

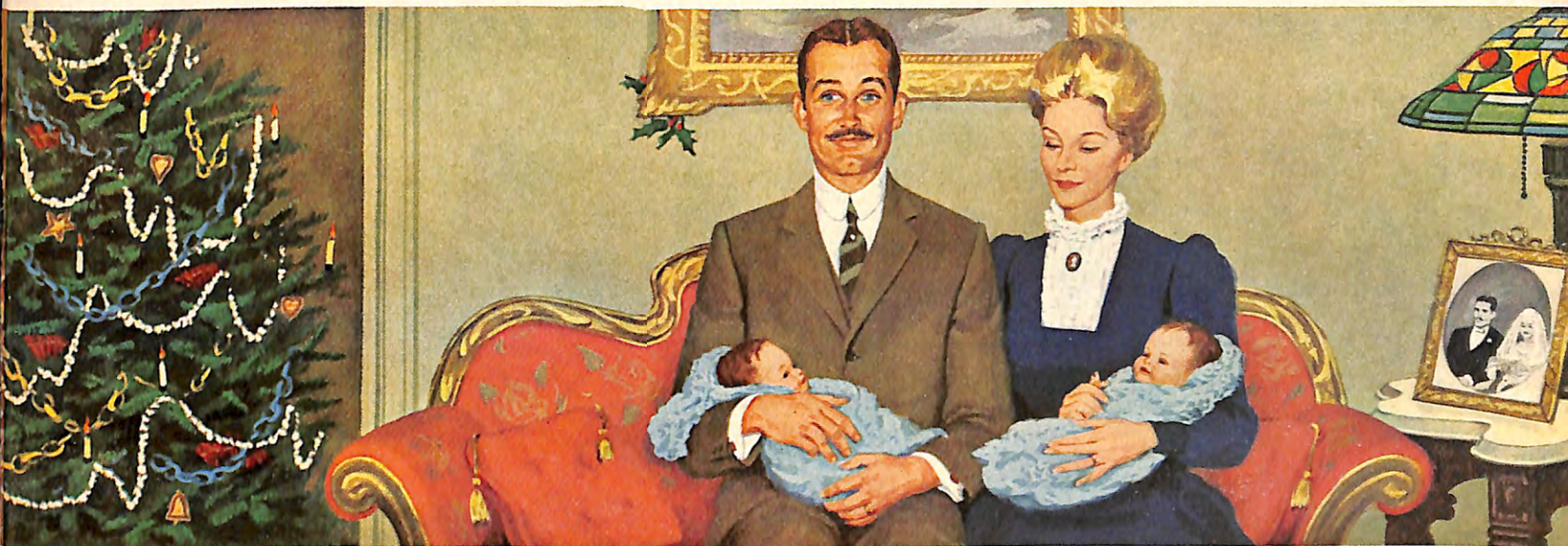
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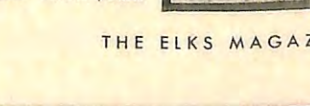
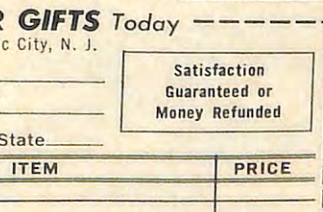
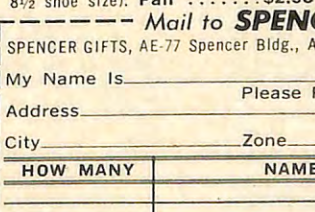
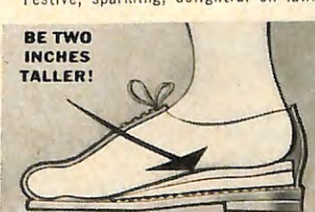
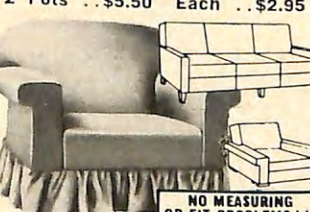
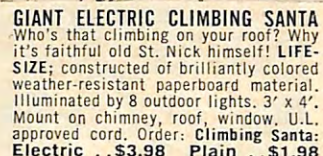
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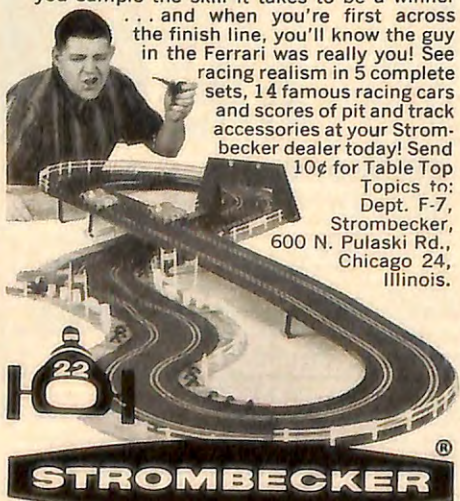
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A Christmas Message

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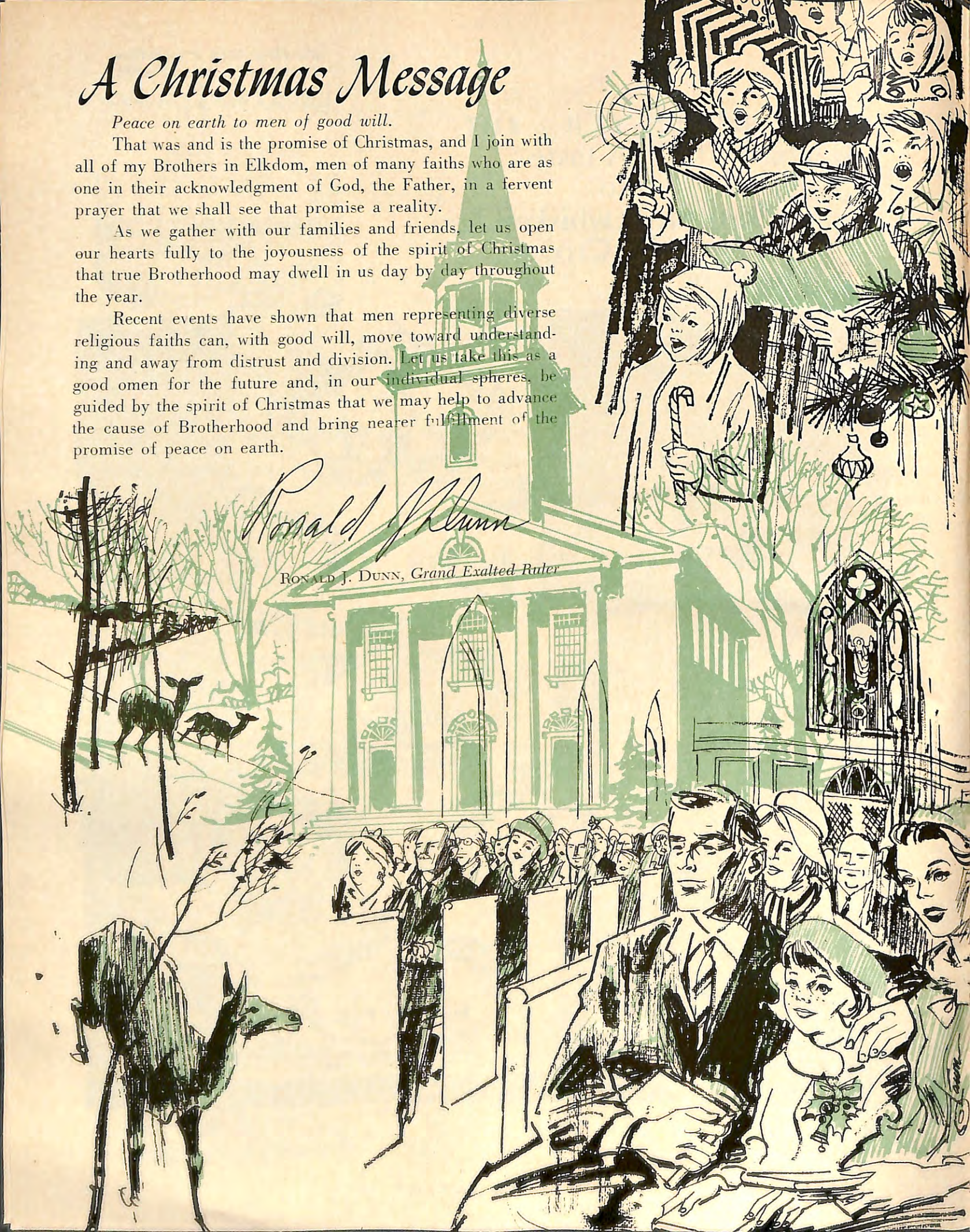
That was and is the promise of Christmas, and I join with all of my Brothers in Elkdom, men of many faiths who are as one in their acknowledgment of God, the Father, in a fervent prayer that we shall see that promise a reality.

As we gather with our families and friends, let us open our hearts fully to the joyousness of the spirit of Christmas that true Brotherhood may dwell in us day by day throughout the year.

Recent events have shown that men representing diverse religious faiths can, with good will, move toward understanding and away from distrust and division. Let us take this as a good omen for the future and, in our individual spheres, be guided by the spirit of Christmas that we may help to advance the cause of Brotherhood and bring nearer fulfillment of the promise of peace on earth.


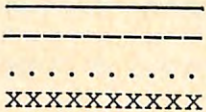


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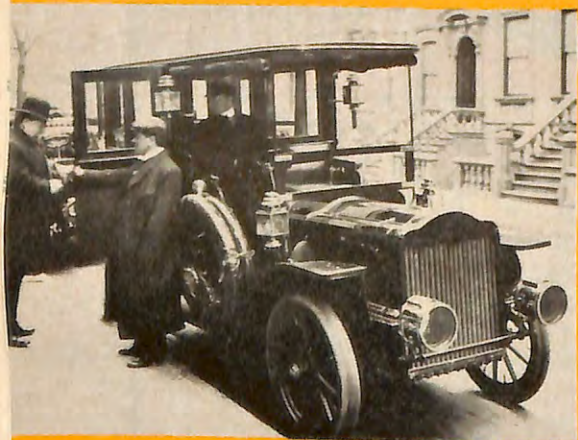
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A Brief History of PRESIDENTIAL

From McKinley to Kennedy, U.S. Presidents



T.R. An advocate of the robust life, former Rough Rider Teddy Roosevelt was the first Presidential candidate to campaign by automobile.



Taft After retiring the horses from the White House stables, President and Mrs. Taft took to this White Steamer.



Wilson Although not an ardent motorist, Woodrow Wilson favored open cars that afforded street crowds a better view of him.

RESIDENTS of Canton, Ohio, who strolled out to pick up the morning paper on July 13, 1901, were greeted with this choice bit of hot local news:

"President McKinley varied his usual program today by a little spin in an automobile. Zib Davis, an old Cantonian who makes automobiles in Cleveland, passed the house and the President accepted his invitation to 'jump in.' The President seemed to enjoy the 'straight-away' part of the ride, but when corners were turned short his backbone stiffened perceptibly, and it was noted that he took a firmer hold of the arm and seat. It was his first experience in a horseless carriage on the public highway."

Thus began a 62-plus year friendship between 11 U.S. Presidents and America's most popular institution: the automobile. Another ride of Mr. McKinley's was under more dramatic circumstances, and there was hardly need to record his reaction to the still-strange sensation of motorized motion. When the President was opening the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, a bullet fired by an assassin named Czolgosz sent him on his last journey in any earthly convey-

ance, an internal-combustion-powered and tiller-steered ambulance that sped him over the Buffalo streets on rubber-rimmed carriage wheels.

McKinley's Vice-President and sudden successor, Teddy Roosevelt, had a romance with the automobile that ran alternately hot and cold. As a practical politician, Roosevelt recognized the value of the new-fangled auto as a valuable campaign aid, and a number of old photographs show him happily lifting his hat from the back seat of a campaign car. But as Roosevelt the Rough Rider and champion of the "vigorous life," Teddy is said to have staunchly preferred four-legged transportation; he considered the motorcar, privately at least, just a bit soft and perhaps even a little decadent. No doubt the thought of a 200-pound man of today driving a two-ton car to a drug store three blocks away for a pack of cigarettes is enough to turn physical-fitness-conscious Teddy over in his grave.

Teddy's touch and go romance with the tin lizzy of the very early 1900's was further evidenced by the curious circumstance that the White House had



Harding This car is unidentified, but the Pierce Arrow was Warren Harding's official motor vehicle.

MOTOR CARS

By LOUIS WILLIAM STEINWEDEL

have had an acquaintance with the automobile

not yet gone so far as to acquire an official car of its own. In a day when the Czar of Russia drove casually about in what appeared strikingly similar to a mohair-upholstered delivery truck, the chief executive of the United States chose to occasionally prevail upon the Secret Service for the loan of its solitary White Steamer.

The Presidential toe had tried the automotive pond cautiously but a lusty plunge was made in the personage of Mr. Taft. Just before inauguration Day, the soon-to-be First Lady received a shiny black Pierce Arrow, the ultra-exclusive prestige car of the day. The donor of this choice chariot seems not to have been recorded for posterity; possibly it was the 1909 version of the company's public relations expert, who foresaw a gold mine in having the President of the United States and his lady spinning around in one of his company's products. In fact, the Pierce Arrow did continue in Presidential favor for quite a few years, and that exalted position undoubtedly added much to the luster of its name.

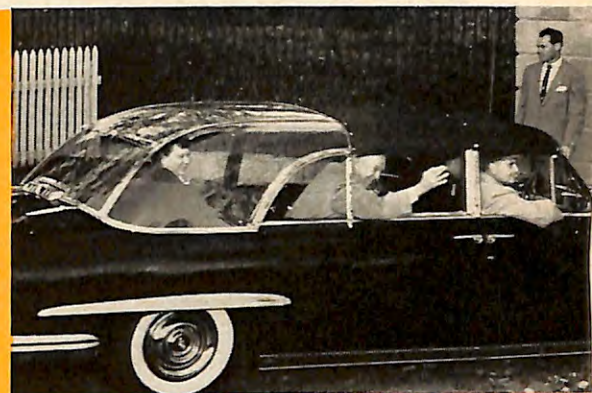
With a flourish of progressivism, Taft snatched the singular honor of "cleaning out the White House stables" and replacing the traditional carriage and four with the automobile for all but the most ceremonious occasions. This step

was more loaded with political implications than it might seem, since in many quarters the still-youthful horseless carriage was regarded as a flagrant status symbol of the *nouveau riche*. Some resentful communities had even devised burdensome "traffic laws," the prime purpose of which was sometimes believed to be to keep cars at home.

Despite some grumbling about the indignity of giving official sanction to a passing fad, the White House fleet grew to a pair of Pierce Arrows and a new White Steamer. The White was a leviathan of a car whose source of power once seriously competed with the fledgling internal combustion engine. The Presidential White was a very angular, formal looking vehicle with a pair of oversized carbide-powered headlights plus four running lamps that looked like carry-overs from carriage days. In the early era of the auto, chauffeurs for affluent car owners were common, but, being a notch higher, the Presidential White carried two men in livery, a driver, and a footman who hopped out to open the door to the passenger compartment.

The gasoline engine soon established its dominance as a source of automotive power, and the impressive White faded into obscurity as the regal Pierce Arrow

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Eisenhower

The famous "bubble-top"—an innovation that President Eisenhower personally suggested.



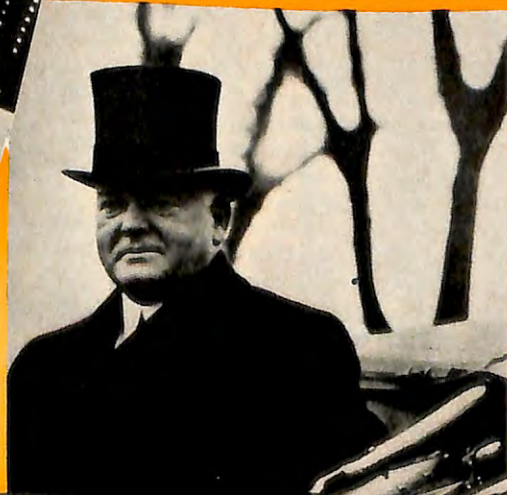
Truman

FDR's '39 "Sunshine Special" began to look dated by the Truman era and was replaced by several oversized Lincolns.



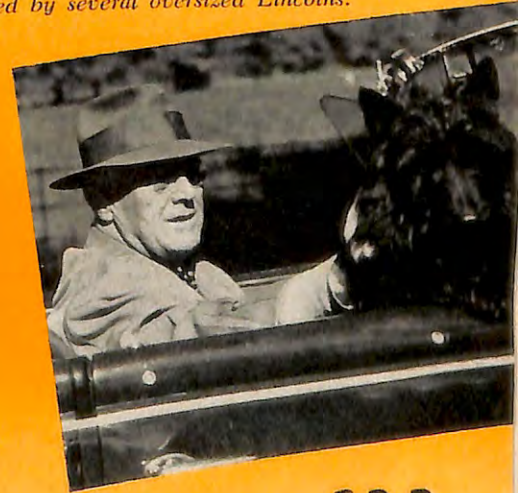
Coolidge

An admirer of Henry Ford, Calvin Coolidge dropped the Pierce Arrow in favor of the Lincoln, starting a trend.



Hoover

By the term of Herbert Hoover one American in six had a car. The White House stayed with the Lincoln.



F.D.R.

The first President to drive while in office, Franklin Roosevelt often roamed around his Hyde Park estate in a special Ford roadster.

Pesticides: THE FUROR AND THE FACTS

A recent book touched off a controversy over the role of chemical insecticides and weed killers. Are they dangerous? If so, should their use be curtailed, or are they too valuable?

By JAMES
C. G. CONNIFF



A helicopter sprays DDT to kill pesky and destructive insects. It's alleged that more harm than good is done, yet many scientists don't agree. A hard look at the use of pesticides has followed the resulting controversy.

A. DEVANEY

NOT SINCE John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* focused attention 24 years ago on the sometimes tragic consequences of man's unending war with nature has a book aroused such vigorous reaction as Rachel Carson's recent controversial bestseller *Silent Spring*.

Miss Carson's view, which she dramatizes for 262 gripping pages, is that we are upsetting the "balance of nature," imperiling wildlife, and slowly but surely poisoning ourselves by dumping unrestricted or, at least, care-

lessly measured quantities of powerful chemicals on farm, forest, watershed, and residential subdivision to rid them of insects, parasites, worms, and weeds.

Not everyone shares her alarmist viewpoint, however; in fact *Silent Spring* kicked off a hot controversy, undoubtedly leaving the public thoroughly confused in an area to which it had previously given little thought.

On the pro-Carson side of the controversy, so effectively did this gentle lady—the author of the earlier distin-

guished bestseller *The Sea Around Us*—argue her case that our elected representatives, including the President himself, have moved with considerable alacrity to do something about it. A White House Report of the President's Science Advisory Committee, delivered last May, provided him with the background data for recommendations to tighten existing controls over what Miss Carson seems to regard as a lethal rain of environmental poisons. Congress will almost certainly enact the majority

of those recommendations into law.

Equally prompt and no whit less vigorous in responding to Miss Carson has been the ultimate target of her allegations—the pesticides industry. This is a complex of 34 large firms which manufactures some 495 basic pesticides that gross \$450 million a year. More than 2,500 smaller concerns formulate these basic pesticides into about 54,000 brand-name products for farm, public health, forest, and household use. Annual sales amount to well over a billion dollars.

In discussing their sizable business, which they had shortsightedly neglected to do until *Silent Spring* blew the lid off, the pesticides people prefer to think of their huge output of bug and weed killers as an arsenal of "agricultural chemicals" which research is making ever more specific against true pests and less harmful to other living things, not as poisons that may threaten wildlife and even man in the course of doing their vital job against disease and crop loss. In recent months, the industry has been trying hard to tell its side of the story through its two principal spokesmen, both Washington-based: the Manufacturing Chemists Association and the National Agricultural Chemicals Association.

What these two trade groups—which speak for 90 per cent of the industry—have to say in behalf of pesticides makes enough sense to warrant attention. In meeting the challenge posed by *Silent Spring*, they talk about such counterbalancing considerations as: (a) The role of bug and weed killers in phenomenally boosting crop yields—often doubling them or better—even as farmland shrinks by a million acres a year because of our increasing need for homes, roads, industrial plants, parking lots, and supermarkets; (b) The unquestionable importance of pesticides in protecting life and health against insect-borne diseases such as typhus, malaria, sleeping sickness, yellow fever, etc.; (c) The crucial role that agricul-



The battle against insects is being fought continually in industry laboratories—and the battle to make pesticides safer for animal and human life.

tural chemicals play in helping to keep U.S. food costs to the consumer at a world-record low (20 per cent of income, against over 50 per cent elsewhere), by enabling each farmer to feed almost five times as many fellow Americans (26) today as his great-grandfather did (6) in 1900;

(d) The way pesticides-industry scientists and government agencies, chiefly the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, have joined forces for many years, under federal law, to insure safety by establishing for the more potent chemicals tiny parts-per-million tolerance levels (the

amount of pesticide residue which FDA experts determine may safely remain on food—at most one one-hundredth of the no-effect level in animals after long-term toxicity studies); while some pesticides are so powerful they require a zero tolerance level (which means *absolutely none*), others are so safe that the FDA says "it has not been deemed necessary to set a tolerance"; (e) The elaborate, costly processes (three to five years of testing per chemical, at up to \$3 million per test series) that govern clearance of each basic pesticide, and then for use only in specific quantities and on specific crops, so that fewer than one in every 4,000 pesticide formulas ever reaches the market; (f) The stringent requirements for pesticide labeling. A label doesn't merely identify a particular chemical but is an actual legal instrument that must spell out its purposes and effects, necessary precautions, detailed instructions for use, and first aid information and antidotes; (g) The educational campaigns conducted to make people realize the need to read those instructions carefully and obey them, for pesticides *are* poisons which, if improperly used, can sicken and kill—like any chemical;

(h) The "market basket sampling" which FDA inspectors perform every three months by collecting and analyzing nearly two dozen basic foods in supermarkets of nine widely scattered key cities (Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington) to make sure that farmers and food processors live up to pesticide label instructions; the FDA inspectors also take thousands of samples each year from shipments on their way to the corner grocery and supermarket, call on growers and shippers, talk with county agents and use many other channels to get information on what shipments to sample. When a shipment of fruit or vegetables is found to contain residues beyond the tolerance limit—which hap-

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Chemical weed killers—which destroy unwanted plants while leaving crops unharmed—increase yields substantially. These are untreated (left) and treated corn plots. The result is that U. S. agriculture is the most productive in the world.



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Bringing Up the Pups

By ED FAUST

*Now that the blessed event is over, here's some advice
on caring for the litter through those first crucial weeks*

ALTHOUGH THE PEAK of the puppy-buying season is around Christmas, dog breeders sell pups throughout the year, and prospective dog owners don't hold off buying until the holidays roll around. Far from it. What's more, the stork can't read the calendar.

Sooner or later, nearly every pup born becomes a fixture of a household, frequently in one where the rearing of a pup presents a totally new adventure. This article is intended for brand-new owners of pups, and I hope it will serve as a refresher for the experienced dog owner who may be a bit hazy about how to rear a pup.

Let's begin with the purchase of a pup. It's an important step, since a good choice is often a deciding factor in how satisfied you'll be with the mature dog. When shopping for Fido, try to see the young one with others of

the litter. Most kennel people prefer to exhibit a puppy singly, so he'll show off to best advantage. But seeing a pup with others enables you to see whether he's alert, lively, and assertive—all desirable qualities. Pick the pup that's liveliest, that shoulders the others out of his way. This type of behavior is a pretty safe indication that the pup is healthy; he's also likely to be more intelligent than his brothers and sisters.

Look for a clean skin. Be on the look-out for signs of rash, particularly on the pup's stomach, inside his ears, and base of tail. Gums should be pink and firm, breath clean. Eye whites should be clear. Don't pick a pup with sore eyes or any sign of lameness. Ditto a dull, dry coat; a healthy pup's coat glistens.

As Uncle Ed has remarked often before, don't summarily pass up a perky

little female in favor of her brother. A female is likely to become a better pet, be cleaner, learn quicker, and be less adventuresome later on. Unless she's being singled out by her breeder as a promising show prospect, a female won't cost you as much as her brother will.

It's best not to buy a puppy that's less than 10 weeks old. Three months is a safer age. A younger pup may be subject to unpleasant complications.

If you don't know breeds very well, it's a good idea to see an adult specimen of the type of pup you prefer. Perhaps that cute little puppy (and all pups are that), when full grown, would be entirely too big for your living quarters. It happens every day.

My last article explained what happens and what to do when your lady
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Four lodges of the Ohio Northwest District launch their 1963 Veterans Christmas Gift Fund. Presenting checks totaling \$230 to Activities Chairman Kenneth Kidd, center, are, left to right, Wapakoneta E.R. Clarence Brown, Richard Taylor of Lima Lodge, E.R. Paul Shafer of Findlay and Carl Nihiser of Van Wert.

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Sp. 4 Charles A. Walker, pictured here with a couple of youngsters at Fort Meade, has been the Post's official bugler for the past three years, is a big attraction with the regular Elk shows put on by Maryland, Delaware and D. C. Elks Committee Chairman Charles A. Kreatchman at the VA Hospitals in the area where, thanks to Walker, interest in the vanishing art of bugling is being revived. His stint at these shows includes the 22 official bugle calls, the history of each one, and a recitation of the words for each, which, while not officially sanctioned, were used by soldiers in the days when bugles signaled each section of an Army day.



Some of the 25 veterans from the East Orange VA Hospital are pictured as they enjoyed Jack White's entertainment and dinner as guests of Weehawken, N. J., Lodge following a game at Yankee Stadium when the servicemen were guests of the N. Y. baseball club. Standing left to right are Elks Veterans Committee Chairman Adam Reiser, Daniel McGrath of the hospital's recreation staff, Miss Roberta Burton, a Red Cross ambulance driver at the hospital, and E.R. Ernest Hofmann. Other Elks who handled the dinner program were Past State Vice-Pres. George Backle, Serge Margarelli, Otto Blust, Earl Hersh and Charles Yannuzzi. Louis Galland made the game arrangements.



The Elks of Linden, N. J., entertained 32 veterans from Lyons Hospital at a dinner at their lodge home, followed by the presentation of gifts and an evening of entertainment. At the head table were Co-Chairman Jerome Fisher, Est. Lead. Knight George Browne, Chairman Rudy Kuchta, E.R. Jerome Pineda, VFW Post Senior Vice-Comdr. James Labaire, and former Post Comdr. Ralph Dietz.

McDaniel's Flood

By DAVID ELY



ON A STEAMY JULY evening some years ago, a young Missouri farmer named Orval Skelfish was standing barefoot in the mud atop a river levee, with his eyes straining to pierce the darkness, his ears alert to catch the sound of oars and voices, and his big bony hands locked fast on his rifle.

He figured it was a likely night for a dynamiting. The Mississippi was boiling up toward flood stage, and its



currents were loud enough to cover a raiding party's noise. The moon was full, but mattered not, for heavy clouds masked it completely. Even if no Illinois dynamiters appeared, Mr. Skelfish was in danger enough, for one false step could plunge him into the river, which he judged was running strong enough to whirl him down to Memphis before he could grab a bank-root.

Dynamite! That and the rising river together could spoil a rich harvest. The dynamite was smuggled out of the southern Illinois coal fields by miners, who sold most of it to the gangs that extorted protection money from small-town businessmen. (Those who refused to pay had their stores blown up.) But Illinois farmers along the Mississippi flood-plain also bought dynamite when the river threatened to break through the levees and destroy their crops. To protect their own fields, they worked their way across to Missouri at night and blasted holes in the levees over there. The Missourians tried their best to defend their land, but a few farmers like Mr. Skelfish peering into pitchy darkness could not be expected to guard dozens of miles of levees. So for some seasons, the Missourians had been virtually at the mercy of the dynamiters.

Mr. Skelfish himself was not bloodthirsty. Although his rifle was loaded, he was privately determined to fire it above any enemy heads he saw, hoping to frighten them off. He hoped beyond this that no dynamiters would appear at all, and as he stood uneasily shifting his weight from one leg to the other, listening to the fierce sucking noises of the water just below him, he began to draw some comfort from the thought that the river might be too rough that night for small boats to cross.

Then his reflections were interrupted. He found himself, surprisingly, no longer footed in levee mud, but instead elevated into the air, which, strangely enough, seemed to have a peculiar muddled quality to it, as if the levee were rising with him. At that instant, however, he was more aware of a disagreeable disembodied sensation and, in fact, wondered whether his head had not parted from his body to go sailing off in space. His eardrums seemed to have split, too, and he had the impression that the clouds had burst apart with a shattering effect of light and noise.

But now he was in the water, dazed and deafened. Hit by lightning, thought Mr. Skelfish, in a haze of wondering. It was a cruel injustice, for he was no sinful man; but a miracle, too, for he had survived it. He tried to swim, but the river was too rough. It tumbled him, dragged him, pushed him furiously before it, then flogged him through some giant reeds. Reeds? Mr. Skelfish struggled to his feet. This river was only hip-deep, and the reeds, he perceived, were actually stalks of corn. But he had no time to analyze these discoveries, for a fresh onrush of water upset him and he went thrashing on with it through a corn field and on through

"And you know why she's the Widow Smith 'stead of just plain Mrs. Smith, like any other married woman," demanded McDaniel. "Dynamite, that's why!"

DAVID ELY IS THE AUTHOR OF A NOVEL ENTITLED
SECONDS THAT IS TO BE MADE INTO A MOVIE



a tobacco-patch and so, sometimes on hands and knees, sometimes rolling crosswise, sometimes on his back, he floundered right on up through what he further perceived was his own farmyard. He grabbed a house post as he was going by, staring with some surprise up into the face of his white-bearded father, who had hobbled out onto the porch with a lantern and stood peering down at him with Biblical gravity.

"Well, Orval," the old man said, "they done blowed the levee up."

ABOUT two weeks later, a small group of men trudged into the hen-speckled yard of a white farmhouse belonging to a man named Ewell McDaniel. As they walked, they looked carefully around. To one side were fields where ripening corn hung richly on straight stalks, and on the other was a placid patchwork of vegetables stretching out past the barn toward the distant smudge on the horizon that marked the river levee. The sight of Mr. McDaniel's prosperous holdings did not gladden the men, however, because they were Missouri farmers come across to Illinois for vengeance.

Being cautious men and slow to wrath, the Missourians had not simply laid their cudgels on the first heads they had encountered after crossing the river. No, they were determined to bash the guilty persons only, and thus for days had marched from farm to farm, seeking the actual culprits and, meanwhile, sleeping in the fields, with not much more to eat than biscuits, berries, and an occasional stray chicken which the Lord set in their path.

In the center of the little group that now confronted the McDaniel house was Orval Skelfish, his normal appearance somewhat altered. The dynamite charge that had blown him from his levee had fired up bits of mud with the force of a shotgun, so that the skin of his hands and face was dotted with ground-in dirt.

Mr. Skelfish was the leader of the party, but another member was of equal importance. This was Dr. Stack, a veterinarian and authority on mules, who perhaps through his occupation had developed an uncanny power to see through the artifices of human beings. It was to him that the men had turned for final judgments during their canvass of the farms along their route. "This the one, Doc?" they had asked each time, and the mule expert had approached the apprehensive candidate with a penetrating diagnostic glance, and in a moment had replied: "Nope, not him."

So it was with a stir of long-pent anger that they greeted their specialist's verdict in the case of Ewell McDaniel, who had stepped out among them to deny his guilt with a brisk shake of his black-fringed jaw.

"He done it," said Dr. Stack, firmly.

Mr. McDaniel was no fool. He had sized up the situation at first glance, and now that the truth was out—for he had, in fact, taken part in the levee raid—he was resolved for boldness.

"Hold it, boys," he declared, backing up onto the porch. "Before you do anything you're goin' to regret later on, I just want you to take a look and see why and what and how you're goin' to regret it. And then," he went on, motioning them up after him to the door, "you can go ahead and whack me all you durn please."

There was mumbling and grumbling among the Missourians, but they followed him into the house anyway, ducking their heads to avoid the lintel. They were in no great hurry; time would only serve to get their slow tempers good and hot.

Mr. McDaniel stood short and square in his parlor, guilelessly facing his dozen tattered guests. Behind him were his two daughters, one a grown young woman who was holding the hand of the other, a twelve-year-old. From the hallway that led to the kitchen peeped out a gray-haired woman, McDaniel's wife.

Mrs. McDaniel and her daughters were worried by the presence of the vigilantes, but when they saw that their stocky protector would be allowed to speak, their fears were laid to rest, because Mr. McDaniel was born and bred a liar. Not just an ordinary country liar, such as bargain at fairs and trade horses, but a liar by profession and belief, for he was the most respected public auctioneer in the entire county.

"You mentioned dynamite, my friends?" asked Mr. McDaniel, starting off in a low key. "Did I understand you got a man among you can *smell* dynamite?" Dr. Stack was about to step forward to explain his system,

but a torrent of words stopped him cold.

"Dynamite!" cried Mr. McDaniel. "Yes, he *did* smell dynamite in this house! He surely did. My friends, that man of yours was certain shootin' right! And I don't blame you none for thinkin' you'd found the man what blowed your levee, when you could *smell* it all around."

"It warn't exactly—" began the mule expert, but he got no further.

"And I'll tell you how *come* there's this smell of dynamite, my friends," declared Mr. McDaniel, forcing tears to his eyes. With a sudden spinning movement he pointed at his elder daughter, a comely girl of about twenty, who knew enough to hold her tongue and await her cues.

"This here's the Widow Smith," the father said, wiping his moist eyes. The elder Miss McDaniel lowered her gaze in acknowledgement, and the Missourians cleared their throats and uneasily removed their hats.

"And you know *why* she's the Widow Smith 'stead of just plain Mrs. Smith, like any other married woman?" asked the public auctioneer. "Dynamite, that's why!"

At this, Miss McDaniel turned her face away, ostensibly to hide a tear.

Her father lowered his voice now so that it quavered, rich with passion. "Not a month ago, this here fine young woman was settin' in her little home in town, when the dirtiest sneakin'est bunch of rascally sons of crawl-belly snakes crep' up outside the store where her young husband was workin' and they up and throwed in dynamite that blowed him straight to judgment! And him a fine clean young man like this young man here—"

The speaker indicated Orval Skelfish, who blushed beneath his dirt-pocks, conscious that Miss McDaniel was looking at him.

"—left her a widow!" cried Mr. McDaniel, adding, in an excess of oratory, "with that poor young fatherless orphan child by her side!"

The Missourians eyed the twelve-year-old "orphan" uncertainly. The widow seemed far too young to have a daughter that big. Sensing his error, McDaniel hastened on.

"You know who done it? Who throwed that dynamite? I'll tell you. 'Twas the self-same and exact identical person who done blowed up your levee, that's who—*Charley Birch!*" At the mention of the name, the McDaniel daughters trembled in unfeigned nervousness.

The Missourians received the news solemnly, without a change in attitude. Mr. McDaniel decided that something more was needed and so provided a truthful description of Charley Birch and his brothers, which, paradoxically, sounded less convincing from his lips than the whoppers that had preceded it. He told how the Birches terrorized the county with their shootings and their bombings. He told of old man Cooper, who had refused to pay for protection and had subsequently been found, in part, amid the wreckage of his feed store. He told tales of bootleg wars and hijackings, of burnt-out barns and stomped-in ribs—but still his visitors seemed unimpressed.

In desperation, then, the auctioneer plunged back into his native element. "The Widow Smith," he cried out (and the elder Miss McDaniel dutifully wept), "she has vowed a promise on the grave of her dead and murdered husband, that the man what runs the Birch boys out from this county for good and all, that man she'll wed!"

The Missourians at last seemed moved. They shifted their feet and nudged each other. "I *got* a wife now, mister," said one, "but I sure wouldn't mind—"

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Lodge Visits of Ronald J. Dunn

SUNBURY, PA. Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lee A. Donaldson were honored guests at the Third Annual Fall Pennsylvania State Elks Association Workshop. The program was kicked off Friday afternoon, Sept. 6, by the welcoming addresses of host Exalted Ruler Samuel L. Gobrecht and Sunbury Mayor Lester P. Schissler. State President Dr. H. Beecher Charmbury presented a progress report, and Assistant to the President Eugene Fulmer reported on the State's Americanism Project. The Workshop sessions on both Friday and Saturday afternoon consisted of meetings of the following committees: Membership and Lapsation, Youth Activities, Elks National Foundation, Scholarship, Ritualistic, and Public Relations. At a dinner that evening, the speaker was Charles T. Vetter Jr. of the United States Information Agency, who delivered an address entitled "Seeing Red." Highlights of Saturday morning's program were Mr. Dunn's meeting with the District Deputies and a report on the State's cerebral palsy program by Past State President James P. Ebersberger (Latrobe). During the Workshop, Dr. Charmbury presented the keys to the first Pennsylvania State Elks Association sponsored mobile unit for aiding cerebral palsy victims to the unit's nurse, Miss Mary Ann Peterson. The unit was on display for public viewing. In his report, Mr. Ebersberger cited the hope that 30 such units would be in service by 1969. Mr. Donaldson introduced Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn, who spoke to the assembled 533 officially registered delegates in Northumberland County Courthouse—the final event of the morning session. Mr. Dunn noted that Elks believe the destiny of the Order is inextricably linked to that of our country, and that throughout his year in office he would be attempting to "preach the gospel of helping others." Additionally, he pointed out the Order's need for effective public relations at the lodge level. Mr. Dunn specifically commended the Workshop's host lodge for its emphasis on family participation. Following the Saturday afternoon Workshop meetings, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Donaldson, who originated the idea of these informational interchange programs in Pennsylvania, delivered the concluding address. He said that, in his opinion, the Workshop's highlight had been adoption of the cerebral palsy program, and he urged wholehearted support. Entertainment and dancing in the evenings, two area tours for the ladies, a smorgasbord, and an indoor barbecue were among the features that helped to make the 1963 Workshop a

social as well as a fraternal success.

FULTON, N.Y. Immediately following his attendance at the New York State Elks Association Annual Fall Conference in Albany, Sept. 13-15, Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn was guest of honor on the 16th at Fulton Lodge's 60th Anniversary Dinner, which climaxed the lodge's four-day observance of its founding. Covering a wide range of subjects pertaining to Elksdom in his address, Mr. Dunn also underscored the need for continued vigilance against the com-

next evening with a lobster dinner for all members and wives, and with a dance and buffet on the 14th. Fulton Lodge is especially proud of its outstanding record in youth work. In 1949, during Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall's tenure, when the Grand Lodge Youth Activities program was initiated, Fulton Lodge responded to the challenge by organizing a junior baseball team. Six years later, the lodge had 20 separate youth projects going. Over the years, the lodge has garnered eight state and 37 national awards—not only for



Workshop, Anniversary, and New England Tour

munist threat. Escorted to Fulton Lodge home by motorcade, the Grand Exalted Ruler was accompanied by a sizable delegation from Oneida (Mr. Dunn's home lodge), Syracuse, and Rome lodges, as well as by Grand Esquire Francis P. Hart of Watertown. Headed by Exalted Ruler Alfred Crook, the welcoming party totaled more than 300 and represented more than 20 Central District lodges. Past District Deputy Roland C. Quade and Past Exalted Ruler Donald Halliday were Co-Chairmen for the Anniversary Dinner assisted by, among others, Past District Deputies John A. Buell, Joseph A. Fistick, and James B. Hanlon. Past District Deputy Clinton H. Hulett, a Charter Member of the lodge, was Honorary Chairman. The Anniversary celebration began on Sept. 12 with the initiation of the 60th Anniversary class, followed the

its youth programs, but also for its lodge activities and community programs. Just last July at the Elks National Convention in San Francisco, the lodge received four awards.

NEW ENGLAND Over the last weekend in September, the Grand Exalted Ruler, accompanied by Mrs. Dunn and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Fenton of Boston, toured the northern New England states, beginning with a visit on Sept. 27 to Keene, N.H., Lodge, where a luncheon was held in their honor.

Mr. Dunn was guest speaker at a dinner at Montpelier, Vt., Lodge that evening. The toastmaster was host Exalted Ruler Steve Mancini. Mr. Dunn was welcomed to the Green Mountain State by Governor Philip H. Hoff
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Conway, N.H.: During his fall swing through New England, the Grand Exalted Ruler posed for this picture in front of Mt. Cranmore's Skimobile with, l. to r., Past Grand Trustees Chairman Edward A. Spry, P.G.E.R. John E. Fenton, Mrs. Dunn, and New Hampshire State Pres. Walter P. Mills.

Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn congratulated Pennsylvania State Elks Assn. Pres. Dr. H. Beecher Charnbury at the Third Annual State Elks Fall Workshop, held at Sunbury, Pa., Lodge. Looking on were P.G.E.R. Lee A. Donaldson and guest speaker Charles T. Vetter Jr., U.S.I.A.



Albany, N.Y.: The Grand Exalted Ruler at the Annual Fall Conference of the N.Y. State Elks Assn. with, l. to r., Grand Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, State Pres. Judge John O'Brien, and P.G.E.R.'s Judge James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall, and E.R. Philip G. Coffey Jr.



Left to right, at Fulton, N.Y., Lodge's 60th Anniversary Dinner: P.E.R. Judge Eugene Sullivan, P.D.D. James Hanlon, D.D. Charles Huckabee Sr., Mr. Dunn, Past State Vice-Pres. Merton Trambly, Grand Esquire Francis Hart, and State Chaplain Rev. Michael Fufferd.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's swing through New England at the height of the autumn foliage season included a visit at Vermont's Montpelier Lodge, where he was feted at a dinner. Left to right: host E.R. Steve Mancini, State Pres. John A. Audley, Governor Philip H. Hoff, Mr. Dunn, and P.G.E.R. John E. Fenton.



Among those who welcomed Mr. Dunn at Owatonna, Minn., Lodge in October were, left to right: State Secretary L. R. Ringhofer and Vice-President Howard Comstock, and host E.R. Marvin Heinz. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern, right, of Fargo, N.D., accompanied the Grand Exalted Ruler on his Minnesota visits, which also included Rochester, St. Paul, and Minneapolis.





Tom Wrigley

WRITES FROM WASHINGTON

UN FREE-LOADERS continue to smile when asked to pay their bills. The Soviet Union heads the arrears list with a debt of \$71 million. France owes \$16 million. The United Nations now has 111 member nations, only 45 of which are paid up. The United States carries the heaviest load—an official assessment of 32 per cent of the entire budget; however, to help out some of the little countries, we're actually paying 50 per cent. Moreover, we have purchased \$72 million worth of UN bonds. Without American assistance, the UN would be bankrupt.



A PICTURE of the Senate—the first official photograph ever taken—will appear in the U.S. Capitol Historical Society's new guidebook. After receiving unprecedented permission, the Society had the picture taken this fall. The Senate has always been camera-shy. In 1910 a group of non-senators posed for a cameraman in the Senate chamber but the heads of the real senators were substituted on the print. Then in 1935 a badly blurred picture was taken through a side door of the chamber. In 1954 a magazine photographer snapped an unauthorized shot for which he was chastised. If you visit the Senate, you'll be carefully scrutinized and made to check packages and cameras before entering the gallery. But who knows? Perhaps one day you'll be able to see the Senate live on TV.

LANGUAGE TRANSLATION machines—actually, complicated electronic computers—can goof and go haywire like the best of us. Recently, the English expression “out of sight, out of mind” was fed into one of these linguistic labyrinths for translation into Japanese and came out reading, “invisible, insane.”

ZOOLOGICAL VICTORY: In denying the application for a \$20 million, 15-story apartment building, which would have risen close to the boundary of the National Zoo Park, Washington's Art Commission said the construction would seriously affect beauty of the National Zoological Gardens and Rock Creek Park.

SUPREME COURT UPDATED: The four pages of the U.S. high court have, in the past, worn a traditional outfit of knickers, long black stockings, black shoes, and double-breasted coats. And a page couldn't be taller than 5'4". But that's been changed this season. The current pages are taller, and they're dressed in long dark trousers and single-breasted coats. The knickers have been retired.

SECRET AUTO PLATES, for reasons of security, are issued to a few Washington officials who drive government cars. The ownership of these tags is known only to keepers of a special file in the General Services Administration. According to GSA, the undercover tags, aside from some issued to police, are limited to agencies doing undercover work, such as FBI, CIA, and AEC. Governmental secrecy keeps expanding.



PIERRE SALINGER, Presidential News Secretary, has been elected the country's indoor trout fishing champ by White House newspapermen. During the President's trip to the Northwest this fall, Mr. Salinger cast a fly into a 12-foot tank in the ballroom of a hotel in Duluth, Minnesota, and hauled out a four-pound brook trout. This feat prompted Minnesota Governor Karl F. Rolvaag to make Mr. Salinger a member of the Minnesota Order of Voyageurs in honor of both his French ancestry and angling ability.

BETTER WEATHER FORECASTS have been forecast by Dr. Robert M. White, the new director of the U.S. Weather Bureau. Radar, electronic computers, and weather satellites have improved predictions of hurricanes, tornados, and other violent storms, as well as floods. Present forecasting hits it on the nose about 85 per cent of the time, although the more than 2,000 meteorologists in the service are trying to do even better.



NEW DOLLAR BILLS will be issued beginning in January or February. They'll be Federal Reserve notes, not “silver certificates.” The change is necessitated by a law passed last June which calls for the gradual retirement of more than 1.5 billion silver certificates now in circulation. Silver certificates can be cashed at a bank for silver dollars; the new bills will omit the line “In silver payable to the bearer on demand.” Plates for the bills have been prepared at the Bureau of Engraving, and press runs will start this month. Incidentally, the average life of a dollar bill is 18 months.

DECEMBER DOODLES . . . When in Washington dial 779-6400 for the lowdown on restaurants. . . . Helicopters, carrying up to 80 passengers and with twice the speed of today's choppers, are predicted for the next decade. . . . The armed forces could use 60 per cent of all next June's dental school grads. . . . The Rockefeller Foundation gave \$1 million to the National Cultural Center, which now has 40 per cent of the needed \$30 million in the till or pledged. . . . This young-at-heart reporter recently spoke at Flint, Mich., Lodge's Old Timers Party and never had a better time. . . . Washington is already a Christmas wonderland. Happy Holidays!

Looking Westward

THE 62nd Annual Convention of the Washington State Elks Association took place at the beautiful home of Seattle Lodge on Lake Union. One of the highlights of this meeting was the public program during which 20 students received \$7,000 in Scholarship, Leadership and Physical Therapy awards. A special guest of the Convention was the mother of David Dahlke, one of the patients being helped through the magnificent work of the State Association's Major Project through which so much is being done for cerebral-palsied children. During this session, the Major Project Trustees approved a budget for the year in the amount of \$102,001.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and Grand Trustee Edwin J. Alexander addressed the delegates on Saturday, following which the new officers were installed. They are President Dick Harpole, Bremerton; Vice-Presidents Keylor Smith, Walla Walla, Frank Garland, Centralia, Chet Hawes, Renton, Walt Hampton, Wenatchee, and Paul Meyer, Puyallup; Secretary W. C. King, Bellingham; Treasurer Erling O. Johnson, Tacoma; Sergeant-at-Arms Don Guthrie, Longview; Inner Guard Lee Hudgens, Lower Valley; Chaplain Wayne Lilly, Ephrata; Tiler Tom Holmes, Olympia; Organist Joe Torre, Everett. Trustees are Bob Junker, Yakima; Bill Smith, Mount Vernon; Harry Botesch, Everett; Walt Wilson, Olympia; Al Berman, Burien; A. E. Henderson, Vancouver; Norman Jantaas, Aberdeen; Delbert Hansen, Walla Walla; Clarence Helgeson, Ellensburg; Emanuel Snitily, Wenatchee, and H. C. Fischnaller, Omak.

PUEBLO LODGE was host to the 60th Annual Convention of the Colorado State Elks Association September 19th, 20th and 21st, when the host Elks celebrated their 75th anniversary. The

Photographed at the Washington Elks' Convention at Seattle were, left to right, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee Chairman John T. Raftis, Sr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Board of Grand Trustees.



Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn is welcomed to Pueblo for the Colorado Elks Convention. Left to right are Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge of Kearney, Nebraska, host E.R. Robert Sease, Mr. Dunn and retiring State Pres. Richard L. Tatman.



meeting was attended by 2,430 members and their wives, the largest registration in the Association's history.

George L. Strain of La Junta was chosen to lead the organization for 1963-64, and serving with him are Vice-Presidents J. J. Connolly of Lakewood, and Elmer J. McGowan of Leadville; Trustee Don Hagemeier, Sterling; Secretary Jim Sterling, Canon City, and Treasurer Donald K. Platt, Grand Junction.

The delegates voted to change the date of the Annual Convention from September to May, so the 1964 Meeting will be held in Lakewood April 30th, and May 1st and 2nd.

Greeley Lodge's Ritualistic Team took top honors in that contest, with Grand Junction, second, and Aurora, third. A new competition instituted this year was the Past Exalted Rulers' Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest in which 20 former lodge leaders participated; Lew Kitts of Greeley was the winner.

Notables on hand for the three-day

meeting included Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald J. Dunn who was the principal speaker at the State Banquet, Past Grand Exalted Ruler H. L. Blackledge, Chairman Campbell F. Rice of the New Lodge Committee of the Grand Lodge, and Jacob L. Sherman, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Seventeen Past State Presidents were in attendance at this session, with all but three of the Association's 46 lodges represented.

WITH 665 persons registered, 24 of the State's 25 lodges were represented at the 55th Annual Convention of the West Virginia Elks Association August 14th through the 17th at Morgantown.

Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Ronald J. Dunn, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner and Special Deputy Dewey E. S. Kuhns were guests at this meeting at which it was reported that attendance at the Crippled Children's Camps was the largest in history, with \$6,000 expended on that program.

Presidential Motor Cars

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dominated the Wilson administration. President Wilson was not the ardent motorist that his predecessor Taft had been, but his passion for roadsters was fierce. Wilson felt that he owed curious crowds more than a partial glance of himself, regardless of the weather. His famous return from Paris to a frigid Boston winter in 1919 was no exception. In fact, even during the later stages of his fatal illness, some of the last movie film shot of Wilson shows him in an elegantly handsome open car, a broken and dejected looking figure bundled in fur with a lap robe that seemed as much a barrier against his adversaries as against the harsh Washington climate.

The "normalcy" of the Harding administration was also a banner period for the automobile. In 1921, America officially drove into a new era when the President-elect and his Inaugural party moved down Pennsylvania Avenue by car for the first time in history. In addition to providing the nation's first motorized Inaugural parade, Harding supplied the country with its first driver-President. The 29th Chief Executive was one of the most motor minded of the Presidents, but the Secret Service considered a President at the wheel a bit too much of a risk, and so Harding

never so much as pushed a clutch while in office.

The ascension of Calvin Coolidge to the White House on the death of Harding in 1923 ended the 17-year dynasty of the doughty Pierce Arrow and began a new one for the Lincoln—which has run for 40 years and is still going strong. With his usual succinctness, Coolidge explained the change on the ground that he merely "liked Henry Ford." Apparently, he also liked the Lincoln, since he was the only President who ever bought an official White House car and took it with him when he did "not choose to run" in 1928.

Herbert Hoover became but the third President to get to his inauguration by car, a Lincoln virtually identical to the one for which Coolidge had shown such a personal fondness. Any resentment which the masses had toward the automobile as a symbol of power and authority in Taft's day had long vanished by Hoover's era, since by then one American in six was changing tires and searching for parking places on Saturday.

By 1933 and the Roosevelt administration, the "Presidential car" was evolving into a more complex institution. Roosevelt's physical infirmity contributed to the need for a special car, and this need

was answered in 1939 with a custom-built Lincoln convertible sedan that soon acquired the nickname of the "Sunshine Special" and which eventually carried more noted personalities than any other car in the world. The "Special" was the most monumental Presidential car ever used, weighing 9,300 pounds and towering six feet above the road. This unique car served through 11 years and 55,000 miles and was shipped around the world, always to be on hand for Presidential use.

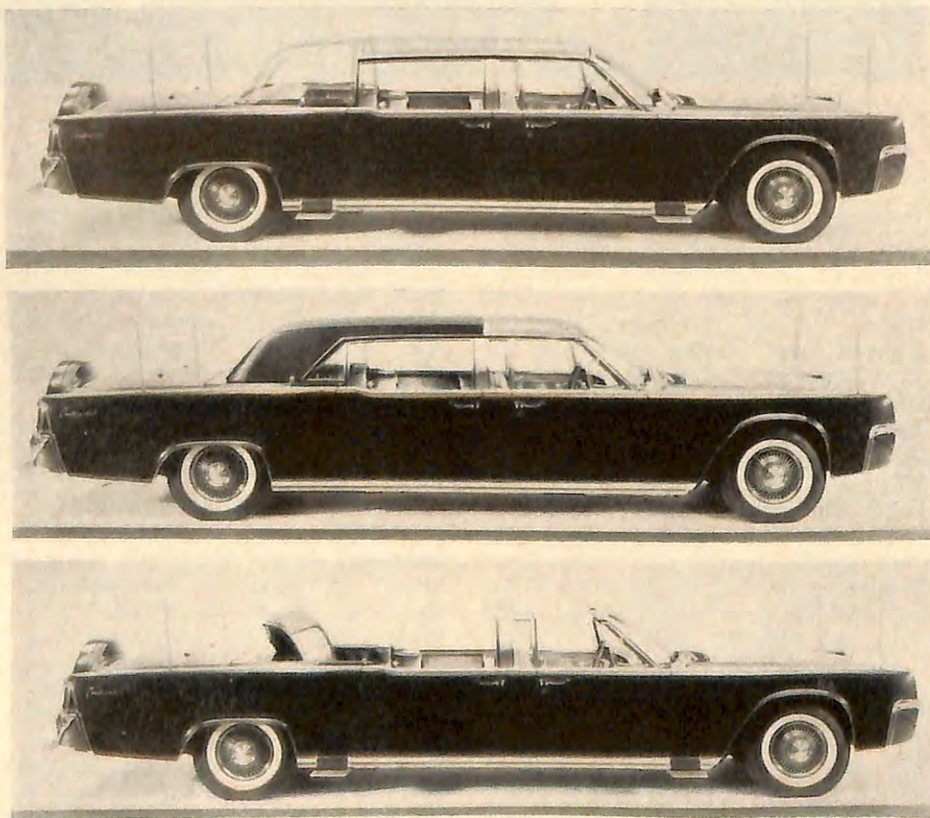
Despite his handicap, Roosevelt managed to convince the Secret Service that a President driving was not quite so hazardous as had been pictured back in Harding's day. So, some 40 years after McKinley's first car ride in Ohio, Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first President to drive a car while in office. The special Ford roadster that he favored for his personal use (with his Scottie Fala) became a frequent newsreel subject of the day.

The hulking "Sunshine Special" served well into the administration of Harry Truman, another driving President who learned how to handle a car way back in 1912. Although the "Special" remained in near-mint condition with relatively little mileage, it began to look rather dated by 1950. It was replaced by several oversized black Lincolns, which finished out the Truman era.

When President Eisenhower took office in 1952 the White House fleet had grown to 36 cars of several different makes. Shortly afterward, at the President's request, one of the cars was sent back to Michigan and fitted with a special plexiglass roof over the rear seat. The car promptly built up a worldwide reputation as a unique "bubble top" and racked up 100,000 road miles, plus half that much more by rail, ship, and air. When Queen Elizabeth visited the U.S., the Presidential parade car was placed at her disposal; she was visibly impressed with the novel vehicle and the efficiency with which it always preceded her travels and was obediently waiting whenever needed. She was later startled to learn that there was really only one bubble top and not several duplicates stationed around the country. The Queen's enthusiasm was perhaps best measured by the fact that a little later her personal Rolls Royce began sporting a similar plexiglass top.

Bubble top became the first White House car to serve three Presidents when it carried John F. Kennedy down Pennsylvania Avenue January 20, 1961. It last served on the President's most recent trip to Europe.

In 1961, a new custom Lincoln was



President Kennedy's official limousine in a variety of configurations. Note the tiny, retractable "running boards" for Secret Servicemen. In the bottom photo the rear seat is in its elevated position.

delivered to the White House, this one perhaps the most complex car in all motordom. The car began as a normal Continental convertible, then was literally cut in half and lengthened with an extra 41-inch mid-section. The metallic blue sedan's most striking features are its selection of hard, soft, and transparent tops and its unique elevator rear seat that permits occupants to be seen

clearly. The more exotic extras include retractable foot stands for Secret Service men, monogrammed lap robes, and an automatically opening trunk lid.

More recently, Mrs. Kennedy was furnished with a more petite version of her husband's master model—apparently the first such luxury since Mrs. Taft's Pierce Arrow, the car which started it all. • •

Pesticides

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pens "only in a very small proportion of the shipments sampled"—the violative shipment is seized and removed from the market by Federal Court Order.

We may have to pay a price for the use of pesticides, in other words, but it is the price that progress always demands. In this case, however, both government science and industry science are constantly at work to bring that price down sharply. And the tighter laws now being prepared will cut the price even further.

Independent scientists, most of whom take vigorous issue with *Silent Spring* and its adherents as too one-sided, have come forward voluntarily to spell out for us in rebuttal the *positive* values—indeed, the *absolute necessity*—of pesticides.

Among many that could be cited is Fredrick J. Stare, M.D. and Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition and Chairman of the Department of Nutrition at Harvard University's School of Public Health. In addition to his general disagreement with those who abhor pesticides, he points out that new chemicals to kill insects which have become resistant to old chemical formulations don't have to become increasingly toxic. He says they are usually less so because researchers are making them ever more specific by test-tube-tailoring them to this or that particular insect or weed target, and no other.

This is particularly reassuring in view of the Science Advisory Committee's Report that more than 100 established pests "have now developed resistance to previously effective chemicals." What that means is that just to continue holding our own, we have to find replacements for those chemicals without delay.

Dr. Stare also reminds us that both industry and government scientists have made notable progress in trying to cut down on the use of chemicals by developing biological controls—that is, by finding ways to use insects and disease organisms to destroy other insects. Such research has been going on for years, he says, even if only 36 of the 500 species of "friendly" insects and disease organisms imported by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture since 1888 for study as a means of curbing local pests have helped much. The USDA Research Service staff at Beltsville, Md., has recently taken up a good deal of the slack, however, by conducting successful experiments in curbing insect reproduction by the use of radiation and other means.

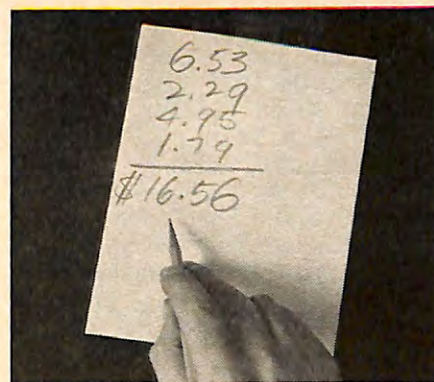
In a major breakthrough, USDA investigators recently used chemicals (of all things) to sterilize male insects more effectively than by radiation. This biological control curbs reproduction of house flies, mosquitoes, and Mexican fruit flies. Developments like these are vital steps forward in a war where we cannot afford to retreat.

Dr. Stare reports that fish and game authorities who depend on agricultural chemicals to thin out wooded areas, increase the quality of our natural resources, and provide better game refuge—experts like Walter Dykstra of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for example—find that they couldn't get along without them.

He even cites garden club spokesmen as acknowledging that spraying to keep roadside weeds down makes for better visibility and increased highway safety, that chemicals are the cheapest and most effective way to do it, and that compared to the necessary loss of wooded acreage for housing developments and highways, only a small portion of wildlife cover is lost as the result of such spraying.

Dr. Stare further states, emphatically, that "there has never been one medically documented death due to proper use of pesticides"—and adds that aspirin kills almost twice as many annually (150), most of them infants, as improperly used pesticides. As for the build-up of DDT in human fat to harmful levels, Dr. Stare says that, except for those who are allergic to DDT, there is no evidence that ill health in man has ever been caused by DDT residues on food.

Not long ago the Communicable Disease Center which the U.S. Public Health Service maintains in Savannah, Ga., came up with some startling proof of how harmless DDT really is. For 18 months, USPHS scientists fed to a vol-



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unteer group of men in a Federal prison a daily dose of DDT 200 times greater than the DDT residue an average adult would consume in eating three full meals. Doctors gave the men rigorous physical examinations regularly and took needle biopsies of each volunteer's liver. Their investigations revealed that not only did such huge daily quantities of DDT produce no ill effects whatever on the prisoner's health at any time during the study or after it, but beyond a certain relatively low storage level the body promptly eliminates any DDT it takes in.

Dr. Cynthia Westcott, author of half a dozen standard references and handbooks for home gardeners and known to millions as "The Plant Doctor," echoes the prevailing view of independent scientists, however, that even with such dramatic reassurance, we need to learn more about the potent qualities of these chemical tools, we need to spur research and development of improved versions of these materials, and through increased discussion we need to encourage more general understanding of their advantages as well as their limitations.

At the same time, Dr. Westcott agrees with a recent report by Dr. Wayland J. Hayes Jr., Chief of the Toxicology Section at the USPHS Communicable Disease Center in Savannah, in which he says that although the safety record for pesticides in some countries is poor, perhaps due to improper labeling or to illiteracy, the record here is good, because of our tougher labeling and residue laws.

Dr. Hayes says in his report that this is so because responsibility in the use of chemicals has paralleled their introduction into industry and agriculture. If this hadn't been true, he points out, the safety record would have deteriorated rapidly instead of improving slowly. Dr. Hayes told the Ribicoff Committee, which has been looking into the President's legislative recommendations for tightening pesticide controls, that "the time has passed when it may be usefully said that little is known about the toxicity of pesticides, or that no legal control of their use exists, or that a wide variety of illnesses from which mankind has suffered for generations are now caused by the newer pesticides."

But while Dr. Hayes is the kind of man who likes to stress that half of all pesticide poisonings are caused by compounds predating the introduction of DDT (World War II), and that the poisoning rate of the past 25 years is about half that between 1900 and 1910 (when the first U.S. pesticides control laws went on the books), he is also the first to urge the need for greatly expanded research into the effects of pesticides on man.



On an experimental farm a researcher works to develop a pesticide that will effectively kill flies and still be as safe as possible for animal and human life.

For as the American public awakens to (1) its absolute dependence on agricultural chemicals for food and clothing, and (2) its debt to pesticides for an ever-improving freedom from insect-borne disease, research will be an indispensable part of our effort to make certain that the pesticides safety record keeps right on improving.

One of the surest ways to help accomplish that, scientists agree, is for everyone to learn as much as possible about the subject. In a way, we already know quite a lot without realizing it. Anyone who has ever used a "bug bomb," for instance—and estimates are that every household in America has at least one aerosol insect spray—has practiced pest control. The same is true if you have mothproofed clothing, sprayed roses, rubbed on an insect repellent, or put weedkiller on a lawn.

The Bible and literature as a whole contain many references to the plagues inflicted by insects on man and his harvests. Only for the past 75 years or so, however, has it been possible to fight back with anything more effective than flails. A wide variety of chemicals and oils were tried at first, before modern science discovered that research would yield effective formulations.

Today we use about 350 million pounds of pesticides a year on 90 million acres of farm, forest, and wetland—one acre in 20 of the continental U.S.—and about the same amount of weedkillers. Homeowners use another 45 million pounds. There is also a substantial tonnage of fungicides. All told, probably one acre in 12 gets some chemicals on the average. Even so, *more than 95 per cent of our total land and water area receives no pesticides whatever in a typical year; in the wilds (75 per cent of the U.S.) the figure is 99 per cent.*

Laws which will soon be stronger—the 1947 Federal Insecticides, Fungicides and Rodenticides Act (FIFRA)

and the 1954 Miller Amendment to our 1938 Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act—govern concentrations-in-normal-use and residues of these huge volumes of agrichemicals, so that the only way they can be dangerous to man is by accident or misuse, and then by one of these three routes: (1) direct oral intake, as by a child who is not protected from the chemicals by lock and key; (2) inhalation, as from breathing pesticide-treated house dust or soils, or bug-bomb spray used to excess; and (3) absorption through intact skin, as from spills of concentrated pesticides (one worker died in 40 minutes after an extensive body splash) or from contact with factory-mothproofed blankets or clothing into which the manufacturer has not chemically "locked" his mothproofing agents.

Symptoms of insecticide poisoning, especially in children, often mimic those of common diseases. But even the rapidly dwindling number of doctors who remain unfamiliar with the subtle differences can get help instantly from one of the 497 Poison Control Centers located strategically throughout the U.S. (Ask the police for the phone number of your local PCC). To these centers, through the U.S. Public Health Service, pesticide manufacturers supply all medical information about their products, together with the proper treatment for misuse.

The foe against which we direct this small (about 1 per cent of our \$30-billion-plus chemical industry's output) but potentially dangerous storm of killer compounds is on record, worldwide, as numbering about 686,000 separate species of insects. Probably five times that number have yet to be described and classified. If we did not make war on them, they would destroy 90 per cent of all the food man grows.

Just in the United States, 6,500 species of insects and 2,500 kinds of ticks and mites take a heavy economic toll.

Of these, the 700 worst offenders cause multi-billion-dollar damage to crops and livestock. Without agricultural chemicals, they could reduce this nation to famine almost overnight.

Scientists estimate that if we were to let the "balance of nature" reassert itself on farm acreage by withholding or drastically curtailing pesticides, even our bulging warehouses of surplus food could not sustain our population for more than six to seven months.

Nematodes alone—only recently identified as microscopic soil worms that run hollow spears into plants to suck their vital juices—would flourish again, at a cost in crop losses of two to three billion dollars a year (10 per cent of total U.S. farm production). Where underground chemistry with the new soil fumigants brings them under control, crop yields improve by as much as 500 per cent.

Weed killers rack up comparable gains for us all. One wild mustard weed takes as much nitrogen and phosphorus from the soil as two oat plants, and as much water as four. One ragweed in a corn field soaks up the moisture for three corn stalks. But one gallon of the right weed killer can, in a single application, destroy more weeds than seven men working with hoes for seven years. With one pound of weed killer, one man in a cotton field can weed an area that used to require 100 men. The farmer's gain—a 50 per cent drop in weeding costs and a 25 per cent increase in land value—comes through to the consumer in lower food costs at the local market.

Systemic insecticides—given orally to livestock—have helped reduce sharply our annual \$2 billion loss by destroying larvae of the heelfly before they can hatch in creases of the animal's hide. Insecticidal control of the horn fly has upped milk production 15 per cent and added an extra half pound of weight a day per animal to beef cattle.

Insecticides and weed killers have served us so well that in the same period when Russia has boasted of putting 36 million more acres into food production, we have been retiring that many. Our success is one reason why the Soviet agricultural ministers spend so much time here studying U.S. agricultural techniques. Another meaningful acknowledgement of how indispensable agrichemicals are was Premier Khrushchev's recent warning to the Russian chemical industry to get cracking with a crash pesticides production program to prevent further disastrous crop losses throughout the Soviet Union.

And what of the birds that inspired the title of Miss Carson's book? They and fish alike have suffered isolated damage from pesticide concentrations, so that we are going to have to be

more careful. Some communities already have curtailed indiscriminate spraying, and new regulations—especially for aerial spraying on windy days and near bodies of water—are sure to come, with individual states tightening up their versions of the "Uniform State Act" to implement the changes Congress plans to make for the whole country, when the Ribicoff Committee submits in the form of amendments to existing laws the fruit of its exhaustive investigations.

At the same time, bird loss, where it does occur, has many causes other than pesticides—forest fires, for one. For another, expanding human needs take away bird-shelter acreage each year as big as the state of Missouri. Even so, conservation experts believe that the bird population, far from being on the wane, is actually increasing.

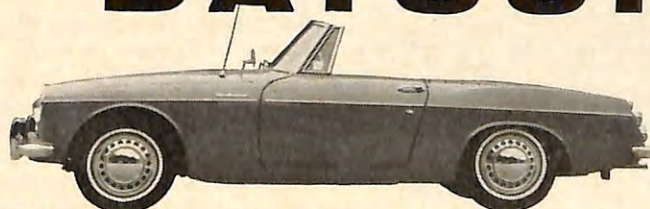
Further proof that most birds don't fret much about pesticides is the way they continue to flourish right on the pesticide-rich test plots of companies experimenting with agricultural chemicals. University of Wisconsin research scientists put night crawlers under elm trees that had been sprayed with DDT, measured the heavy DDT concentrations in the worms, and then checked out the robins which ate them. The robins lived healthily on. The same thing happened when robins were put on a

30-day diet of DDT-saturated night crawlers. Earlier, special chemicals rid the Great Lakes of lampreys—a destructive eel—without harming other fish. Similar selective use of pesticides has enabled us to control fire ants, tent caterpillars, boll weevils, corn borers, and fish parasites with a minimum of risk to man.

Research into the long-range effect of pesticides on birds and all forms of life is going forward under allocations of \$100 million a year by federal and state government agencies, colleges, universities, and the chemical industry. It has to, if we are to keep ahead of the voracious fellow inhabitants of this planet who outnumber us 500,000 to one.

Chemicals—both as pesticides and as food additives—have jumped the foods available to us from 100 at the turn of the century to more than 8,000 varieties today. We want to go on enjoying this plenty now and in generations to come. One of the most valuable contributions to insuring that goal has been the spirited dialogue among industry, government, science, and the public about the whole subject of pesticides, which Miss Carson's embattled book touched off. In that sense, imperfect as it may have been in many respects, *Silent Spring* served a most worthy purpose. • •

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*Here's a checklist to help you
avoid a fire
in your own home*

IT GOES without saying that every homeowner should have fire insurance. A corollary is that no one wants to collect. Yet it's deceptively simple to establish the need for filing a claim; a little carelessness will do it.

A friend of mine answered his telephone at a seaside resort one recent summer to hear this frantic message: "Hurry home! Your house is on fire." Ironically, he'd been in the fire prevention business for 20 years. He'd been preaching and teaching fire safety all that time, but had failed to successfully educate his own wife on one point: disposing of cigarette butts. She'd emptied an ashtray, just before leaving for the resort, in a plastic wastebasket that was full of newspapers and other combustibles.

Their house has been redecorated somewhat—and ashtrays get special attention these days.

My colleague was fortunate. His house suffered fire, smoke, and water damage, but it was not destroyed and no one was killed or injured. Every year, though, some 330,000 homes are destroyed or damaged, at a loss of more than \$125 million. More than 5,000 people are killed (a third are children under 14 years old), and thousands more are injured. In most cases, the fires can be prevented. It's up to you to be your own fire warden.

In this day and age—and from the beginnings of civilization, actually—the threat of a home fire is always present. The way to avoid one is to observe some simple safety precautions. Here are the most obvious, but remember that you should add to the list if you notice a unique hazard in your home:

- **Smoking and matches**—Be sure there are enough ashtrays in the house, located where they'll be needed. Use only the type that automatically puts out a cigarette or cigar butt or that allows a neglected one to fall into the ashtray. Keep matches beyond the reach of children. Don't smoke in bed, in out-of-the-way places (closets, attics, etc.), or where fumes are present.



- **Heating systems**—Check oil and gas lines periodically to be sure they aren't leaking. Keep combustible material at least 18 inches away from any heat source. Repair or replace any rusted, clogged, or damaged flues. Have your heating system (including chimney) inspected regularly.
- **Electricity**—Use only 15-ampere fuses (except main fuses and special circuits). Replace worn or frayed extension and appliance cords and plugs. Repair faulty switches and outlets promptly. Buy only appliances and electrical equipment that bear the seal of approval of a recognized testing organization (such as Underwriters' Laboratories). Have new or replacement wiring done only by qualified professional electricians.
- **Trash**—Dispose of all combustible trash regularly. Keep it covered in metal containers until collected. Hot ashes should be kept in metal containers—never cardboard or wood.
- **Flammable liquids**—Avoid flammable cleaning solutions. All flammable liquids that are deemed necessary should be kept in safety containers.
- **Spontaneous combustion**—Oily and paint-soaked rags should be promptly, and safely, discarded. They should be hung loosely or put in air-tight metal containers to avoid spontaneous combustion, whether awaiting trash collec-

tion or being kept. Oily mops (or rags, if kept) should be hung where air can circulate around and through them.

- **Fireplaces**—Be sure that an adequate fire screen is always in place. Provide a damper that can be operated from outside the fireplace.
 - **Decorations**—Keep flammable decorations away from any heat source. Christmas trees should be treated with flame-retardant material and supported with a water-holding stand. Tree lights should be inspected before installation. Be sure that your children's holiday costumes are made of fire-safe material. Avoid the use of highly flammable decorating materials.
 - **Candles**—Keep all candles and open flames away from flammable materials, such as curtains. Place candles solidly in their holders so that they can't be easily dislodged.
 - **Evacuation**—Know all the ways to escape from the house if it should catch fire; instruct the children accordingly.
 - **Alarm**—Know, and instruct your family, how to reach the fire department, where to find the nearest alarm box, and how to reach neighbors.
 - **Extinguishers**—Keep a fire extinguisher where it can easily be reached and be sure it is properly charged at all times.
 - **Storage**—Keep gasoline, kerosene, and other flammable liquids outside the house in marked, air-tight metal cans. Store all flammable materials safely away from other materials that would permit a fire to spread.
 - **First aid**—Keep a first aid kit in a convenient place, and see that the family knows how to use it. Keep your doctor's phone number at hand by the telephone.
 - **Outdoors**—Mow weeds in your garden or adjacent vacant lot so that a grass fire won't endanger your home. If you use an outdoor fireplace or portable grill, be sure the fire is completely out before leaving it untended. The same goes for burning trash or leaves.
- And, of course, you should never empty ashtrays in a wastebasket. My friend can tell you about that. • •

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About 6,400 people died in fires in their own homes
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Lodge Visits of Ronald J. Dunn

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and to the capital by Mayor Manuel Canas Jr. Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman Raymond J. Quesnel introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler, whose address centered on the Order's charity programs that cost some \$8 million annually. Among the 250 in attendance were Past Grand Trustees Chairman Edward A. Spry, Grand Lodge Credentials Committeeman John J. Harty, State President John A. Audley, Elks National Home Superintendent Thomas J. Brady, and District Deputies Wilfred J. Fisher and Clarence R. Honney. At Montpelier, New Hampshire Elks Association President Walter P. Mills and State New Lodge Committee Chairman James R. Dawson joined the Grand Exalted Ruler's party to escort the group on a tour of New Hampshire, including a stop at famed Franconia Notch.

Proceeding over Kancamagus Highway to Conway, the Grand Exalted Ruler stopped briefly at Eastern Slope (Conway) Lodge, where Mr. Dunn was greeted by a large delegation of Elks and their wives from New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts. The Duns were presented with some gifts of native pine by Mr. and Mrs. Mills on behalf of the New Hampshire State Elks Association. A luncheon was held at a restaurant at the foot of Mt. Cranmore, followed by a ride to the top of the mountain on the Skimobile for a panoramic view of the fall foliage.

A delegation from the Maine State Elks Association then led the Grand Exalted Ruler's party to Poland Springs, Me., Lodge, where a formal dinner was held for a very large group. During the evening, the governor of the State of Maine, John H. Reed, was initiated into the Order by the winning Past Exalted Rulers Ritualistic Team of New England. Although curtailed by serious illness in his family, the Grand Exalted Ruler's tour of New England was memorable for its huge receptions, which prompted Mr. Dunn at one point to say: "As I go throughout this grand nation of ours, this is the kind of thing that is thrilling to me."

OWATONNA, MINN. Following a luncheon meeting at Rochester, Minn., Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sam Stern were guests of honor at a banquet meeting—attended by nearly 200—at Owatonna Lodge on the evening of Oct. 21. Host Exalted Ruler Marvin Heinz welcomed Mr. Dunn, and Past Exalted Ruler L. R. Humes introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler, whose address focused on Americanism and youth activities. Regarding the latter, he praised the Minnesota

State Elks Association Major Project—the Youth Camp on Pelican Lake near Brainerd, which is attended by 400 deserving boys during the course of a summer. He also cited the host lodge for its youth efforts that encompass athletics, social events, and scholarships.

Among the Minnesota State Elks Association officials in attendance were President L. E. Moening, Secretary L. R. Ringhofer, and Treasurer Cecil Brown, as well as District Deputy Kenneth C. Hanson, and Past District Deputy L. R. Benson. • •

In the Dog House

(Continued from page 10)

pet has pups. It concluded with the arrival of the puppies and their weaning. Now, it's not probable that you'll be sold a newly weaned pup or given one, but this happens. The death of a mother dog, for instance, frequently necessitates distributing pups among friends of her owner or selling them when they're still below the 10-week-age minimum.

For most pups, weaning is begun when they're about five weeks old. About that time, the lady in charge of the litter decides she's had about all the confinement she can stand and begins to leave the youngsters alone for longer periods each succeeding day. Naturally, the pups' meals grow fewer and fewer, and that's when you

can begin to look after things yourself.

By this time, puppy teeth are fairly well developed, so you can start him on feedings of raw beef scrapings. And you can introduce him to drinking water, too. (Clean, fresh water should be available for a pup at all times by the way.) You can hasten a pup's acquaintance with water by dipping a finger into it and then letting a few drops fall on his nose. Sometimes it's necessary to bring his nose to the surface of the water and immerse it to get the point across. He'll lick the strange fluid off, and, in the process, learn to like it.

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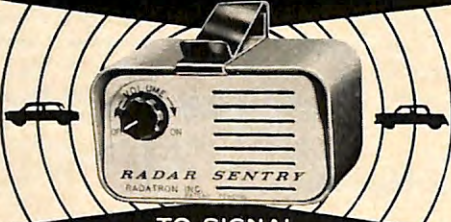
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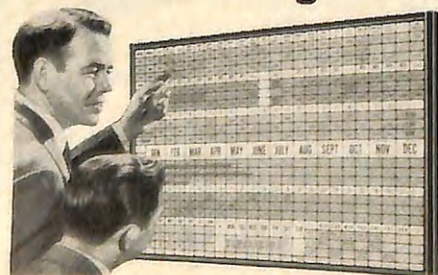
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especially for very young pups. Or you can give the pup croutons, along with small pieces of raw beef as a solid-food starter. As soon as the pup starts on the beef scrapings, he should be fed three meals a day. This regimen should be continued until he's about five months old, when two meals should suffice. In addition to commercial foods for very young pups, there are a number of foods for older pups sold at your supermarket that also can be used at this stage. At about six months, the pup can start regularly on any commercial dog food.

More about food: When the puppy starts on the diet of scrapings, it can be rounded out with helpings of broths or clear soups; meat chunks can be supplemented with pieces of bread soaked in gravy. As the youngster grows older, cooked or raw chopped beef can be added to the menu.

Milk should be a regular part of the diet from the time the pup is being weaned until he's about three months old. It should be slightly warmed when served, never straight from the refrigerator. In the beginning the pup resists the change-over from his mother's milk, but the nose-wetting procedure that you follow for introducing water will work with cow's milk, too.

When the pup begins to eat pieces of solid meat, you can start him on

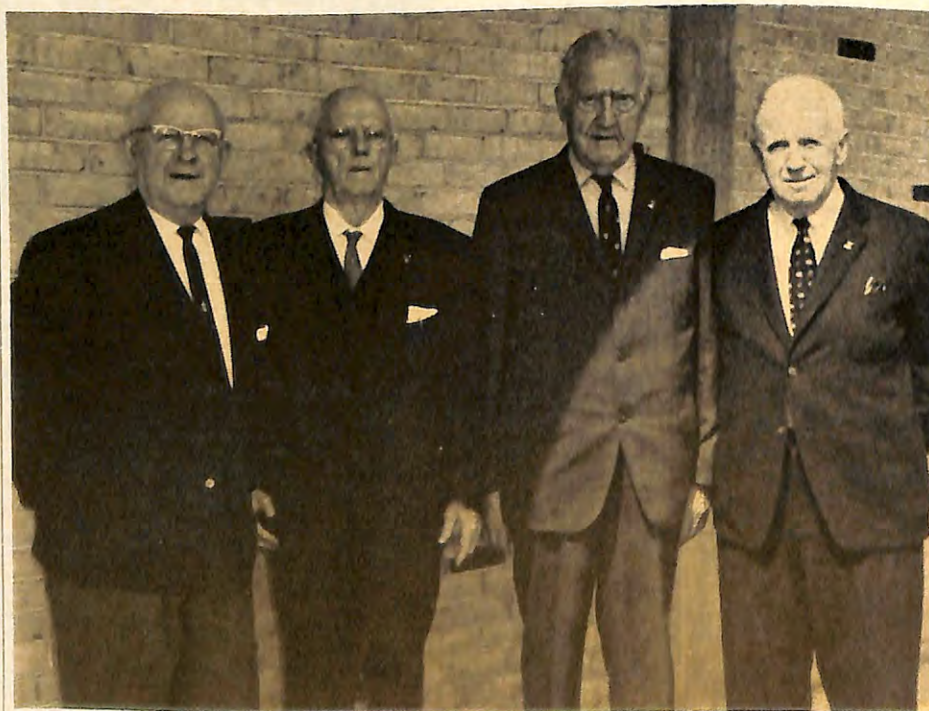
puppy biscuits. For variety, try with shredded wheat soaked in milk once a day. Most pups will relish the yolk of a raw egg every so often. But don't give him the white; it's difficult to digest. Fruit and vegetable juices can be used to moisten commercial foods or just served as is.

Pieces of dry toast, while helping to develop strong teeth, satisfy the desire to chew. Of course, an occasional beef or lamb bone, preferably from cooked meat, will serve the same purposes. Bones should be large enough so that his puppy teeth won't be able to splinter them. Never give him small bones, such as those from chicken, chops, or steak. These are too easily chewed into small pieces, which if swallowed can pierce the digestive organs with fatal results.

Fido shouldn't be given highly seasoned or spiced foods. Beef can be given raw, but veal, lamb, or mutton should be thoroughly cooked. Don't give him pork at all. Hearts, liver, and kidneys, preferably cooked, provide variety. Well-cooked, non-starchy vegetables are a good supplement for meat meals. And a little garlic mixed with other foods will help discourage internal parasites.

The better-known brands of canned dog foods and the dry kinds you moisten with broth, milk, juice, or gravy are

Reunion in Connecticut



A memorable meeting of four prominent New England Elks took place recently in Connecticut. Photographed on that occasion were, left to right, Grand Trustee Arthur J. Roy, former Grand Treasurer John F. Burke, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson and Harry A. McGrath, a Past Exalted Ruler of Winchester, Mass., Lodge.

both nourishing and a convenience for the busy homemaker (or whoever feeds the dog.) Many dog-food manufacturers maintain elaborate laboratories to assure the consistent purity of their products; all foods of this type that are readily available must meet rigid Government standards.

Until the pup is six months old, table scraps shouldn't be given, unless all fats are eliminated. After a half year of age, small amounts of fat are permissible, since they're good for the coat. Neither a pup or grown dog should ever be fed candy, pastry, fresh bread, pickled foods, tea, coffee, or fried foods. Never feed him hot or ice cold food. If dog food is stored in the refrigerator, it should be taken out ahead of feeding and allowed to reach room temperature.

While going through the short-lived teething period, a pup is likely to be fretful, sometimes even feverish, just like an infant. At this stage, examine the pup's mouth from time to time. If you discover a very loose tooth, gently remove it. The balance of his puppy teeth will eventually fall out (or disappear) just the way baby teeth do. Incidentally, after a dog is about two years old, it's difficult to tell his age by his teeth.

Getting back to meal times, you should supervise these to the extent that you watch that Fido doesn't gorge himself. Some dogs will wolf down food, if not checked.

The amount of food you feed the dog is dependent upon its breed, size, and age. Using a dog about the size of a fox terrier as our example, here's a rough guide to follow: Puppies three to nine months old can handle a trifle more than one-half pound of solid food daily, plus a handful of puppy biscuits, either early in the morning or at night. Add to this a cup of milk with an egg yolk in it daily until the dog is six months old, then every other day is sufficient. If he likes them, occasionally substitute fruit or vegetable juices for the milk.

From nine to fifteen months of age: about three-quarters of a pound of solid food a day, along with the biscuits. After that, he should be fed one full pound of food (a can of dog food averages about this weight). Adjust these amounts, proportionally if your dog is smaller or larger than the terrier.

A dog the size of a fox terrier should receive about a teaspoon and a half of cod liver oil daily. Until full grown, two teaspoons of limewater—available at any drugstore—should be added to the pup's drinking water. Aside from its vitamin value, the cod liver oil helps build strong bones. So does the limewater.

Always feed the dog in the same

Last summer Ed Faust received a letter from a reader who lives at 125 Mary St., Johnsonburg, Pa., inquiring about the rearing of a German shepherd pup named Heidi, then two months old. The writer neglected to include his (or her) name, so Mr. Faust has yet to reply but will just as soon as the mystery writer identifies himself.

place, and never allow uneaten food to remain in his dish. The pup's chow times should be the same, day in, day out. A dog, especially a pup, should have toys to play with and chew, but none that will break or splinter.

Right from the start, Fido should have his own place to sleep. Pick a draft-free place that, as much as possible, is removed from the family's activity.

All dogs are subject to internal parasites or worms. You can detect

the presence of these in a pup's feces. There are four common kinds: round, whip, tape, and hook. If you can determine the variety by examination, your pet store proprietor or druggist will sell you a commercial preparation to combat them. But be sure you get the right type of stuff. Never give a pup worm medicine that's been made for the mature dog; they're too strong and can do great harm to a pup.

If he has worms, probably the best bet is to take Fido to your veterinarian. An expert, he'll be able to determine the variety or parasite and prescribe proper medication. While you're at it, have the vet give the young fellow his rabies and distemper shots.

My next article, by the way, will deal with these vital inoculations.

If you have a question about dogs, drop me a line at THE ELKS MAGAZINE, 386 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y., 10016. I'll be glad to help you—but no medical questions, please. • •

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News of the Lodges

California Fact Seminar

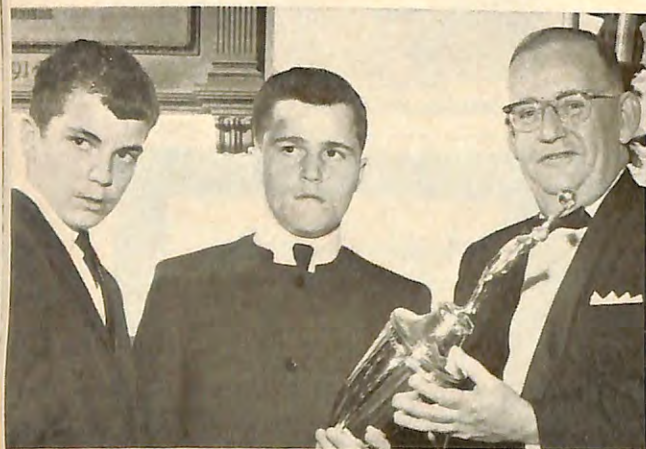
LONG BEACH, Calif., Lodge, No. 888, was host to a seminar attended by more than 300 Trustees of lodges of California, Arizona and Nevada. The session was devoted to roundtable discussions for various officers and committee chairmen, arranged for, and sponsored by, the California Elks Association with President Vern Huck presiding. Trustees Chairman Norm Allumbaugh of the host lodge introduced John R. McArdle, head of the Internal Revenue Bureau of the area, who spoke on "Exempt Organizations". He was followed by Charles M. Walker, Grand Lodge

Tax Council, who gave a talk on the recent Grand Lodge Amendment permitting lodges to form a separate corporation, and Past District Deputy James A. Dyer who explained the responsibilities of lodge Trustees. The morning session was climaxed by an address by Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.

Later, Harry Kanust, a San Bernardino Elk and a member of the State Alcoholic Beverage and Control, spoke on the various types of liquor licenses available to lodges in California. Past District Deputy Jess Grundy, pictured

above with Esteemed Leading Knight Ross McKelvie, offered suggestions for securing competent club managers before introducing his own lodge's club manager, Henry Meyer, who discussed food and bar percentages. State Assemblyman George Deukmejian, Long Beach Lodge Historian, spoke on integration legislation of the State.

The response to this seminar, termed the equivalent of a college education in the food and beverage business, was most enthusiastic, with many Trustees requesting a repeat of this worthwhile program.

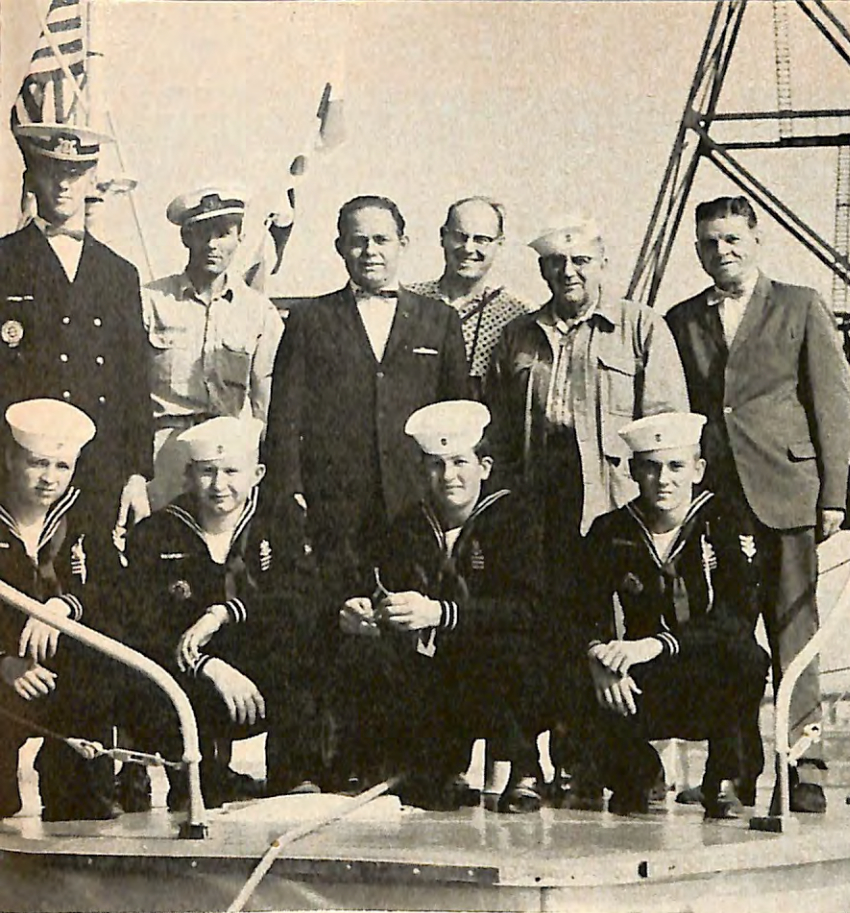


PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Lodge has sponsored an awards dinner honoring the Community Basketball League for the past 16 years. Players, managers, coaches and officials of the League teams were guests, head basketball coach Joe Mullaney of Providence College was speaker. Trophies were awarded to the members of the League championship Zuccolo Recreation Center nine whose Co-Capts., John Cannon and Eddie Procaccianti, are pictured as they received the team trophy from E.R. James F. Gannon.



SOUTH DAKOTA Elks met at Mitchell with well-known bandleader Lawrence Welk, a member of Yankton Lodge for the past 35 years, during his engagement at the Corn Palace there. E.R. Ed Shuff delivered to him debenture bonds sold by Yankton Lodge to finance its new addition. Pictured are, left to right, foreground, Yankton Elk Secy. Wade Fishbeck, D.D. L. J. Gregory, Lawrence Welk, and E.R. Shuff; background: E.R. William Molumby, P.D.D. Harold Ricketts and P.E.R.'s Lester McCarty and Robert Morgan, all of Mitchell, and P.D.D.'s Fred H. Leach of Yankton and C. L. Doherty of Rapid City who made his visit as D.D. to Yankton the night the bandleader was initiated.

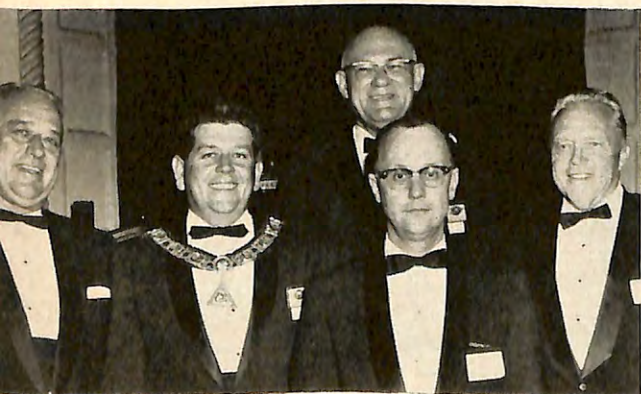
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Lodge's outstanding Elks Night at the Cincinnati Baseball Park had an attendance of nearly 14,000 including 20 wheelchair VA Hospital patients who were guests of Newport, Ky., Lodge. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance; members of the Elks American Legion Post carried the Flags. Guest of honor was Carl Herrmann, nephew of the late August "Garry" Herrmann, former owner of the Cincinnati Reds and a Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, in whose memory the lodge, through E.R. Ansel Lee Russell, Jr., right, presented a plaque to the ball club's present owner, Wm. O. DeWitt, center, citing its "continuous promotion of Americanism through the medium of baseball." At left is P.E.R. James Sonnenberg. The Reds beat St. Louis 1-0. Supper followed at the lodge home.



DOWNEY, California, Lodge's "Elk of the Year" award was presented to William Henderson during the visit of D.D. Stephen A. Compas. Left to right are E.R. P. J. Riccobon, P.E.R. J. T. Bair, Mr. Henderson, P.E.R. L. G. Stevens, D.D. Compas and P.E.R. A. B. Meyer.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Lodge's Sea Scouts, the "Saints", were hosts to Elk officers on a cruise to Longview, Wash., aboard the Explorer Flagship—a converted PT boat manned by 11 crew members and three officers and their Skipper, and piloted by Commodore Donald McKenzie. Each crewman had a task to perform, served a tasty dinner to their passengers. Pictured are Skipper Jack Perkins, Officer Steve Moist, Ken Lusk, Mike Coffman, Robert Barclay, Allen Hill, E.R. Harold Holm, and Officers Ted Richert, Robert Stone and Walter Banz.

PHOENIX, Arizona, Lodge's eight-year practice of presenting all new citizens with an American Flag is carried out by its P.E.R., U.S. Dist. Judge Roger D. Foley, pictured as he presented a Flag to three-year-old Ramona Faye Kline, following an Elk-sponsored reception for newly naturalized citizens.



BAKERSFIELD, California, Lodge's drive for candidates for the class honoring its Secy. Tom Jennings had an unusual twist. The committee inaugurated a chain-reaction campaign, with each member getting one candidate and asking two other members to get one apiece. The result found 141 signed up in 60 days and, with their wives, introduced to Elkdom at an Indoctrination Dinner followed by their initiation—the largest class in 14 years. Photographed at the ceremony were, left to right, State Pres. Vern Huck, E.R. David Parker, Tom Jennings, D.D. John Havey, State Secy. Edgar Dale. Also on hand were State Vice-Pres. Brooks Treece and Dist. Membership Chairman Wren Lawrence.



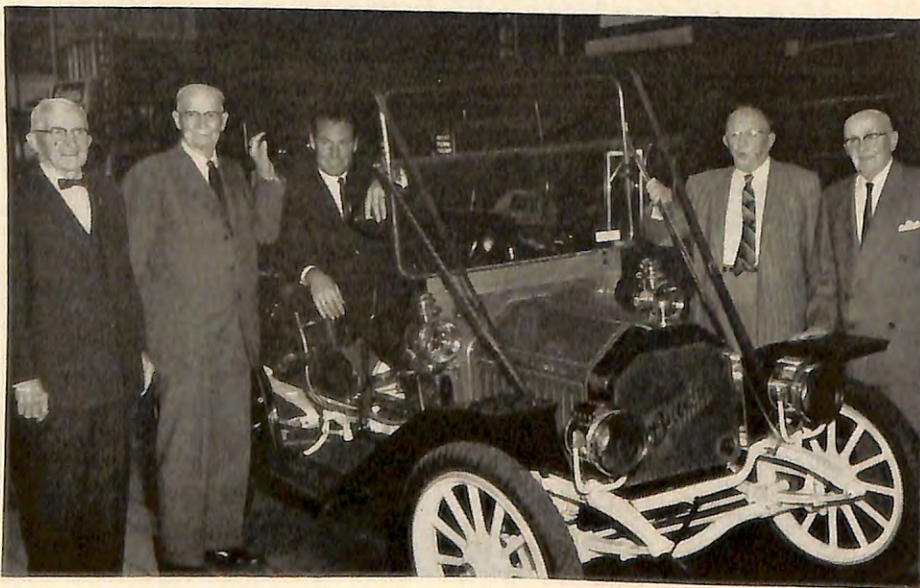
DELTA, Colorado, Lodge's Youth Activities Committee's boys' baseball team finished the 1963 season with the Western District and State Championships in their pockets. This team of 13- and 14-year-olds, playing in the Old Timers Assn. program of Colorado, had only three runs scored against them in the three-day State Tourney—all unearned.



RED BLUFF, California, Lodge honored its only living Charter Member A. W. Woolf, a 56-year-Elk, with the initiation of a special class. Mr. Woolf is pictured, center, with his son, also an Elk, on his right. At extreme right is E.R. A. C. Lengtat.



GLENDAL, California, Lodge's P.E.R.'s Assn., joined by the entire membership, sponsored a surprise program honoring George B. Karr, foreground, when he received a 63-year-membership pin and a Life Membership presented by E.R. J. H. Forgeon and P.E.R.'s Pres. R. T. Marvin. Others pictured include State Pres. Vern R. Huck, P.D.D. C. W. Ericson, State Vice-Pres. E. F. Haven, "Elk of the Year" Carl Ralphs and P.E.R.'s E. A. Dalzell, Horace Chandler, L. L. Johnston, H. S. Johnson and N. S. Stolley. Originally a Parsons, Kans., Elk, Mr. Karr dimitted to Glendale 27 years ago.



RICHMOND, California, Lodge's Old Timers Night also celebrated its 52nd anniversary. Pictured with an exact duplicate of the Buick driven by Walter Helms and Dr. C. L. Abbott from Richmond to Portland, Ore., in 1911 to receive the lodge's Charter are Life Members C. M. Concannon, a 51-year-Elk, and Walter Helms, E.R. W. L. Martin, Life Members C. D. Horner, 51 years an Elk, and 52-year-member P.E.R. J. A. Bell.

News of the Lodges CONTINUED

THANKS TO THE ELKS of Ontario, Ore., Lodge, No. 1690, nearly 1,000 boys between the ages of 9 and 16 had a busy two-month period of baseball this summer. Two leagues are sponsored in the program in eastern Oregon and western Idaho, with 16 teams recruited from eight communities of that area, in each of which the Elks have been cited by civic and service groups for their welcome, and successful, contribution to the welfare of its junior citizens.

The Little League drew nearly 500 boys, with a similar number of older boys participating in the eight-team Babe Ruth League. Ontario's Elks have sponsored the younger group for five years; the older boys were added four years ago. In addition to providing managers and trainers for each community team, the lodge also buys uniforms, hats and equipment for the players. With the end of the last season, it was estimated that more than \$20,000 had been spent on the program. The Little League All-Stars this year went on to the finals in Portland, lost the State title in a 2-1 playoff with Riverside.

THE ELKS of Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge, No. 335, are mourning a highly valued member, Trustee Harold E. Shield, who died suddenly at the age of 69. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, three sisters and three grandchildren.

Harold Shield had been a member of the Order since 1951 when he was an affiliate of Chicago (South), Ill., Lodge. Transferring his membership to Phoenix in 1954, he immediately became active in its affairs. Deeply interested in young people, he headed both the lodge and the Arizona State Elks Association Youth Leadership Committees. During his Chairmanship, his committee was honored with the selection of a girl and a boy as second-and third-place Elks National Youth Leaders, respectively.



GUNNISON, Colorado, Lodge, assisted by local merchants, made an all-out effort this year to develop a boys' baseball program in the State's Old Timers Assn.—an obvious success, with 186 boys signed. The ten-year-olds made the District playoffs, lost 2-1 in 11 innings; the 44 Elk-sponsored eight-year-olds were coached by Club Mgr. Jim Graham assisted by P.E.R. Elton Jardon and Emil Spritzer.



PALO ALTO, California, Lodge honored Grand Treas. and Mrs. John B. Morey at a dinner attended by 550 persons, among them Past Grand Exalted Rulers L. A. Lewis and Horace R. Wisely, Grand Trustee R. Leonard Bush, Grand Lodge Committeeman Donald K. Quayle, former Grand Est. Lead. Knight C. P. Hebenstreit, former Grand Esq. Henry Budde, former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum A. F. Bray; State Pres. Vern R. Huck, Secy. Edgar W. Dale, Chaplain Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. M. Scott, and ten Past Presidents, 30 former Vice-Presidents and eight State Committee Chairmen; four D.D.'s and 34 P.D.D.'s.



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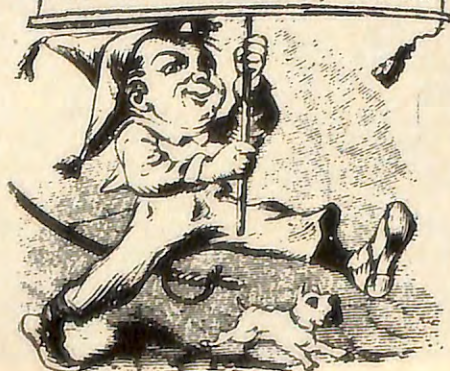
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At Boston, Mass., Police Headquarters recently, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees John F. Malley presented a Foundation Emergency Educational Fund scholarship to Catherine Agnes O'Leary, eldest daughter of Boston policeman James B. O'Leary (Brighton, Mass., Lodge) who was shot and killed on duty. Others at the presentation included, l. to r.:

P.G.E.R. John E. Fenton, Mrs. O'Leary, Brighton E.R. Joseph F. Cedrone, and Boston Police Commissioner Edmund L. McNamara. The awarding of Miss O'Leary's scholarship, which provides for a full course of study at Aquinas Secretarial School (Newton, Mass.), is just another example of how Elksdom—through the Foundation—steps in to help out when need is evidenced.

When a Boston policeman was killed in a gun battle recently, the Elks National Foundation responded with an award that is made relatively infrequently: an Emergency Educational Fund scholarship for the deceased's eldest daughter. James B. O'Leary was a member of Brighton, Mass., Lodge, and the Fund exists for the higher education of children of Elks who have lost their lives or become incapacitated if, in the eyes of the Foundation Trustees, there is need for financial assistance.

In addition to the Emergency Educational Fund scholarship which will assure Catherine's education, the O'Leary family was aided by a fund drive conducted by the Boston Traveler among its readers.

The Fund was established by the Grand Lodge in 1944 with an appropriation of \$25,000. The following year it was enlarged to \$50,000 and entrusted to the Foundation for its administration. The Foundation replenishes the Fund when it has been depleted by the awarding of scholarships.

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Peace: Reds Mean the Socialist Brand

"THE CLOSE CONNECTION between peace and progress is one of the essential features of our age."

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No one offered a protest to Tito's statement. On the surface it appeared to state a belief common to all peoples of the world. But, like nearly all political generalities, this one breaks down when examined closely. Peace for whom? Progress in what direction?

We have entered, at least briefly, upon a period of peace-war. Everyone is justifying actions by claiming that they advance the cause of peace. Such claims may be completely fraudulent.

Peace Often an Excuse for Conquest

The Roman emperors conquered one bordering people after another, loudly claiming that such conquests were in the interests of maintaining world peace. Hitler demanded the Ruhr, then the Sudetenland, then all of Western Europe "in the interests of peace." Communists have anointed many of their conquests with the oil of fraudulent claims that they advanced the cause of peace.

When the Soviet Union resumed nuclear testing in 1961, after a three-year voluntary ban on testing by the U.S. and the USSR, Khrushchev claimed that his move was taken to insure world peace.

What "Peace" Means to Reds

The classic communist definition of peace is that peace will come into existence when capitalism is overthrown, private productive property is abolished, and a one-class socialist world is ruled by communists guided from Moscow. This is the kind of peace that communists are struggling to attain. It is a peace based upon the defeat

of free nations and free institutions. Is this a peace struggle in which Americans can join?

The American Definition

The emerging American definition of a peaceful world is this: A world of free and independent nations whose people have the right to determine their own political and economic systems and the right to change these systems whenever they wish.

Every action in today's peace-war must be judged in terms of whose progress it speeds—the communists' or ours—and in terms of what kind of peace it advances—the peace which comes from free-world defeat, or the peace of a free-world victory.

Straws in The Red Wind

SOUTH AFRICA—Two African Nationalist parties—the Pan-African Congress and the African National Congress—are working to form a united front to "liberate" South Africa from its present government. "Liberate" is a communist term meaning the overthrow of an existing government and seizure of power by the "liberating" forces. Expect increasing demands in the U.N. for world action against South Africa.

ISVESTIA reports that Communist Party Central Committee secretaries from the USSR and the East-Central European satellites are agreed on the Moscow-dictated division of labor for the Soviet economic bloc. By means of selective development of industry in these countries, Reds hope to speed increases in the bloc's over-all farm and factory output, with special emphasis on its chemical industry.

U.S. NUCLEAR SUPREMACY—This is a target of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization, which has called for all Asian and African governments and peoples to organize "the mighty force of the people's unity" to destroy U.S. nuclear superiority.

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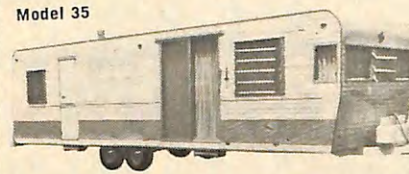
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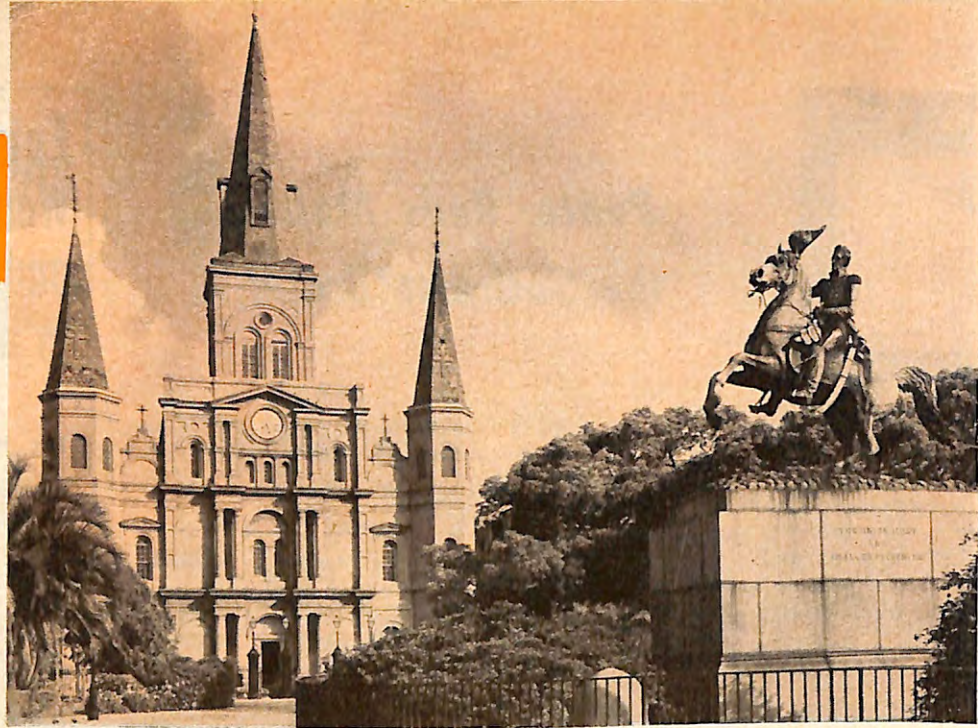
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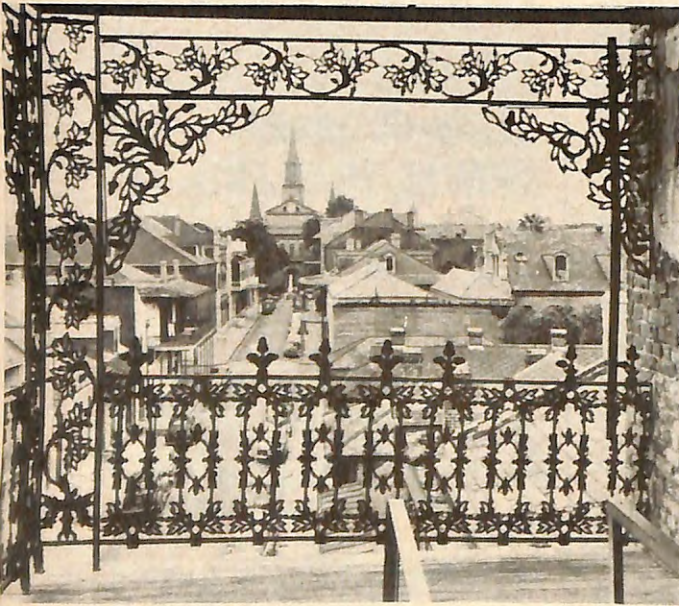
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With St. Louis Cathedral as a backdrop, this equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson—hero of the Battle of New Orleans—has been the focal point of Jackson Square since 1856. Sculptor: Clark Mills.



When cotton was king and New Orleans booming, prosperity was expressed in wrought iron filigree. Here some of the graceful tracery frames a street view of the Vieux Carré.



Named for buccaneer Jean Lafitte, Pirate's Alley in the French Quarter today is the main "gallery" for the city's many artists.



This picturesque plantation—an example of "Steamboat Gothic"—inspired Frances Parkinson Keyes' popular novel of that name.

NEW ORLEANS

Dixieland, lacy ironwork, chicory, superb dining, antebellum mansions, French Quarter artists, banana boats—and, of course, Mardi Gras; the Queen City of the Mississippi uniquely blends all these and more

By JERRY HULSE

NEW ORLEANS snuggles lethargically alongside the Mississippi down where the bayous nearly meet Bourbon Street. From this famous port—the South's biggest city—passenger liners steam out all the time for Central and South America, paradoxically, leaving one of the world's most exciting tourist towns behind.

New Orleans is a mood—a mood of pleasure. Visitors are caught up by a sense of careless well-being, but not overwhelmed. Their curiosity is sharpened to see what lies beyond the picturesque gates of its antebellum homes and the open doorways of the jazz cellars in the French Quarter. (Let no one tell you differently; as far as the tourist is concerned, the French Quarter is New Orleans. But more of that later.)

French opera was introduced to America in New Orleans and jazz was born here on Basin Street, down in that sin-clouded section they called Storyville. Visitors describe New Orleans as the "Paris of America," while New Orleanians simply hail this town of theirs as "America's most interesting city." How's that for a touch of forthright Southern immodesty?

Well, no one will argue that it's not an unusual place. Like Paris or Rome, Manhattan or San Francisco, New Orleans projects a distinctive personality—in this case, a fusion of history, high living, elegance, and wickedness. It's a place of graceful living, and, above all, one of the finest restaurant towns in America. Take my word, it would be worth the trip just for a meal.

In New Orleans, horse-drawn carriages still clatter through the French Quarter and a stern-wheeler plies the Mississippi, hauling tourists by day, romantics by night—when the moon casts a soft yellow glow. Negro voices harmonize along the river where the banana boats are unloaded, and the air is redolent with the mingling aromas of roasting coffee beans and baking bread. Only two places in the world smell like that, and the other is Casablanca.

Tourists may wind up a night on the town at an oyster bar, or greet morning at the Morning Call where they consume square-cut French doughnuts

(sans holes) and drink chicory-laden coffee. They claim to love it. That's the magic, I suppose, of this town. Sometimes they go to the Cafe du Monde, at the end of the market, near Jackson Square. After breakfast it's natural to wander through the market and watch the bustle. Occasionally there's the sweet whiff of magnolias in the air.

With water on all sides—the Mississippi, Lake Pontchartrain, and the bayous—New Orleans is like a sponge. So water-logged is the earth that the city's dead are mostly buried above in small square-cut tombs. With 166 of its 365 square miles under water, New Orleans protects itself from the river with levees and uses pumping stations to carry rainwater to canals that, in turn, empty into Lake Pontchartrain. Reaching 23½ miles across the lake is the world's longest causeway, linking the city with Tammany Parish.

Upriver from the city is an area known as the Garden District. It evolved during the 1800's, when it was tied to New Orleans proper by a silken sash. Here magnificent homes were built as New Orleans became a subject of King Cotton. The newly rich built 20-room,

even 40-room homes and filled them with sumptuous furnishings from Europe: crystal chandeliers, gilt-edged mirrors, and marble fireplaces. This was the American, non-Creole counterpart of the city's French Quarter—architecturally loftier and no less elegant.

These homes are reminiscent of the old plantations in other parts of the South. Mostly painted white, these stately buildings are surrounded by spacious verandas, with balconies supported by slender Grecian columns. The district is aptly named: magnolias and palms, bananas, jasmine, myrtle, roses, iris, and other blooms are to be found here in profusion.

Speaking of the Garden District, you might like to know about the annual New Orleans Spring Fiesta, which is held the third and fourth weeks after Easter. During the Fiesta, a number of these splendid homes are open to the public, as are private patios in the French Quarter, where hostesses in elegant gowns greet guests. (A folder describing dates, times, and tour prices is available by writing to the New Orleans Tourist Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans 16.) The Fiesta, by the



Grand Prize Winner of the 1961 Elks Krewe of Orleanians Parade—one of more than 25 spectacular processions each year at Mardi Gras time—was this elaborate Dove of Peace float.

way, is just one reason that New Orleans attracts hundreds of thousands annually, not just during Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras, though, is New Orleans' chief claim to fame nowadays, and we'll turn to that now.

Mardi Gras, 1964, will fall on February 11. It falls rather gently, though, relatively speaking, for it is preceded by that rambunctious season known as Carnival—which begins several weeks earlier with a succession of more than 60 balls.

In New Orleans, any man can be king for a day; all he has to do is organize his own Carnival club and reign at a ball. If it's done up proper, the gala will cost some \$10,000 to \$25,000. Queens come from the ranks of the city's debutantes.

There are only about a third as many parades, but that's enough to keep Canal Street pretty busy for more than a week. The largest and one of the last, on Mardi Gras, is the parade of the Elks Krewe of Orleanians. Over a route of about seven miles, it puts up to 150 floats and 8,000 costumed riders on view. As Chris R. Valley, Captain of the Elks Krewe these many years, put it: "Unlike the 'major' or well-known floats of papier mâché, the Elks depend on people—or as one newspaper writer referred to it: The Elks Krewe of Humanity."

The Elks do use one sumptuous float, however. They borrow it from the Hermes Krewe, and on it rides the king of the parade—an orphan boy, representative of a different religious

faith each year. Rex, the king of Carnival and the best-known parade, honors an orphan girl each year by placing her on the mayor's reviewing stand. As "Lady of the Day," she presents the keys to the city to Rex.

If you like festive crowds, by all means take in Mardi Gras, and reach for some of the hundreds of dollars worth of trinkets thrown from the floats. Visiting Elks are welcome at New Orleans Lodge, 705 Common St. (one block from Canal).

I don't wish to imply that it's all jazz and Mardi Gras in New Orleans; it isn't. History hangs heavy like the humid air itself. There are homes with patios paved with stones from Europe, brought as ballast in empty ships the Spanish had intended to fill with New World treasure. Although New Orleans was originally colonized by the French in 1718, it was later ruled by Spain, and then transferred back to France. Still later, in 1803, Napoleon sold it to the United States for a paltry \$15 million—along with the rest of the Louisiana Territory, which makes up much of our country today.

As I mentioned, to millions of visitors New Orleans is the ancient area known as the French Quarter (Vieux Carré or Old Square)—90 square blocks in the heart of the city, bounded on four sides by Canal, Rainpart, and Decatur Streets, and Esplanade Avenue. When night falls in the French Quarter, the happy sound of jazz and the sad notes of the blues spill out of doorways along Bourbon Street, flowing hot and sweet from

places like Pete Fountain's, Al Hirt's, the Famous Door, and the Paddock Lounge.

Mere steps off Bourbon Street there are others: dimly lighted cellars such as Preservation Hall, housed in a former art gallery and dedicated to the preservation of pure, old-time jazz—the kind played these evenings by Sweet Emma Barrett, Billy Pierce, and George Lewis, who makes but one request to customers: "Please, don't ask for 'The Saints,' Mistah." If you do, it will cost you five bucks, which just goes to show how tired they are of keeping those saints marching.

For the dedicated buff, there's the New Orleans Jazz Museum at 1017 Dumaine Street. It features a display of instruments once used by some of America's jazz greats: the guitar of Johnny St. Cyr, Irving Prestopnik's clarinet, the banjo of Emile "Stalebread" Lacoume, a bass fiddle once owned by Alcide "Slow Drag" Pavageau, and the soprano sax of the late Sidney Bechet. Visitors spin dials on a battery of closed-circuit telephones, then sit back to inhale the recorded music of such immortals as Bix Biederbecke, Jelly Roll Morton, and others. It comes out early minstrel, Dixieland, Chicago, and blues.

At night the yellow glow of gaslamps illumines Bourbon Street—the night life belt—nine blocks of bars, nightclubs, and restaurants.

Day or night, weekdays and Sundays, there's no liquor curfew in New Orleans. It's not surprising then that the town's bartenders have had time to bring fame to the city by devising such potent potables as the Ramos gin fizz, the Sazarac, the Hurricane, the absinthe frappe.

But there's more to the Quarter than jazz joints and other night life. For example, Jackson Square—originally Place d'Armes—renamed for General Andrew Jackson. A statue of him stands near the center. Nearby is St. Louis Cathedral and the Cabildo, built by the Spanish and today a museum housing such exhibits as the regal robes of Mardi Gras kings and queens, a death mask of Napoleon, and various other relics.

Also in the area of the Square is Pirate's Alley, where bearded artists display watercolors and oils, and tourists stop to pose for their portraits. The atmosphere is such that from time to time such literary talents as William Faulkner and Tennessee Williams elected to live in the quarter.

How about accommodations for you? A lavish new hotel, the Royal Orleans, which has 350 rooms starting at \$15 double, stands on the site of the famous old St. Louis Hotel. It boasts a roof-top swimming pool and a spectacular view of the Mississippi. Another, the Prince Conti Hotel, 830 Conti Street, has only

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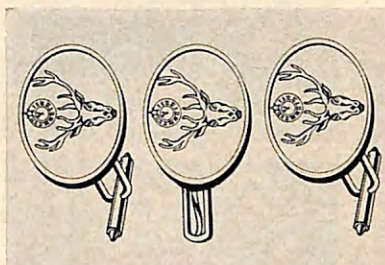
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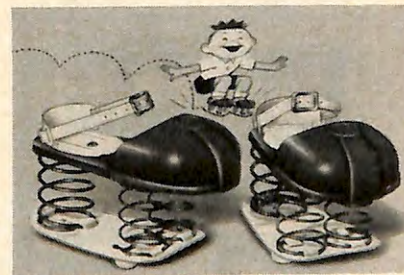


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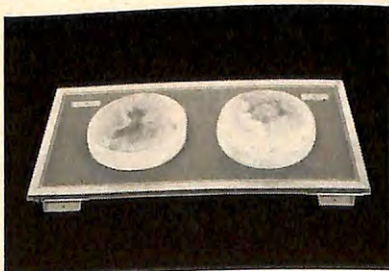
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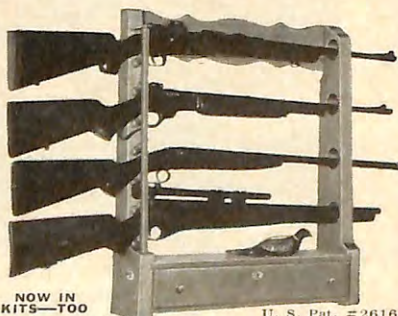
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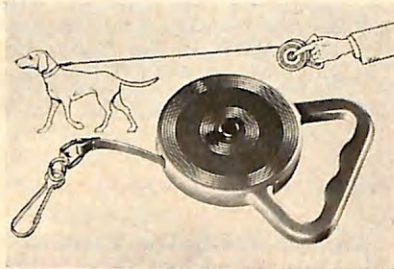
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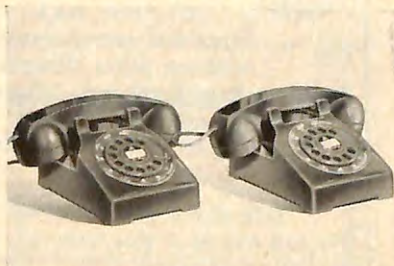
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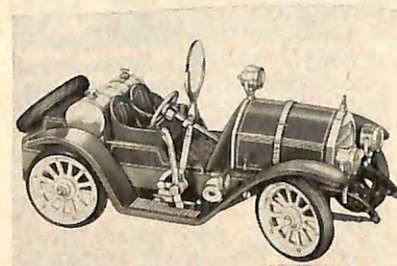
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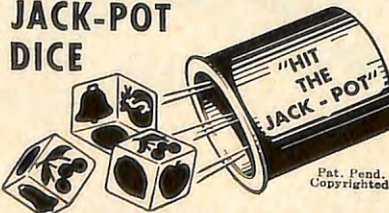


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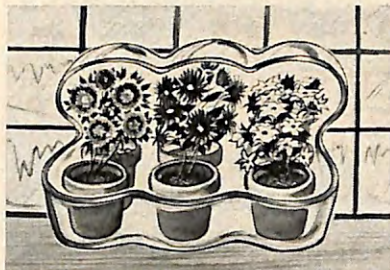
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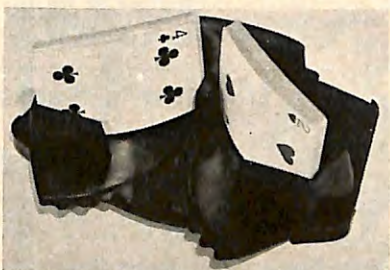
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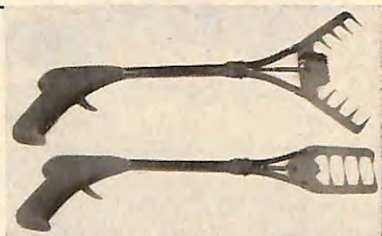
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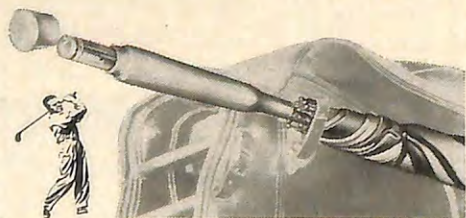


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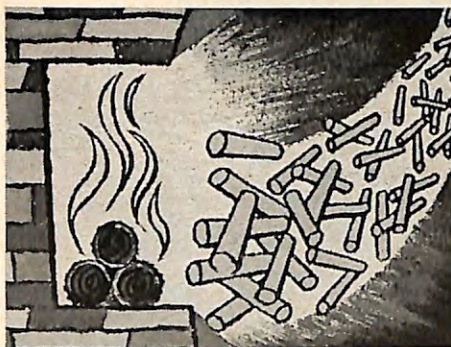
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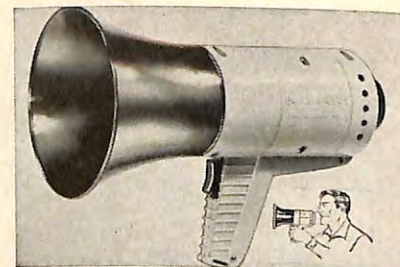
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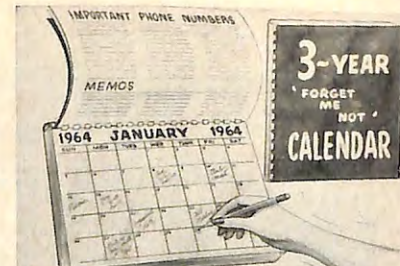
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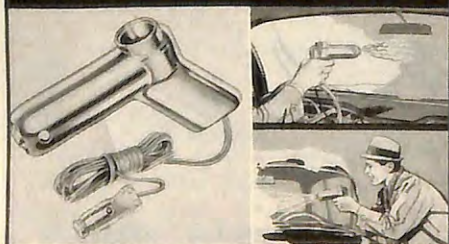
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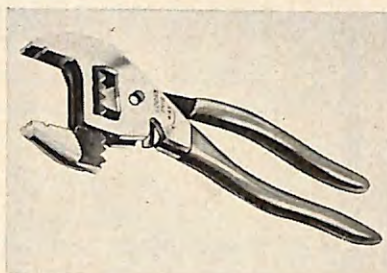
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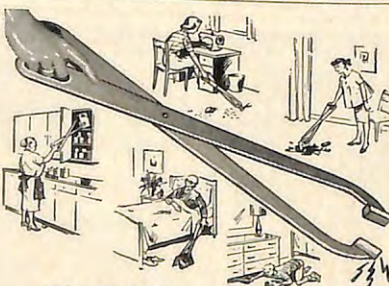
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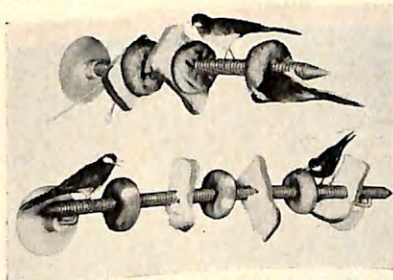
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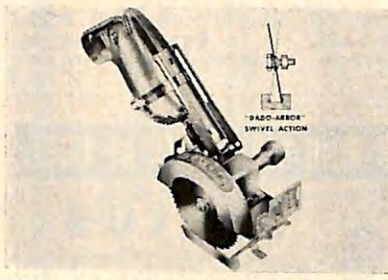
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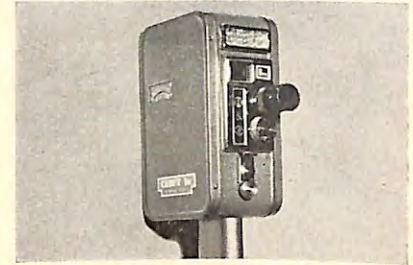
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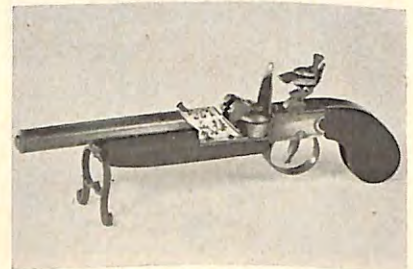
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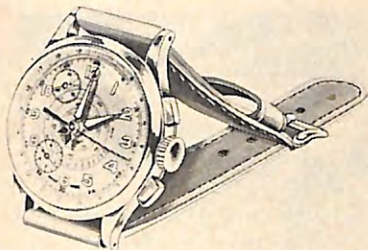


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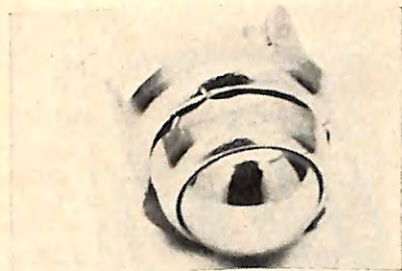


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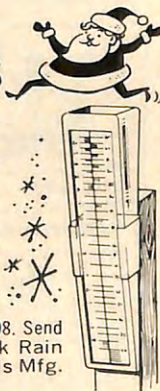
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In **ELKS FAMILY SHOPPER** last month, on page 31, we printed a description of a Pigskin Wallet, offered by John Surrey, Ltd. of West Hempstead, New York at \$2.95 ppd. By error, the photo did not show the wallet described but instead showed a Moroccan leather wallet which is sold by the Ambassador Leather Goods Company of Niagara Falls, N. Y. at \$5.95.

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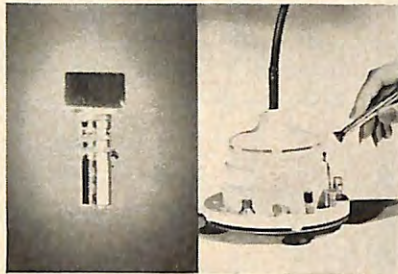
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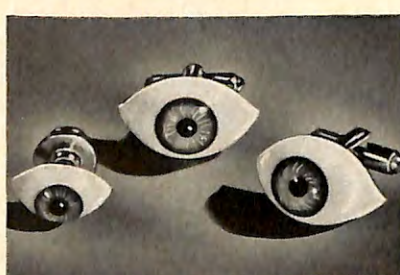
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The picturesque French Quarter is characterized by old buildings laced with wrought iron balconies and carriageway gates, behind which are patio gardens and courtyards. Although the pirates and slave traders who frequented these streets have long since gone, their footsteps have been replaced by those of today's tourists, who tramp across this land of patios, pralines, and po' boy sandwiches. The real chefs, however, are at work in places like Antoine's, Arnaud's, Brennan's, Commander's Place, Galatoire's, and Kolb's, to name but a few of the top restaurants.

But there's only one place to go for breakfast in New Orleans, and that's Brennan's, at 417 Royal Street.

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McDaniel's Flood

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"Hush up," said Mr. Skelfish. "Tell the widow not to fret. We'll deal with them boys." He cleared his throat and dared a glance at the widow. She seemed powerfully affected by the prospect of vengeance, for her eyes had fired up fiercely, and she had inadvertently dealt Mr. McDaniel a jab with her elbow. "Yes, sir," concluded Mr. Skelfish, backing away, "we'll get that took care of fast enough."

After the Missourians had set off toward the Birch brothers' establishment, following Mr. McDaniel's helpful directions, the father acted quickly to forestall his daughter's wrath.

"Don't ruff your feathers," he advised her, retiring toward the protective presence of his wife. "First place, them Missouri clodhoppers'll take one look at the Birch boys and they'll take off like scorched owls from a barn fire. Second place, s'pose they do bash up the Birches? Not a soul in the whole county won't give thanks."

"What about me?" cried Miss McDaniel angrily. "I ain't about to marry one of them lop-eared scarecrows."

"Hold off, now," her father cautioned. "Who said anything about you gettin' married? I didn't." He gazed at her with amazed innocence. "Only name I mentioned was the Widow Smith. Your name ain't Smith, it is? And you ain't no widow, neither. No sir, daughter," said Mr. McDaniel, with a loving wink, "I got no more idea than a muskrat of marryin' you to one of them mangy flood-outed Missouri farmers, and just in case they any of them comes back thinkin' different, I thought tomorrow you could hoss over to Auntie Mag's for a week or two."

Miss McDaniel seemed mollified by this explanation, and particularly by the prospect of a visit to her aunt's in town, where chores were few and suitors many. But with her fears now dissipated, she felt free, womanlike, to vex her father, in repayment of her temporary distress.

"You old scallywag," she declared. "It weren't enough to fox and snakify them trustin' Missouri boys, you had to send 'em off besides to get blowed up by Birches." She clenched her fists, and her father took another backward step. "Weren't enough to drowned 'em off their land, no, you up and had to lie 'em out to get their homely heads shot off. I tell you now," she added virtuously, "if one of them poor be-fused plow-pushers *does* come back to claim me, I'll wed him to spite ye!"

"Might serve to shave your shrewish tongue if you did," her father rejoined angrily. "And you'd choose that speckled swamp-crane, I reckon," he went on sarcastically, referring to Mr. Skelfish.

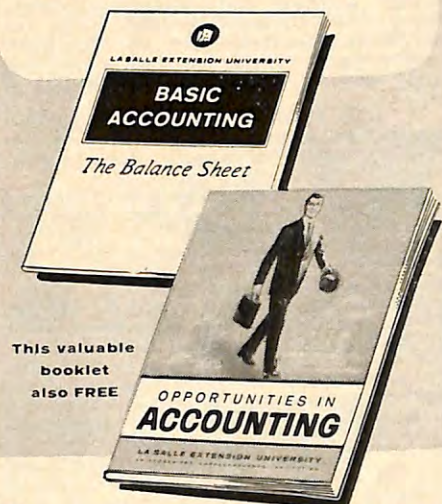
"He's likely more a man than them bumble-brained cow-ticklers you're always wantin' me to warm to," snapped Miss McDaniel.

Her parent snorted. "Warm to! Missy, you're twice too warm for any decent Illinois man, with that devil's temper to singe their ears. So," he

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sneered, "you s'pect to wait here for that polky-dotted giraffe of yours, do you, and not go to Auntie Mag's?"

"You'd like to balk me from that visit, I can see," returned Miss McDaniel hastily. Then with a scornful twitch of her head, she flounced off to her room to pack.

Mr. McDaniel turned to his placid wife. "Well, mother," he remarked with a satisfied expression. "Gave the girl a scare, I did. But don't be fussed. She'll be as safe as harvest now."

CLOUDS drummed down from the north, gray and low. Before Mr. Skelfish and his companions had gone a mile from the McDaniel farm, rain was spattering against their faces and making dust jump on the road. Soon the sky shook with thunder and split with lightning fire. Birds streaked across the fields toward the shelter of barns, and farm boys dropped their hoes to scamper home, but the Missourians had no refuge and so simply plodded on, getting soaked.

It took them another hour to come within hailing distance of the Birch brothers' headquarters. This was nominally a roadhouse, but its location was ill-chosen for such service, for the building was half-hidden among a cluster of maples along a creek-bed several miles from the nearest public thoroughfare. The Birch brothers did provide liquid nourishment, but only for themselves and occasional guests, usually residents of Chicago or St. Louis who made quick trips to the countryside for reasons of health. No sane man would have thought of attempting to join them.

As the Missourians approached, they were observed by one of the brothers, who was posted on the porch, nursing a shotgun and a hangover. If Calvin Birch had been a superstitious man, he might have taken the visitors to be the ghosts of those he had personally slaughtered, for the men were gaunt and pale. As they advanced through the downpour, their feet were lost in a ground-mist born of cold rain and warm dirt, so that they seemed to float, wraith-like and reproachful.

But Calvin Birch had no belief in such spirits, and his response to what he saw was practical. Without changing expression and without uttering a word—and in fact with a negligible expense of effort—he simultaneously greeted the newcomers, clarified his own status, and aroused the entire Birch household. In short, he fired one barrel's-worth of buckshot over the Missourians' heads.

His welcome produced a mixed result. Several of the farmers fled at once, shedding their cudgels as they went. Others flopped down flat on their faces and subsequently got up,

like corpses risen coffinless from muddy graves, and crept away. A few stayed standing, as if propped upright by surprise. Mr. Skelfish was among them. Absently he gripped the arm of Dr. Stack, who struggled vainly to break free.

Calvin Birch remained immobile on the porch, thoughtfully surveying the scene before him. He did not stir even when his elder brother Charley stamped out, sleep-rumpled and furious, to ask, in violent language, what he had shot. Still economical of motion, Calvin did not point, but merely spat out over the porch railing into the rain.

Charley stared with blood-shot eyes toward the few remaining farmers, who stood as though planted by the shotgun blast. Angrily, he beckoned them forward. Only Mr. Skelfish complied, dragging Dr. Stack as he came. The others declined the honor and backed off instead toward the shelter of some trees.

"State your business," roared Charley, and as if to emphasize his power as boss of the county, the lightning also spoke, like a tough subordinate, and a tree not eighty yards away fell humbly down.

Mr. Skelfish blinked through the rush of rain down his forehead. "We come from Missouri to learn did you blow our levee," he said calmly.

"Blowed your levee?" Charley Birch was dumbfounded.

"Dynamite," added Mr. Skelfish.

Charley simply stared, amazed. What manner of ignorant hillbilly was this, to come seeking trouble? He glanced at Calvin. Calvin suggestively touched the second barrel of the shotgun, but Charley shook his head. He looked back at Mr. Skelfish, who was waiting patiently in the rain for an answer.

"S'posin' we did blow it," said Charley, grimly. "What about it?"

Mr. Skelfish pursed his lips. "Well," he said, slowly, "I reckon we'd have to thump ye, then."

The two Birch brothers gaped at him in astonishment, and then they began to laugh. Calvin chuckled moderately, to avoid any unnecessary physical disturbance, but Charley stomped and howled and slapped himself.

Puzzled, Mr. Skelfish glanced around. He found, to his dismay, that he was quite alone, save for Dr. Stack, still in his grasp. There was not a trace of the others, although he perceived a far-off quivering clump of bushes that wore, so it seemed, two hats.

"Thump me!" yelled Charley. He gave a whoop of laughter and kicked the front door open with one booted foot. "Hey!" he bellowed through it, "they's a feller out here's goin' to thump me with a stick!" He waved his arm at Mr. Skelfish. "You come on

inside, you hear? You ain't goin' to thump me out in the pourin'-down rain, are you? Ain't you got no mercy, man?" And he fell to laughing again, at the same time beckoning Mr. Skelfish toward the open door.

Mr. Skelfish followed, with the unwilling Dr. Stack; he marveled, for he had never seen a man prepare for punishment so cheerfully.

The other two Birch brothers, Sam and Clyde, lolled at their ease in the parlor. As Charley told them of his visitor's mission, with such continued merriment that he seemed at times about to choke, Mr. Skelfish peered restlessly around. The floor and walls were unusually sturdy and solid, like those of a ship or a fortress, because the Birches had strengthened them to obtain added protection in case of armed attack. The rear window opened on the creek, or rather above it, and Mr. Skelfish divined that, as with most other creek-side homes, the back of the house was supported by pilings that kept it high and dry when wet weather made the stream flood up.

"Missouri man," cried Charley Birch, turning again to Mr. Skelfish, "you wait a bit 'fore you begin a-thumpin' while I show you what your crops got watered with." He flung open a closet door. On the floor inside was a metal box which, when he raised the lid, disclosed a neat row of dynamite sticks.

"Hold on there, Charley," cautioned Clyde. Charley answered with a wink. "Gonna use this here special one," he said, picking out a stick that was bigger than the rest and bulged in several places.

His eye came to rest on Dr. Stack. "Turn him 'round," Charley ordered, and with some grumbling Clyde and Sam complied. Mr. Skelfish stepped forward, but stopped short as he saw the shotgun pointed at him from the doorway, where Calvin Birch now leaned.

"Gonna show you how this here stuff works, thumper," Charley said, still in high spirits. He swiftly bound the stick fuse-downward to the back of Dr. Stack's belt with wire; then, scraping a match on his trouser-leg, lighted the fuse.

"Run fast, rabbit, and the wind'll put it out," he cried, and with this shoved the mule expert toward the doorway. Dr. Stack required no urging. He bolted forward, plunged past Calvin and cleared the porch with a single bound, while the Birch brothers rushed to the front windows to keep him in view. Their victim displayed none of the traditional balkiness of his clients, and in fact was proceeding down the road with surprising rapidity, when the fuse completed its work and he was suddenly enveloped in a burst of smoke and light.

But Dr. Stack escaped obliteration. He was merely scorched behind, for the cylinder at his belt contained not dynamite but fireworks. He ran, he danced, he jumped, and he leaped in his frantic efforts to shake it off, and his erratic progress was brilliantly marked by a succession of pinwheels, fireballs, and explosive reports, all of which the Birch brothers found so comical that they fairly wept with laughter, quite forgetting their other guest.

This prank of the Birches at Dr. Stack's expense struck Mr. Skelfish as peculiar behavior for confessed levee busters. In a flash of recollection he recalled Dr. Stack's stern pronouncement about Mr. McDaniel and the latter's generosity in arranging an introduction to the Birches. Orval Skelfish reached a decision.

Taking advantage of the Birches' pre-occupation, he quietly bent and selected several sticks from the metal box, thrust them carefully inside his shirt, raised the rear window, edged through it, and after hanging for an instant by his hands, dropped to the muddy creek bank below. When the brothers at length turned and then dashed cursing to the open window, he was nowhere to be seen.

THE rain continued to fall heavily all the rest of the day and on into the night. It rattled off sheds and barns and houses, it sank into haystacks and dripped into woods, it turned the gullies into streams and streams into creeks and creeks into small rivers, running full and angry into the Mississippi itself.

Mr. McDaniel was unworried. He had observed too many summer storms to fret about another one. It might cause trouble or it might not. He had done what he could to avert damage to his own fields; he could do no more. As he settled himself in bed, he lazily reviewed his day and decided that he had acted for the best. After all, he told himself, suppose he had permitted the Missourians to cudgel him—would it have restored their ruined crops? Of course not. He rolled over on his side and fell fast asleep.

Sometime before dawn, however, he

Deputy Corrections

Two members who were listed as District Deputies in the November issue were unable to accept these appointments.

In their place, two others were named. They are R. Lamar Johnston of Vero Beach Lodge No. 1774 who is District Deputy for Florida East Central and Max C. Stanley of Omaha Lodge No. 181 for Nebraska East.

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awoke, somewhat troubled by an image not far different from the one that had kept the elder Miss McDaniel sleepless in her own room below. It was the vision of Orval Skelfish, his mournful face still pocked by levee dirt. It seemed, in fact, to be the ghost of Orval Skelfish, come back without resentment to haunt those who had sent him off to certain doom.

Mr. McDaniel plucked the bedclothes up around his chin, as if to shield himself from guilt. "I had to save my own self," he muttered aloud, but it was a false excuse and comfortless.

As for Miss McDaniel, with her pertness paled and her frivolous fancies of Auntie Mag's fled, she thought without hope that if only the tall Missourian had managed to escape his fate, then. . . Oh, then—she did not know exactly what, but sat up whimpering and bit her nails.

SHORTLY past dawn, Mr. McDaniel awoke again, this time to an unnatural variety of sounds. First, there had been a thumping, as if someone outside had tried to break in, and then, all mixed confusingly together, there was a great gabble of noises: mooings and cluckings and brayings and barkings. Mr. McDaniel groaned. Some brand of perdition was loose in the barnyard, and he had better see to it.

He stuffed his feet into his boots, snatched his coat from the chair, pinched his wife's big toe to wake her, and shuffled down the back stairs to the kitchen, where he noticed a pool of water near the door. Drat and botheration, thought Mr. McDaniel, stepping around it. Someone had left the door ajar and the rain had got through.

But when he opened the door wide to see what was fussing the farm creatures, he at once revised this conclusion.

His spacious fields had vanished. In their place was water—an endless churning expanse of mottled brown. Mr. McDaniel leaned weakly against the doorjamb, and the water lapped in around his boots. Levee, harvest, all—gone!

The barn resembled the Ark. Flocks of angry birds screamed for ridge-pole space atop it, while down below the bewildered faces of mules and cows peeped out, and a horse with a chicken on each shoulder, like outsized epaulettes, splashed through the huge doorway, veered left and began to swim toward its master.

Mr. McDaniel tipped his head back and added a despairing cry to the din of clucks and neighings. The water still was rising, pouring in about his ankles; he kicked at it, saw his unlaced boot fly off and out, thrashed forward to retrieve it, slipped and sprawled in the

doorway, where his wife and daughters, arriving soon thereafter, found him seated, half-submerged, and swearing in a loud voice.

"It's Sunday, Mr. McDaniel," his wife said reprovingly, having not quite grasped the reason for his anger, despite the evidence that washed about her calves.

"It's a flood!" cried out the twelve-year-old, not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

The elder Miss McDaniel, pale from her sleepless night, waded slowly forward to the window. "It's a judgment," she said, scowling at her father.

Mr. McDaniel glared back at her, and was in the process of formulating a colorful admonishment when his younger child jiggled up and down excitedly and, pointing through the doorway over his head, declared: "A boat's a-comin'!"

It was a skiff containing several men who strove to manage a course across the boiling floodwaters by means of poles.

They were heading for the house, but a crosscurrent intercepted them and sent them suddenly behind the barn and out of view. Almost at once they reappeared on the other side, then against their will sailed smartly into the barn itself, emerging in a few moments festooned with wreaths of sodden hay.

Halfway to the house they swerved to avoid the swimming horse and were upset completely.

"Save us!" howled Mr. McDaniel, standing up.

The muddled figures struggled to right the skiff, nearly succeeded, then were swept aside by a perverse eddy and vanished from sight around the side of the house.

One, however, remained. He grabbed the tail of the horse, rested a moment to catch his breath, then worked his way along the animal's back past the perched squawking chickens, flopped into the water again and with desperate strokes at length arrived, splashing in through the doorway. In the center of the kitchen, he staggered to his feet, reached up to doff a nonexistent hat and bowed politely to Mrs. McDaniel.

"Good mornin', ma'am," said Mr. Skelfish.

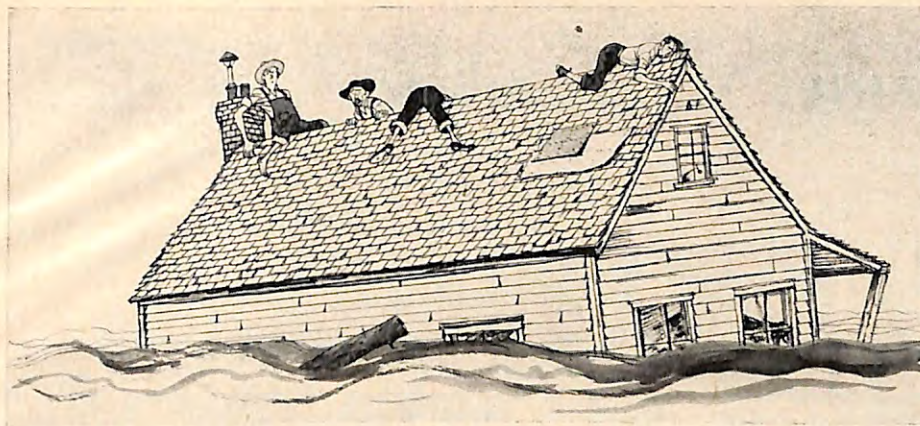
He nodded shyly to the daughters and self-consciously wiped an inch-thick coat of mud from his face.

Turning to Mr. McDaniel, he cleared his throat. "We done it, sir, like you said."

"Done what?"

"Done took care of the Birches."

Mr. McDaniel stared at his visitor without comprehension. Then his view was impeded by the horse, which at last attained its goal and stumbled through the doorway, sadly whinnying.



"Done it with dynamite," Mr. Skelfish added, carefully removing one of the chickens from the horse's back and setting it on the stove.

"You mean you blowed 'em up?"

"No, sir. Weren't no call to kill them boys. We just blowed the levee north, to wash 'em out."

Mr. McDaniel's voice squeaked rustily: "You blowed the levee?"

"Yes, sir, we done just that. Seemed the likeliest way to run 'em out. We sawed their house-posts nigh in two, so when the flood come down it bust 'em spang off and sent 'em sailin'." Mr. Skelfish grinned cheerfully from between the horse's ears. "About the Widow Smith," he added, with some embarrassment, "don't fret your mind. I figure she can't be no widow, with a child that big. But anyways," he went on hastily, "I ain't come here to make no claim, but just to tell we done took care of them Birch boys."

His voice trailed off and he stood stroking the horse's nose, his eyes shyly lowered.

Mr. McDaniel for once was speechless. He gaped at Mr. Skelfish. Was this mud-covered washed-out flood farmer a complete and total innocent trusting idiot? Or was he slyer by far than he seemed?

"You ruind me," he said, finally.

"No more'n you did him!" It was the elder Miss McDaniel who spoke. Her father turned his gaze her way. She was flushed and indignant, which was not unusual, but she also was casting admiring glances at Mr. Skelfish, who peeped out bashfully at her from behind the horse.

"Any man who can up and out the Birches," Miss McDaniel added in a trembling voice, "that man's a man!"

"Hold off, now," cried Mr. McDaniel, angrily. "It's cheap enough to say you rid us of Birches, but where's the proof you ain't a liar?" He drew himself up proudly. "Ain't got no use for a liar here, Missouri man."

But Mr. Skelfish paid the words no heed. He had caught Miss McDaniel's fond regard, and in a rush of joyful wonderment embraced the nearest liv-

ing thing, the horse, and indeed was so preoccupied that he almost failed to notice the arrival of his late companions, who had finally managed to work the skiff back to the house, and came sloshing into the kitchen.

"Ho, there, you-all," said Dr. Stack. Mr. McDaniel impatiently waved him aside. "Where's your proof about the Birches?" he again demanded.

His answer came from his younger child, who squealed and pointed through the window. "That's them a-comin' now," she cried.

The girl was right. The Birch brothers, house and all, were not fifty yards away, moving swiftly south with the fast-running flood. Like some clumsy ship, their homestead bobbed and bowed with the water's erratic motion, and sometimes, caught for the moment in a whirl of conflicting currents, spun around, then lurched and sailed along again.

So quickly did the flood bear off the roadhouse that Mr. McDaniel barely had time to count the four faces of the figures perched there—queasy faces, for the brothers were poor sailors—before the phenomenon had passed on by and become a simple peaked square, dwindling as it went.

"We blowed the levee south as well," Mr. Skelfish said modestly, "to leave 'em a way out."

"Reckon they'll be near Cairo 'bout noontime," remarked Dr. Stack. He concentrated for a minute, calculating in his head. "And maybe New Orleans by Tuesday," he added. "Say," he went on, when Mr. McDaniel made no response, "this hoss of yours looks wearied out." Still Mr. McDaniel was silent, as if stupefied by the pace of events. "I'm a registrated hoss doctor," explained Dr. Stack, helpfully, trying to catch his host's attention. But Mr. McDaniel was gazing past the horse to where his daughter and Mr. Skelfish were edging closer to each other in the knee-deep water. Dr. Stack also glanced that way. "I'm a peace justice, too," he remarked confidentially. "Whichever you want done up first, hoss or girl, you only got to ask."

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TOOLS FOR FREEDOM

From time to time on this page, THE ELKS MAGAZINE has called attention to the role that private enterprise is playing in strengthening the economic and social structures of the less developed nations. While not as spectacular as huge dams and hydro-electric plants financed by inter-governmental programs, the projects begun and carried on by private initiative and funds have the virtue of dealing directly with vital needs of a nation and have an immediate impact on lives of the people.

Such a project is Tools for Freedom, organized three years ago by a group of large and small U. S. corporations and industry trade associations. As the name implies, Tools for Freedom supplies machine tools and other equipment for use in schools for training electricians, mechanics, machinists, and others in those basic technical skills so desperately needed by countries struggling to establish a base for future economic growth. Some of the equipment donated through the program is new, but the bulk of it is used items that have been replaced by more modern machinery, yet are entirely satisfactory for instructional use.

Typical of the kind of practical assistance rendered by Tools for Freedom was a recent 32-ton shipment by the Raytheon Co. to equip four training shops in the Ramon Magsaysay Memorial School of Arts and Trades in the Philippine Republic. It was one of nearly a hundred shipments that Tools for Freedom has sent to schools in more than a score of countries in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. So successful has this program been that several hundred more schools in these developing areas have

made requests for voluntary assistance of this type.

An immediate goal of Tools for Freedom is to provide enough equipment to make possible the training of 300,000 technicians annually, and officials of the organization emphasize that there is no lack of job opportunities for those who get the training. All of them and more can go to work immediately at jobs paying many times the wages of unskilled workers.

This program strikes directly at the most serious problem facing a nation that is trying to develop its resources and raise the standard of living of its people. That problem is the lack of basic skills to provide the foundation not only for economic progress but also for social and political advancement. When it is realized that schools in the less developed nations have to turn away most of those who apply for training because they don't have the necessary equipment, the value of the contribution that Tools for Freedom is making to the future of these countries becomes apparent indeed.

The Tools for Freedom project, and others, serve to underscore the tremendous capacity of private enterprise to build economic progress in the underdeveloped nations. The case for promoting a friendlier climate for private initiative as a spur for the more rapid development of backward areas was presented forcefully by Emilio G. Collado in a recent issue of *Foreign Affairs*, pointing out that the tremendous achievements of private enterprise, in those areas where it has been encouraged, are inducing a more favorable official attitude toward the private sector.

Elks Memorial Day

As they have been doing since 1889, members of the Order of Elks will gather in their lodge rooms on the first Sunday in December to participate in Memorial Services for their departed Brothers.

It is the mystic roll call of those with whom we have worked and played, our Brothers who will come no more.

Memorial Day is a manifestation of the spiritual heritage of Elksdom, our fraternity's strongest bond, a source of its real strength. Observing it, we add to that heritage, as at the same time we draw upon it to renew our faith in the essential goodness of man in the brotherhood of God.

Memorial Day should be for all of us a time for self-examination as to our own dedication to the cardinal principles of Elksdom, as we dwell upon the memories of friends and associates

whom we called Brother. Is it with our lips or in our lives that we serve those principles?

Elks Memorial Day should be a spiritual experience that refreshes and renews the fraternal bonds of charity, justice, and brotherly love.

Elk of the Year

For some time a number of Elks lodges have been giving Elk of the Year Awards to members who have rendered significant service to the lodge. Last year, Grand Exalted Ruler Donaldson included Elk of the Year Awards in his Golden Antler program. His successor, Grand Exalted Ruler Dunn, has continued the Elk of the Year Awards, and has asked lodges to make their selections and advise his office prior to the end of the lodge year on March 31.

Such a program of extending recognition to those members who have

served their lodge faithfully and well is sound and will benefit the lodges and the entire Order, if it is carried out with due regard to the end that is sought.

Selection of those to receive Elk of the Year Awards ought to be made carefully. The recipients should be members who have indeed performed services to the lodge beyond the ordinary call of duty, services of an unusual nature in furthering the programs and activities of the lodge. Those making the selections should look carefully lest they choose a member solely because he is popular, or for some other reason that does not at all fit the requirements of the Award—and overlook members who really merit such recognition but who go about their work so quietly that they do not attract attention.

The Elk of the Year Awards will be meaningful only if they are given to members who deserve them.

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