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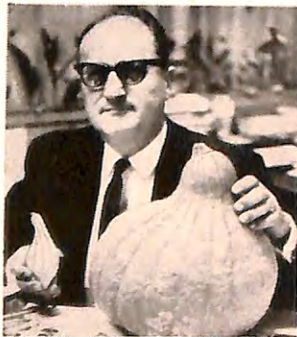
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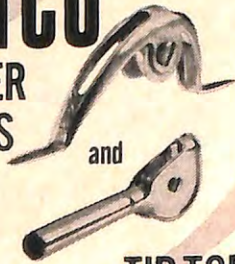
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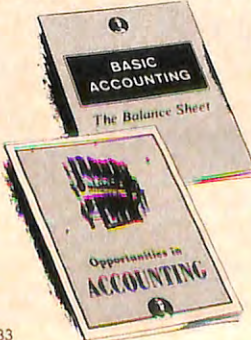
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# Our Vandalized Schools

By RAYMOND SCHUESSLER

*"School vandalism is of concern to every citizen because it means that we have failed to teach the child the importance of two of our most cherished principles—education and property."*—U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION

STEPS sounded softly along darkened school corridors from a jimmyed window. With gleeful fury books were ripped out of covers, furniture overturned, filing cabinets smashed, contents ripped and rinsed with ink, medical equipment reduced to rubble, and walls frescoed with written and drawn obscenities.

This is typical of the wreckage to be found in almost every American community as vandals engage in their favorite after-school hobby—the ruthless pillaging of our schools. Some of them have highly creative touches: in one New York high school, vandals plugged a top-floor sink and opened the faucets. The school almost floated away.

These unconscionable destroyers use fire as well to destroy our critically short classroom space. In Rocky Mount, North Carolina, six boys, 14 to 17, entered the Williford Elementary School in December, 1959, pulled the shades, and started a bon fire on the auditorium stage. Later four of them returned to watch the fire destroy all but one wing of the big school. The damage: \$185,000, and 810 students without a school.

Fires set by children have been increasing shockingly for the past ten years according to the International Association of Arson Investigators. In some large cities 60 per cent of all incendiary fires are attributed to the juvenile firebug. Schools and churches seem to be the prime targets. How is it possible in this age, when our national wealth is greater than ever, that the crime rate of our youth is increasing at such an alarming rate?

Probably only a few sensational incidents of school vandalism come to the attention of the public. But the everyday damage to windows, books, equipment, desks, and walls constitutes a greater total cost to the schools than the few spectacular events which make the headlines. In one year St. Louis public schools reported 267 cases of

break-in and vandalism. In Dade County, Florida, in two months vandals broke into 30 school buildings. New York City suffers \$500,000 damage per year and Boston \$150,000. The total national expense for vandalized schools is enormous.

The sound of tinkling glass apparently fascinates many youngsters whose favorite targets are schools. The cost in window breakage alone was pointed out in testimony before a Senate subcommittee recently: Washington, D.C. spent \$50,000 annually to replace broken school windows, Boston \$69,184, and Philadelphia \$100,000. All

these figures seem anemic when Chicago submits its bill for window damage—a whopping \$250,000. Since the cost runs into millions, window glass insurance for schools has become prohibitively high. "We would rather insure Castro in Miami than school windows," said one insurance executive.

Some communities such as the Great Neck, New York, area have hired men with watchdogs to patrol school grounds at night. This is a deplorable commentary on our social behavior. Just imagine, trained police dogs to protect our schools from American youth!

It's an easy step from attacking the



*After breaking into most of the 31 classrooms of a Brooklyn, N. Y., school, vandals started a two-alarm fire that resulted in damage estimated at \$10,000.*

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*After vandals have had their "fun," and after the debris is cleaned up, school must go on even if repairs must wait, as in this school in Worcester, Mass.*

school to changing the architecture of a teacher. In Miami recently three young hoods were ordered out of the school yard by the principal of Madison Junior High School. He was knocked down and kicked in the face. When the assistant principal tried to stop the trio from escaping in an auto they tried to run him down.

In a national survey conducted by the National Education Association in 1957, some 4,000 teachers were asked: "During the past twelve months has an act of physical violence against a classroom teacher or principal been committed by a pupil attending your school?" One out of ten said yes. But the picture is much worse in large cities where 28 per cent of the teachers said yes.

The Syracuse survey of vandalism conducted by Nathan Goldman, professor of sociology at Syracuse University, for our United States Office of Education shows that acts of vandalism in a school may mean that somehow the school is failing to prepare the student for responsible citizenship. Deeper than that, it points a finger at the parents and society at large.

In a questionnaire submitted to 367 teachers and 1,170 high school students of Syracuse, the reasons given for acts of vandalism ranged from boredom to lack of home training. Most frequently mentioned was "nothing to do." Hatred of school or a desire to "get even" with

a teacher for some real or imagined wrong was mentioned. "For a thrill" and fear of being called "chicken" ranked high. There was one child who was challenged by another to "show how good his aim was" and proved big-league quality when he put a rock through a glass door.

There are some unique reasons for vandalism, too. For example, when seven teenagers were picked up for wrecking one New York school, they said: "We wanted to make the newspapers." It seems that they had read about vandalism in nearby schools and thought their own school deserved a "break."

Where do kids get these crude and distorted values? Do they learn from movies and TV? From adult behavior?

The truth seems to be that children not only reflect the morality but the entire character of their parents. How many "good" parents do you know who joke about traffic violations, juggle income tax figures, disregard "no smoking" signs in public places, are on speaking terms with the corner bookie who operates without interference, and then are shocked to learn that their children have little respect for the law? A home in which adults have a healthy and outspoken respect for the law is rarely a home in which juvenile offenders live.

But if our parents and our social system are to blame, can't the schools, the

teachers, and the principals instill the proper behavior patterns in the children? Do they fail because we have failed to give enough training and required enough character in our school teachers and principals? Do we push them through quickly and carelessly because there is such a critical shortage?

Consider this: One complaint heard often in schools that have been heavily vandalized was that the principal had criticized a teacher publicly in front of the students. Did the principal not know, as the most unlettered factory foreman probably did, that this broke down the prestige and authority of the teacher in the eyes of the students? And if the students didn't respect the teacher or the principal, they probably wouldn't respect school property.


If we let our teachers graduate from teachers' colleges with the idea that you must not be too strict with students, they are actually contributing to criminality in America. The Syracuse survey has shown that the schools which were most damaged had teachers who were the most lenient. In schools where the principal and teachers were the most strict, even though the students weren't exactly in love with them, the damage was the slightest.

Some psychologists think that vandalism is the result of our social system which places so much prestige on excellence. They think that we are too

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# The Captive Tinclad

By M.A. HANCOCK

LIEUTENANT MATTHEW VANCE of Mr. Lincoln's Navy drifted reluctantly into consciousness, unwilling to trade the soft, black oblivion for the thundering ache in the back of his head. He opened unfocusing eyes and probed dazedly for his last known bearings. Slowly, miserably, he remembered.

In command of the Union tinclad gunboat *Robin* he'd been cruising his Mississippi River beat on routine patrol, and the *Robin*, caught in a heavy sundown fog, had run aground on a sandbar off the Louisiana shore. And while he and her 30-man crew worked feverishly to float her, a battery of Confederate artillery moved down to the bank in the fog and fast-falling darkness and opened on the *Robin* at close range. The little vessel, a light-draft, light-armored stern-wheeler of the Mississippi Squadron's mosquito fleet, had taken disabling shots at the first enemy round, her steering cable and main steam pipe cut and her engines blasted out of commission. Helplessly aground and with only her bow guns bearing on the enemy, the *Robin* had answered as spiritedly as she could until one gun jammed and the other became dangerously overheated. Then, to prevent her certain capture, he'd made the agonizing decision to destroy her. He'd ordered her guns spiked, a powder train laid to her magazine, and her crew to abandon ship. And he had stayed aboard alone to do the *Robin* the one last honor of blowing her to glory with his own hands.

But before he could ignite the powder train, the *Robin*, lightened by the crew's absence and shifted by the guns' recoil, washed free of the sandbar and drifted downstream with the current. He'd then hoped that she might drift down to her sister tinclad, the *Phoebe*, patrolling the next station to the south, but she'd run aground again—into a bank this time—and again he'd decided to destroy her. He'd struck a match, watched the glow crawl toward the powder train, and turned to make for cover. Then jagged lightning had exploded in the back of his head and that, until now, was the last he remembered.

The lieutenant shook his head in an effort to clear *(Continued on page 47)*

*"Then he opened his eyes wide. A slender buttercup of a beauty stared coolly at him over the menacing barrel of a derringer."*

# Locating Lake Trout

(A Summer Diversion)

By **DAN HOLLAND**

IMPOSSIBLE, some people might say, but once I experienced fishing which was too good.

It occurred when a friend and I set out to catch a big lake trout in a large, seldom-fished lake in northern Canada. Indians had netted here for years, but only under the ice and only for their own use. The lake had never been subjected to the exhaustive methods of commercial fishing, and about the only summer fishing at all was on the occasions when local people trolled for a fresh lake-trout dinner.

The fact that this big lake was virtually unfished with rod and reel was greatly to our advantage in that it had been scarcely tapped, but new lake-trout waters aren't entirely on the plus side. These fish concentrate in particular "holes" where either the temperature of the water is agreeable to them

or where there is an abundance of smelt, ciscoes, tullibees, whitefish, or whatever their preferred food in that particular body of water may be. Enough prior sport-fishing to locate a few such spots is a distinct advantage; otherwise, as was our case, we had to explore and try to locate one for ourselves.

There are far more effective means of summer fishing than trolling, but the limited amount of trolling that had been done here was indirectly the cause of the fishing being too good that day. A local Indian named Andrew reputedly knew where lakers had been caught rather consistently by summer trolling, very likely a "hole."

"Where's the best place to find lake trout this time of year?" we asked him.

"In the lake," replied Andy.

This sounded reasonable, so we ar-

ranged with Andy to take us out in his canoe. It wasn't until we were well on our way that we noticed that Andy also was taking a long-handled gaff. We pointed to it and shook our heads. Our object was a big fish only. As usual we wanted to release all others. Andy nodded understandingly.

The provincial law allowed each fisherman five lake trout a day, a generous number considering the average size of these fish, but it didn't occur to us immediately that Andy's gaff might indicate a good appetite.

"Here," said Andy as we stopped off the point of an island, and he said it with unmistakable authority. My fishing partner George hooked one on the first cast, but we knew right away that it wasn't a big one. When we saw it coming up rather listlessly

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*Dan demonstrates that a lake trout can be big enough to almost break the net—if you know how to find them.*

# GREETINGS

## Brother Elks and Ladies



The 67,000 Elks of Illinois and their ladies welcome you to the 98th Grand Lodge Convention at Chicago in July.

From stem to stern this great City of Chicago is "yours for the asking" from July 8th through the 12th.

Here in the heart of the Midwest, Chicago, home of Elkdom's great Memorial Building and Grand Secretariat, beckons Elkdom to enjoy its tremendous convention facilities, and every Illinois Elk is extending the hand of hospitality.

With miles of shoreline parks on beautiful Lake Michigan, easily accessible by land, air, and water, the largest hotel in the world, excellent air-conditioned convention halls, planetarium, art galleries, museums, aquarium, zoo, universities, historic churches of all denominations, its famous Loop shopping district, and Merchandise Mart—and the hearty welcome of Illinois Elks—Chicago is the ideal convention city.

Nowhere else in America will you find convention facilities to equal those of Chicago.

The 98 lodges of Illinois and especially the 12 lodges in the Chicago metropolitan area urge you to come and enjoy Illinois hospitality.



*Fred L. Bohn*

FRED L. BOHN, *Past Grand Exalted Ruler*  
*Honorary Chairman, Chicago National Convention Committee*



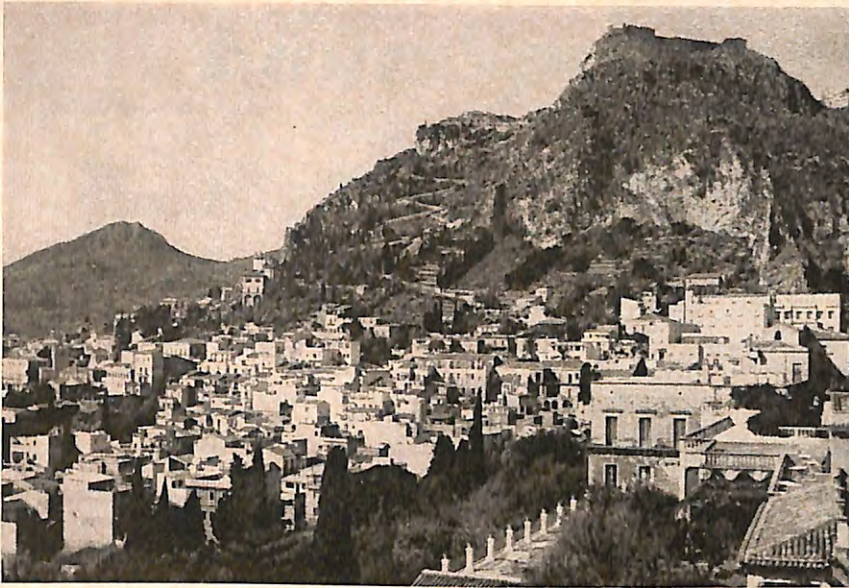
BARNETT D. LASCHEVER

*The Temple of Concord in Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, with almond blossoms at the right. It was February and many tourists wore coats.*

**FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL**

# Seeing Sicily

By BARNETT D. LASCHEVER



*Taormina, as seen from the ancient Greek theater. The picturesque city is on the Mediterranean.*



*Snow-capped, magnificent Mount Etna, as seen from Taormina.*

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*The cathedral at Palermo is an architectural masterpiece.*

SURELY everyone has heard of Sicily. But few, it seems, know much about the place.

That large island, lying a scant two miles off the toe of Italy's boot, will be remembered by certain ex-G.I.s as a battleground of 1943. Historians will point out that that part of the Peloponnesian War took place there. Knowledgeable travelers will recommend it as a site of magnificent Greek ruins (yes, *Greek*). But, mostly, and unfairly, Sicily is known as the home of the Mafia.

We might as well dispel all nonsense about that organization right now. Yes, it is there, exerting a certain amount of influence over the western third of the island. No one starts or

operates a business in this area without paying protection money. There are the thugs—or "enforcers"—who keep the opposition down.

Should Sicily then be avoided because of the Mafia? To all who wouldn't set foot in New York or Chicago because of organized crime, perhaps yes. In all these places you may hear about it, but you don't see it. So much for that.

When in Sicily you are in Italy, and a dialect of Italian is spoken there. Yet Italian is a linguistic late-comer, for Greek, Arabic, French, and Hebrew have all had a turn to some degree or other. The island did not fall under Roman rule until the end of the First

Punic War in 241, and not until 1860 was it incorporated into the Italian kingdom.

The rewards of a visit to Sicily? Some of the most magnificent scenery in the world, spectacular ruins, wondrous cathedrals and museums, a good but not a great cuisine, miles of beaches, sports of all sorts, and the chance to meet a warm, friendly people.

You can leave New York at 6:45 P.M. on a nonstop DC-8 jet flight to Rome, and the prop-jet, *Viscount* for Sicily departs about an hour and a half after you land at Italy's new international airport.

(Travel tip: No matter what airline  
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## **Reinforcing Our Moral Fiber**

When I took office as Grand Exalted Ruler last July I called for a reawakening to the duties of American citizenship, a return to the high moral values which made our nation great. I have been happy to note a growing number of leaders in education, business, religion, and other fields who have spoken out on the necessity for adding to the spiritual strength of our society. There has been increasing recognition that the true measure of our national strength is in the moral fiber of our society.

The nation's morals are but the reflection and the sum total of the morals of its citizenry. It follows that the vitality, well being, and continuing progress of our democratic society are dependent upon the moral uprightness and the integrity of its individual members.

As we engage in the struggle with world communism, a struggle requiring the mustering of all our resources, a key source of strength is our devotion to and practice of high moral ideals. This is a time for taking stock of our attitudes. Are we guided always by the highest standards of morality in the conduct of business, in our home and community life, in our relations with our neighbors? Are we setting a good example for our children?

It is the duty of every citizen to work for the spiritual strengthening of his community, to see that his church, schools, civic and fraternal organizations which are dedicated to high moral principles get his support in stressing these values. We all have a stake in the continuing welfare

of our society, for ourselves and our posterity. What can we as individuals do to encourage a greater respect for and practice of morality? We can set a good example by putting duty—to family, church, community, nation—before our personal pleasure, by respecting authority and teaching our children to do the same.

As members of an organization which gives first importance to spiritual, moral, and patriotic values, we Elks can contribute much to this effort. We can, by fidelity to Elkdom's cardinal principles in daily living, foster a respect for high moral values in our society by living in accordance with those values.

Next month we will participate in one of our Order's most inspiring patriotic traditions—the observance of Flag Day on June 14. As we plan for this observance let us be mindful of its meaning. It is the birthday anniversary of our flag, the national ensign not of the masses but of 185,000,000 individual Americans. It is a flag which was made the proud symbol of a great free land by individuals who derived theirs and the nation's greatness and strength through practicing democracy's highest ideals—faith in God, integrity, honor, courage, hard work.

On Flag Day let's resolve to be worthy of Old Glory and what it represents. And let that resolve be translated into conduct in our daily lives, reflecting deep respect for high moral values, which will in turn contribute to the reinforcement of our society's moral fiber.

William A. Wall, Grand Exalted Ruler

# Four Speeds Forward

Several American models for 1962 offer a four-speed stick shift, much like a sports car. Is it for you?

By HARRY WALTON

"WHAT I can't understand," a friend who likes driving said to me, "is the fellow in a car like mine, who starts off behind me at a toll booth, whisks past me even though I've floored the gas, and as a final insult shifts gears around sixty. What kind of hot rod has he got?"

The chances are it's a car with a four-speed manual transmission, an option you can now get in ten American makes. It adds new spice to driving, but what else? Now that the automobile is a family affair, what will it mean to the woman driver, or to teenagers with the ink scarcely dry on their driving licenses?

When a middle-aged couple I know went new-car shopping recently, the husband wistfully eyed a popular "compact" with bucket seats and the optional four-speed transmission with floor-mounted lever.

"But you wouldn't want to go back to that," he said to his wife, "after driving automatic transmissions so long."

"Didn't I start driving with manual shifts?" retorted his wife. "Let me try." They bought the car.

"You know, I like it better than a three-speed or an automatic," this woman told me the other day. "Even in snow, I go down our steep, winding road under full control—without riding the brake pedal all the way as I had to with every automatic transmission we had."

But skeptical shoppers raise eyebrows over the four-speed option and its extra cost, which ranges from \$65 in a Corvair to \$237 in a Chevrolet. "For that money we expect an automatic transmission," some say, "not an extra gear to shift through after every stop. And who wants the shift lever on the floor again, instead of on the steering column?"

Quite a lot of people, it seems. Among Corvair buyers 18 per cent choose four-speed transmissions. A slightly larger group take the three-speed manual transmission (the standard-equipment economy buy) and 60 per cent pay a premium for automatic drives.

Among the nine other makes offering the four-speed choice, the percentage



of takers is much smaller. Far higher prices, starting at \$173, are probably responsible for this. But you can get a four-gear box in the Corvette and 250-horsepower V-8 Chevrolets (\$188); 300, 380, and 409 horsepower Chevrolets (\$237); Ford Galaxie, Studebaker Hawk, and Lark Daytona hardtops and convertibles (all \$188); Buick Special (\$200); Olds F-85 (\$185); Pontiac (\$231), and Tempest (\$173).

Where did this idea of an additional transmission option come from? Well, it's a safe bet that the trend toward bucket seats and other sports-car-type accouterments had something to do with it. All true sports cars have four forward gears (manual) or even five. Most of the small foreign sedans do too. Word began to get around that driving these cars could actually be fun.

Evidently Detroit's thinking for this year was to limit the four-speed option to cars with the flashiest engines, which in my opinion need it least. Corvair and Tempest are praiseworthy exceptions. As yet no Chrysler or American Motors product offers it, nor can you find it on the Falcon, Mercury Comet, or Chevy II.

What's in that extra gear besides additional shifting? An adroit and highly functional combination of what engineers call support gears, or ratios between low and high. The two support gears—second and third—in a four-speed transmission offer much more than the single one in a three-speed unit. Here are some examples:

In pokey town traffic an engine may

"lug" or strain to keep the car moving in three-speed third. You have to shift down to a noisy, engine-racing second. Its ratio is too high for quick, easy spurts. The engine gulps gas. In the third gear of a four-speed transmission, you glide smoothly along, can accelerate adequately to take advantage of openings, and use less fuel. (Drivers of low-powered imports seldom use fourth gear in heavy city traffic, yet use second gear only when they really need its pulling power.)

Acceleration is phenomenal with four-speed boxes, especially with big engines in front of them. In 13½ seconds, the 348-horsepower Pontiac hits 105 miles per hour from a standing start. The 300-horsepower Ford reaches 60 in seven seconds—still in second gear—and passes 90 in third.

But there are better reasons than such showy acceleration for the four-speed transmission. In passing, it outperforms both three-speed and automatic units, especially in those critical get-around-fast situations. Above 60 miles per hour, the average automatic has little margin for quick acceleration even when down-shifted by flooring the gas. With three-speed boxes, you have only high gear. But slip into third with a four-speed transmission, and you get the right ratio to give a surge of passing power that lets you nip out and in again with commendable briskness.

Mountain driving is more fun—and safer—with four manual speeds. You can choose between third and second for the power you need for a specific upgrade. Going down steep grades, most automatics give you no hold-back effect unless you shift to low range (though a few have an in-between ratio). Ordinary low range is distressingly slow, and you dare not shift into it without first braking almost to a stop. Otherwise its sudden deceleration can induce dangerous skids.

The second of three speeds is also irritatingly slow. But you can down-shift to third, or even second, in a four-speed unit, rev the engine a little as you let out the clutch, and use engine braking to control the descent. Its smooth restraint saves your brakes, leaving them in reserve, and gives you

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## Helping Those In NEED



*Grand Exalted Ruler William A. Wall was home briefly for the Christmas holidays and attended a party for children given by West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge. At right is Ray Weiland, chairman of the party, and playing Santa Claus is P.E.R. Karl Klaeger.*

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year, and for most people that's quite enough. All religious feeling aside, the typical American doesn't need a special occasion for giving and collecting gifts. Instead, most of us are affluent enough to consider Christmas a time for indulging in luxuries—the necessities are taken care of all year long.

Not everyone, of course, is typical. There still are thousands, perhaps millions, who know little of luxury and for whom necessities are oftentimes meager. For them, Christmas is a heartbreaking experience of doing with too little in a land of plenty—or it may be a heartwarming time of finding that others care and also are willing to share. That's where Elks come in.

Lodges across the land marshal both human and material resources at Christmas with programs to help needy persons, especially children. Reports submitted to Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman Norman Hansen indicate that last year nearly a million dollars was expended. There's no telling how much more went unreported, nor is it possible to estimate the value of the man-hours donated or the old-fashioned cheerfulness and friendship demonstrated.

Following are samples of the scope and variety of Christmas Charity Programs that brought both cheer and material comfort to at least 100,000

families and half a million persons throughout the nation (each example given does not represent that lodge's total effort, of course):

Food baskets and clothing for needy families was one of the most frequent activities reported. Harrisburg, Va., Lodge distributed 235 baskets, plus clothing and fuel. The 400 baskets delivered by Scottsbluff, Neb., Lodge varied in size according to the size of the family, averaging \$12 each in value. Up in Alaska, members of Palmer Lodge who own airplanes made their annual flight to Talkeetna with food baskets.

Saranac Lake, N.Y., Lodge continued its annual project of distributing winter jackets, boots, and overshoes to the needy. Members' wives assisted by providing more than 300 pairs of knitted mittens. "Clothe a Child" is the name of a project of Rushville, Ind., Lodge. This year, with merchant cooperation in providing discounts, 55 needy children were outfitted.

Aid to institutions and the people in them is another favorite Elk Christmas charity. Augusta, Ga., Lodge gave a party for 600 children at Gracewood Training School and provided gifts for all. Each child in the local hospital received candy and toys from Somerville, Mass., Lodge, and candy and a dollar bill went to each patient at Little Sisters of the Poor. New Orleans, La., Lodge gave athletic equipment to boys

at Hope Haven Home and had a party at the Veterans Hospital, providing Christmas carols, a variety show, and 250 packs of playing cards. Allegheny, Pa., Lodge wrote checks for \$100 to each of 16 institutions so that each could buy what it needed most.

Parties for children and for the handicapped are perhaps the most universal of Christmas activities in Elksdom. Bakersfield, Calif., Lodge served a full turkey dinner to 430 youngsters as well as distributing gifts. An annual party for the handicapped put on by Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge was attended by 1,200. The expense of the party was not included in the \$15,000 reported for other charitable activities.

A unique program of Wilson, N. C., Lodge is answering all letters that are mailed to Santa Claus. Last year 1,256 letters were answered. Unique also are many individual cases of filling a need—for example the discovery by Howell, Mich., Lodge of a family without heat. An oil burner was delivered and installed, compliments of the lodge.

These are but a few of the heartwarming stories reported to Brother Hansen, demonstrating once again that Elks do what they can to make Christmas a joy for all. There's an element of selfishness involved, too, for only through sharing do Elks get their own full measure of meaning from celebrating Christmas. • •





*Ridgefield Park, N. J., became "Injun territory" when the lodge there held a Christmas party for 200 orphans from three nearby homes. Plenty of food and professional entertainment might have been enough, but the kids also welcomed Santa.*



*Bayonne, N. J., Lodge has distributed Christmas baskets to needy families since the lodge was first instituted almost 63 years ago. Here are members of the lodge and a part of the many baskets that were distributed last Christmas.*



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## Vandalized Schools

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concerned with the superior student which makes some of the others shrink from trying to participate in anything and therefore turn to destruction. We cannot, of course, give up our quest for excellence, but perhaps we should think a bit more about those who don't reach the top.

Vandals can come from all levels of society. We have those Dostoevskian characters who commit crimes from the sheer sense of accomplishment, but most vandals come from under-privileged classes. Nine out of ten have never been to church or Sunday school. Their parents either don't care or don't have the time to check on what they are doing or thinking. The children have a left-out feeling, a feeling of loneliness and probably of inferiority. As a result they have a deep-rooted hatred of society, which they believe ignores them.

However, it isn't just poverty which causes delinquency; many fine people come from impoverished homes, and many delinquents come from "fine" homes. But family conflicts and parental neglect which grow out of extreme want are more often the root of youthful crime. If the children are to think that the parents don't care about how well they are doing in school, then the students are not going to think much about the school either. In schools where such an attitude existed vandalism was greatest. But where parents took even a slight interest in school and became familiar with the teachers, damage decreased.

This spirit of working together for a cause between student-parent-teacher-principal is a unifying and protective force for just plain good living. This can be taken one step further. For example, you wouldn't think that the custodian of a school and his attitude or the student's feeling toward him was important. But it is. In the Syracuse report, custodians reported instances of school damage directed against custodians in other schools who were disliked by the students. In contrast, several low damage schools had taken the trouble to introduce their custodian to the new students as a member of the school staff. When students were asked in these schools why there was so little damage, they replied, "Why, we like our custodian; we don't want to give him any extra work."

Some psychologists say it is our incessant subculture of violence that is to blame for vandalism, since our music, TV shows, movies, newspapers, and comics portray force as the best means to solve problems.

They are less certain that the same

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

I have read your article "Why They Fail" in THE ELKS MAGAZINE (February issue). It was a great help in my report for Bookkeeping at Palmer High School. I really couldn't have done without it.

KATHY HODSDON  
PALMER, ALASKA

I was very much impressed with "Why They Fail" by Dickson Hartwell. This is the only article in my opinion that has put the shoe on the right foot.

FRANK CERAMI  
ORELAND, PA.

I was particularly impressed with an article entitled "Why They Fail." I think this is the most informative article of its kind that I have ever read.

G. S. MOBRY  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

May I extend my congratulations on the article entitled "Why They Fail." I considered it not only well-written but very timely—and upon a very important subject. If only one-tenth of 1 per cent of those who are contemplating entering into business for themselves could read this article, and take to heart some of the very sound advice offered therein, the country would be saved a great many small business failures.

WILFORD H. JOHNSON  
VANCOUVER, WASH.

Just got finished reading the article "Japanese Spaniel." Delightful. This article was very informative along with being entertaining.

JACQUELINE BARBARA DAVIS  
NORRISTOWN, PA.

media might be employed to build moral character, to combat crime. But might not it be worth a try? Responsible Government officials, as well as educators and clergymen, repeatedly indicate that the purveyors of mass culture have such a responsibility to society as well as a responsibility to earn profits for owners and stockholders.

It must be emphasized that the specific problems of vandalism involve only a minority of children. But it is important to know, too, that the attitudes that permit vandalism are extremely widespread, leaving fertile grounds for a continual increase in the problem. Every proud parent leaving the maternity ward would do well to ponder the sort of character his child is likely to develop. If the youngster ends up in police custody some day,

I read the article "Japanese Spaniel" in THE ELKS MAGAZINE ("In the Dog House," February issue) and want to say that it was very interesting, as I am thoroughly interested in all articles on dogs.

H. A. SONNENBERG  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

It is with great astonishment that I find myself in complete disagreement with the most respected and factual fishing writer of our day, Dan Holland.

In the March issue ["Old Reliable"] he seems to class the walleye as a jackass. In this neck of the woods (Lake Erie and Niagara River) this fish of many names is the yellow pike, and the world's record (22 lbs. 9 oz.) was taken from the Niagara River in the shadow of the Buffalo City Hall. . . . He has all the cunning of any game fish and is lots better in the pan.

I rise to the defense of an old friend and know Dan Holland will fight for my right to disagree with him.

WILLIAM B. KIRN  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

I have read the article "Old Reliable" and note what you have to say regarding pike. I agree they are the finest when it comes to eating but are a little slow as far as gameness is concerned.

HART M. ANDERSON  
VAN NUYS, CALIF.

*It seems that fishermen can disagree almost as much as politicians, and perhaps that's half the fun. In any case, Dan certainly upholds the right of all readers to disagree with him. He also stands by what he wrote about the walleye.*

as so many inevitably will, the parent must shoulder much of the blame.

We must attack the problem at the roots. When youngsters are bored and restless, they are most apt to get into trouble. Junior Police Clubs have done wonders. "We broke things because we had nothing better to do," said one ex-vandal. "One day we burned an old school gym and the cops got us. We got pretty scared and I guess some of us cried a little. Then this cop took us in his car to a large building and told us to follow him. You should have seen it; basketball courts, barbell room, handball court, ping pong, swimming. This . . . this . . . cop, gave us membership cards to sign and paid our dues himself. We started all kinds of teams. We never broke anything after that."

This is a simple lesson for those

parents who might be preoccupied with country clubs or bridge clubs or the city official who worries about downtown parking problems, highways, or sales tax while playgrounds, youth affairs, and boys' clubs deteriorate from lack of funds or adult support.

But all the piecemeal attacks on the problem, as good as they are, will do little good alone. We need a concerted effort by the social worker, teacher, parent, city planner, sociologist, anthropologist, psychiatrist, and psychologist. As Luther Youngdahl, U. S. District Court Judge in Washington, D. C. said: "I contend that society is partially responsible when society does not do its full job in taking up the slack where homes are breaking down. Society stands in the courtroom pointing its finger of scorn at these youngsters and saying that they are no good. But society is partially responsible; it has not the right to say that, unless it has done its full job in housing, education, and religious emphasis."

Our biggest attack must be on the neighborhood and community itself because we must honestly face the hard fact that some parts of our society have been brought up wrong and nothing on God's green earth will change them easily. This does not mean we should not take any pains to change them; many are borderline cases capable of great change and good. But we must concentrate our big guns where they will do the most good for the future. These rundown neighborhoods actually engage in vandalism as an anti-social sport, to break and destroy things just as an Indian tribe of the Old West had the greatest esteem for a skillful and successful horse thief.

There is an instinct of destructive aggression in have-not communities which we will never eliminate until we have eliminated the communities. "As far as slum clearance goes," says William C. Kvaraceus, professor of education at Boston University, "we may have succeeded in changing the washing and toilet habits of some families, but not much else."

School vandalism is of concern to every community in America. As the Syracuse University report warns: "The wanton attack on our cherished institutions—education and property—may be a portent of more serious attacks on society when they reach the adult stage."

Let us first look to ourselves, as parents, relatives, neighbors, to see if we measure up as examples to youth. But we must also look to the community and accept our share of responsibility for the misdeeds of others. If we are going to build a better America, our educational system must carry much of the load. To do so, its schools must be intact.



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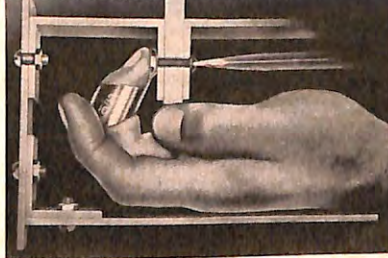


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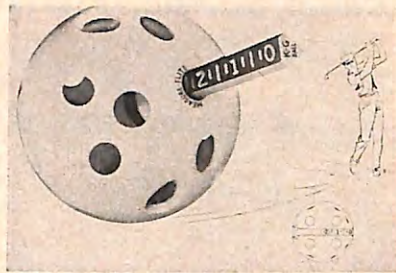
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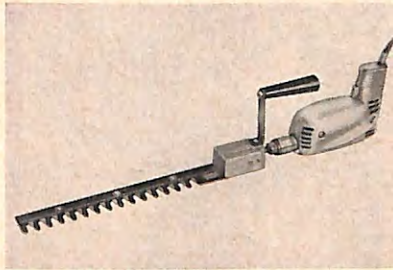
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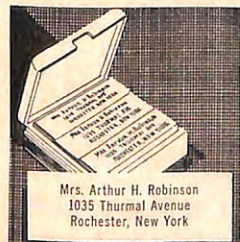
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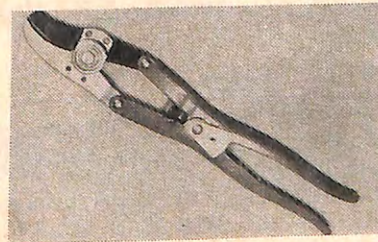
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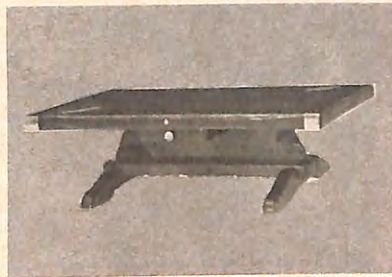
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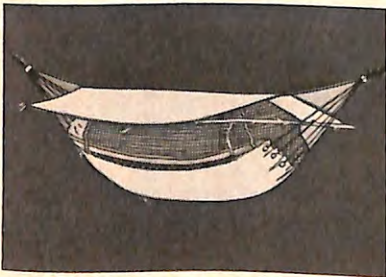
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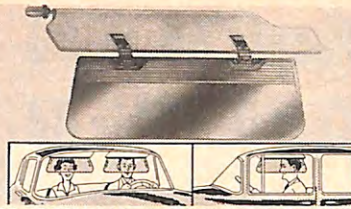
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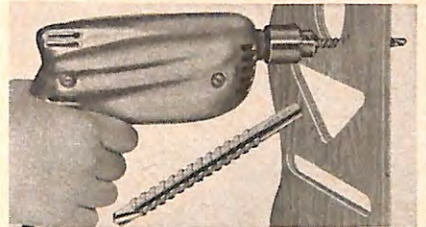


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## Rod and Gun

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through the clear water, we figured it would go about eight pounds. This was far too small to create any excitement, but we were enthused about getting one the first try. George started to lead it in to release it when there was the sudden swish of the gaff and Indian Andy had the impaled trout under his feet in his end of the canoe.

It isn't always easy to know whether or not you are getting through to a northern Indian unaccustomed to outsiders. Some speak excellent English and others don't, but there's no way of finding out until you've been with an individual for about a week. During this first week he says nothing, other than to answer questions politely and sparingly. Anxious to please, he always answers in the affirmative, if the question is put that way, or "No" if the question is put in the negative fashion. That's the limit of any one conversation.

On this occasion we spelled it out as carefully as possible, with both words and signs, that he was not to use his gaff, that we wished to release everything unless we happened to get a big one.

"You no want 'em," Andy agreed.

"No, we don't want them," we confirmed.

"Hokay."

About this time I brought up one even smaller. I was concentrating as I brought him alongside to see just how he was hooked so as to release him with the least harm when—swish—and Andy impassively removed the gaff hook from its midsection and beat it on the head to make certain that it lay still in the canoe. Talk and gesture as we might, and agree as he would, this procedure continued for 10 lake trout, several of them between 10 and 15 pounds but not what we were looking for. Andy had guided us to a loaded lake-trout hole, just what we had been searching for, and our day's fishing lasted about 30 minutes. We had our limits, so there was nothing to do but return to camp.

"That's a pretty mess of fish you have there, Andy," we commented. "What are you going to do with 75 pounds of lake trout?"

"Eat 'em," replied Andy.

That was our final day there, so we never saw Andy's hole again. Since then we have heard of a great many truly big lakera coming out of these waters, Gods Lake, Manitoba, and neither George nor I has fully recovered from the fact that we had virtually first crack at it. There's no telling how big a fish we might have taken that day without Andy's able assistance

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## Meyer's Men Barely Made It

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WINNING the Indianapolis 500-Miler three times must rank with the greatest achievements in the sports world. Louis Meyer was the first driver to do this, thanks to the finest example of teamwork that comes to memory in several dozen races at that fabulous track.

Coming up to the 1936 race Meyer had won twice at Indianapolis. From the time his Ring Free Special had arrived at Gasline Alley (the on-course garages), however, it had seemed as though Fate had decided to rule him off for a year. He cracked two cylinder blocks in practice and just before the qualifying runs he discovered a crack in his third and last block.

Working with his mechanics Meyer was able to weld it the night before the last day for qualifying. He barely beat the deadline, and qualified at 114.71 mph.

Then Lady Luck delivered another jolting blow. Taking his car out for a final check-out run, Meyer cracked the welded block. Only a completely-new one would do now. The closest replacement was in Los Angeles, 2,000 miles away.

Ordinary delivery via the fastest train would be too late. Meyer went to air express, then a comparatively-untried innovation. A hectic series of phone calls set up the arrangements. The block arrived at the track the night before the race.

"My whole crew went to work,"

Meyer recalled later, "and I stayed with them until 10 o'clock. Then my chief mechanic, Dale Drake, said, 'If you expect to race tomorrow you'd better get some sleep.'

"You can figure out how much sleeping I did. I was back at 6 A.M. and they still weren't finished. It looked like we wouldn't make it after all.

"The head of the technical committee came back and told us we'd have to roll the car onto the track; that he would soon have to close the gate. I tried to stall him but he said he just couldn't make an exception to the rules.

"It sounds like something from a movie or out of a story book, but Dale and the boys came through and got the job done just in time. And I mean *just in time*. The race official had one hand on the gate, closing it, when we pushed her through."

Meyer took the lead on the 90th lap, lost it momentarily to Ted Horn on the 140th when he made a pit stop, and got back on top after 150 laps. After that he was out in front all the way and set a record almost three miles faster than the old mark.

That winning team has stuck together. Today Louis Meyer and Dale Drake are co-owners of the engineering firm that builds the famous Offenhauser racing engine, which has proved itself for so many years at the Speedway.

—As interviewed by *Harold Rosenthal*

with his gaff, and that's the sad story of the day the fishing was too good.

Due to a lake trout's preference for certain spots and certain water temperatures, it is possible to find fishing too good within the legal limit, and it's equally possible to find nothing at all in the same lake. This is a northern fish, demanding the coldest of water. In the sub-arctic and arctic he may be found at any depth at any time of year, often living side-by-side with grayling and arctic char. Within the range of most of us, however, he lives only in lakes large enough so that he can retire to sufficiently cool depths in the heat of summer.

In winter there is often an inversion of water temperatures, the coldest being directly under the ice. This accounts for the Indian's unusual practice of gill-netting through the ice. It is impractical for anyone other than a commercial fisherman to net in the depths, but in winter netting can be accomplished quite simply. A hole is chopped through the ice, then an ingenious device is worked by lines to creep along the undersurface of the ice. One man manipulates it from the hole and another listens as it moves along. When it has traveled far enough, he chops a hole directly over it, pulls out the creeper; then they stretch a net between the two holes.

Immediately after ice-out, the surface of a lake remains cold. This is generally considered the choice time of year to get the most sport out of lake trout. It is fine for casting, of course, and ideal for trolling. Once lake trout have retired to deep water, they go to the very bottom. They come up off the bottom to chase prey, then drop down again as far as they can go. This being the case, it is difficult to get a trolled lure down to them. A lure trolled deep enough will often become snagged regardless of precautions, and if it isn't trolled deep it won't attract big fish. Also, a deep-trolling rig is necessarily heavy and not as sporting as a simple trolling outfit consisting of a light rod, monofilament line, and no sinker. For a few weeks after ice-out, when the lakers are near the top, not only is a light rig in order but the fish are full of spunk in this cold environment they most appreciate. For this reason most serious lake-trout fishermen go north to be on hand any time from ice-out through the month of June. In July and August, even in northern Canada, the big ones have gone down.

But I like summer lake-trout fishing. One reason is that I'm contrary, of course, but that's not all. And to give my preference backing, I must explain that I have caught these fish over most of their range, starting when I was seven years old. I have caught them

still-fishing with bait, trolling, casting a spoon, ice fishing, and even fly fishing. I have caught them in small lakes and big lakes, in large Canadian rivers and in tiny tundra streams where they empty into the Arctic Ocean. It can be gathered from this that I enjoy lake-trout fishing, which is true. I have never missed a chance and I never intend to. And the most exciting for me is the mysterious, grab-bag summer fishing in the depths of a northern lake.

Since summer is the time most folks have the opportunity for such fishing, and since it is a pleasant time to go north, I will try to tell just how to get the most out of this warm-weather fishing. This is a specialty.

Most lake trout are sluggish on a line and most of them weigh from about four to eight pounds, no matter where caught. This may not sound particularly interesting. The only rewards might seem to be a pleasant boat ride and possibly a lake-trout supper. However, although some lake trout come up with no more vigor than a punctured inner tube, and the average size is only five or six pounds, lake-trout fishing can provide fast action and surprising moments. Take this, for instance: These fish grow to a weight of more than 100 pounds! Unusual, yes, but only last summer a commercial fisherman in northern Saskatchewan hauled out a 110-pounder. Forty-pounders on rod and reel in this area are not at all unusual. To get the

proper perspective on these casual figures, lift a 50-pound sack of flour. These are tremendous fish. This is the deep-sea angling of fresh water. Also, when a laker grows up, he sometimes wants his own way. One that does fight can put on an amazing exhibition of power, speed, and stamina. A good one will hold out for over a half-hour under heavy pressure before tiring or breaking free. The suspense of such an event is pleasant torture.

The first object in summer fishing is to locate a "hole." Usually there's an Indian like Andy or a professional guide who knows one. If not, the tedium of trolling may help locate a concentration, but I prefer to look at the lay of the land and try to judge for myself where one might be. An offshore reef is often shallow on one side, deep on the other. This condition almost invariably attracts them, the hole being on the deep side of the reef. If a long point of land is aimed at an island, or a chain of islands, this usually indicates such a reef. Other holes are inexplicable to the eye. They are merely "somewhere" out in the body of a lake and they are located only through the experiences of numerous fishermen. Lake trout prefer a clean, sand bottom, and some men actually explore the hidden depths with a bell-shaped lead filled with wax. The lead gives the depth and the wax samples the bottom. Some holes are only about 30 feet deep, but most are around 75 to 100 feet down. And, once located, a good hole should be lined up with two pairs of landmarks, like looking at the sights of rifles backwards. A white boulder in line with the knob of a hill might give one pair of sights, the point of an island and a tall spruce another pair. This makes it possible always to return exactly to the hole.

The method of fishing is as simple as can be. The tackle can be as light as desired, and no lead weight whatsoever is used. Numerous types of spoons will work, but I stick to one lure only: a heavy, red-and-white casting spoon popular for pike for many years. The spoon is cast out, or merely dropped over the side of the boat if preferred, and the reel is allowed to run free until the spoon hits bottom. With a free-running reel, such a spoon will drop 100 feet in a matter of seconds. Now you are down where they live.

There are two methods of retrieve. If the lake trout in a particular body of water must make a living off sculpins, suckers, darters, and the like, the spoon should be cast out and "jigged" back by alternately lifting the rod tip and dropping it as line is reeled, making the spoon dart off the bottom and drop again. If the lake-trout food consists of smelt or any of the fresh-water

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herrings, such as ciscoes—all of which are fast swimmers—the spoon should no more than come to rest on the bottom than it is reeled directly back to the surface. As sluggish as a lake trout acts on occasion, he can put on a terrific burst of speed; therefore, it is almost impossible to reel too fast. If he can catch a ciscoe, he can catch any spoon.

And if, as is likely the case, a fisherman has no idea what the food might be, he should combine the two methods. That is, he should cast out, permit the line to run free until the spoon touches bottom (indicated by the line's going slack), jig back toward the boat, and, finally, retrieve rapidly to the sur-

face. In jigging the strike will often come right on the bottom, as though the spoon were fouled; in the retrieve to the surface it may come so close to the top that the water boils, but such a fish was attracted to the spoon as it left the bottom and followed it up before deciding to hit.

This is simple fishing, something which can be practiced successfully without prior experience, and the action can come fast, as our day with Andy indicates. The most fascinating thing is the mystery and lottery of it. There's no telling how big a fish may be down there or when he may decide to hit your pesky spoon. In the same hole on the same day in late July in

Waterbury Lake, Saskatchewan, a year ago last summer, I caught an 11-incher and a tremendous old pot-bellied monster. I wasn't sure I had the 11-incher on at all, and the big one held out for 35 minutes unseen. When he did come up, he rolled over dead. He killed himself fighting. Of course we caught many others that same day running all sizes between these two limits; so there's no telling what will happen next in lake-trout fishing.

And even if a fisherman fails to come up with a truly big one, or even one that puts up a scrap, he at least has one of the best dinners that can come out of fresh water in my opinion. Like Andy, I like to eat 'em. • •

## For Elks Who Travel

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you fly to Italy, book your roundtrip flight to Sicily before leaving New York, and the cost will be included in the fare to Rome.)

Palermo, capital city of Sicily, is the island's first surprise. Badly damaged during the last war, it now shows few scars of battle. Its newer sections have wide, spacious streets with modern buildings. The older structures, many of them architectural treasures, vividly illustrate the history of Sicily, an island which has been under the heel of numerous conquerors.

In its crossroads position in the Mediterranean, Sicily has been irresistible to ancient rulers, armed to the teeth and no place to go. After the Phoenicians (who always seemed to be first) got there, the Greeks held sway for several centuries. Then Romans, Arabs, Carthaginians, Normans, and other lesser-known peoples trampled over Sicily, ruled for a while, and then in turn were pushed out by the next guy.

Each left an indelible imprint. The cathedral at Monreale, a village near Palermo, is ranked with the most beautiful in all of Italy. Like so many buildings in Sicily it reflects the creative genius of the worlds of East and West.

Built by the Normans, the ceilings and walls carry marvelous mosaics depicting the great stories of both Testaments. But Arabs worked on the cathedral, too, and in the floor we find the same type of wondrously-intricate abstract designs that adorn mosques. This is keeping with the Moslem dictum against pictorial representations of God or the prophets.

In the adjoining Cloisters each column carries a different design. The overall mood of this architectural jewel recalls that Moorish masterpiece in Spain, the Alhambra at Granada.

In Palermo itself there's still another architectural masterpiece, the Palatine Chapel in the former palace of the

Normans, now the City Hall.

But buildings as recent as the Normans' are not the real prizes of Sicily. We had heard that the Greek ruins of that island were impressive. We could hardly guess that they were so extensive, so well-preserved and so beautifully situated.

At Segesta, the great temple is nestled high in the hills, revealing itself to you a little at a time as you approach up the winding road. After the miles of orange and lemon orchards, the olive trees and the almond groves, the temple comes as a surprise.

Standing alone, majestic and serene, the temple, along with the ruins of a theatre, are all that remain of a once flourishing town.

You get back into your car, or bus, and depart this lonely monument and make your way to the sea. In mid-afternoon another Greek temple comes into view, this one a restoration. You drive on past the temple and park at the edge of a giant graveyard of fallen columns and ruined buildings.

Here at Selinunte once stood what was probably the largest temple ever erected by the Greeks. You wander through the streets lined with rubble, past a dozen or so columns restored to capture, ever so faintly, the glory that was Selinunte's before it fell under the death blows of the Carthaginian invaders.

Below the cliff, the sun sparkles on the sea, and the surf washes gently against the shore, as it has done for thousands of years.

From Selinunte the road winds along the shore, and it's night before you arrive at your hotel in Agrigento.

We were singularly fortunate during our visit. It coincided both with the full moon and the blooming of the almond blossoms. We took advantage of the first by driving down into the Valley of the Temples after dinner, there to

climb about in the Temple of Juno bathed in the soft blue light of the moon.

The next morning we returned to the Valley under a dazzling, bright blue sky. For more than 2,000 years travelers have journeyed to Sicily and come upon the temples of Agrigento standing against a background of almond trees in blossom. Without exception, they have described it as one of the most beautiful sights in the world. It is no exaggeration.

Nor have they been anything but truthful in their rapturous praise of Taormina, the next stop on our itinerary. From Agrigento, we had returned to Palermo by bus, stopping enroute for a mid-afternoon break in a mountain village that turned out to be the birthplace of Lucky Luciano, and the next day flew via Alitalia, the principal local service, to Catania. Sicily's second largest city, Catania is about 40 miles from Taormina, a unique resort that sits perched on a mountain shelf 800 feet above the ocean.

As soon as you leave Catania for Taormina, you see "The Mountain." No matter how the road twists or turns, even when your back is turned on it, you feel the presence of "The Mountain." That's what the Sicilians call Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. At night, the top of the cone is tipped with red, the ever-present flow of fiery lava. In the daytime, a small puff of white smoke hangs languid over the peak—a warning that Etna smoulders while it sleeps but is still very much alive.

At Taormina, the best hotel rooms, of course, look out upon Etna. But even more spectacular is Etna seen from the relatively well-preserved remains of the Greek theater which sits on a height slightly above the resort city. A ruin with a view. Goethe sat in this very same theater, looked out upon snow-



capped Etna, and declared it one of the most profound experiences in his entire life.

The vacationists in Taormina walk about through the narrow streets, shopping for Sicilian souvenirs in the pleasant little shops—puppets, panels from the sides of carts, and scarves—and relaxing with a campari-soda at a table in the little square.

Shuttle buses run back and forth to the beaches below, where there also are several bungalow colonies, pensions, and the very excellent Stockholm Hotel located on its own beach.

From Taormina, you can make an easy one-day side trip to Syracuse, once the largest and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Founded by the Greeks, it soon rivaled Athens in power and prestige.

The jealous Athenians determined to put their former colony back in its place, and thereupon dispatched a huge armada to do the job. But the people of Syracuse were a spunky and determined lot, not about to lie down and surrender to the Athenians. The city-state was besieged for two years. The Greeks fought among themselves, and their only competent general was recalled. The commander left behind was an idiot, unable or afraid to press home the attack.

After two years, the soldiers of Syracuse smashed the invaders, captured 7,000 Athenians, and threw them into the stone quarries on the edge of town where they languished for several months.

For Athens, the defeat was a turning point. It marked the beginning of its decline as a power in the ancient world.

Today's visitor to Syracuse can walk through the huge quarries where stone was mined for the buildings of the ancient city, or one can sit in the Greek theater, scene at certain seasons of classical plays. The archaeological museum holds the statue of a Venus which is compared in beauty and charm to the Venus de Milo.

We have discoursed in this little travelogue upon Sicily's sightseeing attractions and made no mention of food. With good reason. Sicilian food is heavy with pasta dishes—lasagna, cannelloni, and various styles of spaghetti—all very familiar to Americans, but it lacks the subtleties of north Italian food.

You'll want to try spaghetti with sardines, any of the fish dishes, and eggplant, served in an unbelievably wide variety of ways. Then finish the meal with cassata, the ice cream cake that is Sicily's major claim to culinary fame.

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# New Homes in Elkdom

**WITH A GREAT DEAL** of understandable pride, the Elks of ten-year-old Auburn, Wash., Lodge, No. 1808, heard Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson deliver the address dedicating their magnificent half-million-dollar home. The new building, of post and beam construction with exterior walls of concrete block, embraces 30,000 square feet and is designed to serve not only the members of the lodge, but their families as well.

Facilities include a dignified lodge room, dining room, cocktail lounge, membership area, a patio and heated swimming pool, and youth and adult activities areas, surrounded by spacious parking accommodations. Mahogany paneling dominates many sections of the building, including the stage in the expandable lodge room, and the entire edifice is tastefully decorated and furnished in the modern manner.

A unique feature of one of the two rooms on the second floor is an "Ashtray Map", a huge map of the United States on which ashtrays sent by hundreds of lodges, representing 42 States, the Philippines and the Canal Zone, are affixed marking the site of each city. The ceilings of these two rooms are finished with "signature" tiles—tiles supplied by members and business firms who wished their names to be part of the new building, managed by Elk Ed Odegard and a staff of 15. Roy Gustaves is President of the Building Assn., and Howard Bothell is General Chairman of all building activities.

**FIFTY-SIX** High School students took over the reins of city government for a six-hour period recently, in the 7th Annual Student Government Day Program sponsored by Chelsea, Mass., Lodge, No. 938, with the cooperation of school department and civic officials.

Highlights of the observance included a banquet at the lodge home where an inspiring talk was delivered by Secretary of State Kevin H. White, a guided tour of City Hall and afternoon sessions of the student school committee and the Board of Aldermen.



**AUBURN, Washington,** Lodge's new home was an "ashtray map" on which Elkdom is represented with trays received from each lodge. Looking it over are, left to right, E.R. Gene Kasper, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Est. Lead. Knight Jack Hill, Loyal Knight Bob Allen and Lect. Knight Ken Thompson.



**CHELSEA, Massachusetts,** Lodge's Student Government Day had these participating State, city and school officials. Left to right, foreground: E.R. Summer Cutler, Board of Aldermen Pres. Mrs. D. Z. O'Neil, Secy. of State K. H. White, Student Mayor John Lepito and School Supt. J. F. Herlihy. Background: Youth Committee Co-Chairmen William V. Murray and George Cashman; Rep. A. R. Kramer, High School Headmaster J. J. Cotter, and faculty coordinators B. M. Berenson and Max Leader.

The program was under the direction of Wm. V. Murray and George Cashman, Co-Chairman of the lodge's Youth Activities Committee, and faculty coordinators B. M. Berenson who instigated the project, and Max Leader, head of the social studies department.

Mayor Alfred R. Voke addressed the students in the morning, and after a tour of the City Hall and swearing in ceremonies, the students met and spoke with their adult counterparts. John Lepito, winner of the Thom McAnn award as the most outstanding member of the high school football team, took on the duties of Mayor.

This yearly event is one which has received the highest commendation of every responsible citizen of the community, with an enthusiastic editorial published in *The Chelsea Record*.

**GRAND LODGE** and State Association officials joined members of Midland, Mich., Lodge, No. 1610, in the dedica-

tion of Midland's beautiful new home. The ceremonies, including afternoon dedication services, a dinner and dance, were held in connection with the completion of a 60-by-56-foot modern addition to the lodge's older building, made of lightweight block construction with a timber deck roof. It will be used principally for lodge purposes and social functions.

Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight S. Glen Converse delivered the address, and District Deputy Frank Patee, aided by Midland Past Exalted Rulers, presided. Mayor C. E. Supinger extended the city's welcome to visiting Elks.

**SOCCER FANS** will be interested to learn that the Elks of West Chester, Pa., Lodge, No. 853, paid tribute to West Chester State's undefeated NCAA soccer champions at a testimonial dinner recently. The Ram's coach, Mel Lorback, was an interesting speaker at this affair, and the recipient of a plaque

presented to him by his team. Dr. W. Glenn Killinger, Dean of Men at the college and a member of the Elks Committee, introduced the popular coach, and State's athletic director, Bob Reese, on behalf of the Elks, presented gold tie clasps to each member of the team, and All-American certificates to Don Williams and Jack Juenger. He also gave Most Valuable Player awards to Co-Captain Bill Fulk and Bill Killen. Fulk and Co-Captain Bud Woolley accepted the huge NCAA trophy for their team.

Elks Committeeman P. J. Reilly was Toastmaster, introducing Exalted Ruler Anthony Stancato and various members of the college faculty and trustees.

**ROBERT L. ERVIN**, a member of Waterville, Me., Lodge, No. 905, since 1914, died not long ago at the age of 75.

A Past Exalted Ruler of his lodge, Mr. Ervin had served No. 905 as a Trustee for many years, and received an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his fine service to the Order in 1947. He had also served as District Deputy for his area and had been a leader in State Association activities. He is survived by his wife and a son.

**UNDER THE LEADERSHIP** of the tireless Carl A. Schimmel, Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee of Fairmont, W. Va., Lodge, No. 294, quite a record has been achieved by that branch of Elkdom.

During his six-year tenure, with only seven high schools within the lodge's jurisdiction, and therefore a maximum of 14 students entering the Youth Leadership Contests, Fairmont's Elks have boasted five State winners, including one third-place National winner, eight District winners and two second-place State winners, with both of the State winners in 1960. Now they have an-

other winner, Miss Loraine Foster, who is this year's National Champion in the Girls' Division.

In a town of 27,560 people, this lodge and its 1,300 members has much to be proud of, in encouraging the youth of our country in such a satisfying manner. In the past six years, No. 294 has awarded \$3,850 in U. S. Bonds to their Youth Leaders.

**OHIO'S ELKS** are deeply interested in the new Professional Football Hall of Fame. Since it is to be located in that

community, Canton Lodge No. 68 is showing the warmest response to this national shrine for gridiron greats, enthusiastically supported by Past State President H. P. Deal. Concurring in his opinion of the Hall as a civic "must", are all the members of Canton Lodge which became one of the first to contribute \$1,000 to the edifice. This gift earns a bronze plaque suitably inscribed to the donor.

There is now \$400,000 in the fund for this edifice, and it will soon become a reality.



**OREGON ELKS ASSN.'S** Visually Handicapped Children's Committee met at the Univ. of Oregon Medical School to represent a \$2,900 check for a Zeiss Operating Microscope, a gift bequeathed by the late Bryan Hibbetts, a member of La Grande Lodge. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. K. C. Swan of the Clinic, Ralph Moe, State Pres. Fred Stefani, Chairman Bernie Urlic, Secy. V. D. Bulger, Vice-Pres. James Trimble, R. M. Mulvey, Treas. Hal Randall, Louis Cline and Special Deputy Frank Hise.



**MOUNT VERNON, New York**, Lodge's \$65,000 home, built at a saving of \$15,000 through the cooperation of Elk builders and contractors, was dedicated by, left to right, E.R. Dr. M. J. deMarinis, Mayor and Elk Raymond Sirignano, Grand Est. Loyal Knight James A. Gunn, P.E.R. Louis Camisa, Sr., and Est. Lead. Knight Dr. Michael Nealis.



**DELAWARE, Ohio**, Lodge's second annual Pacing Classic at the County Fair was won by Knight Latch, left, pictured with his driver, Duane Pletcher, E.R. W. A. Temple, State Pres. Martin Feigert and the Brown Jug Queens for the day from Ohio Wesleyan Univ. and their escorts from the Ohio Wesleyan ROTC.



**PASCAGOULA, Mississippi,** Lodge's 1962 Carnival Ball was another huge hit. Pictured is the Court of Honor with Mrs. Vincent Ros, wife of Past State Pres. Ros, as Queen and Wayne Lee as King.

**News of the Lodges** CONTINUED

**LODGE NOTES**

The initiation of ten candidates highlighted the annual Past Exalted Ruler's Night at Chelsea, Mass., Lodge. Past State Presidents Louis Dubin and Michael McNamara were on hand, together with District Deputies J. F. Clancy and Bernard D. Ward and several former Deputies.

A dinner honored Bill Pfeiffer on the celebration of his 50th year as a Ridgefield Park, N.J., Elk. Nearly 200 Elks were on hand to see the guest of honor receive a plaque and 50-year pin.

Speaking of Elk oldsters, Brent L. Harrell, who celebrated his 81st birthday last year, did so while he was serving Gadsden, Ala., Lodge as Exalted Ruler.

Muscataine, Iowa, Lodge's Chanters cooperated with their community recently by putting on a concert that netted \$2,451 for higher education in Muscataine. It seems that the C. R. and Margaret Musser Trust has allocated \$200,000 to the city provided its citizens will pledge \$80,000, and the School System will furnish \$120,000 for a Junior College there.

Thanks to Enfield, Conn., Lodge, Girl Scout Troop #182 is the proud possessor of two new flags—the American flag and the Scout banner, which the Elks presented at ceremonies when Youth Chairman Henry Lacroix and Exalted Ruler Sam Brown officiated.

The Elks of Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge got more than they bargained for on "Stray Elks Night". Not only was Past Grand Exalted Ruler William S. Hawk-



**MIDLAND, Michigan,** Lodge's home dedication was participated in by, left to right, D.D. Frank Patee, Grand Est. Lect. Knight S. Glen Converse, E.R. G. A. Bruner, State Pres. Fritz Coppens, Dist. Vice-Pres. Harrison Orwig and Mayor C. E. Supinger.



**SANTA MARIA, California,** Lodge's P.E.R. Dick Weldon, second from left, presents a scholarship check to Larry Dunn, Pres. of the Junior Statesmen sponsored by the lodge, as Youth Committee Co-Chairmen Ward Kinkade and Wes Hodges look on. The event took place at a luncheon when the Junior Statesmen exchanged places with civic officials.



**EAST CHICAGO, Indiana,** Lodge was host to members and guests at their annual Ball when \$1,500 was realized for the State Assn. Cancer Fund. Left to right are P.D.D. and Secy. Stanley Kocur, Cancer Ball Chairman J. A. Adinolfi, Sr., E.R. Mel Blieden, Co-Chairman J. A. Adionlfi, Jr., and Elk Renold Young whose orchestra provided the music.

ins on hand to be welcomed by Exalted Ruler Peter A. Mench, but J. W. Wiley, a Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Canadian Elks, modeled after this Order but having no connection with it, was a guest.

Last year, Winslow, Ariz., Lodge sponsored a March of Dimes Benefit Barbecue which realized \$1,024 for that cause. This year's cookout brought in another \$1,000 for the March.

San Antonio, Texas, Lodge welcomed a fine class of 25 military men as a tribute to M/Sgt. John C. Menton, assigned to the Provost Marshal's office at Fort Sam Houston. The tribute marked the lodge's appreciation of the Sergeant's efforts in behalf of the Order.

John F. McDermott received an embossed plaque for meritorious service to Quincy, Mass., Lodge from J. R. Bradley, President of the lodge's Past Exalted Ruler's Association. The honor included the name of Mr. McDermott as Quincy's "Elk of the Year".

The officers of Lancaster, Pa., Lodge are proudly sporting a set of handsome new jewels fashioned entirely of metal.

We learn from the Charleston, S. C., *Evening Post's* "City and County News" column by Basil Hall that his Elk friends have requested him to thank his readers for their response to the Order's appeal for old paperbacks, magazines and playing cards. Elk Manny Applebaum told the columnist that during the past year, the lodge had distributed more than 5,000 books, magazines and cards to the Naval Hospital, USO, the colored nursing home for old folks and other institutions.



**WEST CHESTER, Pennsylvania,** Lodge guests when the Elks honored the State College NCAA soccer titlists were, left to right, Co-Capt. Bud Woolley, Asst. Coach Hank Goodwin, Elk Committee Chairman Nick Bruno, Coach Mel Lorback and Co-Capt. Bill Fulk.



**DANVILLE, Virginia,** Lodge's annual P.E.R.'s Night honored these former leaders, photographed with E.R. T. J. Breeden, right. Others honored were 20-year members.



**TOOELE, Utah,** Lodge P.E.R.'s Night had State Pres. Klar Ogden, left, acting as E.R. to welcome his second son, Robert, into the Order. Looking on, left to right, are Grand Lodge Committeeman John C. Green, Jr., D.D. T. J. Schow, State Vice-Pres. Tommy Thompson, E.R. W. M. Dow and initiate Raymond Murphy.



**WAPAKONETA, Ohio,** P.E.R.'s Chairman Verdin Stuckey, left, presents a 50-year-membership pin and Life Membership to P.D.D. Harry Kahn at the celebration of his 50th year as an Elk when a class of 18 was initiated in his honor. Guests included State Pres. Martin W. Feigert, Past State Presidents C. J. Schmidt, W. J. Beer and J. H. Neate, several P.D.D.'s and other dignitaries of the Order.



**FREDERICKSBURG, Virginia,** E.R. Wm. J. Rittner, left, presents a citation to L. W. Houston, center, in recognition of his work as Chairman of the 1961 Area Community Fund Drive. At right is D.D. Fred W. Earley. This award is the first given by the Elks in appreciation of members' outstanding service to the community.



**SOMERVILLE, New Jersey,** Lodge honored eight half-century members, two of whom are pictured with House Chairman Fred Konrad, right, and E.R. E. J. Oliver, second from left. At left is T. E. Flaherty, 78; third from left is D. S. Hall, 88. Others included P.E.R. P. A. Hickey, William Oberbrunner, J. F. Tuite, Dr. A. M. Thompson, Dr. W. F. Naylor and George Schench, Jr.



**TITUSVILLE, Pennsylvania,** Lodge's P.E.R. John J. Oakleaf, right, gave the lie to insurance statistics when he outlived a life insurance policy he qualified for at the age of 95, to become his own beneficiary. Here the 96-year-old Elk, still active in business and fraternal circles, accepts his check from Ronald B. Mortimer, representative of Mutual of New York Insurance Company.

**STATE PRESIDENT** Miland H. Duniwant of the Colorado Elks Association was honored recently by Grand Junction, Colo., Lodge, No. 575, of which he is a member.

Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge served as a Ritualistic Team in initiating a class of 13 men in Mr. Duniwant's honor. Following the lodge's annual custom of having the current Exalted Ruler appoint the Exalted Ruler for this ceremony, A. R. Morrison appointed Mr. Duniwant himself to act in this capacity.

**THE FIFTH** annual Initiation of the Pennsylvania Southeast District took place at Reading Lodge No. 115 with Dist. President Jack Reagan presiding. Nearly 200 Elks were present for the ceremony during which their ladies were entertained by the wives of the hosts.

With one exception, all lodges of the District were represented, with 38 men joining the ranks of Elkdom. A team composed of top District officials. State President Edgar Herwick was the prin-

cipal speaker and Past District Deputy Earl Kunsman discussed plans for the 1962 State Convention. Others who were introduced included District Deputy Horace Temple and District Vice-President Jack Slotter.

**GENIAL HOSTS** to the January 19-20 Conference of the South Carolina Elks Association, members of Rock Hill Lodge No. 1318 welcomed 750 members and their ladies to their fine new home. Making its first public appearance, the Rock Hill Choral Club put on a superb performance.

Mayor John A. Hardin, a member of the host lodge, and Governor Ernest F. Hollings, also an Elk, delivered outstanding addresses. Arriving late because of bad weather, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and his wife were welcomed enthusiastically.

In the Ritualistic Contest, Sumter and Charleston Lodges were chosen for the East District, Anderson and Rock Hill from the West, to compete for State honors in the annual contest in

May. Anderson Lodge was tops at this event, placing its entire team on the All-State Team.

At the business meeting, the featured address delivered by U.S. Congressman Robert W. Hemphill, a Rock Hill Elk, received a standing ovation. Mr. Hemphill presented his lodge with a flag which had flown over the Capitol in Washington.

**WILLIAM D. HANCHER**, prominent in Pennsylvania Elkdom for many years, passed away recently after a brief illness.

A bachelor, Mr. Hancher had devoted a great deal of his time to the activities of the Order; he was a Past Exalted Ruler of Washington, Pa., Lodge, No. 776, a former President of the Pennsylvania State Elks Association and a Past District Deputy.

He had served as Secretary of his lodge and of the Southwest District of Pennsylvania; he had also handled the Chairmanship of the Advisory Committee for this group and of the State organization.



**NORWICH, New York,** Lodge initiated the fourth of the Rice brothers not long ago. This Elk group includes, left to right, Hugh T., John S., Paul P. and Mark Rice.



**EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio,** Lodge's E.R. Sam Webber, left, welcomed State Pres. Martin Feigert when a class was initiated in his honor in presence of D.D. Gene St. Myer and other officials.



**DOWAGIAC, Michigan**



**MIDDLETOWN, Ohio**



**CICERO-BERWYN, Illinois**

. . . DOWAGIAC, MICH., Lodge honored those men who have been Elks for 25 years or more. Fred Kline, one of two surviving Charter Members was present, but the other, 93-year-old George Chapman, now of Indiana, could not attend.

. . . E.R. Roy R. Barton of MIDDLETOWN, OHIO, Lodge, right, had the pleasure of initiating his father during the visit of D.D. John P. King, Sr.

. . . In 1941 the Hecklers A.C. joined CICERO-BERWYN, ILL., Lodge as a group. Recently they received their 20-year-membership pins and became subscribers to the Elks National Foundation. With Est. Lead. Knight and Foundation Committee Chairman Edward Filiatrault, center, they are, left to right, Frank Dmec, James Soucek, L. A. Bejna and Frank Kostal.



**DU QUOIN, Illinois**

. . . This is the group of Old Timers honored by DU QUOIN, ILL., Lodge, all members 25 years or more.

. . . Officers of DEVILS LAKE, N. D., Lodge, foreground, led by E.R. W. W. Owens, fifth from left, with Grand Chaplain Rev. Felix Andrews on his right, initiated a class, background, for MINOT Lodge recently.

. . . Pictured during a presentation ceremony at SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Lodge were, left to right, Emily Sholl, second-place State Youth Leader; Jane C. Landgrebe; Robert E. Lee, first-place State Youth Leader; James Burk; State Youth Chairman William Terrell, and E.R. George Stowitts.



**MINOT-DEVILS LAKE, North Dakota**



**SAN ANTONIO, Texas**

**AFTER 67 YEARS** as Secretary of Scranton, Pa., Lodge, No. 123, William S. Gould has retired, and become Secretary-Emeritus.

Exalted Ruler C. M. O'Malley, Jr., led the lodge in paying special tribute to Mr. Gould for his devotion and unselfish efforts in behalf of the Order. Mr. Gould had served 42 years as Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Elks Association, an office from which he retired in 1957, becoming Secretary-Emeritus of that organization.

A former District Deputy, Mr. Gould, who celebrated his 90th birthday last November, is Senior Past Exalted Ruler of Scranton Lodge whose members passed a resolution taking recognition of his service to Elksdom and his lodge which "has aided immeasurably in their growth to the present high position in our society", the resolution reads. In

addition, his fellow Elks have given Mr. Gould the privilege of living in its home without charge or cost for so long as he desires.

**SEVENTY** Old Timers, with a total of more than 2,400 years in Elksdom, were honored by Du Quoin, Ill., Lodge, No. 884, not long ago.

Life Memberships were presented to 59-year-Elk and Charter Member J. E. Weber, 53-year-member Dr. T. B. Kelly, 51-year-affiliate W. K. Patterson and Gus Gill, a half-century Elk. Mr. Patterson, a Past Exalted Ruler of both Du Quoin and Mount Vernon Lodges, and Mr. Gill received 50-year pins.

Recognition went to all Elks of 25 or more years' membership and a special class was initiated in their honor. These Old Timers were welcomed by Esteemed Loyal Knight Larry Spilman

and appropriate certificates were presented to each by Exalted Ruler Dawson Duncan.

**THE BOY SCOUT** Troop sponsored by Gallup, N. M., Lodge, No. 1440, was the recipient of a special awards plaque presented by Exalted Ruler Stanley S. Bennett. The official presentation took place at a Troop meeting when the boys' parents and friends were guests. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Albert Montano accepted the award for the Troop which is the outstanding Scout group of the area.

Exalted Ruler Stanley Bennett of Gallup, N. M., presented a special plaque to the ladies of the lodge at a special meeting. Mrs. Harriet Roberts accepted the tribute made in appreciation of the ladies' efforts in behalf of the lodge and its charities.



**NEW HYDE PARK, New York,** Lodge officials sign documents giving it title to its new home. Left to right, foreground, are E.R. Gaspare Ferro, L. I. Trust Co. Vice-Pres. G. M. Royce and Mrs. Stanley Jackonski, Secy. of the Polish National Home, Inc., former owners of the building. Standing are Elk Treas. J. A. Wasselle, Jr., Est. Lead. Knight F. X. Murray, Secy. A. A. Wulforst, Trustee Edwin Green and attorney Ed Waldron.



**HOUSTON (Southwest), Texas,** Lodge's E.R. L. C. Quoyeser; Carl R. Mann, Secy.-Treas. of the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital; Hospital Administratrix Miss Fannie Fox, and P.E.R. J. L. Hahn, Sr., Chairman of the lodge's Hospital Committee, are pictured, left to right, holding the lodge's check for \$600, filling its quota for the Hospital for 1961-1962, with the balance to go to the quota for 1963-1964.



**MIAMI, Florida,** Lodge's E.R. Frank Obermeyer, Jr., left, and State Vice-Pres. G. K. Roller, Jr., center, were pictured when an Honorary Life Membership in the lodge was presented to State Pres. Geo. C. Nichols, right. Some 600 persons attended the testimonial.



**ROCK HILL, South Carolina,** Lodge has added 131 members to the list of Elks National Foundation subscribers. Here, Committee Chairman James Parker, left, congratulates Stan Whittaker, responsible for signing up 17.





**AURORA, Colorado**



**BUTTE, Montana**



**PALM SPRINGS, California**

. . . AURORA, COLO., Lodge sponsored a party for nearly 100 of the community's sophomore high school students recently, and it was an unqualified success, with a King and Queen chosen and a lavish buffet.

. . . The Curran brothers, all BUTTE, MONT., Elks, are, left to right, W. A., an Elk 40 years; Edward D., 44, and John W., 43.

. . . The ladies of PALM SPRINGS, CALIF., Lodge received thanks of the American Cancer Society when William Gargan, stage, screen and TV star, himself a cancer victim, presented an ACS commendation to Mrs. Margaret Krysan. Gargan was sponsored in the Order by George Jessel 30 years ago.

. . . Chartered last October, SAN LEANDRO, CALIF., Lodge has already voted to purchase its own building. Here, its officers, led by E.R. R. K. Blaisdell, fifth from left foreground, are pictured with D.D. Harold Anderson, fourth from left background, with P.D.D. Robert Smale on his left.

. . . MONTEBELLO, CALIF., E.R. Andy Gaydos initiated his son recently. Photographed were, left to right, Acting Esq. J. O. Mulcahy, initiate Andy Gaydos, Jr., his father, and Elk Jim Mulcahy, the young man's uncle.

. . . LEWISTON, IDA., Lodge's roster boasts 283 members who have been Elks for 25 years or more. Particular honors were extended to 18 who have been Elks 50 to 58 years. This group of seven has 369 years in Elkdom. Left to right, they are P.E.R. Ray Hyke, 54 years; C. S. Boren, 54; T. J. Smith and Dr. E. L. White, 50; P.E.R. O. M. Mackey, 51; W. A. Gibson, 52, and A. G. Ferguson, 58.



**SAN LEANDRO, California**



**MONTEBELLO, California**

**LEWISTON, Idaho**





**HONESDALE, Pennsylvania**

... Judge James Rutherford, left foreground, a Charter Member of HONESDALE, PA., Lodge, received a gift from Est. Lead. Knight Francis Mackle when he was sworn in as Wayne County President Judge. Others are, left to right, Elks Robert Romich, Edwin Moll and Russell Tarkett.

... City Council Pres. R. I. Kleiner, left, Esq. of LONG BEACH, N. Y., Lodge, is pictured with E.R. R. A. Panza when the lodge presented a 50-star Flag to the Council.

... Dr. B. B. Boyd, left, congratulates his son, Maynard, on his initiation into SHENANDOAH, PA., Lodge on P.E.R.'s Night.



**LONG BEACH, New York**



**SHENANDOAH, Pennsylvania**



**HOMESTEAD, Florida**

... HOMESTEAD, FLA., Lodge and its ladies put on their 9th annual Minstrel Show and brought in \$1,752 for the Fla. Elks Crippled Children's Harry-Anna Home. Pictured are the "Elkettes", members' wives who participated.



**PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST**

... Dignitaries who officiated in the 5th annual PENNSYLVANIA S. E. Dist. initiation at Reading when 38 men joined Elksdom were, left to right, Esq. Louis Tompkins, West Chester Lodge; Inner Guard A. J. Cherry, Abington; Lect. Knight J. P. Limons, Bethlehem; E.R. A. J. Hartman, Coatesville; Loyal Knight Lindberg Calvert, Allentown; Lead. Knight A. A. Bugglin, Fairless Hills, and Chaplain Edward Jacobs, Norristown.

... Est. Lead. Knight H. W. Cerrato, second from left, presents a \$300 check from WILLIAMSON, W. VA., Lodge to Trustees Chairman W. F. Tolbert, Pres. of the United Fund, Inc. Looking on are P.D.D. H. W. Ryan, left, and Treas. J. M. Madlom, right.



**WILLIAMSON, West Virginia**

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*(Left) Many airlines provide accommodations for transporting your pet.*

*(Right) "Some hotels allow the dog to share its owner's room, others maintain kennel accommodations."*



IT'S SPRING, with vacation time for many just around the corner, which brings out of a distant past a memory of Munson Paddock, a talented illustrator who toiled for the same magazine that chanced to employ me. He was the most traveled man I ever knew, although in the years that I knew him he never went anywhere. His corporeal being stayed in New York while he wandered to the far corners of the earth in his spare moments, studying the innumerable vacation folders that overflowed his desk. His was an Elysium of anticipation that contained no disappointments—but what a lot of fun that man missed.

No doubt many who read this are looking forward to summer and the change of scene and the tonic effects of a well-earned vacation. Time was when the family that owned a dog was faced with a very real problem of what to do about Fido when planning that change. But times, too, have changed. Public carriers have grown more tolerant, and the pooch is no longer an unwanted passenger. Subject to reasonable regulation he's accepted by many railroads and airlines, and more than a few of the ocean greyhounds roll out the red carpet for him (see April, 1959 issue). Hotels, more and more each year, have relaxed their previous opposition to dogs, which has solved the problem of what to do with the dog for many vacationing motor-

ists. (For a directory of hotels that accommodate dogs drop me a line.)

The care of a vacationing dog is no problem at all if it travels by train, plane, or boat on many lines. If the owner accompanies the animal, some permit the dog to stay with him; others provide all necessary service by their own attendants in restricted quarters. Some hotels allow the dog to share its owner's room, others maintain kennel accommodations. Gone are the days of the dog sitter during vacation time. Fido travels with the boss, on land, sea, or air.

For the hotel or resort vacationist it has become a matter of what the owner should do rather than what to do with the dog. A few simple observances will spare that owner some inconvenience and not a few headaches. To begin with, it's never a good thing to take a dog into a public restaurant. Some of these bar dogs, and there are quite a few good people who may like dogs but do not relish the idea of eating where dogs are permitted. Where the dog is welcomed it should never be allowed to eat from or be fed at a table. In a hotel it should not be kept in the lobby any longer than its owner remains there, and then on a tight leash and preferably muzzled. It is wise, too, to prevent strangers from petting or handling the dog. This, for the dog's protection as well as the stranger's. One never knows if the

stranger has previously handled a dog carrying the germs of distemper or other communicable dog disease.

If Fido is granted the privilege of sharing its master's room, then that dog should be kept quiet at all times. It should not be permitted on beds nor to use any bed clothes as its own bedding. Any damage done by the dog should be repaired by its owner, if possible, or paid for. This assures a continuation of welcome for the dog and all others that may follow. If the dog is required to be kept in separate quarters then the owner should give it all necessary attention, which, of course, includes feeding, watering, and exercising. If the four-legged friend has to be left alone in a room and is a known barker, that pooch should be muzzled at such times.

A final and most necessary precaution is to see that the dog wears a collar with an identifying tag attached. The tag should bear the owner's name, address, and telephone number. The excitement of traveling and the change of scene may lead Fido to wander and be lost. Should this happen, the wise owner will immediately report it to local police and, further, put an advertisement in local newspapers in which either the owner's home or forwarding address should be included.

In the June, 1956, issue your ELKS MAGAZINE printed a detailed article  
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# Tom Wrigley writes from Washington

**LOBBYISTS SWARM** in Washington as the Congressional Session nears its peak. What effect they have on legislation is debatable. Old-time pressure methods are out. The great majority are representatives of various organizations and companies. They call on senators and representatives and appear before committees to explain the position of those they represent. They also collect information for their employers and, most important, make contacts. Nearly 130 of the nation's 200 biggest companies have full-time Washington offices. In addition, many labor unions maintain information offices. Scores of trade organizations have offices in order to keep track of government regulations.

**GRAVES FOR SERVICEMEN** are a problem in some national cemeteries. At Arlington where the Unknown Soldiers sleep, few spaces are left. Land adjoining the cemetery is not available so an annex some 20 miles away is now proposed.

**COAL BY PIPELINES** will stir a bitter fight in Congress. The Administration favors legislation by Congress to permit condemnation of land needed for pipelines between the West Virginia coal fields and the East Coast. It's a brand new way to move coal. Powered coal mixed with water is sluiced into the pipelines and transported the same as oil. Railroads, big business, and labor have joined to fight the project, the most revolutionary in coal transportation in the history of mining.

**SEE THE WORLD** by a guided tour through the huge new State Department Building. Visitors are given one hour "briefings" three times a week which are around-the-world trips in 60 minutes. The program, it is hoped, will give Americans who visit the Nation's Capitol a better grasp of world problems and what our State Department is doing to solve them. Daniel Webster Montenegro of the Office of Special Services conducts the tours at 9:30 A.M. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**FAMILY FALLOUT SHELTERS** are not difficult to build, according to a new handbook of the Office of Civil Defense. Entitled "Family Shelter Designs," it tells how to build eight types of home fallout shelters. These shelters are designed for construction in back yards and basements. Construction costs and complete bills of materials are given.



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Copies are available from the Dept. of Defense, Office of Civil Defense, Battle Creek, Mich. Ask for "Family Shelter Designs, H-7."

**CIA FACES ARE RED** since the Russian Embassy revealed just how many employees are in the super-hush-hush agency. The Central Intelligence Agency is located at nearby Langley, Va., and an attorney for a huge apartment project there asked CIA how many persons were employed. When he was told the information was secret, he called the Russian Embassy. The Embassy gave him the figures—over 3,600 now employed with a proposed workload of 11,000 people.

**MIDWIVES ARE NEEDED** for the Peace Corps. They will be sent on a project in Bolivia. The Corps also wants a plumber for Peru, and it needs a dozen fishermen who can speak French to go to West Africa. All kinds of strange requests are coming into Peace Corps Headquarters. It is surprising how rapidly they are being filled.

**NEW HEART CHECKUPS** may soon be used in hospitals using equipment similar to that used to record the heart activity of Astronaut Col. John Glenn. Dr. M. G. Criscitiello of Georgetown University Hospital said the space gear allows doctors to monitor heart impulses while a cardiac patient works or exercises. This has not been done before because electrocardiogram wiring does

not permit a patient to move. The space gear transmitter—RKG-100—has only two wires attached so that muscle movement does not interfere.

**ABOUT \$200,000 WORTH OF PUTTY** is needed by the National Gallery of Arts. The 15,301 panes of glass in the skylight leak so badly that over 100 buckets are needed when it rains. A request for the funds is before the Senate Interior Appropriations subcommittee, and it's a cinch it will be granted.

**GORGEOUS POSTAGE STAMPS** will soon roll from a new printing press in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It is a marvelous six-color press and it will permit designers greater freedom for commemorative issues in larger sizes. For the first time this will permit multi-color coil stamps. Meantime, the Bureau of Engraving is pestered with suggestions that postage-stamp stickum be flavored with strawberry or maple syrup. Citrus fruit industry wants orange or grapefruit flavors. So far, strawberry seems the favorite although a late starter is cherry.

**ELECTRONIC TOURS** are popular at the Corcoran Art Gallery under a system called the Multitone Radio Guided Tours. You just hold a gadget to your ear and tune in for an explanation of whatever picture you are looking at. The Gallery has 50 of the "magic wands."

**GOVERNMENT GRITS . . .** A new bulletin much in demand at the Small Business Administration is entitled "How to Manage Women." . . . Jack Davis, Exalted Ruler of Elmira, N. Y. Lodge No. 62, was 62 years old this year of '62. . . . Washington Cathedral this fall will open a College for Church Musicians, offering training for organists and choir directors. . . . Hospitals are urged to have all personnel re-vaccinated against smallpox due to outbreaks in England and Germany. . . . "Gold Dollar widows" are trying to have the ban lifted on travel overseas of armed service dependents. . . . New hip packs of flexible fiberglass used in the Army permit a sportsman to carry a 200-pound outboard motor or other gear on his back with ease. . . . The whooping cranes, only 14 from total extinction in 1938, now number 38 and are surviving, National Geographic says. . . . Seventy-four Protestant churches here welcome into full membership persons of any racial background.

## Four Speeds Forward

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the confidence of complete control.

On slippery roads, experienced drivers downshift to third gear at times instead of hitting the brakes; a downshift to second in a three-speed car might be hazardous. Gear-attuned drivers use sports-car technique in making turns. Braking briefly before the curve, they slip into third, and then accelerate at the peak of the turn. The exact opposite of braking in the turn (which induces skidding) it's the safest way to get around speedily. You can't do it with second gear of a three-speed box.

And, because there's more shifting and it's all manual, you're forced to pay more attention to your total driving—a situation to gladden the heart of any safety expert. Said one driver who previously had driven cars with automatics: "After my first day with a four-speed shift, I felt myself a better and safer driver. It scares me to think how I used to let my mind wander when a robot did the job for me."

Floor-mounted shift levers go with the American four-speed boxes. Aside from their sporty look, they are more direct-acting and have short, positive throws that make them a delight to use and facilitate lightning change-overs. Being simpler, their linkage doesn't wear as sloppy as column shifts tend to do.

Fittingly, bucket seats often go with the floor lever. Sitting in the driver's, you find your hand drops to the shift knob as if along an invisible groove. With certain makes you get an engine tachometer. It reads engine revolutions per minute, which can be used to indicate the proper time to shift gears.

New driving habits for a four-speed transmission are no harder to learn than getting used to any new car. The big difference in the shift pattern is that reverse is off in a corner by itself, and low gear is where reverse would be in a three-speed pattern. Second, third, and fourth are in the familiar, long-standard first, second, and third positions, so there is really little to learn anew. As a reminder, the shift diagram is on the knob or elsewhere in plain sight.

Being synchronized, gears can be shifted quietly at any road speed—you can even slip into low before coming to a dead stop. The main thing to remember is to shift up only after your engine is running fast, and to shift down before it begins to lug, or pull slowly.

Which transmission is best for the family car? If you or anyone who will use it much doesn't really enjoy driving

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(which should be differentiated from the act of steering a self-propelled vehicle), an automatic may be the wise choice. It cuts driving effort to a minimum, makes starting up on steep grades as easy as lifting one foot and pressing down another. (With any manual shift, you must use either skillful footwork or the hand brake.) An automatic also offers new or timorous drivers the bonus of a virtually uninstillable engine.

Modern automatics have a fairly good service life. Thanks to rebuilding and exchange services, even a damaged one needn't bankrupt the budget. Also,

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This is typical of the positioning of an American four-speed shift lever.

whether you trade in or sell, a car with automatic transmission is usually easy to dispose of.

If economy counts first, the three-speed manual transmission is top dollar value. Though less versatile than a four-speed, it does let you shift as you deem best, and make some use of engine braking. With a powerful engine, three speeds are generally quite adequate. Despite Detroit's emphasis on offering four-speed boxes chiefly with big V-8's, this option better justifies itself in the light, nimble, modestly-powered car, where it can make all the difference between stodgy behavior and saucy, fun-spiced performance.

Don't, however, expect a four-speed unit to give you better fuel mileage or higher top speed. Top gear in a three and a four-speed transmission is precisely the same—a direct drive, or one-to-one ratio. If the rear-axle ratio is the same, the engine has to turn over equally fast at a given road speed with either transmission.

But—and this is a point buyers often overlook—there is often a choice of rear-axle ratios at no extra cost. A high ratio such as 4.56 to 1 requires the engine to make more turns at a given car speed than a lower ratio like 3.07 to 1. But the higher ratio provides more torque at the wheels, which means faster acceleration and better

hill-climbing ability. With a three-speed transmission, especially if you drive much in hilly country, the high ratio may be the safer choice.

But a four-speed transmission may let you have your cake and eat it too. With it, you may get by with a lower axle ratio, which lets the engine loaf on level roads or easy grades and so saves fuel and wear on the engine. For passing or climbing, a shift to third gear provides the equivalent of a higher axle ratio, just as long as you need it.

How about resale? Will a four-speed box be a drag or an advantage? Though it is too early to be positive, there evidently is a growing number of motorists who like to juggle gears themselves rather than have it done for them, and who appreciate four close, smoothly-working gear ratios. With these and the appeal bucket seats and sports styling have for much of the auto-oriented public, resale should prove no difficulty when the time comes. • •

## Lodge Visits of William A. Wall

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Dean Miller. Mr. Wall was principal speaker.

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.** Bad weather forced the Grand Exalted Ruler's flight to land at Las Vegas, providing for an unscheduled visit to Las Vegas Lodge. State President Robert J. Harris is a Las Vegas P.E.R., and he assisted Exalted Ruler Robert E. Robinson and other lodge officers in making Mr. and Mrs. Wall's stay a pleasant one. The Grand Exalted Ruler was called upon to break ground for a new lodge home.

**BOSTON, MASS.** On February 12, the Massachusetts State Elks Association held its annual banquet to commemorate the Order's Anniversary, with the Grand Exalted Ruler as honored guest. Honorary Chairmen of the Dinner Committee were Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson, John F. Malley, and John E. Fenton, plus Edward A. Spry, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees (who also served as toastmaster). Other dignitaries present included Thomas J. Brady, Superintendent of the Elks National Home; Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Elks National Convention Director; and Grand Lodge Committeemen William F. Maguire, Arthur J. Roy, Arthur D. Kochakian, Fred S. Quattromani, and Raymond J. Quesnel. District Deputy Francis L. Lappin represented Governor John A. Volpe, who was unable to attend. In behalf of the State Association, President Walter E. Quinlan presented a \$2,500 check to the director of student



In California, Grand Exalted Ruler Wall had lunch at Palo Alto Lodge and made a tour of the Stanford U. campus. Flanking him in this photo are John Morey, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Pension Committee, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Horace Wisely.



Breaking ground for a new Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge home, Mr. Wall is accompanied by Exalted Ruler Robert Robinson, State Pres. Robert Harris, and other lodge officers.

aid at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a science scholarship. The weather was uncooperative, yet about 1,200 Elks, ladies, and guests from Massachusetts and surrounding states attended. Grand Exalted Ruler Wall made four television appearances during his visit.

**NEW YORK, N. Y.** On February 17 another banquet commemorated the founding of the Order—this time at New York No. 1 Lodge. Many Elk dignitaries joined Mr. Wall at the head table, including Past Grand Exalted Rulers James R. Nicholson and James T. Hallinan, National Convention Director Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, and Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight James A. Gunn. District Deputy George L. Olsen delivered the Eleven O'Clock Toast, and the banquet was presided over by P.E.R. Raymond Tese. Judge Frank J. Blangiardo is Exalted Ruler of New York No. 1.

**DES PLAINES, ILL.** An addition to Des Plaines Lodge's home, housing a new dining room, was dedicated February

25, with the Grand Exalted Ruler as principal speaker. Joining Mr. and Mrs. Wall in the official party were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, Grand Esquire Frank N. Wohlleber, Grand Lodge New Lodge Committeeman George T. Hickey, District Deputy Alex C. Birren Jr., and State President Maurice W. Lee. Exalted Ruler Charles J. Bolek presided, and Mayor Herbert Behrel gave a welcoming address. More than 750 attended.

**GREELEY, COLO.** The Grand Exalted Ruler journeyed westward once again to attend the Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Colorado Elks Association March 3, at Greeley. Also attending, and introducing Mr. Wall at the banquet given in his honor, was Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge. Jacob L. Sherman, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and Grand Lodge New Lodge Committeeman Campbell F. Rice were also honored guests. President Miland H. Duniwent and Exalted Ruler Percy P. Odle lead the Association and Greeley Lodge, respectively.

## YOUTH LEADERS NAMED



First Place—Norman E. Fretwell



First Place—Lorraine R. Foster

Lorraine R. Foster, 17, of Barrackville, West Va., and Norman E. Fretwell, 17, of Joplin, Mo., are the winners of the 1962 Elks National Youth Leadership Contest, in which more than 50,000 high school students participated.

The results were announced by E. Gene Fournace of Canton, Ohio, member of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee which sponsors the nationwide competition. Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson and U. S. Senators Thomas H. Kuchel of California and Edmund S. Muskie of Maine judged the contest.

For their outstanding records as leaders, Lorraine and Norman will receive \$1,000 U. S. Savings Bonds and a trip to the Elks Convention in Chicago next July.

Second place and \$500 bonds were won by Judith M. Simono, 17, Vicksburg, Miss., and Charles H. Dunlap, 17, Phoenix, Ariz.

Winners of third place and \$300 bonds were Janis K. Bateman, 17, Central Point, Ore., and James B. Rylander, 17, San Antonio, Tex.

Boys and girls competed in separate divisions and were judged on their leadership records in school and community activities. Competition is on local and state levels, with state winners qualifying for the national finals.

Lorraine is president of her senior class and president of the local chap-

ter of the National Honor Society. She has participated in a wide range of school and community activities, while maintaining an "A" average for four years.

Last year she won the American Legion Oratorical district championship and a four-year college scholarship. Lorraine is advertising editor of her school yearbook and a varsity cheerleader. She is youth secretary at the Barrackville Methodist Church and has worked in the March of Dimes, UNICEF, Heart, and Cancer campaigns.

Young Fretwell has also engaged in a full schedule of school and community projects while earning high grades in his studies. He is president of Explorer Post No. 11 and is an Eagle Scout. Last year he made Scouting's Report to the Nation to President Kennedy as the representative of Scouts in Missouri and five other mid-western states.

Last fall he was captain of the football team, and he is a Student Council and ROTC Rifle Drill Team member. He also is president of his Sunday School class at the First Christian Church and vice-president of his Christian Youth Fellowship. Fretwell is employed part-time in a supermarket and in the Joplin Globe mailroom, and has been active in Junior Red Cross work, the March of Dimes, and "Get Out the Vote" campaigns.



Second Place  
Judith M. Simono



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# Contract Bridge: Defensive Hands

THIS ARTICLE and my next are going to be devoted to the most difficult part of contract bridge—defense.

This phase of the game has had by far the least publicity. Volumes have been written about bidding and almost as many books and articles have appeared on the play of the hand. But to the best of my knowledge only one or possibly two bridge books have ever been completely devoted to defense. Yet to the real expert nothing is more challenging than a beautiful defensive hand.

Right here and now I want to dispel some famous clichés that have existed since the early days of bridge.

*When in doubt lead trumps.* WRONG. Almost never lead a trump.

*Don't lead from an honor.* WRONG. Don't hesitate to lead away from a king, queen, jack (even an ace, if the contract is played in no-trump).

*Lead the top of your partner's suit.* WRONG. Lead low from three or more to the king, queen, jack, or ten (unless you have "touching honors").

This last cliché leads me to a point I can't stress strongly enough. When you are leading a suit in which you have three cards to an honor, whether your partner has bid the suit or not, *lead the lowest card.* (The only exception is that you don't lead from an ace at suit-bids.) More points are lost on defense by placing high cards on the table indiscriminately than in any other way I know. It is very important to keep a high card of a suit in your hand until you see what develops later on in the play.

With the following holdings, if you plan to lead the suit, whether or not your partner has bid the suit, lead the card underlined.

K 7 4	Q 9 3	J 4 2	10 5 4	A K 5
K 10 2	Q 10 4	J 9 8	10 9 3	A K
K J 5	Q 9 8	J 10 3		A 10 3
K Q 5	Q J 6			A 4 2

Notice that any lead from the king, queen, jack, or ten is your lowest card except when you have touching honors (K-Q-5, etc.) in which case you lead the higher honor.

In leading a three-card suit headed

by the ace, you lead a low one if the opponents are playing a part-score or game contract in no-trump, and the ace if the opponents are in a suit-bid, although laying down an ace is generally a poor lead unless your partner has bid the suit. With A-K and one other card of the suit you lead the king first; with A-K alone, you lead the ace and follow with the king—this is a recognized convention to show just two cards in the suit.

While we are on the subject of which card to open, here are some other suits you might hold and the correct card to lead, depending upon whether the opponents are playing no-trump or a suit contract. The general theory of leading is this: Against a suit contract you try to set up a high card in a suit, to win a trick in that suit as soon as possible. Against a no-trump contract you try to set up a long suit that will later "run" (take several tricks).

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|----------------|---------------|
| A) A K 6 5 4 2 | H) K Q 4 3 2  |
| B) A K 10 5 3  | I) Q J 5 3 2  |
| C) A Q J 10 3  | J) K J 10 4 3 |
| D) A Q 6 3 2   | K) A 5 4 2    |
| E) A J 10 4 2  | L) K 4 3 2    |
| F) A 10 8 4 2  | M) Q 9 8 7    |
| G) K Q 10 5 4  | N) 9 5 4      |

A), B) With either holding, the six-card suit or the five-card suit, you lead your fourth-best—the five—against no-trump, but against a suit you lead the king.

C) Lead the queen against no-trump (sacrificing one trick to set up four tricks later). You would lead the ace against a suit-bid, if you led the suit at all. However, the ace is not a good lead against a suit contract. You should wait and try to trap declarer's king.

D) Lead the three at no-trump, the ace at a suit-bid (but at a suit-bid you should usually avoid the lead, for the reason given under C).

E) Lead the jack at no-trump, the ace at a suit-bid (once again, avoid leading this suit against a trump contract).

F) Lead the four at no-trump, the ace at a suit-bid.

G) Lead the king at either a suit or a no-trump contract.

H) Lead the three at no-trump, but the king at a suit-bid.

I) Lead the three at no-trump, the queen at a suit-bid.

J) Lead the jack at both.

K) Lead the two at no-trump, the ace at a suit-bid.

L) Lead the two at both.

M) Lead the seven at both.

N) Lead the nine at both. This is "top of nothing" and tells your partner that you do not have an honor in the suit.

Here are a few other hints on how to lead.

1. Lead aggressively. Don't be afraid to lead from a king, queen, or jack.

2. Don't lead from an ace against a suit contract.

3. Seldom lead the opponents' suits. An exception may be at no-trump when the right-hand opponent has opened the bidding with a club bid, which might have been made on a short suit.

4. A singleton or doubleton is often a good lead (of course, you play the higher card of a doubleton first).

5. Don't lead a singleton if you are long in the opponent's trumps.

6. Don't lead a singleton trump.

7. Lead the ace of an unbid suit against a small slam.

8. Play safe against six no-trump or a grand slam and don't lead from an honor.

9. Lead trumps only when you suspect the declarer might want to use dummy's trumps. If you hold



and your right-hand opponent has bid spades and hearts, and the final contract is four spades, lead a low spade. It is very likely that the dummy is short in hearts. You know declarer's hearts aren't very strong. He will have to ruff some hearts in dummy or else lose several tricks to you. Continued trump leads on this type of hand, whenever your side gets the lead, will probably be fatal for declarer.

The illustrated hand is a fine example of a defense measure often used





NORTH



WEST



EAST



SOUTH

Bidding, with both sides vulnerable:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
One Spade	Pass	Two Clubs	Pass
Three Clubs	Pass	Three Spades	Pass
Four Spades	Pass	Pass	Pass

North one spade: Sound opening bid.

South two clubs: Plenty of points (12 points) to bid at the two level.

North three clubs: A forward-going bid, based on good support for his partner's suit.

South three spades: This is the key bid on this hand. After his partner's encouraging rebid, South has enough points to try for game. He hopes to play a major-suit game, or even three no-trump if his partner bids it, rather than go all the way to five clubs. His spade support may seem weak, but remember something I stressed a few months ago: An opening bid in a major suit must be a five-card suit or a very good four-card suit.

North four spades: Right to game.

by good players. This is called "shortening" declarer by forcing him to short in his hand so many times that he is not able to pull out the adverse trumps.

The final contract is very good; with a normal trump break it would be a laydown. But since the spade suit broke 4-1 instead of the usual 3-2, the game could be stopped if East played correctly.

East opened the queen of diamonds. This was his correct lead; a suit headed by Q-J-10 is usually an ideal lead because it is safe, and it may set up a trick immediately.

After the diamond queen won and a second diamond lead was won by West's king, West led a third round of diamonds and declarer trumped with the spade six.

A low spade was led to dummy's nine and East let the nine win. Then the ten of spades from dummy was led and overtaken by North's king, and again East played low and let the king win.

This was the winning defensive play by East. If East had taken his ace of spades on either of the first two plays,

North would have made his game. Now North could not make it.

North had lost two tricks. If he led a third spade, East would win and a fourth diamond lead would force out North's last trump, making East's remaining trump the setting trick.

And if North shifted from trumps and tried to run the club suit, East would trump the third club and still have his ace of spades for the setting trick.

The winning defense here was based on keeping control of the trump suit until it could be used to best advantage.

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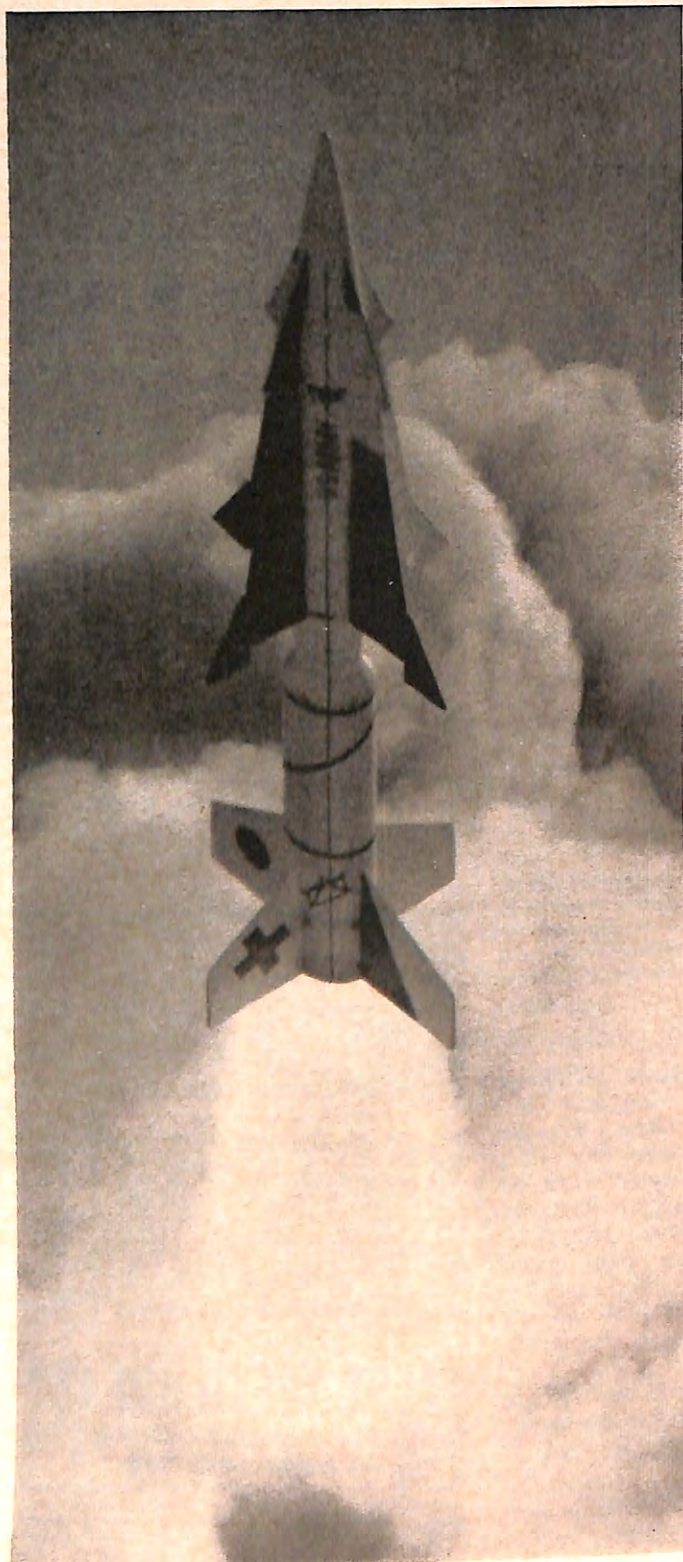
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Today, Americans everywhere can view with pride the performance and preparedness of their Armed Forces. Much is still to be done, but much has been accomplished. In 1962, we could well dedicate this observance to closer unity and common effort between the civilian effort—industry, education, and civil defense—and our Armed Forces. Much is still to be done, even though many accomplishments are at hand. Our national security depends equally on both efforts—civilian and military. To field a winning combination, neither half can be in international second place.

Any report that the Commander-in-Chief would make to the nation on this occasion would include a salute, and a "Well Done" to the National Guard of the Army and Air Force, and the Reserves of all the services, for their response to the call our nation has made upon them in the past year. To those who have sacrificed, the nation speaks in gratitude.

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John F. Kennedy

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# The Captive Tinclad

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away the throbbing pain, a lank, brown-shocked man of 25 with dark blue eyes set deep in a bony, sun-leathered face. He struggled up to sitting position and realized suddenly that his left wrist was manacled. He jerked his hand savagely and the manacle chain snapped taut. He swore saltily.

"Glory be, Miss Charlotte," a relieved, high-pitched voice said somewhere to his right. "His head wasn't cracked mortally after all. Leastwise, I don't reckon even a Yank would cuss and swear that sinful during his death rattle, would he?"

"I told you two hours ago he wasn't fractured fatally, Jeremy," said a velvety female voice. "A Yankee's head is solid boiler-iron where it isn't hog-trough hollow."

As the fog cleared from Matt's mind, he blinked at a lantern that glowed faintly in the murky darkness. A tow-haired, gray-eyed boy of nine or ten was hunkered down to his right. Then he opened his eyes wide. A slender but-tercup of a beauty stared coolly at him over the menacing barrel of a derringer. She was in her late 'teens or early twenties, honey-haired, emerald-eyed, faintly flecked with freckles across the bridge of her nose, with a shrapnel-tattered Union flag folded neatly over her arm. The *Robin's* flag, he realized, going cold to the bone.

"I destroyed the *Robin*," he cried hoarsely. "I . . ."

The girl's lips quirked at the corners. Matt looked around, and familiar shapes took form. He was on the *Robin's* gun deck, he saw, slack-jawed—manacled to a bitt.

"I'd say you did a right piddling piece of destroying, Yank," she said. "The company had time to board the *Robin* and douse the fuse before it was half burned."

Matt groaned inwardly, wondering if it was a company of Confederate regulars who'd captured the *Robin* or a pack of those infernal river guerillas like Girard's Raiders. Reb regulars, he guessed hopefully; guerillas would have finished him off after they flattened him.

"Please present my compliments to the company commander," Matt said coldly. "Tell him I'd be obliged for any information he can give me about my crew."

The girl laughed softly. "The company commander doesn't know beans about your crew, and you can present your compliments to him yourself." She turned, beckoning to the boy. "Cadet Captain Jeremy Blythe, apprise the prisoner of his predicament."

The boy shot to his feet and clapped

## FLOYD THOMPSON Monument To be Dedicated

It has been announced by Chairman John F. Malley, Fred L. Bohm, and Bert Thompson of the Floyd E. Thompson Memorial Committee that the monument to the memory of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Thompson is to be dedicated on Sunday, May 6th, at 1:30 P.M. at the grave in Roodhouse, Ill.

Roodhouse is located on alternate Highway No. 67 about 70 miles north of St. Louis, Mo., and 55 miles southwest of Springfield, Ill.

Members of the Order are invited to attend the ceremony. Those arriving by rail or air can be transported from either Springfield or St. Louis by car in about one hour and a half.

a kepi on his head. He was wearing an olive green, gold-piped cadet's uniform as he marched into the lantern glow, and his left sleeve was elbow deep in chevrons.

"Sir," the boy said importantly, "I have the honor to inform you that you and the USS *Robin* are in the hands of the Tremaine Military Academy and its

company of cadets. After I whacked you a pointblank blow with a rock, we boarded and captured your gunboat and took your flag and . . ." The boy broke off, peering anxiously at Matt's head. "That's a fearful lump I raised on him, Miss Charlotte. Oughtn't I to run up to the house and fetch back some liniment?"

The girl nodded. "And give the horn another blast while you're up yonder, Jeremy, and make sure the other boys haven't budged from their beds. And you'd best scoot out of earshot right this minute; your prisoner looks primed for another round of his Yankee blue blasphemy."

Jeremy jumped ashore and disappeared into the fog. Matt stared numbly at the girl. "A company of cadets took the *Robin*?" he said hollowly. "Not a man-grown among them?"

She nodded. "Twenty-three boys and all under eleven, and there's not a man-grown on the place. They heard the firing from upstream just before bedtime and pestered me into fetching them down to the river bank to see what they could see. We were on our way back up to the house when we heard the *Robin* crunch aground in our bayou, so the boys launched a surprise attack and bagged themselves a gunboat, Lieutenant Vance."

Matt flushed to the ears and shook

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his head in dazed disbelief. "You know my name from snooping through the *Robin's* papers, I suppose," he growled finally. "But who in the thunderation are you?"

"Charlotte Tremaine," she said. "I'm temporary commandant of the Tremaine Military Academy while Poppa's off in Virginia, leading a regiment for General Lee. The boys voted to send Poppa some of the *Robin's* choicest splinters after we've picked her bones. They'll make uncommonly inspiring toothpicks for the troops, wouldn't you say?"

Glowering at the girl, Matt pondered his predicament. There was a chance that the *Phoebe* had heard the firing and was on her way upriver to investigate, but with both the fog and the current to fight, it could take her hours to reach this area. And even if the fog lifted, it was doubtful that the *Robin* could be sighted from the river channel. The *Phoebe* wouldn't put men ashore to search creeks and bayous until after she'd scoured the river for the *Robin*, and by then it would be too late.

The Rebs would have to destroy the *Robin*, of course. With the Union controlling the Mississippi, the *Robin* was certain to be recaptured if they tried to salvage her for Confederate service. But with the *Robin* hidden from the river traffic, they'd have time to strip her bare of armament and machinery, and use them later to kill Union men and sink Union shipping. Charlotte Tremaine would send for some Confederate troops, he knew; maybe they were already on the way. The best he could hope for was a chance to destroy the *Robin* himself, to scuttle and burn her before the Rebs got here.

"If you had the sense of a chinch bug, you'd unlock this manacle and remove yourself from my gunboat, Miss Tremaine," he snapped. "I might see my way clear to overlook what you and your charges have done so far, but any further outrages against me or the *Robin* could cost you your property. Overt action by civilians is punishable by confiscation, and once the Union Navy uncovers your part in the *Robin's* capture, you're more than apt to lose your academy."

Charlotte laughed softly. "Well, I'd

call confiscation of the academy fair exchange for your singular service to the Confederacy, Lieutenant Vance. Lord knows we needed something to perk up our cause—what with Sherman closing in on Atlanta and Grant battering Lee before Richmond—and when word gets around that a handful of button-sized boys captured the USS *Robin* and her captain, the Confederacy is apt to laugh herself into her second wind. And I'll see to it that the word sniggers north, south, east, and west, Lieutenant Vance. When we're through with you, the *Robin* will be the best known Union gunboat since the *Monitor*."

Silently and savagely Matt swore. He'd cross hell on a rotten slab before he'd bring such ignominy on the stout-hearted *Robin*. She'd been carrying better than her fair share of the river war for nearly two years now, since late 1862 when the U. S. Navy first converted peacetime river boats into the light-draft, light-armored mosquito fleet that could "run on heavy dew" and penetrate into the shallower river channels where the deep-draft ironclads couldn't go. The little side-or-stern wheel gunboats, called "tinclads" because they were plated with boiler-iron less than an inch thick, had joined the squadron too late to have a hand in the Union naval victories at New Orleans and Memphis which virtually wiped out the Confederacy's freshwater fleet. But in the action against the South's strong fortifications along the Mississippi, the *Robin* and her sister tinclads had served with distinction, and the *Robin* had won special commendation for her service in the Vicksburg and Port Hudson campaigns.

But the war on the catfish front had gone humdrum after Vicksburg fell. For months now the *Robin* had chugged her 20-mile beat on routine patrol and convoy duty, guarding against Confederate troop crossings and protecting Union transports and commercial shipping from raids by river guerillas. Except for occasional attacks by enemy sharpshooters and masked batteries, only the *Robin's* brushes with cotton smugglers relieved the monotony.

The illicit cotton traffic, often a mutually treasonous partnership between

## Youth Day Competition

Joseph F. Bader, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, has encouraged all lodges to sponsor Elks National Youth Day programs for May 1. He also encourages lodges and State Associations to enter the annual Grand Lodge competition by submitting brochures depicting their efforts to the Committee for judging.

Committee member Thad Eure will supervise the program. All brochures are to be sent to him at Dept. of State, Raleigh, North Carolina, not later than May 15.

pocket-lining Southerners who sold their cotton in violation of the Confederate embargo and Northern war profiteers who broke Union law to buy it, was carried on by Yankee-owned commercial steamers, operating behind regulation trade permits. Matt brightened suddenly, remembering that the *Robin* had overhauled a merchant steamer an hour or so before the fog closed in, the *Aaron Kustin*, cleared from Natchez. He'd boarded and inspected her himself, and her papers and cargo—she was riding high with only a few barrels of molasses left in her hold—were all in order. The *Aaron Kustin* would have been well downriver by the time the enemy battery opened on the *Robin*, but there was a chance that she'd met the *Phoebe* and reported the *Robin's* general whereabouts. And that, at least, would narrow the *Phoebe's* searching area and might bring her to this bayou in time to save some of the *Robin's* armament.

Matt stiffened, hearing a hackle-raising wail shatter the stillness. The sound came from the southwest, the direction of the big, white-columned house he'd sighted from the river on earlier patrols—the Tremaine Academy, he guessed. And he'd heard that wail before, he remembered, two or three weeks ago when the *Robin* steamed abreast of Tremaine Bayou with a captured barge in tow. The sound echoed through the night again. He glanced questioningly at the girl.

"It's just Jeremy blowing a blast on Poppa's favorite hunting horn," she said. "Many's the time it's fetched our fox hounds home from miles up the bayou."

"Well, I don't imagine Jeremy's calling any dogs with it now," Matt said glumly.

"No," Charlotte said, grinning. "I don't imagine he is."

The last piercing wail faded away finally, and within minutes Jeremy bounded out of the fog and boarded the *Robin*. A steer's horn, long and black, dangled from a thong around Jeremy's neck.

## ELKS IN CONGRESS

Two Elks have been added to the list of "Elks in Congress" through elections in their districts that were held to fill vacancies. They are:

Joseph D. Waggoner of Shreveport, La., Lodge, elected January 10 as successor to Representative Overton Brooks, also an Elk, who died last fall.

Henry B. Gonzalez, San Antonio, Texas, Lodge, elected January 10 to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation.

In addition, the name of Charles A. Halleck, Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, was omitted from the original list because of a misunderstanding. He is a member of Warsaw, Ind., Lodge.

"Wonder what's keeping Captain Cam, Miss Charlotte?" Jeremy said anxiously, tossing a tin of evil-smelling yellow liniment to Matt. "It's been better than two hours since we blew for him the first time."

"Captain Cam?" Matt said, glancing sharply at Charlotte.

"Captain Cameron Girard of Girard's Raiders," she said. "Likely you've heard of him."

Matt nodded, a claw of dull anger gripping his ribs. Girard led a pack of Southern irregulars who made war for money, preying on Union river traffic and isolated outposts and collecting half the value of what they destroyed from the Confederate government. Matt despised the river guerillas; most of them were little more than plunder-hungry mercenaries.

"Captain Cam, he's sweet on Miss Charlotte," Jeremy volunteered proudly. "He camps up the bayou a ways when he's not off somewhere, plaguing you Yankees. And he comes courting every chance he gets."

"Hush, Jeremy," Charlotte said, pinning.

"But he is sweet on you," Jeremy said defensively. "Likely he'll marry you once the war's over, and I'll get to live with you and be your boy."

"You'll live with me and be my boy whether I marry Cam or not," Charlotte said gently, "but you oughtn't to mention Cam's comings and goings in front of the enemy. You'd best scoot back to the house and keep an ear cocked for Cam. And fetch him straight here just as soon as he comes."

Jeremy nodded and disappeared up the bank.

"Is Jeremy kin of yours?" Matt asked. She shook her head. "He hasn't any kin left. His mother died of the fever during the first year of the war, and his father was mortally wounded at Shiloh about a month after he entered Jeremy in the academy." She paused, looking over Matt's head. "Maybe I can't give Jeremy a silver spoon raising, but it won't be lacking in love."

Matt studied her silently, a strange wistfulness creeping over him. His own homeplace fronted on the Mississippi River some 400 miles north of here near Cairo, Illinois. He'd been mate on a Cairo-to-Memphis packet-boat before Fort Sumter and hoped to return to his old berth when the war ended. And for a moment he pictured Charlotte and Jeremy—or someone like them—meeting him at the door of his oak-shaded, white-frame house, empty now since the death of his parents and the marriage of his sister. His chest tightened warmly at the thought. He sighed and shook his head clear of the image of home.

"Well, Jeremy deserves better than a conscription-dodging guerilla like Girard for a father," he blurted out,

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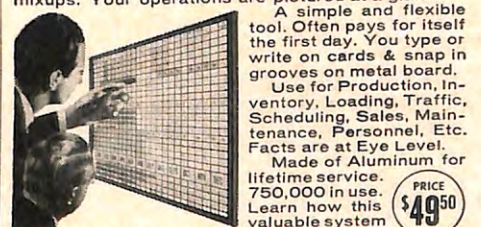
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surprised at his vehemence. "You ought to wait for some Reb who's doing his share of honest soldiering."

Charlotte flushed angrily. "A man in your fix ought to have a skinful of his own business to mind, Lieutenant Vance," she snapped. "And I'll have you know that Cam Girard is serving the Confederacy every bit as well as if he were shouldering a musket, and he's . . ." She broke off, raising her head sharply. The eerie cry of a loon shivered faintly through the night, then sounded again. "It's Cam," she said, smiling. "Now you can low-rate him to his face."

Tensely Matt stared toward the bank. The fog was beginning to break, thinning and swirling in a freshening breeze. Finally Jeremy and two men loomed into view and boarded the *Robin*. One, a lean, sharp-featured, darkly-handsome man in his late twenties, was dressed in a self-styled uniform of heavily braided velvet. Girard, Matt guessed. The other man, older, heavy-set and black-bearded, glanced narrowly at Matt and moved toward the *Robin's* stern. Matt stiffened, certain that he'd seen the older man before, but he couldn't place him. Then Girard sauntered to Matt and nudged him with his boot toe.

"Great day in the morning, it's true," Girard drawled, "and I almost whacked Jeremy's britches for telling me a whopper. When the Union high command hears about the Battle of Tremaine Bayou, they're apt to give us back Vicksburg if we'll let them disown you, Yank."

"And maybe they'll throw in Memphis and New Orleans, too," Charlotte said. "But why were you so long in coming, Cam? I was beginning to fret over you."

Girard grinned. "I went upstream to find out what the firing was about, and stayed a spell to help DuVeaux's battery look for the Yank tinclad they claimed they disabled. Simmons told me you'd been signaling soon as I got back to camp, and I—"

"What about my crew?" Matt broke in urgently. "What happened to my men?"

"DuVeaux rounded up the lot of them," Girard said drily. "A few of them had shrapnel holes in their hides, but none of their wounds looked to be mortal."

Matt let out a deep breath, sorry that none of his men had escaped, but grateful that they were in the hands of DuVeaux's battery instead of Girard's band.

"Well, it's a blessing Major DuVeaux is close by," Charlotte said. "That's why I signaled for you, Cam; I wanted you to send a man to fetch the major. But maybe you'd rather ride for him yourself now?"

Girard shook his head. "DuVeaux got a report that Clarkville is under attack from a Yank cavalry detachment, and he had to hightail it inland with his men. But he told me to take over the search for the *Robin*, and there's nothing to be done here that my men can't handle as well as the regulars."

Charlotte scowled doubtfully. "I still think we ought to send word to Major DuVeaux, Cam. He's in command of this area, and it's for him to say what's to be done about the *Robin*."

"And while we were waiting for orders from DuVeaux, the *Phoebe* could plow upstream and recapture the *Robin*," Girard said, a slight edge to his voice. "DuVeaux wouldn't want to risk that and you know it. He'd want the *Robin* stripped and destroyed just as soon as possible, and he wouldn't care who did the job."

"You're right, I suppose," Charlotte said. "But I promised Jeremy and the boys they could help set the *Robin* afire if Major DuVeaux was willing. You'll let them touch her off, won't you, Cam?"

"I'd like to, Charlotte, but we can't afford to burn her," Girard said flatly. "As fast as the fog is lifting, it'll be clear and moon-bright inside of an hour, and the *Phoebe* could follow the flames straight here. We'll have to blow her up, and I want you and the boys well out of range of any flying splinters. You can take them over to your Aunt Jettie Tremaine's place, can't you?"

Charlotte nodded. "The boys will be mortally disappointed, but I can't take any chances of their getting hurt. And it's a good five miles to Aunt Jettie's, so we might as well get started straightaway."

"Well, I'm not going to skedaddle, Miss Charlotte," Jeremy said stubbornly. "I'm going to stay right here and help Captain Cam bust the *Robin's* hull. We captured her and—"

"You get on up to the house and rouse the rest of the boys, Jeremy," Girard snapped. "And I want all of you ready to leave within fifteen minutes."

Glowering, Jeremy stomped across the deck and up the bank. Charlotte sighed and nodded toward Matt. "What about him, Cam? Can't we toss him into the wagon and take him to Aunt Jettie's with us? It might cheer up the boys considerably if they were allowed

to keep custody of their prisoner."

Girard wheeled suddenly as the black-bearded guerilla called to him. Girard took the lantern and moved to meet him. They talked briefly, just out of earshot. Watching them intently, Matt remembered where he'd seen the black-bearded man; it was aboard the ironclad *Fort Wilkes*, and the man had been a blue-uniformed crew member. He'd deserted, Matt guessed contemptuously. Deserted from the Union Navy to share in the plunder of enemy guerillas.

Girard moved back to Charlotte, shaking his head. "The Yank might be too much for you and the boys to handle," he said. "You'd better leave him here where I can keep him under close guard. I'll bring him over to your Aunt Jettie's after we've blown the *Robin*, and tomorrow morning the boys can march him to DuVeaux's headquarters and turn him in in high style."

"Well, you make sure the prisoner stays in prime condition while he's in your hands, Cam," Charlotte said, sliding the manacle key far up the gun deck. "I'll see to it that there's a photographer present when the boys turn him over to Major DuVeaux, and Lieutenant Vance will want to look his best when he's preserved for sniggering posterity."

Girard smiled sardonically at Matt and nodded. "I'll see Miss Charlotte and the boys off before I head for camp, Simmons," he said, turning to the black-bearded man. "But I'll get back here with the men just as soon as I can."

Raging at his helplessness, Matt waited out the dragging minutes, watching the fog thin to wisps, then lift finally, leaving the Louisiana night moon-washed and cloudless. As near as he could gauge the time, Girard had been gone well over an hour when he came back. And Girard boarded the *Robin* alone.

"They can use you up yonder, Simmons," Girard said. "They still need all the help they can get."

"I want to see him dead before I go," Simmons said flat-voiced, jerking his head toward Matt. "If he lives to report my whereabouts, I risk a hanging for desertion to the enemy."

"I promised you his scalp and you'll get it," Girard snapped. "But I'll handle it my way. Our downriver lookout re-

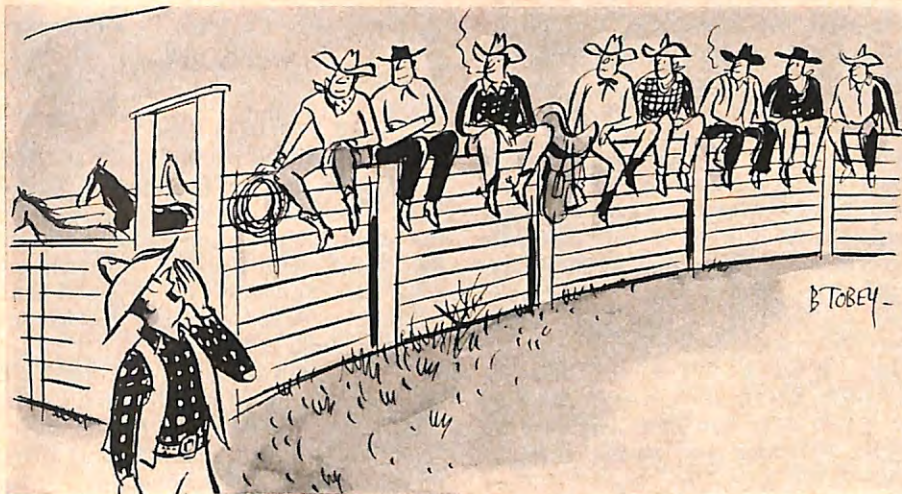
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"Okay, boys, you can get down now. The dudes have all gone in to lunch."

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ported that the *Phoebe* passed Beaker's Landing less than two hours ago, and she'll be coming at full steam now that the fog's lifted. We'll have to wait until the *Phoebe* is well upstream from here before we blow the *Robin*, and Vance might come in handy as a hostage in case the *Phoebe* noses into creeks and bayous on her way up." Girard paused, taking the Tremaine hunting horn from his pocket and tying it around his neck. "You get back to camp and wait for my signal, Simmons, and when you see Vance again, I'll have him ready for burying."

Simmons nodded. "Low-lying as the land is here, that horn won't carry to the camp, Girard. You'll have to do your signaling from that rise to the rear of the academy."

"I know," Girard said heavily. "You just make sure they're finished by the time I signal."

Simmons glanced venomously at Matt and left. Cold with fury, Matt stared up at Girard and cursed him savagely.

"You should thank me for putting you out of your misery, Yank," Girard said, grinning. "Getting yourself captured the way you did, your life wouldn't have been worth living, anyway."

Girard knelt beside Matt and checked his manacles. Matt raised his head sharply, catching a naggingly familiar odor on Girard's clothes, but he couldn't place it. Girard rose and nervously paced the deck. Matt studied him narrowly, knowing that there was a chance in a million of the *Phoebe*'s sighting and recapturing the *Robin*, but wondering why Girard was taking any chance at all. Girard's men—a hundred-odd by the best Union estimate—should have stripped and destroyed the *Robin* by now. And with the Confederacy chronically short on gunpowder, they

should have cleaned out her magazine and burned her.

Matt heard the *Phoebe* first, faintly whistle-signaling the *Robin* from far downstream. He thought dismally of the *Robin*'s own whistle, useless now, shot away when DuVeaux first opened fire. Girard stopped in his tracks and stared tensely toward the river, small splotches of shimmering patchwork through the trees.

"She's less than a half hour away, isn't she, Yank?" Girard said. "She'll steam straight by us like a charging 'gator, and you can take a good long look at her stern lights before you die. I'll . . ."

Girard spun suddenly and froze, slack-jawed. Jeremy Blythe burst out of the brush along the bank and jumped aboard the *Robin*.

"You get clear of here, boy," Girard said savagely. "You get back to Jettie Tremaine's like you were afire."

"But Major DuVeaux is coming, Captain Cam," Jeremy said. "And Miss Charlotte wants you to hold off destroying the *Robin* until he gets here. She's—"

"She's going to see you get the licking of your life, Jeremy Blythe," Charlotte said shakily, running out of the lotte said shakily, running out of the brush and down the bank. "If Cam had blown up the *Robin* while you were kiting toward her, you could have . . ." Charlotte broke off, scowling in puzzlement. "Where are your men, Cam?" she said, stepping aboard. "As far as I can tell, you haven't taken a thing off the *Robin* yet."

"They're out rounding up teams and wagons to haul away her armament," Girard said tightly. "But what's this about DuVeaux?"

"Well, there wasn't any truth to that report about Yank cavalry attacking Clarkville," Charlotte said. "Aunt Jettie had just come from there when Major

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DuVeaux made a watering halt at her place, and when she told the major that Clarkville hadn't seen hide nor hair of any bluecoats, he headed for Doctor Bidwell's to have his wounded prisoners tended to. The boys and I got to Aunt Jettie's less than an hour after Major DuVeaux left, and I sent Aunt Jettie galloping to Doctor Bidwell's to tell Major DuVeaux about the *Robin* and I rode back here to tell you to wait for him." She sighed, glaring at Jeremy. "He sneaked off ahead of me on Aunt Jettie's fastest mare, and I ate his in-subordinate dust all the way."

"I just wanted to be here to help Major DuVeaux burn her, Miss Charlotte," Jeremy said hopefully. "I—"

"Well, there's no harm done if you can get Jeremy back to your Aunt Jettie's as fast as he came," Girard said, smiling tightly. "I'll wait for Major DuVeaux if I can, Charlotte, but the *Phoebe* is coming up, and if she shows signs of heaving to off the bayou, I'll have to blow the *Robin* and blow her fast."

Charlotte stared out toward the river and nodded finally. "We'll wait for you at Aunt Jettie's, Cam," she said, taking Jeremy firmly by the arm. "And I'll make sure Jeremy doesn't budge from there until you come."

She turned and marched Jeremy toward the bank. Desperately Matt tried to think of a way to stop her, knowing that Girard would lie out of it if he told her Girard intended to kill him in cold blood. He twisted to his side, tugging futilely, painfully on the manacle chain. He froze, again catching the naggingly-familiar odor. It was something on the deck beside him, where Girard had knelt to check his manacles. Matt groped for it and his fingers found it, thick, sticky and smelling sourly of yeast. He touched it to his tongue, and all of the puzzling pieces fell suddenly into place. It was fermenting molasses, and the barrels he'd inspected on the *Aaron Kustin* had oozed with it and fouled the hold with it.

"Why don't you and Jeremy do your waiting at Girard's camp, Miss Charlotte?" Matt called. "Maybe you can help Simmons and the rest of Girard's men load cotton aboard the *Aaron Kustin*. That's why you couldn't risk reporting the *Robin's* whereabouts to Major DuVeaux, isn't it, Girard? And why you couldn't afford to destroy the *Robin* and attract attention to the bayou until after the *Aaron Kustin* was out of the bayou and well downriver?"

Charlotte turned and moved slowly toward Girard, her eyes wide with shock.

"The Yank is just stalling for time, Charlotte," Girard snapped. "He's hoping he can keep the *Robin* in one piece until the *Phoebe* gets here. You know

there's nothing up the bayou but catfish. And you know, too, that I'd be the last man on the river to trade with the enemy."

"All I know for sure, Cam," Charlotte said tonelessly, "is that it would go a long way toward explaining things if Lieutenant Vance is only half right, especially since Major DuVeaux told Aunt Jettie that it was one of your men who gave him the false report on the Clarkville attack. And it might even explain that cotton raid on the Confederate storehouse night before last. Everybody figured it was a band of local Unionists, of course, but maybe it wasn't. Anyway, we'll just stay right here and wait for Major DuVeaux and chance that the *Phoebe* will go by us."

Girard glanced up the bayou, licking his lips. "All right," he said hoarsely. "The *Aaron Kustin* is taking on a load of cotton at my camp. But that cotton wouldn't have done anybody any good in the C. S. A. storehouse; it would have been burned, most likely, to keep it out of the hands of the Yanks. And the South's already lost this war. She can hold out for a few more months, maybe, but it's just a matter of time. All I'm trying to do is salvage something for us to rebuild on before it's too late; put by enough greenbacks for us to marry on and give Jeremy a decent raising."

"Salvaging?" Charlotte said dazedly. "You steal Confederate cotton and sell it to the Yanks, and you call it salvaging?"

"Call it what you like," Girard said flat-voiced. "But Major DuVeaux is sure to take the short cut from Doctor Bidwell's place, and ford the bayou at my camp. Unless I signal Simmons to get the *Aaron Kustin* underway right now, DuVeaux will catch her at my landing, then come looking for me with a firing squad. Do you want me dead for this, Charlotte?"

"What's the signal?" Charlotte said dully. "The hunting horn?"

Girard nodded. "Three long blasts." "Give me the horn," Charlotte said slowly. "Jeremy and I will run up to

the rise and do the signaling for you."

"You know I'll have to kill Vance, don't you?" Girard said. "With what he's heard, we can't turn him over to Major DuVeaux alive."

"I know," Charlotte said.

Girard glanced triumphantly at Matt and tossed the hunting horn to Charlotte. Charlotte turned and moved up the deck, herding Jeremy in front of her. Numb with disbelief, Matt stared after her. Suddenly she stopped and whirled, a cocked derringer leveled on Girard's chest.

"That's one cargo of cotton that isn't going to end up as wadding for Union guns, Cam Girard," she said fiercely. "Not while it can still help kill Lee's men and my poppa among them." She knelt and picked up the manacle key and slid it down the deck. "You drop your sidearm belt, Cam, and manacle yourself to Lieutenant Vance, and if either one of you moves an inch without my say-so, I'll shoot to kill."

Girard froze, staring narrowly at Charlotte. He was gauging his chances against her derringer, Matt guessed—wondering whether she'd shoot or go soft if he tried to disarm her. Slowly, half-smiling, Girard edged toward her. She backed away from him, shaking her head in silent pleading.

Matt glanced at the manacle key, lying several feet up the deck. Desperately he stretched his foot toward it, reached it, and kicked it to him. He worked feverishly to turn it in the rusty lock. The lock snapped open and his wrist came free as Girard closed the gap on Charlotte and snatched the derringer and hunting horn from her, then slung Jeremy, pummeling Girard in futile fury, savagely out of his path. Matt lunged to his feet and charged Girard. Girard wheeled and fired the derringer. Matt felt the ball sear across his cheek, then he was on Girard, riding him to the deck, and driving his fists deep between the guerilla's ribs. He caught Girard flush on the chin finally, and Girard went limp.

Matt reached for the hunting horn and shoved wearily to his feet. When

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the *Phoebe* came abreast of the bayou, he could answer her whistle-signals with the hunting horn, he knew; bring her into the bayou to take the *Robin* in tow. And even if Major DuVeaux finished with the *Aaron Kustin* before the *Phoebe* floated the *Robin*, he wouldn't be fool enough to attack against the vastly-superior power of the *Phoebe's* guns.

He turned and moved to Charlotte and Jeremy, standing frozen to his left. "You and Jeremy all right?" he asked.

Charlotte nodded. "You could have skedaddled over the side," she said shakily. "Instead of charging that loaded derringer, you could have saved your own skin and left Jeremy and me to Cam." She sighed. "But I'm under arrest, I suppose. You'll toot the *Phoebe* in here and haul Cam and me off in chains."

"Well, I imagine Girard will prefer Union prison to a drumhead court-martial by Major DuVeaux, but I'd just

as soon you and Jeremy were far out of rock-chunking distance when the *Phoebe* gets here."

Her brows shot up. "I can go?" Matt nodded, staring unabashedly at Charlotte Tremaine and feeling a peculiar and pounding warmth of heart.

"You'll report me," she said suspiciously. "You'll see to it that the academy takes a retaliatory shelling."

"Retaliation for what? A head-busting like mine can put gaping holes in a man's memory. I'll do well to remember my own name, let alone yours. But I'd like to come back here, once the war's over. Visit the Tremaine Academy trophy room and pay my respects to the *Robin's* flag."

Charlotte studied him silently, her eyes disclosing a slow-dawning softness. She smiled finally and nodded and whisked Jeremy up the bank and out of sight. Matt sighed happily, and turned to watch the lights of the *Phoebe* move steadily closer. ••

## In the Dog House

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dealing with the dog on vacation written by me. A few of the most important things in it were: Don't allow the dog to wander loose where there is automobile traffic to any great extent. If at a seashore keep it out of the breakers or other rough water unless you have a large, powerful dog that you know to be a good swimmer.

Keep the dog away from strangers for the reasons I've previously mentioned, particularly if it is not friendly toward them. If the dog is taken in crowds it should be kept on a short leash and muzzled. If possible, avoid taking it in stores where food is sold. Some managers bar dogs or at best reluctantly tolerate them. Some customers don't like them in those places.

Don't permit the dog to fraternize with strange dogs, which could result in situations embarrassing or disastrous due to fights or contraction of disease.

If going to a foreign country, find out what papers are needed for admission of the dog. Some few bar dogs, others impose conditions and restrictions. For this consult your nearest consulate for the country you plan to visit.

If traveling by car be sure to take plenty of old newspapers or rags for possible dog car-sickness. But you'll probably know if the dog is a good motorist before you start, although some owners never know this until they begin the journey. It's a good idea, too, to have the dog examined to get your veterinarian's certificate of health before starting. Some states have laws forbidding uncertified dogs as do some few cities and communities.

The chances are you won't encounter this, but it's best to play safe.

In the car, don't permit Fido to lean out of a window. This looks smart, even cute, but it's an invitation to a possible eye injury from dust or other foreign matter. The place for the dog is on the floor, not a seat, and particularly not seated with the driver. A sudden lunge by the dog can cause a loss of control at the wheel. Nor should our friend be tied while in the car. A leap through an open window might result in a strangled pup.

Nobody that likes a dog will confine it to the trunk of a car. I'd like to put this in letters a foot high. I've seen this done, and it's brutal. If the dog has to be left in a car, one or more windows should be lowered about an inch. To confine an animal to a tightly-closed car, particularly on a warm day, is almost equally cruel.

If the traveling distance is considerable, an occasional break in the journey should be made to exercise the dog and give it a chance to relieve itself. But it should not be permitted to run loose unless it has been thoroughly trained to come when called, and even then, in strange territory, it's best to keep it leashed.

Only if the journey is to be a long one by car should the dog be fed, and then sparingly. Water should be doled out too. For comparatively short trips, moderate feeding and watering should cause no trouble.

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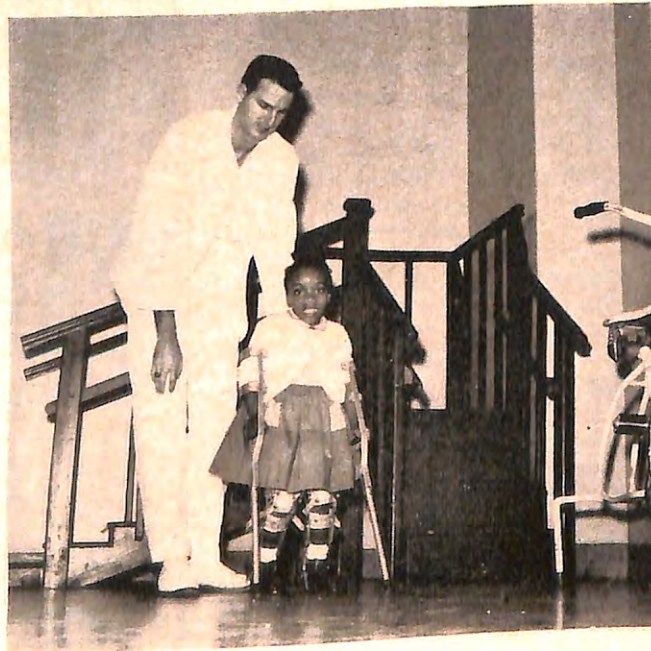


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If you do decide to leave the dog at home in the keeping of someone else, of course you'll be sure that person is reliable and patient with animals and prudent, too, in the matter of not permitting the dog to gallivant all over the landscape. If you know of no such paragon and must temporarily abandon Fido, then consign him to a boarding kennel, being sure before you do that it is free from disease and the dogs it has are well taken care of. Your veterinarian should be able to recommend such a place or may even, as some do, have good facilities for boarding dogs himself.

If you have to ship your dog by any conveyance be sure to get or build a strong shipping crate. On this should be tacked a card with feeding instructions if the journey is a long one, and adequate food should be in a package fastened to the crate. Food and water dishes should be provided, too, as some transportation lines do not furnish these. If Mr. Dog is one of those temperamental pets, a muzzle should be part of his traveling equipment. If he's a very large dog that won't be crated, a chain should attach to his collar—not a leash of any other kind which he could gnaw and break. To the dog's collar a tag should be fastened with instructions about its care in transit. The express company will insure your dog while traveling but only for a very limited amount, so don't have him take the journey that way if he's one of those stars of the show ring—which, on second thought, you wouldn't anyway, as you'd probably know all about this without my saying it.

If you have a question about dogs, drop me a line at THE ELKS MAGAZINE, 386 Park Avenue South, New York 16, N. Y. I'll be glad to help you—but no medical questions, please.

## Soviet Strategy in '62

All loyal Americans agree that communism is our greatest menace. Our individual liberty is at stake; our collective security and way of life are being challenged. We cannot meet that challenge effectively without first being informed about the adversary's motives and methods. Toward that purpose, THE ELKS MAGAZINE presents excerpts from Freedom's Facts, monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

EVER SINCE Sir Winston Churchill called the Soviet Union a puzzle inside an enigma wrapped in a mystery, it has been fashionable to claim that no one can foretell what the communists are going to do next.

In reality, there is no mystery about communist intentions, strategies, or tactics; no mystery, that is, to those who are informed. For example, we know that a major drive will be made by Moscow in 1962 to push the Western powers out of West Berlin. What many do not know is how will they try to do it.

Nikita Khrushchev explained in a major policy speech in Moscow on January 6, 1961, that so far as Berlin is concerned he is going to move ahead "step by step to bring the aggressive imperialist circles to their senses. . . ." By this, he means that he wants to force the West to agree to withdraw from West Berlin without a fight.

We can expect the same tactics with stronger emphasis in 1962. The Worker (Nov. 5, 1961) restated these tactics in an editorial entitled, "Friendship." It said in part:

1. "The USSR cannot limit itself to offers of peace which go unheeded. . . ." Here is the veiled threat of the use of force.

2. The U.S. policy of "dealing from a position of strength must result in failure." This is the claim of inevitable communist victory.

3. "The only alternative . . . is negotiation with the Soviet Union to solve the present problems."

Thus, in Khrushchev's mind, the negotiating table is the place where his opponents agree to surrender to his demands. His ace card is the fact that people can be persuaded to accept his demands as the lesser evil. If he can convince enough people to believe that war is unthinkable, that communism will triumph no matter what we do, and that negotiations offer a way to surrender gracefully without blood-

shed, communist forces will continue on their path of successful conquest.

The Nov. 5 Worker editorial urged that Americans make it clear to the Kennedy Administration that "we want negotiations with the Soviet Union" and that we want "peaceful co-existence with the Socialist countries."

At a rally held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, Nov. 12, speakers declared that "there is no alternative to peace, there is no substitute for negotiations." (Worker, Nov. 19)

Much more is to come. For example: At a recent Stockholm meeting of the World Peace Council—the largest of all Communist world fronts—delegates decided to hold two major events in 1962.

1. A world congress seeking general disarmament, scheduled for mid-1962.

2. A three-continent congress to promote the "national liberation struggle" in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Major theme of these events will be to persuade world opinion to demand "successful" negotiations with the Soviet Union on (a) general disarmament,

(b) banning nuclear testing, (c) setting up nuclear free zones, (d) disengagement of NATO and Warsaw-pact armed forces, (e) ending militarism in West Germany, (f) withdrawals of Western forces from West Berlin, (g) liquidation of all U.S., West German, and other Western military bases now located on overseas territory, and so on.

That is the picture we face in 1962. Possible counteractions, which have been suggested, include:

Informing members of pacifist groups of communist intentions to exploit them.

Constant restatement of and support for American positions honoring our commitments to defend free peoples and to combat the spread of communist tyranny.

A much expanded information effort to clarify the issues of freedom versus tyranny in the minds of the millions of people around the world.

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## UNITED FOR PEACE

Militarism is not a characteristic of the people of the United States. Our tradition has been in the opposite direction. It has been the desire of our people to maintain pacific relations not only with our immediate neighbors but with the entire world. Through the years, it was this country's habit to permit our military establishment to wither and languish during peacetime, a habit which the ever-mounting pressure of communist imperialism has compelled us to abandon.

Today, our Armed Forces are deployed around the world, standing guard, with our Allies, to protect our homes, our lives, our freedom. For the first time in our national history, we are compelled to spend billions of dollars annually, to keep millions of our citizens in arms, to divert a large segment of our industry from peaceful, constructive production to the production of armament and defense materials, not to win a war but to keep the peace.

This is something new for Americans, a radical departure from the past. It is a tribute to the character and good sense of our people that they have accommodated themselves to the burden that communism compels them to bear, and have done so with so little complaining and with such understanding of the reasons why it is necessary.

It is a great sacrifice that young men have to make

when they interrupt their careers and serve their country in the Armed Forces. Most of them make the sacrifice in good spirit, in the realization that the sacrifice is a part of the price of liberty and that such sacrifice is the duty of citizens who love their country.

For us here at home there is the same duty and responsibility to give our moral support, as well as our material support, to those of our fellow citizens who are manning the ramparts of freedom. One way we can do this is by joining in the Armed Forces Day observances that will be held throughout the country during the period of May 12-20. Communities will cooperate with the Armed Forces installations in staging events that will serve to demonstrate the preparedness of our national defenses and the unity of the civilian population with our Armed Forces in the common purpose of preserving our freedom and discouraging an aggressive ideology from dreams of conquest.

Our Armed Forces are, in very real fact, a power for peace because we, the people, have the will to stay prepared for as long as communist aggression makes it necessary. Our Armed Forces can do their job better in the knowledge that the nation stands firmly with them. Citizens everywhere can contribute to our power for peace by showing our Armed Forces that we, the people, are standing at the ramparts with them.

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## Progress in Education

The failure to give our young people a minimum knowledge of economics has long constituted a dangerous gap in our educational program. A rudimentary knowledge of the workings of economic forces would be desirable at any time in a republic where an informed electorate is essential to the success of self-government. Today, when economics are playing such a vital and personal role in the lives of our citizens, when their judgments involving economic questions affect not only national but international affairs of the gravest importance, it is no less than imperative that our citizens have the knowledge that will enable them to render the best informed judgments possible.

This gap has not gone unnoticed by any means. A leader in the attack on the problem has been the Committee for Economic Development which, in 1949, initiated establishment of the Joint Council on Economic Education. More recently, CED, in cooperation with the American Economic Associa-

tion, set up the National Task Force on Economic Education to define minimum goals for the guidance of educators in teaching economics to high school students, a perplexing problem in a controversial field.

Another handicap has been the lack of suitable teaching materials for classroom use. CED, the Joint Council, the Center for Economic Education at the University of Illinois, and a committee of distinguished economists and educators collaborated to solve this problem by selecting 97 items, out of 7,000 considered, as useful tools for high school use.

Now, a special committee sponsored by CED and the Joint Council is drafting tests to be used by teachers to determine the effectiveness of the new tools in giving high school students a basic economic education so necessary for responsible citizenship.

As the CED points out in detailing the progress that has been made in raising the standards of economic literacy

in this country, the greatest obstacle has been and remains the scarcity of teachers adequately equipped for the task. Here, television will be used as the best hope, at least for the present, of reaching large numbers of teachers. Beginning in September, the CBS network, on its "College of the Air" program, will present 160 half-hour sessions on economics and techniques for teaching the subject. It is hoped that this approach will serve until more colleges and universities revise their curricula to provide for teacher training in economics.

All of this represents great progress in overcoming a very serious deficiency in our educational system. The hundreds of dedicated and public-spirited citizens who have contributed to this progress deserve the thanks and appreciation of all Americans. More than that, they deserve the support of citizens everywhere in every way that will promote the success of this vitally important program.

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