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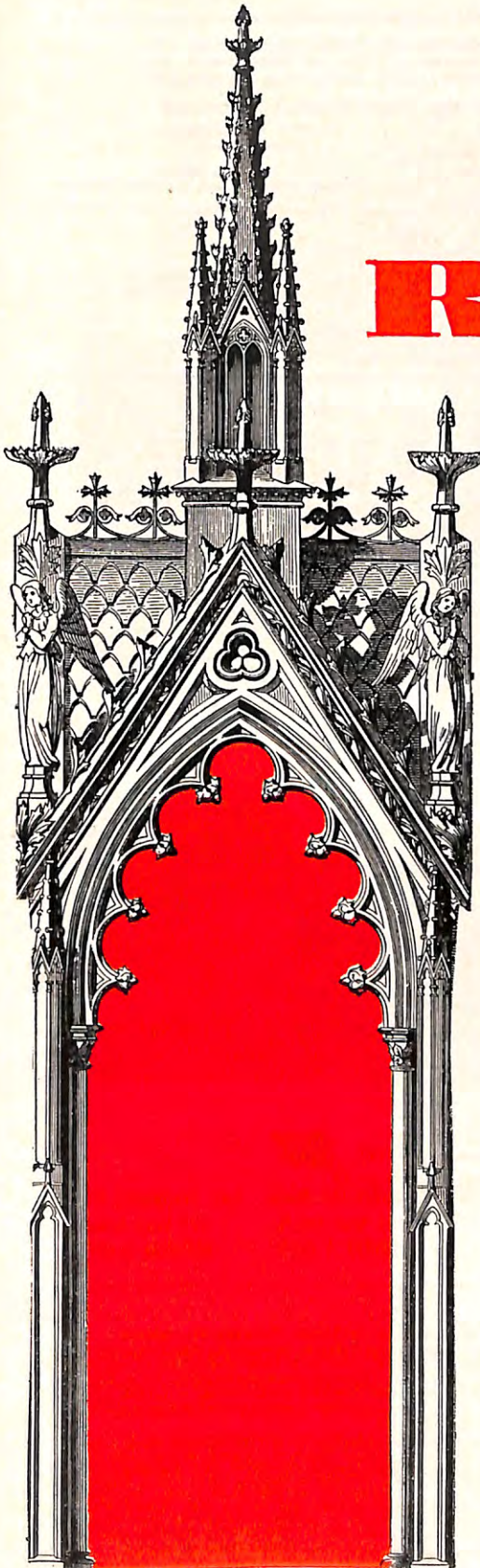
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It's Your Business!

by James L. Slattery and Richard Gosswiller

The term "small businessman" is very broad. At one end it embraces the vigorous, intelligent, knowledgeable small businessman who combines natural business-management aptitude with a genuinely professional attitude toward running his business. He operates his small business with outstanding success—and he exhibits that sense of independence which has always characterized the American small businessman. But he never confuses independence with ignorance. He's aware of his need to learn about new business methods, new products, new market trends—and he knows that he can profit by listening to the right kind of advice. He is successful, largely because he has the kind of attitude that generates success! His success makes him a leader in his community, and he's continually being called upon to lend his talents and energies to community-service projects. His bank is delighted with him—and so, of course, is the Internal Revenue Service.

At the other extreme is the small businessman whose behavior suggests that his idea of being "independent" consists largely in a feeling of "If the world doesn't like the way I run my business, then let it take its trade somewhere else!" His response to advice is a surly "Nobody's going to tell me how to run my business!" If someone comes into his store, that "independent" businessman may heave himself up to wait on him—or he may not. He may simply sit staring out of the window, or glance narrowly at the "intruder" to see if he tries to steal some of the stock.

Quite clearly it would be pointless to talk to that small businessman about the Small Business Administration, which was set up by an act of Congress in 1953. "Never heard of it!" he'd probably grunt. And then he might add "You want to buy something or not?" You leave his store quickly—with the sense that you're escaping from a tomb.

"Let the dead bury their dead"—so goes the scriptural injunction. And with that let us get back to the alert, intelligent, successful, knowledge-hungry, professional-caliber small businessman.

What does the Small Business Administration offer him?

The two major roles of the SBA are to provide financing and to provide management guidance in the field of small business. The addresses and phone numbers of the 74 field offices of the SBA can be found listed under "United States Government" in the phone directories for the cities in which those offices are located.

Application for an SBA loan is formally made by means of SBA Form 6B, but the small businessman who is thinking of trying to get such a loan will do well to heed the following advice from the Financial Assistance division of the SBA:

"Before you get to the point of filling out a loan application, you should have talked with an SBA representative, or perhaps your accountant or banker, to make sure that your business is eligible for an SBA loan. Because of public policy, SBA cannot make certain types of loans. Nor can it make loans under certain conditions. For example, SBA cannot lend you money if you can get a loan on reasonable terms from a bank, nor if you can get funds by selling assets your company doesn't need in order to grow" (from *Management Aid for Small Manufacturers*, Annual No. 13, published by the Small Business Administration, 1967).

The booklet quoted from above is available—at a price of 40 cents—from the following source (which is the source of all other SBA publications mentioned here): Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

SBA publications are well-written, easy-to-understand, and inexpensive. For example, the booklet *Better Communications in Small Business* (SBA Publication No. 2) costs only 25 cents. Rare indeed is the small businessman whose knowledge of effective business-communication principles and methods is so complete that he would be wasting a quarter by ordering it.

Quite a few of the SBA publications are listed at that same low price of only

25 cents—these, for example:

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No. 32: *Financial Recordkeeping for Small Stores*

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An outstanding service of the Small Business Administration has been its co-sponsorship of locally conducted institutes in the SBA's Administrative Management Course Program. Robert C. Moot, Administrator of the SBA, has pointed out that: "In 13 years more than 1,200 universities, colleges, and local school systems have co-sponsored over 6,000 courses with this agency. Approximately 200,000 owners and managers of small businesses have attended these courses." These remarks will be found in the excellent booklet *Why Customers Buy (And Why They Don't)*, available at \$1.25.

The educational programs and materials developed by the Small Business Administration are very largely intended to help the small businessman learn and apply modern management concepts and methods. They are an excellent—and very inexpensive—source of practical guidance.

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DE-FUSING THE GREAT TRASH EXPLOSION

By Victor Block

A housewife clears and washes the dinner dishes, then carries the kitchen trash can outside for an early pick-up the following morning by the garbage truck. A secretary pauses in her typing, scowls at a mistake in a letter dictated by her boss and stuffs it into the wastebasket. A restaurant employee strains under a heavy load of empty bottles and cans he is carrying outside the rear door into the alley.

Most people give little if any thought to such commonplace everyday chores as carrying out the garbage or crumpling up a piece of paper and looping it into a wastebasket. Yet it is just such simple acts, multiplied by millions, that have brought many American cities and towns to the brink of a new and growing environmental problem—and already caused some to topple over the brink.

Our society is threatened with burial under the deluge of its own wastes. The problem of solid waste disposal has taken its place, along with air and water pollution, as a major environmental challenge. Despite the fact that Americans spend \$3 billion a year to have refuse collected and disposed of, many

cities and towns have fallen behind. Most face a serious crisis within two to 15 years, as the natural dumping basins provided by Mother Nature fill to overflowing.

The American economy generates some six-to-eight pounds of waste products per person per day, about double the weight of 40 years ago. Each year, we discard six million cars, 50 billion food and beverage cans, 25 billion bottles and jars, and 65 billion metal and plastic jar and can caps.

Already, the garbage explosion dwarfs population growth. While the number of people in the U.S. has increased 30% since 1950, the amount of solid wastes to be disposed of each year has gone up 60%. And the outlook is for the trash pile to continue to grow. By 1980, the experts say, waste products of our affluent society are expected to triple, to about 2½ billion pounds a day.

Of what are these solid wastes composed? Garbage, is the first answer offered by most people. Then, following a brief pause, bottles and cans. It takes longer, and some head scratching, for the average person to enlarge the list much more: paper, wood and bedding; broken crockery, dirt and ashes. Don't



forget dead cats and dogs, leaves and sweepings, cinders from factories, and abandoned washing machines, refrigerators and TV sets. And, increasingly, such waste products of an advanced society as radioactive materials and pathological wastes from hospitals.

To understand why the problem is being compounded, consider wastes attributable to the tremendous growth in the use of paper products and packaging of various kinds. Nearly all the food and goods the housewife buys today come in some kind of preprocessed packaged form. As a result, the refuse collected in any typical city is about half paper—and the fashion designers are adding to the clutter with paper dresses, and promising (or threatening) to give us entire disposable wardrobes.

Caught short by this growing deluge, most cities and towns are learning that traditional methods of disposal are proving inadequate or unacceptable. Burning rubbish in incinerators—many of which are highly inefficient—only transfers the dirt into the air. Existing land dump areas are rapidly being filled, and neighborhood protest groups are quick to form when officials try to establish new ones. They argue, rightfully, that so-called sanitary landfills too often are sanitary in name only. Once they are allowed to deteriorate, they become breeding places for disease-carrying rats and sources of pollution of underground water supplies.

Faced with this staggering problem, city officials, sanitary engineers and researchers are beginning to take a hard look at some new approaches to defusing the trash explosion. Both federal and local governments, for their part, are beginning to realize that the trash problem, like air and water pollution, often requires solutions that cut across geographical and political boundaries. In this realization, however, they often are ahead of the general public. Thus, a cost-cutting cooperative disposal system worked out by an engineering consulting firm for the three Connecticut towns of East Hartford, Manchester and Glastonbury was rejected by the citizens of East Hartford, who objected to the idea of modernizing their antiquated incinerator for use by all three municipalities.

Waste management engineers decry such public reaction to cooperative efforts. They point out that it is inefficient for one town to spend large sums of money on modern incineration or land-filling equipment, which stands idle most of the day. Furthermore, the most forward-looking program becomes useless against the onslaught of sewage

discharge or air pollution from the next-door community.

Even with community cooperation, however, it becomes increasingly evident that new approaches must be found to solid waste disposal. Two of the most promising immediate answers are new departures in the standard incineration and landfill techniques.

Most U.S. cities may look to Europe for a clue to building better incinerators, which cut both costs and pollution. The key: using the heat that is produced to generate power, while at the same time creating far less pollution than burning coal or oil as a power source. The idea behind this better incinerator is simple: use the heat of combustion to boil water, then sell the steam or let it drive turbines to produce electricity. Not only can income from the sale of electricity help offset up to nearly half the cost of operating an incinerator, but refuse power plants can keep the soot and fly ash that go up the chimney to pollute the air to a minimum—as low as 1%. So much a part of European waste disposal have these dual-purpose incinerators become that their locations are chosen with due regard for their nearness to the existing industries that serve as a market for the electricity produced.

Paris and Geneva are two of the major cities that put their garbage to good use this way. Officials in Munich, Germany, expect refuse to supply 10% of the city's power needs in a few years.

Some American cities are moving in the same direction. Most promising is the \$6 million unit in the town of Hempstead, Long Island, which drives both a 2,500-kilowatt electric power plant and a 420,000-gallon-a-day water desalting plant.

If building better incinerators poses one answer to putting trash to work for us, its benefits—lower disposal costs and cleaner air—often go largely unnoticed by the average person. But the imaginative uses to which landfill operations are and could be put should be obvious to all.

People who land at New York's La Guardia Airport, for example, have yesterday's refuse to thank for their safe let-down. The airport is one of the most famous of the landmarks literally built on a trash heap.

A 70-foot high hill in Evanston, Illinois—criss-crossed by toboggan runs, sled slides and a stairway—is composed of rubble, bottles, tree stumps and anything else that wouldn't burn in the city incinerator, all covered over by a layer of dirt and sod. As it passes through San Bernardino County, California, the

Santa Ana River is held in its course by a 1,400-foot long, 35-foot high levee made of piled-up refuse capped with concrete.

At Virginia Beach, Va., plans call for a sixty-foot high hill of municipal refuse to be turned into a combination amphitheater, soapbox derby ramp and landscaped park. And one sanitary planner proposes putting the 8 million tons of solid wastes produced annually by New York City into an offshore airport island. Not only would this scheme temporarily solve the city's colossal trash disposal problem, he argues, it would also divert noisy jet planes from crowded residential areas to over-water take-offs and landings.

In addition to such refinements to the basic methods of solid waste disposal, entirely new approaches to the problem are being thought about and tried. Among those showing some promise:

Composting. In St. Petersburg, Fla. a loaded garbage truck trundles up to a large building in a residential neighborhood and dumps its cargo. But the neighbors don't mind. The building is a composting plant, which processes the refuse of about one-quarter of the city's 210,000 population without generating smoke or unpleasant odors.

A load of refuse first goes through magnetic separators, which remove metal objects for processing into scrap. The remaining material, mostly garbage and paper, is wetted and pulverized, then passed through additional grinders and a series of cells in which it is

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Lodge Visits of Edward McCabe

Casper, Wyo., went all out to welcome GER Edward W. McCabe to their town recently. A parade was held on Center Street led by a horse patrol and followed by Brother McCabe riding in a sulky. Later, Brother McCabe spoke on patriotism to some 350 members of the state association and their wives.



GER and Mrs. Edward W. McCabe beam at the lovely silver tea service presented to them on the occasion of the Ohio Elks' 39th annual fall reunion held in Columbus. Making the presentation was PDD Earl Sloan of Elyria, left, and SP George B. Walker.



It was a joyous occasion for Dr. Nick H. Feder, Past Grand Trustees' chairman, when GER Edward W. McCabe made a visit to Belleville, Ill. Brother Feder was presented with an honorary lifetime membership on behalf of the lodge. Right, is ER Paul Seelman looking on as Brother McCabe presents the award.



A banquet was held at the Fargo, N.D., Lodge during the visit of GER Edward W. McCabe. Among those in attendance were PER Curt Hendrickson of Crookston, Minn., PGER Raymond C. Dobson of Minot, N.D., and VP Floyd Spence.

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digested by bacteria. The dark-brown, odorless material that emerges from this accelerated bacterial process five days later is a valuable soil conditioner, used to improve the structure of earth and its ability to hold water.

While the St. Petersburg plant has found the market for its compost to be strong, similar plants in other U.S. cities have not been so successful. In fact, nine of the first 13 composting plants set up in this country have been closed down because of a lack of market, often caused when transportation costs forced the selling price too high.

In Europe, where the supply of tillable soil is limited, composting is relatively popular. Plants in Rome, Turin, Vienna, the Netherlands and Israel operate effectively, even though the cost of garbage disposal in this manner sometimes rises to nearly double that of incineration. In the United States, successful application of this method will have to wait until the demand for soil conditioners begins to catch up with the cost of composting wastes.

Salvaging. Like composting, the practice of salvaging materials plays a much greater role in Europe than in the United States. Metal, paper, textiles, glass—all are considered too valuable not to attempt to salvage on the other side of the Atlantic. Even incinerator residues are used, as fill material in road and street construction.

In this country, the current economic trend seems to be against the recycling of waste materials back into useful form. The major reasons are the high cost of labor needed to recover useable materials, and the increasing use of inexpensive synthetics.

This is not to say that salvaging lacks its adherents here. As far back as 1959, the manufacturers of Coors beer offered a one-cent bounty for each aluminum can returned to the company. By the time it ended the program last year—as enthusiastic beer drinkers threatened to literally bury the plant—Coors netted nearly 85 million returned cans.

A similar program has been launched on a pilot basis in Miami Beach, Florida, where the Reynolds Metals Co. offers ½ cent for each empty aluminum can turned in at several service stations that serve as collection points. The cans are processed for re-use by secondary aluminum producers.

In a 1966 report on "Waste Management and Control," the Committee on Pollution of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council talks wistfully about "closing the loop." Ideally, the report suggests, "the system would be completely closed. All water would be purified and reused; all solid wastes would be sent back as re-

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As Elkdom's Centennial Ends

With our Centennial year coming to a close this month, the Grand Lodge Centennial Committee expresses its thanks and grateful appreciation to all whose hard work, enthusiasm and imaginative efforts have contributed to the success of Elkdom's hundredth anniversary celebration.

The tremendous interest and effort that the officers and committeemen of our Subordinate Lodges—those of last year and those who succeeded them in April—have been truly inspiring. The loyal cooperation of these, the officers of our state associations and members throughout the Order, has been a grand tribute to the spirit that pervades our Order.

Under the leadership of Grand Exalted Ruler Boney, our Grand Lodge officers, District Deputies, committeemen and all Grand Lodge agencies worked together harmoniously toward the single goal of deriving the utmost benefit from our Centennial activities.

The success of our Centennial observance is owed to the work of many, but the Centennial Committee wishes to acknowledge the exceptional services rendered by our Grand Secretary's office, *The Elks Magazine*, the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, and our Public Relations Department.

The Centennial Committee has sponsored a number of projects. We created a Centennial Medallion of unusual and beautiful design that has proved extremely popular. We were the first fraternal organization to be recognized with a special commemorative postage stamp. A half-hour motion picture, produced principally for the non-Elk public, presented the story of Elkdom in an unusual combination of fact and whimsical entertainment. A fascinating account of the Order's history was serialized in *The Elks Magazine*.

So popular has this feature proved that plans are being made to produce it as a book, details of which will be announced as soon as possible. Another

literary project in connection with our Centennial was the revising and updating of the *History of the Order of Elks*, compiled by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson in 1952. The work of bringing this History up to date was undertaken by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lee A. Donaldson, and its publication will be announced shortly.

A Centennial Publicity kit supplied our lodges with complete and well-prepared materials for newspapers and other publications and for radio and television, and also for lodge bulletins. In addition, much fine publicity was developed through cooperation with national syndicate, press associations, magazines, and house organs.

We erected a bronze commemorative plaque in the new Federal Building on Foley Square in New York City near the site where the Order had its beginnings a century ago.

Interest in our Centennial has continued strong, stimulated, we feel, by the strikingly impressive and stirring Centennial Convention in New York City. Grand Exalted Ruler McCabe has added impetus to this continued activity, and we are confident that the impact of our Centennial observance will be registered in further gains this year in our membership, in the growth of our Order through the establishment of new lodges, and in a much heightened public awareness and appreciation of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as a private organization deeply concerned with the public good.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Lodge Centennial Committee
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The Baron Flies Again

by Franklynn Peterson

A wildly unpredictable bachelor and his cult of exotic airplane buffs have set aviation back fifty years—back to World War I. *Société Spandau* is the name of this “front group,” a conspiracy against jets and enclosed cockpits.

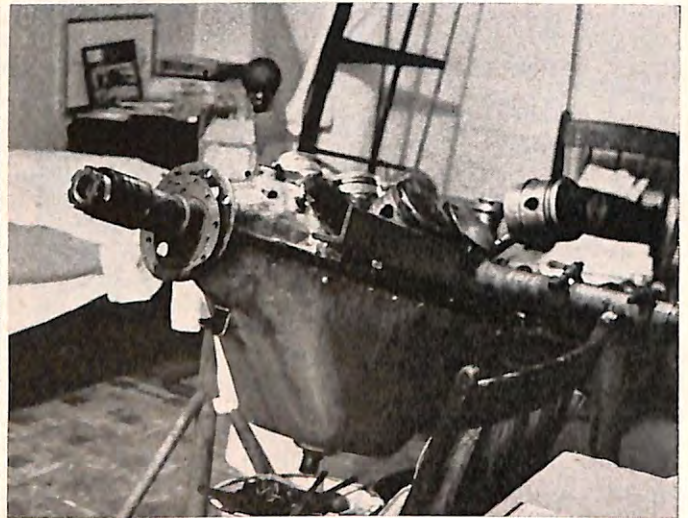
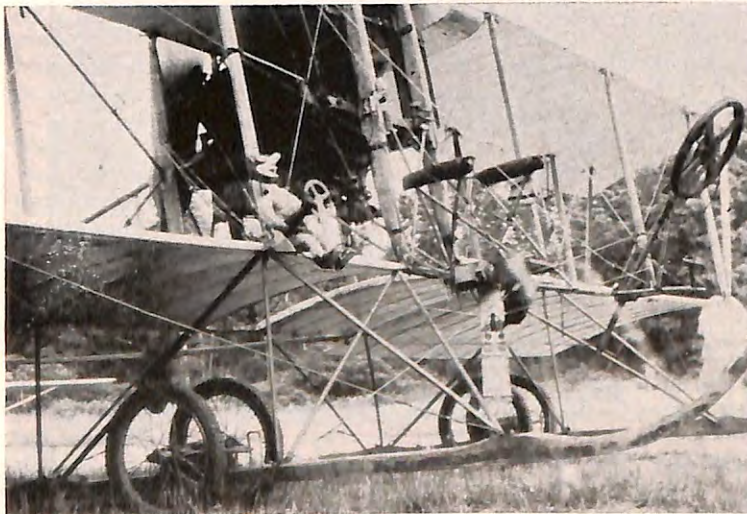
It's all in fun, and fun is about all that seems to happen when this nutty group of airplane pilots and mechanics get together in upstate New York's Rhinebeck. Cole Palen is the cult spiritual leader. He used to hold a respectable job as a mechanic but the airplane bug got the better of him

and he spends his whole life now barnstorming his antique airplanes that still fly. And that's why he's been a bachelor all his life. Hollywood even called on Palen for help with a couple of World War I vintage movies.

Palen's Rhinebeck, New York, bedroom consists of a bed, naturally, plus a partially preserved wing off a 1918 Jenny, a training plane. Then there's an engine from a 1917 British-built Hispano-Suiza engine that will soon develop 120 hp again in its six massive cylinders. “A man keeps what he loves

in his bedroom,” Palen complains bitterly. “What's wrong with loving airplane engines?”

So in love with antique aviation are Palen and his crew that on the last Sunday of every month they put on an air show near Rhinebeck. The news spreads mainly by word of mouth, and crowds numbering over 1,000 now jam the area to get a look at history in the air. The show starts with the beginning of serious aviation: the Thomas Pusher, which dates back to 1903. It actually runs and occasionally even can lift off



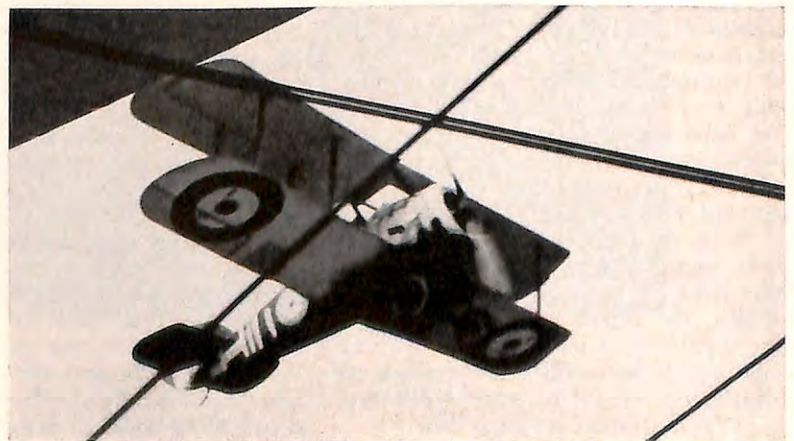
(Upper left) A 1907 Thomas “pusher” which can strain itself into the air when the wind is favorable.

(Upper right) “A man keeps in his bedroom what he loves,” and Cole Palen’s bedroom is mainly occupied by an engine.

(Center, left) There’s Cole Palen ready to take to the air in a Nieuport 28, rebuilt from original parts.

(Center, right) The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome every month attracts 1,000 or more people to view the antique planes.

(Right) Dogfight! A Sopwith Snipe is sighted through the wings of the Nieuport 28; it’s breezy up there.



*In a conspiracy to set aviation back 50 years
WWI airplanes fly weekly in shows staged
by this group of intrepid enthusiasts*

the ground if the wind is favorable and the temperamental engine feels up to the strain. It took parts from three resurrected Thomas Pusher corpses to complete one authentic working reconstructed plane.

Somewhere during the air show Mike Spandau attempts to land at the landing strip used by the *Société Spandau*. Mike is the world's worst pilot and usually buzzes the field in the world's tiniest airplane before making a ridiculous bounce-landing. Triumphantlly carried back to the crowds of spectators on the rear of a 1903 Sears-Roebuck gas buggy, Mike Spandau usually topples off his seat and unveils that in reality Mike Spandau is none other than Cole Palen.

Next event at the Rhinebeck aerodrome is an authentic dogfight. Before the protagonist and antagonist can take to the air, however, ground crews wheel each of the planes out and stand ready with fire extinguishers while one brave soul climbs inside and another brave soul spins the propeller. As soon as the backfire-prone engine sputters into life—they usually do after some coaxing—

the ground crew abandon their role as firemen and grab the wings to hold the plane until it reaches airspeed. Brakes were unheard of in the good old days.

Eddie Rickenbacker used to fly a Nieuport-28 back in 1918 when his "Hat-in-the-Ring" squadron made aviation history. And one of Cole Palen's pilots nurses one of the same in the Rhinebeck monthly dogfight. The old Nieuport-28 could hit 120 mph and had no speed control. It's either "on" or "off."

Another famous plane the group has rebuilt is the Sopwith Snipe. It's a little slower than the Nieuport-28 but tries to outmaneuver the Rickenbacker protégé into submission. While the dogfight rages overhead, however, the ground crew is busy firing Fourth of July smoke bombs at both planes. Alas, one day the over-zealous ground gunner actually hit his target! It's a toss-up whether he or the pilot was more surprised, but fortunately the plane suffered only a minor tear in its fabric and landed safely.

You haven't lived until your stomach has experienced the sensation of looping and turning over in a World War I vintage plane. There's no top to the plane, which means there is no bottom when the craft flips upside down. All that holds you in place is an authentic antique canvas "safety belt." But it sure outranks the calm and quiet of a jet airliner, and that probably accounts for the fervor the Rhinebeck buffs put into their stunts.

Out of the air there is another fascinating side to the antique plane craze. Since authenticity is one of their many passions, Palen and his fellow fliers and mechanics take great pride that thus far every plane has been rebuilt with nothing but original parts. Often the Spandau detectives comb through old newspapers and county fair notices to track down the remains of three or four wrecked planes which can contribute parts enough to refly one relic.

An ex-RAF pilot, Dick King, has come up with a new twist to World War I aviation. He bought the actual blueprints of the Sopwith Snipe. The



(Above) Since brakes hadn't been invented back in 1918, a ground crew must hold the plane until it reaches airspeed.

(Right) Pingpong must give way to aviation until Dick King and son assemble a Sopwith Snipe from original blueprints.





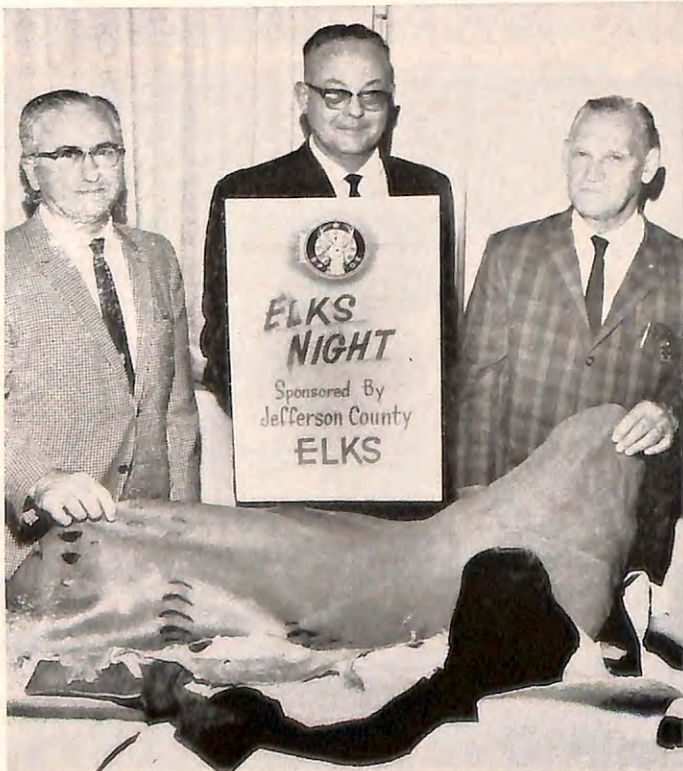
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A St. Louis Playboy "Bunny" signs the cast of a wounded veteran during one of the two picnics held in August by Belleville, Ill., Lodge for wounded veterans. The young men were in the process of being sent to various hospitals across the United States from Scott Air Force Base. Many of the men had just completed a sixteen hour plane trip from Japan and were pleasantly surprised to find themselves at a picnic rather than in bed for the day. Americanism Committee Chairman John J. Moreiko (lower right) arranged the gathering which took place at the Westhaven Bath and Tennis Club and a menu of chicken, ribs, and beer delighted the young veterans. Members of the Elks and their families spent the afternoon entertaining their guests.



Tom Scully, Chairman, Americanism Committee points to signs on the Elks building showing the decal which the Santa Monica, Calif., Elks have sold over 4,000, with the help of the local newspaper. The proceeds from the sale of the decals will be used to send gifts to servicemen in Vietnam.



Members of the Baraboo, Wisc., Lodge recently entertained a group of veterans from the VA hospital at Tomah, Wisc., at the Circus City Museum. They also donated deer hides, which had been tanned, for use in the veterans' rehabilitation program at the hospital.

The veterans hospital in Birmingham, Ala., received hides for use in their rehabilitation program at "Elks Night" sponsored by the Jefferson County Elks. Making the presentation to Richard Wells, therapy director of the hospital, are DD Roy Varner, left, and General Chairman Ira L. Naler. The Jefferson County Elks consists of seven lodges within the state of Alabama and they are Birmingham, Homewood, Mountain Brook (Birmingham), Ensley (Birmingham), Fairfield, Bessemer, and Roebuck (Birmingham), Alabama.

Obituaries



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Karl H. Klaeger, a member of West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge, died Sept. 17.

For many years a Certified Ritualistic Judge, Brother Klaeger was State Ritualistic Chairman during the 1964-1965 lodge year. He served as Vice-President of the Florida Elks Association for 1965-1966, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Florida's Southeast District for the 1966-1967 lodge year.

Survivors include his widow, one daughter, and a grandson.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY George L. Varjan, an Honorary Life Member of Bronx (N.Y.C.), N.Y., Lodge, died Sept. 19.

PDD Varjan was initiated into Bronx Lodge Feb. 2, 1933, and served as the Exalted Ruler of the lodge for 1949-1950. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of New York's Southeast District for 1957-1958.

One of Brother Varjan's most recent positions in a long career of service to the Order was that of national chairman for the highly successful Elks Night at Yankee Stadium, held in conjunction with the GL centennial convention in New York City.

He is survived by his widow, Dorothy, one daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren.



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Kenneth R. Knight, a long-time member of Winston, N.C., Lodge, died recently.

Brother Knight served as the lodge's Exalted Ruler for 1956-

1957. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of North Carolina's Central District for 1959-1960, and was incumbent President of the North Carolina Elks Association at the time of his death.

Winston Elks are in the process of erecting a flag stanchion with marble plaque as a memorial to PDD Knight.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Lawrence E. Ensor, a longtime member of Towson, Md., Lodge, died Sept. 24.

Brother Ensor served as the lodge's Exalted Ruler for 1925-1926, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia for 1928-1929.

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date is plainly printed: 1/11/16. Palen's long-time disciple is now building one of the famous Snipes from "scratch" using materials identical to the original parts—spruce wood struts, Hungarian linen wing and body fabric, an 8-foot mahogany propeller, and a junked 9-cylinder Snipe engine.

Total cost for the reissue Snipe will be \$1,500, which includes \$300 for the engine. Finding that genuine obscure motor is a real tribute to the Spandau sleuths. They knew that a Snipe once met its demise somewhere in Indiana and spent months reading old local newspapers. Finally they unearthed the wrecked plane's engine in a basement near Kokomo.

Dick King dumped the entire engine into a big tub and spent two weeks at hard labor cleaning the steel block and bronze bearings and brass exhaust pipes. But when he was finished, the shiny engine was a work of mechanical art which could still produce its original 80 hp.

A man who spends months rebuilding World War I isn't going to hide it away again in some basement. He wants other aviation nuts or the common curious to see what he's done. Anybody who follows the signs to The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome off New York State Highway 9 will be warmly wel-

comed, even if the hand that reaches out to shake yours will be somewhat greasy. People on informal pilgrimages come and go all the time at Rhinebeck, but on that last Sunday of the month the show goes on in earnest. The large attendances have just about convinced Palen to put on two or three shows a month.

Flying the Baron's phantom birds is fun, but there is some ideology involved too: "Down with civilization!" Finale to the air show is a wild and frantic free-for-all called The Pants Race. Competing pilots run to the center of the field, drop their pants into a pile, and race in gaudy shorts to waiting planes. All of the contestants manage to climb into a modern craft except one, poor fellow. He's left with a 1928 Fleet.

Gamely the Fleet sputters to life and bounces down the runway and groans its grey wings aloft behind the yellow and red slivers of modern technology disappearing over the horizon. Low and behold, it's the tortoise who putt-putts over the trees first! The Fleet lands and its hapless pilot is able to recover his pants first and thereby win the race.

Rigged? "Not so!" Cole Palen will protest. Then in one of his easy-to-find grins he'll add, "Our old birds just lead a charmed life. That's all."

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MOTEL IN THE AIR. It is being built on top of the Massachusetts Turnpike at the Newton Interchange—the first of its kind, the National Highway Users Conference here reveals. Air-rights it seems are becoming increasingly valuable over railroad terminals, highway interchanges, and subways. The motel at Newton will have two restaurants, retail shops, and ample parking. It will be 12 stories high.

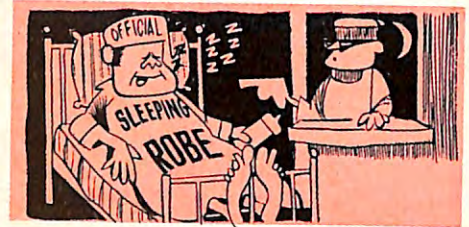
CANCER BREAKTHROUGH may be coming, according to researchers of the National Cancer Institute. They predict important gains in five years in conquering many forms of the disease. Use of newly developed drugs, they said, has resulted in "complete remission of disease for extended periods." The drugs affect fast-growing tumors but thus far are unresponsive to slow-growing types.



TEENAGE ORATORS appearing in high school controversies are astounding members of Congress with their eloquence and their ability to present their opinions forcibly. Years ago both Senate and House were noted for their silver-tongued speakers but in recent sessions much of this has passed away. Perhaps a new crop of orators is springing up who later will make their mark in the legislative halls and the courts.

HELICOPTER SERVICE for accident victims on highways will be available in metropolitan areas under plans announced by Transportation Secretary Alan S. Boyd. Records show that a wounded soldier in Viet Nam picked up by a chopper and rushed to a hospital has a better survival chance than an accident victim around Washington.

VETS IN HOSPITALS will soon be cheered by "Operation Grateful Nation." It started here where every Sunday afternoon at Bethesda Naval Hospital and every Monday evening at Walter Reed a group of beautiful girls visits the patients. All are college students. Their mission is to cheer up the patients. College girls are enrolling in other units throughout the country.



ROBES FOR MAYORS might be provided for the chief magistrates of cities to protect them from burglars or night prowlers. Walter E. Washington, mayor of Washington, woke up in his home at 4:30 a.m. to find a man in the middle of his bedroom. He gave chase as the robber fled but, clad only in pajamas, he had to stop at the kitchen door. The question is should Mayor Washington have his home protected with barred windows and extra security locks or in the interest of economy would it be better to have him sleep in an official mayor's robe, properly marked so any intruder would know he was way out of bounds? A real snappy mayor's night robe might scare a burglar out of his pants.

FLUORIDES POPULAR. Over 72 million Americans are now drinking water containing fluorides and an added 10 million are drinking water which contains natural fluorides. The National Institute of Health reports that in the past year Detroit and Dallas joined New York, Chicago, and Washington in the fluoride column. Still refusing to join are Boston and Los Angeles.

POLITICAL BOO-BOOS were plenty during the presidential campaign and one of the outstanding was made by

**WRITES FROM
WASHINGTON**

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President of the National Press Club, Allan Crowley. During the political campaign he introduced Spiro Agnew, Republican Vice Presidential candidate, and then, to attract future luncheon customers, said that Democratic Vice President candidate Edmund Muskie, would soon be a luncheon speaker. He then said, "You've got to admit these luncheon programs have been good and they're going to get even better soon."



43-25-37 GALS—if these are your measurements you might find a good job in a Congressman's office. It seems that since a Wall Street Stock Exchange secretary with those measurements attracted 15,000 watchers when she came to work back in September, qualifications for secretaries have changed. One applicant already hopes her measurements, 47-29-38, will guarantee her a job on Capitol Hill.

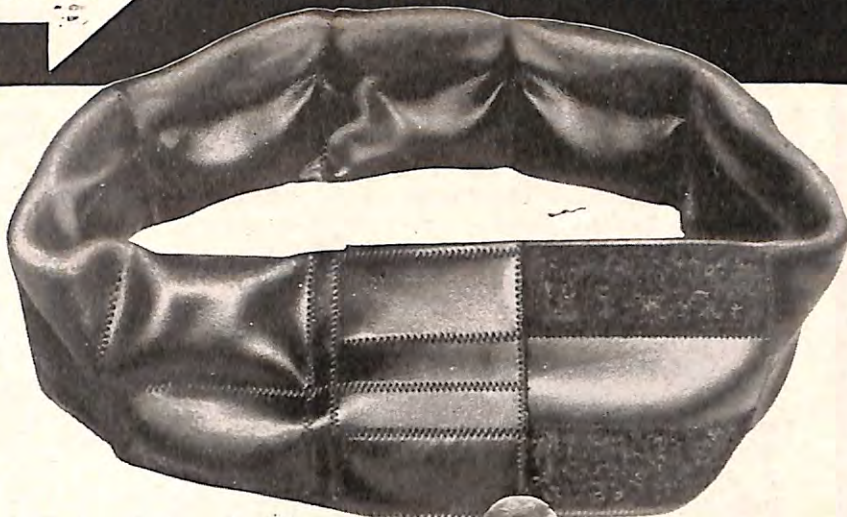
WE'RE LOSING AIR. Scientists say a "Polar Wind" as the earth rotates, is constantly blowing away small amounts of the earth's atmosphere into space. It is a small loss, they say, and before it becomes fatal to man he already will have perished because of the pollution in the atmosphere. This was divulged to some 320 delegates at a State Department conference.

NEW MEDICAL SCHOOLS are providing training for 200 students. They are listed as University of Texas at San Antonio, University of California at Davis and also at San Diego, University of Connecticut and City University of New York. The U.S. now has 99 medical schools with a capacity of 9,367 students.

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What to do? It's simple:

1. Appoint a special committee to submit to you the name of an outstanding Brother, not an officer, as "Elk of the Year."
2. Submit his name, no later than Feb. 28, 1969, to: Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Grand Secretary, 2750 Lake View Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60614.

The rest will be taken care of by the proper authorities. A beautiful certificate, signed by Grand Exalted Ruler McCabe, will be prepared and sent to the lodge, designating that Brother as "Elk of the Year" in your lodge.

You can be proud, as Exalted Ruler, to honor the designate by arranging for a special occasion to present the certificate (which you might like to have framed). Some lodges initiate a class of

candidates in his name—an "Elk of the Year Class." This special honor and recognition warrants taking photographs for use by local newspapers and television stations, as well as your lodge bulletin.

A special request is being made with reference to the "Elk of the Year" program. Please send a brief note, with your "Elk of the Year" and the name of your lodge, to W. M. McMillon, Subcommittee Chairman, 8035 North 10th Avenue, Phoenix, Ariz. 85021.

The Elks Magazine, because of space limitations, cannot possibly publicize all the lodges and their respective "Elks of the Year," but you can gain valuable publicity at home. The Magazine may publish pictures of initiates in the "Elk of the Year" classes. Original black and white negatives should be submitted to the Magazine in such instances.

Elkdom's future depends on you, and we know we can depend on you.

Now is the time to take action!

Brooks H. Bicknell, Chairman
GL Lodge Activities Committee

Trash Explosion

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sources for making more things."

If this is not economically feasible now, argues Dr. Athelstan Spilhaus of the University of Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Pollution, potentially valuable wastes should be "banked" until the time that it becomes economically and technically feasible to recover them. To prove his point, Dr. Spilhaus notes that piles of tailings from the gold mines of South Africa have been profitably reworked three separate times as the price of gold has risen and the advance of technology progressively lowered the cost of recovery. In this country, he suggests, such scrap materials as junked autos should be piled into dirt-covered, landscaped hills, for recovery when future shortage makes iron more valuable.

Pipelines. The chutes into which housewives in an apartment project outside Stockholm, Sweden drop their garbage bags resemble those in "incinera-

tor rooms" of many American buildings. But there is a difference. The garbage falls into underground ducts, or vacuum-powered pipelines, which whisk it first to a hopper where it is collected, then to the incinerator.

While apartment garbage incineration is not new, this method of collecting and transporting solid wastes is. Since transportation accounts for 70% of the cost of waste disposal, this means of beating the freight rate opens up new approaches to the problem. In Britain as well as Sweden, some large apartment complexes have been fitted with tubes that transport household refuse to incinerators as far as a mile and a half away. A Harvard University research team is studying the possibility of introducing similar systems into the United States.

Another idea put forth for the future is to move ground-up garbage and rubbish through pipelines from large cities to abandoned strip mines in other parts of a state, or even in neighboring states. Not only would the wastes be disposed of at low cost, they also would

be useful in restoring useless land that presently mars the view.

Strip mines also would be the dumping place for wastes carried in railroad cars under studies being carried out for New York City and Philadelphia. Dr. Spilhaus believes such a plan might be feasible due to the fact that most freight cars enter a city full and leave it empty. By loading the otherwise empty cars with refuse, he suggests, modern America might take advantage of the lesson put into practice by some medieval German towns. They required that every loaded farm wagon entering the gates later carry out a load of refuse to be dumped in the outlying fields or woods.

Disappearing Packaging. Someday, families may enjoy a steak accompanied by the delicious wrapper it came in. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is studying the possibility of producing edible food wrappers. Scientists are experimenting with a sprayed-on package containing vegetable oils that will preserve the food, and can either be washed off before cooking or eaten after it has melted in the pan. A similar idea for non-edibles—a bottle that will disintegrate after its contents are used—is being investigated by the Dow Chemical Company, among others.

Nor is the Agriculture Department the only federal agency concerned with the nation's mounting trash problem. In 1965, Congress took cognizance of solid waste disposal as a prime source of pollutants, including a Solid Waste Disposal Act as part of a major air-pollution bill enacted that year. Briefly, the law initiated a national research and development program in solid waste disposal. Among projects undertaken with grants provided by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare are research into burning of infectious and radioactive materials, shipboard incineration of municipal trash, fermentation of canning plant wastes to produce citric acid, and manufacture of such food additives as protein concentrates from food processing industry wastes.

At least as imaginative is a method developed by a Japanese manufacturer of using refuse as a valuable by-product. This company makes hydraulic pressure units that compress garbage and other waste materials into solid blocks. These blocks, which may be made in virtually any desired shape, are encased with a coating of asphalt, cement, vinyl or iron sheeting, which kills the bacteria present in the garbage by the denial of oxygen. Someday soon, retaining walls, skyscraper foundations and other structures may be built of man's own waste products. When that happens, we will be able to say that the trash explosion has begun to become a boon rather than a bane. ■



"O CHRISTMAS TREE..."

An inheritance from Europe, the tree has become such a part of our lives that the holiday would hardly be the same without it

by Lucille J. Goodyear

Christmas trees probably do more to bring joy to families at the holiday season and to dramatize the message of "On Earth peace, good will toward men," than any other product of the soil. Here in America the decorated tree has become such an accepted tradition that Christmas would seem barren to most people without it.

In view of the fact that more than 40 million trees are cut and decorated, many people are genuinely concerned about such a multitude of evergreens being cut each year for Christmas tree use.

President Theodore Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, felt this so keenly that he forbade the use of Christmas trees in the White House shortly after he became President. He considered the cutting of trees for such a purpose frivolous and wasteful—a sacrilege against our beautiful woodlands. He was a man who stood by his convictions—even if it meant disappointing his own youngsters.

However, his sons did not share his strong feelings about Christmas trees and conservation and smuggled a tree into their bedroom, set it up, and decorated it. When the President discovered his sons' disobedience, he was

quite distressed and immediately consulted his close friend and advisor on conservation measures, Gifford Pinchot, who had become chief of the Division of Forestry in 1898. (Several years later the division became known as the U.S. Forest Service.)

Assured that no harm to the forests would result, President Roosevelt finally agreed to a Christmas tree in the White House, resuming a custom originated by President Franklin Pierce in 1856.

Perhaps the most spectacular lighted Christmas tree in this country is the one lighted annually by the President of the United States at appropriate ceremonies in Washington, D.C. This ceremony signals a message of good will and peace to the entire country and to the world.

Beginning in 1954, various states have supplied a giant tree—The nation's community Christmas tree, which is set up on the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington monument. The President, at a pre-arranged ceremony, presses the button to turn on the myriad of tree lights. The states are also represented by 50 smaller trees, all set up on both sides of a promenade leading to the big tree.

From the time the President lights the big tree (about the middle of December) and begins the Christmas "Pageant of Peace" until the beginning of the New Year, visitors to our nation's capital may enjoy the many Christmas events that take place.

The annual spectacle is most impressive at night. The brilliantly lighted avenue of trees draws the eye to the towering giant as it dominates the scene and sparkles against the dark sky.

A life-sized creche brings a holy atmosphere to the setting and Christmas caroling may be enjoyed by all spectators. Each night after the concert, a prayer for peace is offered—in keeping with the pageant's theme.

Just as the annual lighted tree in our nation's capital is called the nation's "Community Christmas Tree"—there is a giant sequoia in the Sierras that bears the title, the "Nation's Christmas Tree." Since 1926 the General Grant tree has had this official title. Although not as well publicized as the pageant in Washington, D.C., each year a pilgrimage is made to this 4,000-year-old, 267-foot-high redwood tree to dedicate it anew to peace on earth.

The first Christmas service was inspired by the late Charles E. Lee of Sanger, California, in 1925. Since then the event has been attended by prominent citizens, clergymen, community groups, choirs, and musical organizations which participate in the solemn placing of a wreath at the base of the tree, proclaiming it the Christmas tree of the entire American family.

Standing at the 6,500-foot level of Kings Canyon National Park in the Sierras, a few miles from Sanger, California, America's official Christmas tree, a mighty monarch among forest giants, was a sapling in King David's time. Today it stands as a majestic living symbol of God's greatness and lends awe and reverence to our Christmas observance. *



News of the Lodges

BPO ELKS CENTENNIAL 1868-1968



A FOUR-WAY HANDSHAKE (above photo) cements relations between the Elks of two Midwestern states—Ohio and Indiana—during a recent fall reunion. The cheerful participants are (from left) PGER Fred L. Bohn, whose jurisdiction includes Indiana and Ohio; Ohio SP George B. Walker, Willoughby; GER Edward W. McCabe, and Indiana SP Lewis C. Gerber, a member of South Bend Lodge.



FIRE PREVENTION (right above) is made meaningful for Somerville, Mass., youngsters through a Somerville Lodge-sponsored essay program for its Junior Fire Patrol, which is open to all area sixth-graders. Checking out some essentials with Fire Chief Frederick Quinlan (seated) and Lt. Timothy M. Harrington (right) are sixth-graders John Simeone and Maureen Cotter, while Brother James L. Colbert, lodge and state youth activities chairman, looks on.



A FLAG FROM GEMINI 12 (right center) recently became a prized possession of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Elks. It was presented to ER Howard R. Beatty (center) by Mark W. Leedy, Edgewater, uncle of Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., in the presence of the astronaut's mother, Mrs. James A. Lovell. The flag flew aboard Gemini 12 with Captain Lovell in November 1966. The lodge also received a color photograph of the astronaut taken after the flight. The presentation was made in the name of Brother Howard Fredericks, a New Smyrna Beach Elk, during a recent lodge function.



GETTING AN AUTOGRAPH (right) on his arm cast from two Past Grand Exalted Rulers—R. Leonard Bush and Horace R. Wisely—is Livermore-Pleasanton, Calif., PER Buddy C. Tari, who was the lodge's charter Exalted Ruler in 1959-1960 and served again in that post two years ago. ER Alfred A. Alford looks on. PGERs Bush and Wisely, accompanied by their wives, were on a tour of some of the lodges and stopped to see Livermore-Pleasanton Elks' new property.

OHIO FALL REUNION

OHIO ELKS' 39th annual fall conference was held August 31 through September 1 in Columbus, as 520 representatives gathered to plan Elk-sponsored charity programs for the coming year. GER Edward W. McCabe was the featured speaker, who urged Elks to "help re-earn the freedom which we cherish."

In other events, state and GL awards were presented and scholarship grants totaling \$4,750 were announced.

Taking top state honors was Maumee Lodge, winner of the Dr. Edward J. McCormick membership trophy, while Bellefontaine was cited for gaining most new members. Norwalk Lodge was winner in the community welfare program and Warren Lodge in youth activities.

Ohio Elks *Newsette* Editor Steve Jones, Circleville, received a second-place na-



OHIO SP George B. Walker of Willoughby pins a registration badge on GER Edward W. McCabe, the principal speaker at Ohio's fall reunion in Columbus. Looking on are PGER Fred L. Bohn and, on the right, DDGER William F. Kessler, Lancaster, and New Philadelphia PER Norman C. Parr, Columbus, who is a GL Americanism committeeman.

tional award for the best state publication.

In other action, the Elks approved funds totaling \$8,600 for cerebral palsy treatment—the state major project.

A ritualistic workshop closed the three-day conclave. Ohio Elks will return to Columbus for their annual convention, May 1 through 4, 1969.



AT THE SUGGESTION of the Massachusetts Elks Association, Mrs. Louise McCabe, Medford, outgoing head of the state Elks' ladies group, presents an auditory training unit to Sister M. Eleanor, F.M.M., administrator of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Hospital for children in Brighton. Joining in the ceremony are Michael J. McNamara, Brockton, GL youth activities chairman, and Mrs. Esther O'Brien, former president of the women's group. The auditory trainer will be used in the rehabilitation of young patients in the Kennedy Memorial hospital's Speech, Hearing and Language Clinic and in hospital classroom instruction for the children.



TAKING TIME out from the busy schedule of Indiana Elks' recent two-day annual fall meeting in Indianapolis to pose for a photograph are: (from left) PGER Fred L. Bohn; SP Lewis C. Gerber, South Bend; PSP Glenn L. Miller, Logansport, GL Judiciary Committee chairman; GER Edward W. McCabe; GL Trustee E. Gene Fournace, Newark, Ohio; PSP Gerald L. Powell, Peru, GL youth activities committeeman, and PSP Charles P. Bender, a Wabash Lodge member and a GL ritualistic committeeman.



NOTABLE LYNBROOK, New York, Lodge members—PGER George I. Hall, ER Fred T. Bartsch, and Grand Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick—get together for a photograph during a recent District Clinic which was hosted by Lynbrook Lodge members.



ANOTHER LINK IN THE CHAIN OF BROTHERHOOD was added recently with the institution of a new lodge in New York—Webster-Fairport Lodge No. 2396. At the head of the 135 charter members is ER Gerald L. Prior, pictured here (first row, center) with the other lodge officers and PDD Joseph G. D'Aprile (rear row, right), Rochester, who presided at the ceremonies.



A FAMILY AFFAIR at Oneonta, N.Y., Lodge marked a first in the 54-year history of the lodge. ER Robert B. Pondolfino (second from right) was installed into office by his father, Dr. Joseph Pondolfino Sr. (right), a Past Exalted Ruler. At the same time, the new Exalted Ruler's brother Joseph (second from left) assumed the post of lodge Chaplain and was installed by their uncle, Dr. Samuel Pondolfino (left), also a Past Exalted Ruler of Oneonta Lodge.



PERHAPS THE YOUNGEST Exalted Ruler in Elkdom—Columbia, Pa., ER William T. Wright (foreground, left), who was 24 years old at the time of his installation—accepts congratulations from the other lodge officers. Handing over the gavel is immediate PER Evert O. Fink; PDD Paul W. Brubaker, Lancaster, stands on the far right.



A RECORD ELKS FAMILY are the Bennetts of Corvallis, Ore.—Brother Robert Bennett (fourth from left) and six of his nine sons: Carl, Ted (Chaplain), Earl, Roy, Ray, and Marvin (not shown). With them are PDD Frank Hise (extreme left), lodge member and former Grand Trustees vice-chairman, and ER Stanley A. Thompson (right).

LODGE NOTES

GRAND FORKS, N.D. PGER Raymond C. Dobson, publisher of the Minot (N.D.) *Daily News*, was honored recently by the North Dakota Associated Press for his long service to journalism in the state.

M. M. Oppengard, editor and publisher of the Grand Forks *Herald*, paid tribute to Brother Dobson at an evening banquet, noting that his 1966 election as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks was "a fitting climax to a career that had given so much to so many worthwhile endeavors."

PLYMOUTH, Mich. Two Brothers—Quintus Stulz and Donald Armitage—have sent questionnaires to each of the state's 71 lodges, requesting information on meetings, activities, and special events. The result: a handy alphabetical "travel guide" to Michigan Elks, which the lodge believes will become as indispensable to traveling Brothers and their families as their road maps.

SARATOGA, N.Y. The "Elks Centennial Race," sponsored by the lodge, was the highlight of a recent day of thoroughbred racing at the Saratoga Race Track, Saratoga Springs.

The Saratoga track, which is the oldest in the United States, was deemed most fitting for the race honoring Elkdom's 100th birthday.

ROCHESTER, Pa. A recent initiate, James F. Craig, became his family's third-generation member of the lodge. On hand for the initiation ceremony were his father, Charles E. Craig, and grandfather, Frank W. Craig.

WHEELING, W.Va. Lodge members were saddened by the death of 103-year-old Brother Frank B. Klieves, a life member.

Brother Klieves, the oldest Elk in terms of age in West Virginia and possibly in the nation, was initiated into Wheeling Lodge May 19, 1904.

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. Two double-deck English buses carried 106 officers and members of the lodge to Garden Grove, where they were treated to dinner and refreshments, followed by a lodge meeting.

The buses had come over on the liner *Queen Mary*, now docked at Long Beach.

CHICAGO (WEST), Ill. Lodge members mourn the untimely death of Exalted Ruler Paul B. Kohnen, who died suddenly while attending a recent Illinois Elks Association meeting in Effingham.

PER George M. McAndrews was selected to finish out Brother Kohnen's term, and was installed by Des Plaines PER Michael Freisinger.

FULLERTON, Calif. A letter from a Brother in Vietnam—Stephen D. Joyner, USMC—was sent to the lodge and later published in the Fullerton *Hilltop Bugle*.



PEEKSKILL, New York, ER Gregory Emery (left) greets SP Leonard J. Bristol, Saranac Lake, who spoke at the lodge's gala dinner opening a three-day celebration of the Elks centennial. Looking on are Mayor Michael DiBart (standing) and PDD James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck. The observance included a swimming meet for youth, a band concert, and closed with an "I Am an American Day" parade, witnessed by approximately 10,000 spectators.



EVERETT, Massachusetts, Lodge's annual Awards' Day party brings together 50 youngsters participating in Camp Holiday, the local Recreation Department program for retarded children, for an afternoon of fun. Shown with some of the children are notable guests and committee members: Brother Samuel C. Gentile, recreation director; Mrs. Robert Winocour, camp director; Mrs. Robert Mitton; ER Charles J. Crafts; Brother Richard Giardina, chairman; Dr. Nicholas J. Wells; Brother Guy J. DiNuccio; Dr. Robert Franckel; Brother Frank E. Lewis Jr.; Dr. Robert Perry; Frank Cuilla; Brother Joseph Carr, and Robert Caramanica, assistant recreation director.



ELKS NOTABLES from New York State are on hand at Saranac Lake Lodge for a recent celebration of the 10th anniversary of the ladies service to the lodge. Among them are SP Leonard J. Bristol (third from right), a lodge member, and the Rev. Francis White (second from right), state chaplain, and PSP James McBride (fifth from right), Goshen. The ladies are (from left) Mrs. Kathleen Fobare, the first head of the women's group; Mrs. Cecile Hoffer, Mrs. Phyllis Knobel, Mrs. Gladys Long, Mrs. Lenore Conway, Mrs. Betty Dora, all former heads, and Mrs. Estella Jarvis, the current leader.

Brother Joyner's letter, written at Khe Sanh, urged the Elks to "tell people about patriotism," and expressed his own pride in his country and in the job he was doing.

Fullerton Elks mourn the subsequent death in action of Brother Joyner, but take justifiable pride in his memory and his dedication.

SALINA, Kan. A local father-son team performed brilliantly to capture honors at the Kansas Elks Association Golf Tournament, held recently at the lodge's own golf course.

Brother Andy Nusbaum Sr. won the senior division of the tournament, and his 17-year-old son Mike took top honors in the tourney's junior division.

LONGMONT, Colo. An unusual career in the Order has come to a close with the death of E. V. Christlieb, a life member of Longmont Lodge.

Brother Christlieb's three terms as Exalted Ruler are perhaps unique in the history of Elkdom. He first served as ER of Kearney, Neb., Lodge for 1934-35, then as ER of Beatrice, Neb., Lodge for 1941-42, and finally as the first ER of Clay Center, Kan., Lodge for 1962-63, after spearheading the movement to organize a lodge in the Kansas community.

Longmont, Colo., Elks subsequently welcomed Brother Christlieb as a life member, an affiliation he retained at the time of his death, though he had returned to Clay Center.

Survivors include his widow and two sons.

SHAMOKIN, Pa. The lodge is proud of the performance of immediate PER Harry A. Nagle Jr., who won All-American Eastern Division honors as Exalted Ruler in the national ritualistic competition held during the 1968 Grand Lodge convention in New York.

Brother Nagle's award is the highest ever received by a Shamokin Elk in the four years the lodge has participated in ritualistic competition. He has also won two all-state honors, and the Shamokin team, three state championships.

UNION, N.J. PDD Francis W. Kaiser was feted recently by his fellow lodge members at a dinner-dance held at the lodge.

Distinguished Elks in attendance included PSP John W. Purdy Jr., Phillipsburg, and PGER William J. Jernick, who were guest speakers for the affair.

SLIDELL, La. American flags and plaques were presented to two new Eagle Scouts of the lodge-sponsored Troop 329—Larry J. Reiss III and Paul Lambert—at a Court of Honor held recently at the Lodge. Slidell Elks sponsor a Sea Scout Explorer Unit, two Boy Scout troops, and Junior and Senior Girl Scout troops.



SOME OF THE 800 adults and children attending Hillside, N.J., Lodge's annual picnic enjoy a sunny day on the Elks' own grounds in Hillside. Brother William Kobin acted as chairman for the fun-filled event.



AT HENDERSONVILLE, North Carolina, Lodge, PGER William A. Wall officiates at the recent dedication of this memorial plaque to a departed Brother—Sidney E. Powers, who served as club manager, later consultant, for more than 25 years, and thus contributed greatly to the lodge's success. Also pictured at the time of the ceremony are PDD B. A. Whitmire, a former GL officer and member of the lodge; Secy. Stephen T. Wyman; PER H. E. Buchanan; John W. Farmer, a charter and life member of the lodge, and PER William T. McShane.



ON HAND TO WELCOME Florida VP Edward Ehlers (third from right), of Weirsdale, during his recent visit to Orlando Lodge are (from left): PDD Alvin A. Ehrlich, a lodge member; PDD and lodge Secy. Al Coe; PDD Paul Smith, Kissimmee; PDD Vaughan F. Martin, Winter Park; ER Jasper Nichols; PDD William Buning, Orlando; PDD Frank Holmes, Sanford; PDD John Morgan, Orlando.



BEACON, New York, Lodge's Est. Loyal Kt. Sands Frost (second from left) presents a \$300 check to Albert Robillard Jr., president of the Beacon Junior Baseball League. The contribution, which will be used to further the league's activities in the Beacon area, came from proceeds of a lodge-sponsored dinner honoring the Beacon state championship team of the Babe Ruth League. Also present for the presentation are George P. Coughlin, lodge youth activities chairman, PDD and Dr. Simon Cahn, a lodge member, and ER and Dr. Morris J. Frank.

SUFFOLK, Virginia, Lodge officers—first-place winners of the state ritualistic contest for the second consecutive year—strike a formal pose during Virginia Elks' annual convention in Harrisonburg. They are (from left) PER G. S. Hobbs Jr., the coach, Est. Loyal Kt. Robert E. Gillette, Est. Lead. Kt. Louis S. Slade, Chap. William R. Runner Jr., ER R. D. Hunter III, In. Gd. Jeffrey L. Gardy, Est. Lect. Kt. Ted W. Potter, and Esq. William H. Burkette. Brothers Hunter, Potter, and Gardy won all-state honors.





HOLYOKE, Massachusetts, Elks listen in as Coach Charles Silvia of Springfield (Mass.) College, who was the guest speaker at the lodge's annual Sports Night, gives out some pointers to local high-school sportsmen. Gathered around the coach are (from left) Dave Laing, Ned O'Meara, Brother Gene Brunelle, youth activities committeeman, Brother Larry Lajoie, chairman of the youth activities committee, Kevin Kelley, George Laframboise, and Victor Zwirko.



GREEN BAY, Wisconsin, ER Selmer E. Anderson presents a plaque to Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Melville J. Junion citing him for his leadership in youth programs during his recent chairmanship of the GL Youth Activities Committee. Looking on is PGER Lee A. Donaldson, who was the main speaker at a dinner-dance honoring Brother Junion, a longtime member of Green Bay Lodge.



NEW JERSEY'S DDGER Joseph Backle Jr. (fourth from left), Weehawken, is present as Cliffside Park, N.J., Elks get ready to raise a banner bearing the "Love it or Leave" slogan, originated by the Grand Lodge in reference to the American flag, as well as a flag which was flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C. last July 4th. Participating in the ceremony are ER Edwin Becker, Brother Maurice Bertoli, Edward Kochanski, Cliffside Park councilman, Brother George Gallagher Sr., and John Burke, councilman. Brothers Bertoli and Gallagher conducted the program.



PORT JERVIS, New York, immediate PER John M. Viserta and Esq. Anthony M. Elia, former youth activities chairman, proudly display the lodge's youth activities award. Under Brother Elia's chairmanship, the lodge's 1967-1968 Youth Activities Committee was named first-place state winner and third-place national winner in the 500 to 1,000 membership category for its program.
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BUFFALO, New York, ER Myles T. Finnigan (left) accepts commendation from state Secy. Herman J. Wickel, Huntington, upon presentation of the lodge's contribution of \$500 for the state major project program in the rehabilitation of cerebral palsy victims.

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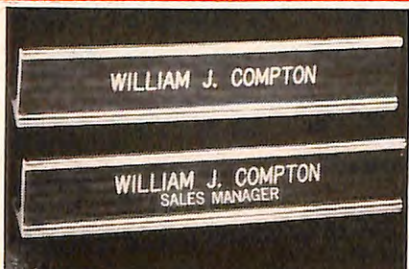
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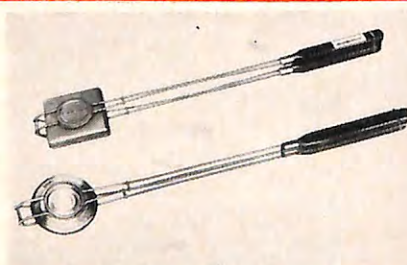
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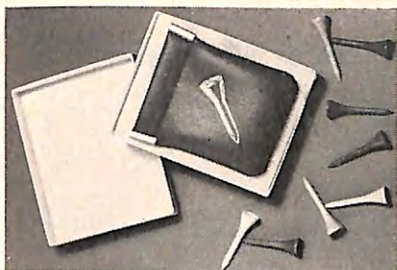
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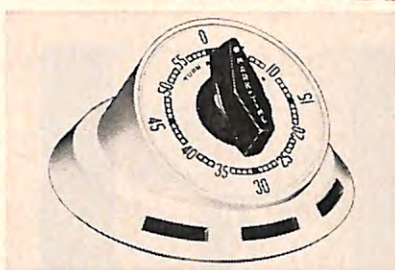
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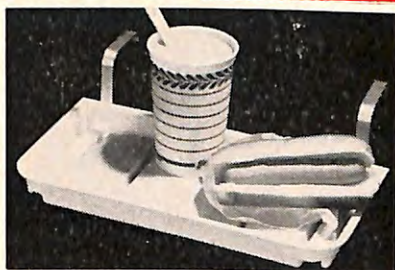
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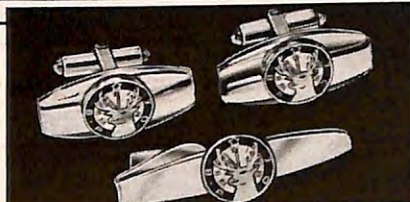
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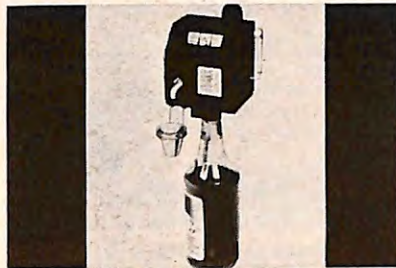
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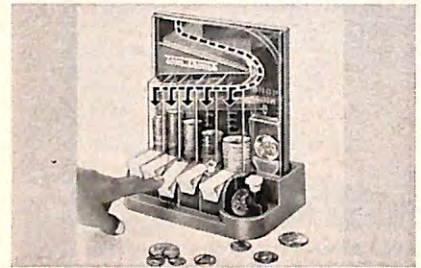
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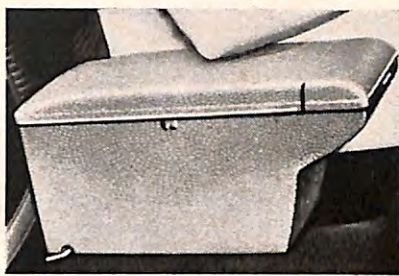


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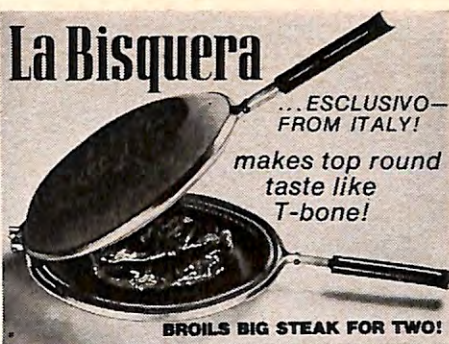
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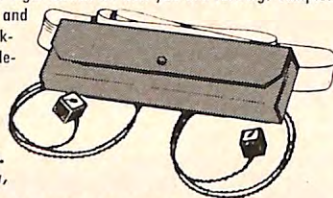
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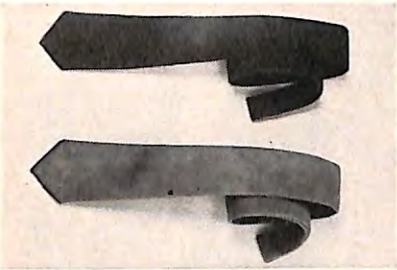
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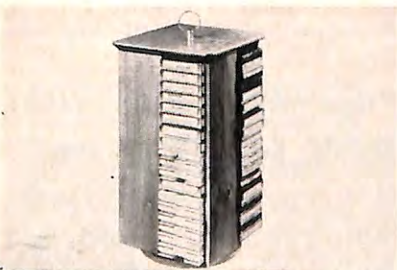
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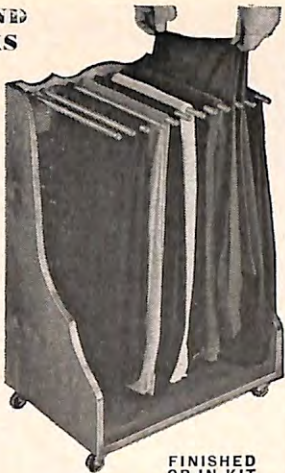
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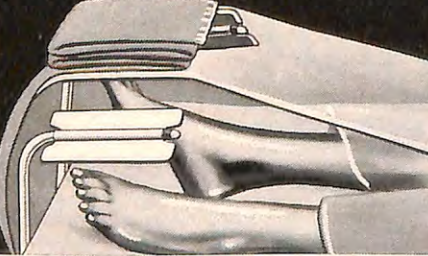
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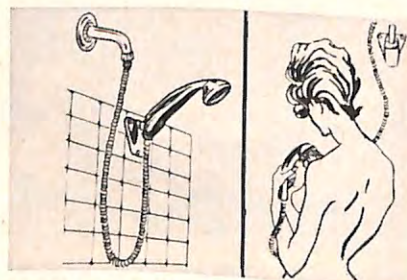
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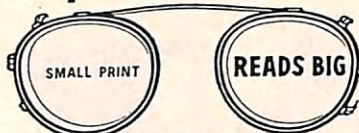
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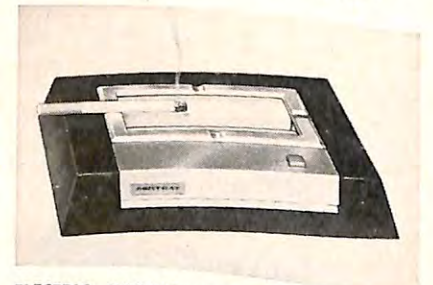
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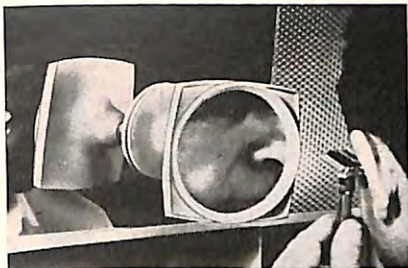


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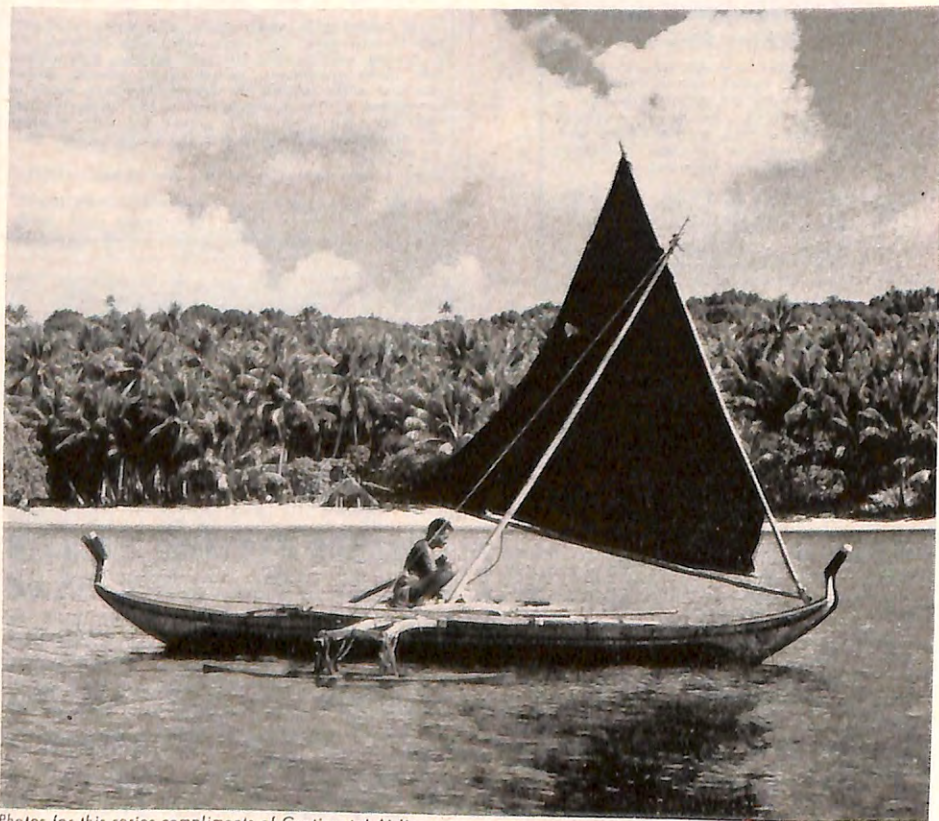
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The sand is white, the redness long gone. With it has gone death, and now sea birds soar overhead. Trade winds blow softly, carrying the voice of the ocean. Waves break against a distant reef off on an island where men came to die those long years ago. Saipan, the most important Japanese base in the Marianas—120 miles north of Guam—was won in the costliest ground action of the Pacific war. On June 15, 1944, landing craft moved toward the beach. Endless waves of U.S. marines slogged ashore. Hundreds died on the sloping sands. World War II, for those who remember it, remains too real. Only a terrible moment ago. For the young it is an obscure time in history, so long ago it is some clouded chapter. But to anyone visiting Saipan, young or old, it comes shockingly alive.

A new tourist hotel faces the very beach which ran red with the blood of men. Men? Indeed, mostly they were boys. They fought, though, as men, and eventually they won. It was a terrible price for the honor of victory. When the last grenade was exploded,

3,144 U.S. troops lay dead. Another 1,213 were missing and 11,481 wounded. For the Japanese it was almost total oblivion. Ninety-five percent of the enemy had died—nearly 20,000 Japanese. No, you can't forget that war. Not when you come to Saipan, anyway. On the beach where death made itself known, tourists sunbathe and dip in a pool and sip cocktails in the new and elegant Royal Taga Hotel. But the memory is there. Off between the shore and the reef, bogged down on the sandy bottom, are two U.S. tanks which never made it ashore. The sea sloshes over them, their rusted cannons pointing harmlessly toward the heavens. Yes, they tell tourists who come to play, that this peaceful place indeed was tropical hell.

Saipan, which now has put up the tourist shingle, is an island unlike others. Rising from a tangle of jungle 10 minutes from the hotel is the prison in which some islanders insist Amelia Earhart died. The cells are ghostly, all of them grown over with jungle so that they are impossible to find without a guide. Just as the Japanese military hospital is strangled with the thick jungle vine—so thick daylight is rejected. Walls crumble. Life is gone. Only a lizard lives there. It scurried up a wall and

disappeared. Now the hospital with its ghosts was empty again.

In his final days on Saipan the Japanese commander issued orders for an all-out *banzai* attack. Defeat was the promise, surrender unthinkable. The Japanese attacked this final time, dying by the thousands. Today, this valley of death is green and peaceful. Only when you get beyond it, to the area known as Marpi, does history's shock sting again. Artillery guns and hand grenades and shells line the road. This was the staging area for the planned invasion of Japan, a gigantic munitions dump. After Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Japan's surrender it was abandoned. Later the military tried to explode it. But most everything was blown into the jungle—the shells and other things, still alive and a threat. After so many years the search goes on. A bulldozer clears away the jungle. Then demolition crews go to work. It is especially dangerous for the bulldozer operator. One nearly went mad.

Beyond here the war for hundreds of Japanese ended off a 1,000-foot cliff. They leaped to their deaths. Appropriately, it is called Suicide Cliff. Although U.S. troops coaxed their surrender, still they leapt. The indoctrination had been thorough. Japanese

officers had said everyone would be murdered. Others ended their lives off Banzai Cliff, leaping into the sea. It was near here, after Saipan was secured, that the last Japanese command post was found. Steps leading to an immense cave are cut into the cliff. Along with other war reminders, it has come to be a curious attraction.

Within sight of Saipan the small island of Tinian rises up from the sea, lonesome and green. Cattle graze in the fields and there are a dozen old airstrips, weeds popping up through the cracks. One field is particularly significant. A plaque tells how a plane called the "Enola Gay" took off with the first atomic bomb to be dropped on Japan.

Back on Saipan another plaque is dedicated to the thousands of U.S. troops who died to secure the island—"those with unselfish devotion who gave their lives in the service of their country." The memorial is all but forgotten, a homely, homemade wreath drooping at its base with flowers that won't wilt; they are cheap and artificial. Up on the hill civilians and tourists play golf. Below, the rubble of a spring typhoon is being cleared. The war that played here seems suddenly distant. The other day a group of tourists stood at the airport awaiting an outbound plane, blond Emil Kucek of Dover, Del., among them. He'd come back 23 years later. He'd stood on the empty airstrip at Tinian, watching, in memory, the "Enola Gay" take off all over again on its mission of horror.

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Elks' Gift of Giving Makes Yuletide Bright



Gaily wrapped parcels, brimming baskets, freshly painted toys, tinsel, balloons, and ice cream—these, coupled with effort, legwork, and goodwill, were the language of the “glad tidings” brought by Elks across the country to thousands last Christmas.

According to a tradition developed over the years, lodges—from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Columbus, Ohio, to Agana, Guam—joined to help the needy, the handicapped, and the less fortunate at Christmastime.

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The spirit of Christmas shines brightly in the eyes of three happy youngsters and a jolly Saint Nick at Ocala, Fla., Lodge's Christmas festivities. What wonderful surprises Santa must have promised them!



A child's best friend is Santa Claus, as this group of admiring youngsters proves, during Homewood, Ala., Lodge's annual Christmas party. One eager little boy seems to be asking for a most important gift, and Santa's expression seems to indicate that he won't be disappointed.

Hardworking Wheeling, W. Va., Elks and their ladies fill some of many food cartons designed to make Christmas happier for needy families.

Saint Nick lends an ear to a young lady at Bend, Oreg., Lodge.



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In Dothan, Ala., fresh milk, orange
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Now, while waiting for his civilian plane, war's awful futility brushed his shoulders. Japanese tourists surrounding him had come, too, to see where their people had died. Had it not been for the tragedy the scene recalled, Emil Kucek would have laughed right out loud. Standing beside him was a short, frail Japanese tourist. He was wearing an American cowboy hat. . . .

But Micronesia is many islands. Beyond here—two hours by plane—is the island of Yap, where "toplessness" was born. You walk into a pub and you can't tell the customers from the waitresses. On an island with 80-degree heat and a melting humidity, modesty has been exchanged for nudity and comfort. Some day, I suppose, some itinerant brassiere salesman will jump ship and little Yap will go the way of the rest of the world. Presently, though, they've a topless snack shop, a topless supermarket, and a movie where the girls, if they wish, may also go topless. There is little chance of catching cold from a draft, there being no air-conditioning on the entire island.

While toplessness is a way of life, the Yapese are as strait-laced as a bunch of New England missionaries when it comes to the lower torso. Ankle-length skirts of tropical leaves are the uniform of the day. Meanwhile, the fellows run

around in the near-nothing, only a loin-cloth away from induction into some nudist society. To pinpoint this island of toplessness, Yap rises up out of warm tropical waters 450 miles southwest of Guam. During the war it was used by the Japanese as an air base. Japanese Zeros caught on the ground in surprise raids by U.S. bombers rot alongside the small airstrip. Beside them, bomb craters filled with rainwater reflect the sky overhead. The jungle grows profusely and the air falls heavy like a sauna.

Yap is a small garden of Eden, with papaya and breadfruit hanging in heavy clumps. No one's missed a meal on Yap since the place rose out of the Pacific eons ago. The trees, the sea, and the earth provide fish and breadfruit, coconut milk, oranges, and pineapple. Soon the tourists will invade the peaceful isle—they already have to a degree—and an old culture will begin its decay. Erosion, in fact, has already set in. The man from the tourist office told how Yap is one of the rare islands in the world left with an "intact culture." Well, not exactly. For centuries the Yapese traded in stone money. Huge discs the size of wagon wheels lean against their huts to this very day, a symbol of considerable affluence. The word got around, though, about U.S. currency. The result is that when our group arrived, villagers near

the airport volunteered to put on a native dance. As it turned out, the show wasn't exactly free. The bite was \$50. Fifty U.S. dollars, that is. Culture? Money counts even on Yap. After this they said no pictures, please. Something was mentioned about modesty. After all, it was an all-girl revue. Someone in our group said, "Ask them if \$25 will make them forget the bit about modesty." The man from the tourist office who said the culture is pretty much intact asked. The answer was yes. The cameras rolled. The scene was recorded. Yap will never be quite the same again. They've heard the sound of silver.

Still, the islanders aren't necessarily courting tourism. On the contrary, some prefer that the tourists stay away. After all, no one is jobless. No one is hungry. For a time it was rumored that Yap opposed tourism altogether. They wanted no hotels. One of the legislators had been to Honolulu. He'd seen what's happened to Waikiki. So far only one hotel exists on Yap. The Rai View accommodates 19 guests in 10 rooms. A sign says, "Due to the scarcity of accommodations, single guests are often asked to share twin rooms." The asking price is \$4.50 per person. Still, it's not exactly the bargain it seems. Not when you find that the "air conditioning" consists only of an electric fan.

Only a year or so ago the island's entire motor pool consisted of a single car and three scooters. Buzzing about the island today are 250 scooters and 100 vintage jalopies. All this has made the natives restless. Seldom in the past did anyone venture much beyond his own particular village. Now they're running off clear to the other end of the island. That's like 16 miles! You must, if you go scootering, though, wear a crash helmet. It's a Yap law. Because there are few helmets to be had, the Yapese go sputtering by with pots and pans on their heads. On Sunday they put on their Sunday beads and go to the big city. That's Colonia—one dusty block long, the Great White Way of Yap. TV dinners are sold in the local supermarket. The theater next door shows movies. Presently the poster out front is telling all about "Duel in the Sun." Don't scoff. It's only 20 years old. Yap gets them after TV.

The men of Yap have a men's club—a thatched-roof *jalu*. Often they go there after a spat with the topless better half. Shelter is provided free. They amuse themselves chewing betel-nut and exchanging anecdotes around a kerosene lamp. It is also a place to nap at the noon hour. Just bring your own grass mat and stretch out.

Yap's earliest visitor was an Irishman named O'Keefe. David O'Keefe was (Continued on page 42)

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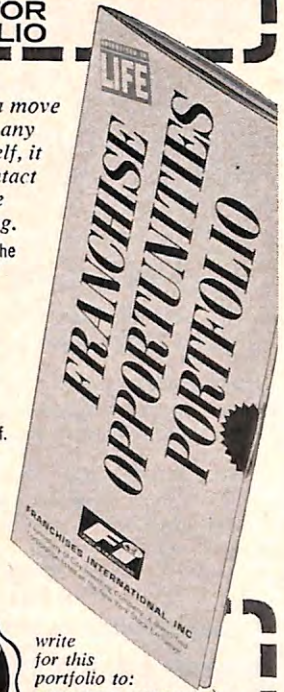
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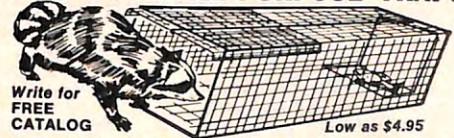


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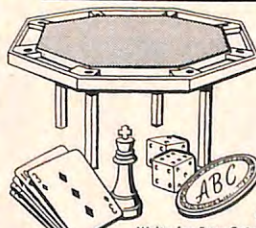


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juice, and bread were added to the baskets on the morning of the delivery of \$2,000 worth of goods to 60 families.

Ogden, Utah, Lodge's \$30 packages included clothing and bedding for 137 needy families.

Then came the Christmas parties themselves. Hardworking Elks were well rewarded—with a gleam of delight, a flush of anticipation, a squeal of surprise. Kids who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to talk to Santa Claus stood in long lines of starry-eyed excitement.

The parties featured ice cream, soft drinks, cake, Walt Disney cartoons, and special attractions like "Miss World Majorette" in a spectacular show at the Scotch Plains, N.J., party for crippled children.

Three hundred children in the Ocala, Fla., area had a "whooping good time" in a balloon blowing contest. Those with enough breath still left could watch the fearless fire-eater, or a magician's wondrous performance.

A dog act made a hit at Columbus, Ohio, Elk's party for 450 youngsters of Franklin County.

Everywhere, of course, there was Santa and his bag of toys. Before making his appearance in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the capricious Saint Nick checked in by "walkie talkie" from somewhere between the North Pole and Detroit Lakes. Minutes later, he delighted 150 children by arriving across the lake in a snowmobile.

Lodges raised funds for their programs through charity balls, stag nights, as well as personal contributions. Ocala, Fla., Brothers donated \$1,500 in addition to the lodge's \$350 for gifts, and one member gave 2,040 lbs. of oranges.

In terms of effort and goodwill it was the same story in scores of Elks lodges. Scranton, Pa., Elks clothed 300 children. Hard-working committees in Fresno, Calif., Jerseyville, N.J., Alexandria, Va., and Bradenton, Fla., to name a few, spread Yuletide cheer in the form of food baskets.

Several Clayton, Mo., Elks donned the costumes of clowns to entertain 55 cerebral palsied youngsters. One 13-year-old girl suffering from CP was granted her holiday wish when she received a three-wheeler from Sunnysvale, Calif., Lodge. Crippled and handicapped children in Jersey City, N.J., Irvington, N.J., and Tooele, Utah, also enjoyed the Elks hospitality.

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I have a pretty good collection of guns, and I certainly make exceptions to the above, but I am indicating my personal preferences. Almost every other hunter I know—and those you know too—would have different recommendations. That's what makes horse races—and lots of fun in conversation and afield, as one gunner tells another why his shotgun is the best going for a particular game bird or animal. I'll list a few other of my choices, for various game:

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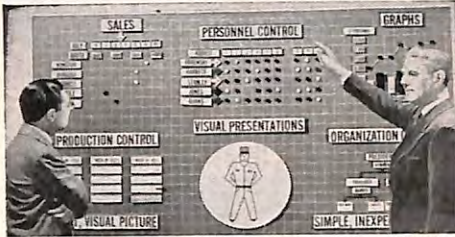
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Micronesia

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the lad's full name. He came first to America and then to Yap. His ship struck a storm. Everyone drowned. All but O'Keefe, that is. He swam ashore. His name became legend. On Yap he formed expeditions to the island of Palau to gather stone money, some of which remains to this very day. He became known as "His Majesty O'Keefe" and at the same time he got rich. He gathered copra and sea slugs and shipped them to Hong Kong. O'Keefe married a topless maiden (the rascal had left behind a wife in Savannah, Ga.) and he lived the life of King Farouk till one day he set sail and became lost in a storm. The topless maiden wept. A legend died.

Those who visit the Trust Territories—Saipan, Truk, Ponape, Yap, etc.—usually wind up their island fling on Guam. Here World War II was big. After that the island was relatively quiet. Until now, that is. Mr. Hilton has announced intentions of putting up a hotel. And wherever Conrad goes the jet set is certain to follow—and after this the ordinary tourist. What Mr. Hilton has in mind is a 250-room high-rise overlooking Tumon Bay, off where the Japanese put ashore the day following Pearl Harbor. Next door, Naburo Gato, the Nipponese innkeeper, intends to build a 200-room hotel. At the same time Continental Airlines—parent of Air Micronesia—will turn neighbor with a hotel of its own, which is how places like Waikiki get started.

The local tourist flack describes Guam as a slice of Hawaii between two slices of Hong Kong. What he's getting at is the physical resemblance to Hawaii along with duty-free stores and Hong Kong labels. Stores are overburdened with all the gadgets of a Kowloon Macy's. There are the same Swiss watches, the same German cameras and French perfumes. Indeed, you may even order a suit or dress custom-made by a Hong Kong tailor. Measurements are sent to Hong Kong which in turn sends back the finished product in mere days.

While it takes considerable imagination to consider Guam as a U.S. sandlot, nevertheless it is touted as "the westernmost outpost of American democracy." The people who concern themselves with courting tourists are full of Madison Avenue pitches. For example: "Guam is where America's day begins." They're talking about the place the sun rises first on American soil. It is also a day later when the sun comes up. That is, if it's Monday in Guam it's still Sunday in the U.S. But

while Americans arrive in increasing numbers, the Japanese are the real invaders. They took Guam the first time on Dec. 8, 1941. Now they've returned—clicking cameras, hunting souvenirs, and sunbathing on the island's travel-folder beaches. Not all Japanese left at the end of World War II. There were Cpl. Masushi Ito and Pfc. Bunzo Mingawa, for example. They somehow didn't get the message. They figured the rest of the Japanese would return, so they hid out in the hills. They stayed hidden for 16 years after the last shot was fired. But they were right. The Japanese came back. Only this time as tourists. Ito and Mingawa decided it was time to surrender.

Now both Japanese and American tourists pass the time watching a Russian trawler that watches Guam. The trawler also focuses on Polaris subs and America's B-52 bombers. The other evening the huge bombers returned just at dusk from raids over Viet Nam—great black wasps on the darkening sky. The trawler no doubt tattled to Moscow, Peking, and Hanoi. It's a strange game. Sometimes tourists go by launch to the spy ship, exchanging beer for vodka, and American cigarets for the Russian weed.

Guam was inherited during the Spanish-American war. After we got it back from the Japanese in the closing months of the Pacific war, some GIs remained behind. Al Waller of Hemet, Calif., went home briefly, then returned to Guam. Now he has a Guamanian wife and nine kids. He also operates the Sleepy Lagoon Restaurant and Air-Tei Hotel, where \$17 is the daily take on a room for two. Presently he's adding 25 rooms with sunken tubs for the Japanese tourists. After this he intends to launch a cocktail lounge in a cave the Japanese used for hiding.

His is a nickels-and-dimes operation, though, next to another American. Ken Jones, a former Seabee from Willow Springs, N.C., has run a \$1,900 bag into so many millions of dollars even he's lost count. It's easier almost to list what he doesn't own. His empire consists of three supermarkets, Guam's biggest department store, a couple of auto dealerships, a shipping company, construction company, restaurants, hotels, and a huge cattle ranch on the island of Tinian. His Cliff Hotel with air-conditioning (\$18 double) along with a swimming pool is the island's fussiest digs. Next door his Red Carpet Restaurant serves New York steaks, dry Manhattans, and American martinis. But he isn't done with Guam. What he feels Guam needs now is an entire new town. It's his next big push. He plans to put up 250 homes, a shopping center, playgrounds, and schools.

They're singing aloha to the old life on Guam.

Scents can make the difference

By Howard Sigler

The almost-all-black skunk, probably absorbed in digging for grubs, didn't know I was around until I hit him with my foot. In the pre-dawn darkness of the misty river bottom meadow, I didn't know he was there, either, but was not long so uninformed! The perfume sprayed my feet and legs and stayed with me long, an unremitting reminder never again to spook around in summertime darkness without some sort of light.

Yet, the obviously unfortunate accident added a new and very vital facet to my accumulation of hunting know-how.

En route bowfishing for lunker carp, known to feed occasionally on minute surface matter just after daybreak, I had risked possible encounter with a night-hunting copperhead and figured even a penlight to be excess baggage; hence my odoriferous predicament. However, it wasn't long until my nose became accustomed to it and I went ahead about my business, although quite smelly to everything except myself.

Shortly after sunup, I was leaning quietly against a triumvirate of box-elders, watching a carp idly swirl near the opposite bank, when a flicker of movement caught the side vision of one eye. Turning slowly, I found three deer (a doe with two fawns) approaching directly upwind along the river trail. With that wind in their favor and my being but a little way from the path, it was only a question of moments before they spooked, yet I pressed my face in against the tree trunks so that contrast with my camouflaged clothing would not be so obvious and waited for the inevitable.

It never happened! The three idled along beneath the low-hanging limbs,



stopping occasionally to sniff inquiringly—but their tails remained down, wagging now and then as is the habit of unalarmed deer—and passed within 10 feet, completely unaware of my presence!

There was but one answer; the skunk smell did it, effectively negating human odor with something identifiable with the outdoors. I had often seen deer and skunks in the same field, upon two occasions nosing each other, but never before had I awakened to the practical application of the striped animal's disagreeable odor as a means to travel the woods and fields "invisibly" insofar as sense of smell was concerned. Later, this was discovered to be one of the closely-guarded "secrets" of the old-time hunters.

Early experimentations in procuring some "skunk" were somewhat messy and I stayed so much on that side of the smell picture that my family became rather annoyed, putting it mildly. Finally I wrote to a knowledgeable concoctor of trapping lures with my question: Was the stuff available commercially? It was; luckily he had it and I've been using it, in a convenient dropper bottle, ever since.

And, thus far, this writer has found but this one source of skunk dope ("essence"); Joe Cononie of Beaverdale, Pa. 15921. There may be others, for nobody has a corner on the skunk essence market, but few of the scent or lure houses apparently care to mess with it.

No matter whether you hunt with gun, bow, or camera, this stuff is an invaluable addition to your bag of tricks, one which may be depended upon to work for you *anywhere that the skunk is native to the region*. Don't try it where there are none of the striped kitties, for it then becomes simply another odor foreign to that neck of the woods,



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in the same category as would be "007" or some such after-shave cologne.

Bottled, skunk essence isn't disagreeable to handle at all. A small tab of felt or sheep wool pinned to the hunting cap or rubber-banded around the gun barrel or bow limb serves as the carrier. Three or four drops of the stuff on the pad will do the trick for hours; then when the foray is over, simply discard it in the woods and put on a new one next time.

While working from a hunting or camera blind and not on the move, another method is to simply uncork the bottle and set it on the ground beside you. Southwestern horn-rattlers use it in this manner to hide behind when tolling in the big Texas bucks, and top-notch fox and coyote callers-in employ it in much the same manner, considering it almost a necessity.

One practical gadget, called "Miracle-Lure," is a type of plastic cartridge which unscrews to hang open by a thong on the belt, a felt wick inside holding the odorifying ingredients. Ordinarily these contain an excellent deer lure, but may be obtained dry, skunk essence then added as required. The nice part about this gimmick is that when finished hunting, you simply twist it together again and put it in your pocket until next time. Neither liquid nor odor leaks out.

The skunk dope is quite versatile and may be effectively employed in hunting or photographing most ground-dwelling animals, although rabbits offer a slightly different twist. They, like the woodchuck, want no part of the skunk tribe and often may be jumped from a briar thicket simply by letting some good strong skunk essence drift through the patch.

As stated, woodchucks want no part of skunks either, for there is nothing the latter likes better than to find a chuck in winter hibernation and use him for

feasting purposes. When a skunk moves into a summer chuck den, the latter immediately becomes a former owner.

As an experiment, I once drifted an ample aroma of my bottled skunk into a clover field where six woodchucks were feeding in plain view. One could almost watch the speed of the wind current, for as the scent successively reached each one, he would waste no time in making himself scarce. In a matter of minutes the field was completely empty of the little grizzlies. Nor had I been sighted. Well hidden in a brushy fence-row, I watched the entire operation with binoculars. The scent alone did it; so, chucksters, don't use it.

This scent is not given an unusual amount of play here because it's the only human odor "coverer," for it isn't. It simply isn't heard much of or used to any great extent (except by predator callers) in run-of-the-mill hunting circles; this is probably due to the offensive odor. It is, nevertheless, the most powerful of the cover-uppers and probably the only one which will cause a hot, sweaty human to smell as innocuous as a bed of roses to most of the wildlings.

While this essence is the most practical for all-around use, other scents, used wisely, will serve the same purpose when identifiable with individual species of wild game. These are predominately combinations of mild covering ingredients and those compatible with the animal's own scent and which may actually entice the animal to come closer.

Most popular in this line are the "deer lures," advertisements for which haunt the outdoor magazine pages prior to and through each hunting season. Of these it can best be said that *most are effective when used properly* and have one thing in common: they are intended to lead deer to believe other deer are in the vicinity and thereby lull them

into a false sense of security. Some have a definite "come-on" appeal to the ridge-running bucks of November but, for all practical purposes, this amounts to the same thing.

Each manufacturer has his own pet concoction which he supposedly swears by, a few being even more horrible than skunk to the human nose. According to certain published "testimonials," about all one has to do is sprinkle the stuff on the clothing and forthwith walk into the middle of the deer population and take his pick. That's pretty far out. Such might have happened to a degree, but due to wind direction or other happenstance conditions, it probably would have happened anyway. In which case, the mere presence of the "lure" made a believer of the hunter.

While these far-out lures have merit as a coverer and *do* contain ingredients attractive to the whitetail clan, from a more practical standpoint plain deer gland scent-lures are considered the better. There is nothing here to disorganize or confuse—it is pure, unadulterated deer odor, and if the hunter or cameraman is playing the waiting game, properly dressed in Kamo or clothing shaded to blend with his background, there will be nothing to alarm the quarry. The deer may appear more cautious and perhaps a little suspicious, as is any herd when a strange deer makes its appearance, but unless there is movement or other conditions betraying the "deer" to be something else, rarely will they spook.

This type of scent may be dribbled lightly along the trail near your hunting blind, used as a trail lure on your boots, or as a coverer, and everything will be right in place. It is particularly effective when sprinkled in the vicinity of tree stands when bow or camera hunting.

The doctored-up ones frequently confuse the animals and may psychologically spook them, not necessarily toward the hunter but in any direction. And, if you really want confusion, just let them get a whiff of *any* animal scent in conjunction with a liberal dose of dirty-man odor!

This brings us to the thing which the vast majority of hunters seldom take into consideration—personal and clothing cleanliness while afield.

In most farmland sections all wild-life species are accustomed to the sight and smell of man and, at a distance, do not spook at the first glimpse or scent; but when the awareness or smell is very close by, they are inherently terrified. The only thing more frightening to the wild creature than the human form at close range is man-smell hot in its nostrils. And this latter is a thing which we, as human beings, cannot avoid any more than can deer or other creatures do away with their own

natural odor. However, we can minimize it to a great degree, and the wise outdoorsman will do so.

For some obscure reason, most people consider hunting clothing as anything which is "old" or generally used for nothing but rattling around in the woods (plus odd jobs outdoors, and the like), this being worn year after year through successive hunting seasons without benefit of ever having been washed or cleaned. Hunting caps and hats fall into the same category and, unfortunately and more frequently than one would think, the "long-handles" or insulated underwear drop into an appropriate slot as well.

Strangely, many hunters who are fastidiously clean practically every other day in the year give bathing but a lick and a promise (sometimes not at all) when on an outdoor junket. To the big game hunter who will take his shots at extremely long ranges, this angle doesn't matter a great lot (as long as he can live with himself) but if you bowhunt or seek wildlife pictures, where ranges must understandably be quite close, cleanliness of person and clothing is perhaps the greatest asset.

There are those who contend deer know when hunting season approaches and forthwith take for their thickety hidey-holes. In a sense this is true, although not in the manner implied.

When, in some late-autumn dawn, the whitetails suddenly find man-scent drifting on every wind current, coupled with human forms moving through the woodlands or in sky-drawn silhouette on every knoll, they *do* know something

is happening which they won't like, and they promptly do something about it.

Therefore, if the hunter is to blend with his outdoor surroundings to even a small extent, he must pay more than casual attention as to how he smells in relation to his quarry. Especially under heavy hunting pressure, the hunter whom the deer do not suspect is near will be the one who consistently fills his bag.

In a nutshell, "hunting cleanliness" means being free of *excessive* human odor or that which is foreign to the woods. We cannot do away with it entirely, but we can try. The main hunting apparel should be laundered or cleaned *at least* prior to the opening of each hunting season; if you're a conscientious year-round outdoorsman, then as often as you feel they need it (or oftener). Each time, hang them out to air for a day to take out any soap or dry-cleaning odor left. Headgear should be given the same treatment, for an ancient, perspiration-soaked sweatband can easily undo all other best intentions.

Boots should be treated with the most nearly odorless waterproofing obtainable ("Snow-Proof" is fine), the excess wiped off and then given a good scouring with a handful of pine needles before hitting the woods. A thorough swishing of the hunting shirt, coat, and trousers with pine branches now and then doesn't hurt anything either.

If you're as finicky as this writer during bow-and-arrow deer season or when using the woods camera, you'll probably take a shower before going out. During a period of early morning hunts, shaving should be done the night before to eliminate shaving lotion odors. And forget about scented soaps these mornings too.

In this light, and everything else being in order, there is still another facet which may easily be overlooked—household odors. When you come home, don't stash your hunting apparel in a place where they will absorb these. Keep them somewhere to themselves if possible, where there is plenty of ventilation.

Along this same line, neither are the odors of pre-dawn breakfasts in greas-smoky kitchens or the hunting camp compatible with the outdoors. These will hang on you for hours. A problem is presented, of course, when you stay at the home of some well-meaning farm family during your hunt and they lay the festive breakfast board replete with hotcakes, sausage, ham and such delights, the cooking odors of which soak into you like ink into a blotter. And there's little salvation; the only recourse being to not tarry longer than politely necessary and then give yourself a thorough swishing at the first



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pine tree you pass. This is another situation where the skunk pays its way.

The one time when there is little need to worry about either man-smell or the use of special scents is when it is raining or snowing. Under these conditions, all scent is washed downward and will but rarely carry any distance at all. This should be considered carefully when hunting from tree stands, however, for instead of your scent carrying high overhead on the wind currents as is the case in normal weather, it will beat downward. Anything coming in close under your tree will receive its full benefit.

Contrary to what anyone or the advertisements tell you, keep in mind that there is no such thing as a magic scent or lure; that which will bring them right in to you every time. However, care with your personal cleanliness and the wise use of natural scents to nullify left-over odors, so the wild ones may have no tangible cause for alarm, can easily spell the difference between a full season and a still-clean gun barrel or an exposed or unexposed roll of film. Just watch your scents—and be sure they make sense!

It's Your Business

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Be Careful about Cashing Checks. The one really reliable "anti-bad-check" protection is to have a "No Checks Cashed" policy—and stick to it rigidly. Many small retailers do have this policy, but for others it's not practicable. The rule of "Know Your Endorser" is a good one—provided that you really do know him well over a substantial period (as opposed to just having come to recognize him as a "fairly regular customer"). If you have any doubt about the would-be check-casher, a courteously-worded refusal to cash his check will protect you from loss, even probably, from the loss of that individual's business if it happens that there was nothing whatever wrong with his check or his credit. If your business requires that you cash checks, talk with your banker about the various kinds of protection you can provide for yourself against bad-check losses.

What About the Hazard of Armed Robbery? Whatever happens to gun-control legislation, it won't protect the small-businessman from loss through armed robbery. Most businessmen realize the truth of the maxim "Don't put up resistance against a man who's pointing a gun at you." For transferring cash and checks from your business establishment to the bank, an armored-car transfer service is your best bet. If currency transfers have to be made personally in your business, then use cars in planning and making the deliveries. Don't follow a regular schedule or route. Keep as little cash on your premises as is actually needed in the day-to-day running of your business. One store protection expert made the estimate that "Every eight minutes a merchant somewhere in this country is threatened with a gun, a knife or a blackjack."

When you think you've caught a thief, don't get excited and don't take hasty action. If you accuse him before witnesses, you may be putting yourself in a legally hazardous position. And if the person is guilty, then you may give him opportunity to cover up his misdeeds. Where petty theft is concerned many companies merely dismiss the guilty employee. If you suspect serious theft, talk to your lawyer.

Petty cash and stamps. A postage meter can substantially reduce petty thievery and also provides an excellent means of checking and controlling postage expense. As for petty cash, employees in some businesses have come to think of it as "ready cash." To prevent petty cash thievery be sure that vouchers written in ink are prepared for every disbursement and are approved by a responsible person.



Captain J. Dennis McMonigle, commander of Company C, 506th Infantry of the 101st Airborn Division, uses the American flag he received during his initiation into the Lewiston, Idaho Lodge to mark Hill Number 54 in Vietnam. The above photo was taken shortly after Company C captured Hill Number 54 in the vicinity of Bien Hoa. Since its capture, it has been used as a permanent manned outpost, because of its commanding view. Dennis is the son of Brother Jim McMonigle and his wife Leana and was initiated into the lodge in December 1963. The lodge has sent Dennis another flag to replace the one used on Hill 54.

Tom Wrigley

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\$2 BILLION FOR PETS. That is the sum Americans spend on dogs and cats a year according to new government figures. Dog foods cost \$590 million a year, twice the cost of baby foods. Cat foods cost \$220 million. For collars and leashes, coats, hospital care, clipping, training, toys, vitamins, kennels, boxes, pillows, mattresses and such, the total is \$1.2 billion. There are 26 million dogs, 20 million cats, 500 million pet fish, and 15 million pet birds, latest estimates report.

really a community center. Then with a few friends, visited nearby Penn State Elks Country Club and enjoyed a dinner long to be remembered. It brought back memories of visits to the great club at Long Beach, Cal., the Saturday night at the club at Phoenix, Ariz., where hundreds danced, and to the real friendship of Lodge 76 at Dallas, Tex. It's good to be an Elk.

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HIGHWAY CUTBACK has been ordered in the Federal-State Highway Program. No new federal aid highway projects will be approved by the Bureau of Public Works until Dec. 1, Secy. of Transportation Boyd announces. Purpose is to save \$200 million in federal-aid highway expenses during the current fiscal year. It is part of the \$3.5 billion slash ordered by President Johnson under the \$6 billion reduction stipulated by Congress.

HOW SWEET IT IS to visit an Elks Club and enjoy hospitality. This reporter recently returned from a visit to Lewiston, Pa., where the Elks Club is

police, have spoiled get-away plans of the bank robbers in many cases, and even in the smaller banks it is now a risky business for the robbers.

DULLES AIRPORT, some 26 miles over in Virginia, occasionally comes under fire because passengers say it is too far away. Rep. Ray J. Madden (Ind.) declared on a recent trip he flew from Miami to Dulles in an hour and 50 minutes. To get to his home, he says, took an hour and 45 minutes. Rep. Spark Matsumaga (Hawaii) said he regarded Dulles as the best airport in the country.

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CAMPAIGN GIMMICKS already are featured in novelty stores. There are all kinds of buttons, banners, and comic cards but the newest are dart games. You pin up the picture of the candidate you hate and throw darts at it. If you hit him in the nose you win.

RIOT DRILLS under the Defense Department program have trained 200,000 Army and 11,000 Marine reserves across the nation in the latest techniques of maintaining law and order. At the same time, over 300,000 National Guardsmen have received riot control training. Augmenting this program the Pentagon has created a "Directorate of Civil Disturbance Planning and Operations." An Army general heads it with an Air Force general as aide. The office is designed "to improve the readiness of the Armed Forces to assist state and local authorities in restoring and maintaining law and order."

FIRE IS THE KILLER in the greatest number of aircraft accidents, the U.S. Army reports. The Army is working on new fuels and tanks which it hopes will cut deaths by 95 percent. One experiment is a nylon basket-weave material which may hold the fuel in the tanks of the plane when it crashes. An emulsified fuel, like shaving foam which doesn't vaporize, is also being tried.

SUPER-SPEED TRAINS between Washington and New York after many, many delays may get a tryout sometime in September. The Transportation Department says the 125-mile-per-hour service will begin first on a limited tryout basis in order to train personnel. Tracks have been laid. Trains are ready but it will still take a little while before the high-speed dream comes true.

RAILROAD TROUBLE may be brewing in labor circles. It involves railroad trainmen, firemen and switchmen, engineers and conductors, and railroad shop crafts. The shop crafts will be free to open bargaining Sept. 1 and there is talk of a 25 percent wage increase.

CHANGES bring heartaches to old-timers. Here they see historic landmarks torn down. They miss the boats to Norfolk and the steamboats down the river to Mount Vernon. Shoppers at the market knew the old lady who sat outside selling herbs for all sorts of ailments. Oyster boats from the Chesapeake were at the docks selling Lynhavens and Tom's Cove oysters and soft-shell crabs. For years a huge bell in the Commerce Department building rang exactly at 8:55 p.m. It was the signal for the cleaners to take their lunch. Now it too has gone.

SPEED-UP TICKET for suburban transit riders has been inspected here. A machine checks a magnetized ticket which can be used over and over by a passenger up to a certain amount. If the ticket is not valid the machine chews it up. You stick your ticket in the slot and if it is okay you enter the bus.

DECEMBER NIPS: A funeral parlor in the suburbs has a neat sign in the window. "Park and Shop". . . . Overall college costs are about 6 percent higher this year with tuition up about 8 percent, and room and board up about 4 percent. . . . Rep. Craig Hosmer, Calif., remarks, after struggling with red tape, "The road to Hell is paved with carbon copies". . . . Two new ones heard in the National Press Club—"Old surveyors never die, they just lose their bearings". . . . and . . . "Old plumbers never die, they just flush away". . . . Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine has missed her first roll call in 13 years, a record. . . . Fishing sure is good for Elks! Sorry, I couldn't visit Exalted Ruler George E. Schaeffer of Muskegon, Mich. Lodge, 274 and go coho fishing in October which was marvelous. Also, Jay Dwyer, a fellow member of my home lodge, 62, Elmira, New York, reported on his way back from Miami the catch of a 77-lb. white marlin, one of the biggest ever taken.

MINI ITEMS. Rep. Jack Edwards (Ala.) says, "I don't think America is sick but I do think we need a national haircut, a national shave, and a national bath" . . . Fewer Negroes are now migrating from the South to the large cities in the North, a Labor Department survey reports. . . .

PGER Edward J. McCormick has indicated that he would appreciate having Elk-related mail sent to the following address:

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A CHECK IS PRESENTED by Westchester, Calif., ER Richard Birch (left) and Est. Lead. Kt. Joe Rollins to members of the lodge-sponsored Sea Scout Ship No. 784 S. Accepting the check is Jim Bergschneider, as fellow Sea Scouts George Bowman, Walter Unland, and Larry Bishop look on.



CALIFORNIA ELKS ASSOCIATION VP Charles D. Padias (right)—a Lancaster, Calif., Elk—presents a lapel pin to Brother H. A. Haggard for his 61 years of dedication to Needles, Calif., Lodge. On hand to witness the presentation ceremony is Needles ER J. P. McAndrews.



THE LUCKY WINNER of Lake City (Seattle), Wash., Lodge's recent fishing derby—Brother Lewis Mathes (left)—receives the keys to his first-place prize, a new car, from ER Arthur R. Dunson. Brother Mathes' winning catch was a 19 lb. 9 oz. fish; Brother Arne Brakke's 17 lb. 10 oz. fish took second prize, a camper trailer. More than 900 members participated in the contest.



A CLASS OF 11 CANDIDATES recently initiated into North Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge, as part of a centennial celebration, pose with ER Pablo Arenaz (left) and other officers of the lodge. Brother Arenaz is now serving his second term; he first became Exalted Ruler at the lodge's institution in July, 1966.



PROVO, Utah, Elks' contribution to a parade held recently in Provo was this attractive float featuring historic American flags. The event attracted approximately 60,000 spectators, and also received television coverage in a surrounding three-state area for a larger audience.

LAKE OSWEGO, Oregon, Elks recently initiated a class of 32 candidates in honor of DDGER Alfred J. Moreau, Portland, upon his first official visit to Oregon's North District.





FRESNO, California, Lodge's new chef, Gary Weatherly (second from right) receives the compliments of a distinguished visitor—California's Gov. Ronald Reagan—at a \$100-a-plate dinner held at the lodge in honor of Assemblyman Ernie Mobley, whose pictures decorate the wall behind them. Looking on are Fresno PER Austin M. Healey, chairman of the distinguished visitors committee, and Brother John J. Sullivan, a former trustee of the lodge.



HOLLYWOOD, Calif., ER Ray P. Thelan (center) shares a smile with two illustrious speakers at the lodge's recent "Celebrity Night"—Los Angeles County District Attorney and Brother Evelle J. Younger, and Brother Paul Lamport, Los Angeles city councilman, Hollywood District. Brother Younger spoke on problems of law interpretation and enforcement, while Brother Lamport outlined the political and non-political aspects of a councilman's life. Many Elks attended the affair.



A PLAQUE IS PRESENTED by Winslow, Ariz., ER Lawrence R. Geske to Brother Ellis McIntosh, state youth activities chairman, and a teacher at Winslow High School. Brother Geske had accepted the plaque in behalf of Brother McIntosh at the GL convention in New York City. The award is in recognition of Brother McIntosh's outstanding record of service to the youth of America.



A BASEBALL FLOAT, built in Oregon by Manchester, N.H., Elks and bearing the lodge-sponsored team, was declared winner of the Babe Ruth World Series parade in Klamath Falls, Ore. Klamath Falls Elks were hosts to their Manchester Brothers for the 1968 baseball series, which was won by New Orleans in a showdown match with the Manchester team.



A HAPPY GROUP enjoying the 50th reunion of their Tucumcari (N.M.) High School graduating class smile for the camera. Tucumcari Elks hosted the reunion, with Brother D. R. "Bob" Burnham, a 47-year-member, in charge of the affair.



LAKEWOOD, Colorado, Elks' recent initiation was a family affair for Brother Ernie Crist (second from right), whose son Larry was welcomed into the lodge. Shown with the proud father after the ceremony are ER Fred Fenneman, the initiate, and DDGER Jay M. Hatfield Jr., a member of Englewood Lodge.

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Have an Heir in Elkdom

Grand Exalted Ruler McCabe has proposed that members make a special effort to bring relatives into the Order during the month of December. He has suggested, also, that these be called "Heir in Elkdom" classes. The proposal has strong appeal and we are confident that it will meet with a wide and enthusiastic response.

The "Heir in Elkdom" could be a son, brother, cousin, nephew, or any male related by blood or marriage who is eligible, with whom would be shared the heritage of Elkdom, and to whom it can safely be entrusted for the benefit of future generations.

This is a laudable extension of the concept of "family participation" and it is in the tradition that, increasingly in recent years, has seen the induction into the Order of so many sons particularly but also other relatives of members.

It is especially appropriate that the "Heir in Elkdom" classes be initiated in December, when our Centennial year comes officially to a close. The Centennial ob-

servance has brought home to many thousands of Elks the wonderful heritage that they have. Many Elks have learned, for the first time, why it is great to be an Elk. The son or other relative who becomes an Elk in December as a member of one of these "Heir in Elkdom" classes will have added reason for treasuring his heritage, and for remembering his obligation to his family and himself, to his lodge and his Order, to his community and to his country, to his fellowmen.

Any member who doesn't have available a relative at this time need not feel excluded from this appealing program. What better time is there to introduce to our Order an associate, especially if he is a young man. You will be conferring a favor on him and his family for which they will always be grateful to you.

What better way to close your observance of Elkdom's Centennial than by bringing into the ranks one who will add to and carry on the heritage so rich in fellowship, charity, patriotism, brotherly love?

Myths and the New Left

Myth busting has been fashionable in some circles in recent years. There are, it seems, no lengths to which some people will go to make sure that other, less perceiving people are relieved of misconceptions that burden their lives. For example, generations of Americans have been brought up to believe that Abraham Lincoln was moved by the deepest humanitarian instincts, but now we learn that he was a "racist." But not all effort has been directed at destroying myths. A good deal has been expended on creating them.

An interesting myth that met with widespread acceptance holds that mobs which sought to disrupt the city of Chicago during the Democratic Party convention were composed of and led by "kids." Newspapers, radio and television consistently referred to them as "kids." So did some of our politicians. The picture of clean, decent, idealistic, shining faced kids pitted against vicious cops has obvious propaganda value. There may have been a few among them who were in truth youngsters in their low teens, and a few genuine idealists—just as there were a few policemen who violated the regulations covering their conduct—nevertheless, the vast numbers of them were old enough to know that what they were doing was wrong and yet did it deliberately.

Another myth that has served its purpose well is that the mob actions that have plagued so many of our colleges recently were spontaneous and totally unconnected. This myth has many variants. There are, for exam-

ple, those who say that there is no connection whatsoever between these campus uprisings and the Communist Party, pointing out that youth all over the world are kicking up their heels.

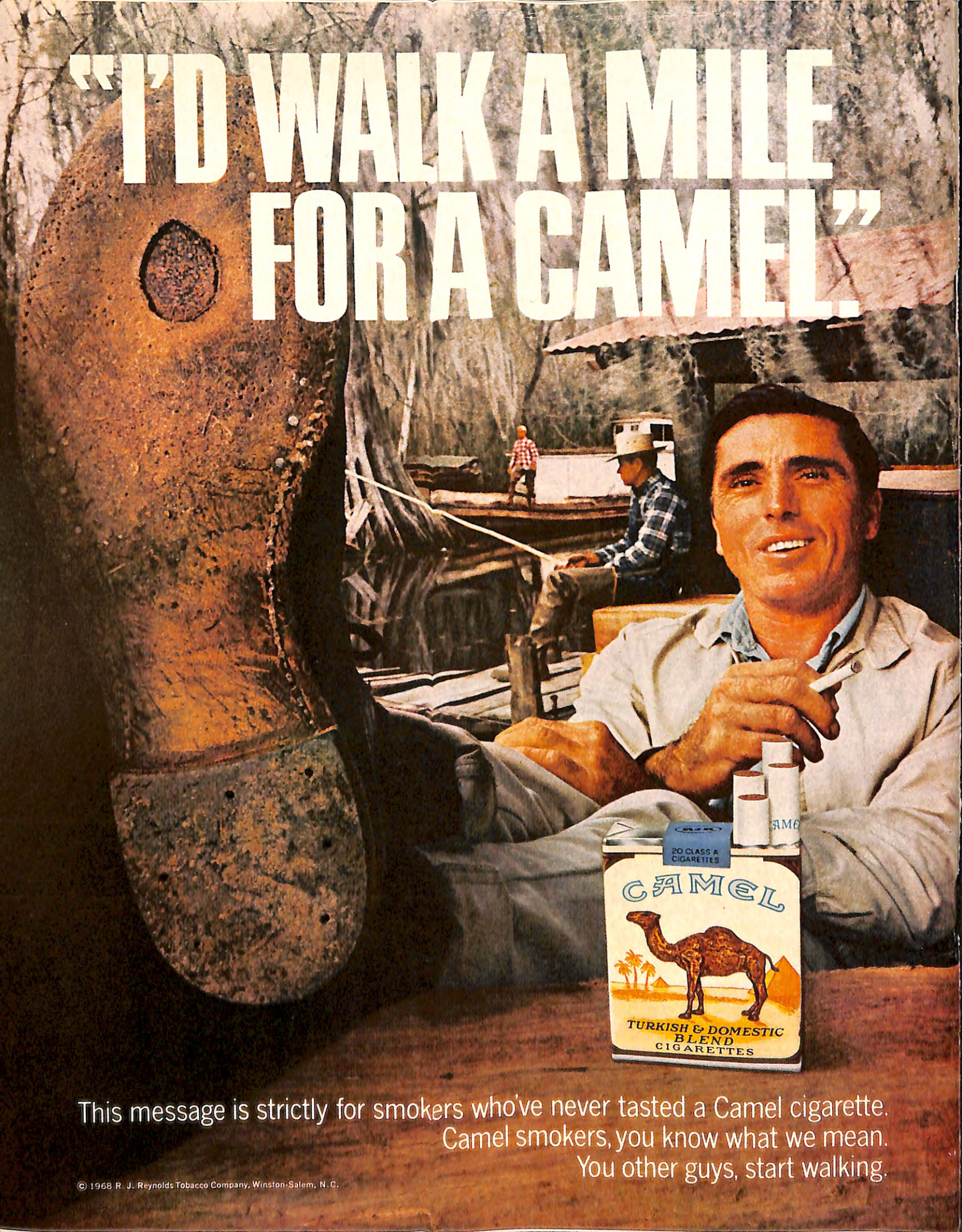
Nothing could be further from the truth, and we suspect that most Americans have begun to penetrate the fog of propaganda that has been put up to camouflage the fact that well-organized forces are at work to enlist college students, wittingly or otherwise, in destruction of the country and the creation of a socialist dictatorship.

Fortunately, no one needs to be left in the dark. The facts about the "campus rebellion" are easily available to all in a special edition of the magazine *U.S.A.* devoted to the subject of "Student Subversion." In it, Mrs. Alice Widener, the editor and a widely syndicated columnist, details the genesis and progress of the New Left. She has kept intimately acquainted with these extremists.

Here in sharp focus are the names of many persons and groups. Established with ominous clarity are the relationships and patterns that reveal a program of planned violence, disruption and destruction or, in the words of a Columbia University professor addressing a seminar of socialist scholars, "the structural fragmentation," necessary to make way for the socialist dictatorship.

How successful he and his fellow radicals have been is fairly obvious, a success that pretty well lays to rest the myth that we don't need to worry about these people because there are so few of them.

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