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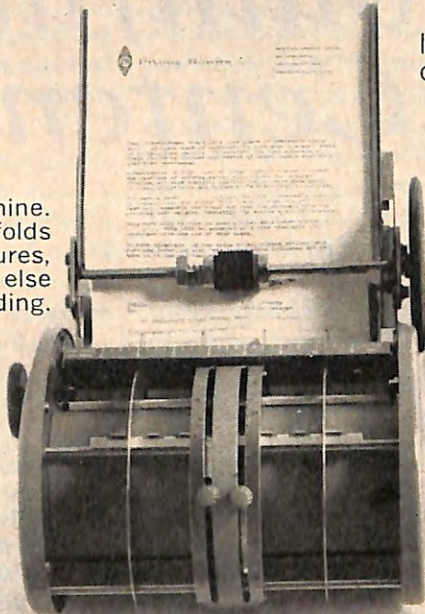


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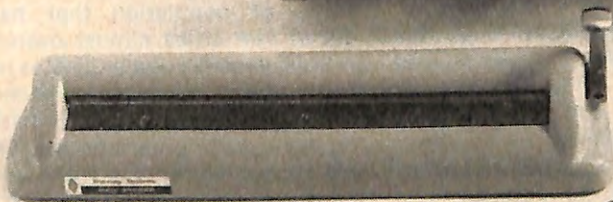
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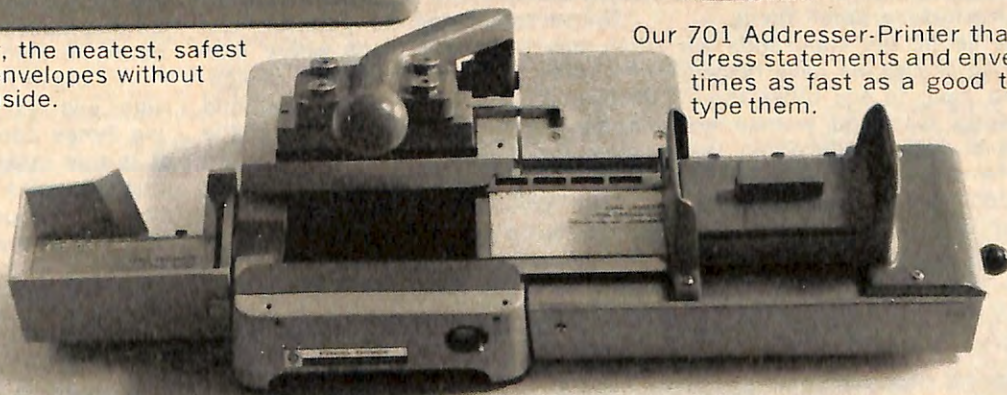
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A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

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No—our pride is more soundly and justifiably based on what Elkdom has done in the century that has gone by since Charles Vivian and his Broadway friends created a new Order to promote fraternal fellowship among members of the theatrical profession, and to lend a hand when misfortune befell them.

Our pride is in the thousands of children whose bodies we have helped to mend and heal; in the other thousands of young men and women we have helped to get an education; the comforting hand given to our sick and disabled defenders. Our pride comes from having organized and financed the first two base hospitals to reach

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This is Elkdom's Centennial—but let no one say that Elkdom is old. That would be a most inappropriate description for a fraternity as vigorous

and dynamic as the Elks. Evidence of this vigor is the uninterrupted growth in membership for nearly 30 years, and the steady expansion in the number of lodges as Elkdom kept pace with a growing America, and with the shifts of population that have produced new cities almost overnight.

This youthful vigor also is reflected in the great expansion in recent years of our service programs, particularly in our youth programs and help for the physically handicapped, and in the development of wide family participation in our activities.

An organization that displays such vigor and responsiveness to the changing times cannot be called old. And it is this inner strength that will keep Elkdom going forward in our second century of good fellowship, good works, in service to America.

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

How to Make the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life

WITHOUT realizing it, almost all of us tend — much too often — to look backwards, to recede into a world of reminiscences and regrets, and to lose the sense of anticipation that we had in our youth — and the buoyancy that goes with it.

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Your new life begins on page 1

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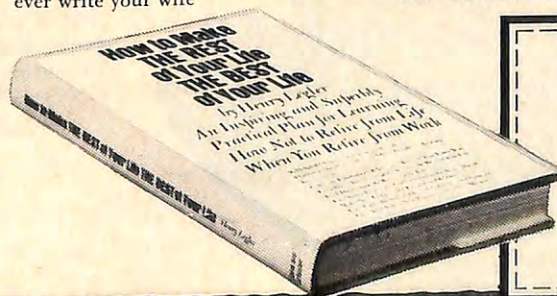
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- “I have a secret.” Nine people reveal their secrets of staying young

These are only a few of the discoveries and surprises that await you in a book that is so stimulating it can get you started on a new and richer kind of living before you even realize you’ve “done” anything. It’s quite an experience! And the sooner you start, the sooner you’re on your way.

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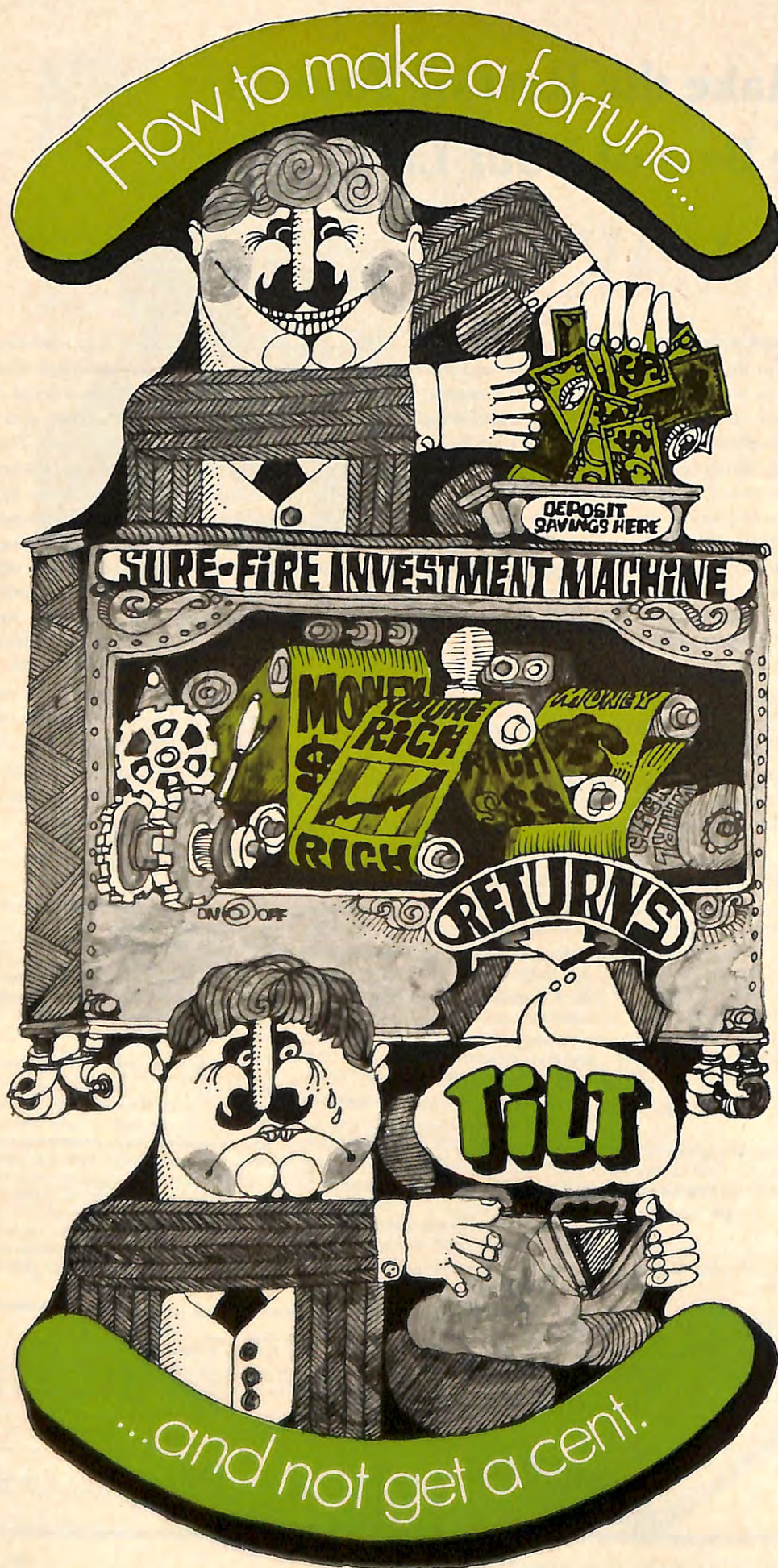
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You may also be pouring your money down a financial rat hole and could be rewarded only with vexation, heartache, and additional expense.

How can such injustice occur in today's legalistic society? Simply because the law of the land has determined that the majority shall rule and that minority stockholders in a closely held corporation are particularly vulnerable to *caveat emptor*—"let the buyer beware."

Here's a typical illustration of what might happen to you:

Your friend or relative—we'll call him Paul—is dynamic, well-experienced, a brilliant administrator. With your financial help, he has organized a small factory to manufacture a unique household item. Your investment of several thousand dollars buys a 25 percent interest in the exciting project. By mutual agreement Paul's salary is based on a percentage of total company sales.

The business burgeons. Paul devotes every waking hour to the welfare of the enterprise. Although you don't give up the job you've held for years, you contribute by working on the books and records after hours without pay. It's a labor of love: you recognize the importance of preserving company assets and you're building your nest egg for the future.

Obviously, dividends cannot be paid, because earnings must be plowed back into the growing company. As sales expand rapidly, Paul's salary mounts substantially. A full-time office man takes over your responsibilities. You're delighted over your blossoming investment, but you wonder when you'll see tangible results.

One day Paul brings his son, a re-

By Hyland J. Barnes

cent college graduate, into the business at a salary which you consider high. You work up a head of steam and charge into Paul's office.

"Look, Paul," you explain, bristling your irritation, "when we started this business, there was no agreement to hire your son, especially at such a salary. I've poured time and money into this company, but so far I haven't seen a nickel. Don't you think I'm entitled to consideration before you start slicing up the profits between you and your son?"

Paul ineffectively veils his anger with a wan smile. "There's no need to get disturbed. I've worked like a beaver to make this corporation successful and my son will help strengthen the organization. You've made a terrific investment and will be a rich man some day."

"I'm not interested in becoming the richest man in the cemetery," you counter. "I want to see some of the green stuff now—while I can enjoy it. I feel that you should put me on some kind of salary or declare a dividend."

"Sorry, we can't afford it. We need all our earnings for working capital."

"Can't afford it?" you explode. "You're paying yourself a fancy salary and now you're cutting in your son. Are you trying to con me?"

The meeting quickly degenerates into a claws-and-fangs session. Paul accuses you of vilifying him, of unpardonable ingratitude because he gave you an opportunity to invest in a venture which has earned you a potful of money, thanks to his herculean efforts and business acumen.

"In that case, you can buy me out!" you exclaim. "Then you and your son can have all the profits yourselves."

Paul replies coldly that he doesn't have the money. "Sell your shares to somebody else," he says. "This is my business and I'll run it as I see fit—without interference from you or anyone else."

The breach is final. You head directly for your attorney's office.

Your counselor listens attentively and points out that the market for minority

shares in a closely held corporation is virtually nil. He asks probing questions: Is the business well managed? Are earnings growing? Is Paul honest to the extent that he has not diverted company assets to his personal benefit?

Glumly, you nod. Outside of Paul's cavalier attitude, you really can't criticize him or the way he runs the company.

Your attorney pats your shoulder gently as he leads you to the door. "Paul cannot be forced to purchase your minority interest," he explains. "And unless you can prove fraud, mismanagement, or wanton dissipation of company assets, you can accomplish little in a courtroom."

The opinion of your lawyer is confirmed by a plethora of higher court decisions, right up to the United States Supreme Court. Does this mean, however, that as a minority stockholder, your only recourse is to throw in the sponge and sulk over your apparently worthless stock certificates?

Not if you have fortitude, staying power, and some money, for you have one powerful and relatively inexpensive weapon. Literally hundreds of minority stockholder suits are filed in the courts annually and in an overwhelming percentage a settlement is reached before the case comes to trial.

Surprisingly effective results can be accomplished by determined execution of a single strategy that is anathema to most majority shareholders and officers of a closed corporation: harassment. Attorneys euphemistically label it: legal redress.

Your first step is to request permission to inspect the books and records of the corporation. If Paul refuses, you can readily obtain a court order; as a stockholder, you are entitled to full access to the financial tomes of the company.

Your campaign is relentless. You pore over ledgers and journals, making copious notes. You look for unexplained expense items, questionable practices. You make accusations, spread

innuendos, dispute salaries, ask a thousand questions.

Paul is furious. His vitality is sapped and his efficiency impaired by the time-consuming necessity to spar with you. Company finances are being drained by legal and accounting fees in defending himself. Your threat of a lawsuit is undermining the morale of his organization. The word spreads in the trade that Paul is battling with his minority stockholders.

Paul's attorney tactfully suggests that he consider settling with you. He emphasizes that Paul could readily win a legal battle with you but that expensive litigation, protracted strife, and unfavorable publicity could well destroy the business.

In the end Paul yields, bitterly. An agreement is worked out between the lawyers and both parties are unhappy, but at least the distasteful dispute is resolved. You have probably settled for much less than your equity in the business due to your attorney's constant reminder that the position of a minority shareholder is extremely tenuous. Paul is crestfallen because he has been forced to buy out an ungrateful stockholder who undermined his company just when it was on the threshold of fabulous success.

And in the process friends became enemies for life, families were split, the health of several parties was seriously jeopardized, and both you and Paul vowed that you would never again become involved with partners or stockholders in a closed corporation.

Could all the distress have been avoided?

If you had consulted with an attorney *before* you invested your money so enthusiastically, he would have cautioned you with four expertly chosen words: Protect yourself in writing.

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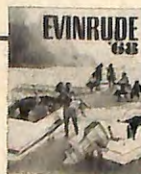
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And when Paul takes one look at this complicated legal document, he will probably say, "Thanks, friend, but I don't need your money *that* badly. You're tying the corporation into knots even before we open the doors. If you don't have confidence in me, put your money into government bonds."

Basically, Paul is right.

A delicate climate usually surrounds the birth of a closed corporation. Focusing attention on possible disputes chills the atmosphere of optimism and goodwill which prevails while the corporate infant is being nursed into robust financial health. The rules which breathe life and progress into a company require some flexibility to meet future problems. Without mutual trust by all the associates, the new venture might be doomed to an early demise.

Does this mean you should pass up an opportunity to invest in a closed corporation with a promising future? Actually you need have no fear to take the plunge if you are aware of the pitfalls and your business partner is sufficiently open-minded to discuss possible complications which may arise.

A friendly talk with him should establish rapport and basic understanding. All mortals are subject to the vagaries of changing circumstances and attitudes, you can explain. Illness, need for funds, or possible disenchantment with the trend or direction of the business may create problems. By setting up a safety valve which would permit an unhappy stockholder to leave the corporation, the smooth continuation of the company would be assured and possible future embarrassment for both would be avoided.

You could propose that all shareholders be given the right to sell back their stock to the corporation at the original cost of the shares, at the prorated net asset value, or at any other predetermined price formula. If your new associate is an astute businessman, he will quickly recognize the value of this suggestion and will agree to sign a simple document that will protect both the business and the stockholders. He may even volunteer additional safeguards for your mutual benefit.

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WARM HEARTS COOL HEADS

By T. R. FEHRENBACH



As soon as regular solid citizens began to enter the Elks in large numbers in the 1880s, it was inevitable that the Order would undergo certain changes. Most of the newcomers had no association with either the stage or the literary profession, although they were "sympathetic" with both. The most striking thing about the Elks between 1880 and 1890 was its tremendous surge of growth. The Order went from 10 lodges, all in major metropolitan centers, and 1,000 members, to 158 lodges, with a "herd" of 13,000.

This expansion took place outside the original major circuit cities, such as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Boston. Charters were issued to smaller,

outlying towns, such as Peoria (No. 20), Utica (No. 33), and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin (No. 57). The center of gravity of Elkdom swung sharply westward from the Atlantic coast. Lodges dotted western Pennsylvania, and the entire American Middle West.

Unfortunately, this growth and these shifts stirred up controversies that very nearly destroyed the Elks.

The "professionals," as they were then called, had founded the Order, and for some years they had more or less shaped its course. Their skills, flair, and fluid movements about the country had spread the fame of Elkdom. But the acting profession was on the road too much to handle the af-



This fifth part of the Elks' history tells how the Order, at the turn of the century, found itself divided into two camps, and how its troubles eventually were resolved

fairs of the various lodges. Within a very few years the important chairs began to be held by nonprofessionals: bankers, lawyers, doctors, politicians, and assorted businessmen. These nonprofessionals were generally known in the Order as the "business element," or simply, businessmen, though all of them, of course, were not strictly in commercial enterprises.

The lodges in the smaller towns, where no "professionals" lived, were entirely composed of the newer groups.

The theatrical people opposed chartering lodges in smaller cities, since they did not see how such lodges and their membership could assist the profession. They also vigorously opposed a growing desire on the part of the membership to make the Grand Lodge "migratory"; that is, to consider it national in scope, and allow it to hold sessions someplace except New York. All Grand Lodge sessions except one—1877—were held in New York, and the actions taken at the single Philadelphia session were ratified by a subsequent meeting in New York state. The argument was that since the Grand Lodge was incorporated by New York only, business sessions held elsewhere would be invalid.

The theatrical groups early lost their fight to keep Elksdom confined to the major cities, but, because the professionals for many years dominated Grand Lodge membership, they were able to beat back all efforts to have the annual session assemble in another city. But as James R. Nicholson wrote in his *History of the Order of Elks*, "These two subjects of the 'professionals' and migration were the cause of constant strife and bitter contention."

It must be understood that the relatively petty question of whether the Grand Lodge sessions would be held in New York or someplace other than New York, on an annually revolving basis, really reflected a deep division between the two elements in the Order as to the nature, goals, and future of Elksdom itself. The professionals apparently desired a relatively small organization, oriented toward the theat-

rical profession and for the benefit of that profession, in which nonprofessionals provided certain essential skills, such as business acumen and stability. Humanly, because they had originally founded the Order, the actors expected to continue being influential, if not completely dominant.

Meanwhile, without anyone quite realizing it, the BPOE had entered the mainstream of America, and in the cities and towns of the American heartland the numbers and influence of the professionals were rapidly being diluted. The new men, again without quite knowing what they were seeking, sensed that some kind of greater destiny was possible for the Elks. In a certain sense, the old controversy between Vivian's Jolly Corks and the members of the legitimate theater was being reenacted upon a larger stage. The Corks had wanted a tight little group devoted primarily to fun and games; the truly professional actors wanted a society that would serve the whole American theatrical world. Now, to put it in its simplest terms, the fight was whether Elksdom, still keeping up its help, respect, and love for the theater, would move on to embrace most of America itself. There seems to have been no real move among the nonprofessionals to put the theatrical people down, but only to recognize the fact that the BPOE was already bigger than the professional world that gave it birth.

This move to make the Grand Lodge migratory was resisted generally in the East, and naturally the opposition centered in New York Lodge No. 1, which not only was the heart of the acting and literary world, but which also had in the beginning furnished the membership of the original Grand Lodge. But by the 1880s the Grand Lodge was enlarging by more than 100 new members each year, and the control of the older group was slipping.

In 1886, the Grand Lodge easily beat down a proposal to become migratory. In 1887, the vote was only 85 to 60 opposed. In 1888, the proposition carried, 228 to 47. This resolution, which required a change in the

Elk constitution, was subsequently ratified by a majority of the lodges. In 1889, it was voted to hold the next annual session of the Grand Lodge in Cleveland.

Now, real trouble broke into the open. New York Lodge No. 1 passed a resolution to seek a legal injunction against the holding of a session in Cleveland, on the grounds that this was illegal under the Grand Lodge charter. This injunction was sought and obtained from a New York magistrate, Judge Abraham Lawrence. It was forwarded to Exalted Grand Ruler Simon Quinlin through the mails by Arthur Moreland, then Grand Secretary and a member of New York lodge.

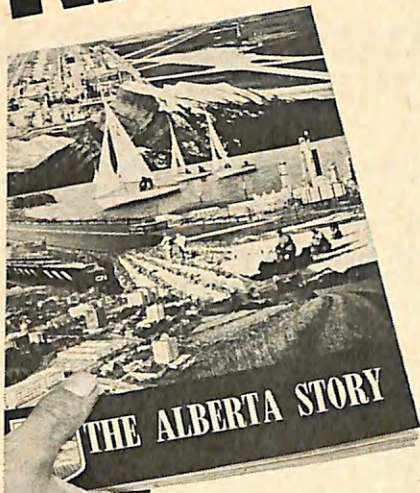
The Exalted Grand Ruler's reaction was positive and explosive. He stated that "rebellion had broken loose," and "the laws of the Order set at naught." Whatever the legal arguments involved, the taking of an internal Elk controversy to the courts was a defiance both of the constitution and of the authority of the Grand Lodge to rule the Order. Quinlin, a dignified, mustachioed Chicago businessman, suspended the charter of Lodge No. 1, and suspended Grand Secretary Moreland for accepting service and apparently entering into the action.

The July Grand Lodge session, held despite the court order—which could not be enforced beyond New York—heard Quinlin's report, examined and tried the New York lodge, and voted to expel it. The Grand Lodge also expelled Arthur Moreland "forever" from the Elks. Both expulsions were carried unanimously, on the grounds of "contumacy and insubordination."

Feeling was rather high. Many members felt that the discipline, peace, and good name of the Order had been jeopardized. Having expelled the former Grand Secretary and No. 1 lodge, the Grand Trustees then made preparations to answer the suit and get the injunction dissolved in the courts of New York.

This unhappy state of affairs soon made juicy headlines in the country's
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PEACE CORPS NEEDS DOCTORS. In June, 70 of the 134 Peace Corps physicians will finish their two years of service. Because of new legislation lifting the draft exemption of its medical men, the Corps is trying to interest women doctors or those who have retired or fulfilled military obligations. The doctors now serve in 45 countries.

FAMOUS FORD THEATER, now completely restored and refurbished, will open February 12, but not with "Our American Cousin," which was the play President Lincoln was watching the night he was assassinated. Instead it will be "John Brown's Body," an American classic by Stephen Vincent Benet. All first-night tickets long ago were sold out at \$5 a seat. The season will run to May 18. It cost \$2.7 million to restore the theater.



LA COSA NOSTRA is the most powerful group of hoodlums in the country today, Director J. Edgar Hoover declares in the *FBI Enforcement Bulletin*. Even with their threats, the protection they buy, and their oath of silence, they can be put into jail, he says. Last year two of the leading hoodlums were sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for extortion. Director Hoover said nearly 200 other major hoodlums were convicted in federal courts for bank robbery, labor racketeering, and other charges. "We think the trend is encouraging," Director Hoover said.

UNITED NATIONS VOTES in the General Assembly seem out of line to State Department officials. Every country has one vote, the same as the U.S. The combined total population of 70 nations is still less than the U.S. and 96 nations have populations smaller than the state of California.

SECRET SERVICE AGENT Clint J. Hill is now President Johnson's chief bodyguard. He was promoted by Secret Service Director James J. Rowley and is the agent who was Jacqueline Kennedy's protector at the time of her husband's assassination in Dallas. Hill succeeds Rufus W. Youngblood, who is deputy director and now second in command. It was Agent Youngblood who as Vice President Johnson's bodyguard at that time threw himself over President Kennedy in an effort to protect him.

VIETNAM MAPS have been supplied to all Congressmen. They are large maps with villages, highways, rivers in detail. They are free for the asking while the supply lasts. Some Congressmen also have maps showing the entire continent of Asia.

DRAFT CALLUPS for the next six months will average 24,000 men a month. By comparison, callups averaged 33,500 during the last half of 1966, the highest level since the Korean War.

GYP-INSURANCE WARNINGS have been sent out by the government against some mail order companies which exploit parents of GIs serving in Vietnam. The public is urged to read the fine print on such policies. For example, some contain a clause which bar payment should the soldier be killed in battle. A booklet has been issued on "Pitfalls to Watch Out for in Mail Order Insurance."

MACHINE KEEPS SMOKING in the Federal Trade Commission laboratory and they say it can't stop because it has the cigarette habit. In the beginning the machine, which can smoke five cigarettes at a time, was used to test tar and nicotine content. It automatically smoked pack after pack. Reports are that when the machine ran out of cigarettes it would cough.

MANY OF THE THINGS which happen in the lives of human beings also happen to the creatures that live in the woods. Along the trails of our hills and valleys stories of triumph, of failure, of love, of faithlessness, and many other events which move in the lives of men, are being continually written. They are written, and then the last traces of their writing are swept away by the winds and the rain, and there is left a clean page on which Nature writes again.

Several of these things were written in Soya's life. He came to our valley with courage and strength. The annals of his days were written on our valley sands. The winds and rains have long since swept them away, but their writing remains fresh in my memory.

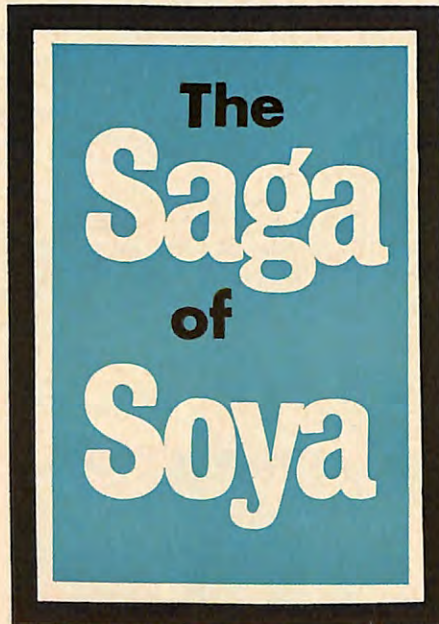
I heard Soya the night he came to our trails. The first frosts had already walked with a heavy tread, but that evening was pleasantly warm, so I sat in the yard with my chair tilted against an oak. I was conscious of the creek singing over the rocks, of the little wind which came up from the valley, and of the horned owls complaining among the hills.

Soya's cry came from the rim of the hills to the west. I was not sure what it was at first. When it came the second time I recognized it as the mating call of a white-tail buck. At his third cry I heard the whimpering bleat of a doe in a thicket of birch and willow along the creek. When the buck cried the fourth time, I could tell he had moved toward the valley. The doe answered, and it was plain that she had crossed the creek and was going out to welcome the stranger. His fifth cry was low and soft, and her answer little more than a whimper.

As I went to bed I wondered if the stranger would take her away from the valley, or if she would persuade him to walk the trails with her.

I knew a place where the doe often fed very early in the mornings, so the next dawn found me on a high rock overlooking the little open grazing spot. When it became light enough for me to see, there was nothing in the open place except a big swamp rabbit. Suddenly he sat up straight and moved his ears back and forth as if listening, then made a long leap and raced away into a thicket. Thinking perhaps he had heard the deer approaching, I watched closely. A black mink slipped like a shadow into the opening. His nose was to the ground, and he moved quickly, following the trail of the rabbit.

I was still wondering what the outcome of that chase would be when I saw the doe. Just behind walked a magnificent buck with a heavy head of gleaming antlers. The doe came confidently, and started grazing on small cane and saw-briers. The buck seemed wary and afraid. He stopped at the edge of the opening, looked carefully in every direction and sniffed the morning air. I hugged the rock closely, lest he see me. He was a proud-looking fellow as he stood there with lifted head. It



The
Saga
of
Soya

By Ewart A. Autry

was then I noted the very dark brindle of his shoulders—a distinguishing feature which enabled me always to know him.

Finally, he seemed convinced there was no danger, and began grazing beside his new-found mate. I lay on the rock and watched them for perhaps 30 minutes. During that time they fed continuously, except for a pause now and then to touch noses, much in the manner of cattle. Then a little wind sprang up from the east and carried my scent directly to the deer. The buck was grazing sidewise to me when he first caught it. He whirled quickly, facing me. The doe lifted her head leisurely and moved beside him. The buck stood for only a moment, then whirled and disappeared into the thicket. The doe looked a little longer before trotting after him.

That was my first glimpse of Soya. In the months which followed I came to know him well. He acquired his name quite naturally by his great love for soybeans. There wasn't a patch in the valley he didn't visit at one time or another.

I soon knew him as a gallant warrior, ever willing to battle for his own life and that of his mate. During that winter I spied them several times along the trails, and on one occasion had the opportunity to learn of Soya's courage. A neighbor down the valley had a pack of young foxhounds. I heard them running one morning and supposed they had jumped a fox. But, although seeming to run at full speed, they were giving little mouth. That was a good sign they were after deer. I hurried toward them with the intention of stopping them if it were true.

As I walked along the edge of the hill, I heard them swing toward me. I moved a few feet up the hill and hid. In less than a minute I saw the doe coming. I heard her labored breathing before she was even with me. The hounds were not far behind. I was preparing to run in front of them, and scatter them, when I saw Soya speeding across the valley toward the doe. When he met her they paused briefly and touched noses, then she kept running. He stood for a moment looking, then walked defiantly to meet the hounds.

As he moved gallantly up the trail, he was like a painting from the hand of some great artist. Before he was even with my rock he stopped. I was so intrigued by the wild beauty of his daring that I forgot my plan to stop the hounds. They swept up, saw the buck, and paused uncertainly. He pawed the ground with his right foot, and snorted his defiance. The hounds stood still and bayed. One, bolder than the others, inched closer. Soya backed out of the trail until he was against a brier patch, and there he stood. The bold hound moved up until he was only a few feet away. The buck made a sudden rush. The hound turned quickly to retreat. That turn probably saved his life, for the deadly hooves of Soya came down and glanced him, sending him away yowling in pain and fear.

That was about enough for the other hounds. They bayed for a little longer, then trotted away one by one until the buck stood alone. When the last one was gone, he leaped into the trail and sped after his mate. I walked slowly and thoughtfully homeward, and there

was a salute in my heart for his gallantry.

He became the father of a son before I saw another display of his courage. One morning in spring I had a yearning for catfish, and was walking down the valley toward Little Tippah River. I was about to cross an open pasture plot when I heard a noise near the creek bank and saw the cane wiggling. I moved to the edge of the opening and hid behind a tree. A fawn came out, and just behind was his mother. The little fellow wasn't traveling fast enough to suit her, so she was nudging him along with her nose. She seemed frightened, and paused often to look backward. When they were near the center of the opening she gave a quick yap. The fawn stopped instantly. The doe turned and gazed toward the thicket, with ears pointed forward and nose sniffing the air.

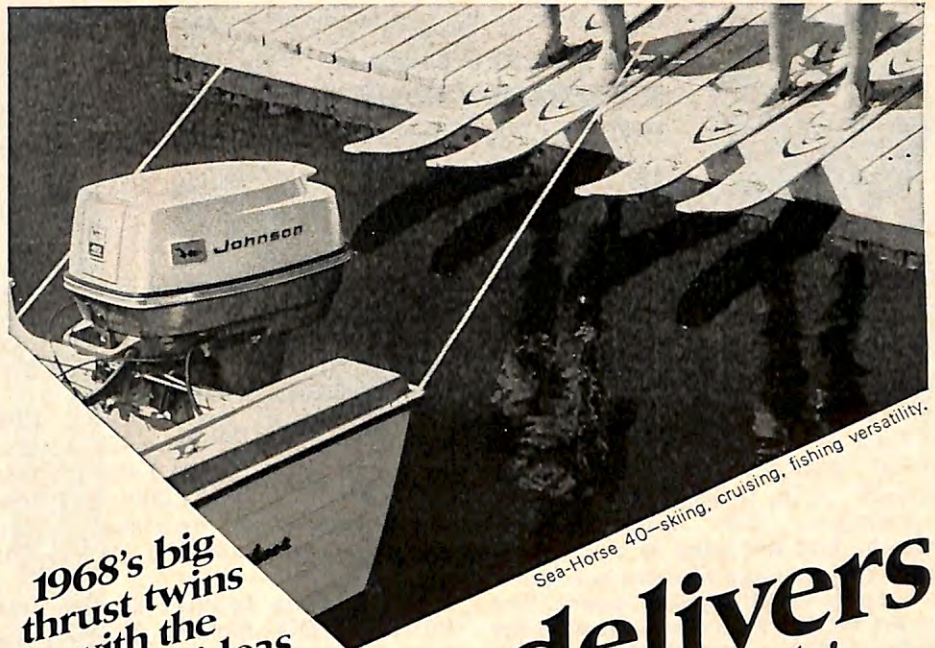
I was puzzled. Ordinarily a frightened deer would seek the thickets. I couldn't understand why this one had deliberately sought the opening. The answer came quickly. With a rustling of cane, a big bobcat came into view. He was crouched low, and his stubby tail was wiggling as he moved toward the deer. There was no doubt that he intended to have fawn for breakfast.

The doe placed herself directly between the fawn and the cat. She pawed the ground with a front foot, then bounced up and down, stiff-legged. The cat snarled and circled. His eyes were on the fawn. The doe was merely an obstacle between him and breakfast. As he circled, the doe turned in such a manner that she was always facing him, and always between him and her son. I understood then why she had sought the opening. It gave her a better chance to maneuver, and the cat less opportunity to slip in unobserved.

I had no intention of letting the bobcat strike down the fawn. I was no more than forty yards away. A shout from me would probably put an end to that valley drama. If it didn't, I had spotted a stout stick which would.

The doe became more nervous as the distance between her and the cat was narrowed. The fawn was calm and unconcerned. Occasionally he pointed his ears at the cat and sniffed, but mostly he licked his mother's flank and nudged her as if impatient with the whole thing. The cat, too, was becoming impatient. His ears were twitching and his mouth was open in a continuous snarl as he feinted for a thrust and moved nearer.

I had decided it was time for me to take a hand when I heard Soya. The wind was at his back, and I am sure he had no knowledge of what was happening. He stopped for a moment in surprise, then gave a snort which sent
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News of the Lodges

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State Units Meet

A MAJOR PROJECT—to help the physically handicapped help themselves—was adopted by the Iowa Elks Assn. at its annual midwinter meeting Nov. 17 through 19 in Waterloo.

Association dues were increased, with the hike budgeted to promote the major project—sales of items handmade at home by handicapped persons. The project will be in cooperation with the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Iowa, Inc., and all proceeds will go to the handicapped craftsmen. The Elks will provide a mobile unit to deliver the goods to such outlets as county fairs.

Distinguished guests included GER Robert E. and Mrs. Boney and PGER

H. L. Blackledge. About 200 persons were in attendance.

Marshalltown will be the site of the annual state convention.

A HIGHLIGHT of the Louisiana Elks State Association's midseason conference Oct. 13 and 14 in Lafayette was the presentation of a \$1,000 check from the Elks National Foundation to the Southern Eye Bank, the state major project.

The keynote banquet speaker was SP and PDD Richard W. Glaholt, Shreveport.

Among the speakers at the meeting was George R. Ketteringham, New Orleans, of Slidell Lodge, a Trustee of the Southern Eye Bank. Seeking more help in support of the project, he said that the patients' waiting lists are far greater than the number of eye dona-

tions. Last year, the bank processed about 200 donated eyes.

More funds also are needed to support the project, Brother Ketteringham explained, adding that each year since 1952 Louisiana Elks have donated \$17,000 in support of the eye bank. Individual lodges also donate funds.

The unit procures fresh eye tissue for use in corneal transplant surgery, without charge to the patient, and the hospital and doctors' bills are based on the patient's ability to pay.

Brother Ketteringham also pointed out that not all blind people can be helped by the operation, but that one out of 20 can have eyesight restored and that 85 percent of the operations are successful. The eye bank has furnished eyes for blind persons throughout the United States.

A dance concluded the meeting.



GRIFFIN, Georgia, Lodge's Centennial Committee enters a float in the city's annual Christmas parade that depicts the Jolly Corks, the Elks National Foundation, and the Elks Aidmore Hospital, the state major project. Manning the float are PER George C. Ines, centennial chairman; Dick Spangler, designer of the float; Jim Searcy; ER Tom G. Gilchrist, and, in front, Bill Hancock and Calvin Perry.



A PARTIALLY BLIND PIANO TUNER—Brother Roger Dinwiddy of Honolulu Lodge—plays the upright piano he rebuilt for handicapped Cub and Boy Scouts of Schofield Barracks as Est. Lead. Kt. Lenn Stribbling and Cub Scout Ricky Whitehead listen. The lodge donated \$150 to the rebuilding project and Brother Dinwiddy, a self-employed piano tuner, contributed more than \$200 of his labor and time.



THE CAPTAIN of Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge's El Kadettes—Elaine Rymills—tacks a metal plaque onto a new entrance sign the 36-girl, precision drill team is giving to Slidell, La., Elks in gratitude for their hospitality. Assisting Miss Rymills is ER Edward F. Buckner, Santa Barbara. The girls were guests of Slidell Lodge for four days while participating in a national drill team contest in New Orleans. Since Slidell Elks would accept no money for the room and board, the girls voted to send them the sign—hand-carved from California redwood by Brother Carden Silva, Santa Barbara.



IN AN IMPRESSIVE CHECK PRESENTATION ceremony, Woodland, Calif., ER LeRoy Cassel (left) offers Vern Swartz, the Woodland High School Bandmaster, \$1,954 to help finance the band's trip to Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. Two majorettes in the band smile approvingly. The Elks raised the money at a dinner which featured talks by such outstanding athletes as Willie McCovey, first baseman with the San Francisco Giants, and Steve Spurrier, 1966 Heisman Trophy winner and rookie quarterback with the San Francisco 49ers. A sellout crowd of more than 400 attended the event.



BY USING SIGHT AND LIPREADING, Dale Bond (right), who is deaf, took part in his initiation into Charles City, Iowa, Lodge recently. ER Rollin A. Huard presents Brother Bond with a flag. The initiate, who was born unable to hear and thus cannot speak in a normal tone, observed the proceedings with his eyes only. The scientist's father, Roger A. Bond, is a member of Minot, N.D., Lodge.

SEVEN BROTHERS—four of them officers—are members of Scarsdale, N.Y., Lodge—the only Elks branch in the state with this distinction, according to them. They are house chairman Casimir Piekarski, Raymond Piekarski Baker, Est. Lect. Kt. Anthony Piekarski Baker, Taddeus Piekarski, ER Joseph Piekarski, Edward Piekarski Baker, and Chap. John Piekarski. Builders, engineers, and mechanics, the Piekarski brothers are part of the team that is building a lodge addition. There are two younger Piekarskis; unhappily, both are female.



GRAND ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT Raymond J. Quesnel (center) is honored by his own Montpelier, Vt., Brothers at a testimonial dinner dance. Other dignitaries shown with Brother Quesnel, a Past District Deputy and Past State President, are Newton, Mass., PER W. Edward Wilson, Auburn-dale, a GL Americanism Committeeman; ER Robert Milne, Montpelier; state Secy. and PDD Roger J. Sheridan, Montpelier, master of ceremonies; PGER and Judge John E. Fenton, president of Suffolk University, Boston; SDGER Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, Mass., of Boston Lodge, past chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and Lawrence, Mass., PER John J. Harty, Methuen, a member of the GL Committee on Credentials. Others among about 250 persons who turned out for the dinner were SP John L. Barber, Bellows Falls, and Mayor Willard Strong of Montpelier.



A FAREWELL DINNER is given for PDD Edwin J. Maley (center), Hamden, Conn., who has retired as New Haven Lodge Secretary following his appointment by GER Robert E. Boney as a member of the GL Auditing and Accounting Committee. Brother Maley also is state major projects chairman. Also pictured are ER S. V. DeFilippo, New Haven; Massachusetts VP and PDD Henry T. Flaherty, Clinton; SP and PDD Harrison G. Berube, New Haven; acting Mayor William J. O'Connell; Newton, Mass., PER W. Edward Wilson, Auburndale, a GL Americanism Committeeman and a former member of Brother Maley's GL committee, and DDGER Frank J. Ferriera, Glastonbury. Brother Maley served New Haven Lodge for 29 years.

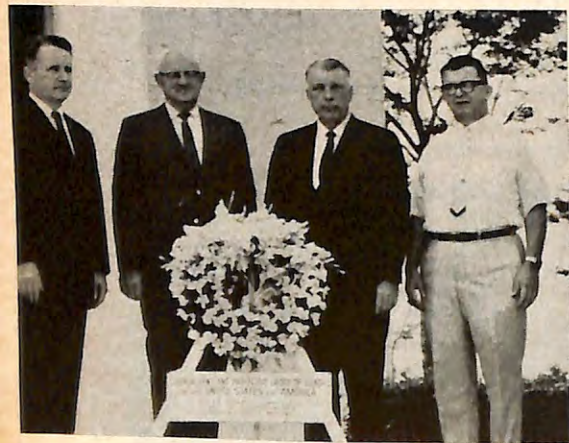


A Visit to Our Pacific Outposts



PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER Horace R. Wisely visits the therapy room (top, left) of one of the three cerebral palsy clinics sponsored in the Republic of the Philippines by Manila Lodge. Brother Wisely, PGER R. Leonard Bush, and their wives are greeted by Manila Elks (top, right) after flying to the port city during their recent visit to lodges in the Philippines and Guam. Shown are PER August A. Elzingre, ER Richard Callahan, Brother and Mrs. Bush, Brother and Mrs. Wisely, PER William L. Samara, Est. Lect. Kt. Joseph Ackerman, and Secy. John P. Green. The Elks instituted the CP clinics project in 1956; their goal is to cover the

country with such clinics. Service is free of charge. The lodge donates a major portion of the operating expenses and raises the entire budget. In 1959, the project received an award from the President of the Philippines. Brothers Wisely and Bush are pictured (left) after placing a wreath at the chapel of the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial as Brothers Callahan and Green watch. Chief purpose of the visit was to dedicate the new lodge building, which includes a swimming pool and bowling alleys. During World War II, the Japanese invaders took over the lodge, which later was destroyed. In 1949, another structure was built.



MEMBERS OF AGANA, Guam, Lodge welcome PGERs Horace R. Wisely and R. Leonard Bush and their ladies (top). Acting Gov. Denver Dickerson (bottom, center) and Mrs. Dickerson of Guam and Rear Adm. Carlton Jones pose with the Wiselys and Bushes at a luncheon hosted by the Joneses. A tour of the island, largest (209 square miles) of the Marianas, included a visit to the lodge, headed by ER Jose C. Duenas. The day was climaxed with a banquet given by Agana Elks. Guam's inhabitants are American citizens who do not vote for President. The island is under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior. Brother Bush reports that Agana Elks are doing a fine job in their contacts with American servicemen who have been wounded in Vietnam and are hospitalized in Guam before returning to the United States. The Elks National Service Commission recently granted funds to help the Elks in their reception of these servicemen. Three Agana Lodge buildings have been destroyed by typhoons in recent years; the current structure was built to resist high winds. The Japanese took over the lodge in World War II; the building was destroyed toward the war's end.





CAN ANYONE TOP THIS? Brother Ira Smith (wearing beret) of Bellflower, Calif., Lodge is congratulated by DDGER Gordon McCorkell, San Pedro, after the recent initiation of five of his grandsons into the lodge. ER Robert B. Wunderlich (fourth from left) smiles approvingly. The grandsons are William Amos and Edward, Mike, Bill, and Gary Peters. Their initiation marked a new history-making event for the lodge.



INITIATED AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 90 recently was Brother Edwin I. Stickney (second from right). The new Brockport, N.Y., Elk is being congratulated by VP and Batavia PER Leon C. Bennett. Looking on are DDGER Joseph L. Lawler, Getzville, of North Tonawanda Lodge, and PER and ER Albert R. Burch, Brockport. At a party following the initiation, Brother Stickney displayed his vitality by dancing with the wives of his many new Elk friends.

Lodge Notes

The Elks of Los Alamos, N. M., Lodge wish to share with other Elks a member's heartwarming experience. This incident, they believe, demonstrates that the Order is indeed a most wonderful fraternity.

It all started when Est. Loyal Kt. Andrew Stone, while deer hunting in Colorado mountains, lost his wallet. It contained, besides about \$60 and valuable papers, his Elks membership card. A young Mr. Garcia found the wallet and turned it over to a member of Santa Fe Lodge, William L. Lynn, who was hunting. Brother Lynn drove to Antonita, Colo., to call Brother Stone and reassure him that the wallet had been found and was being mailed to him. Brother Lynn declined the \$25 reward offered by Brother Stone, explaining that he was only acting as an Elk should.

Monterey, Calif., Elks' Student Loan Committee presented its first educational loan to Miss Carolyn Layton, the 18-year-old daughter of Esq. and Mrs. Leroy Layton. A \$500 loan was made to Rex Titus, Brother Ray Titus' son.

Anaheim, Calif., Elks mourn the death on Nov. 25 of a Brother—PER John D. Ardaiz.

Seattle Lodge held memorial services for PER Clyde V. Witte, 67, who died Nov. 8. Brother Witte served as Exalted Ruler of the lodge in 1954-1955.

Santa Monica, Calif., area veterans enjoyed singing a medley of songs played by the local Elks' band and combo at Santa Monica Lodge's annual Veterans' Night. The veterans also heard PER John L. Sundberg speak on "What the Order of Elks Means to Every Veteran." Among the guests were delegates from local veterans' organizations and civic and fraternal groups. Municipal Judge W. Blair Gibbens was master of ceremonies; Robert V. Reilly and Sox Kuhlmeier, Veterans Service League president, were event co-chairmen.

More than 2,000 chicken dinners, hamburgers, and hot dogs, along with beverages and ice cream, were consumed at Santa Clara, Calif., Lodge's charity picnic. Young and old alike enjoyed the day's fun, which included the antics of 11 clowns from the Lockheed Employees Recreation Assn. The proceeds were designated for the Elks' local charities.

As part of a program started last September, Belleville, Ill., Elks have donated to Scott Air Force Base, near Belleville, equipment for serving drinks and refreshments to the 300 to 400 wounded servicemen who pass through the base every month. These wounded, most of them litter cases, are flown from Vietnam. The lodge also has donated 50 different games and 40 stereo records. Every weekend, from November through March, the Elks provide entertainment for the servicemen.

Havre de Grace, Md., Lodge entertained 69 patients from a nearby veterans' hospital at a recent cookout. The party provided an assortment of good things to eat—from barbecued chicken to coffee and cake. Among the 30 prizes awarded was a transistor radio. Purpose of the affair, arranged by Leslie W. Wilfong of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association's Veterans Service Committee, was to help the vets adjust.

At its recent charity ball, Scranton, Pa., Lodge raised \$700 for the Elks Cerebral Palsy Home Service Fund. The program is a part of the major project of the Pennsylvania Elks State Assn., which now sponsors nine home service units, including the one in Scranton. The lodge plans to make the charity ball an annual affair.

Defiance, Ohio, Lodge announced plans recently to construct a new, \$125,000 lodge building to replace the current one, which was sold to provide a municipal parking lot site. ER Keith D. Spangler reported that the new building will be erected in a wooded site south of the city.

Activities are in full swing in the one-year-old Manahawkin, N.J., Lodge, which recently began clearing three and a half acres of woodland for the construction of a permanent lodge building. Also, as a first anniversary gift, the Elks' ladies presented the lodge with a set of jewels of office.



A SPADE for cultivating the goals of Elkdom is hoisted by a Gardner-SP Maurice I. Gardner of Grand Junction—during the quarterly meeting of the Colorado Elks Assn. in Alamosa. At the rostrum is Alamosa PER and Secy. Maurice B. Smith, who just has presented the spade to Brother Gardner at a banquet. More than 500 members attended the meeting.



QUEENS BOROUGH (ELMHURST), New York, Lodge honors some old-timers. Seated are George Frenz and Thomas A. Harran and standing are Philip M. Brand Jr., Old-Timers' Night chairman; PDD and Judge George J. Balbach, Jackson Heights, GL State Associations Committeeman; PDD and Judge John F. Scileppi, Past Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and ER Peter J. McCormack Jr.



SCRANTON, Pennsylvania, Lodge's Otto P. Robinson Jr. (third from right) recently sponsored his father and two uncles for membership in the lodge. Also pictured are DDGER W. Albert Docking, Bangor; Brother Robinson's uncle Robert Robinson; his father, Judge Otto P. Robinson Sr. of the Lackawanna County Court of Pleas; his uncle Edward Robinson, and ER Sidney Friedman. Initiated were 35 men.



PEEKSKILL, New York, Elks honor the New York Jets' coaches at a testimonial buffet. Shown are PER George Delamater, Head Coach Weeb Ewbank, and ER William Hayes Jr.



POINT PLEASANT, New Jersey, PER George Singer, youth activities chairman, presents a camera on behalf of the lodge to exchange student Bashir Hamid of Afghanistan during a dinner at which representatives of about 30 organizations welcomed the youth. Bashir is a senior at Point Pleasant Beach High School.



NEW JERSEY ELKS' ORGANIST for 21 years—Harry A. Burnham (second from right) of Union City Lodge—receives a gift from PGER William J. Jernick at a lodge dinner in his honor. Brother Burnham also has been lodge organist for 21 years. Also shown are PER Louis Hubner, ER James Stark, and PER Sidney Lasser.



PRIZE-WINNING COSTUMES at Ossining, N.Y., Elks' Halloween party include those of the "Tin Woodman" (Mark Henshaw), a pirate (Michael DeRocco), and the "Jolly Green Giant" (Joseph DeCrenza). Also pictured are ER Daniel Milano and Robert D'Emidio, who was chairman for the party.

PONTIAC, Michigan, Lodge recently initiated a centennial class of more than 140 candidates. SP and PDD Lewis L. Numburger, Jackson, of Manistee Lodge, was among the dignitaries on hand for the largest Pontiac initiation in the 65 years since the lodge was chartered. James Hanes is the Exalted Ruler.



SOME CHARTER OFFICERS of the new Milton, Fla., Lodge No. 2377 stand behind dignitaries present for the institution: DDGER Charles A. Nell, Pensacola; PDD George Carver, Umatilla, of Live Oak Lodge, a GL Auditing and Accounting Committeeman; ER Earl Woodbury of the new lodge; SDGER and PDD Robert B. Cameron, Redington Beach, of Holiday Isles Lodge, state new lodge chairman, and PDD Thomas E. Mallem, Jacksonville, a GL New Lodge Committeeman. Members of lodges in Florida's Northwest District initiated Milton Lodge members Nov. 5 in Pensacola Lodge. Charter membership was 122.



A BUS RIDE to Monticello Race Track nets Hawthorne, N.J., Elks \$500 for their crippled children's fund. Pictured are (first row): Anthony Chekenian, Fred Sittniewski, and Russ Carlisle and (second row): Anthony Damiano and Richard Scola.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Robert E. Boney is among participants in the dedication of State College, Pa., Elks Country Club on 153 acres outside the city. Also present for the ceremonies were (seated): PGER Lee A. Donaldson and ER Harold L. Lovell and (standing): John Glatz, club President; PDD Robert H. McCormick, State College; SP and PDD William C. Kuhn, Gettysburg, and PDD and PSP H. Beecher Charmbury, Harrisburg, of State College Lodge, a GL Youth Activities Committeeman. The facilities include an 18-hole golf course, a swimming pool, and picnic grounds. The dedication program was followed by a dinner dance at which Brother Boney spoke.



PRESCOTT, Arizona, Elks are proud of their newest member, Army Sgt. John Bellgardt, who was initiated recently while on leave before departing for Vietnam. He is the son of PER Leonard Bellgardt Jr. (left).



STATE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNER Mary White (right), sponsored by Rockville, Md., Lodge, accepts a \$100 check from Mrs. Richard E. Budd, president of the local Elks' ladies and wife of the lodge Secretary. Miss White received \$275 from the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Assn. as a first-place winner in its scholarship contest and \$50 from Rockville Lodge members.



ANOTHER HANDICAPPED CHILD—Chris Wright—is “adopted” by Westchester, Calif., Elks. Shown with the cerebral palsied boy are ER Joseph F. Walsh, the child’s mother—Mrs. Connie Wright—and Est. Lead. Kt. Dick Birch. Net proceeds of \$1,095.71 from the lodge’s annual charity ball are being used to help underwrite CP treatment for Chris. Westchester Elks “adopt” a handicapped youngster every year.



A 50-YEAR ELK—Hollywood, Fla., Lodge’s Morgan T. Mackey (center)—accepts a Life Membership card from ER James R. Roads while PER and Secy. John G. Fisher looks on. Brother Mackey was initiated into Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Lodge in March 1917.

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Warm Hearts

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press. "Elks Lock Horns," and "Battle of the Elks" were proclaimed by newspapers. Certain prominent brothers, on both sides of the controversy, were interviewed by reporters for their comments and reactions, and it must be admitted that few of the printed versions helped the cause of peace or fraternal love. Some New York papers sided with Lodge No. 1, maintaining that it was clearly illegal for the Grand Lodge to meet outside the state. Others took the opposite view.

Quotations taken from several different newspaper accounts of the time probably sum up the controversy, and what sparked it, as well as anything:

"... The whole trouble grows out of the complex membership of the Order. It was originally organized by actors and literary men, and its primary object was to bring the two professions into a closer union of good fellowship... those who sympathized with those two professions could be admitted, and subsequently men in business walks of life were taken in because their utility was deemed necessary as business managers of the Order, the migratory nature of the actors' profession making it impossible for them to fill official positions... This outside element is in control of the whole organization, and subverts it altogether from its original idea... The Grand Lodge is composed largely of this element of business men..."

This article inferred that the "businessmen" had ruined the Order, and because they had neglected to secure a national charter, would lose their case in court, and that the Elks would be reorganized.

Another paper took the line, however, that while former Grand Secretary Moreland and his colleagues in New York Lodge No. 1 were "good fellows" and it was perfectly understandable that they hoped to keep the Elks like they had been, the professionals were in the wrong, and must lose in the end.

"... The question of business men having ruined the Order is all bosh. Without them there would be no Order of Elks. Most of the charity bestowed is, after all, given to needy members of the profession. They are, of course, entitled to all the help possible, as they organized the Order and give valuable assistance at benefits and social sessions: but outsiders run the business of the Order, and without them it could not exist. How well they do it is shown by the value of property owned by Philadelphia, Boston, Kansas City, St. Louis, and other lodges, while New

York, which has on its roll more actor members than any two others, meets in a hired hall. The Order is too strong to be killed by a few disgruntled members, and... despite the fact that the Grand Lodge charter was obtained from the New York Legislature, the annual meetings can and will be held outside New York City, and if New York is permanently dropped the Order will continue to grow and flourish."

Several "Eastern" lodges—Brooklyn, Newark, Hoboken, Philadelphia, Boston, Cincinnati, and Providence—sympathized with New York, and in 1890 held a rump "Grand Lodge Session" with Lodge No. 1. However, this support soon faded, and disappeared when the Grand Lodge won a reversal of its injunction in a New York court. The court held that benevolent societies were recognized by the laws of the United States, regardless of the origin of their charters, and that they could conduct their private business as they pleased in accordance with the wishes of a majority of members, so long as constitution or bylaws were not violated. The court ruled that the Cleveland session provided no such violation, since it had been legally ratified under the laws of the Order. Also, it appeared that the suspended members were legally expelled, under the rules of the BPOE.

New York Lodge No. 1 was left out in the cold. For the next two years the Grand Lodge, and Elksdom in general, proceeded to grow and expand without it.

The matter might have rested here, but there were too many men among the leading Elks who took the charge of "Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity" seriously.

The Grand Trustees quietly approached certain members of New York lodge to arrange a meeting to see if the brotherhood could not be reunited. A conference was agreed upon, to be held in May 1893. The Grand Exalted Ruler, (the title was changed to this form in 1890), Edwin Hay, the Grand Trustees, the District Deputy for New York, and a deputation from Lodge No. 1, which included at least one member of the old Corks, met together in a quiet, dignified atmosphere. There is no record of what was said, but these were all sensible, charitable, decent men. If New York lodge was asked to swallow its pride, certainly the Grand Lodge had no intention of holding a grudge.

After the discussion, the New York deputation retired for a deliberation with the lodge at large. The GER and Trustees waited in an agony of doubt. Then, the New Yorkers returned. They were smiling.

The Lodge No. 1 spokesman said simply, New York lodge had now pledged its allegiance to the "Grand

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*To All Subordinate Lodges of the
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
of the United States of America*

GREETINGS:

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. will reach its Centennial on February 16, 1968.

The Grand Lodge has by resolution designated the entire calendar year as Elkdom's Centennial Year, and our Centennial Committee has urged that appropriate events in celebration of this significant anniversary be held throughout the year.

It is desirable, however, that we take special recognition of the Centennial date itself with all of Elkdom joining on this day in joyous celebration of our fraternity's progress from one lodge of 15 men in New York City a century ago to 2,100 lodges and 1,450,000 members today.

By so honoring our Centennial, we shall manifest our unity, today as a century ago, in good fellowship, our fidelity to the principles of Charity, Justice, and Brotherly Love, our unwavering commitment to the democratic ideals of one nation, under God. While we point to our proud past with its unparalleled record of service to our country and to all Americans, let us make our Centennial anniversary a time of resolve to face the challenging future with faith and confidence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do proclaim Friday, February 16, 1968, the Centennial Anniversary of the Order of Elks, as a special day of celebration to be observed throughout Elkdom. To facilitate all of our lodges joining on this day in jubilant celebration across America, I hereby grant dispensation to each Subordinate Lodge electing to omit its regular session nearest to that date.

I urge each Exalted Ruler to call a special session, as provided in Section 113 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, for Friday, February 16, 1968, when the sole order of business shall be the initiation of a Centennial Class of candidates for membership in the Order, and, following initiation, that the members of the Lodge and their families join in a Centennial birthday celebration.

Given under my hand and seal this twelfth day of December, 1967, at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

ATTEST:

FRANKLIN J. FITZPATRICK
Grand Secretary

ROBERT E. BONEY
Grand Exalted Ruler

Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States"—a name adopted after New York was expelled—and the entire lodge was waiting to receive the Grand Lodge dignitaries.

As Ned Hay, a lawyer, said, "It was not then a moment of technical consideration of law nor for hesitation upon any quibbles." Nor did he quibble. The entire delegation went to the doors of New York lodge, which were opened to them.

When the Exalted Ruler of Lodge No. 1, at the altar, saluted the Grand Exalted Ruler, a sort of pandemonium broke loose. Everyone was shouting and crying a few tears, shaking hands, and slapping backs. New York had come home.

After that, it was only a technicality to restore Lodge No. 1 with all its seniority and precedence—if not its former power—and restore all its former members to the Grand Lodge. Past Grand Secretary Moreland was reinstated, upon his own petition. And New York, which had held the Grand Lodge banner during these months of controversy, returned it in a moving ceremony in the session of 1893, when its Grand Lodge members were reseated on the floor.

Patience and good sense, on both sides, had won out. The Elks had passed a troublesome test, and the question of Elkdom being a national Order representing all walks of life was settled forever. Shortly afterward, to quiet the legal question permanently, Grand Lodge sought to secure a Congressional charter. This proved difficult to get at the time, but it was found that incorporation by the District of Columbia served the same purpose. The "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America" was thus nationally incorporated in 1895. It belonged not to any single state but to the entire nation.

However, this painful episode in Elk history had still not taught all Elks that a truly national order always required some willingness to forgive and forget. Elkdom conquered one form of factionalism only to fall prey immediately to another. Like the first crisis, the second, much worse, grew out of a combination of factionalism, personalities, and, perhaps, internal politics.

There is no official record of how this new trouble began, or exactly what the issues were. Anyway, after the passage of time, they became unimportant. What was important was, first, that a movement started which almost destroyed Elkdom permanently, and second, common sense and charity once again prevailed. The great crisis became known as the "Jamestown Controversy."

There was obviously bad feeling be-

tween the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Secretary at the Detroit session of the Grand Lodge in 1893. Ned Hay and Grand Secretary Allen Myers had fallen out. Friction between the Grand Secretary, whoever he might be, and other officers during these years had not been uncommon. One good reason was that the Elk membership was exploding; the remuneration, office, and perhaps as important, recognition of the problems of the Secretary lagged behind the enormous pressure of his duties. He was salaried—the only paid officer—but this money did not always assuage all the slings and arrows the man in contact with all the farflung lodges continually received. In 1880, the Grand Secretary received a raise from \$50 annually to a magnificent \$80. A few years later, this went to \$500, with an office. Finally, in 1889, the secretarial pay was made \$2,500, with a proviso the Grand Secretary could hire an assistant—provided he paid this help out of his own pocket.

In a further burst of liberality, the Grand Lodge had voted that the Grand Exalted Ruler should be reimbursed for "personal mileage" when he traveled about visiting lodges on official Elk business. Since nothing was said about such items as food and shelter, the Grand Exalted Ruler was obviously expected to be entertained by the visited lodges. How this worked out is not recorded.

What seems to have happened is that the Grand Secretary's pay, for a full-time job, was regarded as munificent. It was, then, a very substantial salary. However, unfortunately, some factions within the Order seem also to have regarded it as a sort of political plum. At any rate, friction was not unusual between GERs with their mileage and Grand Secretaries with their monthly pay.

At Detroit in 1893, Grand Exalted Ruler Hay moved that the Grand Secretary's pay be reduced \$1,000, and it was actually brought down to \$2,000. Friends of Myers then put through a resolution restoring it to the old figure, on the basis that the per capita tax had been raised 10¢, and there were sufficient funds. Needless to say, none of this maneuvering, whatever the basic cause, endeared the two officers to each other. And their respective moods spread to coterie of friends, who rapidly coalesced into hostile factions.

It is impossible to discover the real bases of the quarrel from the official record of the 1893 session, for one simple reason. At the end of the session, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Trustees "to expunge and eliminate from the proceedings . . . anything of a personal nature or of a vituperative character reflecting upon

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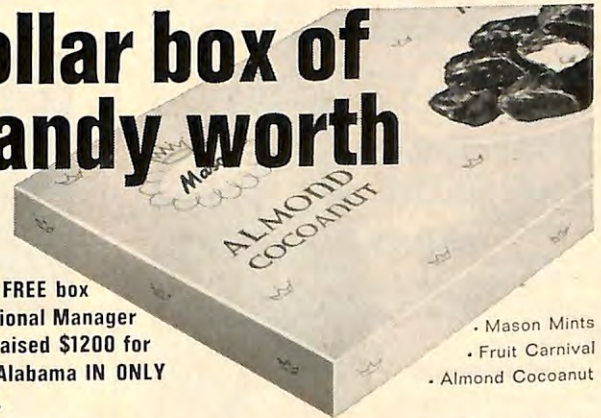
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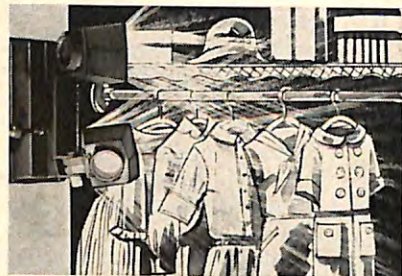
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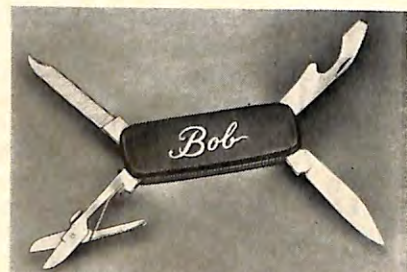
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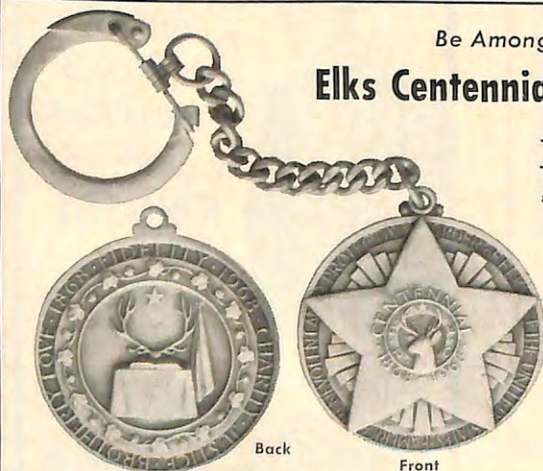
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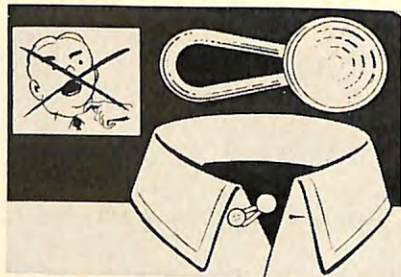
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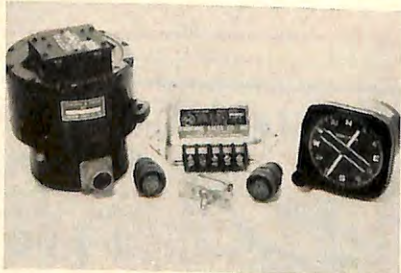
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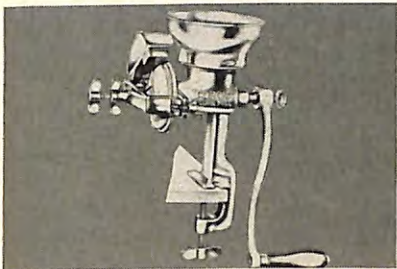
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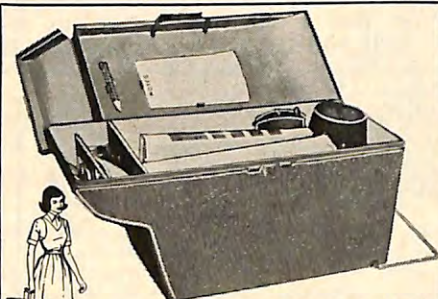
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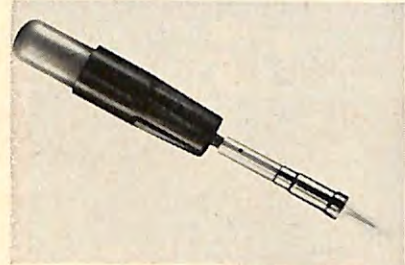
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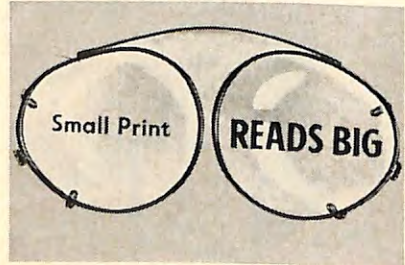
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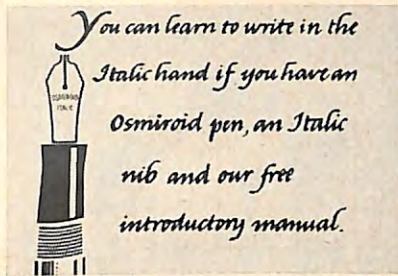
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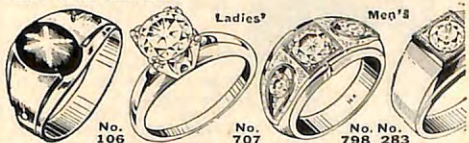
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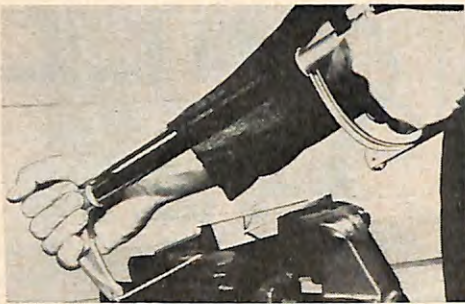
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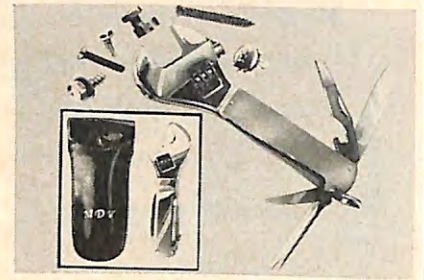
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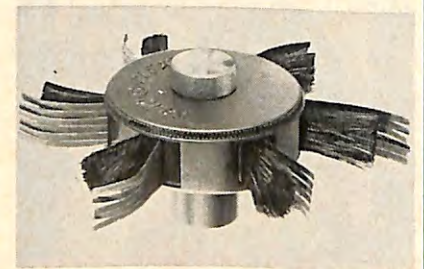


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"Be Thankful You Can See Week" is proclaimed in New Orleans by Mayor Victor H. Schiro (third from left) as part of a statewide observance to stimulate interest in the Louisiana Elks' Southern Eye-Bank in New Orleans. Shown at the ceremonies are (from left): Burgess G. Hazard, New Orleans Lodge chairman; George R. Ketteringham, of Slidell Lodge, who directed the campaign, and Robert L. Simpson, Southern Eye-Bank president.

"Will you help others see?"

That was the question asked by every Louisiana Elk during Thanksgiving week, November 19-25, when the state association conducted a "Be Thankful You Can See Week" campaign throughout the state of Louisiana.

This was a rather unusual campaign in that the primary objective was not money but *eyes!*

The reason? Did it ever occur to you that you can do something that 10 million other people in the world can't do?

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The gift of sight is one of the most precious to own and the most tragic to lose. Fortunately, modern surgical science empowers us to leave this gift to our fellowman when we die.

One out of 20 blind persons in America can be helped by the corneal transplant. The cornea, often referred to as "the windowpane of the eye," is the thin, clear, outer tissue of the eye, about the size and thickness of a dime, through which light passes. When sickness or injury makes this windowpane cloudy, it is like pulling down a dark shade, and the outside world becomes a dim blur.

Science has discovered that by replacing the diseased or injured cornea with a fresh, healthy one, sight can be restored. This delicate surgical operation involves taking a healthy cornea, or part of it, from a donor eye by means of a small precision instrument known as a trephine. An identical portion of the scarred or cloudy cornea is then removed from the patient's eye, by use of the same instrument. The clear, healthy cornea is transplanted to replace it, and secured by tiny sutures. Corneal transplants or grafts are successful 85 percent of the time.

The main deterrent for corneal transplant surgery is the unavailability of donor

eyes. Every time a deceased person is buried with his eyes, the possibility of sight in one eye for two living persons has been lost. Every eye, regardless of age, sex, race, or visual activity, can be used—even the eyes of people with cataracts. The only contra-indications are eyes from persons with acute infection, syphilis, or malignant tumor.

In order to facilitate the receiving, processing, and delivery of donor eyes, Eye-Banks and the Eye-Bank Association of America have been established. These are not "banks" in the true sense of the word, but are actually clearing houses for fresh eye tissue. They collect, save, and distribute corneal tissue. The donated cornea is made available, without discrimination or charges of any kind, to the person who needs it. A qualified ophthalmologist determines when the patient is ready for surgery and performs the operation when the corneal material is available. The Eye-Banks are responsible for getting people to pledge their eyes for use after death and, when notified that eyes are available, arrange for the removal and delivery to an eye surgeon with a waiting patient. The eyes must be removed within two hours after death, preserved in a saline, antibiotic solution at four degrees Centigrade, and used for surgery within 72 hours.

To expedite the Eye-Banks' service of receiving and transporting eyes, many helping hands are needed. Ham radio operators form a nationwide communications network. All the airlines transport the eyes free of charge. Doctors, hospitals, the American Red Cross and state and local police voluntarily cooperate.

The Louisiana Elks, largely due to the efforts of Brother Willis C. McDonald, New Orleans Lodge No. 30, became a sponsor of the Southern Eye-Bank in New Orleans in 1952 and have since increased their support. They have not only become the primary sponsor, but also have become active in the administration and promotional af-

fairs of the Southern Eye-Bank. Five Elk Brothers, George Lupo and Willis McDonald, New Orleans Lodge No. 30, Claude Elbourne, Baton Rouge Lodge No. 490, and George Ketteringham and Martin Moe, Slidell Lodge No. 2321, serve on the Board of Trustees. The LESA President, currently Richard Glaholt, Shreveport Lodge No. 122, is an ex officio member. In conjunction with the Board representation, Dr. Clark is chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee, George Ketteringham is chairman of the Eye-Bank Publicity Committee, Martin Moe and William Kahn (Shreveport Lodge No. 122) are LESA Eye-Bank Committee Co-Chairmen, and each Lodge in the State has established an Eye-Bank Committee to handle eye donors, fund raising, publicity and public education. LESA President Dick Glaholt stresses that the state associations who are seeking a major project should contact the Eye-Banks in their respective areas. Many do need financial as well as administrative assistance. *They all need eyes.*

The main appeal of the Louisiana Elks at this time is for *eyes*. Just think! If all Brother Elks would contact their local Eye-Banks and pledge their eyes upon death, a potential of more than 3,000,000 eyes would be made available. What greater epitaph could there be than—"He gave his eyes so that others might see?"

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15. Lions Eye-Bank Atlanta, Ga.
16. Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation Eye-Bank, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Lodge Visits of Robert E. Boney

B.P.O. Elks Centennial 1868-1968

New York's North Central District Elks and their wives greet the Grand Exalted Ruler at Ogdensburg Lodge. Pictured with Brother Boney (from left): the Rev. Francis White, state chaplain; ER Elmer R. Wili; Mrs. Wili; Mrs. Francis P. Hart; Mrs. Boney; Grand Trustee Francis P. Hart, Watertown; PGER Ronald J. Dunn, Oneida; Mrs. Dunn, and PDD Lawrence E. Rapin, Ogdensburg.



North Dakota Governor William L. Guy, an Elk, welcomes GER Robert E. Boney to his office during the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Bismarck Lodge. Governor Guy is showing an album which records the fact that Theodore Roosevelt once ranched in North Dakota. Standing are Bismarck ER Carl Elliott (left) and PGER Raymond C. Dobson, of Minot. Brother Boney also spoke at a dinner at Bismarck Lodge's new home. Among those present were Governor and Mrs. Guy, Bismarck Mayor and Mrs. E. V. Lahr Jr., and Grand Tiler and Mrs. Cliff E. Reed, Minot.



GER Robert E. Boney took time out to participate in Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge's 50th anniversary celebration. Eminent Ohio Elks present included (first row, from left): PGER Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville; DDGER Laurence E. Starkey, Ashtabula; Nelson E. W. Stuart, Chicago, of Cleveland Lodge, executive director of the Elks National Foundation; SP Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green; ER George J. Novotny; Delaware PER Walter Penry, Radnor, GL lodge activities committeeman, and VP George B. Walker, Willoughby, and (back row): state Trustee Earl E. Sloan, Elyria; Lakewood PER C. M. Burns, Fairview Park, state community welfare chairman; Wilferd R. Gentile, Willoughby, district activities chairman; PDD George L. Little, Lakewood; James A. Ryan, Euclid, state Foundation chairman, and Irving W. Davies, Lakewood, state sergeant at arms and chairman of the event.



Assistant Chief Scout Executive Robert Billington presents a plaque to GER Robert E. Boney during a luncheon in his honor at the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America in New Brunswick, N.J. The plaque commemorates the rodeo the Elks made possible at the 12th World Jamboree of Boy Scouts last August in Farragut State Park, Idaho. Also pictured are PGER William J. Jernick (left), Nutley, N.J., the Elks liaison officer with the Boy Scouts, and Dr. Albert E. Iverson, director of institutional relationships for the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Iverson also presented a miniature Scout statuette and barometer to Brother Boney, who was the 11th Grand Exalted Ruler to visit the Boy Scout headquarters since it was established in New Brunswick 13 years ago.



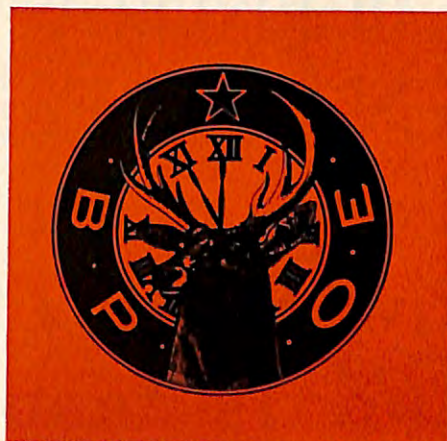
GER Robert E. Boney is welcomed to Montpelier, Vt., Lodge by ER Robert W. Milne. About 400 persons, among them Vermont SP John L. Barber, Bellows Falls, and other eminent Elk and civic leaders, attended a dinner at the lodge marking Brother Boney's visit to Vermont. During the evening, each of the 13 Vermont lodges presented gifts to Brother Boney and DDGERs Theodore H. Buck, Newport, and John E. Ahearn, Bennington, presented \$100 certificates in Brother Boney's name to the Elks National Foundation and the Silver Towers Camp, the state major project serving retarded children, respectively.



At Brainerd, Minn., Lodge, GER Robert E. Boney poses for a photograph with officers of the Minnesota State Elks Assn. Shown are (first row): VP Steve Sadowski, Winona; PGER Raymond C. Dobson; SP Everett F. Anderson, Brainerd; Brother Boney; VP William R. Thompson, Hibbing, and VP Verdie M. Gysland, Hopkins, and (second row): DDGER A. J. Carew, International Falls; DDGER Orville Hopfe, Austin; PER M. H. Carlson; PER Larry Moening; ER John T. Kennedy; state Tiler James P. Berg, Fairmont; DDGER James A. Metcalf, Fergus Falls, and state Secy. F. Parker Campbell, Brainerd. Brainerd Elks held a banquet and initiated a 25-member Grand Exalted Ruler class.



GER Robert E. Boney and PGER Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, Ohio, join in the Pledge of Allegiance at the Michigan Elks Assn. fall conference held at Petoskey, Mich., Lodge. The photograph is of SP Lewis L. Nurnberger.



Grand Exalted Ruler Boney samples Maine lobster during his visit to the state. The party, held at Poland Spring, was hosted by the Maine Elks Assn. Pictured with Brother Boney are (from left): Concord, N.H., PER Robert S. Ordway; Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Raymond J. Quesnel, Montpelier, Vt.; Mrs. Quesnel; Mrs. Boney; SDGER Edward A. Spry, Roxbury, Mass.; Carl Quesnel, and Mrs. W. Edward Wilson.



Sharing conversation with GER Robert E. Boney at a luncheon meeting during his visit to Latrobe, Pa., Lodge are (from left): SP William C. Kuhn, Gettysburg; PGER Lee A. Donaldson, Pittsburgh, of Etna Lodge; ER George L. Stumpf; Grand Est. Lect. Kt. James P. Ebersberber, Latrobe, and Arnold J. Haberkorn, district deputy to the GER.



Welcoming GER Robert E. Boney to New Hampshire are (from left) SP and Concord PER Charles A. Coffin, lodge secretary, and Concord ER Gregory T. Mamos. On the right is PGER John E. Fenton, Boston, Mass. Concord Lodge hosted a reception and dinner honoring Brother Boney, which was attended by more than 200 Elks and their guests.

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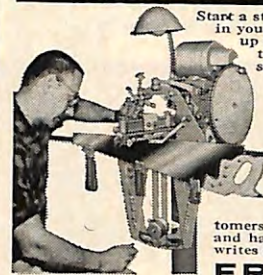
PDD James A. Ellis, an active Elk since his initiation in 1925 into Carnegie, Pa., Lodge, died Oct. 21.

One of the few Elks who have had the honor to serve two terms as a District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler under successive Grand Exalted Rulers, Brother Ellis was named to the position in 1934 by then GER Michael F. Shannon and was reappointed in 1935 by then GER James T. Hallinan.

When Pennsylvania lodges were redistricted in 1959, Brother Ellis helped organize the new Metropolitan District, comprised of 16 lodges in the Pittsburgh area. He was named district Chaplain and district Advisory Committee chairman, in which capacity he was serving at the time of his death. He had been President of Pennsylvania's former Southwest District.

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TIPS ON

By JERRY HULSE

TRAVEL



After two decades of spiraling travel records, 1968 is a question mark. What with the lowest air fares in history and a curious America, the U.S. no doubt could set a new mark for traveling abroad. But President Johnson's request that Americans curb their overseas travel may change all that. According to an Elks survey, Europe was host to an unprecedented 2 million American tourists last year. Industry leaders predicted that 1968 would see the greatest mass movement of humans since travel really took wings following World War II. In the tour department there would be something for everyone, from anthropologists to zoologists.

By and large the industry's optimistic outlook stemmed from new air fare structures which make it possible to fly, for

example, from New York to London and home again for only \$1.47 more than it costs to fly to Los Angeles, roundtrip. The low group fare across the Atlantic to London is only \$230 as compared with \$228.53 for the New York-Los Angeles-New York flight. This will tempt thousands of Americans to leave the airmchair for a seat aboard a jetliner. Other broad new fares established recently have cut the flying costs to the Orient, South Pacific, and South America as well. One result of all this is that you can no longer depend on an *off-season*, the time of year previously given over to leisurely travel following the summer rush. Instead, Rome may be as crowded in April as in August. Since this article is devoted primarily to travel tips, keep in mind the idea that

the off-season on longer really exists. The wise will make their reservations well in advance.

Just before Christmas last year I tried to rent a car in Acapulco. The man behind the Hertz counter said there was a waiting list. "How long?" I asked. "Two weeks," he replied. So you see what I mean. Any major holiday, of course, sees resort areas more crowded than usual. But with big conventions growing every year, often they are nearly as busy the rest of the year.

If you go overseas you'll be flying from one time zone into another. To escape what is commonly called the "jet lag" go a couple of days early to rest up before starting your ground tour. The effects of flying helter-skelter from one time zone to the next can be extremely exhausting. The subject came under the scrutiny of scientists a while back; they found that anyone who flies from today into tomorrow, yesterday into today—whatever the switch—will be groggy for several days. This news comes as no surprise to anyone who has flown to Europe. Possibly you will recall how you barely finished dinner only

to have the stewardess tell you it was now time for breakfast. Your watch may say it is only midnight back in New York, but already the sky is getting light outside.

If you plan to drive, remember that only Portugal, Spain, and Austria require an international driver's license. One is necessary in Italy only if the car carries an Italian registry. Conversely, the international license is required in most every eastern European country. Applications may be made at any Auto-Europe agency in the U.S. or from the American Automobile Association. Take along two passport-size photos and \$3. Anyone with an ordinary driver's license is eligible. There are no driving tests.

Camping across Europe is the newest wrinkle among Americans trying to escape other Americans. For some reason Americans have the idea that it's gauche to run into another American while traveling abroad. As a result, camping is the new high in snobbery. Scattered around the continent are more than 2,000 campsites, some primitive, others offering everything from electricity and gas to wash racks for your car. Should the idea sound appealing, a camping carnet costs \$10 and can be purchased from auto clubs and travel agencies.

The big plus in favor of running around Europe by car is the opportunity to visit towns and villages seldom seen by Americans on the grand tour of European cities.

Rail travel in Europe, like everything else, is going up. For the first time in four years the Eurailpass for Western Europe has taken a boost. The 21-day pass was hiked from \$99 to \$110, the month-long pass from \$130 to \$140, the two-month pass from \$175 to \$180, and the three-month pass from \$205 to \$210. Still, the Eurailpass is one of travel's best buys, offering unlimited travel in 13 Western European countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. In addition, your Eurailpass will get you free passage on Swiss lake steamers, Rhine steamers, the Europabus running between Paris and Nice, and buses of the Romantic Road and Road of Castle Line in West Germany.

In Britain \$50 will buy you travel on all her trains for 15 days plus steamers plying the Clyde Coast and Loch Lomond. The Brit-Rail Pass of British Rail-International is England's thrifty answer to the continent's Eurailpass. Besides the Brit-Rail Pass, there are Thrift-Rail Coupons available for 1,000 miles of second class travel for \$30. Both pass and coupon are sold by U.S. travel agents. Remember, though, that they cannot be bought in Britain. They must be obtained before leaving home.

With London the most popular gateway in Europe—a title stolen away from France after the DeGaulle incidents—there is a new service worth considering called Take-A-Guide. This is a plan for the person who loathes the idea of an organized tour. Briefly, a driver-guide saves you the trouble of renting a car and driving yourself. Besides the ordinary London tour, you can do "Literary London," "Rustic London," and "London at Night." The latter takes in the city's swinging night clubs and gambling caves. Then there are excursions into the English countryside—to Bath, Chartwell, the Shakespeare country, Oxford, and Blenheim Palace. Take-A-Guide is operated by a former Oxford student who employs 75 other young students. The cost for a half-day tour of London is \$12, and a trip out to Chartwell costs \$28 by private car. Now TAG has arranged for tourists to spend the night in country houses and castles with British families. If it sounds appealing, write to Take-A-Guide, 11 Old Bond Street, London, W.1.

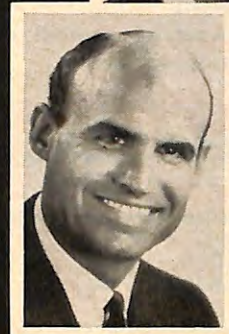
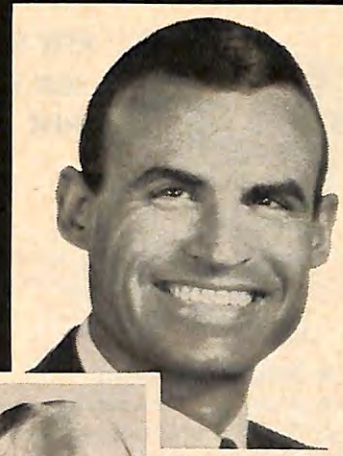
Across the English Channel the British have begun invading France, penetrating deep into French territory by canal. You will recall how for years the British have been turning a dollar by offering canal tours. Now the idea has been extended to France, the result being that tourists are sailing as well as driving across French soil. A British company, Continental Waterway Cruises, inaugurated the service starting at Fontainebleau and moving down through Burgundy to Macon and back. The only hitch is time. It takes seven weeks one way, which points up the leisurely pace. Passengers on a short time budget, though, may sign on for as little as seven days, getting off en route and returning by bus. Actually, the boat is a barge, the *Palinurus*, which comes equipped with a dozen cabins, a sun deck, showers, a bar, and a salon for dancing. Meals are prepared by a French chef, which means the food has to be excellent. When the barge ties up passengers go off to explore the countryside. While they're gone the chef hurries off to shop for dinner, buying fresh vegetables, still-hot bread, wines of the particular region, live chickens, and fresh eggs. The pace is peacefully slow. The *Palinurus* travels only 8 to 20 miles a day. Passengers take bicycles from the barge and ride alongside it. Others bicycle away with picnic lunches. Occasionally they accompany the crew into town at night, taking in the local cafes and pubs. Fares start at around \$100 a week and include breakfast, lunch, and a magnificent dinner.

Germany, though, has been the water-tour leader for years. Her Rhine sailings, which combine motorcoach and

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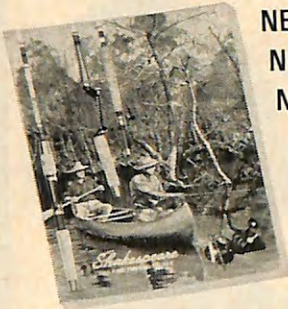
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Warm Hearts, Cool Heads

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any member of Grand Lodge." This action, which was taken, effectively removed most of what the warring factions said.

The Grand Lodge adjourned from Detroit with some deep wounds and internal bleeding. On one side were the immediate Past Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Trustees. On the other was the newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler and the carry-over Secretary. An assortment of lodges stood behind each.

At Detroit, Elks had not been able to decide on a site for the 1894 Grand Lodge session. The question was finally referred, by unanimous vote, to the Grand Trustees, who were empowered to name the date and place.

Once again, the question of where the Grand Lodge would meet became the focal point of a split in the Order.

The Grand Trustees selected Atlantic City, in June 1894, and so informed the Grand Exalted Ruler, Astley Apperly, of Louisville Lodge No. 8. Apperly disagreed with this choice, on the grounds that proper bids had not been secured and the decision was made prematurely. He convened a meeting of the Committee on Laws and Appeals to discuss the matter. Only one committee member showed up, so Apperly appointed two new members.

This committee was of the opinion that the choice of Atlantic City had

been made without taking into consideration what was most convenient and economical for the membership, and that the Trustees were forcing the site down Elkdom's throat. On the grounds that no bids were sought, nor any other site seriously considered, the Committee on Laws and Appeals ruled the choice of Atlantic City null and void and that the Grand Trustees had exceeded their authority.

It must again be remembered that this specific argument masked a hostility and factionalism that had sprouted like a poisonous mushroom within the ranks. The two sides could have just as easily quarreled over something else.

What now occurred was that the Grand Exalted Ruler called for the session to be at Jamestown, on Lake Chautauqua, New York, while the Grand Trustees held firm for Atlantic City. In June 1894, the Grand Lodge actually met in two separate sessions. One hundred ninety-three members, representing 80 lodges, went to Atlantic City. One hundred thirty-eight Elks, from 85 lodges, showed up at Jamestown. Each session elected its own slate of officers and passed its own resolutions. This was no longer factionalism but civil war.

A large number of prominent Elks, who had been or would be influential in the Order, went to each place.

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Plans for achieving the Boys' Clubs of America goal of 1,000 clubs for 1,000,000 boys are discussed by Hugh H. Cranford, executive secretary of Optimist International, James A. Farley, former postmaster general and a member of the national board of directors of Boys' Clubs of America, and Grand Secy. and PDD Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Chicago, of Lynbrook, N.Y., Lodge. The photo was taken at a recent meeting in New York City of the National Service Organizations Advisory Committee of Boys' Clubs of America.

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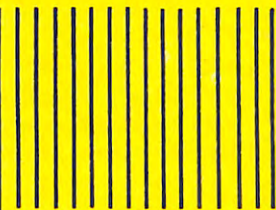
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Tips on Travel

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steamer travel, were booked to capacity last year. Especially popular was the one-day excursion from Cologne to Frankfurt with lunch included for only \$14. Holland, Germany, and Switzerland are included in a three-day Rhone River tour for less than \$60. Daily departures are from Amsterdam for Zurich and Lucerne. One may also do the trip in reverse.

With all the skipping around Europe, somebody is bound to go broke. There is something terribly disconcerting, to put it mildly, about running out of money while running around the Continent. Those old fears can now be forgotten. In Brussels, a credit card was created recently which is accepted by more than 3,400 hotels in 1,519 cities and towns across Western Europe. Likewise, it is accepted by restaurants and car rental agencies and airlines. Card carriers are given personal baggage tags and a directory listing prices and ratings of the hotels and restaurants. Members also receive maps pointing out the various places. If you're wor-

ried about going broke in Europe, write for Eurocard, 660 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. Memberships are \$15.

At the same time, if you worry about finding an English-speaking doctor in case of illness, contact Intermedic at 777 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. The organization lists doctors in cities around the world, not only Europe. Physician members charge \$8 for an office call, \$10 for hotel visits, and \$15 for night calls. The tab for joining Intermedic is \$5, or there are family memberships for \$9. In return you receive a directory of doctors and a card identifying you as a member, as well as a sense of security.

While I have concentrated mainly on Europe in this article—it's still everyone's big dream—there are literally hundreds of tours to every part of the world. Both Thomas Cook & Son and American Express are touting remarkably inexpensive trips. If you can't make up your mind call your travel agent.

Youth Thanks Elks "For Helping Me Help Myself"

Members of Concord, Mass., Lodge recently received a special notice in which a letter to the lodge from a scholarship recipient was repeated. The lodge's statement in the notice reads:

"The letter itself is self-explanatory, but the fact that the work our lodge has been doing is appreciated in such a way as this should be gratifying to each and every Brother."

The letter reads, in part:

Dear Concord Elks,
April of 1967 was a month of elation and a month of grief, a month of confidence and a month of dismay, and a month of security and a month of insecurity for me. In April I was told that I was accepted to Colby College (Waterville, Maine). At this news I was elated because college was a definite goal in my high school career, I was confident because I was self-assured that I was 'college material,' and I was secure because now I knew what the next four years of my life would encounter.

By the same token, however, I was grieved, for now for the first time I had to seriously consider the financial difficulties of college; I was dismayed because I was now aware that I could not obtain financial aid from Colby College, and I was insecure because now I respected the fact that college would be a financial impossibility with-

out some kind of aid with respect to money.

For the next two months I was relatively uncertain as to what the future would hold for me. With some sort of scholarship I might be able to go to Colby, but without it I would be unable to go and the efforts of the last four years of my life would be made futile.

In June, however, I learned that I had been awarded the Jack Bent Memorial Scholarship of the Elks Lodge in Concord. I won't try to write down how gratified I was to learn that college would be possible for me. It's unfortunate that kids in high school should have to need money for something as basic to life as a well-rounded education, but my own case will testify to this fact.

I have only the most heart-filled thanks to express to all the members of Concord Lodge. I can assure you that now that I am in college, I plan to stay here and make more than good use of the Jack Bent Memorial Scholarship.

Please never fail to see the importance of aiding a high school senior in his expenses for college. The value of these pecuniary gifts is multiplied many times later on in the youth's life.

Once again, thanks for helping me help myself.

Sincerely,

John T. Hopkins

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Florida Keys Tarpon "Hunting"

I was standing on the bow of the guide's skiff, peering intently into the clear water as the Florida sun glared brightly on the flats. Then the guide pointed silently to my right and held up three fingers. I spotted them—three slim, dark shapes gliding through the water at a depth of about eight feet. I lifted the tip of my fly rod and held the large coil of fly line lightly in my left hand. As the shadowy submarine figures got to within about 50 feet of the boat I cast the orange streamer out, quartering from the bow, then began a slow steady retrieve of the fly.

Fish and fly intercepted and I could clearly see a gaping mouth open, then close. Simultaneously I felt a hard strike. Then—the explosion!

Fifty pounds of silver dynamite erupted in a gleaming thrust from the water just 20 feet from the boat. I had just enough presence of mind to "bow" to the fish; that is, drop the rod tip sharply to give him slack for the jump. Then it was hang on and listen to the reel scream against the drag as he ran. Fly line was now gone from the reel and the braided backing began to run smoothly through the guides—and another twisting jump, followed by a splash seemingly big enough to signal a boulder dropped in the water.

Twenty minutes, five more jumps, and a good case of strained arms later the guide slipped a gaff into iron-clad jaws and released the finest fish fighter I've ever fought on a fly rod—the tarpon.

Tarpon fishing off the Florida Keys in spring and early summer is a unique experience. To my knowledge this is the only area in the country where the big battlers are actually "hunted." That is, you stake out in a guide boat and sight your fish before casting to them. This combines the elements of hunting and fishing, and when you're using a fly rod I believe this has got to be the finest fishing sport there is.

For this kind of fly fishing you need a sturdy rod about nine feet long, and an extension on the butt section for fighting the fish is desirable, too. Most important reel needs are a good, smooth drag and capacity for about 200 yards of 20-pound backing line plus the fly line itself.

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FLORENCE, Colorado, ER Mario DiNardo (first row, right) is host to state and Grand Lodge officials on their recent visit to the lodge. Next to Brother DiNardo is DDGER Clarence C. Amerine, Canon City. In the rear are VP Eugene F. Costello, Denver; SP Maurice I. Gardner, Grand Junction; VP and PDD James Viola, Florence, and state Secy. and PDD James L. Sterling, Canon City.



THREE SCOUTS of a Newport, Oreg., Lodge-sponsored troop receive their Eagle Scout badges at a court of honor. They are (second row): John Becker and John and Paul Barker. Also pictured are PER and Trustee James J. Seitz (left), master of ceremonies, Eagle Scouts Tom Becker and Will and Bob Eastman, and Scoutmaster Ben Eastman.



LEBANON, Oregon, Est. Loyal Kt. James Waggoner presents the lodge's \$1,500 check for the Lebanon School for Retarded Children to Mrs. Everett Smith, school director. Looking on are Laurence Morley, Justice of the lodge Forum and PSP William H. Warden, the lodge's Trustees chairman.

FARMINGTON, New Mexico, Lodge's old-timers are honored with the presentation of service pins and with an initiation class. Seated are S. R. Bellmaine, a member for 41 years; Robert Kunitz, 29 years; Joe O. Campbell, 44 years; M. L. Faverino, 33 years, and Bradley Keyes, 30 years. Standing are C. M. Tansey, a member for 28 years; Herbert Johnson, 25 years; Est. Lead. Kt. Kenneth Carlisle, 26 years; C. M. Trospen, 27 years; Trustee Don Welsh, 28 years, and L. H. Lincoln, 31 years.

EUGENE, Oregon, Elks recently initiated a class of 124 candidates in honor of GER Robert E. Boney during an official visit of DDGER George M. Linn, Myrtle Point, of Coquille Valley Lodge.



AUBURN, Washington, ritualists recently initiated 226 men in the lodge's Robert E. Boney Centennial Class during the official visit of DDGER Robert W. Holder, Tacoma. The lodge's Exalted Ruler is Charles A. Gaines.



PHOENIX ER and Dr. John E. Van Such (left) presents an Honorary Life Membership to F. E. (Ed) White as PGER George I. Hall takes part in a similar presentation to Foster W. Kelly.



SIX BOY SCOUTS of Riverside, Calif., Elks' Troop No. 74 relate the histories of various flags during a lodge meeting. The presentations were guided by Wesley Mackey, Boy Scout chairman, and Ernest Oberschmidt, Americanism chairman.



TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Elks recently initiated a Centennial Class of 30 candidates during the official visit of DDGER Robert W. Jackson (seated, center), Gooding. Flanking him are Gooding PER Walter Nelson (left), who served as Esquire to Brother Jackson, and ER Thomas M. Wilkins.

ON HAND TO WELCOME California SP Marvin M. Lewis (center), Brawley, on his visit to Big Bear Lake Lodge are host ER Ed Lechner Jr., PDD and PSP Guy A. Daniels, Redlands, VP Herbert G. Jefford, Trona, and DDGER Willard D. Hagen, Victorville.



VAN NUYS, California, ER Richard D. Smith rests beside an 8-foot, 65-pound cross he and other Elks have just installed at Soledad Canyon Boys' Ranch, Acton, supervised by Father Garrett (right). The lodge presented the cross to the clergyman for his outstanding work in the rehabilitation of teen-age boys. The cross was built by Brother Jim Smith.



TWO MEMBERS of Marysville, Calif., Lodge's Boy Scout Troop No. 21—Harold Carlson and John Leder—win Eagle Scout status. The badges were conferred by the Order of the Knights of Dumas in a ceremony at the lodge.





VALLEJO, California, ER Jack Minero (center) holds the charter the lodge just has received for Sea Scout Ship *Vallejo*. Others present at the lodge ceremony were Quartermaster Michael Callahan of Napa Lodge's Sea Scout Ship No. 90, who received a flag and a certificate of merit; Skipper John Clunie of that ship; Commodore Arthur Bowen, who conducted the ceremony; Paul Carver, Vallejo, institutional representative; Skipper H. Knox Fitzpatrick of the *Vallejo*, who received a plaque and a certificate of appreciation for his years of service, and Quartermaster Gary Waymire of the *Vallejo*, who received a flag and a certificate of merit.



HOLLISTER, California, Secy. James Kludt (center) accepts the Grinders Club of Tres Pinos trophy from Brother Frank Borovich for entering the winning frog for the lodge in the frog-jumping contest at the San Benito County Fair in Bolado Park. Looking on is Est. Loyal Kt. Carl Hindman. Brother Kludt entered the champion frog for the lodge for the second consecutive year. Eighteen of the club's 20 members are Elks.



A PROUD FATHER—James Kidder of Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge—congratulates Richard, one of his three sons, who recently was initiated into the lodge along with 17 other candidates. Looking on are Brother Kidder's other two sons—Donald and Edward.



ALHAMBRA, California, Lodge honors members with 15 to 55 years of service. Among these are (first row): Fred Geddes, William Egle, and James Kehler, all 50-year members; Fred Turner, the lodge's only living charter and 55-year member; DDGER Donal Meehan, a 24-year member, and ER LaRue Smith, a 33-year member. In the second row are PDD Carroll Nordquist, Pasadena; PDD Thomas F. McCue, Alhambra, a 53-year member and event chairman, and his son, Thomas P., a 25-year member.



OXNARD, California, Elks recently initiated a class of 31 to honor their senior Past Exalted Ruler and 59-year charter member—Henry M. Borchard (first row, third from left)—on his 89th birthday. Others in the first row are PDD A. Carl Dwire Jr., Oxnard; PDD Willard Fowler, Ventura; ER Paul E. Pecht; DDGER William D. Vickery, Santa Barbara; PDD John J. Cabot, Pasadena, and Oxnard PER Walter W. Schlichter, Esquire to Brother Vickery.



ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Elks honor 16 old-timers, representing continuous membership dating to 1908, at their annual "51-er" Night. Seated are Roy Strome, M. B. Pugh, R. R. Nicholas, N. J. Cannon, Jake S. Armijo, John A. Flaska, Dr. E. R. Biddle, and George Faber. Standing are C. Elmer Reihl, F. C. Cummins, Earl Bowdich, William F. Myer, ER Richard L. Pederson, PER Philip J. Hubbell, Frank Hubbell, Shelby Hendrix, and George Ringler.

Letters

From Our Readers

Turning 65

In "What It's Like to Turn 65 Today" your writer has made a serious error. Near the bottom of the first column on page 7 of the January 1968 issue he says that "Medical, dental, and drug expenses are totally deductible after 65, too." He had better look at the current edition of Form 1040 and he will learn differently. What he said was true for 1966 but is not true for 1967.

Paul Fahey
Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Hello, Bill"

Just wanted to drop you a line regarding your editorial "A Disappearing Tradition" in the November 1967 issue.

Just about a year ago, during the holiday season, a local member artist decorated our back-bar mirrors in the club-rooms with scenes depicting the holiday season. One of these was a watercolor painting of the head of an elk, with the greeting "Hi, Bill" painted alongside it. I left this up all year, and it has aroused a lot of questions from members about what the saying means.

Thought I would let you know that the saying "Hi, Bill" has not disappeared from this lodge, and we intend to keep promoting it.

Jim Daugherty
Idaho Springs, Colo.

Cease-Fire in Vietnam

The article "Which Kind of Cease-Fire in Vietnam?" in the October issue was excellent. Please give us more of this same type of writing.

Also, your editorials "Extremism Condemned," in the October issue, and "Russia—Fifty Years Later," in November, were excellent.

Robert P. Gagne
North Adams, Mass.

The Christmas Story

For a number of years I have been reading THE ELKS MAGAZINE, first my father's and now my own. I want the people on the magazine staff to know that I have read a lot of good articles and stories, but the short story entitled "The Crogan's Christmas in the Snowshed" in the December issue is the best you have ever printed.

The story is very heart-warming, and I believe everyone should read it. It has really put me in the holiday spirit.

E. Eugene Goodrum
Thomasville, Ga.

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The new lost

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WE HEAR SO MUCH TALK these days about the fact that half of our population is under 25 years of age that we tend to overlook the fact that the other half is *over 25*—or, to put in another way, over the hill.

Those of us in this latter group—numbering a respectable 98 million—constitute a new lost generation. Nobody designs cars for us any more. Nobody writes songs we can sing or makes records for us. It's years since Nelson Eddy sliced up a little short'ning bread for his fans. For that matter, who is so bold as to admit in broad daylight that he even remembers mam-



my's little baby loved short'ning bread?

The trouble with our side is that we lack organization. If we don't get off our rockers and kick up a fuss we may find ourselves suffering the same fate as the group that had 36 percent more cavities. Nobody gives a hoot about *their* plight. All eyes are focused on the grinning, glittering-teeth crowd—the under-25ers. But where would the dentists be without the 36-percent-cavity trade?

The 50 percent majority who are under 25 are inventive, which helps their cause. They have done away with the old-fashioned concept of sin, for example. In our day, if we strayed from the straight and narrow we suffered not only the pangs of conscience but a clout on the side of the head. For emphasis we were sent to bed without supper and had our 50 cents allowance cut off.

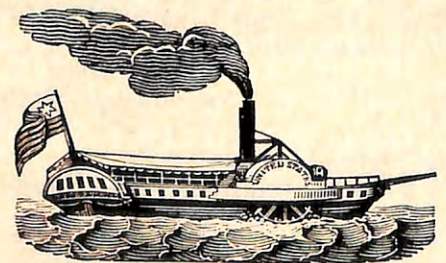
No such bourgeois nonsense clutters

the minds of today's wee folks. Sin has been discarded for something called "the meaningful experience" in the controlling subculture of the under-25ers. This simply means that when you heist a car for a joyride, or crack up the old man's jalopy, it's not a misdemeanor, it's a meaningful experience, a way of identifying with your peer group.

We old folks aren't against this, mind you. We're just sorry we didn't think up this angle. It would have saved us a lot of clouts.

The attitude of the under-25ers is reflected in their music, those pentatonic, percussive sounds that make the new lost generation yearn for the return of Lady Esther and Wayne King. Rock 'n roll was bad enough, but now there is a thing called folk rock and there is Joan Baez, exponent of a new art form known as the instant folk song. If Joan Baez doesn't like something she doesn't waste time writing to her congressman about it. She bats out a folk song and, trailed by a raggle-taggle band of the Faithful, she yelps out her threnody under the congressman's window. She's the modern Eve—on the eve of destruction.

Another reason our new generation of over-25ers is lost is that we are hopelessly divided. Unlike the 50 percent majority, we can display no monolithic face to the world. Indeed, we are split three ways. First, there are those heading for the wastland of their thirties. They won't carry their fair share of the



load because they are loathe to admit that they are In with our Out group. They're so busy trying to stay young that they get old before their time. Next, we have those who grew up believing that life begins at 40. They discovered, when they started picking up the tabs for tuition and Homecoming weekends, that what begins at 40

is actually a whole new set of problems.

The third splinter group comprises an elite corps—the senior citizens. Unfortunately for our side, they tend to look upon the rest of us with hauteur. The truth is, they've already got it made, and they couldn't care less.

A similar divisiveness brought about the downfall of the Whigs. What our side needs is some new Lochinvar, some middle-aged guy with hair, perhaps a sociologically inclined Cary Grant, who could rally our spirits and rouse us to action. Such a leader could launch a few credit or social security card burnings and stage some sit-ins at local drive-in theaters, demanding more

Gene Autry pictures and possibly the return of the Thin Man.

If we must endure the stridencies of the Rolling Stones and the Beatles, perhaps we should force the under-25ers to listen to our old Rudy Vallee records or some early Glen Gray.

Even if we don't organize for our fair share of attention in the Great Society, there remains one hope we can cling to. The under-25ers may have it all their way for the moment, but they are bound to get their comeuppance. Sooner than they realize, they will be over 25 and drummed out of the Pepsi generation. Then they'll see how the other half lives. It'll serve them right.

Warm Hearts, Cool Heads

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Inevitably, both sides went to court, with injunctions and appeals, and with actions and counter actions. Ned Hay had been reelected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Atlantic City Elks, while Meade Detweiler, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, headed the Jamestown herd. Meanwhile, a number of lodges, appalled by what was happening, tried to bring about some kind of conciliation, and meanwhile, amazingly, the Order continued to grow—some new lodges reporting to one Grand Secretary, others chartered by the rival Grand Lodge.

In June, 1895, the Supreme Court of the state of New York ruled that the action of the Grand Exalted Ruler in changing the meeting place from Atlantic City to Jamestown, New York, was illegal and void. But the Supreme Court of New York could not put the scattered Elk herd back together again. Only Elks themselves could do that.

There is much evidence that by now cool heads were once again prevailing. The existence of two Elk organizations was considered ridiculous, and a travesty on the ideals and purposes of the fraternity. A meeting of opposing factions was held at Buffalo, New York, and while this was not a Grand Lodge session, it took on the characteristics of one. Here a great number of issues were discussed as rationally as possible. The result hung in the balance—but Elks did not, could not, hold petty grudges. A compromise was hammered out, in the grand American tradition, with malice toward none and charity toward all.

This compromise included the following main points:

(1) That the Grand Lodge be reunited, and actions taken by the Atlantic City session reenacted by the reunited Lodge.

(2) That both "Grand Lodges" in 1894 be considered as legitimately instituted—there would be no heresy charges or expulsions.

(3) That all per capita taxes paid by subordinate lodges, regardless of where paid, be considered as duly paid.

(4) That all paid-up members of any subordinate lodge who were also members of Grand Lodge be admitted to the reunited Grand Lodge.

(5) That all suits and litigation be dropped at once.

(6) That all financial questions be turned over to the new, incoming Board of Grand Trustees, "with power."

Meade Detweiler, who was to be a great figure in Elkdom, led a deputation of the Jamestown group to Atlantic City, where the Grand Trustees had again assembled their portion of Grand Lodge. As Detweiler entered the lodge room, one Thomas McNulty, of Baltimore Lodge No. 7, started singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The speeches were important, but in a way they were anticlimax. When the two "Grand Exalted" clasped hands, and Detweiler surrendered his "office," saying, "An Order such as ours, my Brothers, of noble views and exalted aims, is greater than any individual," Elkdom was again united.

Detweiler said, "There will be but one Grand Lodge; there is and shall be but one Grand Exalted Ruler and his title shall never be questioned, I hope, in the future."

Grand Exalted Ruler Hay said, "God bless our reunited Order, and I cannot better conclude what I have to say than by asking our Grand Chaplain to invoke the blessing of the Deity upon us all."

How battles begin are not as important as how they end. Elkdom had passed its greatest test and the Brotherhood, at the turn of the century, stood on the brink of a greater glory.

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The Saga of Soya

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a stream of vapor into the morning air. That snort attracted the cat's attention. He stood up very straight and turned toward the buck. The snarl died in his throat and his tail no longer wiggled. Not for a moment did the doe relax her vigilance, enough even to glance toward the buck.

After the snort, the buck gave one long leap, then moved forward at a walk. He went straight toward the cat. The cat snarled again and backed away. Soya walked faster, and I could hear the militant tapping of his hooves. In them there was sudden death for the ugly marauder. The cat knew it, and retreated more rapidly. The buck made a sudden rush, and his sharp hooves came down just inches away as the cat made the safety of the thicket.

The buck trotted back to the doe and fawn. After touching noses, they moved toward the eastern ridges, with the buck walking behind and turning now and then to snort his defiance toward the cane thicket.

During the months of that spring and summer I often saw the three of them. Once I saw the little buck standing alone in a sparse growth of willows. Many living creatures of the woods have distinguishing marks which set them apart from others of their kind. This young fellow had one—a white spot on his right shoulder. This was the mark by which I would know him as long as he walked in our valley.

When I moved within ten steps of him he saw me, gave a funny little squeal, and darted away. I heard a crashing in a thicket to my right, then Soya broke into an opening. At sight of me he gave a startled snort, shook his head like an angry bull, then circled at a slow trot and went away in the direction the youngster had gone.

The little buck developed one habit which I enjoyed. There is a high rock that overlooks the valley at a point not far from my house. The top of the rock can be reached only by a single tortuous trail. The young deer found that trail, and many mornings at dawn I saw him standing atop that rock looking across the valley as if enjoying the scenery. He kept that habit as long as he remained in the valley.

It was early autumn when the doe and young buck went away. I don't know where they went. I just know that Soya walked alone. He walked restlessly, and several times I saw him sniffing the ground as if seeking their trail. There were a few days when I didn't see him at all. When I did see him again, a doe was with him.

So it went, season after season. He

brought in mates, fought his battles, and sired his young. Most of them soon went away, but Soya remained. Occasionally other bucks would invade his hill-rimmed world. I would sometimes hear their piercing challenge and see the signs of battle where Soya had met them. Then I would see the old buck again and know that victory had been his.

By and by the years took their toll of Soya. One frosty morning I saw him standing at the edge of a willow thicket. He looked thin and weak, and stood hunched as if the cold were seeping into his joints. He was a far cry from the proud one who had first walked our trails.

Two days later I saw him standing by the creek at twilight, with head lifted and nose searching the wind. He moved his feet nervously as if something in the air was disturbing the peace which should have been his in those quiet moments. I knew what it was when I heard the call of a buck on the rim of the western hills. It was fierce and challenging, and I knew a stranger was entering Soya's kingdom. I looked at Soya and wondered if the gallant old warrior would go out to meet this new invader. He seemed so very tired as he stood among the shadows which were rapidly spreading across the valley. Then another challenge came. The old buck lifted his head and answered defiantly. Fingers of gold from the sunset touched his antlers and seemed to polish them for battle.

Suddenly, there was a new cry—this one from the eastward hills—as fierce and wild as the one from the west had been. Then I heard a running and saw this last challenger coming down a long slope, his tremendous spread of antlers clearly visible in the afterglow. As he passed within a hundred yards of me, I caught my breath sharply. There on his right shoulder was a white spot of the same size and shape as the one I'd known on the son of Soya. As he neared the creek, the first challenger snorted at the edge of the hills just beyond. With a quick answer the white-spotted one hurried to meet him.

In the gathering darkness I heard the clashing of their antlers. Soya still stood beside the creek, his head lifted and his ears pointed toward the sounds of battle. As I turned toward the house twenty minutes later, the sounds of the conflict had ended. I wondered what the outcome had been and how it would affect the life of Soya.

I was thinking of him when I walked in the yard at sunrise the next morning. I chanced to look toward the spot

Ohio Choristers Sing at Familiar Site



Members of the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir pose with their director—Brother Glennville Thomas of Zanesville Lodge—in front of the Elks National Memorial Headquarters Building in Chicago. About 90 members of the 120-voice choir visited the building at their request recently and sang several selections. The high school students, from throughout Ohio, sing at the Ohio State Fair each summer and take a three-week trip to entertain in Europe the following summer. Loren E. Vinsel, another Zanesville Elk, books the group's tours. Brother Thomas also directs the Zanesville Youth Choir, which sings with him at the lodge's services on Elks Memorial Sunday.



where the high rock lifted its head above the valley. What I saw on the rock made me rub my eyes and look again. Standing there, silhouetted against the hills beyond, was a splendid buck with a magnificent spread of antlers which seemed to shine in the early light. But more outstanding to me than his antlers was the white spot on his shoulder. While I watched, there was a movement behind him and another buck came into full view. There was no mistaking him. This was Soya.

I have pondered many times the strange happenings of the woods. Why had the son of Soya returned to this old valley of his youth? Had some wilderness voice called him back to fight the battle his father was no longer able to fight? I will never know the

answer. I only know that he didn't linger long. I never saw him again after he stood on the rock at the dawning of that day.

A month later Soya stood on that high rock for the last time. I don't know where he went. I only know that he walks in our valley no more. Perhaps he is a wanderer on the lonely trails, continually driven by those who possess youth and strength. Perhaps he has already climbed his last hill and crossed his last valley.

The winds and rains have wiped away the last traces of his footsteps. There are new tracks in the sand, and a new king on his throne, but we shall always remember the gallant Soya who walked so long and reigned so well in our valley. ● ●

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The United States was only 92 years old when the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was founded in New York City on February 16, 1868. Thus, the Order of Elks has been a part of the American scene for more than half the life of our country. Elkdom's progress has paralleled that of the nation to which, we are proud to say, we have linked our destiny.

The Order of Elks has indeed grown and prospered. It has become strong and great, woven into the fabric of American life, a vital and valuable piece of Americana. From the footlights of Broadway, Elkdom has spread across the land with its cheerful promise of good fellowship, its fidelity to the principles of charity, justice, and brotherly love, a patriotism manifested in constructive service that has strengthened democratic freedoms and broadened their benefits. This is a wonderful story that will, we hope, be told and retold in glorious detail countless times before this year is out.

Those who have followed the narrative story of Elkdom as it has appeared in recent issues of this magazine have read of some of the difficulties that have beset this fraternity down the years. Its history has not been an uninterrupted path of roses. On the contrary, the achievements of the Order of Elks are the greater and its story more inspiring because of the trials that the men who have guided its destinies have met and overcome. Some of these trials have been internal. Others have been external, shared with the American people at large.

Among these are wars and depressions. It is something of a striking coincidence that the United States was at war when Elkdom reached three of its major milestones. We were at war when the Order reached its fiftieth anniversary in 1918, a war so destructive, men said, that it could never happen again. Yet, 25 years later, on Elkdom's seventy-fifth anniversary, we were in the midst

of another war incredibly more destructive of life and property than the earlier conflict.

The somber atmosphere of those days is reflected in the message that President Franklin Roosevelt, a member of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Lodge, wrote to GER E. Mark Sullivan:

"In the better world which shall succeed the present turmoil there will be ample work for the Elks to do and I have full confidence that they will discharge their responsibilities then as faithfully as they now are working for the defeat of the Axis powers."

The better world may have arrived in small part only, but the Order of Elks has more than justified President Roosevelt's confident prediction.

Since World War II's end, this fraternity has roughly tripled its annual spending for benevolences. There has been an astonishing expansion in our youth work, as measured in money, from about \$300,000 to \$2,000,000.

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In Grand Exalted Ruler Robert E. Boney's words, we are in this world to make it better, and the Elks have done a great deal to accomplish that end.

Now, in our Centennial, we celebrate with pride Elkdom's splendid history of achievement and service on which it has grown from one lodge of 15 men to 2,100 lodges with 1,450,000 members. But our happiness is edged by the sorrows of another war and by the sullen challenge of forces which, unchecked, would threaten the safety of our nation. Elkdom begins its second century in dangerous times, but we know no better source of strength with which to face them than the fundamentals that have served so well in the past—a faith in God and total commitment to American freedoms.

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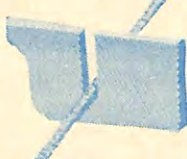
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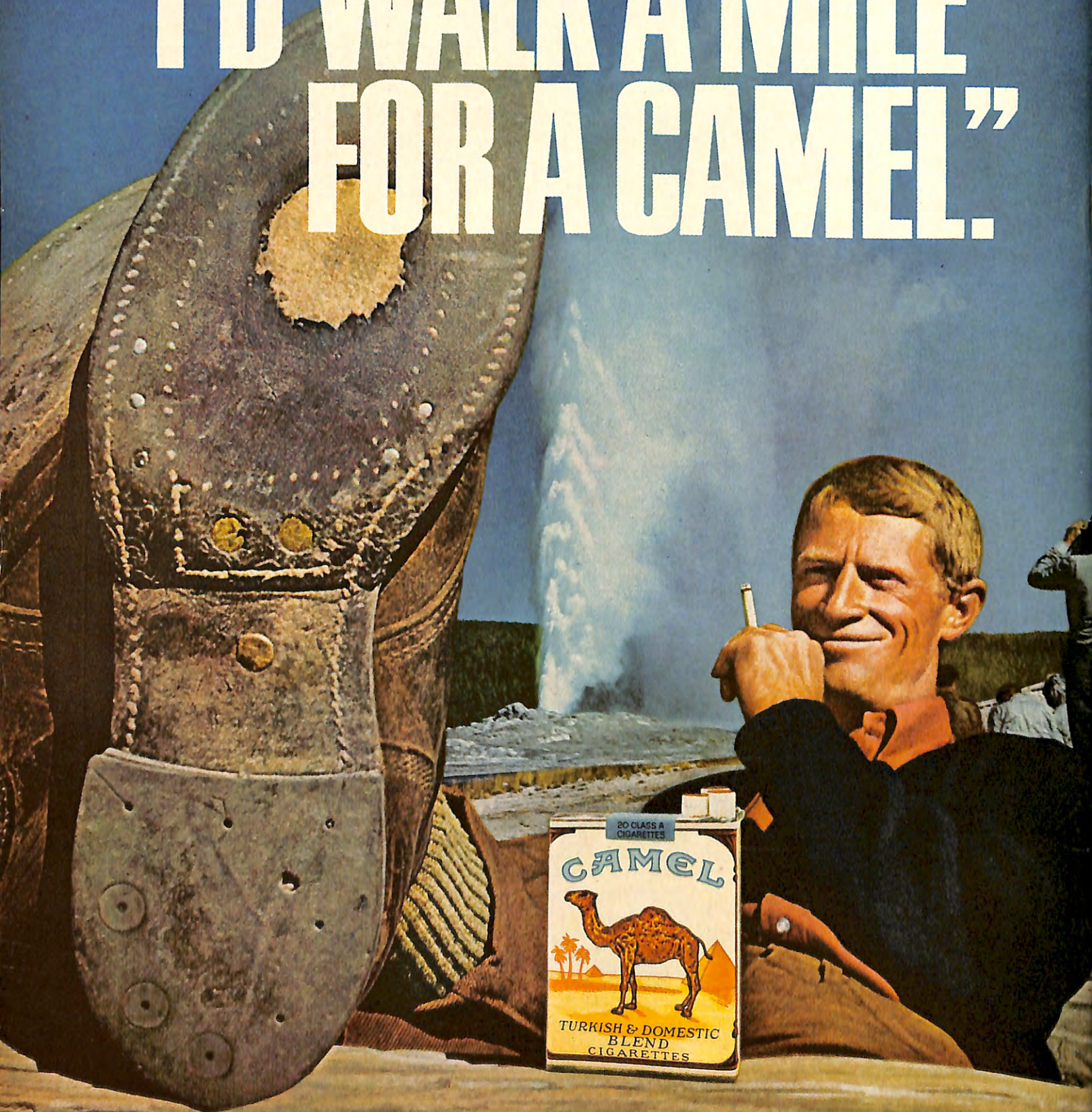
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