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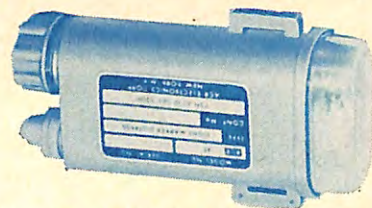


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In this way we will impress upon our neighbors the nature and scope of Elk activities, and the motivating forces—Charity, Justice, Fidelity, and

Brotherly Love—behind them. 1968 will give real meaning to the pride men feel when they speak the words, "I am an Elk." And it will attract good men to our ranks, strengthening the Order and increasing its power for good.

But none of this will come about by itself. The potential of the Centennial Year is there, but it will require the work of all of us to realize it. So when

resolution-making time comes round this year, when friends and loved ones are singing "Auld Lang Syne," pause and remember that the song has a special significance for us as Elks.

Then would be the time for all of us to resolve that we shall do all we can to make this Centennial the most rewarding year in growth and achievement in Elkdom's history.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Boney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert E. Boney, Grand Exalted Ruler

A PROUD PAST—A CHALLENGING FUTURE

THE ELKS MAGAZINE JANUARY 1968

Letters From Our Readers

Vietnam Statement

Congratulations on your statement supporting our servicemen in Vietnam in the October issue. I sent the article on to my local newspaper.

Mrs. C. T. Rowe
Tustin, Calif.

A Word on Extremism

The word "extremism" in present-day usage is a smear word [Editorial, "Extremism Condemned," October 1967]. Nowhere in the resolution [adopted by the Grand Lodge] is the word used. I'm sure it wasn't the intent of the convention to condemn fellow patriots. Wouldn't the writer get more impact and better relate the wishes of patriotic Elks with a title such as "Subversion Condemned"?

Richard French
Chaplain, Naval Lodge
Port Angeles, Wash.

On the High Holidays

I would like to thank the staff of your magazine for the thoughtfulness of extending these greetings ["Heed the Shofar," October 1967] at this very important time in our religious calendar. The editorial is also very concise and was an excellent short summary of the highlights of these solemn days.

I feel that such a fine gesture indicates the concern of your group for spreading better understanding among
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**WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO
TURN 65 TODAY**

by **Jeremy H. Greene**

A century ago, when the median age in all America was only 20 years, a man folded up at 65, and turned over the family farm to his sons. Now, retirement age is just a runway to more rewarding, abundant, growing years ahead. Playing the odds, a man who turns 65 today can tee off for a probable 13 more years of life. And he finds himself suddenly propelled into our country's most pampered pressure group!

Those in the over-65 age group number 19 million already in the United States, and the ledger lengthens by 800 names every day. Today's retiree can be healthier, wealthier, and even wiser than his grandfather was at 65. Part of his new health and wealth comes from Washington, where the Administration on Aging was established in 1965 within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. More help comes from the church, the community, and from millions of people, in an awakening America, who care.

The picture for the elderly isn't all a bouquet of nine-irons, of course. Some 81 percent of them are said to have some degree of chronic ailment, such as rheumatism or arteriosclerosis, although only 16 percent of them are limited in any way by it.

Still, the 1960s have been years of dramatic growth and change. Your own elder years will be affected by giant steps in medicine, and by even more gigantic strides in social welfare. Social Security and Medicare are only the beginning. On the day you turn 65, you will pocket the key to a spectrum of strongboxes. Inside them, you'll find understanding, financial help, and a whole new way of life.

The shape of the future is easy to spot, just by scanning census statistics. In 1900, only one person in 20 was over 65. Today, it's one in eleven. Today, 920 percent more people are over the age of 85 than in 1920. More people are turning 65 than ever before. And older people are getting older than they used to. In 1960, 15.4 percent of the voting-age population was over 65, and their segment is growing.

Your income after 65 may be below the national average. But then, so will your tax bill. Your hospital stays will be longer and more frequent than those of younger citizens. But your medical expenses will be aided by Medicare, and by new tax write-offs that become available when you turn 65. Through a golden-age group in your town, you'll probably be able to get discounts on medicines too.

Census rolls show that Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas have the largest over-65 populations, by percent-





(Left): Over-65 VISTA volunteers working with a migrant family are welcomed as helpful neighbors. (Right): A Foster Grandparent spends some of his time giving love and support to a "grandchild" at the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.



age. The trend, though, is toward Florida, Arizona, and Nevada for retirement spots. Put yourself in this picture. You are going to live longer, with more relatives and friends keeping pace with you, in a better climate, and with benefits you never dreamed possible.

One of the first sensations felt by a 65-year-old today is the loosening of Internal Revenue jaws on his hip pocket. Unless you retire earlier than 65, (at 62 or beyond), your Social Security payments will range from \$44 to \$168 under the current law. Your wife's Social Security, when she becomes eligible, will boost the family income higher.

These payments, plus Medicare benefits, and such retirement incomes as railroad pension, veterans benefits, veterans insurance income, public assistance, plus all or part of your monthly insurance income, are nontaxable.

Even when you do have income from wages, dividends, or property rental, your tax bite will ease considerably on the day you turn 65. You can now claim a \$1,200 exclusion for yourself, double the former \$600 exemption. When your wife reaches 65, she too will be worth double the usual \$600 write-off.

You can sell your house now, too, at a fat profit, without being taxed on it if you meet certain price and residence requirements. Medical, dental, and drug expenses are totally deductible after 65, too. Before that age, only those medical expenses in excess of 3 percent of adjusted gross income, and medicines over 1 percent, were deductible. The IRS will outline all these over-65 tax benefits free. Just ask for document 5569.

Housing has long been a problem

area for the elderly, but the picture is changing rapidly. In town after town, low-rental retirement apartments or villages are being built with federal loan funds.

Typical is a new three-story apartment building, near shopping and food stores, in downtown Danville, Illinois. Rents for a single person start at \$35, plus utilities, for a two-room efficiency apartment. The building, which is open only to persons over 62, also rents three-room apartments to couples at \$45 a month, plus some utilities. To qualify, a couple must have an income of less than \$3,200 a year, and assets of not more than \$10,000.

Churches, clubs, and lodges, too, are racing to keep pace with this senior-size population explosion. Homes, apartments, and rooms are made available to members, for fees fixed at a nonprofit level. At one church-sponsored home near Cleveland, for instance, the retired member is offered every phase of housing, from independence in an apartment to total nursing-home service.

One of the newer dream-age homes has been built in Miami by the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod). The 67-acre retirement community includes a swimming pool, putting green, shuffleboard court, library, hospital, and arts and crafts building. Here, the elderly have their own church, laundry, meal and maid service, and newspaper. Nearby are beaches, golf courses, shopping.

Residents can choose among apartments, rooms, nursing-care rooms, even luxury units with two bedrooms and two baths. Costs for this unworried sunshine living start at \$150 a month,

after fees of \$8,800 to \$24,000 are paid to cover the cost of the furnished quarters. Additional monthly charges are made for food, laundry, utilities, medical care, and home maintenance.

Some men who turn 65 today find themselves turned out of a job by compulsory retirement policies. Still, if you want to continue working, there are part-time jobs available for watchmen, substitute teachers, consultants, or theater workers.

In some cities, like New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles, special mobile centers travel into certain neighborhoods to serve as placement centers for people over 65. For executives, the job hunting may be done by agencies that specialize in top-brass men over 55. According to one general employment agency, jobs are available for retired accountants and bookkeepers, and are actually plentiful for teachers of any age. This agency recently placed an 81-year-old teacher, who commutes across the state line to an \$8,000-a-year job, without endangering her pension in her home state.

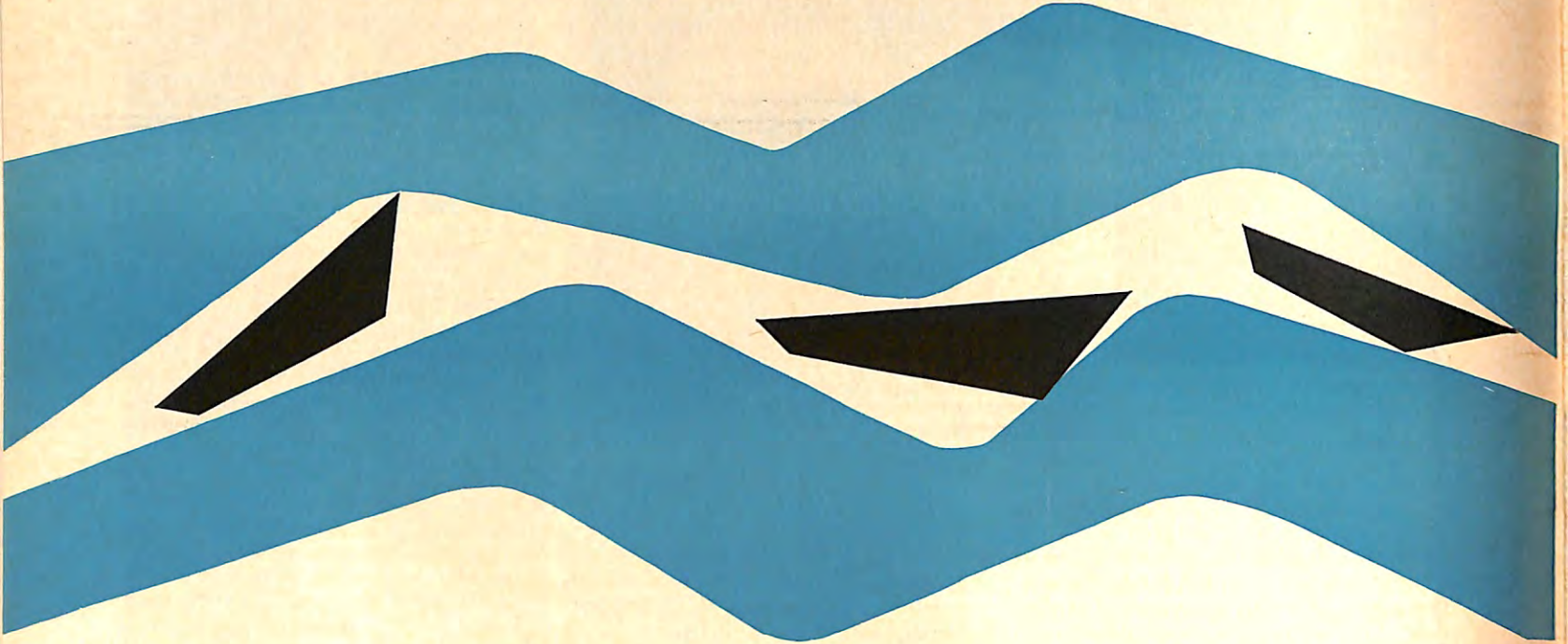
Or you may decide to start your own small, part-time business after you retire. A 66-year-old former grocery executive in Ohio has turned his antique-clock hobby into a comfortable retirement occupation. Other executives retire to advisory work, or goodwill expeditions for their companies.

Even if the want ads are blank for him, though, there is work for the over-65 man who really needs the money. An exciting new plan, launched by the Office of Economic Opportunity, actually pays older men and women to do "what comes naturally"—love a child. For those who qualify as Foster Grandparents, the job pays at least \$1.25 an hour for spending a 20-hour week with one or two adopted "grandchildren."

The praise, support and love of an adult are important ingredients in shaping a child. Foster Grandparents are assigned to children of their "own" in institutions, clinics, workshops, or other controlled situations. By serving as a personal cheering section and cuddler, they have often transformed rebellious or withdrawn children into normal, eager kids. The program can be started in any community, with federal funding, if certain requirements are met. There is no upper age limit!

When you retire, your help can be used in other projects, too, projects that
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STORM!



More than a half-century ago, a devastating combination of weather elements created havoc on the Great Lakes, sinking 12 ships and taking more than 200 lives

By Ted J. Rakstis and Wilbur Cross

It was 15 minutes past noon on Friday, November 7, 1913, when shore stations along Lake Superior began to fly northwest gale warnings. The *L. C. Waldo* was already several hours out of Two Harbors, Minnesota, with her cargo of iron ore bound for Cleveland. Captain John Duddleson, master of the 472-foot bulk freighter, realized he was in for a stiff bout of heavy weather, but he had wrestled with Great Lakes storms before.

Duddleson had no way of knowing that he was heading into the most savage storm ever recorded on the inland waters of the United States or Canada, one that would destroy a dozen freighters, damage more than 40 others, and take the lives of 251 sailors before its fury was exhausted.

From Duluth to Thunder Bay, skippers were delaying their departures to wait out the blow. The wind had risen quickly from strong (30 knots) to fresh gale (42 knots) and showed no signs of abating. But, as he conned his ship through the heavy waters somewhere east of the Apostle Islands, Duddleson had no thought of turning back. In two weeks, the Lakes navigation season would be over, and it was an unwritten code of the inland sailor to push through every last ton of cargo before ice locked the vessels at their docks.

By late afternoon on Friday, the *Waldo* was heaving badly. Duddleson and his second mate, Louis Feeger, were in the pilot house when the angry seas began to pound the vessel as she headed for shelter at the Slate Islands on the north shore of Lake Superior. The windows of the pilot house were

by now covered with a solid mass of ice, and Duddleson was steering solely by compass.

In other ports, sailors sensed what was to come but knew that their masters had the final word. Carriers began to move down into Lake Huron from Lake Superior. And on Lake Erie and along the St. Clair and Detroit rivers, other freighters began to move up into Huron. Gale flags had been posted in more than 100 ports, but shipping continued.

In Ashtabula, Ohio, some 600 miles to the southeast of the *Waldo*, the *Charles S. Price* lay at the docks taking on a cargo of soft coal. The *Price* was scheduled to sail sometime Saturday morning. At the time, Lake Erie was listless and most of the crew felt the journey would be routine. But one of them, Milton Smith, the assistant engineer, had a premonition of disaster. When the ship reached Cleveland on Saturday morning, Smith told the chief engineer, John Groundwater, that he was leaving. His shipmates ridiculed him, but Smith was determined. He later revealed that he had visions of his wife begging him to leave. Smith departed, the last man who would ever leave the *Price* alive.

Up from the far Caribbean, the warm air was starting to stir restlessly as the front advanced. Two completely unrelated storms were heading obliquely at each other. It was impossible to predict what would happen when they both reached Lake Huron, for never in Great Lakes history, from the days when LaSalle explored the waters in his tiny *Griffin* in 1697, had there been such a maelstrom of the elements.

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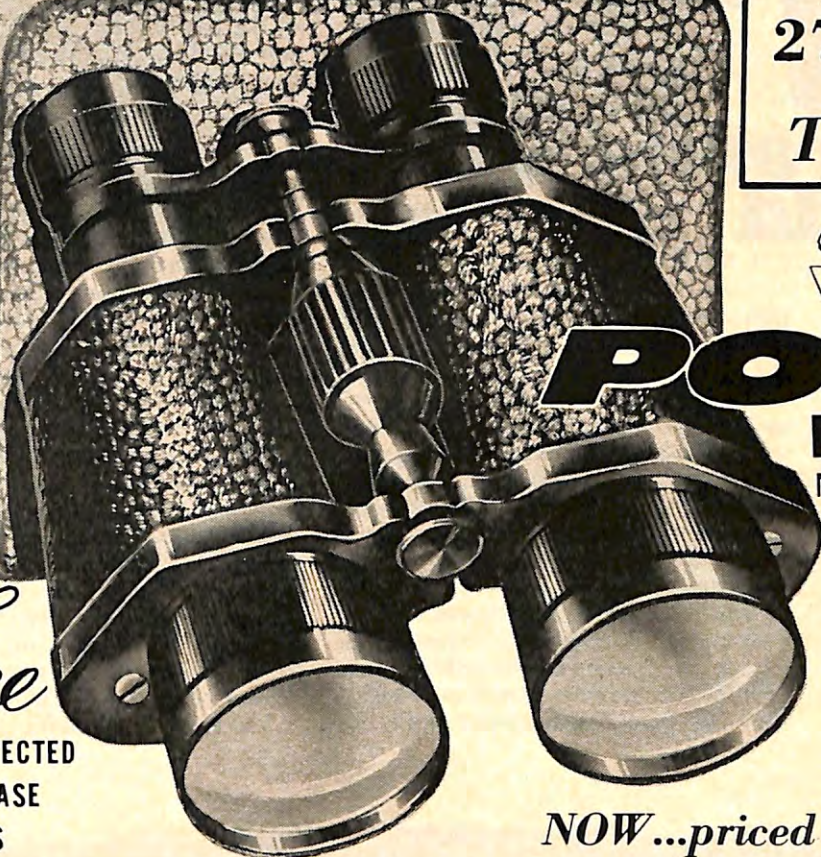
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by Jerry Hulse

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You gather a bundle of dreams during a million miles. For seven years now I've been flying toward this million-mile mark—and this is the month I crossed that magic line. It takes a long time, unless you're an astronaut, to fly a million miles. It's the same as 40 times around the world . . . or 100 times to Europe and back.

People keep asking the same question: *Don't you tire of it?* Sometimes I get tired of traveling, but never of flying. I worry more about the freeways than the jetways. I'm comfortable in an airplane. It's not necessary for the airlines to put on movies for me or to

play stereophonic melodies to make time pass more quickly. I enjoy looking out at the world from up there—wondering about the cities I pass over, and the people who live in them, and what they're doing and thinking and wishing for.

I remember my first airplane ride. I was in college and I didn't know much about flying and I was scared. I got over that, though, on a flight to Indonesia—when was it? 16 years ago!—with a friend, a pilot named Jack Ford. It took us 18 hours to get just to Honolulu. Eighteen hours from Los Angeles! Now you can fly there in about five

hours. Soon, with the supersonics, it will be only two hours.

A million miles of flying has taken me from Tonga to Tanzania. Speaking of Tanzania, the new state in Africa, I went there with Will Fowler, the son of the late author Gene Fowler. At the time Will was public relations man for one of the airlines and he was still a little up in the air after we landed. I mean we stopped off at Treetops, the hotel-in-the-tree outside Nairobi. When it gets dark the tourists look down at the animals parading out of the jungle. The animals are especially active at night. They are spotlighted by great shafts shining down from the tree. I remember one gray-haired little old lady whispering excitedly, "My, look at the rhino down there!" And another said, "Goodness, see the lions!" I got a trifle worried, though, when one of them said, "But what in heaven's name is that bald-headed thing down there!" It wasn't an animal after all. It was Will Fowler, who'd gone down to get a closer look at the animals. A white hunter, dressed like Jungle Jim in the funny papers, chased him back up into the tree. "You could have been killed!" he said. "Don't be silly," Will said, "I've never lost a fight in my life!"

You meet a lot of characters in a





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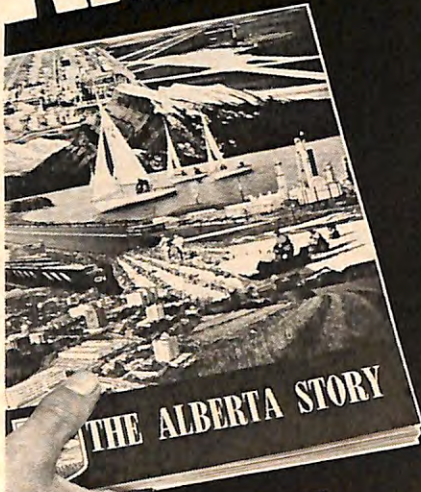
million miles. There was Henry Rittmeister, for instance. The last time I saw Henry Rittmeister he was sailing from Tahiti on an old copra boat. It was sunset and he stood on the deck and watched Tahiti disappear and the memories and the years came storming back. He was aboard this old copra boat, sailing off toward a new island and another life. The boat was old and piled high with supplies, all of it destined for the Astral Islands. Ritt was going there, too. Silhouetted against the horizon, the sun going down, the copra boat moved slowly, like a shadow. It was a scene from a life that is fast

disappearing in the South Seas. Men, women, and children hung together over the railing. Mostly they were Tahitians. Some were already seasick. The Tahitians get seasick easily. The sweet, acrid odor of the copra didn't help any. Not that there was any aboard. Rather, it was the smell from years of carrying copra. This old tub had carried more than its share. A new load would be picked up in the Astral Islands—Henry Rittmeister's new home. If you are wondering what a man with a name like Rittmeister was doing in Tahiti in the first place, well, it's one of those stories that starts off innocently enough. Ritt was born in Germany and he was sickened and appalled by what Hitler was doing to Germany. It was 1938; Ritt was 17 years old and he decided to go to France. He wanted to become a French citizen by serving with the French military. If he went overseas, though, he could get his military duty over with in half the time. So Ritt went to Tahiti and thereby was

caught up in a South Seas sort of comic opera. For about the time he arrived in Tahiti to enlist, Hitler invaded France. Ritt, still a German citizen, was arrested. And there on that peaceful island he became Tahiti's only German prisoner of war. With the war over, he went to Hawaii where he became manager of the wonderful old Halekalanui Hotel. Ritt had legions of friends. He's a charmer. To Ritt life is, well, the comic opera in which he starred in Tahiti. He has the fortunate ability to laugh at himself. I suspect he does this as a dodge. He knows how real and frightening life can be—and is. After Hawaii Rittmeister returned to Tahiti. Perhaps this time he would find the peace he had been seeking—something for the soul. Tourists will remember him now as the manager of the Hotel Tahiti and later Hotel Bora Bora. But Ritt found the old Tahiti changed. It's filled up with businessmen from Paris and tourists from around (Continued on page 33)



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1968 MAKES ITS BOW and Washington begins one of its most critical years. It's a presidential election year and it's politics, politics, politics. Congress will battle through the second session of the 90th Congress with sharp divisions on many big issues—civil rights, foreign aid, housing, crime prevention, poverty, education, taxes, inflation, riots, and many others. Vietnam at this point presents a big problem and will add to the confusion in both parties unless peace overtures are begun before campaign time. The GOP will select its candidate in convention at Miami Beach and a little later the Democrats will hold their powwow in Chicago. Campaign expenses on both sides will soar to new record highs. Adding to the excitement in Washington is the new city government now functioning with Walter E. Washington as mayor. Actually, his official title is commissioner, but the sign outside the office reads "Mayor-Commissioner." He presides over a City Council in the first governmental shake-up in 93 years. The eyes of citizens all over the country will watch developments.

CONGRESSIONAL BEAN SOUP, served in Senate and House restaurants, will be more popular than ever in the Second Session of the 90th Congress. Many a member believes it brings good luck as well as preserves good health. Anyhow, those who visit the Capitol and do not order a bowl of bean soup miss a real treat. Time was when it cost only 15 cents. Sen. Charles Percy (Ill.) praising the bean soup said, "Without its support to this body during the long winter seasons, I shudder to think where this nation might be today."



MEDICARE WORKS WELL, a Brookings Institution study reports. However, it notes the present average \$50-a-day cost for hospital care is steadily increasing and warns that "average hospital costs of \$100-a-day are not far off." At present about 19 million persons are covered by Medicare.



FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover says crime increased 62 percent since 1960 while our national population rose only 9 percent. Thus, he says, crime is outstripping population growth by almost 7 to 1. This surging criminality is costing taxpayers an estimated \$27 billion annually, Director Hoover reports in the FBI *Law Enforcement Bulletin*. Declaring the criminal is being favored at the expense of the law abiding citizen, he says "crime can no longer be shrouded by appeasement and rationalization. Full justice is needed—stern justice. Avalanches of crime and terrorism cannot be tolerated."

CITY SLUM PROBLEM is getting high priority in Commerce and Agricultural Depts. As fast as the poor in big city ghettos get better living conditions new slum headaches develop due to a heavy influx of uneducated, unskilled people from rural areas. A plan under study would divert these migrants to small and medium-size cities. Growth of jobs is bigger in smaller cities, it is claimed.

TIRE SAFETY RULES, issued by the government, feature a regulation that wheel rims must be able to hold a flat tire in place when punctured at a speed of 60 miles an hour. Transportation Secretary Allan S. Boyd said the new standards should cut substantially into highway death tolls this year. The rules also require that all tires have a tread wear indicator—a visual line which

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provides a warning when the tire tread is worn to a depth of 1/16 of an inch. All regulations must be in force by March 31.



CREDIT CARD THIEVES reap thousands of dollars in many parts of the country, financial reports show. The person to whom a credit card is issued is responsible for all charges made until proper notice is given that the card has been lost or stolen. Records show a resident of Omaha who had his wallet stolen faced a loss of nearly \$30,000 in merchandise, bad checks, and other uses of his credit cards. Fortunately, he reported his theft in time.

OUR BEST AMBASSADOR of goodwill is Jacqueline Kennedy, according to the wonderful receptions she receives even in countries which are antagonistic to our own. Reports are still coming in from Cambodia and other countries where she captured the hearts of the people during her Fall tour. In all of her trips to foreign lands she is perfectly at home, speaking French fluently, also Spanish and other languages, always winning the friendship of those she meets.

D.C. GENERAL is a hospital in Washington known throughout our country. In this day of rising cost of hospital treatment, with patients being turned away for lack of room or for lack of funds, old D.C. General is a hospital which takes all comers at any time. The huge institution needs a larger staff, more room, and more equipment, but it keeps right on going. Present pay schedules for interns are from \$4,080 to \$6,000 at the end of the first year. Resident physicians now get \$6,500 to \$8,500 instead of \$4,580 to \$6,080.

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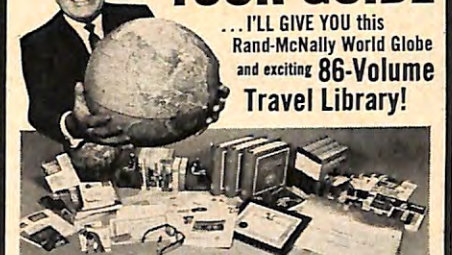
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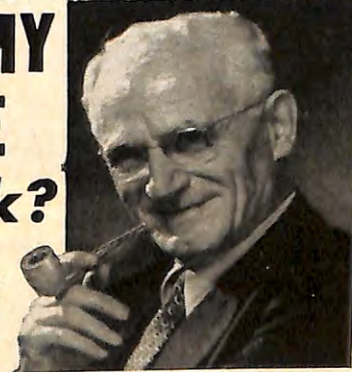
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THE VIRTUAL DESTRUCTION of Fairbanks, Alaska, Lodge by the devastating flood of the Chena River last August is discussed in the swamped lodge by hip-booted PDD Frank Hise, Corvallis, Oreg., vice-chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and DDGER Hess Ragins, Fairbanks.



News of the Lodges

Floods Strike Elks Lodges In the North . . .

The Fairbanks, Alaska, Lodge building was declared a total loss recently by the public land surveyor in the wake of the treacherous flood that inundated the city with nearly seven feet of water last August.

"It was like filling up a well," said PGER Emmett T. Anderson of the catastrophe, caused by the rain-swollen Chena River. The lodge, a finished basement with a roof only about two feet above street level before the deluge struck, never had a chance.

"The flood put more than six feet of water above the roof," Brother Anderson added.

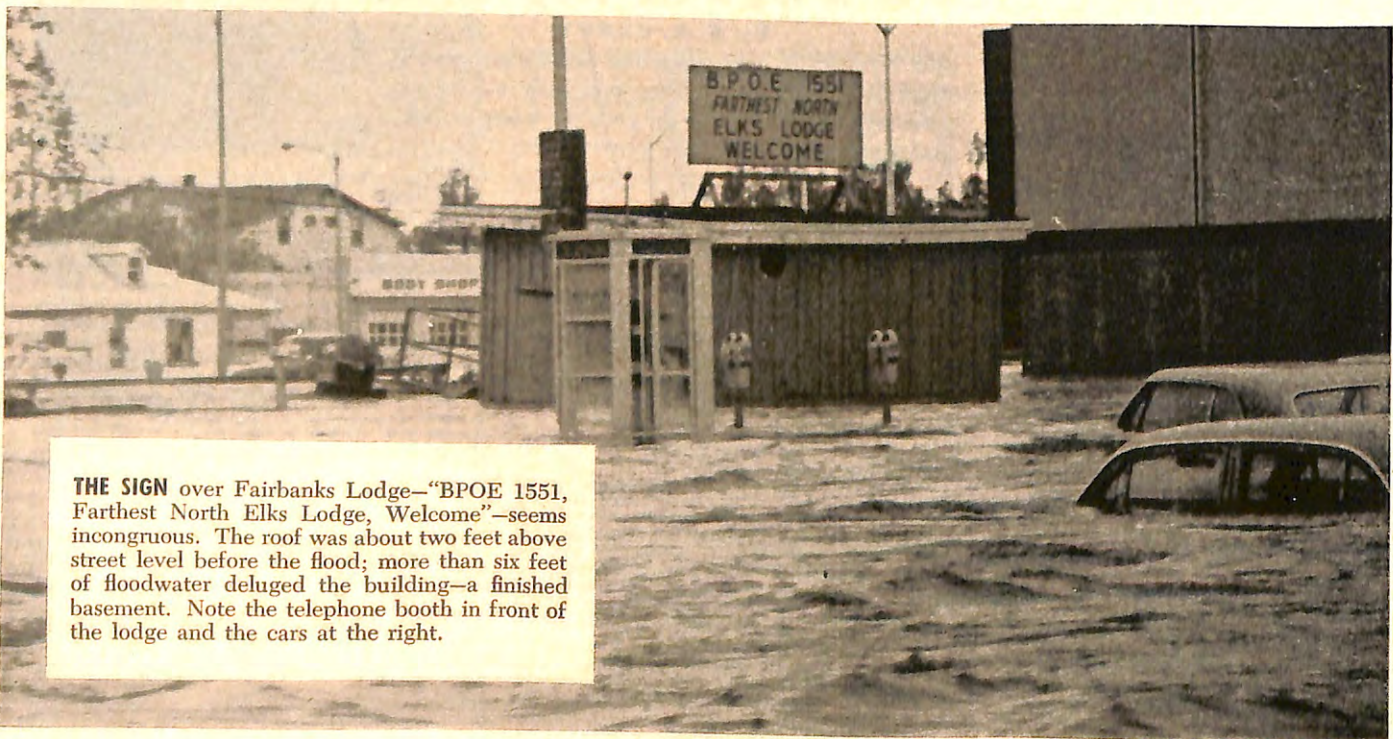
"Floodwater in the basement rose high enough to raise the present roof as high as six inches in places," said DDGER Hess Ragins, Fairbanks. "There

was a hole at least 10 feet deep on one side. The entire sidewalk collapsed into it. It seems from surrounding property that this was in the path of the main channel of the floodwater."

Brother Ragins added that any rebuilding would have to be done in the short time "before the freeze hits us."

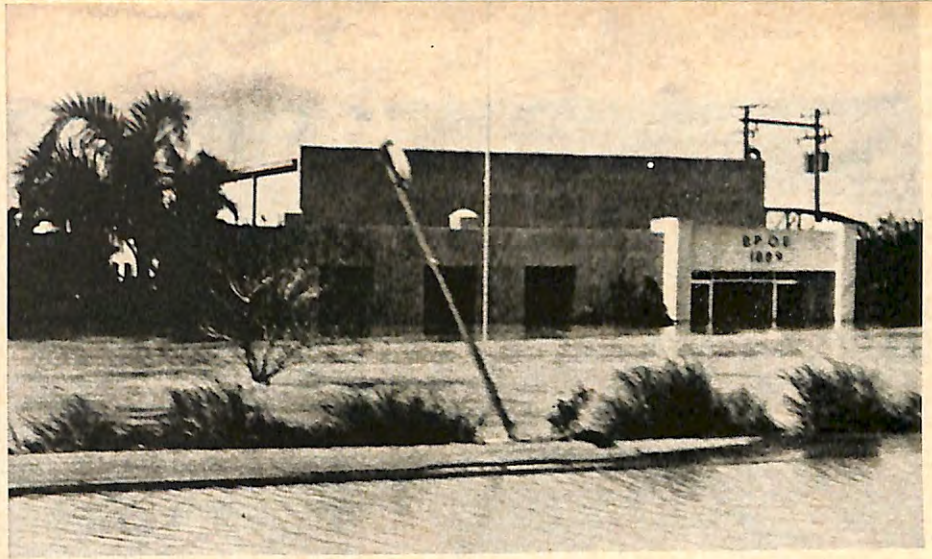
Record rainfalls brought on the flood. The Chena hit flood stage of 12.1 feet on Aug. 14; it reached a peak of 18.82 feet the next day. Fairbanks was declared a disaster area.

GER Robert E. Boney, who inspected the devastation, assured lodge officers that any specific emergency assistance would be provided through his office. The Grand Exalted Ruler added that subsequent appropriate help would be extended as circumstances warranted.



THE SIGN over Fairbanks Lodge—"BPOE 1551, Farthest North Elks Lodge, Welcome"—seems incongruous. The roof was about two feet above street level before the flood; more than six feet of floodwater deluged the building—a finished basement. Note the telephone booth in front of the lodge and the cars at the right.

DAMAGED TO THE TUNE OF \$40,000 by a tremendous flood caused by Hurricane Beulah, Harlingen, Tex., Lodge stands in desolation. The Rio Grande disaster in September flooded the lodge to a depth of five feet. Harlingen Elks lost all the furniture and other items inside the building. A layer of mud six to eight inches deep was deposited throughout the structure.



and Southwest

Hurricane Beulah, which Army Engineers say caused \$1,000,000,000 in damages during her rampage through lower Texas and northern Mexico last September, took a \$40,000, indirect whack at Harlingen, Tex., Lodge.

Whipping winds which were clocked up to 109 miles an hour in the Harlingen area, Beulah struck at the mouth

of the Rio Grande and dumped at least 25 inches of rain on her waters. Tons of floodwater rushed into Harlingen.

The modern, brick lodge building was flooded to a depth of five feet. Mud was caked six to eight inches deep throughout the structure. The Elks lost all their furniture and other items. Facilities ruined or damaged included kitchen and bar equipment, the officers' stations, the electrical and air-conditioning installations, a piano, and an electric organ.

The \$40,000 bill included repainting

of the entire interior and repairs to the roof, the floors, and the plumbing.

The lodge issued a financial appeal to all other Texas Elks. Late last year, Harlingen members were beginning to make progress with repairs and replacements, according to lodge Secy. Thomas A. Yates. Other lodges had sent more than \$4,200 and the Texas Elks State Association had loaned \$5,000, Brother Yates said, adding:

"It will still take a few more months to get the building back to normal."



WELL AWARE that a patriotic parade is incomplete without a "Miss Liberty," Brooklyn Elks chose Mary Eileen Medica (left) for the honor. With her is "Miss Breezy Point"—Karen D. Anderson—who represents the Antlers Club of Rockway Point, a summer division of the local, metropolitan lodges. The New York Coordinating Committee for Responsible Patriotism Parade was held in conjunction with Bronx (New York City) Elks along the Grand Concourse.



THE UTAH ELKS ASSOCIATION honors PGER William S. Hawkins at a banquet at Price Lodge. Also pictured at the "Bill Hawkins Honoring Day" event are Mrs. Hawkins and SP Mont A. Gowers, Salt Lake City. More than 200 Elks and their wives from every lodge in Utah as well as some from lodges in states surrounding the Beehive State attended the VIP-studded affair.



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MOTHER LODGE will mark the Centennial of its birth and the founding of the Order with a banquet and dance Feb. 17 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Among those planning the kickoff are (seated): DDGER Howard S. Bateman, Wantagh, of Freeport Lodge; PDD and PSP Peter T. Alfatato, of Levittown-Hicksville Lodge, a member of the GL Committee on Judiciary; New York PER Bernard Lefkowitz, banquet chairman; ER and Judge J. Daniel Fink, New York; PDD and Judge George J. Ballbach, Jackson Heights, a GL State Associations Committeeman, and PDD N. Anthony Equale, both of Queens Borough (Elmhurst) Lodge, and (standing): PDDs Herman Saperstein, Patchogue; Eugene J. Granfield, Brooklyn; Harry M. Macy, Patchogue; Thomas Cozetti, Huntington; David D. Lee, Elmont, and Monroe E. Lewis, Massapequa. Special tribute will be paid to three Past Grand Exalted Rulers—Judges James T. Hallinan and Ronald J. Dunn, and George I. Hall.



ATTLEBORO, Massachusetts, PER Jeremiah Reagan clutches the beautiful, old trophy his team just has retained in a softball game despite the efforts of Coach Tom Caldwell (left) of the Pawtucket, R.I., Lodge squad. About 100 Elks and their wives attended the game, a revival of what the Pawtucket Lodge bulletin described as "the coldest rivalry in the history of sports." Brother Reagan found the trophy in a lodge records room; it had been won by an Attleboro team in a game Aug. 28, 1914, with a Pawtucket team. The competition had not been renewed.



GRAND TRUSTEE George T. Hickey (second from left) is honored by his own lodge—Chicago (North)—at a testimonial dinner in recognition of his many years of service to the Order. Dignitaries who paid tribute to Brother Hickey—a Past Grand Esquire, Past District Deputy, and Past State President—included GER Robert E. Boney, shown shaking hands with ER James A. Kennedy; the Grand Chaplain—the Rev. Francis P. Fenton, OSA, Chicago, of Flint, Mich., Lodge—and PGER Lee A. Donaldson, whose jurisdiction includes Illinois.



SANTA CLARA, California, Lodge holds its cotillion in honor of these fetching young ladies, presented to Elks society in celebration of their 18th birthdays. The debs are Linda Danziger, Linda Kurtz, Raylene Lema, Barbara Flosi, and Tanya Egnitoff.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Robert E. Boney and Mrs. Boney visit Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge during the celebration of its golden anniversary. Mrs. Boney holds the camera given to her husband by lodge members as he thanks them.



AN ACCIDENT VICTIM WHO LEARNED TO WALK AGAIN at an Elks' hospital—Robert John Heuwetter (second from right)—was initiated into Hollywood, Fla., Lodge recently, as soon as he reached his 21st birthday. To the left of the initiate is his father—Robert C. Heuwetter—who joined the lodge after his son began walking at Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital, the state major project, at Umatilla. Also pictured are PER E. B. (Doc) Elkins and L. A. O'Bryon, lodge representatives to the hospital, and PER John F. Breslin. Doctors had held little hope of young Heuwetter's ever walking again after an auto accident.

Joplin Elks Aid Mexican Needy

"There are 1,000,000 homeless and hungry people who have a winter to get through." Thus read a postcard that Joplin, Mo., Lodge sent, asking members to help our neighbors to the south who were dealt a one-two punch by Hurricane Beulah last September. She lashed and battered northern Mexico and lower Texas and then sent the Rio Grande to flood in her wake.

The response in Joplin to the Mexicans' need was overwhelming. Eight tons of clothing plus canned foods, bedding, and cooking utensils were collected in Joplin and delivered to the lodge. The clothing was sorted and boxed at the lodge and each package was labeled in Spanish.

On Oct. 12, less than a month after Beulah had struck, the supplies were shipped by truck to the Good Neighbor Settlement House of Brownsville, Tex., for distribution to the Mexican needy. About 1,000 families benefited from Joplin citizens' help.

It was Brother Delbert Smith who brought the Mexicans' plight to his fellow members' attention at a lodge meeting Sept. 28. He said that a moving



JOPLIN, Missouri, Elks are proud of their part in collecting eight tons of clothing plus canned foods, bedding, and pots and pans for Mexican victims of Hurricane Beulah. Pictured are Secy. Edward Welsh, Delbert Smith, chairman of the Mexican Relief Drive, and ER John Mattes. An estimated 1,000,000 Mexicans were left homeless by the hurricane and resulting floods last September. The Professional Television Technicians Association cooperated in the drive by collecting items and delivering them to the lodge.

company would furnish, free of charge, a 65-foot van and a driver for delivery of any supplies the Elks could collect.

Appointed Mexican Relief Drive chairman, Brother Smith set Oct. 7 and

8 as collection dates. Cooperating in the drive were the Joplin school system, which alone donated a number of truckloads of clothing, and the Professional Television Technicians Association.

Lodge Notes

Port Townsend, Wash., PER Hampden O. Brown drove his car home with a radiator full of clam nectar after a night of clam digging with other Elks in preparation for the lodge's clam-gulping contest. Brother Brown had blown a radiator hose on his car and his resourceful companions, who had cooked a pot of clams on the beach, filled the repaired radiator with the remaining nectar. The auto reportedly responded with great vigor.

Oregon Elks' recent gift to the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City, Ore.—a stencil duplicator for the hospital newspaper, *The Domiciliary*—is giving a great boost to communications there, according to domiciliary director James A. Hurson, an Elk.

The memory of Brother Joseph B. Bryant, Treasurer of Metropolis, Ill., Lodge at the time of his death in December 1966, endures because of contributions sent to the lodge. With the funds, the Elks were able to complete payment on Brother Bryant's \$100 Elks National Foundation Partici-

pating Membership and to purchase in his memory a wheelchair for the Massac County Memorial Hospital.

Van Wert, Ohio, Elks' recent auction sale raised \$256 toward their pledge of \$1,000 for the YMCA's building expansion fund. Brother Robert Thomas was in charge of the event.

Point Pleasant, N.J., Lodge recently held its social event of the season—the annual Crippled Children's Charity Ball. Brother Richard Dahl served as chairman for the event.

Melrose, Mass., Elks sponsored—for the eighth consecutive year—two Melrose crippled children for a two-week stay at Camp Sea Haven, near Newburyport. ER William J. Barrett, Secy. Matthew F. Divver, and Est. Loyal Kt. Donald Corcoran presented the check during a visit to the camp. The funds come from individual contributions of Melrose Lodge members.

DDGER Elbert W. Sayre, a member of Chicago (South) Lodge, was honored recently with a complimentary Life Membership in the lodge. The presentation was made by PER and

Dr. Frank A. Farrell at a lodge party attended by hundreds of Brother Sayre's friends from various lodges.

Warren, Ohio, Elks opened their new, 42-by-75-foot, heated swimming pool last summer. The pool is of standard AAU dimensions, with six lanes for competitive racing events and one- and three-meter diving stands. There is an adjacent wading pool for small children. SP and PDD Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green, officiated at the dedication of the facility.

Troy, Ohio, Lodge's oldest Past Exalted Ruler—Ora R. Hauenstine, 76—received an Honorary Life Membership in the lodge recently for having been a member for more than 50 years. Brother Hauenstine was Exalted Ruler of the lodge in 1922.

New Haven, Conn., Elks held an annual lodge party to do their part in raising funds for the state major project—the Newington Hospital for Crippled Children. A year ago, Connecticut lodges pledged to activate programs which would raise \$300,000 over a 10-year period for the outpatient clinic now under construction at the hospital.



THE NATIONAL RITUALISTIC CHAMPIONS—Laconia, N.H., team members—are honored at a testimonial banquet held by the lodge's Past Exalted Rulers. Flanking PGER and Judge John E. Fenton, the speaker, are Mayor James Royal of Laconia and Mrs. William H. Nadon Jr. SP and Concord Secy. Charles A. Coffin presents a gift to ER William H. Nadon Jr., also a Past Exalted Ruler who was a member of the championship Laconia team as well as Exalted Ruler on the All-American Eastern Team. Others standing are PER William H. Nadon Sr., Coach and Esteemed Leading Knight of the winning Laconia team, and PER Donald W. MacIsaac, testimonial chairman. About 1,300 persons attended the banquet.

A \$5,550 CHECK TO AID TERMINAL CANCER patients is presented on behalf of New York's South District by PDD and PSP Martin J. Traugott, New Rochelle, general chairman, to Mother Mary Elizabeth, O.P., Mother General of The Servants of Relief of Incurable Cancer. Looking on are DDGER Charles A. Totero, New Rochelle, and VP Rudolph Petrucci. The lodges in the district raised the funds in this first South District charity program by raffling off an automobile. The money benefits terminal off an automobile. The money benefits terminal cancer patients at Rosary Hill Hospital, a charitable institution operated by Dominican Sisters.



WOODLAND, California, ER LeRoy Cassel congratulates Brother Emil Schmauderer after the recent initiation of his three sons (starting center): Emil Jr., Ed, and William. Their father has been a member of the Order for 30 years.



DIGNITARIES AT THE DEDICATION of Kearny, N.J., Lodge's new, \$100,000 building include Assemblyman John A. McLaughlin; ER Salvatore P. Padovano; SP and PDD John W. Purdy Jr., Phillipsburg; PGER William J. Jernick, who laid the cornerstone; Mayor Joseph Healy, and U.S. Rep. Dominick V. Daniels (D-N.J.). The former building was destroyed in a fire.



GRAND SECRETARY and PDD Franklin J. Fitzpatrick (second from left), Chicago, of Lynbrook, N.Y., Lodge, is welcomed to Indiana Elks' fall meeting in Indianapolis by SP and PDD Stanley Mascoc, of the host lodge. Others pictured are PGER Fred L. Bohn; PSP Glenn L. Miller, Logansport, chairman of the GL Committee on Judiciary; PSP Gerald L. Powell, Peru, GL Youth Activities Committeeman; state Secy. and PDD C. L. (Speed) Shideler, Terre Haute, GL State Associations Committeeman, and Ohio SP and PDD Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green.

GRAND EXALTED RULER Robert E. Boney poses with dignitaries from New England during a Montpelier, Vt., Lodge dinner in his honor. Also pictured are SDGER Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, Mass., of Boston Lodge, past chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees; PGER and Judge John E. Fenton, President of Suffolk University, Boston; Grand Est. Loyal Kt. and PDD Raymond J. Quesnel, Montpelier; Newton, Mass., PER W. Edward Wilson, Auburndale, GL Americanism Committeeman, and PDD and Dr. Samanto Quain, Franklin, N.H., GL Ritualistic Committeeman. Among other presents, Brother Boney received a gift from each of the 13 lodges in the state of Vermont.



FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE to Virginia's major project—the Virginia Elks Boys' Camp at Clifton Forge—J. Paul Bernier (second from right), a Life Member of Arlington-Fairfax Lodge, is presented the state association's Morris L. Masinter Memorial Award by James Fitch, a camp director. Looking on are ER W. A. Keenan, VP and PDD Herman C. Anderson, state new lodge chairman, and Est. Lead. Kt. Ross A. Haworth. All pictured are Arlington-Fairfax Lodge members. The camp directors present the annual award in memory of Past District Deputy Masinter, a member of Roanoke Lodge who died Nov. 16, 1956.



THE INSTITUTION of Englewood, Fla., Lodge No. 2378 is marked by the presence of these dignitaries (seated): PDD Thomas E. Mallem, Jacksonville, GL New Lodge Committeeman; SP and PDD Marvin L. Kimmel, Miami Beach; PGER William A. Wall, DDGER Bedford A. Prescott, Wauchula; SDGER and PDD Robert B. Cameron, Redington Beach, of Holiday Isles Lodge, state new lodge chairman, and PDD George Carver, Umatilla, of Live Oak Lodge, a GL Auditing and Accounting Committeeman. Officers of Bradenton Lodge initiated 148 men into the new lodge Oct. 15 in Venice-Nokomis Lodge. Charter membership was 191. ER Thomas M. Dignam stands to the right of the dispensation certificate.



"MULE SKINNER" Mary Headley drives the Pasadena, Tex., Elks' San Jacinto Trail Ride wagon while her husband, Pasadena PER Harry H. Headley, rides shotgun during a most unusual state fundraiser—the 3rd annual Hallettsville-to-Ottine Crippled Children's Trail Ride. A total of 352 riders—on horseback and in trucks and campers, trailers, and 7 wagons—took part in the 3-day ride, which raised \$1,800. Proceeds benefit the state major project—the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital at Ottine. The ride coincides with the hospital's annual homecoming.



GOVERNOR RAYMOND P. SHAFER OF PENNSYLVANIA signs a proclamation designating a recent week as Pennsylvania Elks Cerebral Palsy Week. Also seated are PDD Robert H. McCormick, State College, chairman of the state Cerebral Palsy Fund-Raising Committee, Mrs. Mary Lloyd, RN, and Terrence Cooley, a CP patient from Harrisburg. Standing are Eugene M. Fulmer, chairman in the state legislature of the Public Health and Welfare Committee; PDD and PSP John S. Buchanan, Bedford; SP and PDD William C. Kuhn, Gettysburg; PDD and PSP A. Lewis Heisey, Middletown; VP and PDD Nicholas P. Chacona, Sayre, and PDD and PSP Edward D. Smith, Lewistown, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight. The proclamation asked Pennsylvania citizens to support financially the state major project—the Elks Cerebral Palsy Home Service Program, which includes 11 mobile units that serve CP victims in 33 of the state's 67 counties.



FOR 50 YEARS' SERVICE to the Order, PDD and PSP Benjamin P. Hopkins (center) receives an Elks pin from his nephew and fellow Keene, N.H., Lodge member—In. Cd. Frank Hopkins. ER Norris W. Edson watches the ceremony. The elder Brother Hopkins also is an Honorary Founder of the Elks National Foundation.



CHARTER OFFICERS (first and second rows) of a new Missouri lodge—Kansas City (Northland) Lodge No. 2376—pose with St. Joseph Lodge officers (third row), who initiated the new Elks, and ritualists (last row) from throughout Missouri who instituted the lodge and installed its officers Sept. 17. ER Wayne Johnson is seated behind the lodge charter. Flanking him are PDD and PSP Francis B. Karr (left), Trenton, state new lodge chairman, and DDGER Robert L. Fisher, Maryville, who presided at the institution and installation. Distinguished guests included PDD and PSP William F. Gill, Kansas City, of Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge; PDD Wayne A. Swanson, Maryville, chairman of the GL Committee on Credentials; VP and PDD Galen Marr, Warrensburg, and state Secy. and PDD O. M. Flory, Nevada.



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Pittsburg, Calif., Elks were hosts at a barbecue dinner for 33 recent returnees from Vietnam stationed at the Navy's Port Chicago (Calif.) Ordnance Depot. Pictured are (from left): Marine Norland Small, of Denver, Colo.; ER Jack E. Fontana; Shaffe Courey, member of Pittsburg Lodge and vice commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Robert Gilligan, of New York City.



Inspecting an order of large print books donated by Oregon Elks to the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City, Oreg., are Enid A. Holmes, Domiciliary librarian, and Brother Tom Ginn, of Medford Lodge, the Elks representative on the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service committee and a member of both lodge and state veterans committees. The Oregon State Elks Association donated \$100 for the purchase of the books and also gave \$1,000 for the irrigation equipment for a planned Domiciliary golf course.



Bakersfield, Calif., Elks—among them Cliff Wagy (first row, third from right), who has been lodge veterans chairman for 16 years—display an assortment of items collected in a recent drive in connection with the Elks' program of vocational training for disabled veterans. Discarded clocks, watches, kitchen and other electrical appliances, and hides are collected annually for use in instructional repair classes for veterans. For their assistance in the drive, the lodge also held a dinner in honor of members of the Bakersfield police and sheriff's departments and the state highway patrol.



Two lodges in Ohio's Northwest District—Van Wert and Bowling Green—were among the first to contribute to a fund to provide Christmas gifts for hospitalized veterans in the state. Carl E. Nihiser (center), Van Wert, district veterans chairman, is shown accepting the checks of \$75 each from Est. Lead. Kt. Ronald Sherer (left), of Van Wert Lodge, and ER James E. Hennings of Bowling Green Lodge.

Turning 65 Today

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pay you to serve humanity in ways you have always wanted to. More than 70 members of the Peace Corps are in the 61-80 age group. Of these, 12 are between 71 and 80! VISTA, a sort of domestic Peace Corps, employs about 330 people over the age of 60. Many of them are retired teachers or men with trades, who teach in poverty areas or Indian tribes.

For the man who doesn't want to go on working after 65, days can be filled and fulfilled by giving to others. Volunteer agencies are stumbling over each other in a scramble to find help.

Men are needed to drive cancer patients to hospitals for treatment, play checkers with mentally disturbed veterans, read to the blind. As a starter, a retiree can call his local Red Cross chapter. They want and need people in their sunset years, and give a short, free, stimulating training course.

Not all senior citizens are able to lead active lives as volunteers, or keep a part-time job. Even so, the Administration on Aging is finding new ways to reach out to home-bound folks.

The Meals on Wheels program is a massive hot-meals effort in many cities today. A hearty noon meal, plus ingredients for that night's supper, and the next morning's breakfast, are delivered every day to thousands of elderly people who live alone, but can no longer prepare well-balanced meals.

A typical Meals on Wheels project is operating in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, fostered by a combination of local can-do and federal money. The meals are planned and prepared by the staff of the Illini Union at the University of Illinois. Deliveries are made by volunteers from the United Church Women organization, and are kept warm in ovens purchased by another philanthropic group. Nominal costs for the food are met by each recipient.

The government is also concerned about the diets of senior citizens who are not shut-ins. Two demonstration Food and Friendship programs are now being tried in Florida and Texas. Older people can get a hot, nutritious lunch

for about 40 cents. Oldsters are driven to the Centers, where they can eat, make friends, hear talks on how to stretch their food dollars, and get guidance on the use of Federal food stamps.

Stay-at-home elderly qualify for a number of other new services. Many communities have visiting-nurse agencies, to provide home nursing care at nonprofit rates, set according to ability to pay. Volunteers, working through community councils or churches, call on the elderly as Friendly Visitors.

Many cities have organized keep-in-touch telephone brigades, to assure every old person who lives alone a phone call each day. Some libraries offer bookmobile service to the elderly. Your city probably offers special educational courses, tailored to the older citizen. Communities have senior citizen clubs, programs, parties, centers, discount movies. In one Illinois county seat, Senior Citizens Day fetes over-65s each year at the county fair.

For rural-area elderly, the government is launching a Visiting Homemaker service, which does a dual service. First, it provides jobs for women 55-65 who are still active and who enjoy homemaking. Three times each week, these women visit the home of an infirm elderly person to wash, iron, prepare meals for several days ahead,

chat, shop for food and drugs. The homemaker is trained, supervised, and scheduled by a local agency, in cooperation with the Office of Economic Opportunity.

All of these federal programs must start with local initiative, and a foundation of surveys and volunteer work. To communities that qualify, most of the costs are then met by Washington.

All over America, an over-65 population explosion is being boosted by improved medical techniques, and a trend toward longer lifetimes. Slowly, the needs of this group are being heard and answered.

The man who turns 65 today finds himself eligible for exciting new challenges, programs, educational opportunities, places to serve, income aids, tailor-fitted services. Today, a 65th birthday is no longer the physical or financial tragedy it once might have been. It is a privilege granted to more millions of people than ever before. By 1970, the aged population will reach 20 million, and America will be ready for them.

(For further information on how you can get or give help, addresses of regional offices of the Administration on Aging can be obtained by writing Box AA, The Elks Magazine, 425 W. Diversey Pkwy., Chicago, Ill. 60614.)

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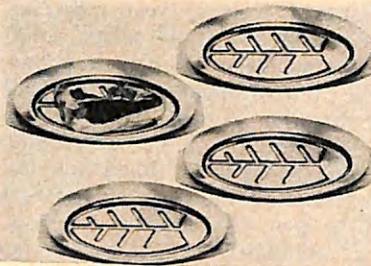
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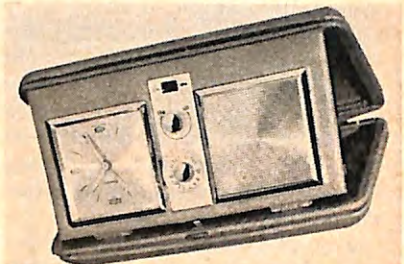


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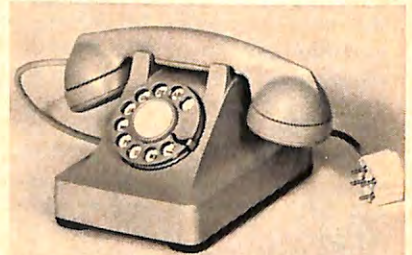


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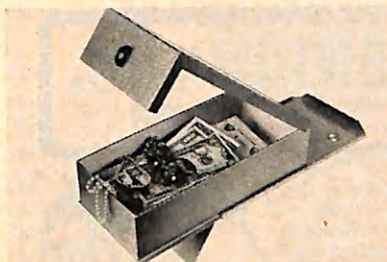
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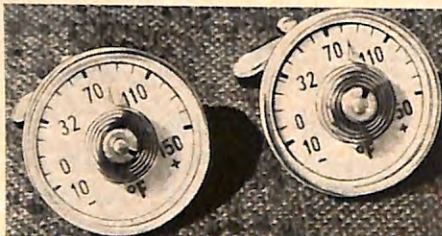
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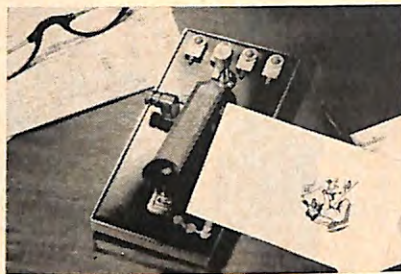


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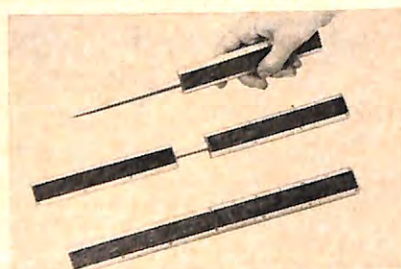
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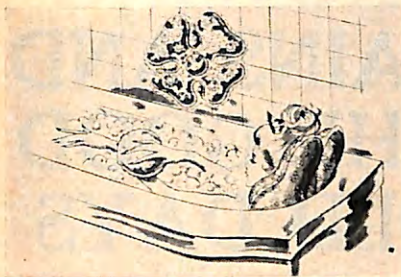
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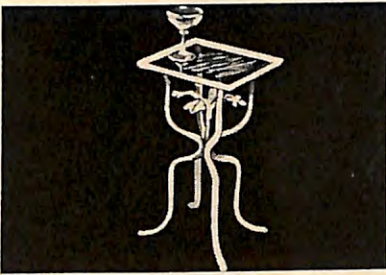
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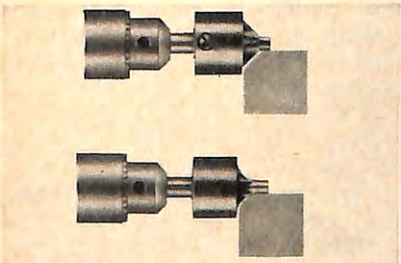
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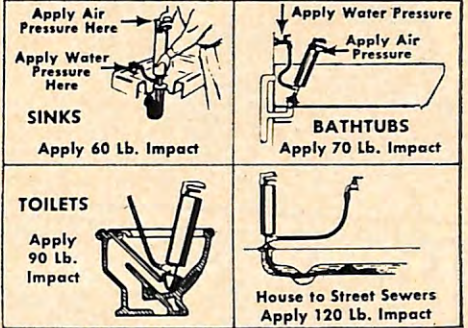
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GROWING PAINS AND THE GOOD OLD DAYS

By T. R. FEHRENBACH

By the year 1871 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks had established a Grand Lodge and two thriving lodges in New York and Philadelphia. A number of Elks even held a "session" in Chicago in January of that year; however, these were members of New York Lodge No. 1 who happened to be working on the stage in that city. In the fall, New York gave a big benefit in the Academy of Music, for the aid of victims of the great Chicago fire—the first known instance of Elks responding to a disaster.

By now, several things about the Order were firmly set—but many others were in constant change. The Elks were not, and could not be, a static society, any more than the United States of America was a static, unchanging nation. In the 1870s the country was being rapidly spanned by rails; pioneers were pushing deep into the Great Plains regions; and from coast to coast many small communities were beginning to expand into thriving cities. The enormous, unbelievably productive industrial complex that was to characterize 20th-century America was already past its foundation stage. The industrial and financial capital of the United States was taking shape in New York City, where it would remain for many dec-

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The fourth installment of the Elks' official history tells how the fledgling group met the challenge of life in the 1870s

ades. New York was also the main American gateway to Europe and the Old World, and here also was centered the new nation's artistic and theatrical world. This literary and acting community traveled the interior and even the Far West continually, but its heart was in New York.

It was no accident, and probably inevitable, that the Elks should have been born in Gotham, since the Order was founded primarily by actors.

This theatrical connection seems to have both helped and hindered the infant B.P.O.E. Whatever other personal traits they might have had, theater people tended to be sentimental, warm-hearted, and generous, their jealousies confined pretty much to the stage itself. Logically, they were often flamboyant, with a strong sense of the dramatic, necessary in their profession. They had wit, poise, and presence, and this gave them popularity and caused other people to enjoy association with them. All these things were of vital importance to a new fraternal order that intended to be benevolent, in which ritual played an important part, and which desired to expand.

Further, actors were among the most tolerant and broad-minded people of the last century; their own associations were nonsectarian, and the Elks could emerge no other way. The names on the early rolls are British, Irish, Italian, Scandinavian, and Central European, representing virtually every immigrant group that inhabited New York at that time, and almost every denomination.

Finally, the theatrical trade of the 1870s was very much concerned with road trips; tours and troops went everywhere the rails or the stagecoaches ran, and everywhere these charming, clever, and attractive people went they col-

lected other citizens about them, in the saloons, hotels, and chop houses. This free movement of Elk members quickly spread the fame of the Order across the country, from north to south and coast to coast. People heard about the Elks.

But although there were almost 300 Elks in New York Lodge No. 1 at the start of 1871, from this point on the Order's growth slowed very visibly. This slower growth hung on for a number of years. By now, the fact that the Elks were mainly a literary and theatrical group was working against them.

For one thing, there was a limited number of such people in the country, and the determination of the dominant Elks in 1868 to keep the Order "professional" severely limited the potential membership. For another, the "theatricals" were so footloose and on the road so much that it was difficult for them to continue an active part in lodge business. On June 11, 1871, Exalted Grand Ruler Green reported, "The reason that so large a number of dispensations had been asked for in [Lodge] No. 2 was from a recognition of the necessity of having a sufficient number of Devout Elders for the transaction of business during the absence of the professional brethren of the lodge in the traveling season." If the Elks had gone on limiting themselves mainly to the theatrical world, or, for that matter, any particular profession, they would never have become a great national body embracing the mainstream of America.

It must be emphasized that the B.P.O.E. was a fraternal, not a professional society—men were introduced and initiated into the Order because members desired their companionship fraternally and socially, not because they wanted to get in, or because they happened to be actors. There was no

automatic eligibility. An early account of the Order states that for several decades there was no formal restriction or regulation of membership other than that prospective members must be 21, and this is true so far as it goes. But people bring in people, and there was from the first a process of selection. It was a disagreement over this process that caused the first controversy, in 1868.

Fortunately, membership had never been tightly restricted to theatricals; it was always understood to be extended to people sympathetic with the acting or literary professions. This soon began a steady infusion of policemen, lawyers, doctors, brokers, salesmen, and even clergymen. These "outsiders" were attracted by the flair of the professionals, the ideals behind the Order, the impressive rituals of the sessions, and—to be truthful—also the fact that Elks had a reputation of being a jolly group who threw fine parties. In the last half of the century American family life was quite different from what it would be later. There was no real notion of "togetherness." Children were expected to be seen, period; alcoholic beverages were not served in respectable middle-class homes (a man who wanted a beer either went to the corner saloon or met in a room somewhere with the boys); and men and women enjoyed somewhat separate social lives. The ladies had their church groups and sewing circles; the husbands had their nights out. Neither the cocktail hour nor the backyard barbecue had yet been invented.

The family and social life of the era gave a strong push in the fast-growing cities to orders like the Elks. They offered men companionship, after a ten-

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CODY, Wyoming, Elks' band plays to honor Paul Stock (right), the lodge's only 50-year member and an Honorary Life Member, on his 74th birthday. ER Gerald L. Sedam shakes hands with Brother Stock, who has been an active donor to the lodge. A recent gift was a complete sound system for the lodge room. The 50-year Elk joined Casper Lodge in 1917 and later transferred to Cody Lodge.

GRANTS PASS, Oregon, ER Lewis L. Ipsen and PER and Trustee M. C. (Pete) Loughridge present a \$200 check to John West, president of the lodge's swim club, at a banquet honoring the swim team. The check was for warm-up jackets for team members. Trophies for achievement in different feats were awarded.



BELFLOWER, California, Elks pose with some prominent citizens at their annual Newspaper Night dinner. Shown are ER Robert B. Wunderlich; Gerald Deal, a *Herald American* executive; Mayor Norman Murray; Walter Hicks, a *Herald American* executive; Secy. Ira Insel, and Est. Lead. Kt. Ralph Hedge.



NORWALK, California, Est. Loyal Kt. Frank Smith (left) gives a check to Coach Terry Campbell for the purchase of 18 basketball uniforms for players with no means to buy them. Looking on is ER John Case. The money was raised at a lodge dance.

SAN MATEO, California, Elks hold a Night of Champions awards banquet to honor outstanding youngsters in the youth activities programs it sponsors. Forty-four major trophies were presented and each participant received a gold medal.



FONTANA, California, ER William A. Hughes poses proudly with W.O.I George B. Turner Jr. after his recent initiation. The new Elk had just returned from Vietnam; he is the lodge's first veteran from the war in that country.



ARIZONA ELKS' SP Santry C. Fuller (right), Tucson, receives a warm welcome from two Past State Presidents who are members of Phoenix Lodge—W. M. McMillon (left), a GL Lodge Activities Committeeman, and PDD L. Cedric Austin—during an official visit.



THE FIRST to be served in the chow line during Cottage Grove, Ore., Lodge's barbecue and dance is Roy Kuhn (right). Event co-chairmen serving him are Wayne Wiscarson and Clarence Hinkle.



LA GRANDE, Oregon, ER Robert N. Zweifel (right) and PDD Victor Eckley display a memorial plaque to honor Ray Winters, lodge Secretary for 41 years until his death in March 1966. The plaque is in the lodge lobby. While Brother Winters was hospitalized, lodge members initiated a class of 15 candidates to honor him.



RIVERSIDE, California, Lodge initiated a class to honor GER Robert E. Boney during the recent official visit of DDGER and PVP Vincent J. Amalfitano, Ontario.

INGLEWOOD, California, Elks recently initiated a class that included two priests: an Episcopalian—the Rev. Anthony F. Rasch (first row, third from left)—and a Roman Catholic—the Rev. Patrick J. Walsh (third from right). The other new Elks are Gordon Jarvis, Domenic De Julio, Lynn B. Whitesides, Elmer William Menges, and Larry Des Jardin. Among those in the rear is Brother Rasch's proud father—Tiler Lee Rasch (behind his son).



SIX NEW MEMBERS were initiated into Caldwell, Idaho, Lodge during the recent official visit of DDGER Robert W. Jackson (last row, fourth from left), Gooding.





SIXTY-FIVE YOUNGSTERS entertain Burbank, Calif., Elks and their families with a two-hour show, "Sing Out, San Fernando Valley." The guest group is directed by Mrs. Leo E. Gorka (first row). Flanking her are Est. Lead. Kt. Don V. Eastman Jr.; Van Nuys PER Dan Davis, Hollywood, state Americanism chairman; ER Frank E. Stephens Jr., and Ray Taylor of Burbank, Metropolitan District youth activities chairman. Admission was by voluntary donation.



PITTSBURG, California, Lodge's scholarship chairman—Judge Manuel Rose—presents the lodge's annual scholarship to Kristin Kline, one of 10 children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kline (looking on). The scholarship provides \$200 a year for four years.



THE CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS of Lebanon, Oreg., Lodge's membership chairman, Walter Goldsmith (left), and Treasurer, Jack Buchanan (right), gain for them, respectively, the Junior and Senior First Citizen Awards. PER and Dr. John W. Burdell poses proudly with the honored Elks. They were selected by the Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce and other civic, fraternal, and service groups.



HILLSBORO, Oregon, Lodge's paid-up mortgage is burned by ER Milton H. Lee (second from right) and PDD R. H. (Red) Gardner (right), the lodge's senior Past Exalted Ruler, at a dinner party. Witnessing the act are VP and Gresham PER Pete Zandell and DDGER William W. Collins, Milwaukie. The lodge was instituted in 1952 and the lodge building was dedicated in 1958.



OREGON ELKS are proud of their mobile unit for aid to the physically handicapped, part of the state major project. At the wheel is Beaverton Elk Don Bult, a physical therapist.



MONTEBELLO, California, Lodge's membership includes three generations of the Coffey family, all with the first name of Leo. Secy. Iry M. Borgen presents a gift to Leo J. Coffey Jr. after his initiation in the 10th anniversary class of 18 candidates and 5 by demit. Leo J. Coffey, a 25-year member, is second from the left. Next to him is Leo J. Coffey Sr., a 45-year member. PGER R. Leonard Bush spoke at the affair.

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the world; even the Tahitians themselves are changing. In Tahiti, though, this second time around, he met a woman from the Astral Islands, a classic beauty with eyes and hair as black as a raven's. That's how he happened to be sailing away to the Astrals this recent day when I waved goodbye. Ritt and his bride were going home, to her home among islands still unspoiled—*islands where even the jet airplane is unknown and the trades blow softly and time seems to stand blissfully still.* This time, perhaps, Henry Rittmeister will find his contentment. Who knows?

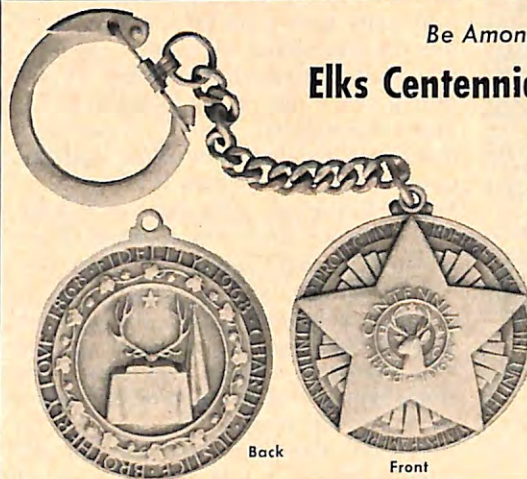
Most of these million-mile memories I have are involved with flying. I recall Air France Flight 004 rolling to a stop one afternoon at Orly Airport in Paris. The engines whined in one final sigh and thus ended one of the longest non-stop jet hops in the world—L.A. to Paris in 11 hours. Behind us lay scattered more than 5,700 miles. Leaving Los Angeles, the plane weighed 325,000 pounds. Now, it was 110,000 pounds lighter, which is how much fuel it'd gulped getting us there. The flight was without incident, unless, of course, you take into consideration the French steward: He kept insisting we have wine with our corn flakes at breakfast.

On another flight to Europe I was awakened when the steward said, "Good morning," and did I wish orange juice? I looked at my watch. It was 11:15 p.m. back in Los Angeles. Six hours earlier the day was only ending in L.A. Now above Greenland the sun was reflecting off glaciers on its way to a new beginning. The steward spoke to the lady beside me.

"May I serve you orange juice, Countess?"

Countess? I learned later she was the American-born widow of Sweden's Count Folke Bernadotte, the nephew of King Gustav and a mediator for the UN in Palestine when he was killed by an assassin. I asked her if Europe still had faith in the U.S. and she remarked that many Europeans had never lost their faith. We were still talking when the plane touched down at Sondre Stromfjord in Greenland. The sun was rising and Los Angeles was sleeping—and the Countess and I had coffee together in that land of ice.

A million miles. You meet a long line of stewardesses in a million miles. The sexiest I ever saw was on a flight down to Taiwan from Hong Kong. The Chinese called the plane the *Mandarin Jet*. The cabin looked more like the inside of a Chinese palace. I walked through a moon gate and into the arms of an Oriental goddess in a golden *cheong-*



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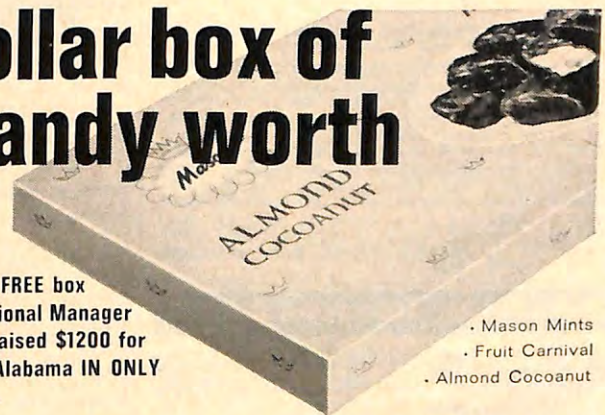


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san. You know, the dress that fits like snakeskin, with a slit up the side. This was the stewardess. A familiar old melody wafted through the cabin as we swung down out of the China sky: "A Many Splendored Thing." It was too much. With that stewardess and the music I felt like William Holden. Kipling didn't know what he was talking about. Here East was meeting West and, well, I don't know about East, but West was enjoying it immensely!

Looking back over the years I have fond memories of many places. Those who follow "For Elks Who Travel" already know that Paris is a favorite of mine. I will argue with anyone who insists all Parisians are rude. In my August article I told how I tramped across the city searching for signs of rudeness. Maybe I was just lucky, but I found none. And instead of expensive hotels I sought out the inexpensive ones. I described them in the article. Since then I returned to Paris on my way home from Greece. This time I stayed at the Paris Hilton. The room, a medium single, cost \$30. The Hilton can best be described as comfortably American. The martinis are dry and the malts are thick. And if it weren't for the maid saying "bonjour" rather than "good morning" you'd never know you left home. Take my advice: try the little hotels.

One of the countries I've enjoyed most in Europe was Portugal. (See "Portugal for Peanuts," March 1965). You can still find shelter and three meals for \$2.50 a day in some places.

With Americans complaining about the expensiveness of Europe, Portugal remains a bargain, even Lisbon. Since writing about Portugal, I have discovered a new hotel in Lisbon which I'll mention here. It is the Principe Real, a small, friendly place with 24 rooms at Rua da Alegria 53. The hospitality starts at the door with Mr. James, a Lilliputian doorman, only 12 years old, who insists on carrying your bags even though they are bigger than he is. The cost of a room at Hotel Principe Real is about \$8 a day with breakfast. This is in the heart of Lisbon itself.

There was a retired schoolteacher I spoke with who was staying at another small hotel near the Rossio in Lisbon for only \$4 a day. One evening in Lisbon I toured the *fado* nightclubs in the old Moorish Alfama. The evening stands out in my million-mile memories. When a *fadista* sings, the heart cries. They get very emotional, these Portuguese. Even the strings of the mandolin seem to weep. Every Portuguese sings the *fado*. It is the folk song of Portugal. You will recall "April in Portugal." Usually they are love songs, sad with tearful lyrics. The *fado* means to Portugal what the blues mean to

America. The songs are born of the soul as were the blues. Anyway, I stopped at this place called Tipico, along a cobbled alley where gas lamps bathe ancient buildings in their yellow glow. A girl named Celeste, a *fadista*, sat with us and explained the *fado*. You sing and you cry without shedding tears, she said. It relieves something. It is a beautiful sadness. After we spoke she excused herself. It was time to sing. "I love to sing," she said. "I love to watch people cry because they are happy-sad." Now I ask you: Who could help falling in love with a country like that?

(In his million miles of travel for The Elks Magazine, Jerry Hulse has acquired years of experience that should be of value to anyone who travels—or to anyone who dreams of traveling. For a copy of Jerry Hulse's "Private Hotel List," noting his favorite hotels around the world, write The Elks Magazine, Dept. JH, 425 W. Diversey Pkwy., Chicago, Ill. 60614.)

There are poignant memories inspired of those million miles, as well as the happy ones. There was, for instance, Berlin. Nowhere else on earth are the contrasts between the free and communist worlds more vividly displayed. On the free side church bells ring of a Sunday morning and couples with children stroll happily along the Kurfürstendamm. This is a city that died in its own flames, a place pulverized, rendered senseless at the end of World War II. The reincarnation began a short time later. Today magnificent new glass buildings fill the once emptiness of West Berlin. But the lights go out at night where East Berlin begins. It is the contrast—life versus death. Beyond the ugly wall the life becomes solemn. Crossing into East Berlin is like switching from a Technicolor film to a drab black and white. Berlin was not a happy experience.

The datelines during those million miles of wanderings go on and on: Japan, Hong Kong (my first article for "Elks Who Travel"), India, Israel, practically every country in Europe, Russia, Mexico, Central America, Australia, New Zealand, the Bahamas, the islands of the Caribbean and those of the Mediterranean and the South Seas.

A few of those million miles were taken up flying with Polynesian Air Lines between Samoa and Tonga. It was in a vintage DC-3, and during the four-hour flap a stewardess in a Polynesian print served cold chicken which seemed to get warmer the more she smiled. We landed on a runway in Tonga that was shaved from coconut

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IT'S ALL TRUE

By BILL TRUE

A Super Rig for Ideal Camping

Step in the front door and you're in a comfortable, beautifully furnished apartment. The modern kitchen at your left is complete with sink, stove, and refrigerator. Beyond it is a pleasant bedroom and bathroom with shower. The living area has a large divan, desk, and table. A large selection of fishing rods is close at hand in ceiling racks. Other outdoor equipment is neatly stored in cabinets richly panelled in handsome wood finishes.

There is television, a tape sound system, radio, air conditioning.

But you're not in a big-city, high-rise apartment; you've just entered one of the neatest camping setups I've ever seen. It's John Wilhelm's Florida Outdoorsman trailer, and it could be located anywhere in that big state near the fine fishing and hunting that keeps John busy the year around.



Wilhelm and his assistant, Lyon Davis, travel the length and breadth of Florida aiding the country's top outdoor writers on the quest for story material in the Sunshine State. This means John has to carry his "home" with him, along with the wide variety of outdoor equipment he must have on hand at all times.

Besides, he needs a four-wheel-drive vehicle to negotiate the "back country" and many times a car-top boat is a necessity, too. All these needs are met with John's rig: four-wheel-drive station wagon with aluminum car-top boat, plus the streamlined aluminum trailer (really a mobile home) that provides comfortable living whether his work takes him to seaside, swamp, or deep in the timber.

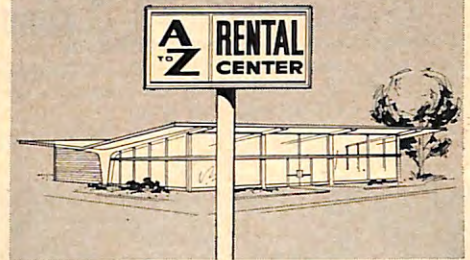
Everybody who camps can't duplicate Wilhelm's ideal mobile setup, but it's possible for anyone to hit the woods in comfort. The days of throwing a couple of blankets on the ground, opening a can of beans, and lighting a fire to make camp are gone. The advent of small folding campers, pickup truck body camping units, and small mobile homes easily towed behind the family car make the camper at home wherever his travels take him.

And many more thousands of outdoorsmen are hitting the camping trail each year. It's a great way to extend the pleasures of hunting or fishing by allowing you to stay right there where you plan to fish or hunt.

TRUE TIP OF THE MONTH

If you're on a camping trip where space and weight is a big consideration, consider the new freeze-dried foods. Now being used with much success in Vietnam, the little packets provide full-course, nourishing meals when you add a little water and cook. Check your sporting goods store for the brands that are available.

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LODGE VISITS OF ROBERT E. BONEY

The Grand Exalted Ruler presents Alaska PSP and PDD E. Robert Haag with an honorary life membership on behalf of Juneau Lodge.



GER Robert E. Boney addresses Alaska Elks in Juneau—his first stop in the 49th state. Mrs. Boney and PGER George I. Hall are seated to his right; on his left are Juneau ER Bobbie J. Tyler and Mrs. Tyler and PGER Emmett T. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson.



Around the Largest State

After traveling several thousand miles via plane, train, and auto, GER Robert E. Boney verified that Alaska is, indeed, the largest of all states.

Grand Exalted Ruler Boney, accompanied by Mrs. Boney and a party of

Grand Lodge dignitaries and their wives, visited Alaska last September, stopping at lodges in Juneau, Skagway, Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, and Seward. PGER Emmett T. Anderson, a veteran Alaska traveler and adopted Alaskan Elk, acted as tourmaster. He was assisted by DDGER Hess Ragins of Fairbanks Lodge.

The nine-day tour began at Juneau, where a banquet celebrating the 100th birthday of the 49th state and saluting the upcoming Elks centennial was held.

Heading north, Brother Boney and his party flew over the spectacular Juneau Ice Cap to Haines. At Skagway they boarded a special Elks coach arranged by the local lodge and followed by rail the route first trudged by pioneers during the famous gold rush days of 1898. During a short stop at Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory, Canada, the Grand Lodge dignitaries exchanged greetings with the Canadian Elks.

Grand Exalted Ruler Boney inspected the flood-damaged lodge building at Fairbanks and assured the lodge



GER Robert E. Boney's party pictured at Fairbanks—the "Farthest North" Elks lodge: (from left) DDGER Hess Ragins, Fairbanks; GL Ritualistic Committeeman Robert A. Yothers, Seattle, Wash.; PGER Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, Calif.; PGER George I. Hall, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Brother Boney; PGER Emmett T. Anderson, Tacoma, Wash., and Board of Grand Trustees Vice-Chairman Frank Hise, Corvallis, Oreg.

officers of appropriate assistance from the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's party enjoyed receptions, banquets, and tours in the Matanuska Valley, home of the Palmer Elks' lodge, and in Anchorage, before winding up the fast paced journey in Seward, as guests at the Alaska State Elks Association's annual convention.

Enroute to Alaska, GER Robert E. Boney stopped at Tacoma, Wash., Lodge for a visit with the Washington Elks. Pictured with Brother Boney and Tacoma ER John F. Kneeshaw (center) are PGERs Horace R. Wisely, George I. Hall, and Emmett T. Anderson, a member of Tacoma Lodge.



Good Old Days

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to-twelve-hour day, and a chance to relax with people they liked that could be had nowhere else. They also gave a certain sense of belonging, and cohesion to society, that a rapidly moving, expanding, and changing American scene required. In cities that now had thousands of citizens but had not yet taken a definite form, or whose form was changing with immigration, the fact that a man was a Mason, a K.C., or an Elk, gave him a place to plant his feet, put his elbows on the table among friends, and fostered a strong sense of belonging to something worthwhile and good.

With the Elks, the theatricals had begun something other people recognized as enjoyable and fine. The sense that Elks "cared"—by 1871 Elks were already not only assisting less fortunate brethren now and then but helping the widows and providing monuments for the deceased—was impressive and attractive. In a great, hard-working, growing, building—but sometimes ruthless—America, it was important to belong to a group that cared.

Two things, by the mid-1870s, were happening, both probably inevitable. People outside the theater were joining in increasing numbers; as they passed into the Second Degree they recommended their friends, who further diluted the stage predominance. And these newcomers, especially the doctors, lawyers, and other professional people, who stayed in one place and attended every session like the solid citizens they were, gradually began to be elected to the high offices of the Order. It was inconvenient to have a Tiler who might be next Sunday in Poughkeepsie, or a R. H. Primo or Exalted Ruler about to spend the summer in San Francisco or on the road.

And if the actors had given the Or-

der its ritual flair and deep sense of sentiment, these latter chairholders did much to give the Elks themselves order. They brought business and professional skills into the lodge that no available amount of money could have hired, and they were to be of transcendent importance later, not only to the Order of Elks, but to the American nation.

Because of all these factors, the third lodge was not installed until 1876, in San Francisco. But No. 3 was quickly followed by No. 4, Chicago, and Cincinnati, No. 5. Ten years after the beginning, there were ten lodges, and while the total membership was still less than 1,000, the stage was set for solid expansion, from sea to shining sea. As the nature of the brotherhood changed slowly, the stability increased, too. Performers who left town for extended periods might spread the news of Elks, but they frequently had become disaffiliated. The records of the '70s show much reference to "expulsions" for arrears in dues—this term was then used interchangeably with "suspension," because firm rules had not yet been promulgated. At any rate, these declined.

Though there are now none to recall those early days, a nostalgic aura of romance still clings. The lodge halls, the ancient rituals, the old regalia, most of them are as vanished as the marble-topped tables in the drug store, or the heady scent of the corner saloon. It was an era when Americans loved elaborate ceremonials and ceremonial costumes, and hardly squirmed through a two-hour speech. Dignified citizens went in for horse-play in their social lodges, some of it admittedly on the rough side. Every community, and almost every lodge, had its marching band; even the fragile boomtowns of the West had their miners' or cowboy bands. Men proudly wore, and loved to be photographed in, the flamboyant costumes adopted by their social groups. Plumed hats, flowing capes, ceremonial

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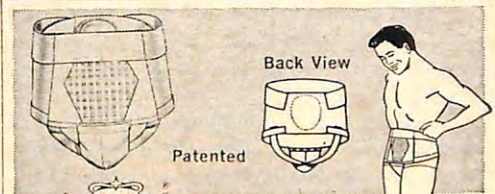
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LOUIS V. EPPERSON

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Louis V. Epperson, who joined the Order Oct. 13, 1948, died July 9 in Memorial Hospital in New Albany, Ind. Brother Epperson had served New Albany Lodge in every office except that of Secretary and was active until the time of his death.

He was an energetic supporter of the Elks National Foundation, selling one \$1,000 foundation membership and eleven \$100 memberships.

He served as the District Deputy from Indiana's Southeast District in 1961-1962.

Surviving are the widow, Gertrude, a son, Joe, an Elk, and two grandchildren.



swords, imitation-jeweled orders were the custom of the day. It was one way to relax from the sweaty work of building a brawny new country. It was a time of immense, rapid change, toil, and trouble. Fortunes were made. But there were frequent booms followed by widespread busts and terrible years of hardship and depression. Hours were long and wages most often low, and the businessman was hardly any more secure than the laborer. But through all of it there seems to have remained a core of high and cheerful humor, and of hope. Throughout America, as in the Elks, something was getting done. The future was being built. And most people thought it would be good.

Through this decade the Elk ritual remained basically beautiful, simple, and musical—too simple, some thought, since embellishments were the order of the day. In this florid age, certain extraneous things crept in, inevitably, because lodges were far apart and decentralized, and many Elk brothers also belonged to other groups. Passwords, secret grips, blindfolds, and aprons were borrowed, from organizations ranging from Freemasons to Tammany Hall. Elaborate Elk badges and banners flourished. Hazing was not unknown. None of these were particularly Elk customs or traditions—but they were American customs and fads of the time, and Elks were not immune.

It was hardly a weakness, but most certainly the glory, of the B.P.O.E. that it has rarely been immune from the dominant American feelings of the day.

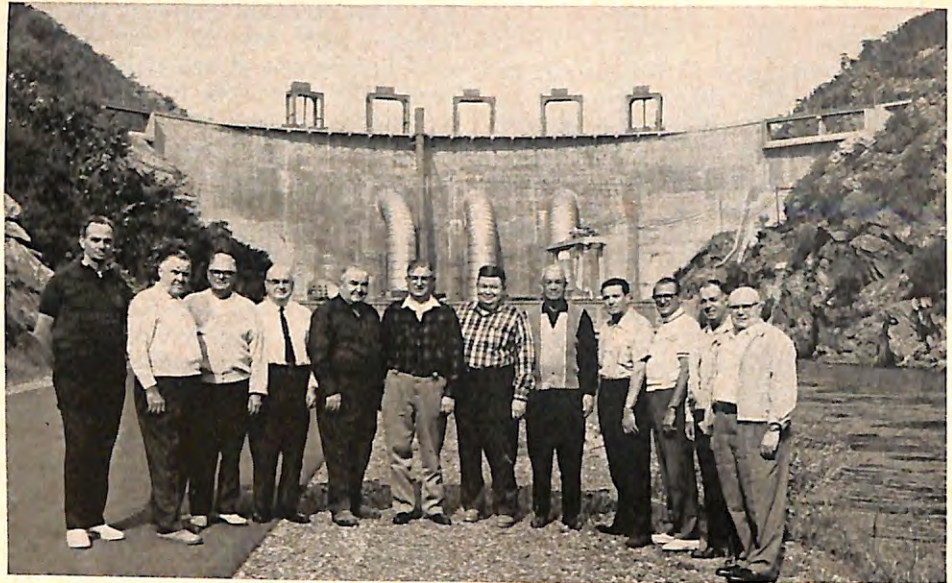
Later, a more austere age would rule all these things away, and only the basic beauty would remain, a simple combination of words and movements, performed with dignity. Over the years, few things were to be more discussed, argued over, changed and re-changed, than ritual. It would grow, be changed, and be purified, in a never-ending human process, for all human rituals change from time to time, though the essence behind them never does.

When Grand Lodge was two months old, in 1871, a committee was appointed and instructed to "prepare odes for the First and Second Degrees." The odes were to be as follows: *Opening ode; Closing ode; Installation ode; Funeral ode; Ode for introducing a candidate; Ode to be used previous to a candidate's taking the obligation; Ode (joyful) to be used on a candidate's being brought to light.*

Interestingly enough, there seems to be no record of this committee's having ever reported back. This did not, of course, end the matter; and it will probably never end.

But Elks, in the good old days, had their hour of glory. Grand Lodge, and subordinate lodges, glittered. The evidence is plain from a regulation on

Board of Grand Trustees Meets in Virginia



Members of the Board of Grand Trustees and several other dignitaries in the Order pose before the Smith Mountain Dam, near Bedford, Va., during a quarterly board meeting at the Elks National Home. Pictured are Virginia VP and PDD Doral E. Irvin, of Lynchburg Lodge, Superintendent of the home, Bedford; Grand Trustee, PSD, and PDD Roderrick M. McDuffie, Atlanta, of Cascade-East Point, Ga., Lodge; PSP Glenn L. Miller, Logansport, Ind., chairman of the GL Committee on Judiciary; Grand Trustee, PDD, and PSP George T. Hickey, of Chicago (North) Lodge, Past Grand Esquire; PDD Francis P. Hart, Watertown, N.Y., Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees; PDD Frank Hise, Corvallis, Oreg., vice-chairman of the board; PGER John L. Walker; PDD Joseph F. Bader, Lyndhurst, N.J., chairman of the board; Grand Trustee and PDD Vincent H. Grocott, Santa Barbara, Calif., Past Grand Esquire; Grand Trustee and PSP E. Gene Fournace, Canton, Ohio, of Newark Lodge; Grand Trustee and PDD Francis M. Smith, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Grand Secy. and PDD Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Chicago, of Lynbrook, N.Y., Lodge. Illness kept GER Robert E. Boney from the meeting.

regalia, passed by Grand Lodge in 1874:

EXALTED GRAND RULER—*Collar of purple velvet, with small roll of fawn-colored velvet, the front to have an outline five-pointed star, with an elk's head and crossed gavels behind it, two stars on each side, graduated in size, with vine entwined around them, the fawn-colored roll also to have a vine, edges braided, the emblems, stars, vines, and braid, etc, to be embroidered in gilt, with gilt fringe around the collar.*

Lesser officers of GL wore something similar, only slightly less grand. Plain members got only a "Royal purple collar, edges braided, without emblem or vine."

EXALTED RULER—*Collar of fawn-colored velvet, with small roll of royal purple velvet, the front to have an outline five-pointed star, with an elk's head and crossed gavels behind it, two stars on each side, graduated in size, with vine entwined around them, royal purple roll also to have vine. Edges braided, the emblems, stars, vines, braidings, etc, to be embroidered in silver, with silver fringe around the collar.*

Lodge officers were granted collars only a little less spectacular, while the

Devout Elders (Elks in the Second Degree), under these sumptuary laws, were restricted to "fawn-colored collars, braided, without vine or emblem."

The First Degree Elks, who were really probationers of a sort, apparently wore no decorations at all. Fortunately, however, they had only to wait a few months.

Not to destroy the dignity and impressiveness of these glittering spectacles, but to show that then as now, men are still men, and boys will be boys, a further decree of this same GL Session should be mentioned.

That the Grand Lodge positively prohibits the use of any obscene or indecorous language, or actions, during the Social Sessions of the subordinate Lodges.

Now, fully collared, jeweled, and bedecked, and properly admonished from on high, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was poised on the brink of what was to be its first great era of nationwide progress.

(The next installment, "Warm Hearts, Cool Heads," describes how the Order faced and passed its greatest test as the turn of the century approached.)

Storm!

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Shortly after 9 p.m. on Friday, Captain Duddleson aboard the *L. C. Waldo* realized the gale was reaching its peak. Only a few minutes after the storm struck, the seas descended upon the *Waldo*, tossing her skywards. First the stern heaved, then the bow. The waters ripped across the deck, and it seemed as if the wind would blow the ship out of the water. Then towering waves crashed down. The pilot house and cabins collapsed like matchboxes, followed by the compass and binnacle. Everything was hurled overboard except the auxiliary steering gear.

Duddleson and his wheelsman saved themselves only by diving for the hatch and tumbling down the companionway in a torrent of white water. All the structures above deck were now gone, and there were no lights. Miraculously, however, the *Waldo* was still afloat. The skipper and his second mate crawled back to the slippery deck on all fours.

From 1 until 3 a.m., Duddleson kept the ship on course by using the auxiliary steering wheel and a small hand compass. The rest of the crew manned all hand pumps and tried vainly to rig jury hatches on the opening where the seas kept breaching the ship. Soon the rudder tore loose from its mount, and Feeger reported he could no longer get a response from the wheel. The *Waldo* was now totally out of control.

Duddleson had no idea of his location. About 4 a.m. on Saturday, the captain heard the surf pounding on Gull Rock, to the east of Keweenaw Point. The ship was bearing straight toward the massive rocks. "My God, Mr. Feeger! We're goners!" cried the captain. Propelled by the 77-knot winds, the *Waldo* crashed into the rocks and began to break in two. Now everything went over the sides—including the forward deckhouse, cabins, mast, stack, life boats, and life rafts.

Duddleson, Feeger, and two seamen in the gutted forepeak had to make their way aft, across the ice-covered decks. Pellets of frozen spray shot at them. They crossed the gap where the hull was snapping in two by clinging to the remains of the starboard rail and two grab lines. Minutes after the four had crossed, this slim lifeline snapped. Working toward the stern, they saw that the afterhouse was a shambles of splintered wood and crumpled metal coated with great masses of ice.

Below, in the windlass room, 23 other crew members and two women huddled around their only means of warmth—a fire they had lit in a large metal tub filled with shattered fragments of furniture. All access to the ship's after part

was sealed off, and all the food, except for one can of tomatoes and two cans of peaches, had been washed overboard with the galley.

Duddleson realized the crew could keep from freezing to death only if the stern remained upright long enough for eventual rescue. But if she shifted so the windlass room flooded, or if the fire could not be kept going, they were doomed. As dawn broke on Saturday and the wind and blizzard continued, Duddleson tried to keep everyone awake. The lines of complete fatigue were already beginning to gather on the faces of many of the men.

By 10 a.m. that same Saturday, the coal-laden *Charles S. Price* eased out of Cleveland into Lake Erie. Despite the storm warnings, the weather was still unseasonably mild. The weather forecast in Cleveland newspapers that day was: "Snow or rain and colder Saturday, with west to southwest winds. Sunday unsettled." The *Price's* run northwest across the end of Lake Erie and into the Detroit River was uneventful. She then proceeded northward up into the St. Clair River. By early Sunday morning, she had cleared Fort Gratiot Light at the entrance to Lake Huron.

The weather was still clear but the barometer was low and falling. As dawn came, at least half a dozen large freighters were within hailing distance of each other, headed in the same direction. Reports were now beginning to come in of a big storm on Lake Superior. At the same time, what had been an ordinary warm front sweeping northward from the Caribbean through Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky had become a tempest as it hit cold fronts around southern Indiana and Ohio. The stage was set for a meteorological phenomenon—the collision of two major storms.

The newest and largest freighter on the Lakes, built earlier that same year, was the *James Carruthers*. Loaded with 340,000 bushels of Canadian wheat, the *Carruthers* had left Friday from Fort William, Ontario. Fort William was located on Thunder Bay, some 200 miles up Lake Superior from Two Harbors, the *Waldo's* original point of embarkation. However, the course of the *Carruthers* was about 90 degrees different from that of the *Waldo*.

With the wind and waves blowing toward her stern, the *Carruthers* did not have the *Waldo's* navigating problem. Breezing along at 18 knots, she had no trouble reaching St. Mary's River, at the head of Lake Huron. She remained there all Saturday night, waiting out the storm. Then, for some strange reason, she put out into Lake Huron Sunday noon, heading south. The storm winds were swirling around her and the barometer was falling rapidly. She continued to head southward, surrounded by

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*We spend one-third of our lives sleeping,
or trying to, in an antiquated device*

According to a recent article in the *New York Times*, each and every night, as you and I are preparing for bed and what we hope will be a sound night's sleep, "two dozen sleep laboratories are being geared for action" across the United States. According to this and other reports, pajama-clad human guinea pigs are being wired to electrodes, hooked into encephalographs and other unpronounceable devices, and stretched out in assorted positions so scientists can determine how they get to sleep, when they are in the deepest grips of Morpheus, and how often they twist and turn during a normal rest. As one account expressed it, "the atmosphere of a sleep laboratory resembles a cockpit of a pilot in pre-flight instrument checkout."

In the past few months, too, there have been a number of full-length books on the subject, notably *Sleep*, by Gay Gaer Luce and Julius Segal, another with the same title by British author Ian Oswald, *The Psychology of Sleep*, by David Foulkes, and *Sleeping Without Pills*, by M. N. Pai. All in all, just thinking about this frenzied research activity and widespread obsession with sleep is enough to keep you awake with insomnia half the night!

A common statement used in writings and speeches today is that technology has advanced so far in recent years that some 95 percent of all the scientists who ever existed are still alive today. We have only to look around to see and read about the incredible happenings taking place in the mid-1960s which were but dreams as recently as a decade ago. Our wide-eyed wonder at the miracles of the day, however, is too often likely to become bleary with frustration at night, as we try to cope with the enigma of trying to get to sleep. Almost any large department store has something equivalent to a "Sleep Shop," where you will find an imaginative

offering of such inventions as eye shades, humming boxes that supposedly lull the senses, specially designed pillows for propping the feet, books with repetitive texts that will literally bore you to sleep, and vibrators that rock the entire bed as though you were on a boat or train. There is even a new scientific device referred to as a "portable electric sleep inducer," which may go on the market soon for a mere \$300. About the size of a cigar box, it applies electrical pulsations to the head by way of a strapped-on pad. "The effect," said one description, "has been compared with that of phenobarbital."

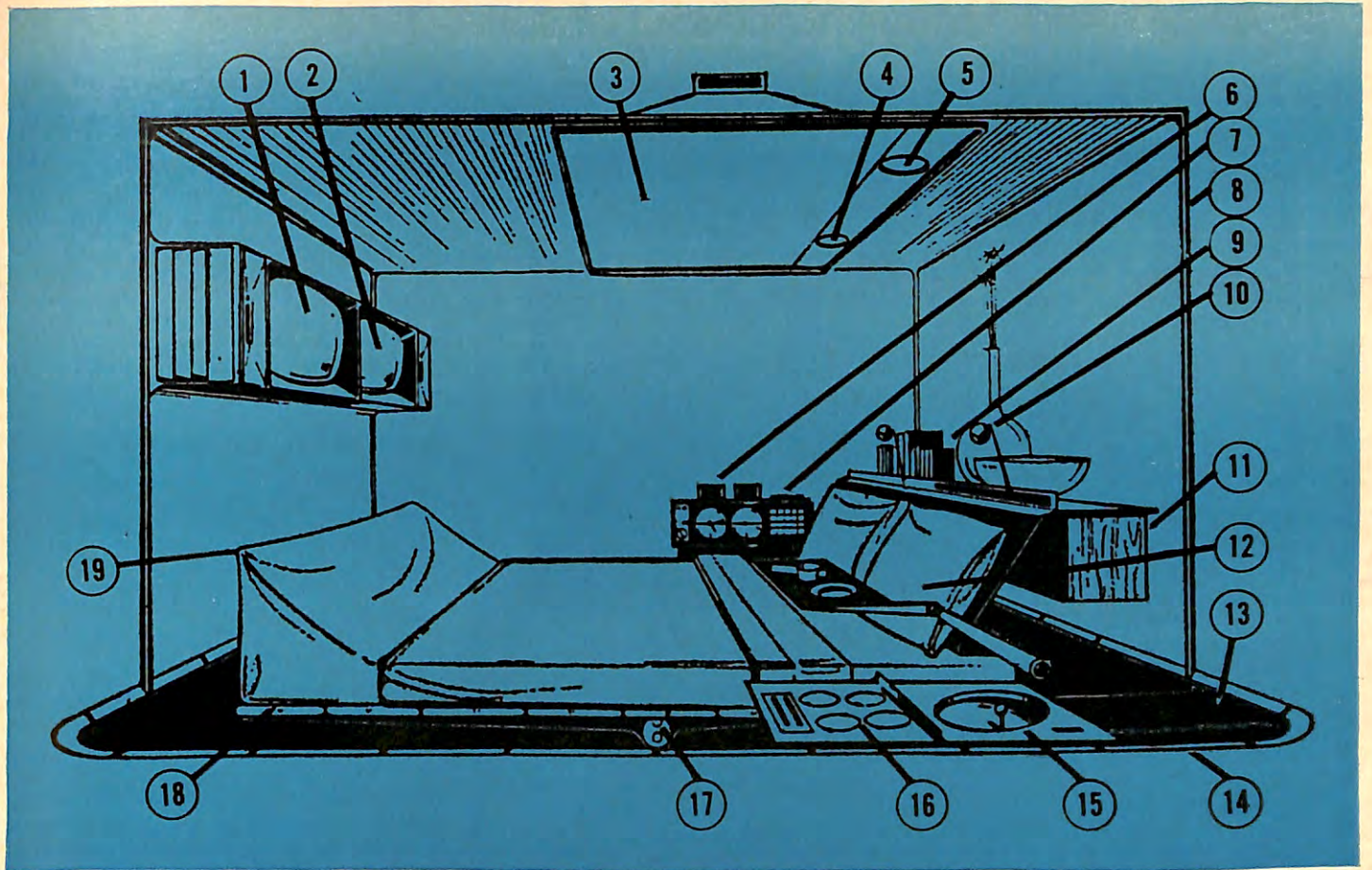
Notwithstanding the effort and genius that have gone into all this researching, inventing and testing, it seems to me that one major factor has been stubbornly overlooked—the *mattress itself*. People will spend outlandish sums to buy color TV sets, reducing machines, chrome-plated car accessories, and elaborate power mowers for the tiniest of lawns. But when it comes to selecting a mattress, they think in terms of bargain-basement merchandise, lumpy hand-me-downs, or midget sizes. One study showed that most adults sleep in spaces no larger than what they enjoyed as babies in their cribs! The average bed classed as "double-size" today is an inadequate 54 inches in width, and has not increased in size since the time it was designed for our forebears in the 1880s. Yet during that time, the number of men over five feet ten has increased some 70 percent, and the number of women five feet seven or over has about tripled.

A glance at history shows that man has never really coped with the problem intelligently or realistically. The word "bed" itself is of Teutonic origin, meaning a "dug-out place for resting." If you observe the dug-out look of many a bed, you will see that the term is still quite appropriate. Americans are

really not a great deal better off than some of the so-called "primitive" cultures that sleep in hammocks, in half-sitting positions, or on pads on the floor. Looking backward into history, it comes as something of a relief at least to know that we have finally grown away from the Egyptian custom of resting the head on a "pillow" of stone, wood, or metal. However, many a mattress is not too far removed from its Roman ancestor, which was stuffed with reeds, or the 15th century counterpart, which was customarily padded with pea shells.

It is possible, say a number of experts, to sleep soundly under the most unusual and rigorous conditions. They point to exhausted soldiers in combat who sleep in muddy foxholes or on the steel decks of landing craft; to big-game hunters who have spent nights soundly snoring away while tied to crotches in trees; or to children who frequently get out of bed and sleep on the wooden floor.

For the most part, though, we are not a nation of easy-to-get-to-sleepers. So many people, in fact, find themselves unable to pull off the trick in a normal bed that the medical profession repeatedly expresses concern over the increasing use of sleeping pills and tranquilizers. "Instead of the sleeping pill," says Dr. Adele Streeseaman, "why not try the maximum relaxation of the body—a wide, comfortable bed, soft and heavenly, and with all the room in the world to stretch out in?" The Life Extension Foundation cites the sedatives as "a crutch for use in periods of great stress and not a substitute for healthy habits." Notwithstanding this kind of advice, Americans pay \$350 million each year, say sleep authors Luce and Segal, for various kinds of sedatives, and about \$250 million for tranquilizers. The average family bill alone for such medications must be enough to keep several



The Bed With Everything—\$15,000

You can't buy it at the store, but this "bed with everything" could be built to order for anyone willing to invest about \$15,000. For that amount, you could get:

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- (4) Infrared lamp
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rocking action to induce snorer to change position

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- (10) Reading lamp
- (11) Storage for blankets and linens
- (12) Breakfast tray

(13) Conveyor for newspapers and mail

- (14) Luminous guide strip for sleepwalkers
- (15) Lavatory
- (16) Snack center, with cold and hot compartments for liquor and food
- (17) Rocking device to induce sleep and discourage snorers
- (18) Inflatable sections to change mattress firmness
- (19) Bracket to raise blanket off feet

(Courtesy Spring Air Mattress Co., Chicago, Illinois.)

million heads of households awake all night at the beginning of each month!

Did you ever hear of "mattress claustrophobia?" Whimsical though the term sounds, it apparently is a very real and disturbing neurosis that is a contributing factor to insomnia. It refers in general to mattresses that are too small, or that have so many lumps the user can occupy only one portion of the surface, or that sag and envelop the user like an octopus. The National Association of Bedding Manufacturers (which certainly ought to know what it is talking about) estimates that some 25 million Americans use mattresses that should have been retired to the dump heap

years ago. It also says that about 80 percent of the country sleeps in double beds, most of which are far too small for one good-sized person, let alone two.

For a nation that goes in for "king-size" buying (refrigerators, cigarettes, drinks, living room sofas, picture windows), we are strangely reticent when it comes to ordering mattresses, on which we will spend something like one-third of our entire lives. Yet, oddly enough, the cost factor involved in a proper-sized mattress versus one that is too small is infinitesimal—amounting each day to something like the cost of a stick or two of chewing gum. (Anyone

interested in recouping the cost of the investment will be happy to know that the Walter Reed Army Institute is now conducting experiments to determine how a person can perform mental work while asleep, thus putting sack time to profitable use.)

Although we use far less energy during sleep, burning but 65 calories an hour in comparison with 200 in sedentary activities while awake, the Sleep Research Institute reports that the average sleeper tosses and turns from 20 to 40 times during the night. The Life Extension people up the figures by about 50 percent, adding that during

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Monument Is Dedicated to Brother John F. Malley



A Vermont granite monument is dedicated to the late Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, founder in 1928 of the Elks National Foundation, at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Boston. Pictured are PDD Francis P. Hart, Watertown, N.Y., Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees; PGER Lee A. Donaldson; Mrs. Jeanne Malley Conley, a daughter of Brother Malley who unveiled the monument; PGER and Judge Ronald J. Dunn; SDGER Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, of Boston Lodge, past chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees; Mrs. John F. Malley; PGER and Judge John E. Fenton, president of Suffolk University, Boston, who gave the tribute to Brother Malley; Grand Chap. and the Rev. Francis P. Fenton, OSA, Chicago, of Flint, Mich., Lodge; Mrs. Dolly Malley Gaul, a daughter of Brother Malley; Lowell PER William J. Hart, who sang two solos at the ceremony; Grand Secy. and PDD Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Chicago, of Lynbrook, N.Y., Lodge, and Brig. Gen. and the Rev. Lawrence Brock, Chaplain of the Massachusetts Elks Assn. Brother Malley, a member of Springfield Lodge and chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, died May 16, 1966, at age 88. Over 150 persons attended the ceremony.

Storm!

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gigantic waves, toward the general position of the *Price*, the *H.M. Hanna*, Jr., and several other large freighters.

The *Hanna* passed Pointe Aux Barques near Port Austin about 2 p.m. on Sunday. At about the same time, the *Charles S. Price* hauled slightly off course to meet the increasingly heavy swells rolling downlake. The wheelman on the *Hanna* noted that the *Price* kept vanishing and reappearing in the distance. East of Pointe Aux Barques, at 2:35 p.m., snow began to fall, instantly turning into a blizzard. Captain Hagen, of the *Hanna*, was forced to conn by dead reckoning and refused to head directly into the blow because he was afraid of colliding with the *Price*.

At about 6:30 p.m., the *Hanna's* door on the starboard side was smashed in, and soon the two engine room doors and windows went, bringing in a flood of ice water. At 7:30 p.m., the windows and doors of the engineer's room went

in, followed by the cook's room and the dining room. And above deck, the peril was growing. "Tremendous seas were coming over our bow and starboard quarters," Captain Hagen said, "over the whole vessel, in fact. They carried away part of the after cabin, broke in the windows and doors of the pilot house and tore off the top." Hagen also said that the snow was so heavy that he neither could see land nor could he keep a forward lookout on the deck. Although the *Hanna* had long since lost visual contact with the *Price*, the danger of a collision was still imminent.

The ship constantly lost headway when the crests of waves picked up the stern and threw the propeller completely out of the water. The *Hanna* twice broached into the trough—an extremely dangerous position in which the hull of the ship is forced parallel to the trough and the waves hit her from the sides. Simultaneously, a new threat appeared. "Shortly before 10 p.m., we could see the Port Austin light as we lay rolling in the seas," recalled Captain Hagen. "The bearing of the light was nearly

southwest off our port bow and we saw that we were dangerously close to Port Austin Reef."

North at the St. Mary's River, and even as far north and west as Keweenaw Point on Lake Superior, the storm had let up in neither speed nor fury. The wreck of the *Waldo* still clung to the reef at Gull Rock. On Sunday morning, the steamer *George Stephenson* sighted the *Waldo*. Captain A. C. Mosher steered the *Stephenson* away from a safe anchorage in Keweenaw Bay to try to aid the *Waldo*, but he could not reach her. He did, however, get through to the Eagle Harbor Lifesaving Station, which made an immediate rescue attempt. In an eight-horsepower surfboat, its men tried to reach the ship, but the small craft became so encrusted with ice that they were forced to turn back. When they returned, even though they were themselves covered with ice, the surfmen sought to repair a larger boat for a second try.

While the rescue crew worked, Duddleson and his crew were enduring long hours of agony. They had no way of knowing that the Eagle Harbor crew was already on its way. A second crew, from the Portage Lake Shipcanal Lifesaving Station, near Hancock, Michigan, had also heard of the *Waldo's* distress and was joining the rescue expedition.

The two tugs reached the scene and maneuvered dangerously close to the ship, close enough to shoot lines aboard. The long, exhausting process of rescue began. The *Waldo's* crew had been trapped for three and a half days when the rescuers finally removed them. "They were all in, and nearly frozen," said surfman A. F. Glaza, of the Eagle Harbor crew. "We put our mackinaws and caps on them until we managed to get them to the tug." Some of the *Waldo* crew, even though they had been without food for 90 hours, were too weak to eat. But, incredibly, not a single life was lost aboard the *Waldo*.

By Tuesday, November 11, four days after the initial gale from Manitoba had struck Lake Superior, the storm had blown itself out. In reality, it had been two storms—the northwest gale that rapidly developed into a near hurricane, and the warm southwester that churned itself into a fury when it struck the cold front moving down from the north. Most of the force was concentrated on Lake Huron, where the two storms met. Then the big blow moved eastward and slightly northward into Ontario, where it finally dissipated after wreaking havoc as far away as Montreal and along the upper reaches of Pennsylvania and New York.

The storm had been as devastating on land as it had been on the lakes. Cleveland, blanketed by 24 inches of snow, was hit the hardest. At least five people died of exposure in the streets.

For 100 miles from the city, telegraph and telephone lines were down. In Milwaukee harbor, the entire south breakwater was swept away. Losses in Chicago ran into millions of dollars. From Duluth to Buffalo, every mile of shore was lashed, and beaches on Lake Huron were gutted for hundreds of feet above the normal shore line. In the Buffalo harbor entrance, *Lightship No. 82* was torn from her moorings and lost with her crew of six. Trains were buried in Ohio and West Virginia, and communication lines were down as far east as New York.

The tragic toll in human lives soon became apparent as bodies and wreckage began to float onto the Ontario shore of Lake Huron, all up and down the coast from Bayfield north to Kincardine. In the small town of Goderich alone, scores of frozen bodies were washed ashore during the next week. Temporary morgues were set up in farm outbuildings and warehouses. At Thedford, 30 miles north of Sarnia, Milton Smith, the assistant engineer who had left the *Charles S. Price*, was called into a furniture store that had been converted into a morgue and was asked to help identify bodies. One of the bodies he

saw there was that of his chief engineer, John Groundwater.

Some crews, like those of the *Waldo* and the *Hanna*, had been lucky. The *Hanna* had been thrown onto a low flat reef 900 feet off the lighthouse at Pointe Aux Barques. The seas poured in and the ship broke in two. Captain Hagen then ordered the entire crew aft to the mess room, where they stayed for a day and a half before a lifesaving crew from Pointe Aux Barques was able to rescue them. The ship and her cargo were a total loss, but no lives were taken.

But few other ships were as fortunate. One of the great tragedies and mysteries involved the *Charles S. Price*. At various times on Sunday afternoon, she was sighted by captains as she battled her way northward toward Pointe Aux Barques. Some believe she actually got that far and then, when water began to fill her engine room, was blown southward to a point 11 miles north-by-northeast of Fort Gratiot Light. Here, she turned turtle and remained, with her bow still above the water, for more than a week before she sank to the bottom.

Before the *Price* turned turtle, she had somehow made contact with the *Regina*, a Toronto package freighter. The hulk of the *Regina* to this day rests beside the *Price* at the bottom of Lake Huron. At first, it was thought that the two ships collided, but a diver found no evidence of a collision when he examined the hull of the *Price*. Great Lakes historian Frank Barcus theorizes that the *Regina* had seen the *Price* turn over, had rushed to her assistance, and had begun to lower boats before she, too, was toppled. Several bodies from the *Price* were washed ashore wearing *Regina* life jackets.

Even to the survivors of the storm, it seemed incredible that so many great vessels, among them the most modern of their day, could have disappeared at one time. Twelve ships, including the *Carruthers*, vanished with their entire crews, eight of them on Lake Huron. Of the 251 sailors who perished, 178 died on Huron. Besides the 12 ships lost with all hands, 51 others were damaged in varying degrees. The net loss to insurance companies was \$5.5 million and total losses not covered by insurance came to more than \$3 million. At some places in Ontario, 1,000 feet above the normal shoreline, wreckage was piled five feet high. Morbid souvenir hunters seriously impeded the work of authorities who sought to document their losses.

Despite all the wreckage that washed ashore, there came from the depths only two messages. Near Buffalo, where the *Lightship No. 82* had broken up, a door panel appeared bearing this message in indelible pencil: "Goodbye, Nellie, ship is breaking up fast. Williams." It had

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Freedom Week January 21-27

By direction of Grand Exalted Ruler Robert E. Boney, Jan. 21-27, 1968, has been set aside for the observance of Freedom Week. Each Exalted Ruler and Americanism Committee is urged to proceed with dedication to plan and carry out an appropriate patriotic program during this important period.

The following recommendations are made:

1. Arrange for the publication of the Declaration of American principles in local newspapers and secure editorial comments concerning it.
2. Promote the issuance of proclamations of Freedom Week by civic officials.
3. Have your lodge subscribe to Freedom's Facts, published monthly by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, 1028 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036, and promote its subscription by individual members.
4. Join local news media in sponsoring open house for public inspection, especially by junior and senior high school students.
5. Arrange for pro-freedom programs at local service club meetings.
6. Institute any other suitable Americanism features your committee may suggest.

William J. Windecker is the Grand Lodge Americanism Committeeman handling the Freedom Week project. Address him at 475 Main St., Orange, N.J. 07050.

[Do not send any of the above-mentioned material to THE ELKS MAGAZINE]



California Elk Passes

PAST GRAND ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT

Robert S. Redington, 63, of Newport Beach, Calif., died Nov. 12 after a long illness.

Brother Redington was a member of Los Angeles Lodge and a Past State President. He held the post of Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight in 1952-1953, during the term as Grand Exalted Ruler of the late Sam Stern.

He was a former state highway commissioner.

Survivors include a son, Donald S., of Anaheim, and two grandchildren.

Beds

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dreams the muscles may become quite tense and active. That is why mattress companies test their products not with motionless weights but with simulated bodies that roll and twist and jounce. Even though all this wide-awake sleep research has made it possible to approximate human sleep motion more realistically, beds, for some unknown reason, seem to be one of the last of man's existing inventions to benefit from technological advances. As President of the nation, George Washington slept no better than Alexander the Great or Julius Caesar—and from the proliferation of historical plaques throughout the East, Washington seems to have sampled most of the best beds then available. Lincoln is said to have fared a little better, in one respect at least: he had a bed designed for the White House that was nine feet, four inches long. His mattress, however, was nothing to dream about, since the first real revolution in bedding in centuries did not come until 1871, when Zalmon G. Simmons, later described as "the Henry Ford of the Mattress Industry," invented a machine for mass producing bedsprings, which in themselves were something of an innovation. It was to be 54 years, however, before his son was to be responsible for the next great revolution, the innerspring mattress. Although he did not invent the product, he was the one who contributed the know-how and process for mass production.

It is rather astonishing that we have to go back only ten years to see the birth of what we know today as the "king-size" mattress as a fairly common product, available at prices that people outside royal families could afford. Yet

even the so-called "supersize" bedding, which in reality should be considered about "regular," has not caught on the way many a sleepless citizen might expect. Apparently people on the West Coast like to sleep more comfortably than their cousins in the East. King- and queen-size mattresses now account for about 25 per cent of all mattress sales on the West Coast—almost four times as many as those sold on the East Coast.

Those figures do not include the super-super-size bed, which is something of a novelty and ordered for the most part by Hollywood celebrities. The trend started around 1960 with the appearance of some plush models that included the *Planet* (circular), *Dreamboat* (boat-shaped), *Newlywed* (heart-shaped), and *Concerto* (piano-shaped). Since prices ranged from \$800 to \$1,000 each, and up, it was apparent that the mass market would have to continue dozing off on plain old rectangles. But quite a few stars, notably Mae West, Jayne Mansfield, Perry Como, and Jose Ferrer, enjoyed the notoriety of owning unusual mattresses. There is no record as to whether they slept better or worse after receiving the merchandise. A real blow to American bedding prestige came in the summer of 1966 when shapely Jutka Goz, "Miss Free Hungary of 1964," arrived in the United States from London. Asked for a statement about America, all she could think of to say was that she was anxiously awaiting the shipment of her eight-foot-wide, seven-foot-long bed from Europe because "American beds are too small."

For anyone interested in improving his bedding equipment and sleep habits, there are a few basic precepts, most of them quite simple. The first is that beds and mattresses be at least six inches longer than the individual and that they provide at least 36 inches of width per sleeper. (The old Buckthorn Inn in New York City provided something of a breakthrough when, in the early 19th century, it posted a sign calling for no more than five people per bed, with all boots and shoes removed.) The second precept is to select one of three basic types of mattresses, according to preference: 1) *innerspring*, which has individual coils, pocketed in muslin and with layers of padding; 2) *foam*, made from whole sections of spongy material; and 3) *solid upholstery*, which tends to be finer, like a sofa, with the spring parts joined together.

Once you have purchased the right equipment, though, you cannot just walk away from it morning after morning, with no more attention than changing sheets or making the bed. Mattresses provide more comfort for a longer period of time if they are turned

regularly every month or so—end-for-end one time, then side-for-side the next. Each time they are turned, they should also be vacuumed, as anyone who has tried to squirm away from grains of sand or cracker crumbs clearly knows. It is good practice to leave mattresses open, with all bedding removed, once a week. And all mattresses respond well to the regular use of mattress pads.

Then there is that matter of getting to sleep, once you have the right equipment and are kind and considerate to it. The best sleeping potion, says many a doctor, is moderate exercise in the fresh air, as perhaps a slow stroll before retiring. While the bedroom should be shielded from noisy street areas, it does not necessarily have to be absolutely quiet. The hum of an air conditioner, fan or furnace, or even a tuned-down radio may actually help a person to get to sleep. Sleep experts like to refer to the "ritual" of getting to sleep—little things that more or less set the stage. So don't think your spouse is eccentric if she, or he, likes to put slippers in a certain spot each night, turn down the covers just so, or drink three ounces of warm water. Charles Dickens is said to have had great success with one ritual (which we don't recommend if you travel often): he always carried a compass with him when away from home and pushed the bed around until the foot was pointing south. Slept like a top!

Temperature is important to sound sleep, although this is a matter of consistency, since the exact degree depends on the individual. For this reason, an electric blanket with a good thermostat control can be an important factor in sound sleep, providing the right degree of heat without weight. Also, it eliminates the need to hunt for an extra blanket at 3 a.m.

Notwithstanding such advice, which you can obtain free, in quantity, from bedding manufacturers, health authorities, family physicians, and other experts, most Americans will still follow the old habits. They will continue sleeping on mattresses handed down from the last generation, popping sleeping pills into their mouths as the zero hour approaches, and buying millions of dollars worth of sleep-inducing gadgets each year. The problem is that they just never really have been able to understand the nature and personality of the bed. We might all do well to pay a little more attention to the words of Guy de Maupassant, who wrote with great sympathy, in an essay about the bed:

"The bed, my friend, is our whole life. It is there that we are born, it is there that we love, it is there that we die . . . The bed is the symbol of life. The bed, indeed, is man!"

Letters from Our Readers

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all groups, which is the glory and goal of our American democracy.

Rabbi Daniel Goldberger
Beth Joseph Congregation
Denver, Colo.

I have been a member of the Oshkosh lodge for more than 27 years, and I have read quite thoroughly every issue of the magazine, most particularly the editorials.

I am therefore delighted to observe the recognition implied in the editorial, "Heed the Shofar."

Although I think that this greeting has been long in coming, I am a great believer in the adage, "It is never too late to do a good deed."

Simon Horwitz
Oshkosh, Wis.

I have just finished reading your editorial "Heed the Shofar." It was beautifully written.

I am an American of the Jewish faith, and I appreciate the Elks now more than ever before for their fairness and respect for all, as reflected by these thoughtful words.

I wish your organization continued growth and success in all your endeavors.

Harry Shapiro
San Saba, Tex.

"Hello, Bill!"

As one of a good many thousand Elks named Bill, I read with interest and some nostalgia the brief editorial on the last page of the November issue.

Two or three years ago I had a chance to visit the very hospitable Elks lodge at New Philadelphia, Ohio, and saw there, lettered in a prominent place in the grill room, the legend "Hello, Bill!" It is the only lodge I have visited in the last ten years where the traditional greeting seems to be preserved. In my own lodge, it has apparently been completely forgotten.

Naturally, I would like to see this—and some of the other old customs—restored; but, as you say, times have changed, the Elks lodge is no longer a "male sanctuary." I don't know whether to be happy about that or not.

William C. Porter
Washington, Pa.

"Elkdom, U.S.A."

Orchids for your history of the Elks. "Elkdom, U.S.A." has been great. For the first time I know how the Order was started and how it became what it is today.

Many old-timers also are very happy with the series. Your articles have set the story in print for the first time.

How about reprints or a booklet for the lodges to present to new members?

Fred O. Dietsch, Jr.
Middletown, N.Y.

(If sufficient demand develops, the National Memorial and Publication Commission hopes to reproduce the 12-part series in book form. Thus far, no firm decision has been reached.)

Centennial Year Lodge Bulletin Contest

As in the past, the year 1967-1968 will feature another competition among the many outstanding bulletins published by the various lodges. As usual, this contest will be under the sponsorship of the GL Lodge Activities Committee, and PDD Omer C. Macy, 47 Elm Ridge, Mattoon, Ill. 61938, will be the committee member in charge.

Awards this year will be in five categories instead of four as in the past, and will be based on membership—less than 400 members, between 401 and 1,000, between 1,001 and 1,500, between 1,501 and 2,500, and more than 2,501.

Entries will be judged on the basis of local lodge news, as well as district, state, and Grand Lodge programs. Human interest stories, quality of pictures, format and makeup, readability, and timeliness of news coverage also will be considered.

Bulletin Editors should select any three consecutive issues between April 1, 1967, and Jan. 31, 1968. All entries must be in accordance with Section 214 of the Grand Lodge Statutes. The three issues should be placed in a binder and mailed to Brother Macy in time for him to receive them no later than Feb. 20, 1968.

All lodges publishing bulletins are urged to enter in order to make our Centennial Year the best ever.

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Public Image Contest

Storm!

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Gold, silver, and bronze Centennial trophies will be awarded to the subordinate lodges winning first-, second-, and third-place honors in the national contest for public image demonstrations, sponsored by the GL Lodge Activities Committee. *This is a new contest that will be conducted only during the Centennial Year of the Order.*

Exalted Rulers are urged to make plans now to enter this truly national contest which is not based on lodge membership. Demonstrations in a lodge's own community to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the BPO Elks can be executed in many different forms. A huge community birthday party or dedication of a monument or facility to serve a community could be that demonstration. Each Exalted Ruler soon will receive other suggestions by mail; lodge members may come up with other good ideas.

The contest begins through the state associations, to which the brochures of pictures, clippings, and letters of recom-

mendation may be submitted to determine the best in each association. Each state winner automatically will be entered in the national contest and will be awarded a Centennial plaque symbolic of its state championship. From the state winners, the three top winners in the nation will be selected by competent judges.

Don't wait. Plan now your effort to improve the public image of Elksdom and your lodge in your community. Watch for the details to come.

All inquiries should be directed to:
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been written by the lightship's captain, Hugh Williams, to his wife of 14 years. And near Menominee, Michigan, the tug *Martin* had been towing the barge *Plymouth*. When violent seas struck, the *Martin* apparently deserted the *Plymouth* and her seven men and headed for shelter. Eleven days later, a bottle bearing a death message was found five miles from Pentwater, Michigan. It read: "Dear wife and children. We were up here in Lake Michigan by McKinnon, captain [of the] *James H. Martin*, tug, at anchor. He went away and never said goodbye or anything to us. Lost one man yesterday. We have been out in storm forty hours. Goodbye dear ones, I might see you in Heaven. Pray for me. (signed) Chris K. P.S. I felt so bad I had another man write for me. Goodbye Forever." The note had been dictated by the U.S. Marshal in charge of the *Plymouth*, Chris Keenan. His body was found several days later near Manistee.

All bodies that were recovered and identified were shipped to their bereaved families. The Lake Carriers' Association started a relief fund that eventually totaled more than \$250,000. It also ordered every ship on its roster to carry a flag at half mast for the remainder of the shipping season. Ship owners were appalled and bewildered that some of the best and most modern of American and Canadian vessels had gone down under the lash of the storm.

And then started the accusations against the U.S. Weather Bureau. Captain Frank Pratt, of the steamer *James S. Dunham*, charged: "The United States Weather Bureau itself is responsible for the great loss of life and property in this storm. The storm signals were not only inadequate but non-existent." Historian Frank Barcus points out that the Great Lakes had no special flag or signal in the event of a hurricane. But, he contends, signals indicating a storm of great severity were properly and conspicuously displayed.

Subsequent investigation exonerated the weather bureau. Experts claimed that storm flags, combined with falling barometers, should have warned Lakes masters of impending danger. But the weather bureau had been wrong before, and many skippers trusted their own instincts and the durability of their vessels. Year in and year out, they had weathered heavy battering late in the season before ice sealed off the Lakes. This time, however, they were victims of their own tragic miscalculations and a cruel prank of nature. For never had there been a storm like the big blow of November, 1913. ● ●

Forty Times Around the World

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grove, claimed our baggage in a terminal building the size of a hot dog stand, and passed through customs in a rusting Quonset hut.

The DC-3 has become immortal. You see them everywhere. The last one I flew on was in New Zealand. We bumped along over the Southern Alps, winds screaming up from deep glacial valleys. Tasman Glacier spilled down the flank of one mountain, and I got hazy glimpses of Franz Joseph and Fox glaciers.

The idea of flying old propeller planes in this jet age recalls a flight I made last year with Pan Am to Honolulu. This wasn't on a propeller plane, but we turned the clock back 30 years nonetheless. In memory, Hawaii was a far Pacific outpost again, remote and dramatically distant. It was a time before the highrise, before Pearl Harbor, before the jet. It was, rather, the golden dawn of Pan American's famed flying boat, the *China Clipper*. One knew that if he rode in the *China Clipper* some spy, perhaps, would occupy the seat beside him. The words spelled excitement. *China Clipper*. When the flying boat left Alameda on its maiden

flight 30 years ago it marked the beginning of commercial air travel across the Pacific. To commemorate the flight, Pan Am took a group of the original passengers back to Hawaii recently. Now instead of a flying boat it was a jet. Instead of 20 hours it took five 600 m.p.h. at 39,000 feet. What a difference!

A million miles? I have to admit that a good many of those miles were used up between here and Hawaii. It happens to be my No. 1 favorite place in all the world. One recent afternoon the freeways were jammed with 5 o'clock traffic and I got aboard the jet for the islands. We were still climbing out over the ocean when I spied this little old lady across the aisle with the grandmotherly smile. Grandma appeared nervous. She kept clasping and unclasping her hands. I decided, bless her, this was her first jet ride. She must be scared. But it wasn't that at all. Granny was fidgeting because she wanted a cigarette. She was waiting for the "No Smoking" sign to flash off, that's all. She wanted a Scotch, too.

I heard her whisper to the stewardess, "Make it a double, will you honey. . . ?"



"The Joy of Giving"



Two students sponsored by Lake City (Seattle), Wash., Lodge—Lynn S. Schmidt and Ted Drake—were awarded \$1,000 study grants by the Elks National Foundation. ER Terrence A. O'Brien (left) and PER Austin A. Fraser (right), lodge Foundation chairman, made the presentation. Miss Schmidt, standing between her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schmidt, Woodinville, Wash., will use the grant to help finance her studies in the treatment of cerebral palsy at Stanford University. Son of a deceased member, Ted Drake received an emergency scholarship to attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City. Next to him is his mother, Mrs. William Drake.



Whiting, Ind., Lodge's scholarship chairman, George W. Calvert, presents a letter of credit for \$900 from the Emergency Educational Fund of the Elks National Foundation to Miss Patricia Ann Haluska, a student at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind. Patricia's father, the late Brother Andrew Haluska, was a member of Whiting Lodge. Emergency Educational Fund scholarships are granted to children of deceased Elks.



Miss Lorraine Bradford, Riverside, Calif., accepts an Elks National Foundation \$1,000 Emergency Educational Fund Scholarship certificate from Riverside ER Earl J. Topham, as her mother, Mrs. Theodore Bradford, and PDD Emerson J. Pann, lodge Foundation chairman, look on. Her father, the late Theodore Bradford, was an Elk for 45 years. Miss Bradford is enrolled in the International Fine Arts College of Fashion, Miami, Fla.

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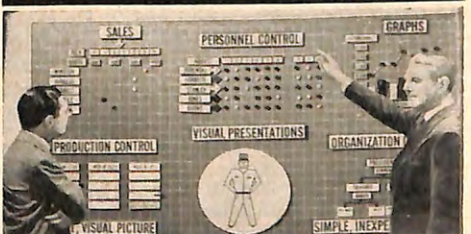
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A good augury for success of our Centennial observance is the participation in the planning by all agencies and levels—the Grand Lodge, state associations, and subordinate lodges. One of the great strengths of this organization has been its capacity to develop local initiative, to encourage independent action that attracted and drew upon the talents of many throughout the Order to achieve common goals. This peculiar genius is at work now and will be reflected in the great outpouring of public recognition for the BPO Elks.

Leadership there must be, and leadership we have. The Grand Lodge Centennial Committee has done an admirable job of planning and organizing, of supplying the tools and the inspiration for their use.

Our new film, "An American Experience," which will be released shortly, promises to be a tremendous achievement in the art of mixing education with entertainment.

Every lodge has been supplied with elaborate publicity materials for newspapers and other publications; live and recorded centennial messages for radio broadcast have been supplied to our lodges, and for television the Grand Lodge has furnished filmed messages and live announcements with color slides and program scripts.

State Associations have formed centennial committees to promote and coordinate activities in the lodges and on a state-wide level. There are few if any lodges that have not created special centennial committees, and, judging from the activity that is in evidence, they are busy working up projects and programs that will show much ingenuity and initiative.

In all of this, there will be much pointing to the past with pride. This is as it should be, for without the magnificent deeds of those who have gone before us there would be little to celebrate except the passage of time, and that would be meaningless. But we hope that the emphasis of Elkdom's Centennial will be given to the future, not just to Elkdom's future but to our country's future and our role in shaping it.

Let us look proudly to the past for the inspiration that will strengthen us to face the challenge of the future.

Academic Freedom?

The stand taken by the American Association of University Professors against student demonstrations that disrupt campuses and trample on the rights of others is welcome and encouraging. It should help to halt the wave of violent outbursts, so out of place in institutions dedicated to intellectual pursuits, that has swept across the nation in the past few months.

Certainly, the association's action should help to induce a return to common sense on the part of those faculty members who have gone so far as to encourage and lead students in disgraceful and destructive acts under the banner of "academic freedom," when actually the purpose has been "academic anarchy." Of course, the extremists who are dedicated to the destruction of our democratic institutions will pay no heed to the association's appeal.

What is needed next is the application of strong disciplinary measures to those students who specialize in the organization of mob demonstrations, before the drive for campus anarchy gets out of hand.

Not all of the leaders of these so-called student demonstrations are students, as educators and college administrators are beginning to find out. Most of these riotous demonstrations are organized by trained activists, and in many cases they are not even enrolled in the schools where they are agitating. Whether students or outsiders, they are skilled in the techniques of creating a "cause" and manipulating the students who are attracted to it by misleading slogans or the sheer pleasure of embarrassing the establishment.

"Academic freedom" is one of the slogans employed by the manipulators. That is an attractive banner, but what idealistic young people do not realize, when they enlist under it in the hands of professional agitators, is that they are lending their support to a movement to destroy academic freedom, not to protect and strengthen it.

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