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If a farmer continued to take the resources from the soil without rebuilding it, one day his entire crop would fail. So it is with an Elks lodge that continues to take the resources of its community for its benefit without giving anything in return. That lodge will eventually decay and die.

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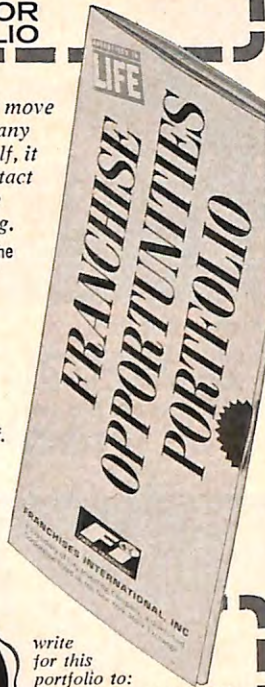
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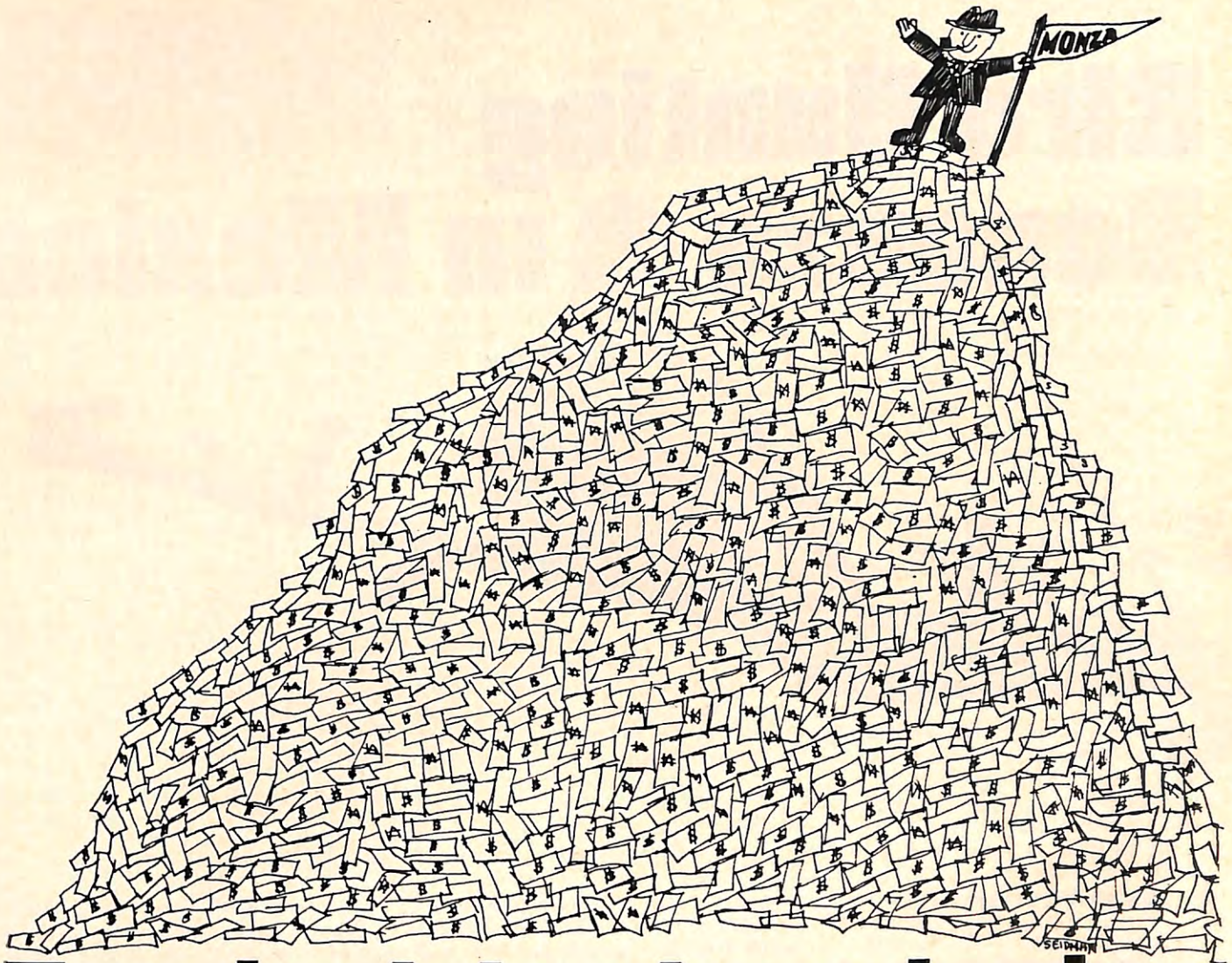
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 (Mrs.) Ruth P. Mitchell



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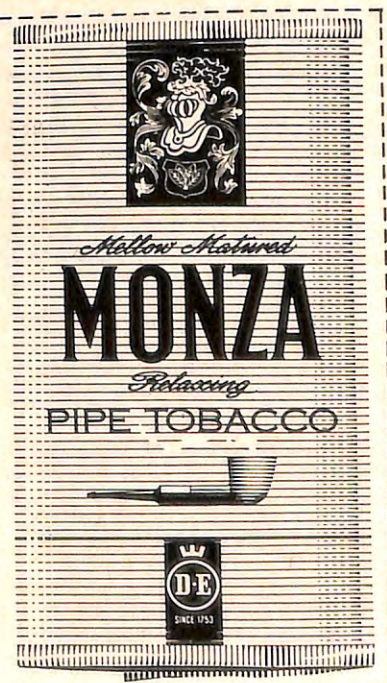
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# Bird Hunting Bonanza in Mexico



by **Byron W. Dalrymple**

We had camped on the bank of the Soto la Marina, in the cactus and thornbrush jungle to the east of Ciudad Victoria, in the state of Tamaulipas, in eastern Mexico. The coming of dawn was a sharp contrast to the stillness of the night. There was no danger of sleeping until the sun was high, for suddenly at first pale light there erupted from the tall trees along the river such a wild cacophony of sound that we were brought from our sleeping bags wide-eyed and startled.

"Parrots!" one of my partners said. Yellow headed parrots. They're great pests down here, you know. And greater noise makers."

But it was not just the raucous calls of the parrots and the wing sounds they made leaving their roost trees that had grabbed our attention. As this noisy horde proclaimed the dawn, there was a great cooing and stirring in other trees and in the taller brush. Then swift wings clapped the air and flocks of large pigeons were suddenly knifing above us. There were the stunningly handsome red-billed pigeons, called by Mexicans *Paloma morada*, literally the "mulberry colored pigeon," large as the barn and park variety in the U.S.

We did not wait to identify more

sounds, nor to brew coffee or think of breakfast. We grabbed our shotguns, made for a small clearing and got under the flight. A group of twenty birds splashed their color against the sky and I swung and shot and missed. At the explosion, the birds put on speed, swirling out of sight. More noise burst from the jungle.

"Cha-cha-lac, cha-cha-lac, cha-cha-lac . . . ." over and over, joined by more of the same from every quarter until it was a din.

These, too, were bird sounds from this strange land. The chachalaca, named for its noisy chattering, is a drab, long-tailed, slender bird of the pheasant family that hides in the dense thickets of thorns and gives away its presence by loud vocal protest at any intrusion. I badly wanted to get after the chachalacas, too, but right now those big, awesomely swift pigeons had my full attention.

My two partners were shooting. I shot again, and missed again, heard a shout from one of the others and saw a bird tumbling. Then we got down to business in earnest. Besides the exotic sport of it, we were living for the most part off the country as we camped. We wanted at least two pigeons each to broil for our lunch. Without refrigeration, there was no reason to take at one "shoot" more than we could eat

for one meal. But, happily, down here there was no anxiety about where the next meal might come from. We were in what I would call truly a bird hunter's paradise. Numerous seasons were open; we had our Mexican hunting licenses; we could vary our diet by picking off as many as a dozen different species.

We did, however, have to be a bit careful of ammunition, for aliens who go to Mexico to hunt are limited as to the amount they may bring in. You just don't go to a store in Mexico and stock up again. So, the misses made us squirm. But presently, as the flight began to dwindle, we had collected six plump birds. The flocks had all left their roosts and scattered over the countryside to feed. The parrots had flown off, too, and once again, as the warm sun began to filter among the trees, only the lilting sound of the flowing river and the calls of small birds broke the stillness of this jungle wilderness of eastern Mexico.

The three of us came together, grinning, each carrying his brace of pigeons. We hunkered down beside the river, talking excitedly of the flurry of sporty action, and looking at our prizes. The Mexican red-billed pigeon is so beautiful it all but defies accurate description. Its general coloring is mauve, but shades run the gamut from pinks to





deep purples, with the eye bright red-orange.

Presently we had plucked and drawn the birds, washed them and ourselves in the clear flow of the river. We now built up a fire in a small pit of stones, tending it until we had a thick bed of ardent coals. The pigeons, daubed with cooking oil, were laid upon a grill rather high above the coals. We drew lots to see who would stay and laze away the morning oiling and tending them while they broiled oh-so-gently for several hours. The other two of us then left to scour the wilderness farther afield from camp, shooting pictures, pausing to try calling varmints such as coyotes, and checking to locate a spot for the afternoon hunt, during which we'd take another species of game bird to try for our evening meal.

This experience is but one small sampling of what bird hunting in Mexico can be like. It is odd indeed that U.S. hunters, living in a country with a common border with Mexico, know almost nothing about the game available there, and especially about the game *birds*. Mexico is rich in species of this category. And, because hunting is not pursued there as diligently, nor by as many people, as in the U.S., the game birds teem. This is especially true of the birds because most country dwellers in Mexico simply do not have the guns and ammunition to waste on birds. To be sure, some species, such as quail, are commonly trapped for food or sale, whether or not it is legal. And in some instances, regrettably, when swarms of game birds such as the whitewinged dove settle by millions upon crops, they are poisoned. By and large, however, average people in Mexico are not vitally interested in wild birds for hunting or eating because of the difficulty of acquiring them. And so the U.S. visitor there finds a variety and abundance that is all but unbelievable.

Numerous game birds are residents of Mexico, and many others, among the ducks, geese, cranes, rails and shorebirds, are migratory. Many shorebirds that are not legal to hunt on our side of the border have specific open seasons and bag limits in Mexico during their winter residency. This presents a modest dilemma of conscience to some visiting sportsmen. For example, I was in Mexico one year, along the east coast, when long-billed curlews simply swarmed. The penalty for shooting these birds in the U.S. is severe. But there where I was the season was wide open.

*On a short flight above thorn thickets, a chachalaca is collected for dinner.*

I had of course never hunted curlews. I had read many exciting tales of early-day shorebird shooting in the U.S., and my imagination was fired with the nostalgic tradition behind this grand sport. The long-billed curlew is a bird of a pound or a bit more in weight, with stilt legs and down-curving bill that is almost as long as the bird. Mud flats along coastal lowlands, incongruously bordering the cactus clumps and thornbrush, were crawling with small fiddler crabs, and the curlews were probing their foot-long bills after these.

Belly down I crawled through the cactus patches, eyes sharp for snakes. Then I lay at the edge of the flat, watching small wisps of the graceful birds pivot and wheel across the sky, uttering their liquid cries. Presently a half dozen swung within range of me. I arose and fired. I must admit it was one of the most thrilling bird-hunt experiences I've ever had when I collected my prize. I pursued the sport that day, and took several. Enough for a meal for us. They were delectable. After this I decided to hunt curlews no more. I had had a small taste of this endeavor from out of hunting history and was willing to settle for that. I would suggest that American hunters who do go to Mexico for birds practice restraint when shooting any of the migratory species protected elsewhere. But I see no harm, where it is legal, in savoring a bit of the past.

The standard game birds over a great share of Mexico in which the average tourist is most likely to be are the quails. There are numerous species. The bobwhite ranges over a vast area of eastern Mexico and far southward. It is also found in a large sweep of western Mexico, in Sonora below the Arizona border. I have seen bobwhite coveys so plentiful in northern Tamaulipas, in eastern Mexico, that it was unbelievable. Once three of us got rained in with a small trailer of mine not far from San Fernando. We could not get out until the ground dried. We hunted bobwhites strictly for food. It was no trick to kill enough for a big meal in an hour, rain or shine.

Scaled or blue quail swarm over much of northern and central interior Mexico, and to some extent in the northeast. I've shot on days when both bobwhites and blues were found in the same cover. Mountain quail are in northern Baja California. California quail with their handsome plumed heads range all the way down Baja. On the east side of the Gulf of California Gambel's quail are plentiful.

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There are wild turkeys both in the central mountains, and in the jungles of the east. In the south big crested curassows, guans and the *Gallina de monte*, literally "woods chicken," one of the tinamous, live in the deep open forest. Ducks, including the odd tree ducks peculiar to Mexico, swarm along the coasts and over the interior wherever water is found. Great flocks of geese trade above the harvested maize fields and other cropland. I have watched cranes by thousands pouring across the lowlands, and have hunted them. They are the sandhill cranes, as sharp and wary as geese, and utterly delicious when roasted. Jacksnipe and other shorebirds are legion, especially in the low coastal regions.

The whole country is rich in dove and pigeon species. There are at least two dozen. Of these, the red-billed pigeon mentioned earlier, found in wide swaths along both coasts, the band-tailed pigeon of the central mountains, the mourning dove and the whitewinged dove, both of which almost entirely blanket the country, are the most important game species.

Many U.S. hunters have already experienced dove shooting, for the mourning dove is today by numbers taken in the U.S. our Number One game bird. These doves are unbelievably abundant in much of Mexico. Not so many of our hunters are acquainted with the whitewing. This bird, which ranges into south Texas, New Mexico and Arizona and is hunted in a narrow corridor of range across these states for a few days each fall, is fundamentally a Mexican species. It is colonial in habits, reminiscent in some respects of the extinct passenger pigeon. Whitewing shooting in Mexico is such an astonishing experience that one who has not done it can hardly even imagine the scene.

Last season I stood one afternoon at the edge of a vast stand of mesquite in which whitewings were roosting and which they were using as their midday perching place. Before us spread seemingly endless open fields from which maize had been harvested. The flight of birds began at about 2:00 p.m. A few were sighted here and there, sweeping from the mesquites out over the fields to fill their crops. The pace

built swiftly. Guns began to boom. It made no difference how many times one missed, except for running out of shells. Soon the birds were pouring over us—a dozen here—twenty there—farther off perhaps a hundred—some high, some low—group after group stacked in the air.

The whitewing is a bit larger than the mourning dove, has a squared tail and white shoulder patches. On its home grounds it is usually so fat that a layer at least a quarter-inch thick covers the entire body just under the skin. Thus, when broiled, these birds utilize their own fat for basting. They are superb eating. That day of which I write saw birds so filling the sky at last that I dare say at any moment I could see twenty thousand or more in flight. And the flight continued, going out and coming back, from early afternoon until dusk. When I had shot my limit, I sat and watched, completely awed by the scene. It had been estimated by wildlife biologists that perhaps a million or more whitewings were using this one area. Imagine the depredation upon any crop! For that reason whitewings have often been poisoned in Mexico. At the first cool snap, however, they leave, drifting farther down into the interior for the winter.

For many years it has been difficult and often horribly exasperating for a hunter to get into Mexico and enjoy shooting. Happily, it is becoming much easier. There is still a good bit of red tape, but there is less suspicion and harassment, and the result is worth the effort. You need several copies of a statement from a doctor proving recent vaccination. You need a number of passport-type pictures of yourself, several copies of a statement from your local sheriff or other officer saying that you are of sound character and without criminal record. You need a hunting license, available from a Mexican game warden in the border town where you cross, or in other towns. But be sure of what you are getting. There are no one-day licenses or other trick licenses, although many hunters have fallen for such gimmicks. You should buy a full license for the state in which you will hunt. It usually covers bordering states, too.

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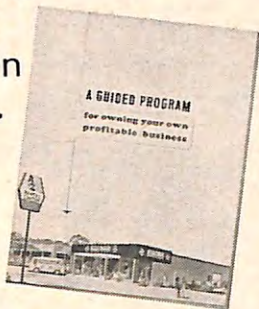
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**TOURISM DROPS** in Washington but business, employment, and sales are at higher levels. The Washington Monument stands over the city as a "tourist thermometer." Reports show that during the summer there was a decline in visitors of over 20 percent compared to last year and the monument is not expected to make new records this year. Retail trade, however, is up some 11 percent. An estimated million persons are working in the Washington metropolitan area, slightly above last year's total.

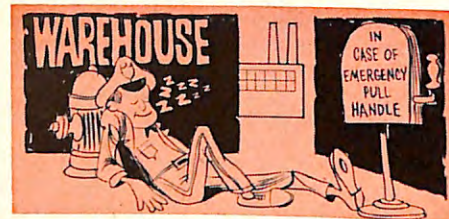
**LAND IS SINKING** rapidly in a number of areas in the U.S., the Coast and Geodetic Survey reports. It is believed the sinking may be caused by the removal of vast petroleum deposits. Thus far, however, no damages have been reported.



**FUNNY SMUGGLING** is reported by the Customs Bureau. In Honolulu an inspector found \$20,000 worth of jewelry in a woman's handbag; her explanation was, "I was just testing you." In California heroin was found in the wooden leg of a man coming in from Mexico. In Miami 12 pounds of marijuana was hidden in a cage containing five live iguanas.

**TREASURY BONANZA** is growing from money received by the Internal Revenue Service from taxpayers who have been forced to go "honest." The regulations went into effect in 1963 and hit several million Americans who receive billions of dollars in dividend income. Compared with \$11.1 billion in dividend income reported in 1963 this year's income is estimated at more than \$16 billion.

**GIANT TRUCKS** may be traveling over the Interstate Highway System before long. The new Congress in January will grapple with the problem. Three-section trucks already have been tested on the highways. Present width of trucks would be increased from 8 to 8½ feet and weights would be increased considerably. There is even talk now of building truck highways between large cities which are not too far apart.



**MEN ARE WANTED** in Washington for security jobs to protect various types of business, apartments, and homes. Protection agencies such as Pinkerton's and William J. Burns declare they could place double the security personnel they now have. Some security employes are full time, others part time. They are not police and do not carry guns. They guard an establishment and turn in an alarm when there is any sign of a break-in. One agency now has over 300 employes in its Washington office, operated by former FBI men.

**HIGH SPEED TRAINS.** Excuse another delay, please. They are now expected to be running between Washington and New York by next January, Transportation Secretary Alan S. Boyd reports. They were expected to be in operation last spring, then by midsummer, then by September. Difficult problems delaying the start of service are capable of solution, Boyd said.

**DIVERTICULOSIS,** President Johnson's intestinal ailment, afflicts millions of people over 50. It consists of dime-sized pouches in the lining of the lower intestine. Vice Admiral George G. Barkley at Bethesda Naval Hospital says 30

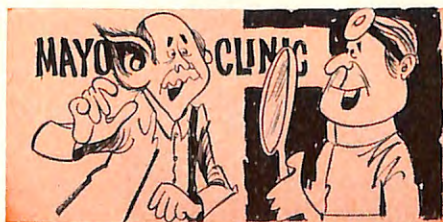
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percent of all people over 50 have a number of the intestinal growths. Other doctors believe the illness probably afflicts almost everybody over 50 to some degree.

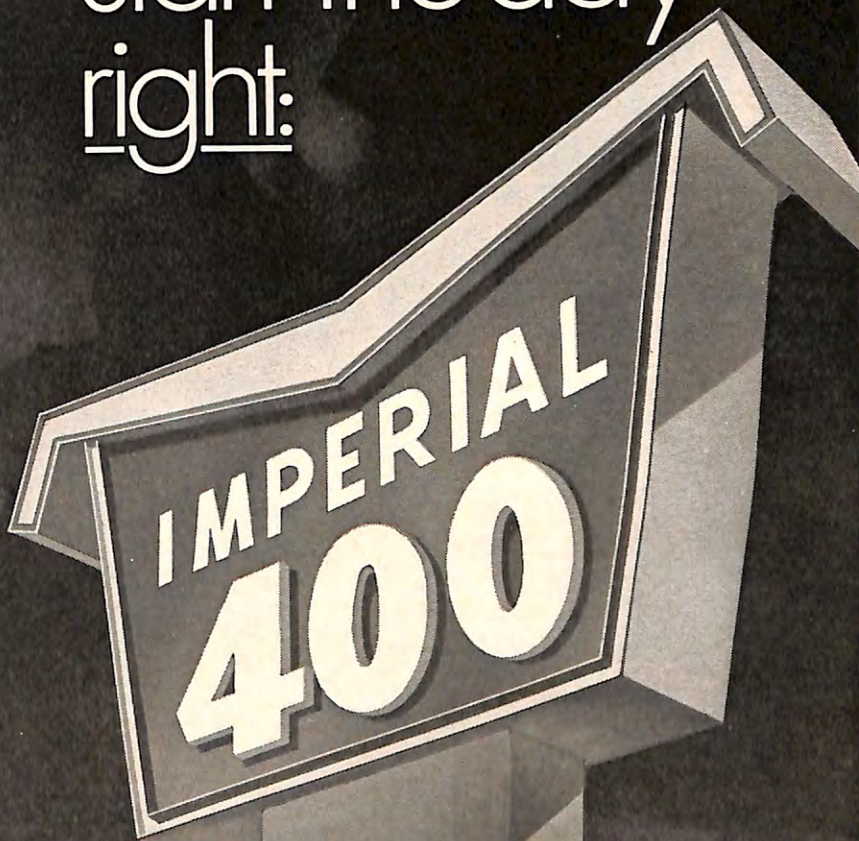
D.C. CRIME should show a substantial drop in the last six months of this year. Washington has a larger and more efficient police force. The city has gradually been establishing better relations between the police and the citizens. Business establishments and storekeepers have finally learned how to protect their properties. Bus drivers on night shifts who were frequently held up and even shot at the end of their last run into the suburbs now carry no tokens and less than \$10 in cash. Strangers have been told not to walk through dimly lit parkways or lonely streets late at night. An experimental program in which trained citizen volunteers are in D.C. police precincts to aid persons asking for advice in non-criminal matters has proven a success.

FOR SALE ADS in Washington papers sometimes reveal a heartbreaking story. One said "For sale: bridal gown with veil and eight bridesmaids gowns. Never used. Groom did not appear."



EAR BONE TRANSPLANTS may be possible under experiments performed at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. Dr. John Cartwright of the D.C. Medical Society reports that an operation was performed successfully on ten cats in which the anvil-shaped bone of the middle ear was removed and then implanted in other animals. Several months later the transplants were found to be well tolerated and new bone had started to grow, he reported.

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Veteran's Service Committee Chairman Cliff Wagy, a very active 90 years young, is shown in his familiar occupation as a collector of repairable appliances for veterans' rehabilitation programs. Brother Wagy was recently honored as "Patriot of the Year" during ceremonies held at Bakersfield, Cal., Lodge.

Long Beach, Cal., Lodge members were presented a citation for meritorious and conspicuous service to veterans and to the community. The formal presentation was made at the regular Monday night meeting by Brother Clifford Parmenter, Past National Commander and Department Rehabilitation Director of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. In the past few years the Elks and the Military Order of the Purple Heart have provided over \$20,000 worth of clothing to veterans who are in need of suitable attire when they reenter civilian life. Accepting the award (right) is ER Robert P. Shaw.



Port Jefferson, N.Y., Lodge held open house for the officers and crew of the U.S.S. Ingraham during their visit to Port Jefferson over the fourth of July holiday. Sharing in the fun are, (front row) PER Louis C. DeCamp, Commander Richard Gawing, ER Norman Kelly, and PVP Clem Casimir.

Chicago (South), Ill., Lodge recently entertained a group of soldiers, sailors, and marines from the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. The evening's festivities began with a delectable chicken dinner. After dinner the servicemen, all veterans of Vietnam, were entertained by a trio who later provided music for dancing. Student nurses from Little Company of Mary Hospital were on hand to talk and dance with the boys. ER Don Ecklund is shown with two of the veterans and student nurse Kitty Lawn.

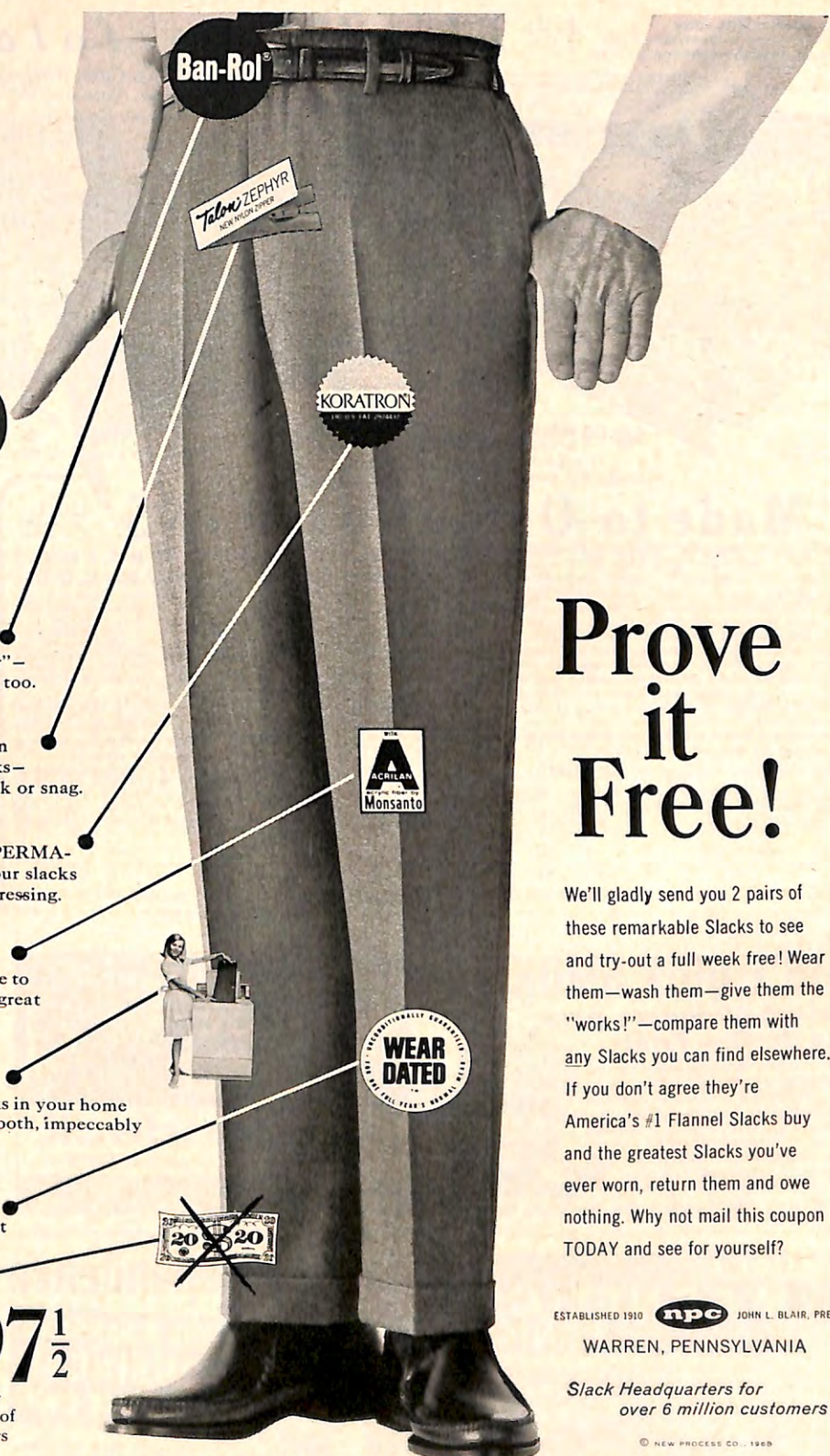


The veterans hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah received a stereo radio from the Elks lodge to be placed in the intensive care ward. Presenting the gift to Hospital Director Mr. S. H. Franks, (center) are State Chairman Myron B. Johnson, (left) and Lodge Chairman Thomas Whiting. In addition to such gifts the lodge also has provided entertainment for the patients four nights out of every month along with fishing trips and parties during the summer.

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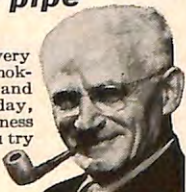
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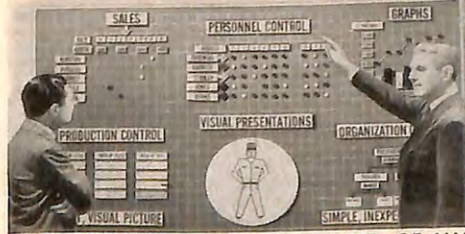
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the border someone who will do all of this for you. Most of the larger towns have people who for a modest fee will get your license and gun permits for you and help you get set.

A good way to locate such a person is through a popular local sporting goods store on the U.S. side, or via the local game warden on this side. You should see the warden on the U.S. side anyway. There are very strict federal regulations set up each year as to what and how many game birds you can bring back from Mexico into the U.S., in total or in any one calendar week. To bring any in you must have a permit from our side. These are—or should be—available from local game wardens. Obey strictly the Mexican limits on birds, and the instructions as to how they are to be cleaned if brought across. You must show them at Mexican customs, and sign them out on the U.S. side.

Bear in mind that U.S. officers are sworn to uphold Mexican game laws. Also be assured that limits, particularly on migratory birds such as doves and waterfowl, must be strictly obeyed. There has been so much over-limit shooting and attempts to smuggle in whitewings especially, by the hundreds, that penalties are extremely severe and many special agents are now on the watch for this very thing. Also, by no means should you try to "sneak in" an extra gun, or a handgun. If caught, you will almost certainly be turned over to the federal police in Mexico, and that can be of very serious concern.

On most of my trips, I don't try to bring game birds out. It is just too enjoyable to eat them on the spot. For example, one year several of us made a whitewing hunt south of Reynosa. While we shot the vast flight, Mexican boys we'd hired ran quickly to retrieve and pluck our downed birds. As the afternoon waned, a Mexican friend was starting a fire, using a big bag of charcoal we'd brought along.

By dusk the coals were ready and we gathered around the tailgate of our pickup, salting the birds, squeezing a bit of lemon juice over each, wrapping each individually in foil. Baking potatoes were also greased and foil wrapped. Then over a huge grill above the fire we spread the shiny bundles. While our feast prepared itself, we lounged around, having a cold drink and joining in songs the Mexican boys were singing, accompanied by a guitar one of them had produced. Then at last, all of us—hunters, pickup boys, several of their kin who had appeared as if by magic out of the brush, and our landowner friends—opened the foil and fell to. It was an occasion, and a meal, long to be remembered.

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## THWARTING THE SHOPLIFTER



# It's Your Business!

by James L. Slattery and Richard Gossweiler

A few months ago Newsweek magazine, in an article that mentioned Pinkerton's, Inc., the big private security agency, said that "Pinkerton's, which dominates the security industry, estimates that shoplifting and employee pilferage cost business about \$2 billion a year." How much will you lose to shoplifters during the balance of this year and next?

The question is of course rhetorical. You won't even *know* how much of your total inventory "shrinkage" is actually due to shoplifting. Only a very small percentage of shoplifters, about one in 200, are detected in their stealing. The rest go marching off undetected with their stolen watches, stolen rings, stolen steaks, stolen furs. And many come back to steal again and again. You will simply take the loss, because shoplifting doesn't come under the category of insurable losses. (There's really no effective way to distinguish shoplifting losses from other forms of shrinkage.)

A store detective once made the statement, "If we actually knew what is being stolen we would probably all lose our minds." So writes Loren E. Edwards in the preface to his excellent book *Shoplifting and Shrinkage Protection for Stores* (Charles C Thomas, (Springfield, Ill., 1958). Mr. Edwards was for many years the Protection Manager for one of the world's best known stores, Marshall Field and Company, before becoming a consultant on inventory shrinkage problems.

What can a small businessman do to combat his own losses from the deprivations of shoplifters, when even the elaborate and expensive "security systems" used by large retailers haven't defeated them?

The first thing to realize, and most retailers do, is that the typical shoplifter is not a professional. All too frequently they are indistinguishable from good customers—members of the middle income range homemaker group. Second

to the ladies among amateur shoplifters are juveniles, most of whom come from "good homes." Professional shoplifters concentrate their efforts mainly on stealing higher priced merchandise for illegitimate re-sale. By no means, however, do the professionals limit themselves to stealing from large, centrally located stores. In fact, one store security expert has stated that more arrests of shoplifters are made in neighborhood department stores than in large downtown stores.

Professional shoplifters often work in two-person teams. One might have the task of distracting a salesperson so that the other can quickly whisk an expensive item of merchandise into her "booster bloomers" these being specially designed bloomers in which the shoplifter (or booster, to use the underworld term) can carry her loot out of the store. In addition, professional shoplifters are likely to travel in their work, whereas the amateur stays close to home.

National concern among merchants has led to a substantial tightening of anti-shoplifting laws in many states. So far, however, such laws haven't served to reduce shoplifting. Moreover, the retailer who, in reliance upon those laws, hastily or carelessly accuses a person of shoplifting or detains or searches her person or her bag may be placing *himself* in legal jeopardy! (Some individuals actually have *pretended* to be shoplifting an item of merchandise which they had purchased and carefully gotten a receipt for. In this way retailers have been trapped into hazard of a suit for false arrest or for defamation of character.) Though in *theory* the new anti-shoplifting laws give increased rights to the retailer and his employees, lawyers and security experts warn of the need of great caution in exercising those rights.

One of the most important measures for preventing shoplifting is good training of store employees. Loren E. Ed-

wards, in the book cited above, says that salespersons should be trained never to turn their back on a shopper who is "looking over" items of valuable merchandise placed on the counter for him or her to examine. It is impracticable, and risky, to try to turn ordinary store-employees into store detectives, but they can be trained to be alert.

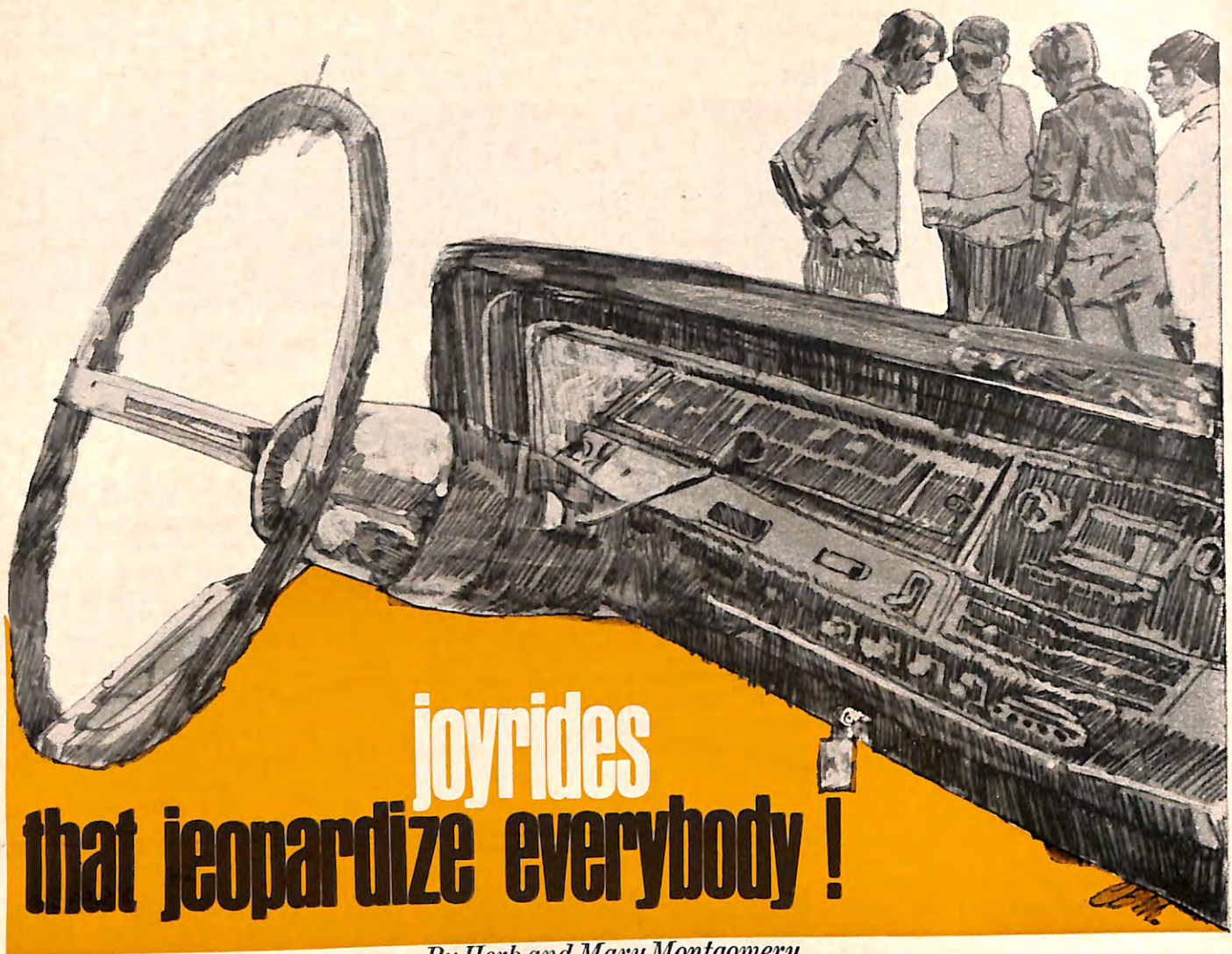
A simple shoplifting prevention measure in stores that display items such as typewriters and cameras on open shelves is to secure them with light strong chains or cables.

The customer who enters a store carrying a shopping bag containing purchases made elsewhere is of course a problem for the retailer. Will the customer drop a couple of items into that shopping bag and try to smuggle them out of the store while paying for some actually purchased items? Some stores have posted notices asking customers to check shopping bags, but one Chicago bookstore has gone much further than that. In front of the turnstile entrance to its shopping area it has placed a large bank of coin-insert, self-locking lockers where customers are required to store parcels.

It's a common sight today to see an armed and uniformed guard even in medium-sized stores. The average small retailer, of course, can't afford a full time protection-service guard stationed in his store; however many stores today are using the overhead concave reflector system to try to provide over-all visual checking of their shopping areas. But professional opinion is divided as to the effectiveness of such a system.

No amount of special security methods, however, can effectively substitute for continuing alertness on the part of a store's owner and employees. A casual and careless way of "keeping an eye on the store" is an invitation to both the amateur and the professional shoplifter.

Remember—it's your business! Why make it *easy* for a shoplifter to "share" in it?



# joyrides that jeopardize everybody!

By Herb and Mary Montgomery

If you're buying a new car this year and plan to keep it about four years, the odds are a staggering 1 in 36 that it will be stolen before you trade it. If you live in New York, the odds go to 1 in 10. In Chicago they jump to 1 in 8. Since 1960, auto thefts in the U.S. have increased 51 percent, and unless the trend is drastically checked, a million cars will be stolen in 1970.

Is this an underworld plot by criminals operating a complex car theft ring?

"Not so," says Michael J. Murphy, president of the National Automobile Theft Bureau. "Professional car thefts account for only about 5 to 10 percent of the losses in this country." Those accountable for about two-thirds of the nation's auto thefts are juveniles. Their actions make grim, sometimes tragic, daily copy for newspapers:

A Cleveland policeman shot and killed a 17-year-old who tried to run the officer down with a stolen car.

A 13-year-old Minneapolis boy was knocked unconscious when the driver of a stolen car in which he was riding jumped from the car while the automobile was still in motion.

Four Chicago youths stole a car, killed its driver and cruised West Side streets shooting at pedestrians and motorists before wrecking the car during a police chase.

With few exceptions, youths apprehended for car theft give one of two reasons for the action that might well ruin their lives: "We did it for kicks," or "We just borrowed the car to go joyriding."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, however, does not view the matter so lightly. "Joyrides and neighborhood jaunts by young people in stolen cars are not prankish capers of restless youths," he insists. "They are crimes—costly, dangerous, and senseless violations."

Costly? Yes, and not just to the victim whose life may be hamstrung without a car. With the loss for each car averaging \$1,200, State Farm, the country's largest car insurer, paid more than \$16 million in claims for damages and total losses in 1967. Since insurance premiums are based on losses, all policyholders pay. A half-million cars were stolen in 1966. Of these, 88 percent were recovered, and the police work involved was paid for by all taxpayers.

Even more appalling than the high cost of auto thefts is the danger to other motorists, pedestrians, and the young drivers themselves. In Duluth, Minnesota, police stopped a driver who could hardly see out the windshield. He was the same age as his 10-year-old companion, who was on the floor working the accelerator and brake pedal of the car they had stolen.

A surprising number of juveniles who steal cars are age 10, with the real problem beginning at ages 13 and 14. It's small wonder, then, that a recent government survey indicated as many as 75,000 stolen cars per year become involved in accidents—that's 200 times higher than the normal accident rate.

As for the profound senselessness of juvenile car thefts, Hoover sums it up when he states, "From experience the law enforcement officer recognizes the problem as a prelude to more violent crimes and the launching of criminal careers."

Who are these young people who put their futures on the line by deciding to drive without the owner's permission?

Ninety-six percent are boys, and police find that they don't come from any

## Unless the trend is drastically checked a million cars will be stolen in 1970

particular socio-economic class. Capt. Charles E. Beaty, head of the Minneapolis Juvenile Division, says, "Sometimes a boy wants a car for Saturday night and his folks won't let him have the family car so he steals one. Other times it's a boy who has nobody to borrow a car from, so he takes a stranger's." Not uncommonly, juveniles park their own cars and steal newer, faster models.

Debunking the prevalent notion that juvenile car theft is a crime of impulse, Captain Beaty maintains, "Car theft among juveniles is a calculated thing. If kids want a car for Saturday night, they decide on the make and model and know just how and where to get it. After using the car, it's not unusual for them to park it and keep the keys. If the car isn't picked up within 24 hours, they go back and use it again."

Even very young thieves with little or no driving experience plan their strategy. Suburban police chief Tom O'Hehir of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, tells about a 14-year-old with scant driving experience who swerved off the street, drove across lawns and smashed into a hydrant. When brought to the police station, the driver admitted that he and his companions had talked about stealing a car. One of the boys had seen a mechanic leave the keys in a car after bringing it from the shop to the back lot of the shop. Together, they decided this was the car for them. "Their case, like most of those we get, was not an impulsive act," says the chief. "It was a planned and deliberate crime." Damage to the car: \$1,000.

An FBI bulletin points out that cars are stolen for one of three reasons: for profit to resell in whole or part, for use in the commission of a crime, or for transportation. Although most youthful thieves steal a car simply to "have wheels," an increasing number are stealing to strip for parts and accessories. While titles and serial numbers discourage young people from trying to resell stolen cars, a car can be stripped and sold part-by-part for a handsome profit.

The most frequent target for car strippers of all ages is the sports car whose engine might bring from \$300 to \$600. Bucket seats command about \$200, a set of tires \$110, and fancy wheel covers might be worth as much as \$125. One insurance company in a

single year paid out more than \$1 million merely as reimbursement for stolen wheel covers.

"Too many parents unwittingly give their children the incentive to steal cars and strip parts for their own use, if not for resale," says Chief O'Hehir, who's had nearly 30 years' experience in handling juveniles. "They either buy their child a car, or sign for a 'junker' after he's saved up \$50. Pretty soon the car has new wheel covers, extra mirrors, new seats. What the parents don't seem to realize is that the boy doesn't have enough money to keep the car in gas, much less buy expensive accessories. A call from the police station lets them know that he's been siphoning gas or stealing parts."

How were more than a half-million cars stolen, and many of them stripped, last year? Easy. *Statistics show that 80 percent of all cars stolen had been left unlocked and 40 percent had the keys left in them.* Two juveniles on their way to the West Coast stole eight cars in two days. When a car ran out of gas or gave them trouble, they soon found another in which the driver had obligingly left the keys. "Juvenile car thieves have a strange code of ethics," explains Capt. Robert Keleher, Assistant Superintendent of Chicago's Field Services Division. "They don't regard it as stealing to drive off somebody's car if they find it open, but most of them are hesitant to break into a locked car."

Increasingly, however, police are finding a significant minority of experienced young thieves using professional expertise to get the car of their choice. Some buy an ignition lock for a certain make car and wire it to short around the car's ignition. Some "jump" the ignition with devices as uncomplicated as a piece of wire or the foil off a pack of cigarettes. Still others have master keys.

Firms such as Auto Key Supply Company in St. Petersburg, Florida, advertise that there's "no easier, faster or more economical way to open cars." Their deluxe set, which opens doors and ignitions on four makes of '55 to '67 model cars and trucks, sells for eight dollars. No questions asked. Only Texas and Oregon have legislation dealing with the sale and use of master keys.

Night is prime time for car thieves. Nearly two-thirds of all thefts occur then and over one-half of these thefts are from private residences, apartments, or streets in residential areas. According to the latest national statistics, auto theft in the suburbs rose 15 percent as opposed to 7 percent in cities. Shopping center parking lots provide good pickings. Likewise, used car lots offer variety as well as convenience. On some lots a car might be gone for a week or longer before it's missed. In the meantime, the thief can cover a lot of territory.

"Juveniles involved in car theft are usually involved in other wrong-doings as well," says Minneapolis' Captain Beaty. "Their records show that they start with shoplifting, graduate to stealing cars and all too often go on to bigger, more violent crimes."

Why does "on to bigger things" so often follow car theft? One officer explains that close to home, young people don't tend to "act up." But once mobile, they get to another part of town, another city, another state, and anything goes. The theft of a doctor's car from a hospital parking area started two Milwaukee teens on a 60-day burglary spree that covered half the country.

For whatever reason a juvenile takes a car without the owner's permission, he's committed grand larceny. States vary as to proceedings for apprehended juveniles, and the age at which a juvenile becomes an adult in the eyes of the court ranges between 16 and 21.

Whether lectured by the judge, put on probation, or sent to an institution, the juvenile's fate is largely determined by his attitude and past record. "Some seem to feel repentant," says Chief O'Hehir. "But I think most are disgusted with themselves for getting caught. They figure, 'I goofed. I'll do better next time.'"

The number of repeaters would seem to bear this out. An FBI bulletin reported that in 41 percent of nearly 3,000 juvenile car theft cases, the young person had previously been apprehended for the same offense. A Midwestern officer relates that some boys told him they knew they could get picked up three times for stealing cars before they got sent away.

Although juvenile offenses become a matter of police record, there's a callous  
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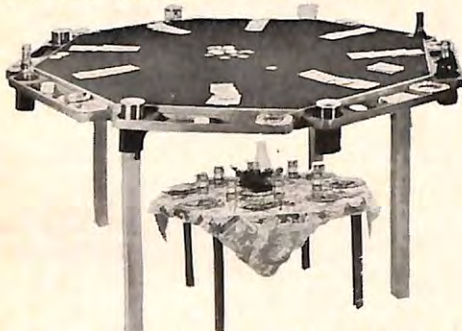
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"so what?" attitude among many young offenders. They figure that what they do before they reach legal age isn't serious because their records aren't made public.

What they underestimate, however, is their record's way of getting known by word of mouth, bringing their character under suspicion and undeniably affecting employment opportunities. Why should an employer hire someone who reportedly has a record when he can have his pick of ten who do not?

Also, it's unrealistic to believe that criminal habits automatically stop at a specified birthday. The car thief who is arrested even one day after he reaches legal age can be sentenced to prison. And what then? Probably the all too frequent pattern of a career in crime? Crime that last year cost American taxpayers \$21 billion!

Assuredly the auto theft problem is awesome in its enormity and in its ramifications. *It must be checked. And it can be.*

Policemen, social workers, parole officers, judges—all maintain that if there is to be a basic and lasting reduction in juvenile car theft, parents must not merely give their children a place to live. They must show them *how* to live. The day is past when parents can teach their children to avoid temptation, maintains Minneapolis judge Donald Barbeau. Yet they can teach them how to resist it.

"Too many parents give their children a house to live in, but there's a world of difference between a house and a home," says Chief O'Hehir. "I've seen kids coming out of beautiful houses who've never had the attention, love, and discipline it takes to make a home for a child."

Although parental guidance is basic to controlling the auto theft problem, it's no cure-all. Greater police efforts, a re-evaluation of the laws dealing with car thieves of all ages, continued and accelerated efforts by the National Automobile Theft Bureau—all will help.

The NATB, an agency organized and supported by insurance companies, not only works closely with police to recover stolen vehicles but suggests anti-theft improvements in auto design and promotes "lock-your-car" campaigns. Cities that have enforced ordinances making it illegal to leave an unattended car unlocked have witnessed dramatic results. Dallas, Texas, police reported a 31 percent decrease during a one-month campaign. The two months following Houston's campaign saw the theft rate drop 13 percent.

Although belatedly, the auto industry is now taking positive steps to combat car theft. On most '68 models, the vehicle-identification number plate is placed on top of the instrument panel near the windshield. The placement

makes it difficult for the thief, who must remove either the windshield or the instrument panel in order to substitute the plate. Substituting or altering the plate is frequently done by the thief who plans to sell the car.

Individual companies are also coming out with their own innovations to prevent theft. Dodges, Plymouths, and Chryslers have joined the theft rebellion with ignition switches that are difficult to jump. If the key is left in the lock of a General Motors car, a buzzer sounds when the door is opened on the driver's side. On new Fords, the push-down lock buttons have narrow tops, making it difficult to pull them up with a looped wire stuck through the vent window. On some Fords the door handle must be pulled inward, not upward. This, too, is more difficult to accomplish with a wire—a tool so commonly used in car theft.

Cars coming off the assembly lines in '69 will be even more theft-proof. Both Ford and GM plan to manufacture cars whose gearshifts and steering columns lock when the ignition key is turned to "off." Until the column and lever are locked, it will be impossible to remove the key.

Even though anti-theft campaigns and devices making it harder to steal cars will help combat the theft menace, owner negligence has been in the past, and will doubtless continue to be, the greatest single factor in auto theft. "If a professional thief wants your car, he's going to get it," says R. J. Bartrum, State Farm's claims vice-president. But the overwhelming majority of cars stolen are those which are easy marks for joyriding juveniles. If you are a car owner, you can be a vital force in controlling the car theft epidemic. By taking a few simple precautions, you can cut in half the chances of having your car stolen.

1. Don't "hide" an emergency set of keys in your car.
2. Beware of telling parking lot attendants how long you'll be gone. The attendant may let his friends take your car for a joyride, or go for one himself.
3. If possible, park your car in a garage at night. If you must leave it on the street, park in a well-lighted area near corners. Light discourages a thief, and at a corner he can be seen from more than one direction.

NATB's president Murphy says, "It's always puzzled me that people, who invest more in their cars than anything except a house, are more careless about their autos than they are about fountain pens or watches!" The motorist who is forewarned and wary will have far less cause to wonder: "When will *my* car be stolen?"

# IT'S ALL TRUE

By BILL TRUE

When Cotton Cordell opened the tailgate of the pickup the little white setter bitch almost knocked me over as she ran to jump in. We were getting set for a day's quail shooting near Hot Springs, Arkansas, and even in this pleasant hill country the morning air was frosty in early December.

Cordell is a veteran "bird" shooter—and in the South, "bird" means bobwhite—and he has miles of prime quail hunting available to his roaming pickup truck. Most years he hunts every single day of the lengthy Arkansas season.

With a pointer loaded in the truck next to the setter, we were ready to roll. Besides Cotton and myself the party included Cordell's father and Bill Laurent, fishing tackle company exec from Michigan. Our target for the day: some relatively open cover containing brome grass and millet about five miles away, reportedly home to several quail coveys, because of the excellent feed available.

As Cotton steered the truck around migrating tarantula spiders, who hopped across the road like monstrous hairy fists, he spoke of "the bird shootin' being rather poorly" that season and apologized in advance for what he said might be "skinny pickins." He also referred to the stylish pair of bird dogs as "little ol' meat hounds."

We turned down an unpaved road as the morning sun began to warm the air comfortably and as I turned to comment to Cotton the truck came to a slow halt. "Well, look there," said the soft-spoken driver. I glanced through the bug splattered windshield and there, peacefully dusting themselves in the road, were about 18 bobwhites—a respectable covey in anybody's country.

We had no shooting intent toward this bunch, of course, so we simply ran the truck slowly toward them to see how close we could get. I'd say 12 feet before the covey took flight.

No need to say we were now as eager as the dogs, and a few hundred yards up the road we parked, got out and readied guns and dogs. (Guns were widely assorted: a pump, an automatic, an over-and-under, and a side-by-side double.) The dogs ranged out in perfect style, quartering the wind. Five minutes from roadside by my watch we saw the little setter sock on point and the pointer sidle alongside her in a perfect honor.

Cordell, Senior, motioned to Laurent and me to take the covey rise and we walked up on the dogs quietly. Now, I've had quail rise in front of my gun in most of the top quail states in this broad land, but if it ever fails to give me a big thrill, I guess I'll hang up my guns. This time was no exception.

Out they rocketed and I was just as surprised as ever at the whirring racket the little gamesters make on the rise. I waited an extra second just to enjoy the moment and as I drew down I heard Laurent's double blam. The bird I'd picked dropped and I swung rapidly to another and folded him at about 30 yards. Bill and I each got off another round but didn't touch a feather.

Pointer and setter each retrieved a bird to their master, Cotton's dad, and he admired them proudly—because of his dogs' fine work—before dropping them into his game vest.

It was one of those great days; we flushed 16 coveys before quitting in early afternoon while still well short of our four-man limit. Not for want of chances to kill but because it was more enjoyable to watch the dogs work than to kill game.

So much for a "rather poorly" day on "birds" in the hills of Arkansas.

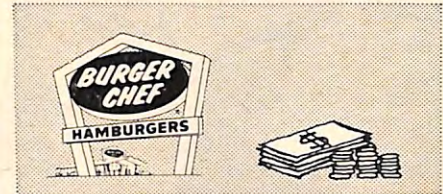
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# News of the Lodges

BPO ELKS CENTENNIAL 1868-1968



**LADIES OF THE ELKS** of Elgin, Ill., Lodge—Mrs. Wanda Simpson (center), who heads the women's group, and Mrs. Beverly Schueneman—present a special contribution of \$750 to Dr. O. E. Andres, of Evanston, chairman of the Illinois Elks Association Crippled Children's Commission, Chicago.



**UPON HIS RETIREMENT** from office, Ohio's immediate PSP Elwood W. Reed of Bowling Green Lodge (second from left) received this plaque from the Brothers of his lodge. Assisting Brother Reed in displaying the plaque, which outlines his career in Elkdom, is PER James E. Hennings while PER Kenneth Kidd, a former president of the lodge's Past Exalted Rulers Association, and PER Eugene W. France, who is also lodge Secretary, look on.



**SOME OF THE FIRST TICKETS** for the Massachusetts Elks Association's charity baseball game go to Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts, a member of Winchester Lodge. He is shown (second from left) purchasing the tickets from Winthrop PER Charles E. Gill, event chairman. Looking on are PGER John E. Fenton, Boston, and PSP Andrew A. Biggio, Winthrop.

**MANILA, Philippine Islands,** Lodge's delegates to the recent Grand Lodge convention in New York—ER Robert K. Regan and PER Richard A. Callahan—chat with PGERs Horace R. Wisely and R. Leonard Bush at a Pacific-Southwest states party.





Long Branch, N.J., ER Edward Maher and Est. Lect. Kt. William J. Fontana, centennial chairman, watch as Mayor Paul Nastasio Jr. signs the Elks Centennial Week proclamation.

**THE ELKS OF LONG BRANCH**, New Jersey, reviewed the Order's proud past and looked toward a challenging future during a week-long celebration of the Elks centennial year.

Activities got underway with the erection of outdoor signs at the entrance to the city announcing Elks Centennial

Week, which was proclaimed by Mayor Paul Nastasio Jr. for the week of June 30th. "Hello Bill" buttons, bumper stickers, and Centennial beer mugs distributed previously aided in publicizing the observance.

An Elks Day at Monmouth Park Jockey Club, Oceanport, was climaxed



by the "Long Branch Elks" race. ER Edward Maher presented the winning trophy to Jockey G. Baltazar.

On July 4, the lodge directed the traditional Independence Day Parade for the city. Among the many marching units was the colorful Ceremonial Brigade of the U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Monmouth, which featured a mass formation of 72 American flags carried by 72 Signal Corps lieutenants.

SP Edmund A. Hanlon, Red Bank, and PDD John M. Barrett, Belmar, led the Elks contingents. The ladies contributed a float depicting the fine work done by the Elks in aiding crippled children.

A Centennial Ball, with a buffet featuring a giant birthday cake and then dancing to the Anniversary Waltz at midnight, concluded the week of celebration in Long Branch.



**A COMBINED** 39th anniversary and the Elks centennial celebration at Huntington, N.Y., Lodge is the scene of the presentation of \$5,000 to the local hospital for the construction and equipment of a nurses station in a new wing. ER Kenneth A. Christensen (third from left) is presenting the check to Byron T. Sannis, of Huntington Hospital. Also participating are Edward D. Woycik, community welfare chairman; PDD Howard S. Batemen, Freeport; SP and Dr. Leonard J. Bristol, Saranac Lake; lodge and state Secy. Herman J. Wickel; PDD Thomas Cozetti; GL Committeeman Peter Affatato, Hicksville.

**THE INSTITUTION** of Bayville, New Jersey, Lodge No. 2394, in ceremonies last July 28, is marked by the presence of distinguished New Jersey Elks. Seated to the right from ER William Kehoe (fourth from left) are VP Edward L. Frankman, Lakewood; SP Edmund H. Hanlon, Red Bank; PDD Charles Hotaling, Red Bank, and state New Lodge Chairman Alvin E. Clayton, Toms River. Also present were PGER William J. Jernick, and PVP and Point Pleasant PER Diron Avedision, organizing committee chairman.

**NOTABLE ELKS** attending a Past State Presidents dinner in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., during the recent Florida Elks' state convention take time out for a photograph: (from left) PGER William A. Wall, DDGER R. W. Evans, a lodge member, and PGER Lee A. Donaldson.





**OHIO ELKS'** Cerebral Treatment Center Board members approve grants totaling \$24,000 at a recent meeting. Pictured are (seated, from left) PSP Herschel J. Deal, Canton; PDD Tom Price, Zanesville, chairman; PDD Edwin A. Wight, Troy, and (standing) PER Kenneth W. Strunk, Lima, and PSP Walter G. Penry, of Delaware Lodge. Cerebral palsy is Ohio's major project.



**THIS GIGANTIC AMERICAN FLAG** measuring 24 by 40 feet—one of three of its size in the nation—wins the local parade trophy for Belmar, N.J., Elks. The flag, made of nylon material by Mrs. Kenneth Sperry and Mrs. Richard Dorer, both wives of Belmar Lodge members, requires a 120-foot pole for flying. Also contributing to the effort were Est. Lead. Kt. T. R. Illes and Mrs. Illes.



**THE ELKS OF RHODE ISLAND** remember a departed Brother—Dr. Edward C. Morin of Pawtucket, a Past District Deputy and a former state Treasurer—by presenting his widow, Mrs. Morin, with a \$1,000 Honorary Certificate in the Elks National Foundation. Making the presentation are Pawtucket PER Patrick J. Rainey and PSP Francis G. Gardiner, state Foundation chairman.



**A "NIGHT OF MEMORIES"** at Arlington, Mass., Lodge comes to a fitting close as 88-year-old Brother Joe Connolly, chairman of the evening, receives a surprise award in recognition of his 51 years of undiminished enthusiasm for the programs of Elklom. Shown congratulating Brother Connolly, who is modelling a blazer presented to him, are PDD Charles H. Cremens (left), a lodge member, and ER John J. Riley. Arlington Elks contend that Brother Connolly is the "oldest chairman" to actively head an Elks social event; Brother Connolly answers: "A good Elk is never too old to help the community, especially the youth of the community." The evening, an annual Old-Timers Night, was planned to enlist additional support for the lodge's youth activities programs.



**DISTINGUISHED MASSACHUSETTS ELKS** enjoy a free moment at the state association's 58th annual convention in West Harwich. Pictured are (from left) Special Deputy Edward A. Spry; Harry Sarfaty, convention chairman; Judge John E. Fenton, a Past Grand Exalted Ruler, and John J. Harty, a GL credentials committeeman.





**AMONG THE MANY INTERESTING EXHIBITS** at the Elks national convention in New York City was Livingston, N.J., Lodge's centennial display, which illustrated how a 300-member lodge in a northwest New Jersey township of 30,000 strived to tell its story and, in the process, to project and perfect its image and that of all Elkdom in the community. The segment of the exhibit pictured here shows work done at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to which the lodge dedicated this "Image of Elkdom" Exhibit. It featured displays of the lodge-operated speech therapy clinic at the Center.

**CONTRIBUTING TO THE LIGHTER SIDE** of the Order's centennial convention in New York City was the dazzling organ music of Ramon "Red" Ringo, which attracted Elks and visitors alike to the exhibit sponsored by the Elks National Home, Bedford, Va. Brother Ringo, a member of Brazil, Ind., Lodge became a guest of the Home upon his retirement in 1967. Since then he has been brightening the dinner hour for the 250 Home residents, playing his organ from the balcony of the immense dining hall.

## LODGE NOTES

**POINT PLEASANT, N.J.** The lodge's Crippled Children's Committee recently entertained about 100 children from Saint Edmond's Home, Metedeconk, and the Ocean County Unit for Retarded Children, Point Pleasant, for an annual picnic at Metedeconk Beach.

In addition to games and refreshments for the youngsters, the Elks arranged yacht cruises and thrilling rides in real fire engines provided by local fire departments. John Carlin was general chairman for the day of fun.

**BROOKLYN, N.Y.** The lodge was represented by Christine Hines in the city's recent Loyalty Day Parade. Miss Hines is Brooklyn's new "Miss Liberty" and is the third queen to represent the lodge in a patriotic parade during the past year. Other parades were in support of our boys in Vietnam and were held in Manhattan and the Bronx.

**HAWTHORNE, N.J.** Miss Kathleen Hazen, a student at Hawthorne High School, was presented with a certificate by ER Matthew Giannelli in recognition of her third-place performance in the statewide Most Valuable Student competition. The certificate presentation took place at the high school.

**REDONDO BEACH, Calif.** An outstanding Flag Day editorial by Brother Sam Stewart, editor of the South Bay Daily Breeze, gave recognition to the role of the BPOE in fostering Flag Day observances.

The editorial included materials from the Elks' Flag Day ritual, deplored abuse of the flag, and urged continued allegiance to Old Glory. The "Breeze" has more than 200,000 regular readers.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.** An informal birthday party was held recently for PDD James A. Greenelsh. The party, honoring Brother Greenelsh's 80th birthday, was attended by some of the leading Elks of the West Central District and the West Central Coast District.

**NEWARK, N.Y.** The annual Kiddie Party for the children of Newark was held recently at the Newark Community Center, under the direction of the lodge's youth activities committee. More than 325 youngsters were on hand for the annual event.

Highlights of the affair were the performance of a group of young artists from a local dance studio, and the showing of a Disney film, "Rusty and the Falcon." Dancing and refreshments concluded the program.

**BRADENTON, Fla.** The Elks Suncoast Open Golf Tournament—a "first" for Florida's Southwest District—was staged recently by Bradenton Lodge.

More than 140 golfers participated in the 18-hole handicap event, to which the public was invited. So successful was the tournament that lodge members plan to make it an annual affair.

**UNIONTOWN, Pa.** Lodge members were saddened by the loss of PER Henry C. Brooke, 89, who died July 16.

An Elk for 64 years, Brother Brooke served as Exalted Ruler of the lodge for 1918-1919, and as treasurer for 34 years. An enthusiastic showman, he was a popular end man in all of the old-time Elks' musicals.

An Honorary Life Member, Brother Brooke had been honored recently at a special dinner held at the lodge.

**BISMARCK, N.D.** Awards were recently presented to the lodge's winners of the Youth Leadership and Most Valuable Student contests: Nancy Huber of Wish-ek, Mary Lou Dermid of Riverdale, and Debra Rausch, Kathleen Wood, Michael Spath, and Robert Woodmansee, all of Bismarck. The presentations were made by ER Lloyd Gribble.



**HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania,** Lodge's life member—Judge Homer L. Kreider (right)—is being presented a citation from Pennsylvania Gov. Raymond P. Shafer by Harrisburg ER Robert E. Young (second from right) and Middletown, Pa., ER James J. Harold. Looking on is Robert Roberts Jr. (left), one of 21 candidates initiated by the two lodges in a joint ceremony in honor of Brother Kreider, presiding judge of the Dauphin County Court.



**NEW JERSEY ELKS** pay special tribute to PGER William J. Jernick by presenting him with this handsome plaque during the state association's Centennial dinner-dance at the recent Grand Lodge convention in New York City. Making the presentation on behalf of the state Elks are SP Edmund A. Hanlon, Red Bank, and PDD Louis Hubner, Union City, who was state convention chairman.



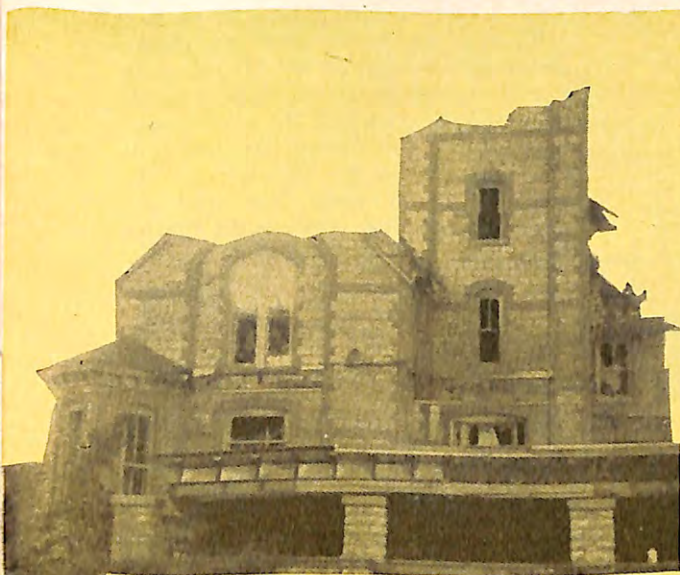
**EASTON, Pennsylvania,** PER Kenneth Rustay, acting on behalf of the 14 lodges in Pennsylvania's Northeast District, presents a \$200 scholarship check to Miss Linda Roberts of Easton. Miss Roberts, a cerebral palsy victim, is enrolled at Albright College, Reading, Pa., where she is studying sociology. Her plans for the future center around the teaching of retarded children.



**CLEARWATER, Florida,** PER Glenn Shoopman presents an American flag to Principal Joe C. Eidson, Oak Grove Junior High School. The flag was first flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., through arrangements made by Florida's Sen. Spessard L. Holland, an Elk. His letter praising the school for its participation in Operation Forward Observer Vietnam was read before the 2,000 students and their parents at the annual awards assembly. The school also received a battle scrapbook of the 1st Infantry Division, which contains an account of the school's cooperation with Clearwater Elks in sending gift packages to men in the forward observers artillery unit. Also shown are SFC Marion Beck (left), who presented the scrapbook, Lt. William A. Knight (second from right), William F. Streit, assembly chairman, and some of the students who attend the school.



**ONE HUNDRED SUITS** for the Elks National Home—a gift from Rochester, Mich., Elks—are being packed into a station wagon (left) and delivered at the Elks' residence in Bedford, Va., (right) by lodge members George L. Martin, Secretary, and H. A. Stackhouse. A hearty thanks goes to the two Brothers, who went to Bedford in the station wagon crammed with presents for residents of the Home. On their return, they brought back Charlie Barnes and Ramon "Red" Ringo, who treated Rochester Elks to a couple of nights of lively piano and organ music.



**A MOMENT OF TERROR** reduced Charles City, Iowa's historic lodge building to a twisted heap of brick and wood. The lodge building lay directly in the path of a tornado that roared through the town of 10,000, leaving 13 dead, 450 injured, and hundreds homeless. Twenty members who were in the building when the twister struck took shelter in the basement, fortunately escaping without injury.

The roof of the lodge building was torn away, sending the upper two stories crashing down to the first floor. The ballroom—the most recent of several additions to the structure—was completely destroyed.

Saddened but undaunted by the tragedy, Charles City's 650 "homeless" Elks look hopefully toward the future, and the creation of a new lodge building to carry on the tradition of the old.

The battered lodge building, minus its roof and most of its upper two stories, stands in mute testimony of the tornado's wrath. (Right): A Charles City Elk—Larry Kelley—stands on tiptoe in the lodge's roofless and debris-filled meeting room to rescue the Elks emblem.



**A NEW FLAG** graces Point Pleasant, N.J., Lodge. The nylon taffeta flag was designed and constructed by Brothers Don Koch, William Scheyer (not shown), and Don Anderson, and Elks' ladies Dorothy Wissel and Patricia Sanborn, who pose with ER Nicholas Kewitt (second from right), and other officers of the lodge.



**SOUTHBRIDGE, Massachusetts**, PER Rosario S. Arpin (right) recently donated this 30-foot steel flagpole to the lodge in memory of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Standing by to assist in raising the flag are ER Archie E. Keyes and Arthur Bernard, lodge Americanism chairman. The flagpole was dedicated by SP Henry T. Flaherty, Clinton, in a ceremony to which 150 local Boy and Girl Scouts were invited, as well as the members of Southbridge Lodge.

**RECEIVING AN AWARD** at the New York Elks Association's convention from VP George C. Schmidt (right), Massapequa, is John Scardina of Farmingdale, shown flanked by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Scardina. Looking on is ER Richard W. Geldart of Hempstead Lodge, the young man's sponsor. John received a \$1,600 award for his third-place performance in the nationwide Most Valuable Student competition.

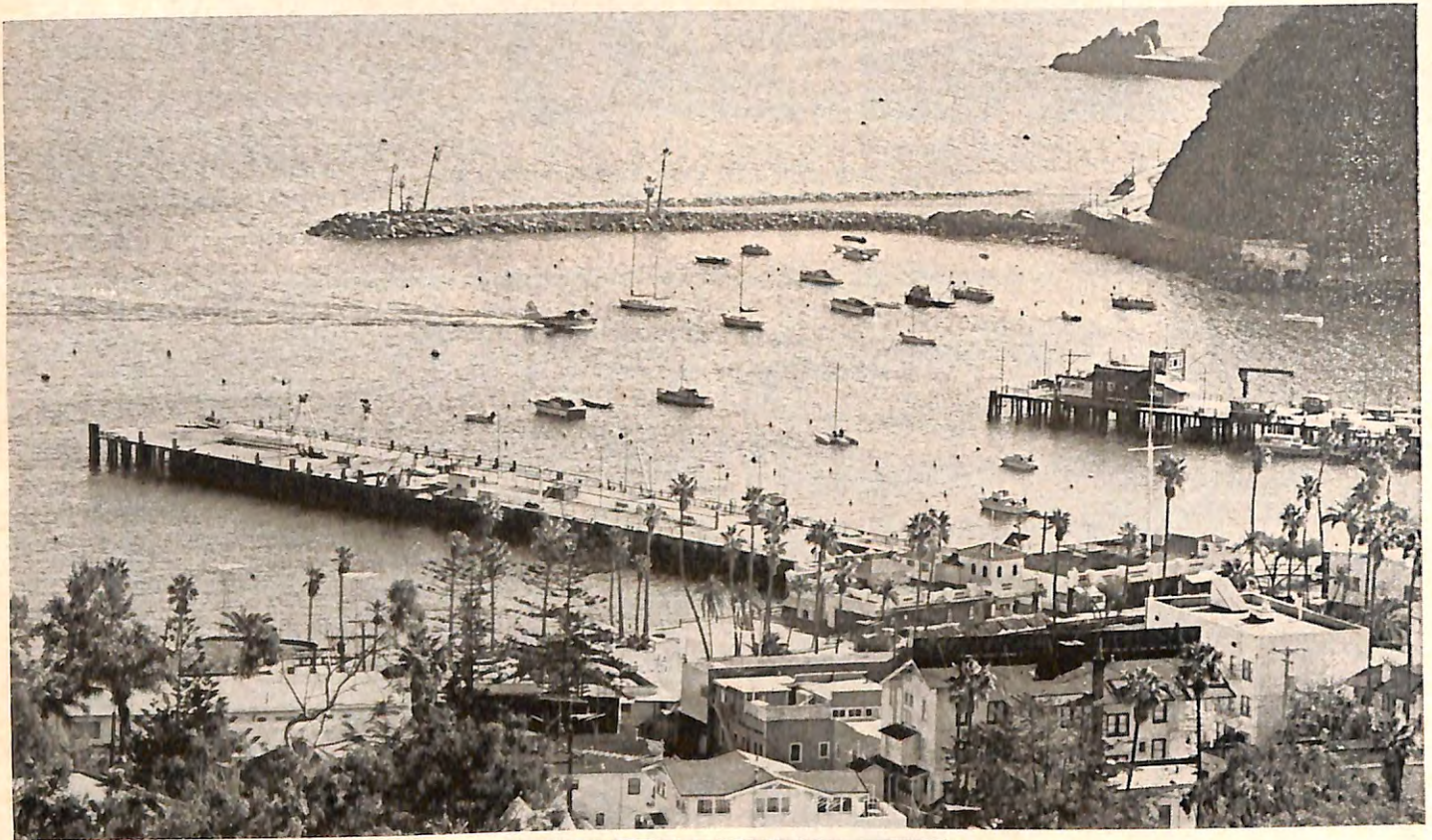


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by Dolly Connelly

# Return to Santa Catalina

There's an enchanting something about islands that is not shared with points on the mainland. Little worlds apart they are, with all the irritations of ordinary life left across the stretch of channel. Maybe it's because you can know an island, stone, tree, bird and animal, while the world is too big for such intimacy. I caught my chronic case of isomania the first time I looked seaward on a day of sparkling visibility from the summit of Southern California's Mount Wilson and saw Santa Catalina in detail, not the familiar hazy blue line on the horizon, but a double



Above, an amphibian plane glides into Avalon Bay. Below, a resident feeds her "pet" wild pig who is hopelessly spoiled on a diet of doughnuts from tourists. Right, one of the island's loveliest coves, Isthmus Cove, a yachtmen's paradise.



island lying prone on the blue Pacific like some huge kraken reared out of seven hundred fathom depths, a junior mountain range adrift at sea. When first I sailed toward Santa Catalina and watched its sun-baked ochre mountains and plunging cliffs grow distinct, its shadows become rivers of verdure winding skyward from fanned beaches in secret little coves, a lifetime love affair began.

Now I hadn't been back to Catalina Island for all of thirty years. You take an awful chance when you return to a beloved place, even to an island which by virtue of the insulating sea is not likely to suffer overwhelming insults to its peace and beauty. As our plane circled in over Avalon Bay and set down gently just off the gleaming Casino, my heart leaped up with the salt spray. The be-



loved island was more beautiful than ever, more lush with growth, its peace in even more striking contrast to the anthill burgeoning of Southern California.

Certainly it's one of the wonders of the world. It takes a deal of understanding to comprehend how this scenic sanctuary within 15-minute seaplane flight of the mainland could have withstood the impact of seven million recreation-minded people across a channel only 18 miles wide at its narrowest stretch, seven million people within easy reach by pleasure craft, island steamer and frequent airline schedule. Yet even the Chumash Indians who carved fishhooks out of abalone shells and stared in wonder at the winged caravels of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo would have no difficulty in recognizing their homeland.

The historic deterrent to a blight of over-development on the 76-square-mile island, second largest of the chain of eight Channel Islands across the spans of Santa Barbara and San Pedro Channels from the Southern California coast, was shortage of fresh water. The other factor in preservation of the wilderness paradise is ownership by a single family, that of the late William Wrigley, Jr., the chewing gum king who purchased all the stock of the Santa Catalina Island Company from the Banning family and poured millions into tasteful improvement. Outside of a single square mile incorporated in the little town of Avalon, the island still is a private kingdom—with a difference. The controlling company encourages recreation on these private lands.

My first wish was to explore all the trails and hidden coves I'd loved so

much in childhood. We lost no time checking into a charming cottage at Las Casitas and set out up Avalon Canyon to high ridges overlooking the Palisades of the west coast and barren, ghost-like San Clemente Island rising in ragged mountain range 23 miles further south. Ravens high in the eucalyptus trees squawked an alarm of our coming and ahead of us coveys of quail whirred off into banks of toyon holly, ablaze with winter's red berries. Mourning doves called their plaintive note and we were surrounded by a symphony of mocking birds, meadow larks and dusky warblers. At last we stood on that enthralling height with all of the lush canyon spread below us and not a sound to be heard but bird song and the distant mutter of the sea. Everything was in bloom, in love, or in song. We succumbed to the magic of an island winter holiday.

Santa Catalina Island is at its best in the off-season when the brown hills green up in seasonal rains and exploration of the unknown Catalina—the vast interior range of mountains and plunging arroyos—is most inviting. Automobiles are discouraged as the road system outside of Avalon is private, but there's no bar to hiking, horseback, and bicycle riding. Unlike many a resort, the island doesn't "die" after Labor Day. Its multitude of activities, glass bottom boat, seal colony boat trip, inland motor tours and drives, golf, tennis, yachting, swimming and horseback riding, hunting and fishing in season, remain available. Private pilots flock like homing pigeons to the island's airport in the sky, leveled by cutting off the tops of two mountains. The average daytime temperature range, summer



Above, an amphibious plane takes off from Avalon Bay. In the background, lies the famed Catalina Casino. Left, a picturesque beach on the west coast of the island.

and winter, is 67 to 76 degrees. There's no smog, no desert dust. Prevailing westerlies sweep the island clean.

Gardens are fantastically lovely with exotic planting of birds of paradise, hibiscus, frangipani, Saint Catherine's lace, and island tree poppy. Avalon's fine restaurants, especially the Flying Yachtsman and Arno's, remain open year-round, as do delightful resorts such as Las Casitas, near the golf course, Pavilion Lodge on Avenida La Crescenta, and Malibu in a secluded area up canyon. Frequent daily transportation is furnished in winter by Catalina Air Lines, flying amphibians from Long Beach Municipal Airport, and Catalina Seaplanes, Inc., flying from San Pedro. The motor cruisers Cabrillo and Descanso sail daily out of Catalina Terminal at San Pedro throughout the winter at 9:30 A.M., returning in late afternoon.

I couldn't get over the beauty of long established planting in Avalon and nearby Descanso Canyon, and stopped by to learn its secret from Malcolm Renton, vice president of the Santa Catalina Island Co. He explained.

"When we must remove a tree, we replace it by planting two or three. Gradually we are lining the cliff-side interior roads with many varieties of eucalyptus for their fragrance and dramatic beauty and to prevent erosion of the rocky soil. Small groves of evergreens have been planted on hillsides and in natural parks. The planting goes on forever."

Even up in our Washington state home, we had heard of the general land-use plan for Santa Catalina drawn up by the firm of William L. Pereira &

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## Santa Catalina

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Associates, a long range development which eventually will increase the resident population from around 2000 to ten times that number. Mr. Renton reassured us.

"Development will take place in easy stages, over twenty to twenty-five years. No one is in a hurry. It is more important to avoid mistakes. The prospectus will show you that the goal is to preserve the scenic beauty and early California heritage of the island, its sense of tranquility and remoteness." In part the Pereira plan reads,

"Because of limited amounts of useable land, approximately 70% of Catalina has been designated for hunting, recreation and natural preserve. Most of the future population will be concentrated at the communities of Avalon and Two Harbors (Isthmus Cove and Catalina Harbor). It is expected that by 1985 the population will have increased to 20,000 permanent residents with newly developed native industries providing employment for a consider-

able portion of this number. The extensive use of funiculars to furnish transportation up the steep slopes of Avalon is contemplated, minimizing the need for automobiles and road cutting. Fast, frequent transportation cross-channel will employ vertical take-off aircraft, helicopters, hydrofoil boats and ground effect machines or 'flying hulls'."

Already completed are Pereira-designed apartments such as Avalon never has seen before. Underway is a condominium just below Holly House, on the curve of Avalon Bay toward Lovers Cove. The island will change, but in ways that enhance it as a sanctuary for people. The Southern California Edison Company is playing a major role in the plan. Edison took over utilities for Santa Catalina Island, expanding water storage facilities to 325 million gallons, a reserve large enough to supply a population increased ten times over. A salt water conversion plant has been installed at Pebbly Beach as insurance against any future long-standing drought. As a ten year water supply now fills Catalina's big reservoirs, the conversion plant is not in use. But its

presence is a prime factor in future population increase.

The Pereira sketches are beautiful, showing the gentle hillsides surrounding Little Harbor on the west coast dotted with large estates, Two Harbors with handsome homes constructed on hillside slopes that leave the entire half-mile center strip to open park. Side arroyos fanning down into Avalon Canyon are terraced with lovely homes and apartments. Best of all, the mountainous interior of the island, at its greatest point its width is eight miles, remains forever the wild range of its unique colony of animals.

Catalina has an impressive population of wild goats, thought to have been introduced on the island by Spanish sea captains; wild pigs brought in from Santa Rosa Island thirty years ago as a control measure against rattlesnakes; and of all things, buffalo! A small herd was brought to Santa Catalina in 1924 during the filming of a wild west William Farnum silent motion picture. They resisted rounding up for repatriation to the mainland with such vigor that they were abandoned by the film company. A second herd was imported

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from Colorado a decade later. The result has been a mild explosion of the handsome, shaggy beasts. Regular guided hunting seasons are provided for mountain goats and wild boar, believed to be Russian in origin, but the buffalo, now grown tame, are undisturbed as are the native deer.

We rose early for nine holes of golf at the Visitor's Country Club most mornings, made arrangements for an inland motor tour with driver John Williams on a day of soft fog billowing up the canyons and resting against rugged greasewood and cactus-covered mountain heights. Up near Wishbone Loop on the old Indian trail, John stopped to pick up a lone boy hiker in a surfer's shirt, headed for a weekend campout at Ben Weston Beach, much favored by the sports-minded young of Catalina. Adjacent to the ancient Indian kitchen midden above Little and Shark Harbors on the west coast is one of the great views of the island, a sweeping combination of sea and arid, wild hillsides lifting up in wave upon wave to 2000 foot Mounts Black Jack and Orizaba. There we rested in brilliant sunshine, and as old island-lovers will, traded tales of the history and future of this enchanted bit of the world. John, a vaquero who came to the island 22 years ago with saddle and blanket to work at the champion Arabian horse ranch, the Phil Wrigleys' El Rancho Escondido, has a fine grasp of island lore which he shares with riders on the inland tours, his present work.

Santa Catalina has known remarkably few owners since La Isla de Santa Caterina first was claimed for the King of Spain by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542 on expedition to locate the mythical Strait of Anian. The island's first private owner, Thomas M. Robbins, is said to have obtained his grant from the Mexican Governor of California, Pio Pico, in exchange for a good horse and silver mounted saddle! For centuries, chief use of Santa Catalina was by smugglers, pirates, prospectors, sheep ranchers and fishermen. It was not until the Banning brothers, sons of General Phineas Banning, southwest stage-coach operator, acquired the island in the 1890's that its recreational aspects were appreciated. The Bannings brought drinking water across the channel by barge to augment the Indians' springs and shallow ponds, and set about building a fleet of steamers.

Soon a trip to Avalon became the thing to do, the very zenith of sophisticated California travel pleasure. Glass-bottomed power boats were designed for viewing the fabulous marine gardens just off Avalon Bay. The world-famous Tuna Club and Catalina Yacht Club were founded, recognizing the island's location in waters that are a game fisherman's dream. True to the family

business heritage, the Bannings improved Indian trails extending nearly the 21-mile length of the island and inaugurated exciting stage coach trips to the Isthmus, now known as Two Harbors. Old-timers still tell of hair-raising rides from the summit down to Avalon Bay over a cliff-hung road of such sharp twists and turns that now and again the galloping team disappeared around a bend, leaving the coach apparently headed straight for a thousand foot drop into the sea below. The elegant Saint Catherine Hotel was the rendezvous of the carriage trade, its rooms posted with notices requesting that guests please conserve water.

A disastrous fire in 1915 reduced half of Avalon to smoldering ruins and helped to draw the Banning era to an end. William Wrigley, Jr., purchased controlling stock in the island company from the Bannings and the Wilmington Transportation Company, owners of the trans-channel steamers, in 1919 and set upon an elaborate program of beautification still under way.

To Mr. Wrigley, the island was a sort of hobby into which to pour millions of dollars in the solution of such problems as that of water supply. Yet he reviewed its resort potential with the clear eye of a businessman. There followed fifteen years of tourist hoopla without precedent, even in California, a publicity campaign that brought millions of visitors to this South Seas paradise with the Spanish motif. The "S.S. Avalon," a one-time Great Lakes steamer, the "S.S. Catalina" and "Cabrillo" were put on the Wilmington-to-Avalon run, their passengers entertained by singing troubadors in caballero costume. Motion picture companies were encouraged to choose film locations in remote island hideaways, and still are welcomed. Under the direction of Philip K. Wrigley in 1934 full-grown olive and palm trees were imported from the mainland, and exotic tropical planting extended up the wild canyons. White sand was barged from the Pacific Ocean side of the island to cover the pebbly bathing beaches of Avalon and Descanso Bays.

The famous Bird Park, largest bird cage ever built, long was stocked with species from all over the world. A tile and ceramics plant at Pebbly Beach turned out Catalina's distinctive red roof tiles, decorative glazed tile plaques and tables, vases and tableware that now are collector's items. The Casino, crowning architectural gem of the island, was completed in 1929 and became a famous landmark, spotlighted and gleaming like a jeweled crown in the night from far out at sea. The nation's greatest dance bands played here in the era of ballroom dancing, broadcasting "I Left My Heart in Avalon"

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## News of the State Associations



(Above): Young Troy Kilmer, theme child for the California-Hawaii Elks Association's major project report at the annual convention in Fresno, Calif., tries out the tractor he received from the Elks, as Major Project Chairman and PSP Charles T. Reynolds, Vallejo, watches. The project is aid to cerebral palsied and other handicapped children. (Below): A happy group at the convention includes: outgoing SP Marvin M. Lewis (center) with PGERs Horace R. Wisely, Robert E. Boney, John L. Walker, and R. Leonard Bush.



IMMEDIATE PGER Robert E. Boney and PGER George I. Hall were guests of honor and principal speakers at the Texas Elks Association's annual convention June 6 through June 8 in Austin. A total of 625 Texas Elks and their guests were in attendance.

A budget of \$128,000 was adopted for the Crippled Children's Hospital at Ottine, the state major project. The per capita cost of maintaining the hospital was reduced from \$5 to \$4.50.

Baytown Lodge was named winner of the ritualistic contest for the second consecutive year.

PGERs Boney and Hall were honored, along with Past State Presidents, at a Grand Ball held at the city auditorium. A second ball honored newly elected SP Edward M. Schlieter, a Past District Deputy and a member of New Braunfels Lodge. Other state officers include President-elect Harry N. Phelps, Arlington; Secy. E. L. McMullen, Houston; Treas. James F. Ferrel, Baytown; Chap. B. A. Erpen, Borger; Sgt. at Arms and PDD H. S. Bryson, Dallas, and Tiler Tom Wisdom, a member of New Braunfels Lodge.

The fall conference will be held in November in Grand Prairie, and the 1969 convention June 12 through June 14 in El Paso.

A RECORD-BREAKING Exalted Rulers "Piggy Bank" March highlighted the sessions of the 53rd annual convention of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, May 22 through 25 in Fresno. Contributions made by the Exalted Rulers of California and Hawaii to carry on the work of the major project—aid to cerebral palsied and other handicapped children—totaled \$408,600. These voluntary donations, the largest in the history of the project, were in addition to previous per capita assessments of \$164,479.

Named as President was Norman S. Lien of Watsonville. The 17 newly elected Vice-Presidents are: John Putkey, South San Francisco; Reno T. Fer-

nero, Merced; Robert Vert, Coalinga; Charles D. Padias, Lancaster; Robert McLain, Arcadia; Patrick LaPointe, Redding; Herbert C. Dodini, Nevada City; Bill Grant, San Rafael; Charles A. Booth, Whittier; Don Mayfield, Indio; Bernard E. McCune, Long Beach; Dr. Joseph L. Sullivan, Culver City; William S. Lethbridge, North Shores; Alva "Peck" Carter, Glendora; Elmer L. Lanini, Salinas; Walter E. Schreiner, Oxnard, and Bernard F. Kaplan, Honolulu.

Edgar W. Dale, Richmond, was re-elected as Secretary and William D. Brunner, Redondo Beach, as Treasurer.

Other officers include: Sergeant at Arms, Marvin R. Pike, Torrance; Tiler, Cary D. Guichard, Redding; Chaplain, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George M. Scott, San Pedro, and Organist, James A. Dyer, Richmond. Trustees are: Robert E. Rich, San Rafael; Ernest Rabanus, Coalinga; Robert W. Berry, Fullerton; Jack Hitchcock, Salinas; Frank W. Burns, Redlands; Ray G. Merrill, Big Bear Lake; Dick Rypkema, Paradise, and Vincent G. Ciallella, Redondo Beach.

Among the dignitaries present for the four-day meeting were PGERs Robert E. Boney, John E. Walker, Horace R. Wisely and R. Leonard Bush.

GEORGIA'S Elks Aidmore Hospital provided assistance to 1,800 children during the past year, hospital Trustees Chairman Henry Ansaldo reported to the 1,000 persons gathered for the association's annual convention, held June 5 through 8 at Jekyll Island. The Elks Aidmore Hospital is the state major project.

Outgoing SP Tolbert P. Sexton presided at the meeting, while PGER and PSP Robert G. Pruitt was the principal speaker at the convention banquet. The Memorial Address was delivered

by Rabbi Milton Greenwald of Brunswick.

Youth scholarships were awarded to Richard Kemmerlin, Augusta, and Cornelia Hopkins, Decatur.

Newnan Lodge won the ritualistic contest and the top honors in the Eleven O'Clock Toast contest, believed to be the first in the Southeast, went to ER Hubert J. Deaton Jr. of Gainesville.

The association also decided to enter a float in the annual Flag Day parade in Atlanta.

PER James A. MacDonald of Elberton Lodge was elected President. Other members of the association's new official family are: President-elect, Joe L. Lee, Valdosta; Vice-Presidents, Matthew A. Hitlin, Decatur; Ab Ridgeway, Cascade-East Point; Lem A. Purdom, Waycross, and A. T. Tom Knight, Tifton; reelected Secretary-Treasurer, Roderick M. McDuffie, Cascade-East Point Lodge; Sergeant at Arms, H. Hogan Brown, Elberton; Chaplain, William H. Carlson, Atlanta, and Tiler, Hubert J. Deaton, Gainesville.

The Past Exalted Rulers Assn. elected Otis M. Snider Jr. of Griffin Lodge president, and adopted as its major project a scholarship fund for the children of deceased Elks.

Jekyll Island was selected as the site for next year's annual convention June 5-8. The quarterly meetings were scheduled as follows: fall, Oct. 19-20, Augusta; winter, Jan. 18-19, Athens, and spring, March 15-16, Gainesville.

ROSWELL LODGE played host to 350 Elks and their guests meeting May 16 and 17 for the New Mexico Elks Association annual convention. Two Past Grand Exalted Rulers—Robert E. Boney and Horace R. Wisely—were among the distinguished guests.

Charles R. Debus, Albuquerque, was

named director of the cerebral palsy program, the state major project. Helen Shuster is secretary. It was reported that CP mobile units assisted 230 children during the past year. The association contributed \$200 from earnings on the Trust Fund for a scholarship.

Jerry A. Gorman of Las Cruces was elected State President. Other new officers are: VPs T. J. Williams Jr., Albuquerque, and Buddy Adams, Roswell; Secy. Louis D. Amezaga, Las Cruces; Treas. E. H. Jahraus, Albuquerque; Tiler Jack Bollinger, Tucumcari; Chap. Henry Harper, Roswell; Organist J. Gibbs Spring, Albuquerque, and Sgt. at Arms A. D. Sianz, Albuquerque. Trustees are: Chairman Ernest Apodaca, Las Vegas; Robert E. Menapace, Gallup; Robert Gillespie, Silver City; Howard Nunez, Albuquerque, and Vernon Bryan, Artesia.

Farmington Lodge won the state ritualistic contest.

The spring meeting, April 25 and 26, will be hosted by Albuquerque Lodge.

MASSACHUSETTS ELKS and their guests, 1,340 strong, attended their 58th annual state convention June 6 through June 9 in West Harwich, on Cape Cod.

Dignitaries on hand for the four-day meeting included PGER John E. Fenton; SDGERS Edward A. Spry, Boston, and John F. Cahill, Cambridge; Harold J. Field, Brookline, a member of the Grand Forum; Michael J. McNamara, Brockton, a GL Youth Activities committeeman; W. Edward Wilson, Newton, a GL Americanism committeeman, and John J. Harty, Lawrence, a member of the GL Committee on Credentials. Grand Chap. Rev. Francis P. Fenton, O.S.A., of Chicago, was guest speaker at the Memorial Service.

A record total of more than \$74,000



Winner of the Georgia Elks Association's first annual Eleven O'Clock Toast contest—Gainesville ER Hubert J. Deaton Jr.—accepts the award plaque from PGER Robert G. Pruitt. The presentation was made during the group's recent annual meeting at Jekyll Island.



PGER Horace R. Wisely and Mrs. Wisely (on left) are the guests of honor at a New Mexico Elks' party during the group's annual meeting in Roswell. Enjoying the festive evening with them are PGER Robert E. Boney and Mrs. Boney and the newly elected SP Jerry A. Gorman and Mrs. Gorman, of Las Cruces.

was announced for the Fund Raising Program, the proceeds of which are allocated for charitable awards to hospitals and schools throughout the state.

Youth awards were presented, and winners of the state oratorical contest announced.

Elected to head the association for the coming year was PDD Henry T. Flaherty, Clinton. Vice-Presidents include Joseph E. Brett, Quincy, a past chairman of the GL State Associations Committee; PDD Thomas F. O'Malley, Framingham; PDD Charles M. Zellen, Everett, and DDGER Edward J. O'Brien, Springfield. Reelected as Secretary and Treasurer were PDD Alfred J. Mattei, Worcester, and PDD Thomas A. Julian, Springfield, respectively. Appointees include Gordon C. Macklin, Clinton, Sergeant at Arms; Joseph E. Dolan, Leominster, Chaplain; Earl W. Perry, Clinton, Tiler, and Norbert P. Roy, Holyoke, Organist.

The 1969 convention will be held in June in Brenton-Woods, N.H.

AUBURN-OPELIKA LODGE was the site of the Alabama Elks Association's 46th annual convention, held June 6 through 9. Approximately 300 Elks and their ladies were on hand for the four-day event.

Reports indicated the past year was a highly successful and productive one for the Elks Memorial Center at Montgomery, the state major project. Contributions to the center exceeded those of the previous year by several hundred dollars.

The team from Tuscaloosa Lodge emerged the winner of the ritualistic contest, with Bessemer Lodge garnering second place.

Chosen to head the association for the coming year were W. H. "Buck" Stewart, Auburn-Opelika, President;

Howard Hannah, Bessemer, Executive Vice-President; PDD W. Ben Word, Dothan, 3-year Trustee; PDD Harry Erdberg, Mountain Brook (Birmingham), and Gover Burchfield Jr., Tuscaloosa, members of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Elks Foundation. Ronald J. Creel, Auburn-Opelika, was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. The new officers were installed by PDD and PSP Gilbert R. Mayer, a member of Sheffield Lodge.

Dothan Lodge will host the association's annual convention in 1969.

VICKSBURG ELKS played host to their fellow Mississippi Brothers during the state association's 1968 convention, May 17 through 19.

Guest of honor PGER William A. Wall was greeted in Jackson by a delegation from Vicksburg Lodge, and escorted by them to the convention. Brother Wall addressed the convention-goers on problems confronting America today, and stressed the need for teaching and practicing the cardinal principles of the Order.

Columbus Lodge was declared winner of the ritualistic contest. Members of the ritualistic team initiated 22 candidates into Vicksburg Lodge in an impressive ceremony.

Among those on hand for a luncheon honoring Grand Lodge officers, state association officers, Past State Presidents, and Past District Deputies were PGER Wall; immediate PSP and PDD Charlton G. Brent, Greenville; DDGERs Francis G. Larson, Pascagoula, and Edgar W. Johnson, Greenville; PDDs Robert J. Gilly, Biloxi, and T. J.

Sullivan, Natchez, and PSPs L. S. Nichols, Vicksburg, a PDD; PDD John D. Laws Sr., Columbus; Henry Schwan, Biloxi, and H. L. McCarley, Clarksdale.

Gulfport Lodge was named winner of the Public Image contest.

The new Hides for Veterans program was approved, with \$450 pledged annually for the acquisition of hides. A budget of nearly \$1,000 per year was approved for aid to handicapped children, the state major project. Per capita dues were increased from fifty cents to \$1 per member.

Chosen to head the association for the coming year were Raphael A. Franco, Vicksburg, President; Brazier Smith Jr., Canton, and PDD Robert J. Gilly, Biloxi, Vice-Presidents; Harry Piazza, Vicksburg, Secretary-Treasurer; James T. Mordica, Hattiesburg, Tiler; Thomas G. Ros, Natchez, Chaplain, and William T. Barner, Sergeant at Arms.

PORTLAND LODGE played host to the 1,900 Elks and their wives attending the Oregon State Elks Association's annual convention May 23 through May 25, 1968.

Dignitaries present included three Grand Lodge committeemen, nine past State Presidents, former Grand Trustee Frank Hise, a member of Corvallis Lodge, and PGERs Emmett T. Anderson and Robert E. Boney, who spoke on business practices and decorum expected within the Order.

All committee reports were favorable, including that of the Elks Eye Clinic, the state major project. A total of 3,860 youngsters were treated by the clinic during the past year, with \$229,-



The gavel is passed from Ray M. Prichard (second from right), Tuscaloosa Lodge, immediate Past State President of the Alabama Elks Association, to his successor, W. H. Stewart, a member of Auburn-Opelika Lodge, during the state association's 46th annual convention, held June 6 through 9. Looking on are Howard Hannah of Bessemer Lodge, the incoming Executive Vice-President, and his predecessor, H. Miles Wiggs, Birmingham Lodge member.



Two happy youngsters—Karen Talbot, and Douglas Brentano, shown with his mother, Mrs. Arlean Brentano—visit with PGERs Robert E. Boney and Emmett T. Anderson, and some of the Oregon Elks who have made possible their care as patients of the Elks Eye Clinic: (standing) SP Raymond R. Schroth, Hermiston, Brother and Dr. Kenneth C. Swan, director of the state association's program for visually handicapped children, and Frank Hise, Corvallis, former vice-chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. The meeting took place during the state association's convention at Portland.



*Newly elected Utah SP Elmo A. Turcasso (center), a member of Price Lodge, poses with some of the dignitaries attending the state association's convention at Ogden: SDGER Alton J. Thompson and immediate PSP Mont A. Gowers, both of Salt Lake City; PGER William S. Hawkins, Coeur d'Alene, and Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Patrick H. King, of Boise, Idaho, Lodge.*

817 received as contributions. Donations of equipment for the clinic totaled more than \$96,000. Also, \$3,000 came from the National Foundation.

The association's new slate of officers includes SP R. R. "Whitey" Schroth, Hermiston, a PDD; VPs Robert Clark, Bend; Worth Blacker, Corvallis; Pete Zandell, Gresham; Reuel Rians Jr., Medford, and PDD William Flatt, Condon; Treas. H. M. Randall, Salem, a former member of the GL Lodge Activities Committee; Secy. L. A. "Bud" O'Neill, Madras; Chap. Norm Carey, Albany; In. Gd. Ben Harlow, Portland; Tiler Harold Young, Brookings, and Trustees Chester Eaton, Myrtle Creek; Norman Freeman, Milwaukie; Merv Mortensen, La Grande; Willard Bodtger, Albany, and George Flitcraft, Klamath Falls.

Pendleton will host the midwinter meeting, and Klamath Falls, next summer's annual convention.

**AMONG DIGNITARIES** on hand for the Utah Elks Association's annual convention, held June 13 through 15 in Ogden, were PGER William S. Hawkins; SDGER Alton J. Thompson, Salt Lake City; Secretary of State Clyde Miller, representing Utah's Gov. Calvin Rampton, and Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Patrick H. King, a member of Boise, Idaho, Lodge.

Brother King addressed the 400 Elks and their ladies attending a special banquet commemorating Elkdom's centennial.

Assistance to handicapped and crippled persons, the state major project, totaled \$4,808 during the past year. A proposal to substitute a mental retardation scholarship program for the aid to the handicapped program is now under discussion.

At the helm of the state association during the coming lodge year will be SP Elmo A. Turcasso, Price; VPs William R. Kobel, Ogden; PDD Carl M. Fannesbeck, Logan, and Kay Hansen, Tooele; Treas. Frank J. Nelson, Salt Lake City; Secy. Grant Babcock, Price; Sgt. at Arms Jim Ferrara, Brigham City; Chap. Woodrow F. Roberts, Price; Or-

ganist Earl F. Hills, Price; In. Gd. Dorius "Pete" Hansen, Logan, and Tiler Richard Lyons, Roy. Trustees include PDD Val Maughan, Moab, chairman; J. V. Adams, Cedar City; Louis E. Holley, Salt Lake City; Donald Shreck, Roy, and Mark Tolletson, a member of Ogden Lodge.

**MISSOURI ELKS** attending their 58th annual convention May 3 through 5 in Springfield learned that the mobile dental unit program provided \$105,000 in services to 1,508 patients during the last year. The cost of the dental care for handicapped youngsters, the state major project, is met largely by individual contributions.

Immediate PGER Robert E. Boney addressed the 459 Elks and their guests in attendance, one of the largest state convention gatherings in the association's history. Brother Boney emphasized Elkdom's role in fostering Americanism and quelling civil strife. Another distinguished speaker, Missouri's Gov. Warren E. Hearnes, defended his policies toward recent civil disturbances in Kansas City.

Earl A. Toulouse, of Festus-Crystal City Lodge, was picked to head the association for the coming year. Other new officers include PDD Tom Briggs, Macon, Vice-President-at-Large; David McIntyre, Hannibal, PDD Richard E. Martin, St. Joseph, PDD John R. Williams, Cape Girardeau, and PDD Galen Marr, Warrensburg, all Vice-Presidents; R. Max Frye, St. Joseph, Treasurer; Clarence A. Tesreau, Festus-Crystal City, Secretary; George I. Williams, Maryville, F. William Joyner, Springfield, Clarence C. Houk, Potosi, and Larry Roup, Florissant, all Trustees.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELKS** elected PDD John T. Delany of Whitefield, a charter member of Littleton Lodge, as their new State President during the association's 40th annual convention May 17, 18, and 19 in Woodstock.

The roster of officers for 1968-1969 also includes: VPs Robert E. Smith, Nashua; Raymond L. Cushing, Laconia; PDD Walter D. Fish, Claremont; Wil-

liam F. Pforte, Dover, and Norris W. Edson, Keene; Secy. Kenneth W. Stanley, Newmarket, a member of Exeter-Hampton Lodge; Treas. Dana E. Emery, Littleton; Trustee Edward Buczynski, Franklin; Sgt. at Arms Harry Mullin, Derry-Salem; Chap. Robert S. Ordway, Concord; Tiler Glenn W. Acres, Franklin, and Organist Wells E. Tenney, Concord.

PDD and PSP Ronald E. Simpson, Portsmouth, was the installing officer.

Most Valuable Student scholarships of \$600 each were presented by Vice-President Smith to Kenna L. Daly, Manchester, and John P. McGee, Portsmouth. Newly elected President Delany presented Youth Leadership awards of \$275 each to Deborah White, Lisbon, and young McGee.

Brother Grover Howe, Keene, received a plaque, presented by Vice-President Pforte, as the outstanding "Elk of the Year in New Hampshire."

Seventeen lodges participated in the annual memorial service, directed by PSP and PDD Maurice L. Daniels, Rochester, with the assistance of PSPs John A. Hughes, Concord, and Henry Salvail, Nashua.

Woodstock was selected the site of next year's convention.

**DELEGATES** to the 63rd annual convention of the Iowa Elks Association, held May 17 through 19 in Marshalltown, learned that the state major project—sales of articles handmade by homebound persons—is under way.

The Elks Benevolence Committee, formed to administer the project, which was adopted at the November 1967 meeting, reported that a craft sales van has been purchased and given to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Iowa, Inc. The Elks' project is in cooperation with the Easter Seal Society. Future plans call for the purchase and staffing of additional such vans.

Boone Lodge won the state ritual contest. Muscatine and Decorah Lodges were the second and third-place winners, respectively.

B. F. Wipplinger of Waterloo Lodge was elected President. Other officers include: PDD Gene C. Gutknecht, Fort Dodge; T. H. Hvattum, Mason City; Al Humphrey, Fort Madison, and Jerry Shellenberger, Red Oak, Vice-Presidents; Sanford H. Schmalz, Muscatine, reelected Secretary; PDD James Tait, Boone, Treasurer; PDD B. G. Tranter, Carroll, four-year term Trustee, and PDD John T. McKeever, Dubuque, Trustee to fill the term of GL State Associations Committeeman Donald E. Semelhack, Charles City, who resigned.

More than 300 Elks and guests attended the convention.

The midwinter meeting will be held Nov. 15 through 17 in Newton.

# ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

announce new  
scholarship awards

Changes in the 1969 "Most Valuable Student" awards should be of interest to students of every community who are leaders in their schools and colleges. For the 35th year these awards will make it possible for many superior students to continue their college courses under favorable circumstances. The Elks National Foundation Trustees announced at the recent Grand Lodge Convention that \$181,000.00 in scholarship awards will be distributed next Spring.

## Schedule of Awards

	BOYS	GIRLS
First Award .....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Second Award .....	2,250.00	2,250.00
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Fifth Award .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
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Students in the graduating class of a high or college preparatory school, or in any undergraduate class (except senior) of an accredited college, who are citizens of the United States of America and residents within the jurisdiction of the Order, may file applications. Experience indicates that a scholarship rating of 90 per cent or better and a relative standing in the upper 5 per cent of the applicant's class are necessary to qualify for the group that will be given final consideration.

Scholarship, citizenship, personality, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness, patriotism, general worthiness, and financial need are the criteria by which applicants will be judged. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate course in an accredited college or university.

The National Association of Secondary-School Principals has placed this contest on the Approved List of National Contests and Activities for 1968-69.

Officers of subordinate lodges are requested to give notice of this offer to the principals of the high and preparatory schools and the deans of the colleges in their vicinity, and to cause this announcement to be published in lodge bulletins. Members are respectfully requested to bring this announcement to the attention of qualified students.

The Elks National Foundation Trustees

furnish an application blank entitled "Memorandum of Required Facts" which must be properly executed and filed with the Exalted Ruler or Secretary of the subordinate Elks lodge in which the applicant is a resident. Application blanks will be made available to students at local Elks Lodges after December 1, 1968. Closing date for filing with the proper subordinate lodge officials is February 15, 1969. Requests for additional information should be addressed to the Scholarship Chairman of the State Elks Association of the State in which the applicant is resident.

The application, verified by the proper local lodge officer, will then be submitted to the State Scholarship Chairman on or before March 15, 1969, to be judged by the Scholarship Committee of respective State Association and, if approved in State allotment, be forwarded no later than March 31, 1969, to the Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation for national judging. Students selected for scholarship offers will be announced about May 1, 1969.

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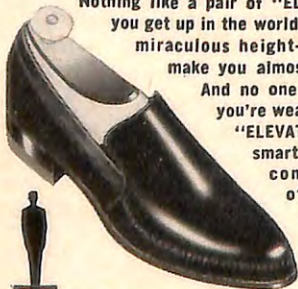


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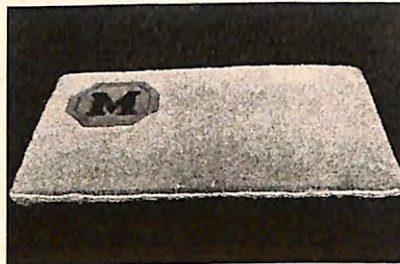
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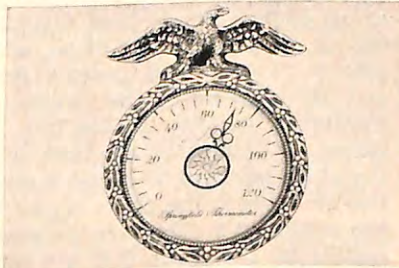
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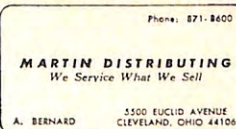
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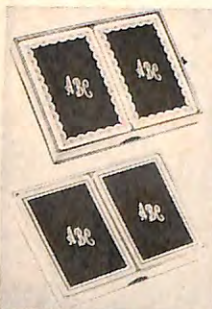
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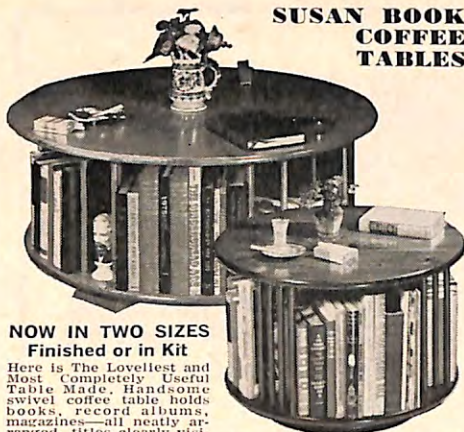
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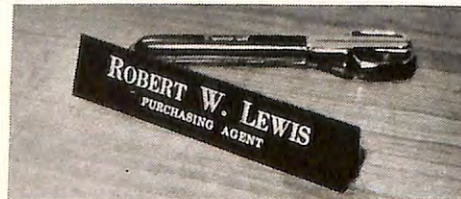
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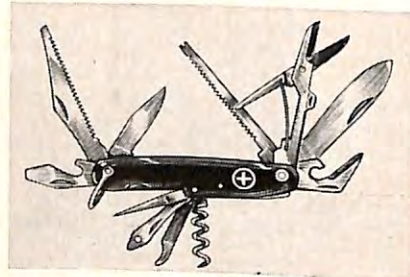
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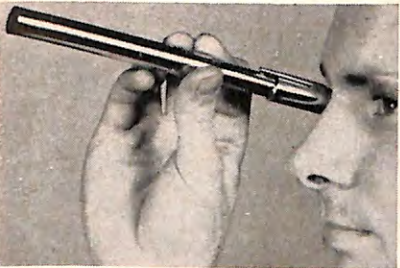
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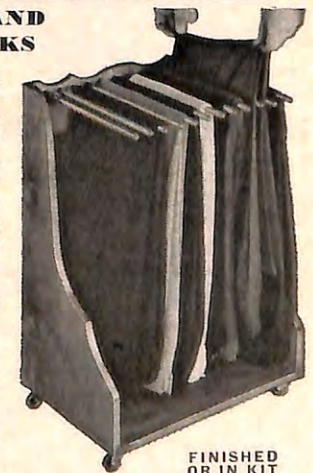
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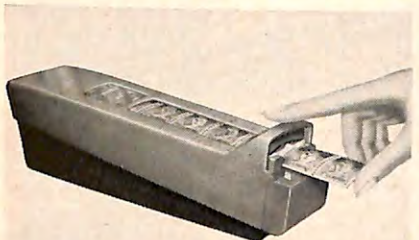
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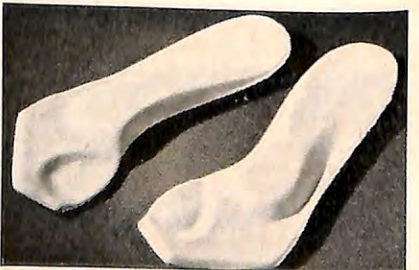
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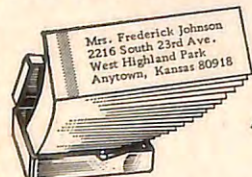


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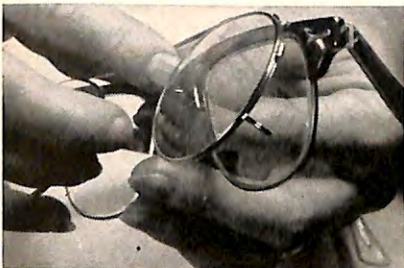
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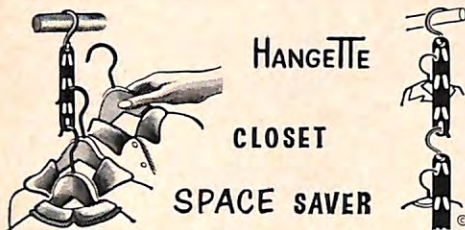
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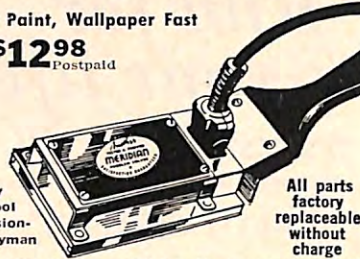
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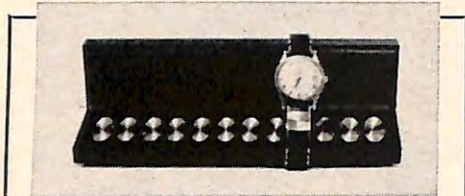
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# AMENDMENTS

to Grand Lodge Statutes,  
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At the Grand Lodge convention held in New York last July, several amendments and new statutes were presented and approved. Among them were the following:

**Section 16** was amended so as to increase from 30 to 60 days the time for trial *de novo* of appeals by a lodge officer removed from office for neglect of his duties or for conduct injurious to his lodge or to the Order by the executive order of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

**Section 88** was amended so as to permit the use of a stenographer who is not an Elk or to use a recording device in trials before the Subordinate Forum. All testimony in such trial is required to be filed with the Lodge Secretary as part of the transcript of the proceedings.

**Section 90** was amended to require the Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum to sign the finding and judgment of the Subordinate Forum.

**Section 91** was amended to direct the Lodge Secretary to confiscate the membership card of a member expelled from the Order and to lift and hold during the period of suspension from membership the membership card of one who is so suspended from membership for a definite time. A member suspended from membership for a definite time must pay his dues from the expiration date of such sentence in order to retain membership in the lodge.

**Section 93a** is a new statute requiring the Lodge Secretary to send to the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Secretary a transcript of all proceedings before the Subordinate Forum.

**Section 113** was amended so as not to conflict with the provisions of Section 206 and so as to permit the lodge to hold its meetings in its lodge rooms located within the basic jurisdiction of the lodge as originally established in its Charter.

**Section 115** was amended to provide for the nomination of lodge officers in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution.

**Section 128b** is a new statute providing for the appointment of an Esquire, a Chaplain, an Inner Guard, and an Organist.

**Section 132** was rewritten in its entirety. It now requires the Auditing Committee to engage a qualified public accountant with the approval of the lodge to audit all books and records of the Lodge or under its control for the fiscal lodge year in which such committee is appointed, to use a standard auditing report prepared by the Grand

Lodge Auditing Committee, report the same to the Lodge by June 15, and file such report with the Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Auditing Committee not later than June 30 thereafter.

**Section 211** was amended so as to permit the social parlors of a lodge designated for the use of and then being used only by the wives and minor children of lodge members to remain open

during scheduled meetings of the lodge.

**Section 235** as amended eliminates the right of State Associations to submit amendments to the Constitution but retains their right to propose and submit amendments to the statutes.

**Section 242** a new statute, provides for the proper procedure to be followed in submitting a proposal or resolution to amend the Constitution.

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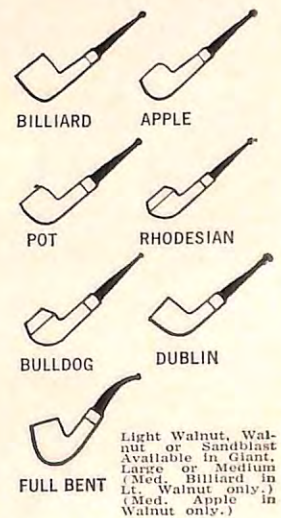
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For Elks Who Travel

By JERRY HULSE

# MEXICO

This is Mexico's year and Olympics goers who venture outside of Mexico City will discover a contrasting Mexico, one of high mountains and verdant valleys, enchanting villages, and beaches of incredible beauty.



Just a few mornings away, October 12 to be precise, an arena in Mexico City will echo the call of a trumpet. With the dying notes crowds will rise up. Contestants will march onto the field accompanied by the shrilly sound of another trumpet. Thus will begin the XIX Olympiad, the bringing together of athletes the world over in one of the great action spectacles of this decade. Before and after this, though, the same viewers crowding the Olympics arenas of Mexico City will take part in another and equally exciting spectacle—the discovery of Mexico itself. They will swim and sunbathe in Acapulco, shop for silver in Taxco, explore the ruins of Uxmal and Chichen Itza and stroll the peaceful streets of Guanajuato.

Because we previewed Mexico City for Olympics goes in an earlier issue (See Elks, March, 1967), this article is devoted to other places worth exploring. This is Mexico's year. Those who've been introduced only to the seamy border towns will discover a contrasting Mexico, one of high mountains and verdant valleys, enchanting villages and beaches of incredible beauty. The tourist crossing the border with a stereotyped image of the sleepy peon, crouching beside his donkey, is in for a surprise. Should you travel south this Olympics month, we offer these suggestions—a few among many.

### CHOLULA

It is here that a church was built for each day of the year—365 churches

in all. Fifty churches alone surround the plaza, and in one short block on the outskirts of town four others stand, forlornly. Here in the Valley of Puebla, about 3 hours by car from Mexico City, the people of Cholula began building their churches in 1552. Once Cholula was the religious center of the Toltec Empire, but mostly the life is gone now. All but three of the churches are deserted. The others stand empty, magnificent structures, reaching into the cloudless sky overhead, created by man to the glory of God. No matter what direction you look they are there, forlorn, abandoned places of worship. Inside the Church of the Cupolas candles strike life into shadows which move grotesquely against cold walls. An old woman in a black rebosa stands beside the altar. Where has the life gone? She explains how the youth of Cholula have forsaken this religious place in search of riches and excitement beyond the nearby mountains. On the other side they have found Mexico City.

### CUERNAVACA

They call Cuernavaca the City of Eternal Spring, and that is not chamber of commerce music. For here, even in autumn, the flowers seem to be thinking of spring. Year-round everyone suffers from a single common ill—spring fever, which is why they move so slowly, doze so peacefully and reflect in their eyes an eternal search for springtime's most welcome guest, romance.

Cuernavaca is only an hour by new super highway from Mexico City. Once

it was Cortez's favorite resort. Now everybody for miles around insists it's theirs. There are many hotels, 90-degree heat and shops that sell everything from fresh eggs to old silver. The afternoons are spent in the Plaza de Armas. It is a small place, this plaza, no more than 100 feet or so across. It is shaded by trees, old and gnarled, and it is bordered by red and yellow dahlias, and there are old men who doze in straw hats on wrought iron benches.

Cuernavaca is a place of red tile and white stucco, all of it cradled in the cleavage of eternal springtime. Romance blossoms on Sunday in the plaza. Marching about it are the town's single boys and pretty señoritas. The rite is simple: the señoritas stroll clockwise and the young caballeros strut counter clockwise. Eyes meet and hearts skip a beat, and springtime's magic casts its spell.

Cuernavaca is a pleasant stop.

### ACAPULCO

While the natives shop for corn flakes in the new super mercado, the tourists are rocking out at a night club called Tequila-a-Go-Go. The hamburger is fast replacing the enchilada on local menus and that symbol of Yanqui tourism, the snack bar, stands ready to serve one and all.

Acapulco was established 400 years ago by the Spaniards, destroyed by an earthquake in 1776 and tethered to Mexico City by road just 31 years ago. Mornings arrive as a seascape of bay  
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**News of the Lodges** (Continued from page 25)



**GOVERNOR FOR A DAY**—Robert Woodmansee, of Bismarck, N.D. —tries out the desk of North Dakota Gov. William L. Guy, as the governor looks on. Bismarck Elks sponsor the day-long term of office to acquaint students with the role of government.



**HANCOCK, Michigan**, ER Con Sochay (right) has just presented two \$450 checks, on behalf of the lodge, to Philip Verville, (left), major projects chairman of the Michigan Elks Association, and Dr. John Aldrich, chairman of the Houghton County Retarded Children's Association. The contributions represent proceeds of the annual "Chicken Bar-B-Q," which is sponsored by the lodge.



**"YOUNGEST AND OLDEST"** member of Deadwood, S.D., Lodge is Albert Koos (fourth from left), 90, shown after his recent initiation. Sharing the spotlight with the new Elk are ER Robert J. Thoresen (third from left) and other officers of the lodge.



**AT DEDICATION CEREMONIES** for Alliance, Ohio, Lodge's Elks' Memorial are ER Carl D. Baum (right), Mrs. Jack Klippert, Mrs. Ray Brunner, past president of the women's group, and Dr. Samuel F. Freeman, who delivered the memorial address. The marker bears the cardinal principles of the Order, as well as a memorial inscription. The ladies were on hand to place a wreath at the future site of a similar memorial which will serve to honor departed wives of lodge members.



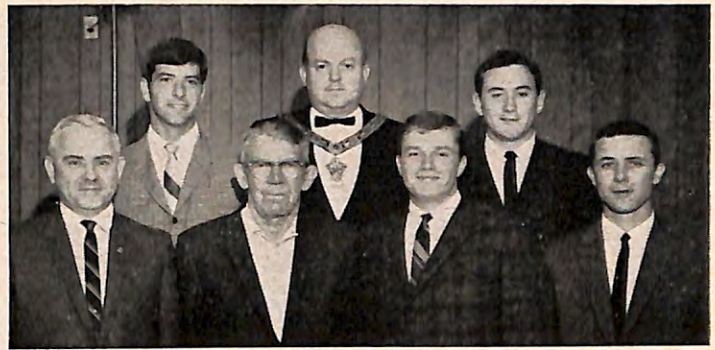
**OKLAHOMA ELKS** bound for the Grand Lodge Convention in New York City prepare to board their plane. Included are SP W. Fred Schiefer, Duncan, and state Secy-Treas. Arthur E. Maupin, Muskogee (kneeling, second and third from left, respectively).



**A COLORFUL FLOAT** created by Osawatome, Kan., Elks for the annual John Brown Jamboree celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Order. Lodge members also presented a huge fireworks display the evening of the big parade to conclude the festivities.



**SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICES** were held during the Ohio Elks Association's 70th annual convention for the late James Plummer, Zanesville, a PSP and former secretary to PGER Fred L. Bohn. Participating in the tribute were (from left) Sam Fitzsimmons, Van Wert, state Chaplain; Past Grand Chap. Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster, who delivered the principal address; PSP Leslie G. Scrimger, Columbus, event chairman; immediate PSP Elwood W. Reed, Bowling Green; Grand Trustee E. Gene Fournace, Newark, and PDD Eldon Brown of Columbus.



**A RECENT INITIATE** of Superior, Neb., Lodge—Amos Micksch (first row, second from left)—is the lodge's oldest member, at the age of 86. The new Elk is shown with ER Keith W. Deuel (second row, center) and the five other candidates with whom he was initiated.



**CINCINNATI, Ohio, PER** and Secy. Walter G. Springmyer presents Most Valuable Student awards to Miss Cheryl Lee Duncan of Withrow High School, and George Martin Engel of Oak Hills High School, both winners of the Southwest District competition. Looking on is Steve Moore (seated), Youth Athletic Night chairman. Both students were sponsored by Cincinnati Lodge; Miss Duncan went on to place twelfth in the state competition, receiving a \$600 scholarship for her fine performance in the contest.



**SHOWING THE ROPES** to their successors are two longtime district officers: (seated) PDDs F. Alvin Seufert, Cleveland, and George L. Little, Lakewood, retiring as treasurer and secretary, respectively, of Ohio's Northeast (North) District. Behind them stand the "new-comers"—PER Paul R. Kreitz, Cleveland, treasurer, and Edward Gibbons, Berea, secretary. Brother Seufert had served as treasurer since the inception of the Northeast (North) District.



**DISPLAYING TROPHIES** are a group of happy young champions who participated in a recent swimming meet at Vincennes, Ind., Lodge. The contest, now in its second year, is sponsored annually by the Elks.



**CHECKING THE ANGLES** for his putt is Brownsville, Tex., Lodge's David Cox, chairman of the 2nd Annual All-Valley Elks Tournament held recently in Brownsville. Holding the flag is E. E. "Blackie" Black of Harlingen Lodge, as Clayton West, Brownsville, stands by to offer a few pointers.



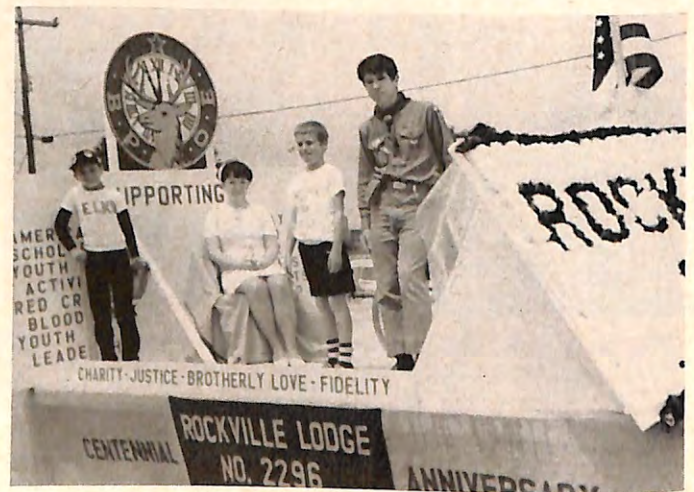
**AN INGENUOUS YOUTH ACTIVITY** program at Kane, Pa., Lodge sets two local high-school graduates—Peggy VanStraten and Mary Cappello—to the task of decorating the lodge home. The girls' artistry results in colorful murals with a local theme, including a stylized montage of the business area, dominated by a huge elk.



**GREENVILLE, South Carolina**, ER Arch Wallace Jr. (second from left) and Secy C. John Collins receive the Elks "Support Our Youth" commemorative postage stamps from Postmaster R. A. Jolley Jr. (right) and Gene Shepard, postal clerk.



**FREEHOLD, New Jersey**, Lodge's 1968 college scholarship award of \$1,600 goes to Miss Denise Gaarn, a recent graduate of Freehold High School. Miss Gaarn plans to study elementary education at Trenton (N.J.) State College. Pictured during the presentation of the award are PER Ike Gibson and ER Frank E. Gibson.



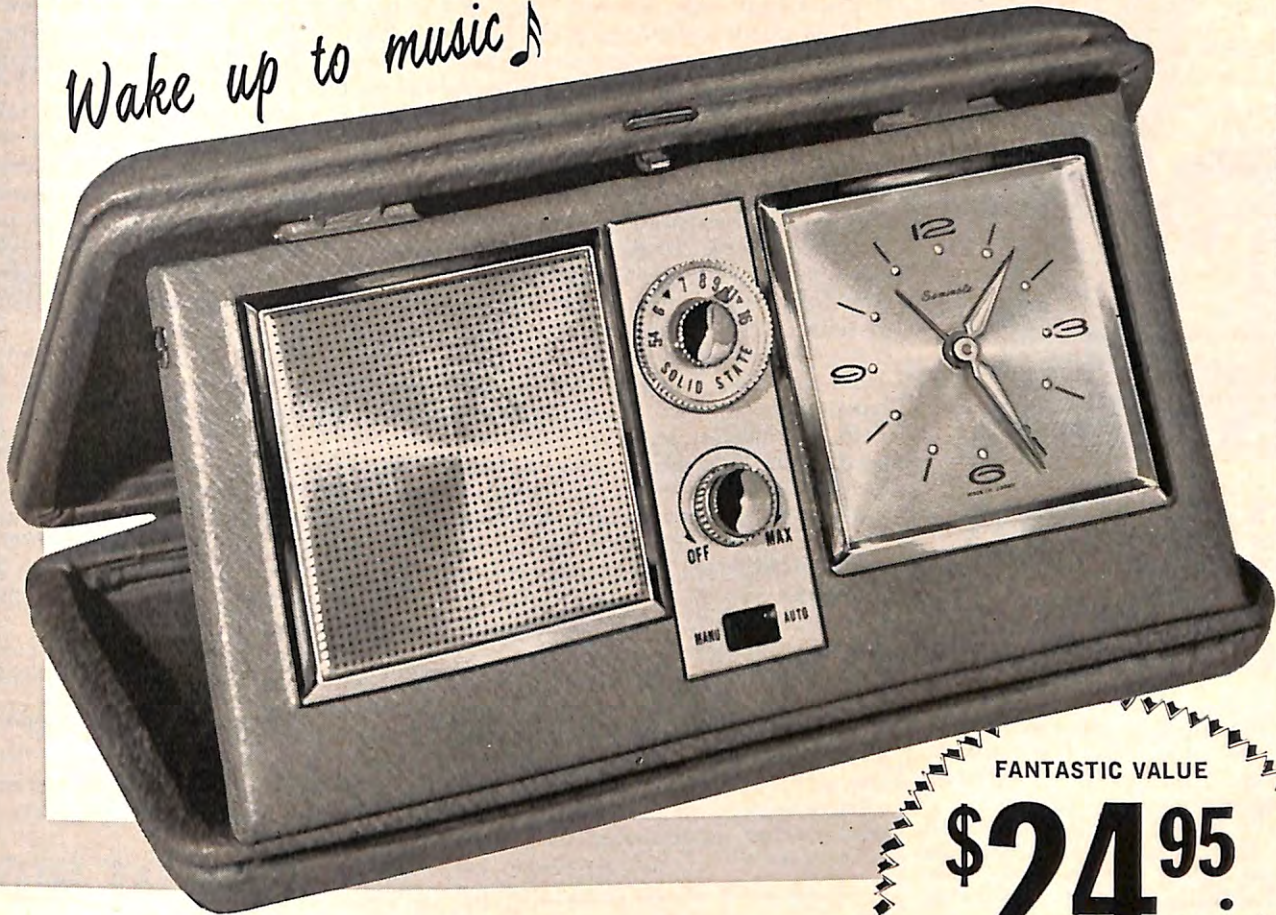
**ROCKVILLE, Maryland**, Lodge's float in a local parade throws the spotlight on youth. Miss Brenda D. Stup, of Rockville, is a tri-state Most Valuable Student competition winner and the boys represent the Elks' various programs for youth—baseball, camping, and scouting. The lodge was awarded for the float.



**FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida**, ER George E. Roberts (left), joins new Eagle Scout Stephen Chanter and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chanter, for a group portrait after a recent Court of Honor. Also on hand are Scoutmaster Stan Chanter and Est. Lect. Kt. Larry O'Donnell, lodge institutional representative. Stephen is the third scout in the lodge-sponsored troop to be advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout this year.

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to an enchanted coast-to-coast radio audience. Flying fish trips, speed boats, excursions and pleasures in infinite variety delighted capacity crowds. Cross-channel passenger flight was inaugurated. The "airport" was the ocean.

The Island Villa, a small "city" of tents on wooden platforms in the heart of Avalon, now torn down to make room for an open plaza, accommodated visitors of modest means. As a matter of fact, Avalon to this day has not lost its rather endearing, slightly dowdy look in some areas. Way back in the 90's, in the first island real estate exploitation, people bought or leased (for \$25 a year) narrow 20-foot Avalon lots on which they erected flimsy summer cottages. Mr. Wrigley encouraged the cottage owners to purchase the ground under their little homes at modest cost. Some of those that escaped the fire in 1915, now almost buried in surrounding planting, still are standing on land that now is valued in five figures.

The most spectacular razzle-dazzle of these years was the Wrigley Ocean Marathon in which 103 heavily-greased swimmers, both men and women, walked into the sea at the Isthmus and swam for the mainland and a \$25,000 first prize purse. The winner, a 17-year-old Canadian boy named George Young, was also the sole swimmer to finish. In the 1930's, Ironing Board Derbies and cross-channel aquaplane races enlivened sports pages. People rowed across, swam across, raced on paddle

boards and water skis, in outboard motorboats and under sail. They still do. It's mighty tempting, that island looming only 22 miles away from the crowded mainland. The Chicago Cubs trained through 26 spring seasons on Santa Catalina Island, bringing the nation's best-known sports writers out into the Pacific. World records were set in game fishing on light tackle. Honey-mooners thought first of Catalina.

We ran out of stories and watched a herd of buffalo wander sedately over the crest back of Little Harbor. Mourning doves began to call their haunting evening cry. It was time to start back through the grain fields of Middle Ranch and by the Eagle's Nest, historic stagecoach stop, for Avalon as the sun dropped into a distant fog bank.

Next morning as our plane lifted up from Avalon Bay, just opposite the Casino, I couldn't look back. When I was a child, I wept at each parting when the troubadors sang "Aloha" and "La Golondrina" as the steamers pulled away from the dock. I think I knew that it would be many years before I'd hike the island trails and quench my thirst on cactus pears again, and swim in the clean, clear waters.

In my pocket I carried a memento that is sure to take me back—a handful of the hard, conical seed pods of eucalyptus, aromatic with medicinal fragrance. Now I know I'll never let a year go by without an off-season holiday in the marvelous tranquility of Catalina. ■

## Obituaries

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** Elmer H. Polly, a 52-year member of Sheridan, Wyo., Lodge, died June 12, 1968.

Brother Polly served as Exalted Ruler of his lodge for 1929-1930, and as President of the Wyoming Elks Association for 1948-1949.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the state of Wyoming for 1943-1944, and served on the GL Committee on Credentials during the 1944-1945 lodge year.

Members of Sheridan Lodge conferred an Honorary Life Membership on Brother Polly in 1946.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY** Elbert W. Sayre, 55, died March 31, 1968.

A member of Chicago (South) Lodge, Brother Sayre served as Exalted Ruler for 1959-1960. He was a past chairman of the lodge's Charities Commission, and a past Vice-President of the Illinois Elks Assn. He served on the GL Ritualistic Committee from 1965 to 1967.

DDGER Sayre was the founder of Sea Scout Ship "Sea Elk" No. 5596, one of the first such ships in the country.

At the time of his death, Brother Sayre was serving as District Deputy

Grand Exalted Ruler of Illinois' Northeast District.

Survivors include his widow, Ruth; son, Elbert W. Jr.; daughter, Mrs. Carol Johnson; seven sisters, two brothers, and eight grandchildren.

**ELKDOM MOURNS** the recent death of Past Grand Treasurer John F. Burke, who was initiated into the Order in March of 1913 as a member of Boston Lodge. He rose to the rank of Exalted Ruler for the 1919-1920 lodge year, and served as State President of the Massachusetts Elks Association for 1936-1937.

Brother Burke began an auspicious Grand Lodge career with the post of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Massachusetts' Southeast District for 1932-1933. He was a member of the GL State Associations Committee during 1937-1938 and 1938-1939, assuming chairmanship in 1939.

His next position in a long history of service to the Order was that of executive secretary to then GER E. Mark Sullivan, during the 1942-1943 lodge year. The following year he was elected Grand Treasurer for the first of four consecutive terms, from 1943-1947.



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Although doves, pigeons, quail and all waterfowl may be found in abundance without going more than a short distance into Mexico, the more exotic birds such as the guans and tinamous are mostly farther south. There is one exception, the chachalaca, and this bird I find one of the most intriguing of all Mexican game birds. As noted earlier, it occurs in a wide swath down both the east and west coasts.

One morning three of us were driving a Jeep along a thornbrush jungle trail when we saw three of these long-tailed birds run across in front of us. A typical chachalaca hunt ensued. It is like no other bird hunting. We bounded out and raced after the birds. In such terrain you don't "race" far. A wall of cactus met us. At that instant I glimpsed a dark form high in a mesquite. It was a chachalaca and it ran now along a mesquite limb, then bounded into the air for a short flight to more remote cover. Chachalacas seldom fly when they can run. But this one did present a perfect wingshot.

At the explosion the air was filled with crazy cackling of others, all around us. There must have been a dozen or more in the vicinity. The sound they make is unforgettable, and becomes more so once you know about the mechanism used to produce it. I retrieved and drew this first bird, a male, to show my companions, new to this hunting, the phenomenon. Beneath the skin of the breast of the male the wind-pipe loops down from the throat in a long U, almost to the very bottom of the breast. Where it curves back up to the throat again, it then enters the opening to the lungs. This elongated wind-pipe of the male is the "sound box" where the loud, raucous call that the name imitates is produced. I have stood near a dense thicket from which a bird had been calling and heard, as it clammed up at my near presence, the air fizzling out of this long pipe!

Now we started after some of the birds in earnest. Believe me, it is some trick. Trying to move them, we threw stones and sticks at the thickets and the cactus. One bird scooted across the ground in front of us and another made a headlong, short flight into more dense cover. We got the flyer but missed the runner.

Certainly this variety of hunting is not much like traditional hunting pastimes such as shooting quail over a pointing dog in Georgia, or driving a cornfield for pheasants in the Midwest. No bird hunting in Mexico is quite like what you have known at home. That is the intriguing side of it. The terrain, the targets, the people are all vastly different. Indeed, a bird hunt below the border will be a conversation piece for you for many seasons.

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## WHERE IS RUSSIAN LIBERALISM?

Marshal Tito, the Communist dictator of Yugoslavia, was right when he said that Russia's ruthless and treacherous crushing of Czechoslovakia had given socialism a black eye. The question is how many more such black eyes must socialism receive before what's left of the free world takes adequate steps to protect itself.

The use of naked military might to compel an ally to stay hitched on Russia's terms ought to accomplish something else. It ought to lay to rest the myth that left-wingers have been so carefully nurturing that there was a strong liberalizing trend in Russia, and we must do nothing to upset it.

It was just such a trend toward liberal democracy that brought the Russian war machine down on Czechoslovakia. The Communist Party, under the leadership of First Secretary Alexander Dubcek, threw out the reactionary President Antonin Novotny, despite the personal intervention of Kremlin leaders. Dubcek introduced a free press, free speech, legal justice, and other reforms. But he went too far in appearing to encourage non-Communist parties, such as the Slovak Freedom Party.

Moscow knows that no Communist Party can tolerate opposition. Despite Dubcek's repeated affirmation of loyalty to communism and friendship with Russia, his plea that Czechoslovakia be allowed to follow its "own road to

socialism" was dangerous nonsense to the defenders of socialist realism in the Kremlin.

In passing, it should be noted that when the propaganda campaign of our left-wingers depicting the liberal trend in Russia was at its height, the Communists were prosecuting Russian intellectuals for their temerity in voicing criticism of some of Communism's most obvious shortcomings. Last February a dozen Soviet intellectuals defied their Red masters and signed an appeal to world Communism for help in ending the repression of human rights in Russia, describing the trials as gross violations of legality.

The heralds of liberality in socialist Russia have been among the most ardent advocates of "building bridges" to the Soviets, and increasing trade with them. Perhaps the tragic fate of Czechoslovakia may cause them to reappraise their position. How intelligent is it to build bridges to a country that uses them only to send tanks against you?

These people who have been wrong so long and so often are, unfortunately, influential in shaping our policies toward Russia, policies which plainly have not proved effectual. We are convinced that the majority of the American people are opposed to these policies which have contributed to the strengthening of Russia, and favor stronger and more positive measures to curb the Kremlin imperialists.

### Mexico

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and ships in Acapulco. You take breakfast at a sidewalk cafe and soon you are surrounded by salesmen selling everything from silver bracelets to performing puppets.

As the sky reddens with sunset, Hughie Myatt leaves his small casa on a hillside and strolls down to a snug pub called Armando's. It is near the plaza, wedged in between ancient buildings. Over the bar the head of a bull stares down at Hughie, a Negro, an ex-boot-black and boxer from Los Angeles. He plays piano at Armando's. The customers all think he was the Negro piano player in "Casablanca" and so he is asked over and over to play "As Time Goes By"—the classic theme from that most classic film. The customers sit on red leather stools, sipping Margaritas and cerveza while Hughie sparks memories of other days and other times. By day Acapulco is as lively as a hatful of Mexican jumping beans. Sometimes all night, too. Tourists soak up sun by day and tequilla by night.

### PUERTO VALLARTA

The night of the iguana has turned into the day of the tourist. Ever since Liz and Richard stopped off to peer into the cameras, Puerto Vallarta has awakened from its siesta. Still, for a place courted by the jet set, Puerto Vallarta remains strangely unspoiled. Residents still scrub their sidewalks daily. Seldom does a crime occur. The police have little to do except to round up the stray goats and pigs each morning and put them in jail.

It was six years ago that I first came to Puerto Vallarta. I returned just two months ago. Still there are no TV antennas. There are telephones, but only a few. Meanwhile, the elegant Posada Vallarta is welcoming guests in rooms with sunken tubs the size of small swimming pools. A double along with two meals comes to \$30 a day. Down a country lane stands the Rosita Hotel and while it is not so glamorous, still it is much cheaper—about \$10 a day with meals.

In town, tourists who know, go to Las Margaritas, a restaurant with magnificent Mexican food and an atmo-

sphere which inspires romance. Tables are set in a Spanish courtyard which is shaded by a tabachin tree. When it is in bloom the blossoms fall into the courtyard, and at night the moon shines down through its branches. They say Taylor and Burton are going to sell their home in Puerto Vallarta. Maybe then the little town will resume its siesta.

### TEQUILA

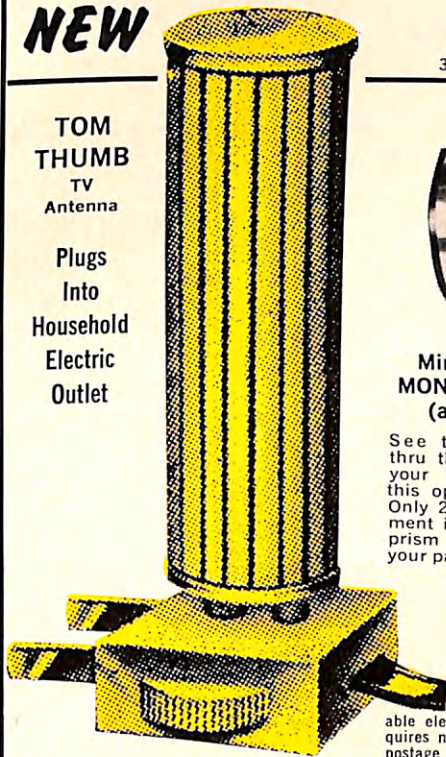
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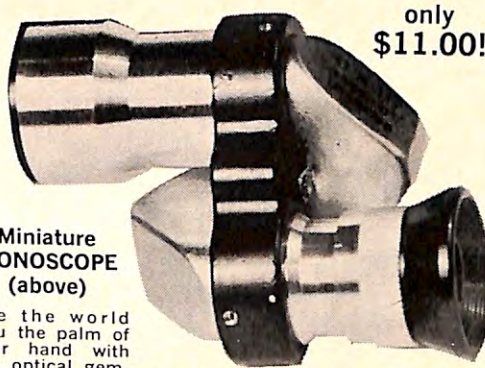
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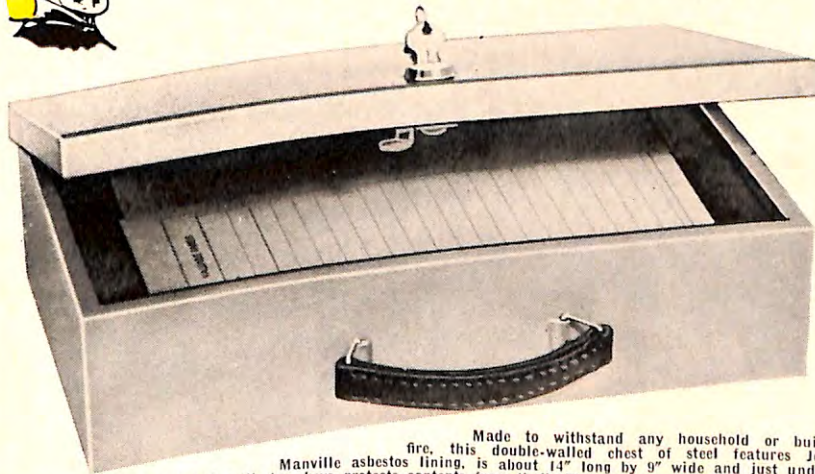


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