night. The third morning came clear and cold, however, and we quickly broke camp, loaded the horses, and were on our way.

Just back of camp there was a high ridge, and the slope up to it was very

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steep. It was also sprinkled with big, smooth sloping rocks on which a horse would surely slip, possibly with disastrous consequences. All of them, of course, were concealed by the snow, which was up nearly to the horses' bellies.

We had nine horses. The only safe way to get them to the top of the ridge was for the packer, Dan, and me each to lead three. We could thus avoid the rocks, and if one horse did fall he would not drag the entire pack string to the bottom.

We got there all right, but when we were halfway up I looked back and thought, "What a picture this would make!" The new-fallen snow lay like cake icing over brush and earth and rocks. The trees were bowed down with it. The sun was sparkling on it. And the horses in groups of three, each

led by one of us, were plowing upward through it toward the top. That, too, was one of the best pictures I've never taken. Our cameras, even if we could have stopped what we were doing, were in a duffel bag, packed on one of the horses.

Of course, I've taken pictures of wild animals and birds, but many of the pictures I *haven't* taken would be far better than those I have. One evening, driving in from fishing, we stopped to watch a young coyote picking grasshoppers off the weeds, not more than 30 feet from our headlights. I had my camera, but no flash outfit. Another time, while we were sitting on a bank eating lunch, a mink came along and pulled several trout off the stringer that was lying in the edge of the water at our feet. I didn't have my camera.

And so it goes. For one reason or

another, the things I see when I remember my great days outdoors are very seldom on film. Once, however, I turned the tables and actually got a picture I had no business getting. It wasn't a very good picture, but it was taken under impossible conditions and it did record a memorable instant.

I was fishing for Arctic char in a lake about 35 miles from Nome. A cold wind was blowing. Rain was ruffling the surface of the dark water and the dull, dripping clouds would have been in the treetops—if there had been any trees. The light was so poor that the best exposure I could use was 1/50 second at f2 on black-and-white film.

Nevertheless, I had my camera ready and when a sockeye salmon hit my fly unexpectedly and jumped, I held my rod in one hand and automatically pressed the shutter button with the other. I got him in mid air!

Catching a jumping fish at 1/50 and f2 is about like killing a Canada goose at 100 yards with a .410 bore gun and No. 9 shot. In other words, it's impossible. I did it, though, and the picture was a great satisfaction, even if it was somewhat blurred and grainy, and not exactly a technical masterpiece.

MY worst failing, like the time I missed the osprey, is not thinking of a picture until too late. Sometimes this is my undoing, even when I have dozens of opportunities. Al Miller and I were lucky enough one time to go duck hunting on one of those days that you remember all your life. It was windy and cold, but sunny, and apparently every duck in the Northwest was moving—most of them nearby.

We killed our limits early and then we simply sat in our blind and watched them come; wave after wave of mallards, their colors brilliant in the sunlight, all but smothered us. They lit among our decoys by the hundreds and splashed happily about. Teal whipped over the blind so close we could almost hit them with our hats. Pintails circled nervously and came in. Canvasbacks roared by, and bluebills and redheads. But mostly mallards came, plunging in as though there was only one place in the world to go and this was it. I'm sure we could easily have killed 100 apiece if we'd had the desire and enough ammunition.

Now, next to shooting ducks, there is nothing I would rather do than to watch them and this was a wonderful opportunity. But I also wanted—and still do—some good pictures of ducks. The light was perfect, the ducks were doing their part and—I'm ashamed to admit—I had my camera. I had it in my lunch box all the time and I never once thought of it!

Such a day may never come again, and the pictures I should have had on film that day were some of the best I've never taken.



"I don't know why you had to wear that shirt. The postcard we sent them should be proof enough we were in Florida."

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some concern. Under these circumstances, one cannot expect a boom in the output of automobiles or of other durable consumer goods.

POSITION OF THE DOLLAR

The international financial position of the U. S. must also be weighed in considering the actions that may be taken by the Federal Government and by the Reserve authorities to stimulate business activity. The balance of payments of the U. S. has shown a deficit of \$3-billion, 900-million in 1958, of \$4-billion in 1959, and in all probability will amount to \$3.5-billion during 1960. No country, no matter how powerful, can continue to operate with such a large payments deficit for an indefinite period of time. As a result of this development, foreigners have acquired approximately \$22-billion of short-term American assets and the outflow of gold from the U. S. has been substantial. These conditions make it imperative for the new Administration not only to take measures to rectify the balance of payments, but also to maintain the integrity of the dollar at home and abroad. Loss of confidence in the dollar because of an unsound fiscal or monetary policy would accelerate the outflow of gold and could create a serious dollar crisis.

Measures have already been taken by the Eisenhower Administration to reduce the balance of payments deficit, and others will be taken to reduce drastically, or to eliminate entirely, the present large deficit of the balance of payments of the country.

So long, however, as the deficit in the balance of payments is large, the U. S. Government in its fiscal and monetary policies must consider the reaction of foreign nations. A large federal deficit, particularly if accompanied by a policy of active credit ease and exceedingly low rates of interest, can accelerate the outflow of gold from the U. S. and undermine confidence in the dollar at home, thus leading to an outflow of American capital to the centers where interest rates are higher. Both political parties are committed to maintaining the integrity of the dollar at home and abroad. A further weakening of the dollar, and particularly its devaluation, would constitute the greatest victory of the Soviet Union in the cold war.

One may therefore conclude that, while the Federal Government will take measures to stimulate the economy, and while it is quite possible that the presently estimated surplus of \$1-billion, 100-million for the current fiscal year may be converted into a deficit, the latter will be held within limits.

During the election campaign, the high rates of interest which prevailed during 1959 and the policy of credit restraint pursued by the Reserve authorities were severely criticized by the President-elect. As a result of these criticisms, it is generally believed that the new Administration will adopt a policy of active credit ease and will not permit in the future a return to interest-rate levels which prevailed in 1959 and the first quarter of 1960.

CREDIT POLICY

Already measures have been taken by the Reserve authorities to ease the money market, to increase the availability of bank credit and to bring about a decline in interest rates. It is doubtful, however, whether the Reserve authorities will adopt a policy of active ease, leading to interest-rate levels which prevailed during the recession of 1957/58. At present, because of the restoration of the international money market, money rates in this country must be coordinated to those which prevail in the leading financial centers of the world. While business activity is lagging and unemployment is large, money rates in this country will remain approximately at the present level. A further moderate decline in long-term rates is likely.

MOVEMENT OF COMMODITY PRICES

The Index of wholesale prices (1947-49=100) has remained relatively stable during the past three years, fluctuating around 119.5. On the other hand, the Consumer Index has risen considerably. The latter stood in October, 1960, at 127.3 as compared with 125.6 in November, 1959, and with 123.5 for 1958 (1947-49=100). The Index of wholesale prices in all probability will remain relatively stable during the new year. The productive capacity of the country is great, competition is increasing, and there is a resistance on the part of consumers to pay higher prices. At the same time, the Consumer Index will continue to increase, primarily because of the constant rise in the cost of services. For the time being, the forces of inflation will remain dormant. Whether the forces of inflation will be renewed, will depend to a considerable extent on the fiscal policies of the Federal Government.

EMPLOYMENT

While employment during 1961 will be, on the whole, satisfactory, unemployment, at least in the first few months of the year, will continue to rise. Here are the reasons for the rather large

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volume of unemployment: the civilian labor force is increasing at an annual rate of 800,000. The movement from the farm to the city continues and this tends to swell the ranks of the unskilled workers. Finally, in order to reduce cost of production, manufacturing as well as many service industries are increasingly employing labor-saving devices. So long as these conditions prevail, unemployment is likely to be large. The best way to cure the unemployment problem is to stimulate private investments which create new employment opportunities. A modification of the depreciation provisions of the revenue code, which has been actively discussed during the campaign, could materially stimulate private investments, thus creating new employment opportunities.

CONCLUSION

1. Although the high hopes and expectations expressed at the end of 1959 did not materialize, 1960 will go down in history as one of the best years in peace-time. The year was marked by many uncertainties at home and abroad. The failure of the Summit Conference, the turbulent United Nations meetings and the Presidential campaign created tensions which had an impact on the security markets, and on business sentiment. Throughout the first half of 1960, business tended to move sidewise, while during the second half a moderate decline set in.

2. The year 1961 on the whole will be a good one. Business activity will continue at about the level of the last quarter of 1960, or perhaps somewhat lower during the first few months of the year. Stimulated by increased government purchases of goods and services, by rising personal consumption expenditures on non-durable goods and services, by the increased availability of bank credit and lower money rates, business during the second half of 1961 should resume its upward course and should reach new high levels. There are, however, no forces in the civilian sector of the economy to create boom conditions.

3. While the new Administration will take measures to stimulate the economy, no radical changes in the economic structure of the country can be expected. The nation is not faced with an emergency requiring drastic measures. The economy is essentially sound and the measures already taken to rectify the balance of payments deficit should in time bring the desired results.

4. The dollar will not be devalued, nor will the independence of the Federal Reserve system be destroyed or undermined. A devaluation of the dollar would be followed by similar action by other countries and the gainers would be only the large gold-producing countries, notably South Africa and the Soviet Union.

5. Commodity prices on the wholesale level should continue to remain relatively stable. The productive ca-

capacity of the country is greater than the present effective demand. Domestic and international competition is keen and rising. One may also expect increased competition from the Soviet Union and its satellites. The consumer index will continue to rise, primarily because of the increased costs of services.

6. In spite of the expected increase in the volume of business during the second half of the year, unemployment will continue to be a problem. The labor force is increasing rapidly, the shift from the farm to the city continues, and more and more labor-saving devices are being used by industry, agriculture, and even by the service industries. In time, however, the growing economy, the rising living standards, the vast capital expenditures on plant and equipment, as well as the fruits of research, will create new employment opportunities.

7. The international political situation will remain confused, and serious tensions are bound to arise. To win the cold war and to maintain the peace requires not only a strong military posture but also a healthy and growing economy. We have every reason to believe that the present moderate readjustment will soon be over and that the economy of the country will soon resume its upward course. A strong America, secure in its political rights and based on its economic and military strength, is the best bulwark against communist aggression. • •

Lloyd R. Maxwell

LLOYD R. MAXWELL, prominent in the Order for more than 60 years, passed away November 3rd after an illness of several months. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Maxwell, a resident of Highland Park, Ill., became affiliated with Elksdom in 1899 when he was initiated into Marshalltown, Iowa, Lodge, No. 312. He immediately gave evidence of purpose and leadership and attended his first Grand Lodge Convention in 1901. After serving through the Chairs of his lodge, he became its Exalted Ruler for a term marked as one of great progress; it was during his administration that its membership nearly tripled, and its fine home, valued today at well over \$250,000, was erected.

Extending his interest to the activities of Elksdom on a State level, Mr. Maxwell became President of the Iowa Elks Association in 1909 and remained active in the State group all his life.

In 1912, at the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Ore., Lloyd Maxwell was elected Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; two years later he was

chosen as the Order's Grand Esteemed Leading Knight. In 1919 he began a three-year term on the New Membership Committee of the Grand Lodge, and from 1923 until 1926 he served on the Grand Lodge Social and Community Welfare Committee. The following year he held the Chairmanship of the New Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge.

He was Elksdom's Grand Esquire in 1927-28 and its Grand Treasurer from 1929 until 1932 when he was named Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Serving in that capacity again in 1933, he became the Board's Approving Member in 1934, and then its Chairman from 1935 to 1937.

The recipient of many honors throughout his lifetime, Mr. Maxwell's last tribute was received at the hands of the National Boys Club of America which gave him its highest award last year, in recognition of his more than 50 years of work with the famous Off-the-Street program for boys, a project of the Chicago Federated Advertising



Club of which he had been President for several terms.

Known as the dean of Chicago advertising men, Lloyd Maxwell had been active as Chairman of the Executive Committee of Roche, Rickerd and Cleary, a large advertising agency, until last September when he was taken ill.

He is survived by his wife and his daughter, Mrs. Marianne Camp.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Robert Froman's article in THE ELKS MAGAZINE, November, 1960—"Better Management, Better Business"—was one of the best we have read, because it was stated so simply and concisely.

It certainly can be applied by anyone to his own business; and we, of course, are always very much interested in improving our management techniques.
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T. N. REYNOLDS
President
Ryan Wholesale Grocers

For years I have been collecting information from my Brother Elks regarding the Elks National Home; but until reading the beautiful article in the December issue, I had never heard the real story. My compliments to the author, Charles Yerkow.

COLDWATER, MICH. R. B. STRONG

I have just finished reading your very interesting Magazine, which comes into our home regularly. The article by Mr. Yerkow, "Visit Our Home", interests me especially. We have heard much about the beauty and comforts of the Elks National Home.

RICHMOND, KY. MRS. M. J. COX

Inasmuch as I play a lot of gin rummy and was interested in your article in the November issue, "Play Cards with John R. Crawford". I will question

the explanation of Oklahoma Gin, on page 12, which reads: "The rank of the up-card determines what you need to knock; for example, if a six is turned you cannot knock with less than 6 points."

I contest this; it should read, "you cannot knock with more than 6 points."
CHICAGO, ILL. ROBERT A. CRAWFORD

Mr. R. A. Crawford is well justified in bringing this point to our attention. John R. Crawford meant to say "more" and the typographic error was ours.

I have been enjoying the recent articles in THE ELKS MAGAZINE on playing better cards, and have put John R. Crawford's advice to the test successfully on more than one occasion.

NORMAL, ILL. JOHN R. MCGINNIS

I am delighted with the recent addition in THE ELKS MAGAZINE, entitled "Play Cards with John R. Crawford". I look forward to receiving each new issue, as it gives the average card player a lot of new information in a manner that's easy to remember.

PASADENA, CALIF. CHARLIE KOEHLER

We have a young Doberman pup, and I want to say that Ed Faust's "In the Dog House" articles for THE ELKS MAGAZINE are priceless. Our thanks for the helpful information in them.

HUDSON, MASS. MRS. OLGA MORAIS

Some time ago, the Travel Department of the Magazine assisted me in planning an automobile trip through Mexico, and I found all of the advice I obtained very helpful. I used the travel service of Dan Sanborn, in McAllen, Texas, as recommended, and want to say thanks for that, too. You can certainly recommend his service with confidence to anyone motoring through Mexico.

POCATELLO, IDAHO S. C. SMITH

I have just finished reading Horace Sutton's "For Elks Who Travel" article on Hawaii, in the November issue of the Magazine. When I visited Honolulu last year, I found that one of the most beautiful Elks lodges in the world was being erected at Waikiki Beach. It seems to me that this is worthy of bringing to the attention of your readers.

My sincere compliments on the content of the Magazine and the enjoyment which it always brings.

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But is there a catch? Yes there can be. To many people Florida means its coasts—its Miami, its St. Petersburg, its Daytona, its Jacksonville. **And the cost of land there is high—very high.** Building lots usually sell for thousands of dollars each in these areas—many times even higher. And the irony is that coastal sections are often a headache to the buyer. In the words of W. M. Gracy, District Manager of Florida Power Corp. and President of Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce: "... the most important factor in choosing a homesite in Florida is the selection of high, dry, well-drained land. Much of the state, particularly in coastal areas, consists of low lying or filled lands which often present a permanent drainage problem to homeowners."

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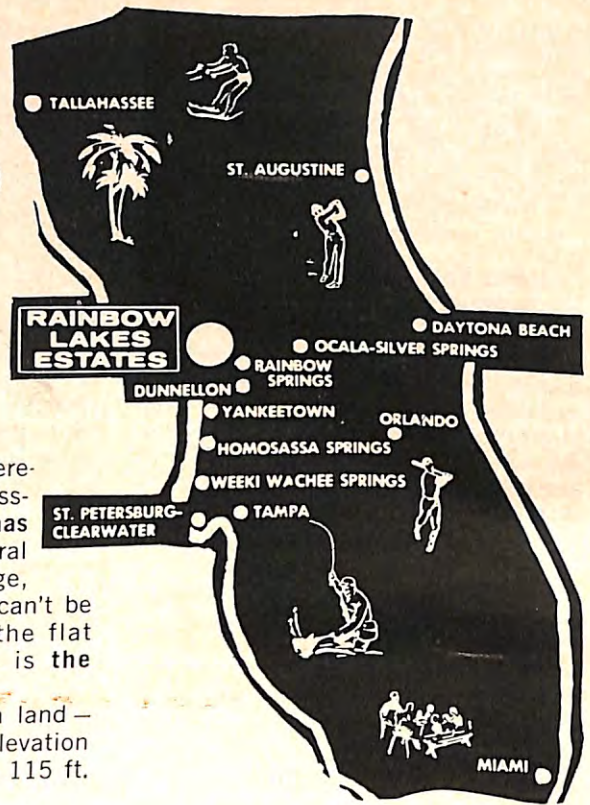
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For Elks Who Travel

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Thebes, and although it looks like five blocks, it merely extends 33 feet.

Palladio also designed the Basilica of the Piazza dei Signori and the Chiericati Palace, which is now the home of the city's museum. Designing for the rich citizens of Vicenza and Venice, Palladio built seven houses in the city, and the countryside around town is studded with his inspirations and the work of his students.

Venice, the center from which all power flowed, is a short ride away. If you are going by car, you must park in one of the garages at the watery doors to the city, and board a ferry, a motorboat or, if you have the time, a gondola. Venice is built on 122 islands that were once sand banks and they are connected by 500 bridges that span 287 canals. In the winter, the water sometimes overflows its banks and comes pouring into the big squares and even into the

hotel lobbies. Then room service becomes a problem. So does walking. Planks are spread on raised platforms across St. Mark's square.

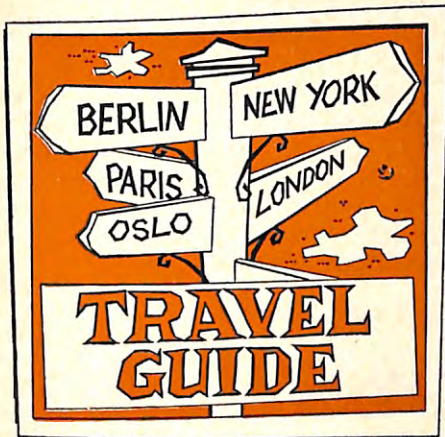
It is possible to live in a room at Venice's Royal Danieli Hotel that was built before Columbus discovered America, with the view out the front windows stretching over the gondolas to the Grand Canal. Just underneath is one of the few broad sidewalks in town.

St. Mark, who died in Egypt in 87 A.D., was brought to Venice in 828 and became the patron saint of the city. The cathedral in his honor is a gorgeous gateway to the East, with many Oriental overtones, beautiful mosaics and many-spired facade. At that, it is only one attraction in the square which has been called the ballroom of Europe.

When I first saw it, back in 1949, a festival was in progress and candles had been placed in every window all

around the square. An orchestra played in the center of all this and it looked like a ballroom indeed. Nowadays, even in the winter, orchestras of the various cafés play in the square, amusing the tourists in summer and the pigeons in winter. The pigeons are a firm part of the square and are fed at specified times daily by the city. Supposedly, they arrived when a Venetian naval commander sent messages home from Constantinople in 1204. For that noble mission their descendants have been receiving 250 pounds of corn a day.

The gondolas date from even earlier days, the first one having appeared in the 9th century. Nobody knows exactly when the first tourist arrived, but it was a long time ago and there seems no likelihood that the popularity of riding in a black barge propelled by a gondolier past ancient buildings will ever diminish. ● ●



THE ELKS MAGAZINE TRAVEL DEPARTMENT

TRINIDAD is now only four and a half hours away from New York City by jet. The Trinidad and Tobago Tourist Bureau reports that Pan American, Varig and Argentine Airlines have jet equipment now on their New York-Port of Spain flights. And once you arrive down there, you will find better accommodations than in the past. The booming tourist business has resulted in the building of new hotels—one, for example, at Hope Estate in Tobago, scheduled to open in June. A bar and two fresh-water pools, right on the beach, are expected to attract guests; other hotel features include mounts for horseback riding, and boats for fishing. ●

The German Federal Railroad has announced a car-sleeper (auto-in-train) service for the first time on its Hamburg-Munich route for the winter season. The shipping of cars in passenger trains has become more and more popular in Europe, especially in Germany. You can choose from a number of car-sleeper services within that

country, or to tourist centers in Belgium, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland. Now you can go by train, and have your car when you arrive! ●

Anyone who has ever been tired and hungry on an auto trip will appreciate this: Motor Travel Services has just released a Motor Travel Directory, listing its recommended motels and restaurants throughout the United States and Canada. It's available from Motor Travel Services, Dept. 1C, 1521 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 3, Minn. Enclose ten cents for postage and handling. ●

Mobile, Ala., is known as the Azalea Capital of the World, and in February and March the city goes all out, welcoming visitors to the Mobile Azalea Trail Festival. If you're going to be in the South during either of those months, be sure to stop and see the crimson fields, the flowered grounds before the ante-bellum homes and, in the evening, the "night-lighted" trail. ●

Whether or not you're a railroading man, if you plan a European trip this year you may be interested in a tour sponsored by the Railway Brotherhood. The Sixth Annual Brotherhood Tour for railway employees, families—and friends—will sail May 31st for England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. The 42-day, all-expense tour costs only \$1,495. Cunard Line's famous *Queen Mary* will be used. If interested, get in touch with Brotherhood Tours, Box 3612, Station "A", El Paso, Texas. ●

For those of you who plan a Paris trip, and are going to arrive culture-hungry, the renowned Louvre is opening a

restaurant and school. A new, low-cost restaurant-tearoom will serve full-course meals to museum visitors, many of whom will wish to learn while looking (or while eating) via the history-of-art courses, held three times a week. ●

Winter ski tours are being arranged by Continental Airlines to ski lodges at Taos and Santa Fe, in New Mexico, and Aspen, Winter Park and Broadmoor, in Colorado. The company offers family plans, fly-now-pay-later plans, and even a fly-and-drive plan with a rented car waiting when you get there. ●

Speaking of tours, a new 19-day fully escorted tour to California has just been announced by Union Pacific Railroad. There will be 10 departures, the last scheduled from Chicago on May 1st, and the itinerary includes Death Valley, Hoover Dam, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Disneyland, Marineland, Knott's Berry Farm, Mission Inn, Tijuana (Mexico!), Yosemite National Park, Muir Woods and San Francisco. Rates start at \$405, using coach, \$497 with a double bedroom. ●

Quebec's annual Winter Carnival (or *Carnaval de Québec*, if you prefer) will be held from January 26th through February 14th, and promises to be a picturesque spectacle. If you're going to be in that part of Canada, be sure to see it. Emphasis will be on sports (skating, skiing, an ice-canoe race, curling, hockey, a dog derby, sports-car, soap-box and even snowshoe races) plus loads of local color (parades, street dancing, masquerades and all sorts of fêtes). For details, write Quebec Municipal Tourist Bureau, 60 Rue D'Auteuil, Quebec 4, Canada. ● ●

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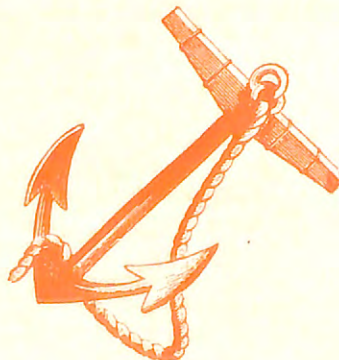
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Rules for the Game of Eights

By JOHN R. CRAWFORD

On page 25 of this issue, Mr. Crawford describes this exciting game and gives you some valuable pointers. Here are the complete rules of the game.

Deck. One regular 52-card deck is used without jokers.

Players. Two to four players make the best game. (If five or more play, two decks of cards shuffled together should be used.)

Who Deals. Cut for deal; high deals first. Thereafter the turn to deal passes to left.

Wild Cards. All eights are wild cards.

Deal. The dealer gives each player seven cards. He turns the next card up to start the *discard pile*. He places the remaining cards (called the *stock pile*) face down beside the upturned card in the center of the table.

Play. A play consists of taking a card from one's hand and placing it face up on the discard pile. The player to the left of the dealer makes the first play and thereafter each player in turn to the left must play. If the dealer has turned up an eight he may call the suit (but not rank) that the first player must play. A player at his turn to play must either—

- (a) follow suit; or
- (b) change suits by playing a card of the same rank in another suit; or
- (c) play an *eight in any suit*, in which case he names the suit that the next player must play.

If unable to do any of these, he must draw from the stock pile until he does make a play.

Drawing When Able to Play. While any cards remain in the stock pile, a player need not follow suit, change suit or play an eight, even though he is able to do so. He may instead draw from the stock pile.

Play of the Eights. (a) All eights are wild and may be played at any time. (b) A player may play an eight even when he is able to follow suit or change suits by following in rank. (c) A player must name the suit that he wants the next player to play *before* he plays his eight. (d) A player may play an eight and call a suit even if the last player also played an eight and called a suit. (e) A player may draw rather than play an eight if he wishes.

After Stock Pile is Exhausted. (a) When no cards are left in the stock pile, each player in turn *must* make a play if he is able. (b) If a player in turn cannot play, the turn passes to his left-hand opponent, who also must play

if he is able; and so on. If it comes back to the person who made the last play, then he must play again if he can, and once again each player in turn has the obligation to play if able. This continues until someone goes out or until no one can play. This ends the game.

The Winner. (a) The player who first gets rid of all his cards wins. (b) If the game ends and everyone has cards left in his hand, the player with the fewest cards wins. (c) If two or more players are left with the same number of cards, they tie and divide the points equally; the others, if any, that are left with more cards lose. (A simplified version is: If two or more players tie, all tie.)

Scoring. (a) The player who wins the hand by getting rid of all his cards wins from each other player one point for each card that player has left in his hand; except that when a player is stuck with an eight in his hand he must pay five points for it. (b) If the winner also has cards left, he wins from each opponent the difference between his number of cards and the opponent's number of cards. For example, the winner has two cards and another player has five cards; the winner collects three from that player. (c) A simplified way of scoring, especially for two-handed, is just to give one point to the winner regardless of how great the card difference at the end may be.

Irregularities. (a) Play of an eight without calling: (A card is considered played as soon as it is placed on the discard pile and the player's hand is removed from it.) If a player plays an eight without first having called the suit he wants, he loses his right to call a suit. The next player must follow suit to whatever suit the eight happens to be. For example, if the six of clubs was the last card and a player plays the eight of clubs without saying anything (perhaps forgetting it is a wild card), the next player must follow suit in clubs; if the play had been the eight of diamonds on the six of clubs, the next player would have to follow suit in diamonds. (b) Revoke. A revoke can only take place after the stock pile is exhausted. In such a case a player must play if he is able, including an eight. If he fails to do so he has revoked. The penalty is that he cannot win the hand; but he still must make the play if any other player demands it before the hand ends. ● ●



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NOTHING quite like this transition of a National Administration on January 20 has ever happened in this country. The almost 50-50 Presidential election, together with the unprecedented pileup of both domestic and foreign problems, have focused world attention on Washington, D. C. The turnover, however, is proceeding without confusion. Those in power have offered every aid to President-Elect John F. Kennedy and those who will work under him. Both the Senate and House are Democratic, but even so, Vice President-Elect Lyndon B. Johnson, Senator Mike Mansfield, and the veteran Speaker Sam Rayburn in the House, will have no easy sailing. As all of this takes place, Washington goes serenely along with the usual holiday festivities, although it will not be a "happy New Year" for some, now leaving the Capital. Plans for the Inauguration, which will cost from \$750,000 to a million, are complete.

INAUGURATION ITEMS: It took 550 gallons of super-white paint to cover the outside of the White House, which never looked better for an inauguration . . . Our starlings are Inauguration Parade casualties. Trees along the line

of march have been sprayed so the birds can't roost . . . The Inauguration stand in front of the newly extended East Front of the Capitol is the largest and grandest in the history of our country . . . NOTE—If you wire or write the President-Elect, he can be addressed as U. S. Senator John F. Kennedy, or as President-Elect John F. Kennedy, Room 361, Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

THE PRESIDENT takes office this way: At 1:00 P.M., January 6, at a joint meeting of the Senate and House, with the President of the Senate, Richard M. Nixon, presiding, the electoral votes will be counted. The certificates will be handed in alphabetical order to the tellers, who will tally the votes, and the President of the Senate will announce the result. If neither candidate receives the majority of 269 votes, the House of Representatives elects the President, each State having one vote.

COURTEOUS tax collectors will be on duty in 1961, according to Internal Revenue Service sources. They are urged to make clear to the taxpayer that they believe in his honesty and integrity. They are being told to avoid

criticizing the taxpayer and to "treat the taxpayer with the same courtesy you would extend to a guest in your home." The taxpayer, however, will be told politely but firmly to pay up.

WATCH POCKETS in pants were costing the Army \$650,000 a year. They have been eliminated. Most service men wear wrist watches.

SOVIETS saturate Latin America with 41 hours of Spanish-language broadcasts a week. They come from Red Satellite countries. In addition, Russia has 35 hours of propaganda programs a week and Red China, 21. Our nation has been broadcasting 14 hours a week. It is expected our Voice of America programs will be stepped up tremendously during 1961.

PROTECT LAFAYETTE SQUARE, says President Eisenhower as he prepares to leave the White House. Two new Federal buildings will be erected along the square for the U. S. Court of Claims and the Patent Appeals Court. They will replace the famous Dolly Madison house and the mansion of Benjamin Tayloe. Many protests have been made against constructing buildings which would not be in keeping with the old landmarks around the Square. President Eisenhower in a letter to the General Services Administration declared the architectural plans for the new buildings should be carried out with "attention to the present and future dignity and beauty of Lafayette Square and its historic past."

SPACE PHONE CALLS are just around the corner. Charles M. Mapes, Assistant Chief Engineer of the A. T. T. Company has asked the Federal Communications Commission to allocate one thousand megacycles of the radio spectrum for phone calls to satellites, which will bounce messages back to receivers.

WASHINGTON WHATNOTS . . . One businessman here has police dogs for hire to protect property . . . U. S. scientists hope to develop a missile which can be launched in 15 seconds; fastest time now is 15 minutes . . . The floor plan for Ford's Theatre was discovered in a Library of Congress book and the planned restoration of the theatre has been revived . . . First plane to cross the U. S. A. at a speed faster than sound—the original XF8 Navy Crusader—is now on exhibition in the Smithsonian . . . Food and Drug Administration has released for general use a synthetic penicillin which can knock out the vicious germs of Staphylococcus. It is called Staphicillin . . . Daily coffee breaks are taken by 79 per cent of store workers, 78 per cent of office workers and 71 per cent of all factory workers . . . New Year resolutions here generally last until January 2. ● ●

Green is for Danger

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on. "The boat is ready. Your mate, Sam, said you wouldn't make it but I didn't believe him."

"I'm terribly sorry," he said contritely. "I overslept." He paused. "Look, Jean, I'd rather not take you to the reef on your first trip. How about diving for lobsters on the flats?"

"We discussed this last night," she said in a hurt tone, "and you promised to take me to the reef. I'm a good swimmer—you don't have to worry about that—and I came a thousand miles to skin-dive on a coral reef."

He frowned and studied the end of his toe. "There's another thing," he said. "My ear's been bothering me. Punctured an ear drum years ago, and it gives me trouble now and then." *That's true enough,* he thought. *It hurts every time I think about the reef.*

"We don't have to dive deep, do we?" He sighed. "All right, tell you what. Meet me for breakfast and we'll decide. We'll definitely go diving."

"I've had breakfast," she replied, "but I'll join you for coffee. See you in the dining room." There was a click in the receiver.

Mike washed his face and studied himself in the mirror. His muscular body—six feet four and 220 pounds—was freckled and deeply tanned, his hair a sun-bleached gold. Today his eyes looked tired. "The great Mike Scully," he muttered. *You're not doing any favors, remember. She'll pay money for the trip. You're a famous diver—big hero. So what are you so scared of?*

His eyes moved to a long jagged scar on his right forearm. Puncture marks of sharp teeth were visible. An involuntary shudder threatened the end of his spine. *You asked for it, you lug. You practically stuck your arm in his mouth. You were due.* Angrily he looped a belt through his trousers, pulled on a T-shirt and strode out.

Jean was waiting in the dining room, a slender, long-legged girl with sunburned nose and blond hair pulled into a ponytail. Her pretty pout became a smile as Mike sank into a chair opposite her. "I ought to be mad," she said. "I've waited two hours. You promised we'd be on the reef before the fish woke up."

"I know," he said ruefully. "There were so many people, we talked till it was so late . . ."

She smiled. "I understand. It was a big night for you. Everyone toasted Mike Scully, spearfishing champion of Florida. That was a nice trophy they gave you."

"It didn't mean much. The tournament was held in my own back yard."

She smiled. "You're too modest. I heard those speeches—"

"Sure," he interrupted. "Speeches

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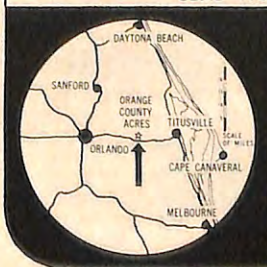
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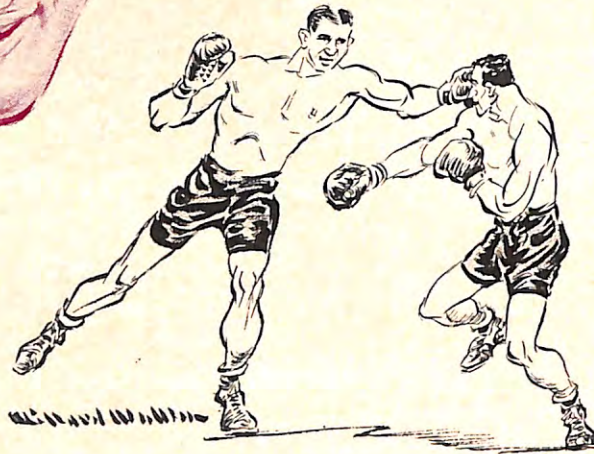
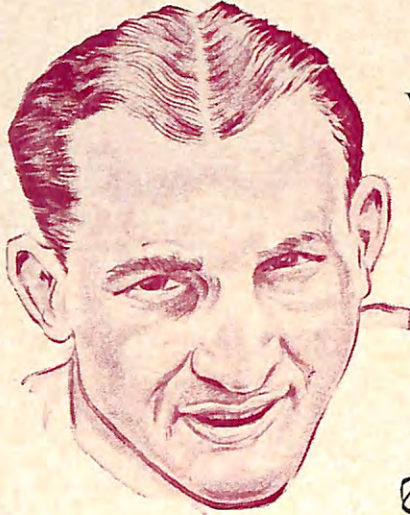
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Benny Leonard was the greatest lightweight fighter I ever saw. This is an opinion I formed before I ever drew on a glove. I was a fight fan before I became a fighter, and long before I saw Leonard fight I had memorized his record against such men as Richie Mitchell, Freddie Welsh, Rocky Kansas, Johnny Dundee and Pal Moran.

Leonard fought Lew Tendler in a return title match and beat him with a performance I'll always remember. I watched from a bleachers seat in Yankee Stadium. It was 1923 and the first fight held in the Yankee ballpark, which had just been completed.

Tendler was a lefthander and lefthanders have always been tough for righthanders, if only because they see so few of them. It was pretty generally agreed that the only way a righthander would be able to handle a lefthander would be by bombing him out with his own right. The righthander's left hand (we're talking about Leonard now) was just for parrying and setting things up so he could come in with his own big right.

Everyone believed it that night—except Leonard. Even Leonard's own corner was yelling "throw your right hand" from the start.

But Leonard upset everything by deciding to use his left hand not as a

defensive weapon but as an offensive one for the first half of the fight. He jabbed with it, and hooked with it. When he had Tendler just about slashed to ribbons he opened up with the right and went on to a successful defense of his title.

Lightweights drew like heavyweights in those days and for a pretty good reason. When they got up there to fight for the title you knew they were good. Leonard himself had a hundred fights before he got into the ring with Freddie Welsh with the 135-pound crown at stake.

He and Tendler drew 60,000 in the big ball park that night and no one who saw that performance will ever forget it.

They won't forget Leonard either. His whole life was in the ring. He made a fortune fighting and when he lost it in unfortunate investments, he came back a half-dozen years later for another shot, but this time as a welterweight.

His comeback was closed by Jimmy McLarin who knocked him out in a non-title fight in 1932.

Fifteen years later Leonard died just the way he would have wanted it, had he any say in the matter—as the third man in the ring at a neighborhood fight club in New York.

As interviewed by Harold Rosenthal.

by the manager of the hotel—my boss—and the president of the chamber of commerce. It's all business—strictly promotion."

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He shook his head. "I hardly notice it. My wrist is a little stiff, that's all."

"There was some talk about it last night. It was an eel, wasn't it?"

He nodded and managed to sound matter-of-fact. "A big green moray. Must be eight feet long." He stirred his coffee slowly. Her eyes encouraged him to go on. "He's lived on Christmas Rocks so long he's practically a fixture. When fishing is slow, we anchor the glass-bottom boat over his cave and dive down to bait him. He comes right out of his hole and takes a fish out of my hand. Quite a show for the tourists."

She nodded slowly. "Quite a dangerous show, I should think."

"There never seemed to be much danger. He always came out slow and I had plenty of time to back off and let the people topside get a good look. This time, though, he grabbed my arm instead of the fish." Mike's throat was dry; he felt his stomach contract.

"From the looks of the scar," she said, "he tried to pull your arm off."

Mike shook his head. "I did the real damage, twisting loose. When a moray—a big one—grabs you, you've got to hold absolutely still, because the harder you pull the tighter he'll hold on, and it's almost impossible to pull him out of his hole. After a while, he'll let up a little to try and get a better hold. That's when you've got to pull away. Well, I was diving without a lung, so I couldn't afford to wait very long. I had to pull away if it meant losing my arm." He forced a grin. "I wasn't about to drown in front of all those people." *Tell it right, Scully, he thought bitterly. Tell her how long you waited for the eel to loosen up. All of one second, maybe. Tell her you panicked. Everybody else knows it.*

She nodded sympathetically. "What a terrible experience. How long ago did it happen?"

"About three months. Just after the spearfishing tournament."

"Is the big eel still out there?"

"Probably. You see," he said, looking at her intently, "I haven't been out much since. After my arm healed I caught a virus. Then this ear trouble. The weather's been bad, too, and we

don't have many skin-diving guests this time of year. Sam has been handling what diving there's been, and I've run the boat." *You protest too much, Scully. She knows why you haven't been back.*

"Mike—" she said. "If you don't feel like going out, I understand."

"No, you don't understand," he said. "I mean—I do want to. But not today. It's late, and I feel kind of tired after all the speechmaking last night. Besides, it'll be afternoon by the time I crank up the compressor and fill the air bottles." He paused. "Tell you what. We're chartered for a reef trip tomorrow, and there's room for one more. Why don't you come along? And today we'll go for lobsters in the skiff. Just the two of us."

Her eyes sparkled as she gave him a slim brown hand. "You've got a deal."

LEAVING the hotel docks in the outboard, they passed a low, lean destroyer at the Navy base and a hodgepodge of commercial craft—shrimp trawlers from Campeche, banana boats from Central America, a turtle schooner from Grand Cayman, a sturdy ketch from Nassau. A mile offshore, Mike anchored over a rocky shelf.

"I've never caught lobsters," Jean said. "Do you spear them?"

"That's illegal. You grab them." He handed her a pair of canvas gloves. "Wear these. Florida lobsters—crawfish—don't have claws, but they can mash your fingers with their tails. Watch me."

Pulling his face plate over his eyes, he jumped feet first into the water, then jack-knifed and finned easily to the bottom, twenty feet down. Under a rock, a family of spiny lobsters crouched in a row, waving their long antennas menacingly at him. He waved one hand to distract them while he stealthily lowered his other hand. Then he grabbed a lobster by the head and swam to the surface to drop it into the boat.

When Jean tried to follow his example, the wriggling crustacean twisted free from her grasp and shot away into the haze. Finally she caught one and exhibited it proudly. When Mike surfaced, she said, "We've got enough for a feast. Let's see what else we can find."

Breathing through a snorkel tube as she floated face down on the surface, Jean kicked her finned feet and moved away from the rocks. Occasionally she dived to pick up a conch shell, inspect a sponge, or playfully chase a fish. She swam with an easy rhythm and Mike found himself watching every movement of her supple body. Wearing no bathing cap, her long hair undulated with the current, and her eyes shone as she pointed out the things that delighted her.

He thought: *in the water she's beautiful; on land she's a long-legged kid.*

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of seeing Jean so excited over the simple matter of building a fire and cooking the lobsters in sea water. They sat cross-legged on the beach and sucked and chewed the juicy white meat, laughing as the delicious drippings spotted their shirts.

As they stretched out on the sand, watching the low sun make orange and purple finger paintings on the quiet sea, she spoke with wonderment of the things they had seen underwater—the fish with horns like a cow, the lean barracuda, the sea urchins that lay on the bottom like black pin cushions. "I can't think of them as dangerous," she said. "They're beautiful. Everything down there is beautiful."

You, too, he thought. *Especially you.* But he said, "It's the sensation of escape. You're floating in space, away from reality. The outside world doesn't exist."

She nodded thoughtfully. "It's all so perfect. Maybe it's a form of escape, as you say, but when you're down there it's more real, more true, than anything else in this mixed-up world. To me it seems like—eternity. All those little creatures going serenely about their business the way they always have and always will."

He laughed. "You have a nice way of putting it." Then his face grew serious. "I once had that kind of feeling. Somehow, I lost it. Now, the sea is just the place where I work. The more I see of it, the less I feel close to it." He spoke slowly, groping for words. "Today, now—today was different. Because of your enthusiasm—I guess." He turned on his side and looked at her. "It's not really perfect, though, Jean. Nothing is. Take that sea anemone you looked at on the bottom. Bring it up and it fades; it wilts before your eyes. It's not beautiful at all."

"Oh, no," she said with feeling, leaning over to touch his arm. "You're wrong. It is perfect. That anemone wasn't made to be torn loose and taken from the water. In its world, it's a beautiful flower. We're aliens, Mike. We don't belong to that world. We're allowed to visit it, but only on its terms."

She was so close that Mike could smell her hair—like clean grass shallows exposed by the falling tide. *She's so intense, so full of the joy of living, so innocent,* he thought, and he forced himself to draw away. *You can't afford to fall for this girl. She doesn't know Mike Scully. Tell her about yourself, Mike. Tell her those things you've kept from everybody—everybody except the green monster. Tell her you won't even get your flippers wet tomorrow.*

NEXT MORNING Sam steered the trim white cruiser *Reef Bird* while Mike briefed the divers—two young married couples and Jean. "Remain in pairs at all times," he said, "and don't under any circumstances lose sight of each other. Stay within a couple hun-

dred feet of the boat—it's better to keep the anchor line in sight. Don't be far away when you run out of air. The place divers drown is on the surface when they're trying to swim back to the boat with a steel bottle on their backs." He turned to Jean. "Sam will be with you. Be careful."

Her disappointment was evident. "Aren't you coming in?"

"I'd better not, with six divers out. I can keep a better eye on things from here." He turned back to the others. "Now you all know what to do if you get in trouble. This signal means you're out of air." He drew his hand across his throat. "Come up slowly and don't hold your breath. Any questions?" He bent over to look through the glass port in the bottom of the cockpit. "Okay, Sam," he called, "slow her down. This looks all right."

Jean knelt to peer through the glass panel. "It's more beautiful than I imagined," she breathed. "Look at the staghorns—aren't they?—and the big brain coral. Oh, Mike, see the green parrotfish."

"Okay, Sam," said Mike, "cut it." As the engine died, Mike ran forward, lowered the anchor and eased the line out until the flukes took hold. "It's about thirty feet deep," he told the passengers. "You'll get about forty-five minutes on one tank of air. Be careful of sea urchins and fire coral."

He helped the divers into their harnesses. Jean and Sam were the last ones to go into the water. "Want a spear gun?" he asked the girl as she climbed down the ladder.

She shook her head. "I'll practice my lobster-grabbing technique." She gave him a gay salute, turned loose and sank beneath the surface.

Sam sat on the gunwale and prepared to roll backward into the water. "Keep an eye on her," said Mike.

"Hell, skipper," replied the mate. "I've watched her in the pool. She can out-swim me. I'd better watch the others. They're green."

"I said to watch her, Sam."

"Okay, okay." He looked at Mike curiously, then turned loose and fell into the water with a splash.

Peering into the water, Mike watched the exhaust bubbles from the divers' regulators. As each mass of exhaled air rose, it expanded, then burst on the surface like a balloon. For a few minutes, as the divers oriented themselves, the cluster of bubbles rose next to the boat. Then they dispersed, one diver moving downtide, followed by another. Slowly the others moved in the same direction. Soon one stream of bubbles was several hundred feet away.

Mike swore. "Don't they realize there's a current?"

The wind freshened and shifted, forcing the boat to swing farther away from the reef. For no definable reason Mike felt a prickle of apprehension;

being responsible for the lives of others was always a ticklish business, and with inexperienced divers overboard no skipper could relax. But this was more than the normal concern of a captain for his guests. This was a growing dread—a mounting tension that soon became fear—that after a time became almost consuming.

The wind picked up, forming a surface chop that complicated his attempts to see into the opaque water. He tried to count the streams of bubbles. *Two divers over there. One more here—or is it two? Whose bubbles are those by Christmas Rocks? Relax, Mike; that's foam, not bubbles. So where are the others? There! No, I just counted those.* He gripped the gunwale, breathing hard.

Two people surfaced and swam to the ladder. Mike held out his hand. "Take off your gear and hand it to me. Where are the others?"

The man waved his arm vaguely. "Tom and Marilyn are over there. I don't know where the others are. It's getting murky down there." He climbed aboard, then helped his wife up the ladder.

The girl was shivering. "It's cold on the bottom, and there's a strong current toward the reef. I'm nearly exhausted."

"Did you see Sam and Jean?" Mike demanded.

"I saw Sam," she said, "but Jean wasn't with him." She turned to her husband. "Did you see Jean?"

He shook his head. "I didn't see either one of them."

Mike was pulling on his fins. His fingers didn't want to move. "You two stay here," he ordered. "The water's getting rough. When your friends come up, tell them to come aboard and wait."

"Want to use my lung?" the man asked.

He shook his head. "I can move faster without it. Keep a lookout for bubbles. When I look at you, point to where you see bubbles." He was surprised at how calm his voice sounded, but his hands shook as he pulled his mask over his

eyes. *Be glad they can't see the goose pimples inside you,* he thought.

As he stood up for a last look at the surface, he saw a discharge of bubbles a hundred feet away, toward the reef. He rolled off the gunwale and sank about ten feet. Just below him the other young couple, holding hands, rose toward the ladder. He jerked his thumb upward and they moved their heads affirmatively as he turned away and drove his legs hard. Staying underneath where the water was calm, he could swim much faster than on top, and he traveled a hundred feet before surfacing to check his bearings. The couple on the boat pointed to a spot some thirty feet to the side of him. He filled his lungs with air. Then the girl waved both arms and pointed to a new spot, near Christmas Rocks.

He went down fast, leveled off and watched the bottom. Visibility was poor. A stream of bubbles rose beside him and he saw Sam below. Just Sam. *He's scared. I can tell by the way he's swimming.*

The mate hadn't seen him and Mike didn't waste time by approaching him. He turned toward the rocks, porpoised to the surface for air and submerged again. *Christmas Rocks. Why'd it have to be Christmas Rocks?*

Then he was there, working along the edge of the sheer drop and fighting the surge that swept alongside. He stayed on top, keeping his head down while he sucked air through his snorkel. He was breathing too hard; his pounding heart demanded too much oxygen. In the dark water he couldn't see bottom so he swung his head from side to side for some trace of rising bubbles.

Then he was into them, a steady stream of dancing, rising beads that clung to his face plate.

He hyperventilated quickly, heaving his chest time after time as he filled his lungs to capacity and exhaled completely. This would lower the carbon dioxide level in his system and allow him to hold his breath longer.

He upended and kicked himself

Robert P. Mohrbacker

Robert P. Mohrbacker of Long Beach, Calif., Lodge, No. 888, passed away October 25th, following a heart attack suffered during a lodge meeting. He is survived by his wife and sister. As a memorial, his lodge has set up a "Robert Mohrbacker Cerebral Palsy Fund"; his State Association's Major Project was his favorite charity, and all contributions will be turned over to the State Fund.

Initiated in 1928, Mr. Mohrbacker was Exalted Ruler in 1943, and the following year began an eight-year term as lodge Trustee. In 1950 he was District Deputy and in 1954 served as State Association President. He held an Honorary Life Membership in his lodge and had a near-perfect attendance record.



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downward, taking only a few seconds to follow the bubbles to twenty-five feet. Then he saw her, hanging motionless a few feet above the bottom, her arm against the coral wall and her legs stretching away. A sea plume below her leaned as though bent by a strong wind, and her hair streamed outward in the current. Her head was thrown back and her eyes, wide and frightened, looked up at Mike.

He told himself she had wedged her arm under a ledge, but he knew it wasn't so. For one terrible second he wanted to open his mouth and scream, letting the sea water fill his lungs to deliver him from the horrible necessity of facing the beast that lay coiled within the rocks.

As he moved around the girl, fearful that a sudden movement would excite the great eel, he saw the two broken antennas of a lobster on the sand below. Jean had apparently reached into a hole to grab a lobster and the moray had tried to take it away from her, its hideous jaws closing instead on her gloved hand and wrist. The lobster had twisted away and escaped, leaving its fragile feelers behind.

The girl did not appear to be badly hurt—there was no blood—but she could not pull her hand from the mouth of the eel. Pale and still, she scarcely breathed as she waited for the moray to loosen its jaws. *How can she hold so still? Is she scared stiff—or is it some blind faith that Mike Scully will save the day? Poor, poor Jean. If you only knew—I'm more scared than you.* He tried to think of something to do. *If I only had a knife—or a gun—or some nerve.*

He moved to within two feet of the eel's head, which extended, as thick as a man's thigh, from a dark hole in the rocks. *A knife wouldn't help; not even a gun. If I shot him he'd go wild and tear her arm to ribbons. Or pull back into his cave, maybe taking her arm with him. He might do that anyway if I frighten him.*

As the eel breathed, its gill covers pulsated and opened wide. Suddenly, on impulse, Mike grabbed the great head and jammed his fingers into the gill slits. *How does that feel, Monster?* he thought exultantly as his strong fingers clutched and tore the sharp gill rakers.

Blood spurted from the gills as the eel opened its mouth, freeing the girl, then gnashed its jaws wildly as it whipped its head in a violent circle. Mike braced his feet against the rocks and pulled. *One minute. I can last one minute.* If he could pull the eel from its hole and get to the surface, he would have the advantage—much of a moray's strength comes from its entrenchment within the rocks—but he couldn't last long without air. *And I can't turn loose—he'll have me for sure.*

A cloud of blood from the moray's mangled gills formed in the water and

dispersed with the current. *If I had a few minutes, I'd win, he thought. But I can't hold out; I'm dying for air.* Little bright spots waved before his eyes and he felt himself weakening. He looked for the girl and she was there, her hand on his shoulder as she tried to tell him something. *If she'd just go away. I'd turn loose. She's too close. This eel might grab her instead of me.*

He was blacking out as the girl pulled his snorkel from his mouth and inserted the mouthpiece from her regulator. He gasped heavily and his head swam as the fresh, clean air filled his lungs. He took several deep breaths, then nodded vigorously and she replaced the mouthpiece between her own lips. *Thank God. On top of everything else, she's got a brain. I didn't even think of sharing her air.*

Gathering his renewed strength, Mike pulled mightily at the eel's head. Jean put her arms around his waist and added her strength to his. Little by little the slimy, sinuous body of the great fish came from the hole. Its anchored tail gave way and they headed for the surface, the eel twisting itself into a ball and biting itself with its snapping jaws.

They broke the surface and Mike bawled lustily, "Sam!"

The mate swam to their side with a long spear. While Mike maintained his hold on the eel's head, Sam jammed the steel rod through one gill opening and out the other. Jean took the other end of the spear and Mike snatched his hands away. He floated on his back, catching his breath, while Sam and the girl led the writhing but helpless eel to the boat.

At the dock, spectators crowded about and reporters asked questions while Mike and Jean stood grinning at each other. Occasionally Mike would gently stroke her bandaged hand and she would lift his swollen fingers to her lips.

"Mike," a newspaperman shouted from the dock, "according to my information, this is the largest moray eel ever taken by a skin diver. Would you consider it your most outstanding catch?"

Mike kept his eyes on Jean as he replied, "Except for one, I would."

She blushed and moved closer.

Then, with flash bulbs popping and everybody talking, and Sam pushing people out of the way to get the eel onto the weighing scales, they kissed, long and tenderly, holding their breaths longer than Mike had ever held his breath underwater.

Finally they were interrupted by a photographer. "One request, Captain Scully. I've shot a dozen pictures of you and the girl. Now I'd like to get one of you and your mate."

Jean looked at Mike and they both laughed. "Mister, I believe you just did," Mike said.

West Point Cadet Describes His Youth Leadership Experience



Joe E. Pendergraft

For many years the Order of Elks has rendered great service to the nation through its diversified youth program. One of the best features of the program is the annual National Youth Leadership Contest begun in 1951 to recognize and reward youngsters who had demonstrated their capacity for democratic leadership and to encourage others to do likewise. The following article by Joe E. Pendergraft, winner of the boys' division of the 1956 contest, and now a Cadet at West Point, tells of his experience and what it meant to him.

In everyone's life there is one particular experience or event that occurred during his teen-age years that remains vivid in his memory. Such an event happened to me in 1956.

Each year the Elks lodges of America publish information relative to the an-

nual National Youth Leadership Contest sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Upon reading this information, I contacted the principal of my high school in order to obtain more detailed information. After learning that I was eligible for the competition, I began formulating plans for making my entry brochure. Each candidate was to make an original brochure describing his leadership activities and his participation in school and community affairs during his four years in high school.

Perhaps the hardest segment of the book for me to complete was my personal philosophy of life, but in February of 1956 I turned my book into Elks Lodge No. 501 in my home town of Joplin, Mo. Within three weeks the results of the district contest were announced, and I was the winner. My record was entered in the State contest. After many anxious weeks, I was notified that I had won first place in the Missouri contest, for which I received a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, and my brochure had been forwarded for consideration in the national contest along with those of the other State winners. These were reduced to 12 finalists—six boys and six girls, and their brochures were submitted to the national judges, the Governors of the States of Nebraska, Rhode Island and Virginia.

Then on May 30 I received a telegram from Mr. Dewey Kuhns, Chairman of the Elks Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, informing me that I was to fly to Washington, D. C., immediately. There was not a word about the contest results. Two days later I arrived in Washington with Guy D. Moore of Joplin, President of the Missouri Elks Association, and Ed Weber, Chairman of Joplin Lodge's Youth Committee. That evening, at a dinner with Grand Exalted Ruler John

Dominic F. Flory



Dominic F. Flory, 53, passed away November 4 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, mother, six brothers and one sister. Fellow Elks and Past Exalted Rulers served as pall bearers, and Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton delivered the eulogy at the Elks' Service.

Exalted Ruler of Rutland, Vermont, Lodge, No. 345, in 1940-41, Mr. Flory was District Deputy in 1941-42 and President of his State Association in 1954-55. He had also been Treasurer of his lodge since 1944.

Having served many years on the committee handling the Crippled Children's Camp at Goshen, long the chief charity of the Vermont Elks, Mr. Flory was active in the Association's new camp project for crippled children at "Silver Towers".

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President Eisenhower had planned to make the awards in person, but a few days earlier he had had an operation, so a member of his staff would represent him. Although disappointed that I would not be able to meet the President, I was filled with excitement and sense of adventure in anticipation of what lay ahead. That night seemed endless, but the morning finally arrived and after breakfast we were driven to the White House.

We went through the security check and then were directed to a small, rectangular room. It appeared to be very dark except for the lights that shone on a large, wooden desk at the opposite end. We advanced toward the desk. Excitement seemed to flow through me as if it were an electric current. We reached the desk and then waited briefly. A door opened on the left side of the room and a gentleman of distinguished appearance and bearing entered and approached the center of the room. He was Bernard M. Shanley, Secretary to the President.

Almost immediately, from a door on the opposite side of the room, reporters and photographers entered and hurried

toward the desk. Apparently upon signal, cameras flashed, newsreel cameras whirled rhythmically, and reporters added their questions to the confusion.

Within minutes the excitement had ended, and I stood there, holding firmly the certificate of first place winner in the Leadership Contest and the prize of a \$1,000 U. S. Savings Bond, which had been presented to me by a representative of the President.

Graduated from high school that year, I spent two years in college. Then through the efforts of the Missouri Elks Association and my Congressman I received an appointment to the United States Military Academy and I am working toward graduation in June of 1962. I am positive that being commissioned an officer in the regular Army will be the beginning of an interesting and challenging career.

Thus, I come to my purpose in writing this article. I want to encourage more young men and women to enter the annual Elks National Youth Leadership Contest sponsored by lodges throughout the country. I hope, by your reading of my experience, that you may visualize the many opportunities that are available to you. I am sure that you realize the interest men of the Elks have in the future of the youth of our country. Inquire at your nearest Elks lodge for additional information relative to the Leadership Contest. Perhaps you will be the winner of the 1961 contest.



Grand Exalted Ruler Visits Scout Headquarters

During his tour of New Jersey lodges (reported in last month's issue), Grand Exalted Ruler Fenton took time out to call at the headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America, at New Brunswick, N.J. While there, he was presented with the Golden Anniversary Book of Scouting, in recognition of Elkdom's enthusiastic support of the movement. Pictured at the presentation are (from left): E. H. Bakken, Director, Division of Relationships, B.S.A.;

Bound Brook Past Exalted Rulers Harrold Swallow and Gerald Tolomeo; J. A. Hess, Assistant Director of Civic Relationships, B.S.A.; Bound Brook Exalted Ruler J. S. Jarema; Bergenfield Past Exalted Ruler H. W. Wolf; Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., Chief Scout Executive; the Grand Exalted Ruler; Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick; Bound Brook Past Exalted Rulers F. T. Cusick and J. J. Capano; C. M. Tribur, Director, Civic Relationships, B.S.A.

State Association News

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Playing important roles during this highly successful meeting were Past State Presidents Willis C. McDonald, member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, Jacob Clausen and Harry B. Garland. Following the session District Deputy L. J. Alonzo held his special Clinic.

The State Association will hold its annual meeting in Shreveport on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1961.

MEETING IN THE BEAUTIFUL HOME of Gainesville Lodge No. 1126, 161 Elks attended the business session of the Georgia Elks Assn.'s Fall Meeting.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland and Robert G. Pruitt of the Grand Forum were among the 441 persons on hand for the two-day session, when Judge McClelland was the principal speaker. All phases of the Grand Lodge program were discussed at the session, highlighted by the progress report on "Aidmore", the Georgia Elks' Crippled Children's Hospital. A

Lodge Visits of John E. Fenton

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were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, Grand Chaplain Rev. Felix J. Andrews, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee Raymond C. Dobson, State Pres. Richard Gallagher, District Deputies Henry Flohr and Morris Weber, and Exalted Ruler E. W. Olson.

BRainerd, MINN. Accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Stern, Judge Fenton visited Brainerd, Minn., Lodge on Oct. 19, and attended a luncheon at the State Elks Youth Camp on Pelican Lake, just north of Brainerd. After a tour of the camp, which he praised highly, Judge Fenton held an interview over Radio Station KLIZ, and he spoke again at a banquet that evening, noting especially Brainerd Lodge's fine membership drive—which has resulted in an eleven per cent increase this year. (The day before this visit took place, 80 new members—"The Grand Exalted Ruler's Class"—had been initiated.) In attendance at the banquet were Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman Norman Hansen, Past Grand Tiler Dr. M. H. Carlson (who acted as master of ceremonies), State Pres. Ed Schliesing, State Vice Pres. Archie Cook, District Deputies D. J. Butler and Samuel Sadowski, and Exalted Ruler Ross Olmsted.

MENDOTA, ILL. A four-day celebration marked the Fiftieth Anniversary of Mendota, Ill., Lodge, and Grand Exalted Ruler Fenton attended the festivities on Oct. 21. Another Grand

\$600,000 expansion has been contracted for, with Hill-Burton participating grant for 50 per cent of the cost of the project. The added space will be used to expand physical and occupational therapy for in-patients, and the initial treatments for out-patients. A vocational pre-evaluation unit will be installed for both groups. Georgia's Elks presented \$46,000 to "Aidmore", with an additional \$11,700 from their ladies. ● ●

Lodge Bulletin Contest

All lodges are urged to enter this year's Lodge Bulletin Contest. Plaques and certificates of merit will be awarded to winning lodges in two groups—those with over 700 members and those with a membership of less than 700. Each lodge competing should submit a binder containing three issues of its bulletin, published between April 1, 1960, and January 31, 1961. All entries should be sent to Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman Carl Dwire, Jr., Post Office Box No. 1146, Oxnard, Calif. They must be received no later than February 15, 1961. Do not send entries to the Magazine.

Exalted Ruler's Class of candidates, numbering 57, had been initiated by this lodge, too, just prior to the visit. Judge Fenton was welcomed by Exalted Ruler Robert L. Stafford and two charter members of the lodge, R. E. Hall and J. C. Kehm. A third charter member, J. W. Dubbs, was unable to be present. Judge Fenton had planned to arrive at Mendota on Oct. 20 with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, whose untimely death occurred two days earlier. Rearrangements in the Grand Exalted Ruler's schedule, however, permitted him to be present on the 21st, before the termination of the Anniversary observance.

BLUE ISLAND, ILL. In the course of these visits, Judge Fenton was gratified not only by the evidence of sustained effort to increase membership, but also by continuing work in behalf of the Elks National Foundation. At Blue Island, Ill., on Oct. 27, he was presented with a number of new Foundation subscriptions by Past Exalted Ruler Edward L. Kruse, who is Lodge Secretary and Blue Island Chairman for the Elks National Foundation. With the Grand Exalted Ruler at the lodge were Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Lodge Membership Committeeman George T. Hickey, Illinois New Lodges Chairman Robert Campbell, District Deputy Bede Armstrong, Exalted Ruler Conrad Steinhauer and Blue Island's Mayor John M. Hart, who is a member of the lodge. ● ●

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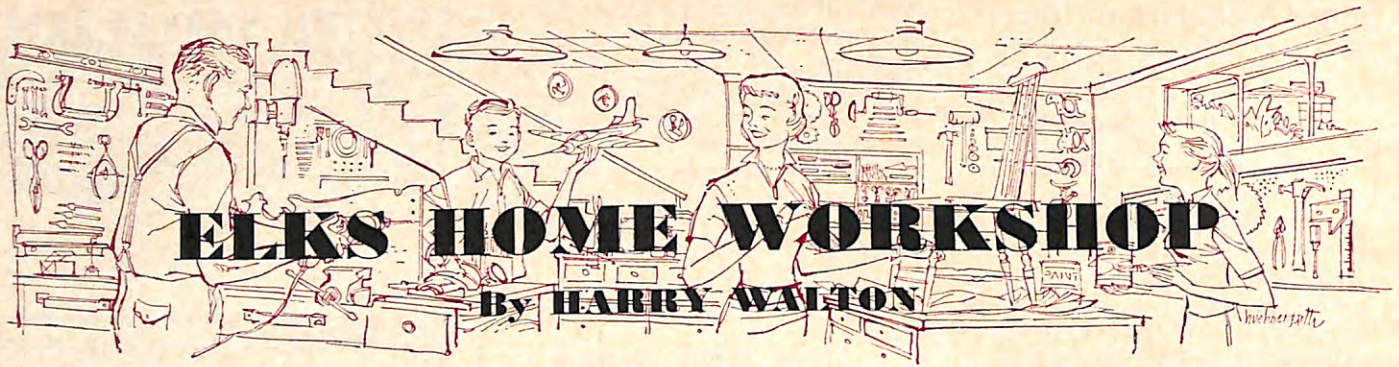
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Installing tiles is almost easier than laying linoleum, for the difficult fitting along walls and around irregularities is all done piecemeal. An error usually costs only a tile or two. By doing the work yourself, you save about half the cost of a professional job.

WHAT KIND OF TILE? Standard floor tile is all 9 by 9 inches square; sixteen cover a square yard of floor. Among the cheapest is linoleum tile, and even this has the pattern going all the way through to the felt backing, so that it never wears off for the life of the tile. Linoleum tile comes in two gauges or thicknesses. The heavier lasts longer but may not be warranted in rooms with little traffic.

Cork tile costs about twice as much, but is luxuriously resilient underfoot, gives a floor a textured appearance, absorbs noise and insulates against cold. It comes in $\frac{1}{8}$ " and $\frac{3}{16}$ " thickness.

Neither cork nor linoleum is recommended for use on concrete in contact with the ground (in a cellar for example), and some manufacturers do not recommend their cork tile for use in bathrooms and kitchens.

Rubber bonded with vinyl makes beautiful resilient tile that can be used anywhere but on floors directly over the ground. It is cheaper than cork, easily cleaned, scuff-resistant. One more costly kind of rubber tile has self-locking, key-notched edges. Being laid without cement, it can be taken up for re-use

elsewhere, and may be applied to any kind of floor, over old floor covering, and above or below ground level.

Even cheaper than linoleum tile but also with all-the-way-through patterns is asphalt tile. Usually $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick, it is long lasting, moisture resistant, and can be used even on concrete cellar floors. It is, however, vulnerable to oil, grease and solvents.

Also suitable for any floor is vinyl-asbestos tile. It costs roughly twice as much as asphalt tile, wears about as long, and resists grease, acid, alkali and even fire.

All-vinyl tile is more expensive, ranging from 18 to 35 cents per tile. It has a solid vinyl face bonded to a vinyl back. In the cheaper grades, recommended only for above-grade floors, the pattern is protected by a clear vinyl film. More costly solid vinyl tiles have the coloring all the way through.

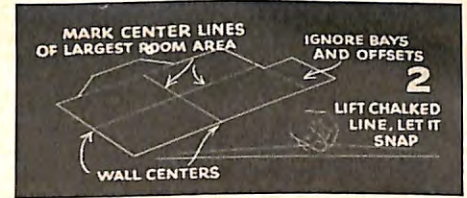
Check written specifications if possible before buying tile. If the maker does not specify that it can be installed below grade, don't buy it for your basement floor. In general, only asphalt and vinyl-asbestos are suitable for use on concrete below ground level.

HOW MANY TO BUY. Convert the width of the room to inches and divide by 9, raising the result to the nearest whole number. Similarly, divide the length—again in inches—by 9. Multiply the two results to get the number of tiles that will cover the area, but add a few to allow for damage or waste in fitting.

For example, if the room is 10½ feet by 15 feet, multiply both by 12 to get 126 and 180 inches. Dividing by nine gives 14 and 20, which when multiplied show you will need 280 tiles at least.

If a room has alcoves, bays or offsets, measure each and calculate the tile requirements separately; then add them all together. Order all the tile at one time, for colors and patterns often vary from batch to batch, and if bought some time apart may show variations.

Keep the tile and the adhesive to be used at a temperature of 72 degrees or more for at least three days before applying it. Cold tile is hard to cut and may crack from handling.



PREPARE THE FLOOR. Being flexible, tile will adapt itself to every swoop, sag and bump in an uneven floor. This not only looks bad, but can cause buckling, open joints and rapid wear on the high spots. Floors must be level, firm, and free of wax, moisture, grease, paint and dirt.

Remove old floor covering such as linoleum, experts advise, for a first-rate job. But many homemakers have laid tile over sound linoleum, with good success. It is vital that the floor beneath be firm, the linoleum surface perfectly smooth and scrupulously clean. As most linoleum has been waxed at some time, and wax will prevent firm adhesion of the tile, it must be removed with a commercial wax remover or solvent. Roughing the linoleum surface with medium grade sandpaper will improve adhesion.

A wood floor consisting of a single layer of boards will give enough to let the cemented tile flex and eventually fail. A good base for such a floor is $\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick plywood sheathing, fastened with 2½" cement-coated or ring-grooved nails set 6" apart along all edges and crosswise through the center of each panel. This makes a rigid underlay.

Double-wood floors are firm and, provided they are smooth, may be tiled with or without a felt lining. But holes and cracks must be plugged with wood or patching compound, or covered with tin smoothly nailed down. High spots must be planed flat, loose boards firmly renailed. Should you use a power sander to smooth the floor, apply a coat of sizing afterwards to seal the wood.

If much patching is called for, it may be easier to cover a rough floor with $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick hardboard or $\frac{3}{8}$ " plywood underlay, placed smooth face up and fastened with 1½" ring-grooved nails.

Another way to smooth uneven wood or even concrete floors is to trowel on a



latex underlay. This material must be mixed on the spot, and can be applied in anything from a 1/16" film to a 1/2" thick layer, as necessary.

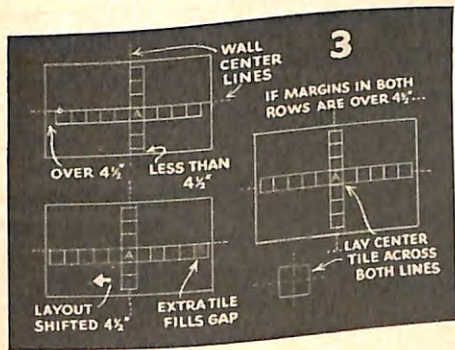
APPLY LINING FELT only over double wood floors, not over an underlay. Cut the felt to lie crosswise of the floorboards, with the seams carefully butted together but not overlapping. After fitting all the felt dry, fold half of it back. Apply linoleum paste to the floor with a spreader and press the felt back on it. Repeat with the other half.

Slit the felt to pass around pipes or radiator legs, cutting it around them (Figure 1). Finally, roll out bubbles and flatten the seams with a rolling pin.

Felt is not recommended under some 1/16" vinyl-asbestos tile, as it gives enough to cause indentation marks from concentrated loads.

CHECK CELLAR FLOORS for moisture seepage by leaving a rubber mat or piece of linoleum, weighted to hold it flat, on the same spot a few days. If when turned over the back is damp, tile may not stay down on the floor securely.

Remove grease and wax with benzine, paint with trisodium phosphate or other



waxless paint remover. Patch holes and cracks in concrete with patching compound or latex underlay. Use no felt, but lay asphalt or vinyl-asbestos tile directly on the concrete with waterproof cement made for the purpose.

MARK THE TILE LAYOUT. Remove all furniture, sweep or vacuum the floor, and pry up the quarter-round base molding (Figure 1) so that tile can be laid under it. With a tape, find the center of two opposite walls and drive a nail at each. Rub chalk into a cord, stretch it tautly across both nails, lift it a couple of inches, and let it snap back, leaving a chalkline (Figure 2).

Mark centers of the other two walls and stretch the cord between; it should cross the first line at 90 degrees. Shift the line if necessary; then snap-mark it.

If the room is irregular, has bays or offsets, mark the biggest area this way and tile the others out from it.

DRY-LAY THE TILE along one side of the marked lines as in Figure 3. If the wall margins on either row are more

than half a tile wide, shift that row half a tile (4 1/2") by centering the middle tile on the cross line as shown. Having made this adjustment in one or both rows, check to make sure tiles are still parallel to their walls and square to each other. Then outline them in chalk.

In some rooms, particularly in older houses, tile laid by the measured lines may not look right to the eye. In this case it is better to shift the tile for best appearance. Laying it dry gives you a preview and permits changes impossible once tile is cemented down.

Follow directions on the cement you buy; some must be let set until tacky or even dry. With others, tile is laid immediately. Use a brush or notched spreader as cement consistency demands, applying cement to an area of the size specified on the can.

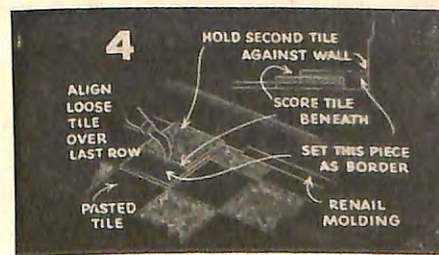
Set tile in position and press it down evenly. With soft cement, tiles may be slid slightly for better adhesion, but with cement that is allowed to set, tiles must be carefully placed into position, without sliding. Keep a damp cloth and fine steel wool handy to clean off any cement that squeezes up onto the face.

TRIM BORDER TILE as shown in Figure 4 before pasting down the last full-width row. As the method shown reverses tile positions, be sure you wind up with the right color or grain position.

Fit tile around pipes or radiator legs as in Figure 1. It should be warm and pliable for easy cutting. If the shape is complex, make a trial fitting with paper and cut the tile from this.

Radiators, refrigerators and other heavy loads should not stand on resilient tile. Cut a hole for the legs as for a pipe. If having them stand below tile level is objectionable, place a washer of tile thickness in the holes. Heavy pieces that must stand on the tile should be set into caster cups.

Some tiles (but not asphalt or vinyl-asbestos) may be rolled down after installation, working from the center. Try to keep the room warm a few days after installation, and stay off newly laid tile for 24 hours if possible. Avoid wet-mopping or waxing for a week. • •



To cut tile along borders, lay a loose tile exactly over one in the last row laid. Hold a second tile on top of this, touching the wall or the baseboard. Run your hook knife along the edge of the top tile, scoring the one beneath. Break on the line and lay the smaller piece, discarding the other one.

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In other words, our political institutions allow plenty of room for dissent, and they provide any citizen or group of citizens full opportunity to advocate or oppose ideas in the marketplace of public opinion. The only provision is that it be done peaceably, thus protecting the rights of others.

Yet, recent years have seen an increasing tendency by citizens to reject the orderly processes of persuasion provided by our democratic institutions, and to resort to violence to impress their views on others through mass demonstrations and mass picketing for a variety of "causes".

People who oppose our arming with nuclear weapons

have staged mass demonstrations to dramatize their protest. Students have conducted mass demonstrations to protest against, or for, actions taken, or not taken, by school officials. Public officials have found their offices surrounded by marching, shouting, placard-bearing citizens, and sometimes the offices have been invaded and public business brought to a halt because men and women have rejected the peaceable, orderly processes open to them and have resorted to force to compel acceptance of their ideas.

What is more, organizers of some of these outbursts have extolled them as a manifestation of patriotism, likening themselves and those who joined with them to the patriots who dumped the tea into Boston Harbor. The speciousness of this view is obvious. It ignores the fact that our representative government affords every citizen the opportunity to be heard and to seek to persuade his neighbors through orderly, peaceful methods, in contrast to the "taxation without representation" that goaded our forefathers to action 200 years ago.

Have those who advocate such tactics stopped to consider what would happen if all of us decided to use them? The result, of course, would be anarchy. That, no doubt, is the end desired by some of those who advocate and foment many of these mass outbursts. Others, who have gone along with them, have done so without thinking of the serious consequences of their actions. It is time that they did.

After the Battle

With the smoke of battle dissipated, permitting a clearer view of the recent Presidential campaign, we feel that the country owes a debt of gratitude to both the young men who carried their parties' banners, for the high plane on which they conducted the contest.

Supporters of both candidates engaged in questionable tactics, but it is to the credit of both President-elect Kennedy and Vice-President Nixon that they refused to be a party to them. They kept their heads, when the pressure to lose them must have been great. By so doing, they kept the contest for the Presidency of the Republic on a level befitting the dignity of the office.

As a footnote of interest to Elks, however they voted, we are pleased to report that the President-elect is a member of Boston Lodge No. 10, which he joined more than 10 years ago.

When he takes office later this month, Brother Kennedy will become the fourth member of this Order to serve as President. His predecessors were Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

Greetings and Good Wishes For A Happy New Year

The staff of THE ELKS MAGAZINE takes pleasure in extending to all of our readers warmest wishes for good health, prosperity and peace in the new year.

To the secretaries of our 1,948 lodges, we add to our good wishes a grateful thank you for the wonderful cooperation they have given to us on so many occasions during this past year. May all of their members pay their dues promptly and cheerfully.

Hearty greetings, too, and a well-

deserved salute to those good and faithful Elks who spend so many long hours working on the youth committee, carrying on the scholarship program, planning the youth leadership contest, raising money for the Elks National Foundation, organizing the bazaar, visiting the sick, arranging for the dinner dance, bringing entertainment and hope to our hospitalized veterans, sitting on the membership committee, in short—to all of the numberless stout-hearted men who are doing the good work of Elkdom. We are proud of them, and our wish for them is that more of their Brothers will lend a hand this year so that they, too, may know the satisfaction of service to others.

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