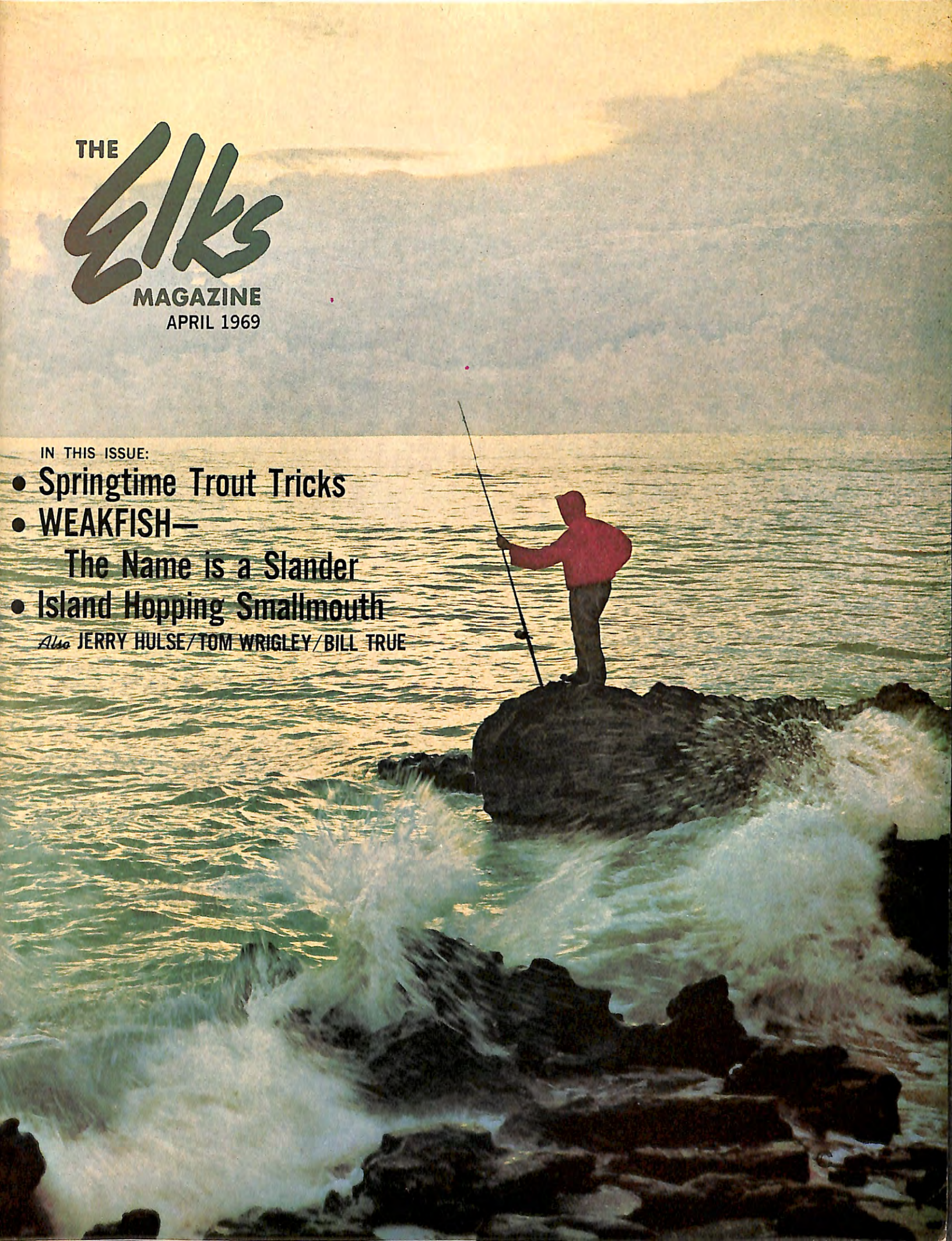


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It is important to remember that, in whatever capacity an Elk is called to serve, honor and recognition carry with them an equal or maybe greater measure of responsibility. If the honor and recognition are accepted with pride, responsibilities must be attended with zeal.

Equally important to a successful term in office is getting programs off to a fast start in this Springtime of the new lodge year. Springtime is when the grass starts to grow, but new lodge officials should not allow any of it to grow under them.

Let excellence be our goal always. It is by the achievements of our subordinate lodges, and by their standard of performance that all of Elkdom is judged.

The road to excellence begins with perfecting the rendition of our ritual. This is a test of the good officer. It is a challenge to every new exalted

ruler and to his fellow officers. To know the ritual thoroughly, and to be able to render it meaningfully—that is their foremost duty.

Lodge officers and committeemen who absorb and exemplify the Order's traditions will improve the tone of their lodge and brighten its image in the community, and help to attract new members. The more deeply all of us are willing to go into the traditions and the programs of Elkdom the more we become aware that we are associated in one of the finest fraternal organizations in the world.

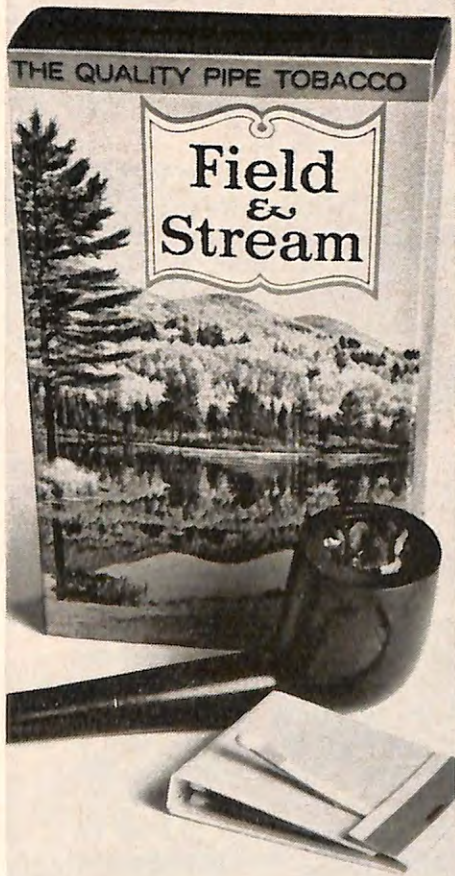
It is the obligation of lodge officers to lead the way in this discovery of the richness of Elkdom's heritage. And now is the time to start—in the Springtime of the year.

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Grand Exalted Ruler

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GER Edward McCabe was the dinner guest of Willimantic, Conn. Lodge. Seated with him are SDGER Arthur J. Roy and Brother John Dempsey, Governor of the state. Grand Treasurer Edward J. Maley, ER Alan W. Lyon, State Secretary Thaddeus J. Pawlowski, Program chairman Edward Bergeron, and SP Louis G. Triano are all standing.

**LODGE VISITS
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EDWARD
W.
McCABE**



GER Edward McCabe greeted ER David Yesman of Springfield, Tennessee Lodge while their wives looked on approvingly.



PDD Willard Miller of Troy, Ohio presented GER McCabe with an honorary membership in the Ohio PER Association.



GER Edward W. McCabe and his wife accompanied PDD and Mrs. Walter Stewart, Mrs. Blackledge, PGER H. L. Blackledge, and ER Rod Smith and his wife on a tour of a new church in Keystone, Nebraska.



Members of the committee that arranged the Pennsylvania State Cerebral Palsy Workshop received congratulations from GER McCabe. The committeemen are: PER Norman Bachelor, ER Roy R. Harschberger, PSP John S. Buchanan, who is chairman of the committee, PGER Lee A. Donaldson, and SP Nicholas Chacona.



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Springtime Trout Tricks

BY THOMAS L. TORGET

A gust of raw, freezing wind whipped through the open camper door, and the piercing cold rattled my bones before I could slam it shut.

"Burr!" I shuddered.

"Wow! It must be twenty below out there!" exclaimed Steve Wilke as he pulled his hip boots on over long underwear and two pairs of trousers.

"Maybe not twenty below," I said, "but pretty damn cold!"

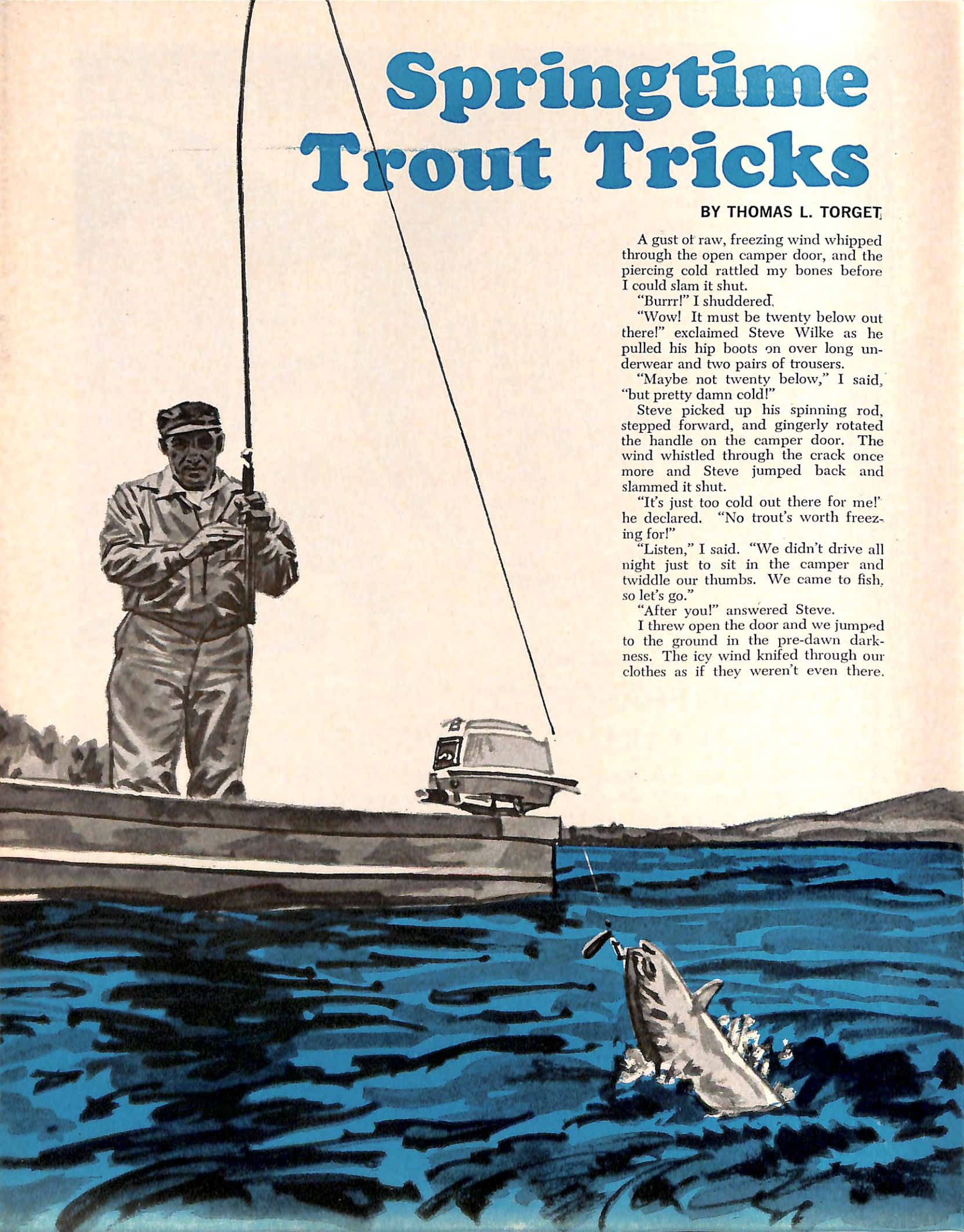
Steve picked up his spinning rod, stepped forward, and gingerly rotated the handle on the camper door. The wind whistled through the crack once more and Steve jumped back and slammed it shut.

"It's just too cold out there for me!" he declared. "No trout's worth freezing for!"

"Listen," I said. "We didn't drive all night just to sit in the camper and twiddle our thumbs. We came to fish, so let's go."

"After you!" answered Steve.

I threw open the door and we jumped to the ground in the pre-dawn darkness. The icy wind knifed through our clothes as if they weren't even there.



The morning darkness was broken only by a few campfires dotting the shore as fishermen struggled to keep warm. In another twenty minutes California's trout season would be officially under way.

Steve and I stumbled through the darkness toward Crowley Lake's Western shoreline, 50 yards away. We shivered and waited while Steve kept an eye on his wristwatch.

"It's 5:30," he finally announced. "Let's start fishing."

I flipped the bail on my spinning reel, looped the four-pound mono over my gloved index finger, and with a sharp flick of my wrist sent the spin-

ner sailing out into the inky darkness. I counted slowly to ten to allow the spinner time to sink and began retrieving. Three turns of the handle and wham! A rainbow socked the lure and streaked to the surface. He burst out of the water, felt the sting of the icy wind, and dove back in. He shot to the lake's bottom and stayed deep as I slowly worked him toward shore. A few minutes later, as the morning sun peeked over the White Mountains and into the Owens Valley, I gently slid the rainbow onto the sandy beach and bent over to admire his beautiful colors.

at 6 a.m., as Steve and I learned later, was ten degrees above zero. The wind roared down from the Sierras all day long, with gusts up to 40 m.p.h. The lake surface was churned to such a froth that boats weren't allowed on its waters all day long. The temperature warmed to about 40 degrees during the afternoon, but the constant wind made conditions miserable.

Such a situation is typical. Rarely does opening day dawn with clear, calm, sunny skies and a promise of warm temperatures. In spite of this, the knowledgeable trout angler can look forward to plenty of action if he understands and applies proper early

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"Good one!" shouted Steve over the howling wind.

"Lots more where he came from!" I yelled back as I dropped the fat, fourteen-incher into my creel.

Steve and I had traveled 285 miles from Los Angeles the night before to be part of the opening day frenzy every trout fisherman knows well. There's always a certain magic to opening day. After a long and dreary winter with little or no trout sport, it's hard to believe it when opening day finally arrives.

Too often it arrives with weather conditions best described as lousy. A case in point is the above mentioned trip to Crowley Lake. The temperature

season techniques. On our Crowley Lake trip, Steve and I creel limits of 14-15 inch rainbows by noon, under the worst conditions we've ever encountered. We knew what the trout wanted and gave it to them.

The number-one rule of early season trout fishing is to go deep. Scrape the bottom, that's where the fish are. Later in the season, when waters begin to warm, the trout will move up as the temperature does.

Because the trout are deep, you can leave your dry flies at home. Bait and hardware are your best bets, although fly rod enthusiasts who work wet flies, nymphs and streamers along the bottom will also connect. The whole secret is to go deep.

Because early season waters are often high and roily, a flashy offering is usually the best choice. Brightly-colored streamers, shiny spinners and spoons and the like are good selections. Water which looks dirty to you looks dirty to the trout, too, and they won't see your lure if it passes by them more than a foot or two away. By the same token, your leader doesn't have to be as fine as it will later in the summer. You can get by with four or six pound test, and even heavier if you fish a fast-moving stream.

Spinners have always been my favorite early season offering. Silver-finished models seem to do a better job for me than gold ones, but gold may work better for you. Wobbling spoons and small, banana-shaped plugs are also good choices, with the plugs being especially good for trolling. Just remember to keep your offering deep and retrieve slowly and you won't go wrong.

Some anglers turn up their noses at the mention of bait fishing for trout, but it's hard to knock success, and bait is one of the best choices for early season trout angling. Salmon eggs, cheese, minnows and nightcrawlers can be deadly if fished properly. A nightcrawler bouncing along a stream bed is a tempting morsel few trout can resist.

I personally dislike bait fishing because trout so caught are usually hooked to be returned to the water. If I want a few trout for the freezer though, and they're not taking artificials, I won't hesitate to use bait. I've had great success with salmon eggs on occasion. Once while fishing Silver Lake in the Eastern High Sierras, I had tossed everything in my tackle box at the rainbows in the course of a morning's fishing, without success. I was ready to quit, but decided a few casts with bait wouldn't hurt anything. A number 16 treble hook imbedded in three tiny red salmon eggs did the trick. On my first cast, a foot-long rainbow nibbled at my offering a few times, then sucked it in and raced away. I jerked back to set the hook, and in a few minutes scooped him up with my landing net. Nine more of his friends followed be-

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60 wounded Viet Nam veterans from Fort Devens Hospital were entertained at the Littleton-Westford Lodge, Forge Village, Mass. They enjoyed the lodge game room and the program which was put on by local entertainers.

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One day we were fishing within four feet of each other in about eight feet of water when I saw a lake trout swimming toward our bait. He must have weighed almost 60 pounds, and there he was—moving closer and closer to my line. This, I thought, is my turn to show up Johnny.

I was all set—waiting for the strike—when the fish swam right past my line—over to Johnny's bait and took it! Johnny let it run a few feet, then set the hook, played it and brought it to the shore.

From then on, I watched Johnny like a hawk—imitating every movement of his rod and every twitch of his line. Nothing! My reward was catching 10 pounders while he caught 20 or 30 pounders.

But I did notice one thing. We used the same bait—a piece of cloth or fish flesh—and every time Johnny put his on his hook, he'd drop it into an old tobacco can and shake the can. I thought this was just an Indian eccentricity until one day, when I had been scheduled to leave the Territory, I was noticeably depressed.

Johnny came over to me and said, 'I don't know if I can teach you to be a good Indian, but I can teach you to catch big fish. Come with me.'

We went fishing for our last time together and Johnny showed me the secret of dropping the bait into the can. I caught more large trout that day than I had caught in three years of fishing before. Johnny let me use his bait and gave me the secret formula of what he kept in that can.

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CRIME IN D.C. and President Nixon's detailed plans to reduce it now holds the spotlight of law enforcement agents and police officials in the big cities of our nation. Announced in February by the President it is too early to report important results. Very briefly Washington is fighting crime by increasing the police force from 4100 men to 5100 men, rebuilding riot-torn areas and moving to secure more home rule. Called a "national disgrace," the President wants to make Washington a most beautiful city. The Washington Daily News in a daily "Crime Clock" tally reports serious crimes such as holdups and bank robberies which average from 15 to 20 a day. There were 7,546 robberies last year, 4,538 armed. A speed-up in criminal court trials is urged together with stiffer penalties for those convicted of a crime while out on bail charged with a previous crime.

INCOME TAX DEADLINE to file returns is April 15 and last warnings are out. The surtax charge has caused a lot of confusion and so have some of the exemptions. One citizen, sending in his return got as far as the space "occupation." He said "I am self-employed but my main occupation seems to be filling out government forms."

HI SECRETARIES and more power to you. A public relations firm sent out a questionnaire to 70 manufacturers. In each letter was one earring and a note to the secretary that if the questionnaire was filled out and returned the other earring would be sent her. All 70 questionnaires were returned.



CIGARETTE BATTLE looming in Congress will be long and bitter with a compromise likely in the current issue. FCC's fight against TV and radio ciga-

rette ads will be fought by the \$7.5 billion tobacco industry. Needled by the FCC, Congress in 1965 approved a warning on every cigarette package. At the same time however Congress barred any government agency from interfering with cigarette advertising until June 30 of this year. After that date a real fight may develop with the government's National Clearing House for Smoking and Health, a tiny agency, on the front line.



APES LIKE HUMANS respond to hospital checkups. It was a remarkable demonstration at the National Zoo when seven great apes were checked and underwent tuberculosis, X-rays and other tests. They could not be given an anesthetic but were put to sleep by means of shots from a tranquilizer gun. Susie, a 14-year-old Orangutan was first. Archie, also 14, was next, Ham an 11-year-old chimpanzee who once soared into space atop a project Mercury rocket followed. All on the operating tables and during their recoveries acted just like human beings. Nicumba, a gorilla, weighs 450 pounds.

D.C. CAB FARES, hiked ten percent in March, are working fairly well. Zone One single passenger fares are now 65 cents, second zone fare boosted from 90 cents to \$1.00. The last increase was five years ago. Back in the good old days members of Congress arranged the limits of Zone One so that it would take them from most hotels to the Capitol and office buildings even two miles away for 50 cents.

BEARS ARE CHOOSEY at the National Zoo. There are vending machines in front of some of the enclosures of the animals and you can get what are supposed to be just what bears like

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from a vending machine. Perhaps the bears need a change of diet. Visitors complain that the deluxe bear food doesn't seem to attract the bears to come to the front of their cages and stand on their hind legs.



BARTENDERS SCHOOL opened in Washington in the Bond Bldg. It has a red and white lighted bar, red bar stools all kinds of bottles, mixers and glasses. There are day and night classes and 55 to 60 hours of instruction completes the course which costs \$170. Good looking gals are among the students. What with Sunday drinking and legal bars in Virginia more expert mixologists are needed. Around the school the question is who gets the drinks the students mix?

PAT NIXON, our First Lady, has announced that the State Rooms on the first floor of the White House are "absolutely beautiful" and that they will remain exactly as they are. Mrs. Gerry Van der Heuvel, secretary to Mrs. Nixon announced no changes whatsoever would be made but that Mrs. Nixon has made some personal touches on the second floor family quarters. Some of the belongings from the apartment in New York which the Nixons occupied before moving to the White House have been installed in the rooms.

HELP FOR ADDICTS who use heroin is being tried by a new synthetic in Washington called Methadone. It has been used in New York City under Dr. Vincent Dole, Director of the center there now treating over 1000 addicts. The center he says has had 83 percent success in using Methadone. It costs almost nothing, has no side effects and blocks the abnormal craving for heroin, it is claimed.

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Trout Tricks

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fore the day ended. Later in the day I talked with other fishermen who stuck to their artificials and came in empty-handed.

In recent years, cheese has become quite a popular trout bait. The soft yellow variety is the type most commonly used, although I've seen some fishermen score with garlic cheese right out of the jar. A light spinning outfit with about four-pound test line is an

ideal rig for such angling. The weight of the cheese itself is usually enough for casting. Another advantage is that cheese stays on hooks better than most other baits, especially after being in the water awhile.

For stream bait fishing in the early season, it's tough to beat the common earthworm. The high spring waters undercut banks and dump soil and worms into the flow. Trout know this and eagerly snap up any worm that drifts by. A hook about size eight or ten is best for earthworms, and size six for nightcrawlers. Threading the worms

on the hook or impaling them through the collar doesn't seem to make a great deal of difference, but remember to put on a fresh bait if a trout nips at your offering and tears it without being hooked.

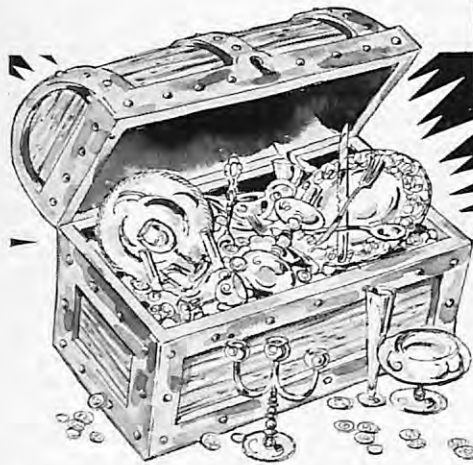
Don't try to impart any action to a worm when stream fishing. Let it have a natural drift. Worms don't dart along a stream bottom and every trout knows it. Cast across and slightly upstream of your position and let the worm bounce along the stream bed with as little drag as possible. If it hangs up on a rock or twig, jiggle it slightly and it should come free.

If you're a fly fisherman, you probably won't do as well in the early season as the bait and hardware men, but you can connect with wet flies, nymphs, streamers and woolly worms fished along the bottom. A fast-sinking line is a must if you fish rivers or streams. Brightly-colored flies will be seen better, and such patterns as the royal coachman, mickey finn, light edson tiger and silver doctor make good selections. Cast directly across stream and let the fly drift down and across the current until it is directly downstream from you. Retrieve it with short, quick jerks, and keep your rod tip low so the fly stays deep.

When fishing any stream in the early season, be sure to work all likely areas before moving on. The high, roily, dirty waters make it difficult for trout to see your offering unless you dangle it right in front of them, and the icy temperatures make them reluctant to move far from their holes.

Before leaving home on any early season trip, be certain your equipment has been cleaned and reconditioned from last year's use. This includes cleaning and oiling reels, replacing worn lines, rewinding loose rod guides, sharpening hooks and patching leaky waders. Too many fishermen arrive at their favorite waters with their tackle in the same condition it was at the end of last season. Don't *you* be one of this group. Go over your tackle before your trip and you won't have that lunker break loose because the drag jammed on a dirty reel.

Proper clothing can make or break an early season fishing trip. Cold weather is the rule, so long-johns, parkas and wool-lined gloves and hats are a must. Rubber hip boots or waders are great wind breakers, even if you fish from shore or in a boat. And it's often the wind, not just the cold, that makes early season weather so miserable. On our trip to Crowley Lake, Steve and I had to chip ice out of our top rod guides after every cast because the stinging wind would freeze beads of water on the line as they passed through the first guide, jamming it with a chunk of ice! Man, *that's* cold!



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By Warren Bateman

Spring comes like summer to the Golden Isles of Georgia.

We were after speckled trout. Perhaps you know him as the spotted weakfish.

We had anchored the skiff at a drop known as Eagle's Nest, where a small creek joined Georgia's bosomy Hampton river for a short dash to the sea. The tide would soon be dead-low, and most of life seemed to be ebbing out in the warm May sun. There were no ripples on the sea of marsh grass that covered Little St. Simons Island. Across

the river on Sea Island the palm fronds drooped hopelessly in the midday heat. Anything that didn't look dead looked sleepy.

The guide had handed me a trout rig, and I reached into the bait well for a live shrimp. His cast soon followed mine, and both of the red and white corks waltzed slowly on the small ripples.

The floats danced together and then, suddenly, his was gone. The brake on his reel gave a short shriek. My guide struck back, not hard enough to tear

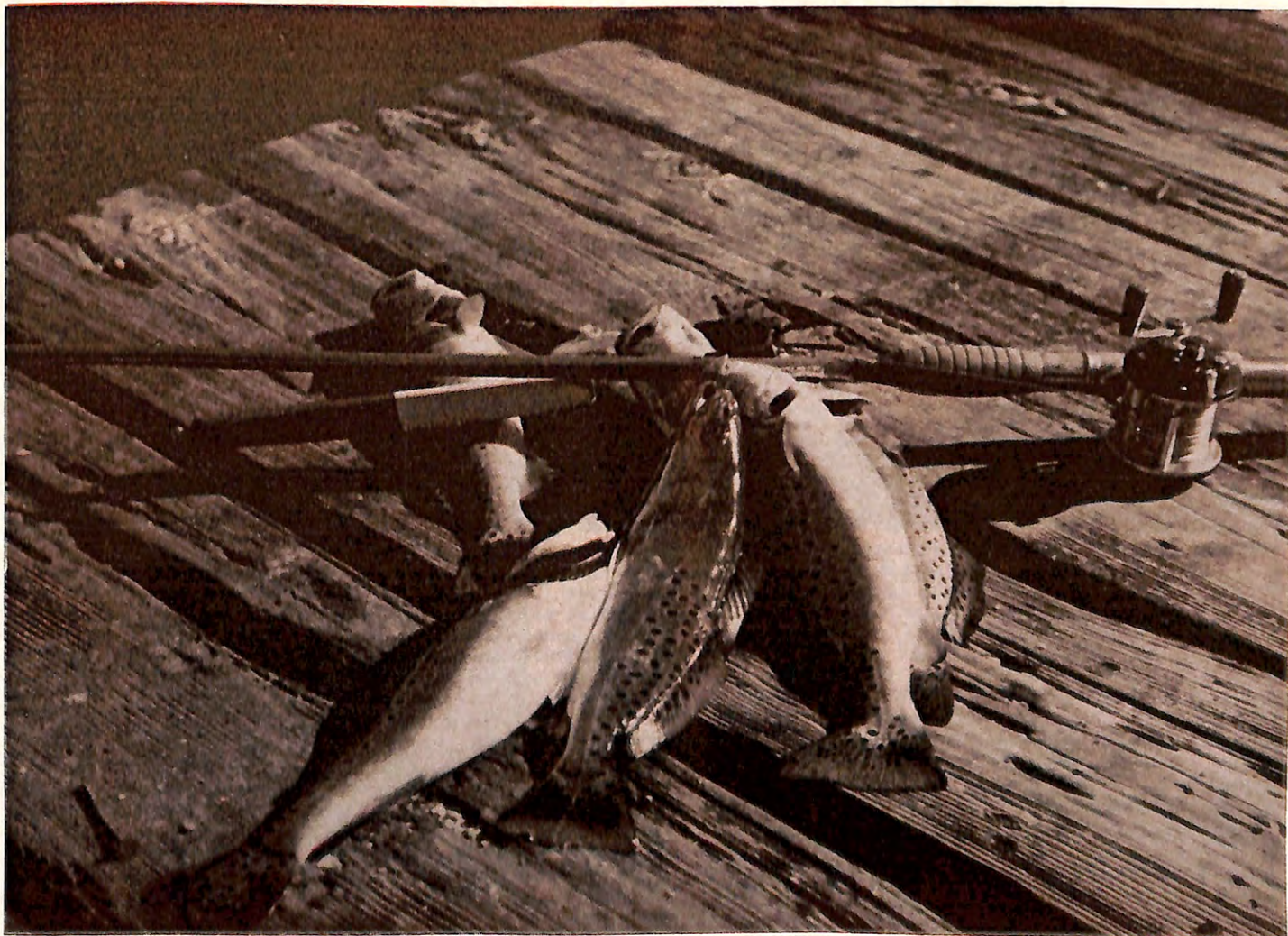
out the hook. The speckled trout, despite his bulldog jaw, has a weak mouth like the papermouth crappie of freshwater, and striking back hard is the surest way to set him free.

Weakfish, some call him, but it's not for his fighting ability. Set the hook—easy; stay with him—hard. Weakfish? You'll laugh. The name is a slander to his tempestuous behavior.

The scrap was lively and, I thought, too long. My guide played the fish deliberately. But then he is a professional,
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WEAKFISH:

The Name is a Slander



News of the Lodges



ONE OF THE ORDER'S OLDEST OLD-TIMERS—Brother Matt Medinger, a life member of St. Paul, Minn., Lodge—receives a hearty handshake from PGER Raymond C. Dobson. Born of American parents in 1882 in Paris, France, Brother Medinger originally joined the Order in 1907 as a charter member of Aberdeen, S.D., Lodge. He has been a life member of St. Paul Lodge since 1965.



A MEMORABILIA ARCHIVE in his honor in the background, PGER R. Leonard Bush shakes hands with GER Edward W. McCabe, and with them is PGER Horace R. Wisely. The occasion is the recent dedication of the archive in honor of Brother Bush at his home lodge in Inglewood, Calif. It contains an oil portrait of PGER Bush as well as the many mementos, citations, and awards he collected in connection with his many years of devoted service to the Order. Some 350 lodge members and visitors attended the ceremonies. Among them were Brothers McCabe and Wisely, Grand Trustees Vice-Chairman E. Gene Fournace, Newark, Ohio; Past Grand Trustee Frank Hise, Corvallis, Oreg., and SP Norman S. Lien, of Watsonville, Calif., Lodge.



VIRGINIA STATE PRESIDENT—Judge Benjamin L. Campbell (first row, center), of Petersburg Lodge—receives a plaque marking his visit with Roanoke Elks from PGER John L. Walker, a member of Roanoke Lodge. Looking on are (first row) PDD and PSP Paul S. Johnson, event chairman and toastmaster; James Fitch, Arlington-Fairfax, president of Virginia Elks Boys' Camp, Inc.; PDD Charles D. Fox Jr., a former GL officer and committeeman; and (back row) PSP Cecil May, Clifton Forge; PDD H. Gordon Titmus, Petersburg; ER William M. Berryman; Judge Alex M. Harman Jr., Pulaski, member of the GL Committee on Judiciary, and VP Doral E. Irvin, superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford. The event was Roanoke Lodge's State President's Night celebration in honor of Judge Campbell, whose portrait appears in the background.

A LARGE "WELCOME HOME" SIGN and plenty of good cheer welcome Arizona SP L. Wayne Adams Jr. (third from left) on the occasion of an official visit to his own Phoenix Lodge. Pictured with Brother Adams, who is a Past Exalted Ruler and trustee of the lodge, are (from left) ER Leo M. Elias, PSP L. Cedric Austin, a lodge member; PSP W. H. Gray, a lodge member; DDGER Clifford B. Moore, Scottsdale; PSP Elman Pace, Safford, and PSP W. M. McMillon, also a Phoenix Elk and a GL lodge activities committeeman.





OHIO ELKS' Bowling Association President Charles E. Holdsworth, Newcomerstown, is about to roll the first ball for the opening of the 28th annual Ohio State Elks Bowling Tournament in North Ridgeville. Standing ready to watch his performance are (from left) ER Keith Scoville of the host Elyria Lodge, state Trustee Earl Sloan, a lodge member, SP George B. Walker, of Willoughby Lodge, and DDGER Daniel E. Hartung, Sandusky. The tourney is scheduled to run through April 20.



WASHINGTON ELKS' recent meeting in Vancouver is highlighted by the presentation of an honorary plaque to one of the state's most distinguished Elks—PGER Emmett T. Anderson. Making the presentation on behalf of the state association is the Hon. John T. Raftis, Colville, Grand Forum member.



CONNECTICUT Gov. John N. Dempsey (third from right), a life member of Putnam, Conn., Lodge, presents a giant-size cake for the enjoyment of the young patients at Newington Hospital for Crippled Children, the state Elks' major project. Accompanying Governor Dempsey on his annual tour of the hospital are Mrs. Dempsey, SDGER Arthur J. Roy, Willimantic, a hospital trustee, and Mr. Roderick Gettel (background), hospital director. One of the youngsters, reassured by a nurse, is on hand to greet the distinguished visitor. Connecticut Elks have pledged \$300,000 toward a major expansion at the hospital—an outpatient clinic now nearing completion.



ILLINOIS ELKS dignitaries attending the Northwest District meeting discuss the day's events with ER Jack Keleman (second from right) of the host Sterling, Ill., Lodge. They are SP Robert T. Flynn, a Sterling Elk, on the right and, on the left, VP Robert J. Campbell, Blue Island, and Northwest District VP Franklin J. Secker, Freeport.

ALBANY, New York, Elks host their State President—Dr. Leonard J. Bristol (first row, second from left), of Saranac Lake Lodge. Pictured with Brother Bristol during the formal dinner and dance in his honor are (first row) the Rev. Francis A. White, state chaplain; ER Harry B. Myers; PGER Ronald J. Dunn, and VP Robert E. LaPierre, Watervliet, and (back row) Robert M. Bender Sr., a lodge member and GL lodge activities committeeman; PER Wilfred Trombley, Plattsburgh; DDGER Robert N. Kerr, Colonie; PSP John J. O'Brien, Whitehall, former GL judiciary committeeman, and DDGER Linus N. Fobare, Saranac Lake.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Edward W. McCabe, as well as PGER Lee A. Donaldson, SP Nicholas P. Chacona, and other state officers are pictured in front of the Pottstown, Pa., Lodge building at the conclusion of a parade, headed by the borough officials and the Pottstown Senior High School marching band. Following the parade, Elks and their guests, 500 strong, attended a banquet hosted by Pottstown Lodge to mark Brother McCabe's visit to Pennsylvania's Southeast District.



ON HAND for the recent dedication of Rochester, N.H., Lodge's new \$130,000 home are state and local Elks officials, including SP John A. Hughes (left), Concord; DDGER Theodore A. Hattin (third from left), of Derry-Salem Lodge; ER Ellsworth W. Hodgdon (fifth from right), and Trustee George Nadeau (third from right), the lodge's building committee chairman. District Deputy Hattin officiated at the ceremonies, which were followed by a banquet attended by more than 100 persons.



CAMDEN, New Jersey, PGER Edward J. Griffith, Audubon, chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee, doles out \$45 worth of awards to art students at Camden Catholic High School—winners of the lodge's annual poster contest, held in conjunction with the Elks' statewide drive to raise \$200,000 for crippled children. PGER Julius Krivos, youth chairman, and Sister Paulette, R.S.M., chairman of the school's art department, look on. Top winner of \$15 is Kathleen Robinson (seated at right); the others (from left) Gregory Campano, Gloria Conway, Christine Gideon, Ellen McWilliams, and Denise Williams.



HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, Lodge's 32-year member—Mayor Albert H. Straub (second from left)—who was honored at the recent opening of the new lodge home, receives a memento of the occasion from ER Robert E. Young (right). Also, a class of candidates was initiated in Mayor Straub's honor; one of the 32 new Elks is Henry E. Hobaugh (left). Shamokin, Pa., Lodge's ritualistic team, headed by PGER Harry A. Nagle Jr., the 1968 All-American Exalted Ruler of the Eastern Division, conducted the ceremony.

VERMONT ELKS receive a Governor's Distinguished Service Award commending the state association's work with mentally retarded children through its major project—the Silver Towers Camp for Exceptional Children in Brookfield. Shown at the presentation in Montpelier are (from left) former Gov. Philip H. Hoff, Camp Chairman Rupert N. Lampman, Gov. Deane C. Davis, and SP J. Paul Bushnell, Brattleboro. Founded in 1958, the Elks' Silver Towers Camp was the first of its kind in the nation, and now provides facilities for approximately 270 boys and girls each summer. Campers come from special Elks-operated schools throughout the state. To date, the Elks have expended \$361,000 for camp operation, construction, and maintenance.





LEXINGTON, Kentucky, Elks ladies' choice for the "Outstanding Woman of the Year"—Mrs. Muriel Mayer (left), the wife of ER Michael Joseph Mayer—takes time out for a photograph during a party for geriatric patients staged by the women's group at the Lexington Veterans Administration Hospital. With her are Mrs. Margaret Reynolds, Mrs. M. R. Cox, president of the group, and George Horine, Elks VA volunteer service representative.

GRAND EXALTED RULER Edward W. McCabe finds his lodge—Nashville, Tenn., Lodge No. 72—represented by an ash tray on Auburn, Wash., Elks' spectacular display of souvenir trays.



LODGE NOTES

RIVERSIDE, Calif. Youth Leadership awards were presented recently to six local students on the basis of their contributions to school and civic activities.

The awards, presented at the lodge's annual award luncheon, went to: James Ragland, Wanda Grover, David Livingston, and Valerie Jackson, all of Rubidoux High School; Terrill Brown of North High School, and Susan Bradshaw of Poly High School. Each of the students received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

ORD, Neb. Brothers recently dedicated the new quarters of their less than two-year-old lodge. The dedication ceremonies were conducted by officers of Ainsworth Lodge, and included the initiation of more than 50 candidates by officers of McCook Lodge.

These hardworking Brothers, who refer to themselves as Loup Valley Elks, have recruited new members on an area basis, with several of their officers residing in nearby communities. The lodge's initial membership of 575 has been increased to 700, and plans are now in progress to double the initial figure by the time of the lodge's fifth anniversary in 1972.

LIBERTY, Tex. Lodge members mourn the loss of PER H. A. Johnson, 48, who died Feb. 1.

Brother Johnson, an active and hardworking Elk, had served on many of the lodge's committees, and had spearheaded many of its special projects. He

was also chef and chairman of the barbecue committee for the annual Texas East District picnics and Liberty Lodge cookouts.

Surviving are his widow, Catherine; two sons, Donald, of Liberty, and Kenneth, a Marine stationed in Vietnam; his mother; two brothers, and seven sisters.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. A style show was held recently at the lodge, with proceeds slated for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America.

In conjunction with the style show, Binghamton Elks also received a check, to be added to the lodge's charity coffers, from the Binghamton Firemen's Benevolent Association.

POMONA, Calif. Lodge members were deeply saddened by the recent death of PER Leslie E. Osborne. Brother Osborne had served the lodge in many positions since his term as Exalted Ruler (1956-1957), and was acting as investigation chairman at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Joan, and one son.

NAUGATUCK, Conn. A Most Valuable Student award, in the amount of \$600, was presented recently to Robert Matusz of Naugatuck by Connecticut SP Louis G. Triano, a lodge member. Plans were made to forward Robert's check to the University of Connecticut at Storrs, where he is enrolled as a student.

RIDGEFIELD PARK, N.J. Lodge members recently entertained a very special guest—David Mazurowski of Jersey City, the New Jersey Elks' cerebral palsy Poster Boy for 1969.

David was the guest of honor at a special party held at the lodge; at the close of the festivities, he was presented with a U.S. Savings Bond.

WICKENBURG, Ariz. A class of eight candidates was recently initiated into the Order in honor of DDGER Clifford B. Moore, Scottsdale, upon his official visit to the lodge.

Visiting dignitaries on hand included SP L. Wayne Adams Jr., Phoenix, who presented membership pins to the initiates; Glendale, Ariz., PER Richard H. Ellsworth, and Maryvale (Phoenix) Est. Loyal Kt. John Slayton.

AURORA, Ill. A plaque commending the Aurora Elks' contribution to their community was presented recently to the lodge by representatives of the Cooperative Blood Replacement Plan.

The plaque was presented at a luncheon marking the beginning of "Blood Donor Month in Chicago."

KINGSVILLE, Tex. The second reunion of the U.S.S. *New Orleans* (CA 32) will be held July 8 through 11, 1969, at the Jung Hotel, New Orleans, La. Brothers are asked to address inquiries for more information to: "No Boat Reunion," P.O. Box 773, Kingsville, Tex. 78363.



SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, ER Ricardo J. Pagan smiles for the camera with two recent initiates—Brothers Antonio L. Ferre and Victor J. Medina.



CANTON, Ohio, Lodge—chartered Dec. 13, 1887—moves to a new home. Cutting the ribbon at the grand opening and dedication are ER Max J. Birzer Jr., Canton Mayor Stanley A. Chmich, and Starck County Sheriff George Pappadoulos. The ceremonies were followed by a buffet lunch for the 1,200 members and visitors who were attending.

THE TWENTY-ONE TEENAGERS of Tucumcari, N.M., Lodge's youth firearms safety class display their certificates upon completion of the course. With them are Est. Lead. Kt. Bob Sanders (background, left), Louis Keating, instructor, National Rifle Association, and representatives of the state police and game departments on hand for the occasion.



HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, New Jersey, Past Exalted Ruler—GL Auditing Committeeman Kenneth V. Cantoli (standing, left)—presides at a lodge meeting honoring Elks with 25 and more years of membership: (seated, from left) Treas. Wilbur Bamberger, William Postman, and PER Lewis Innella, all 25-year Elks, and August Herkert Sr., a 35-year Elk. The four longtime members were presented with plaques. With them is ER Fred Scimeca.

A BOY SCOUT CHARTER for Massena, N.Y., Lodge-sponsored Troop 73 is presented by William Wiltschko (right), district scout chairman, to ER Clarence H. Frappier and PER James H. Lavine, institutional representative. Also participating in the charter night activities are VP Thomas Farley (foreground, second from left), Gouverneur, and Troop Committee members: Grant Seeney, secretary; Bruce Campbell, chairman; Raymond Gale; John Murray, chairman for advancement for Boy Scouts; George Austin, assistant secretary, and the Rev. R. J. Smith, chaplain. Bernard Sears is scoutmaster of the new troop, which is being sponsored for exceptional boys not ordinarily involved in scouting activities.





PALATKA, Florida, Lodge-sponsored Little League football team members give their attention to guest speaker Ronald Clark on the occasion of a banquet for the young sportsmen, hosted annually by Palatka Elks.

BROOKLYN, New York, Secy. Vincent J. Giganti and ER Frank T. Geoly represent Brooklyn Elks in the recent presentat on of a stationwagon for the Kingsboro Center for Human Potential to Brother Ronald Hoffman, director of the center, and Board Chairman Monroe Berliner. The presentation was made in memory of the late state Vice-President and Brooklyn Past Exalted Ruler John T. Manning.



MOUNT KISCO, New York, Lodge's recent dinner for visiting dignitaries finds this convivial group posing for a photograph: (from left) ER Salvatore A. Adorno; DDGER Edward F. Ahneman Jr., a member of the lodge; Congressman Richard Ottinger, and Vice-President John J. Weisse, a Yonkers Elk.



TWENTY-SEVEN PROUD BROTHERS of Panama Canal Zone (Balboa), C.Z., Lodge were presented Outstanding Performance Awards by Gov. W. P. Leber in appreciation of their services to the Panama Canal Company, an agency of the U.S. Government. Governor Leber (first row, sixth from left), flanked by ER Stewart J. Brown and DDGER Robert L. Boyer, a lodge member, is shown with the other award recipients on hand for the recent presentation ceremony.

WOODBRIIDGE, New Jersey, Lodge recently remembered Pearl Harbor by honoring two local men who are survivors of the 1941 attack. During the annual observance, Brother Windsor J. Lakis (center), master of ceremonies, presents plaques to Emory Van Horn (left), a former sergeant at Schofield Barracks, and Stanley Stawicki, a former cook aboard the hospital ship, USS *Solace*. On hand for the observance are (from left) Robin and Helen Van Horn and Mary and Linda Stawicki.



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Weakfish

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and he knew what he was doing with every foot of line.

Finally the fish was brought to boat, lifted over the gunwale, a honey of a speckled trout. Just out of the water, he gleamed in rainbow colors. These faded so quickly you thought maybe it was just your imagination. Then the freckles stood in bold contrast to the silver sides and he was still beautiful.

We caught trout fast after that. In happy routine I threaded another shrimp through the dark spots in its head and cast out toward the channel of the river. With the incoming tide, the bright cork danced jubilantly now. Somewhere about three feet down the shrimp swam a tantalizing circuit.

The cork dipped under. I shoved down on the butt of the rod and set the hook. This fish wasn't halter-broken, and he headed for the high seas, dead away from the boat. I braked the reel with my thumb and payed out line. Tiring of the load, he headed straight back to us. I reeled frantically and hoisted the rod tip to take up the dangerous slack.

He was on the surface now, then in the air, iridescent in the sun. The

daddy of trout! The thought rang loudly in my mind. A trout not to be disgraced by a frying pan, but one to be mounted on a cedar plaque to bring back memories of this moment for a long, long time.

He leaped. He twisted. He flopped into the water to leap again. He tried to slap loose the offending barb with his tail. He shook himself like a wet dog and sparklets of water sprayed from him. I tried to horse him in but couldn't; this fish had a mind of his own. Around the bow of the boat he raced, the line cutting the water like a straight-edge razor. Just missing the anchor rope.

The runs were growing slower and less frequent now, yet I wasn't willing to risk hauling him by rod into the boat. Instead, I coaxed him around toward the stern. The guide leaned over to take the wire leader.

The fish was beaten, I knew that. He had turned up his brassy, glinting side as a sign of surrender. Still, at the touch of a hand on the leader, he found the strength somewhere to lash the side of the boat with his tail, just once, and he was gone. My guide dropped the leader. The gaudy cork danced mockingly on the water beside the boat. The line dangled listlessly.

"The biggest trout I've seen this year," the guide said dolefully.

I resolved that a soft-mouthed, hard-fighting fish requires a landing net.

Small trout were striking fast now, taking my bait expertly, leaving only the shrimp head on the 2/0 hook. My guide, setting the barb gently, was doing better.

Then the tide was running fuller, and the striking was over as suddenly as it had begun. The water covered the tide-worn shell bank. The wind had returned from the sea. The marsh grass and the palm fronds stirred. An osprey, or fish hawk, came down from the skies and snatched a fish out of the river. He cared little whether the fish were biting or not. He climbed back quickly with thrashing wings. I half-expected a bald eagle to drop like a plummet, pirating the osprey's catch.

That night for us there was a supper of broiled trout with lip-smacking lemon and butter sauce. There were some fried croakers, too—incidental to the trout catch—buoyant hush puppies and black coffee.

Yet I had an uneasy feeling. At first I didn't recognize it, and it bothered me in a vague way. Then I remembered that big polka-dotted square-tail I had hooked and lost. Somewhere in the waters around Eagle's nest, he is slashing his way through the schools of

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You will find the complete text of Carter's talk reprinted toward the end of his excellent little paperback book *Data Processing for the Small Business*, by Byron L. Carter (MacFadden-Bartell, 205 East 42nd St., New York, N.Y., 10017, 1966; price 95¢). The book has a preface by U.S. Senator William Proxmire, long an earnest supporter of the American small businessman. In his preface, Sen. Proxmire says that:

"In the last analysis small business must prove itself in the market place. Modern data processing with its speed and efficiency can provide the small businessman with a key to the market place."

In his book, Carter says that any business that is "larger than a Mama-Papa store with money in a cigar box" can afford to make use of electronic data-processing (EDP). Even some one-man businesses use it. We recently read about a young man who became a millionaire by devoting all of his time to playing the stock market. He makes very good use of EDP services.

If your business ranges from medium-small on up you may find EDP worth looking into. The reason, of course, is speed and economy. If it takes a bookkeeper with an adding machine ten minutes to add a given column of figures, a computer does the same job in a fraction of a second. Moreover, the

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No really small business needs an EDP system of its own. Rather, for the businessman who has determined its feasibility, an EDP service center is the answer, preferably (but not necessarily) one located in his immediate area.

EDP service centers are operated by manufacturers and retailers of EDP equipment, or by businesses that own or lease large EDP systems but do not use them full time. The centers provide EDP services to customers with no EDP resources of their own or that need additional EDP resources beyond their own. Such resources include computers, punch-card equipment, and other equipment and accessories as well as operating personnel and others experienced in business systems and procedures and in computer programming. In small and medium sized communities banks often lease or own EDP systems but rent them out in open periods.

The first rule of thumb for the businessman considering EDP is: Don't use it until you're ready! Often an accountant can advise when a business needs EDP, especially if he is acquainted with management guidance accounting methods and EDP system accounting procedures. Even after a decision is made to go ahead, caution should be the byword. EDP can be expensive, and a step-by-step movement into it is standard even in large companies.

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In his book Carter answers that saying (the italics are his):

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 grass shrimp and minnows. If he waits for me, I'll keep our rendezvous.

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Sportsmen will find the weakfish, or sea trout, ranging from Massachusetts, and straggling farther north, to Florida. They are in the Gulf waters, too. You may fish for them all year from North Carolina southward. The coastal states to the north get inshore runs of weaks from spring to fall.

There are actually, I have learned, four kinds of weakfish. There are gray weakfish, sand weakfish, silver and spotted weakfish. All of them are so accommodating, so fine for family fun and table that I think they should be included in the official welcoming committees of our coastal cities and towns.

Acquaintance with the silver weakfish, or silver trout, came to me as serendipity. I was attending a convention on the Gulf coast when the newspapers were blazing with headlines that the king mackerel were running off the local beaches. I engaged a guide to take me out the morning after the convention.

That September morn came chill and blustery. On the dock I was told that the big fishing boats were coming back into the pass because the outside waters were too rough.

My guide suggested we try for trout, and to my amazement began a drift about 50 yards off the beach in front of my hotel. He handed me a freshwater spinning rod with open-face reel, after he had tied on a little yellow jig. This was the only drift necessary. And this was my introduction to silver trout. Although smaller, and without the freckles of the weakfish I had known, they hit greedily and fought smartly until I had enough to air-freight home for many a supper from the home freezer.

Tackle for weakfish can vary from the traditional cane poles wrapped for guides and reel seat to the light spinning wands. I have caught them in the wintertime, when they run larger, with my regular freshwater bait-casting outfit and a heavy little white lure with a red head that some natives call a clothespin.

Midway the Florida Gulf coast I have caught them with the time-honored cane pole, using a filet of baitfish with the tail attached for action. This is deadly in the shallow, weedy waters of the salt flats.

Contrary to what I might have led you to believe, you won't find this freckled fighter everywhere and all the time. True, I've caught him in the ill winds of winter when even the ducks were trading restlessly and in summer heat that would wilt a cabbage palm. Usually he is there. And if he doesn't bite soon on the slack or first flood, then

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My plug landed gently some 20 feet ahead of the fish. Letting it sink for a count of three, I began an erratic retrieve. Five feet from the dark shape I gave the plug a little extra, making it dart sideways as if struggling. With our polarized glasses we saw the smallmouth tear from his hiding place and slam into the plug.

"Tally Ho," I shouted, raising the rod high to set the hooks. A tailwalking smallmouth, in the five pound class, busted a gaping hole in the quiet water, and the battle was on. The reel sang a sweet song as he bored for bottom. Applying all the pressure I could to avert his gaining his rock sanctuary, I held on. The rod bent dangerously, then eased when the added pressure turned his rush. Easing off on the drag, he streaked for deep water.

Suddenly, the rising line signaled that he was coming out again. The second jump sent water flying in all directions. The afternoon sun glistened off the fish's side as he arched over at the top of his leap, then crash landed with a Ker-Sploosh.

"Stay with him," coached my partner.

"I'm gaining on him," I laughed.

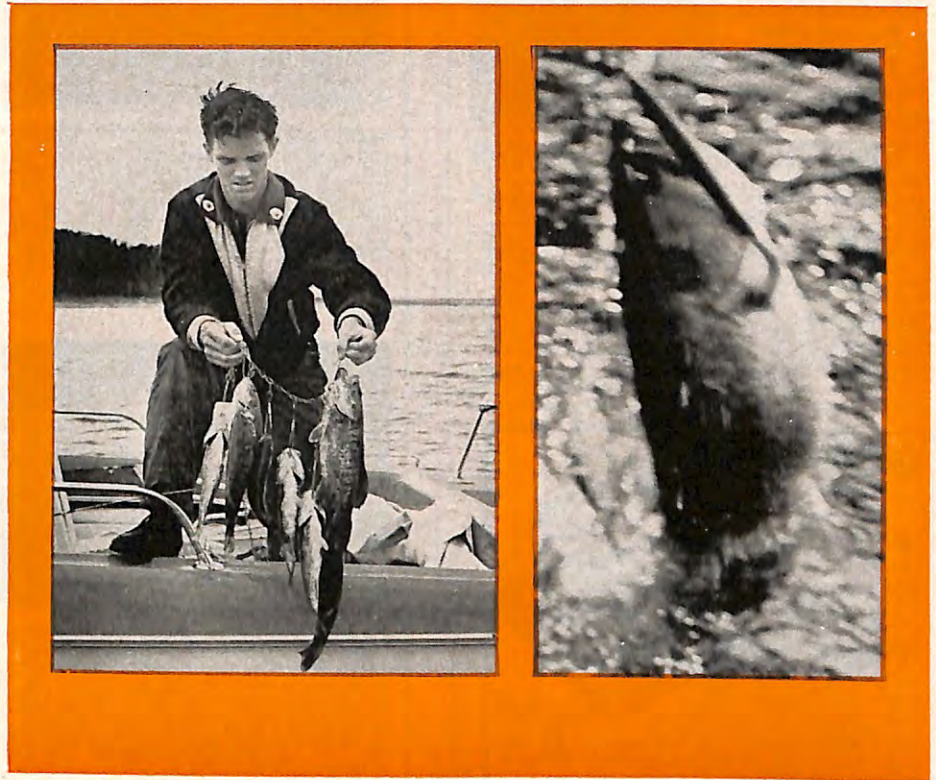
After boring deep, the smallmouth began to tire. Working easily, I worked him towards the boat. One last dash for freedom as he spotted the boat, then he was flatsided on the water, heading for the net. A quick scoop and the smallmouth was twisting and turning in the mesh.

My partner dug the small, silver spoon from the smallmouth's jaw, then hooked him with three others on the stringer. Before putting them back in the water, he held the fish up for a moment admiring them.

"They sure are a streamlined fighter," he said.

"You know, Erwin, I've yet to find another fish that'll give you such a scrap. Pound for pound they're the fightiest fish that swims."

These Lake Michigan smallmouths are real dingers when it comes to scrap. They always put a strain on your tackle before coming to net. It's a good thing they don't grow to 20 or 30 pounds, a



fisherman would never be able to hold them.

With the day wearing on, we worked our way around Garden Island. Garden is one of a group of eight islands situated in northern Lake Michigan. It is just about due west of the Straits of Mackinac. The main island in the group is Beaver with the small, historic town of St. James on its northeast corner. This once Mormon settlement is the hub of fishing activity for the area. The bigger surrounding islands of Garden, and Hog provide anglers with what is said to be the best, most consistent, smallmouth fishing in the United States.

Surrounding Garden and Hog Islands are hundreds and hundreds of rock bars and reefs. Into these flock huge schools of smallmouths bent on spawning in these ideal surroundings. It is not uncommon to take your limit on five successive casts when you know the nooks and crannies where they hang during summer. Good fishing begins on June 1st, which is opening day of Michigan's bass season. However, the middle of June until the middle of July is usually the best time for catching these island hoppers. Strange as it may seem, these fish hang around until late summer and early fall. Only their habits change in regards to feeding. Later in the summer they move into the shallower pockets in

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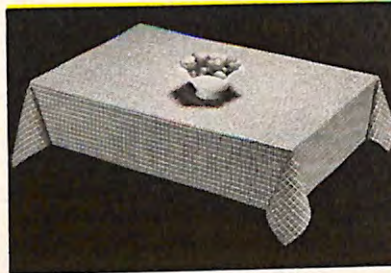
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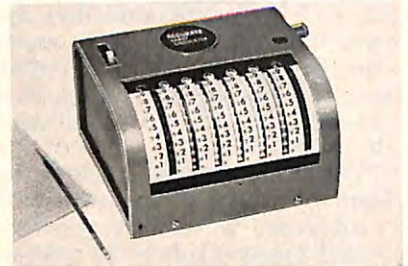


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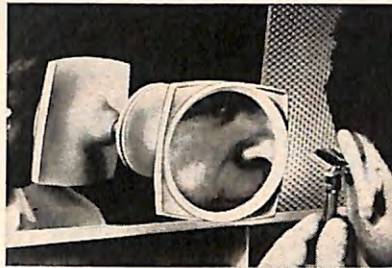
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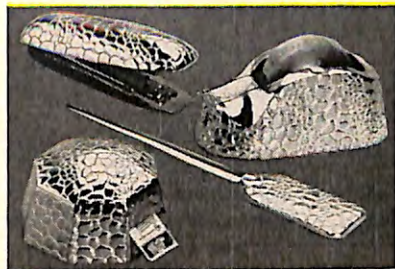
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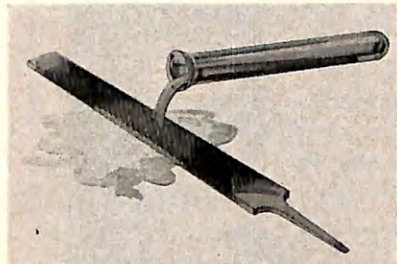
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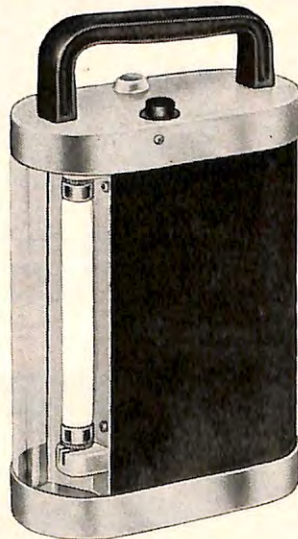
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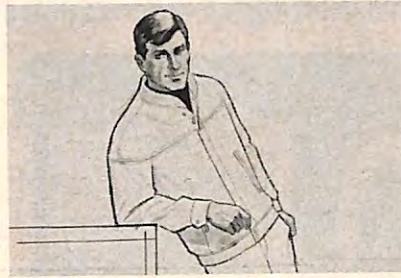
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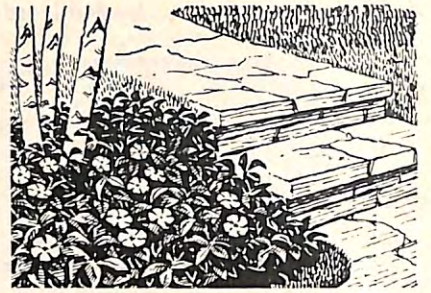
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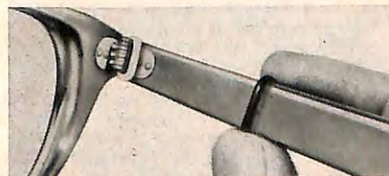
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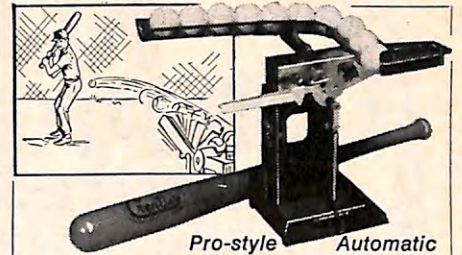


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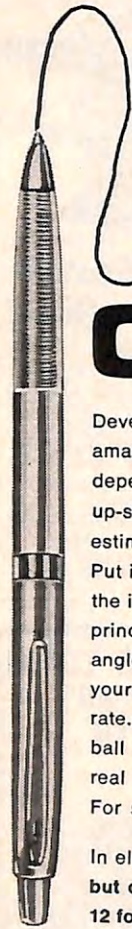
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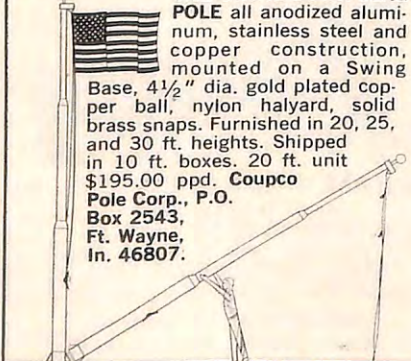


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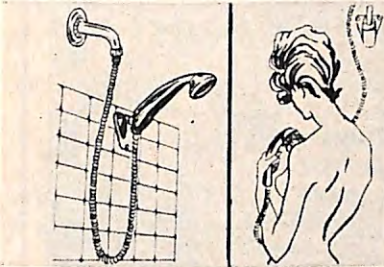
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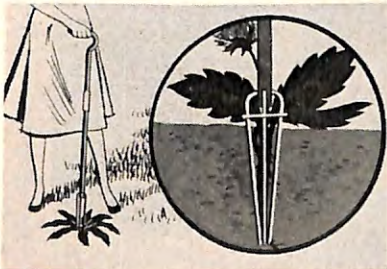
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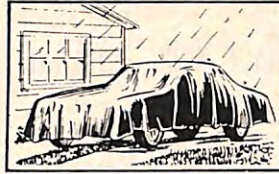
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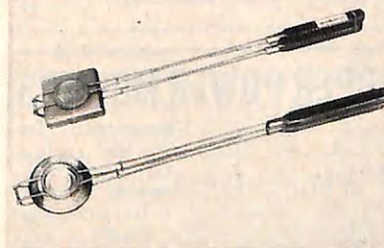
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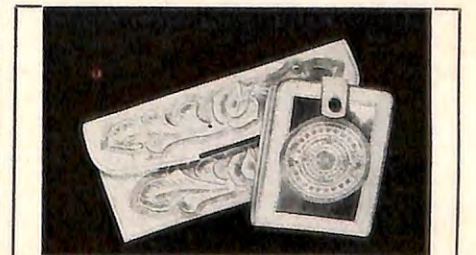
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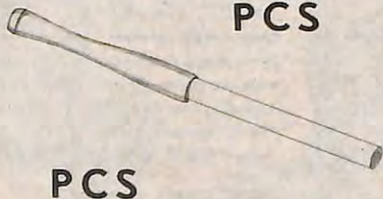
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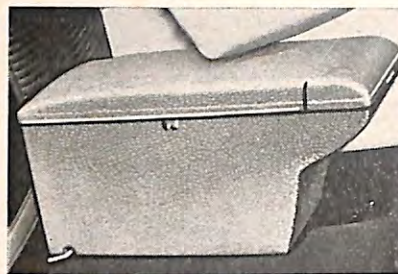
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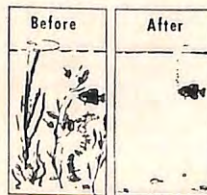
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Lynbrook, N.Y., Lodge presents Franklin J. Fitzpatrick for Grand Secretary

At a regular meeting of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge No. 1515 on January 9, 1969, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Franklin J. Fitzpatrick has served as Grand Secretary since 1962, during which period the operations of this office have reached a high level of efficiency and service to the Grand Lodge, our subordinate lodges and to individual members of our Order, despite the fact that the work

of this office has increased greatly during this time, and

WHEREAS, the record of Brother Fitzpatrick as Grand Secretary reflects his unusually broad background of experience as Exalted Ruler of Lynbrook Lodge, Secretary of Lynbrook Lodge, President of the New York State Elks Association, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Director of the Grand Lodge Convention Committee and, in responsible positions in the world of business and finance, and

WHEREAS, Brother Fitzpatrick is admir-

ably qualified to meet the ever-growing demands upon the high office with the growth of Elkdom as our fraternity moves forward in its second century, NOW, THEREFORE, his Brothers of Lynbrook Lodge No. 1515 proudly offer for reelection as Grand Secretary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, confident that his splendid record will commend him to all.

FRED J. BARTSCH, *Exalted Ruler*
GEORGE B. METZ, *Secretary*



New Haven, Conn., Lodge presents Edwin J. Maley for Grand Treasurer

New Haven, Conn., Lodge No. 25 again takes great pride in endorsing the candidacy of Brother Edwin J. Maley for the office of Grand Treasurer of the Order of Elks, and:

WHEREAS, Brother Maley is perhaps the most distinguished member of our lodge, and

WHEREAS, He has diligently filled all of the chairs of our lodge and served as Exalted Ruler, and

WHEREAS, He has faithfully served as President of The Connecticut State Elks Association, and

WHEREAS, He has served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Connecticut Southwest District, and

WHEREAS, He has served for many years as chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee for the Connecticut Elks Association, and

WHEREAS, He has honestly and prudent-

ly filled the office of Grand Treasurer during 1968-1969, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that New Haven Lodge is privileged to present to the Grand Lodge Convention in Dallas, Texas, on July 14, 1969, the name of Edwin J. Maley for the office of Grand Treasurer of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

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ing found in the country. With all these advantages however, there are a few drawbacks in this area.

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These are very treacherous waters for a novice boater. Every year boats are wrecked around the rock infested islands. It is no place for throttle happy fishermen who know only full speed

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JAMESTOWN, North Dakota, Lodge's ritualistic team recently took top honors in the state contest at Williston and will represent North Dakota in the national contest, which will be held in Dallas in July. The happy team members are (from left) Est. Lect. Kt. David Nething; Est. Loyal Kt. Gerald Jukkala; Chap. Jack Brown; Coach Harold Wicks; Esq. James Tollefson; In. Cd. Mark Paulson; ER M. A. Schenstad, and Est. Lead. Kt. Robert Kauphusman, gathered together for a group pose marking their victory.



BILLINGS, Montana, ER Mike M. Dimich Jr. (center) presents new ultrasound therapy equipment to Mrs. Betty Russell, physical therapist at St. Vincent's Hospital, as Organist Allen Grosgebauer looks on. The equipment was purchased with funds from the lodge's Birthday Utopian Crippled Kiddies Service, better known as the "Bucks Club." Brother Grosgebauer is chairman of the "Bucks Club" committee.



HAMILTON, Ohio, Lodge's Choral Group, organized recently by Est. Lead. Kt. Paul G. Falconi (seated, center), strikes a formal pose for the camera. The songsters are under the direction of Brother Paul Sims (second row, center).



A PLEDGE CARD is presented by Carroll, Iowa, Secy. Alfred J. Klocke (right) to Dr. Walter Anneberg, fund-raising chairman for the new St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. The lodge has pledged to give \$100, for the next five years, to the hospital fund; it is hoped other organizations in the area will follow suit in assisting this worthy project.



FLORA, Illinois, ER Charles Overstreet (right) accepts a check for \$115,000 from Est. Lect. Kt. Robert Stocke, chairman of the lodge's building and finance committee, as committee members, Est. Loyal Kt. Harold Wilson and Robert Powless, look on. The money was raised for remodeling and building club and dining rooms; bonds were sold for this purpose, with 80 percent of the Brothers participating in the drive to beautify their lodge's quarters.



A \$250 CHECK for the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home, Sandusky, is presented by state Trustees Chairman and PDD M. B. Letzelter (left), Steubenville, acting on behalf of the Ohio Elks' Charity Fund, to Sandusky Exalted Ruler C. Richard Packman.



NORTH DAKOTA Elks' "first team"—charged with spearheading the state association's current membership and National Foundation drives—assembles for a group portrait. The team members are (kneeling) Grand Forks ER William J. McMenamy, Bismarck ER Lloyd Gribble, Minot ER Frank R. Phipps, and Williston Est. Lead. Kt. Robert Hoover, "subbing" for ER Lavern Neff, and (standing) Wahpeton ER Duane F. Vad, Devils Lake ER Joseph E. Teigen, Jamestown ER M. A. Schensted, "coach" SP R. W. Moran, Williston, Valley City ER Omer Mahlum, Fargo ER John E. Faruolo, Dickinson ER Osbourne T. Belsheim, and Mandan Exalted Ruler Leonard Stock.



ST. LOUIS, Missouri, ER William H. Shackles (right) prepares to raise an American flag presented by the lodge to the Child Center of Our Lady of Grace, a local agency for emotionally disturbed children. Observing the ceremony—an important part of the center's citizenship and patriotism program—are Sister John Mary Robinson, the center's administrator; Father Robert P. Slattery, executive director; Rich Davis, recreational therapy director, and Harry W. O'Brien of Kiwanis Club International, the flagpole donor.



"STAR STEPPERS"—members of San Antonio, Tex., Lodge's baton twirling team—strike a group pose with ER Wallace Oeding (left), Bill Terrell, a lodge member and state youth activities chairman, and their instructor, Mrs. Suzie Winfield (kneeling, center). The young ladies, who have won 14 first-place awards in competitive meets, including two state titles, entertain at hospitals, sports events, and various civic programs.



AN "HEIR IN ELKDOM" class of candidates, shown with a group of their sponsors, was initiated recently into Sycamore, Ill., Lodge. The occasion was an especially happy one for ER Michael H. Sheedy (second row, second from right), who witnessed the initiation of his son Dennis (first row, third from right) into the Order, and presented him with an American flag.

Our apologies to Kansas Gov. Robert B. Docking, erroneously described as the former governor of that state on page 52 of the March issue.

We hasten to assure our readers that Brother Docking, a Topeka Lodge member, is still very much Governor of Kansas—having been reelected last November—as well as a familiar figure in Kansas Elks' affairs.



DEFIANCE, Ohio, ER Dean Wellman smiles happily at the conclusion of a recent three-ways-special initiation ceremony. Brother Wellman had the pleasure of initiating his father, who stands at his side, on this occasion; the ritual was also the first initiation at the lodge's new quarters, and was held in conjunction with the official visit of DDGER Ray Earle (second from right), Maumee. Looking on at right is PER and Secy. Keith D. Spangler, under whose reign the lodge's construction program was begun.



BASEBALL STAR Jim Northrup, a player for the Detroit Tigers, obliges two eager fans with his autograph, as an interested father or two looks on. The occasion: Midland, Mich., Lodge's Father and Son Banquet, which was attended by 254 Midland Elks and their sons. The festivities included an informal talk by "Grandslam" Jim Northrup, and a film showing highlights of professional baseball's 1968 World Series.



A \$500 CHECK is presented to Miss Cheryl Gardiner by Chester, Ill., ER William H. Stein (left), as Secy. Clifford Fulford looks on. The award, granted under a new program of the Illinois Elks Association, will aid Miss Gardiner during her first year of college, where she plans to study physical therapy.



NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas, Est. Lead. Kt. William D. DuBois delivers a wagonful of goodies to Mrs. Allene Hill, nurse's aide at the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital, Ottine. The gift presentation was thwarted by a most happy occurrence—all 33 handicapped children receiving hospital care were well enough to go home for the winter holiday season; for the first time in Mrs. Hill's 19-year career at the hospital, the wards were deserted. As for that wagon of treats—its contents were carefully stored to delight the children upon their return.



BISMARCK, North Dakota, Elks joined the ranks of lodges with more than 3,000 members with the initiation of a class of candidates, shown with ER Lloyd Gribble (seated, center) and other officers of the lodge. Bismarck Lodge is now preparing to continue its membership drive toward a new goal of 4,000 members.

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Elks recently initiated a large class of candidates in honor of GER Edward W. McCabe. Shown with the initiates after the ritual are (foreground) Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Melville J. Junion, a Green Bay Elk, and Milwaukee ER Anthony N. Sanfilippo.



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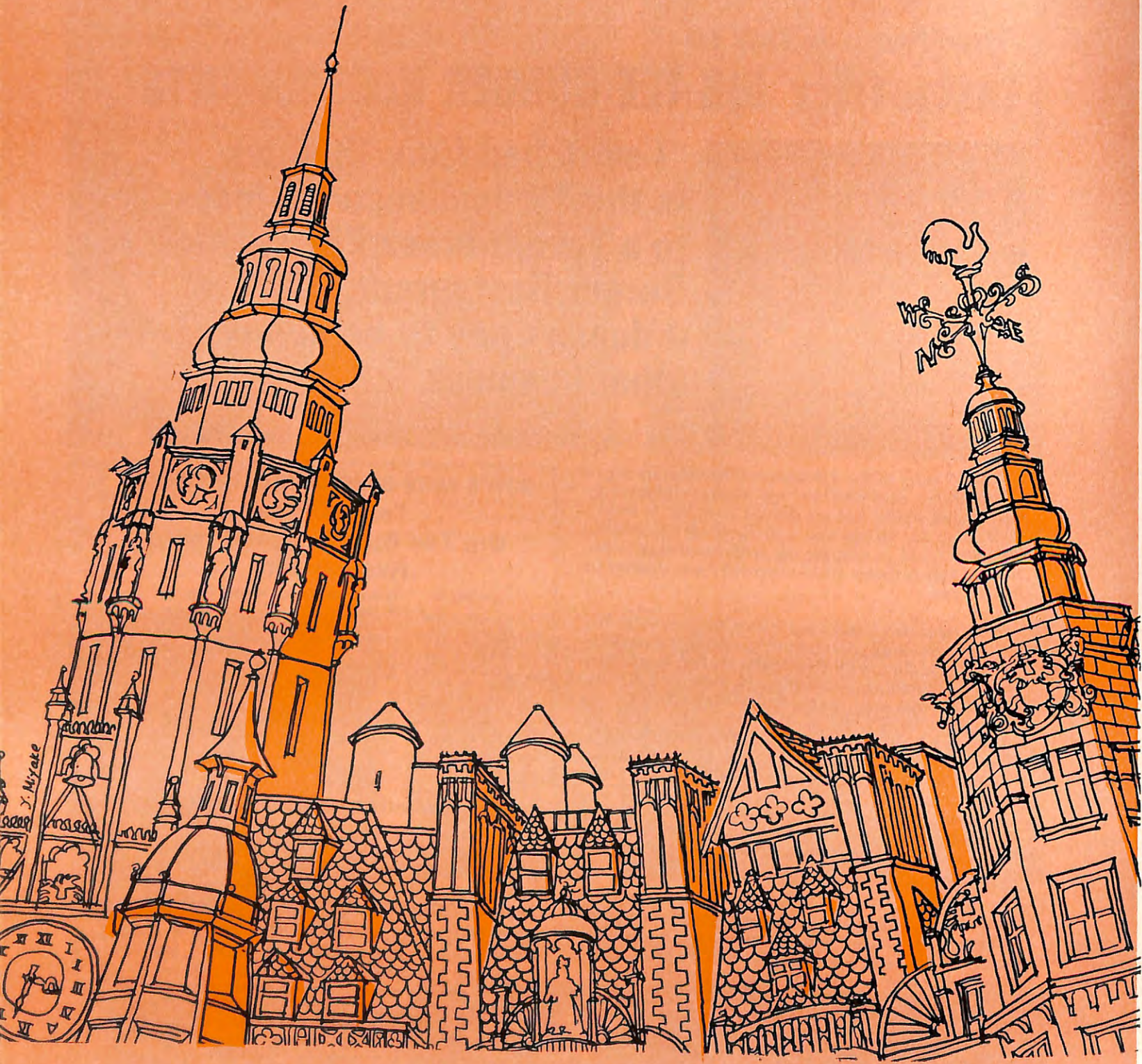
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FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL

TRAVEL TIPS

By JERRY HULSE

Since this month's article is strictly for tips, here's one worth considering . . . at least I am: I am thinking of running off to take tea with the Dowager Marchioness of Tweeddale. She lives in Scotland. In the village of Gifford, to be exact, some 18 miles southeast of Edinburgh. Her small place, Yester House, rambles across a grassy plot at the foot of the Lammermuirs. It contains four bedrooms, five guest bathrooms and a maze of other nooks. The reason I am thinking of visiting her is that the Dowager Marchioness of Tweeddale takes guests at Yester House. Again, because this month's article deals with *travel tips* for Elks, it seems a good idea to pass this one along.

I'm especially fascinated with staying the night in the Buff Room at Yester House. It contains a four-poster bed, and I have a thing about four-poster beds. On the same grounds with Yester House are the ruins of an 11th century castle and a 17th century grotto. The Dowager Marchioness of Tweeddale won the grotto in a lottery.

Renting out rooms for her is David Morse, a young London banker. He is, in fact, agent for 250 castle and country house landlords in England, Scotland and Wales. His proper title is managing director of Country Homes and Castles in Great Britain. While Britain's aristocracy has been practicing the art of country living for five centuries, it is only recently that the ordinary tourist has been invited to join them. Sit down to tea, old boy. How about a brandy? That sort of thing. The return to reality is excruciating. I mean, going home again. But while it lasts any commoner can be king—for a day or as many days as your bank account will stand.

Morse got the idea of making landlords of aristocrats while entertaining guests in his own home. But it got expensive. What with taxes being what they are in Britain, entertaining is a luxury few can afford. Morse reckoned that perhaps castle owners might feel the same way. Perhaps they'd welcome the chance to play host and at the same time earn a few shillings. He was right.

He never advertised. By word of mouth he rounded up a stable of 250 hosts.

This is not to be confused with the Stately Homes program in Britain, which is administered by the National Trust. (Morse calls them "pseudo museums"). His country homes and castles are warm and lived in. Take Cothay Manor, off in Somerset. It was built in 1491, a moated manor house. Guests may fish for trout or go off to visit nearby castles. The innkeeper is the widow of a vice-admiral. For the chap who'd prefer to stalk deer, the Countess of Normanton accepts guests in her Hampshire house. That's her bag. Stalking deer. The countess is the widow of an earl and the daughter of a marquis. She calls her place simply The House. The white marble chimney is from Reuben's house in Antwerp.

Morse, taking a tip from Michelin, lists these castles and country homes by the star system. A one-star stop is \$36 a night, two stars rate \$57 and a three-star tab is \$78. Besides shelter for two, the price includes breakfast and a three-course dinner with wine, and after dinner brandy. If you stay a second night there's a substantial reduction. Children pay half price. In addition, guests pay nothing for cocktails. Obviously, a lush could run the landlord off to the poor farm. But as Morse points out, the type of person who enjoys castle living will probably be a sober soul. Besides, it works out splendidly. The light drinker subsidizes the heavy drinker.

No money changes hands between host and guest. The distasteful subject of money never is discussed. Instead, you sit with your brandy and talk of pleasanter things. How the Conservatives are doing in Britain. How the Republicans are doing in America. That sort of chit chat.

Sometimes there are maids to unpack

for you. They draw the bath and turn down the bed. You may stop where King James IV did. Or Mary Queen of Scots. "Our rates may appear high," said Morse. "But if you will examine what you are receiving you will see that it's actually a bargain. No hotel in the world can offer you the luxury of living with antique furnishings, precious art, servants to tend your wants and excellent meals." Tourists may make a complete tour of Britain, spending each night in a different castle, or else just take a short excursion between London and Stratford. You may write directly to Morse c/o Country Homes & Castles, 15 Pall Mall S.W.I., England, or call your nearest British Travel Assn. (New York, Chicago and Los Angeles). Your travel agent should be able to help you, too.

☑ Should Hawaii be on your itinerary, there's something new under those arching palms. It's the opportunity of camping in a cane field. (Anyone can spend the night in one of those spiffy island hotels, you know.) The real story stopper back home will be the vacationer who can boast how he got next to nature under a coconut palm. This camping out island is Kauai, one of the neighbor isles—a 20-minute flight from Honolulu. The camp site is at Kahili Mountain Park, about midway between the rustic little town of Lihue and Poipu Beach. This means a 15-minute drive from the airport where you will land. It's all fashioned for the lazy camper. What with tents already up there's little to do but start right in vacationing. The tents come equipped with beds, tables, chairs, fresh water, an ice cooler, stove, charcoal broiler, towels, linen, blankets, pillows, plates, pots and pans, all for \$16 a day. Besides furnishing ice the camp operators pick up your dirty dishes twice a day, washing them free of charge. They also provide free bus service to Poipu, one of Hawaii's
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Judges for the 1968-1969 Elks National Youth Leadership Contest, as announced by GL Youth Activities Committeeman Gerald L. Powell, of Peru, Ind., contest chairman, are: U.S. Reps. James F. Battin (R-Mont.), chairman; Joe D. Waggoner Jr. (D-La.), and Elford Cederberg (R-Mich.).

The selection of youth leaders in the 20th annual nationwide competition will be made from among high school students—18 years and younger—certified by each state association as its top boy and girl winners.

Congressmen Battin, Waggoner, and Cederberg will select three winners in the boys' division and three winners in the girls' division. First-place winners in each division will receive \$2,000 U.S. Savings Bonds; second-place winners, \$1,600 bonds, and third-place winners, \$1,250 bonds.

PDD Michael J. McNamara, chairman of the GL Youth Activities Committee, will award the bonds—provided by the Elks National Foundation—during the GL annual convention in July 1969 in Dallas, Texas.

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finest beaches. For additional information, write to Kahili Mountain Park, Inc., 3180 Ualena St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96819. It's different and it's fun, a pleasant family place. And speaking of families, if the kids are begging to surf, the best teacher I know of (on any island) is a big, friendly Hawaiian named Percy Kinimaka. Among others Percy has taught to surf are the Shah of Iran, Troy Donahue, John Wayne, Lee Marvin and Red Skelton. Percy has the beach concession at Kauai Surf Hotel. Lessons are \$5.50 and boards rent for \$2.25 the first hour and \$1 after that. Percy taught my own sons to surf during a single morning and they've been hooked ever since. Percy is the great, great grandson of the high chief of Kona and his great grandmother was high chiefess of Maui. Whether you learn to surf or not you'll enjoy meeting Percy. And if you don't surf he'll rent you a sailboat or take you for a ride in an outrigger canoe. You can't miss him. He's the big fella with the big grin.

☑ On the other hand, if Hawaii isn't on your agenda and Paris is—the French have launched a new service called "A Friend in Paris." The "friends" in this case belong to an organization called

Hostesses Internationales, a Paris-based, multi-lingual guide and secretarial service. This "friend in Paris" thing is designed both for the lonely tourist and for groups up to five persons. Instead of seeing Paris alone and getting lost, you go along with one of these glamour queens in her car. In addition to sight-seeing the "friend" will assist in shopping excursions, including admittance to Paris fashion houses. You can have a friend in Paris for \$8 a day or \$11 for excursions outside the city. You may also hire a "friend" in Lisbon. Check with Air France for further details.

Meanwhile, a young French political science graduate has launched a similar service called "Meet the French." Unlike other programs in Denmark, Holland and elsewhere this isn't government sponsored. Guy Barbey, together with an associate, Jacques-Andre Prevost, recruited nearly 100 students to lead Americans around Paris. It's not free, of course. Little in Paris is. On the other hand it's a bargain, considering the time you'll save and how much more you'll see. The tab is \$10 for each of four persons for a full day. This includes the car as well as the guide. "In three days we can show a tourist most of the main spots around Paris," Barbey said. "When day is over (Continued on page 46)

"To Our Absent Brothers"

Those who no longer answer when their names are called were honored with remembrance by lodges throughout the Order last December 1—Elks Memorial Sunday—an annual tribute to Elkdom's "Absent Brothers."

Robert M. Bender Sr., Albany, N. Y., the GL Lodge Activities committeeman in charge of the Elks Memorial Sunday service competition, received reports from more than 500 lodges. It is estimated that 40,000 persons attended.

The difficult task of judging the submitted brochures was handled by the three judges: the Hon. John J. O'Brien, Whitehall, N. Y., a Past State President and former GL Judiciary committeeman; PDD George J. Halpin, Watervliet, N. Y., and PER John T. Nichols, Albany, N. Y.

Three winners were selected in each of the five membership categories, with awards to be presented at the Grand Lodge convention July 13 through 17 in Dallas. Additional outstanding entries received honorable mention certificates. Photographs of first-place winners' services are shown here.

The 1968 award-winning lodges are:

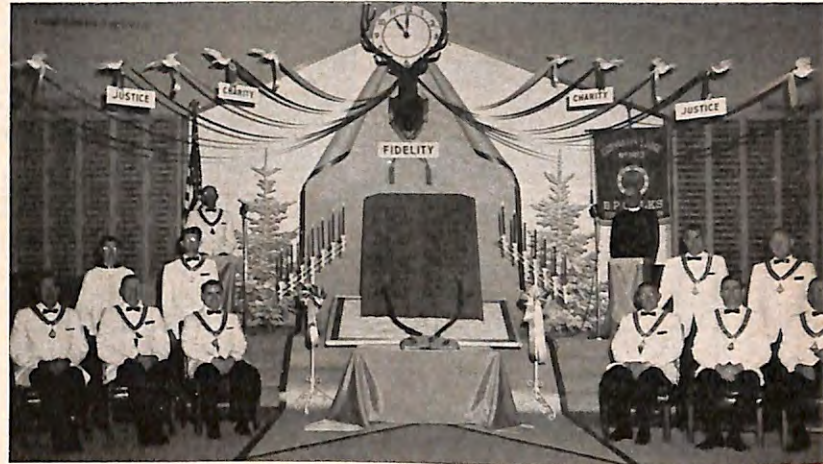
Lodges with fewer than 300 members—First place: Dunkirk, Ind.; second place: Elmont, N.Y.; third place: Coventry-West Greenwich, R.I.; honorable mention: Irvington, N.J.

301 to 600 members—First place: Savannah, Ga.; second place: Teaneck, N.J.; third place: Fulton, N.Y.; honorable mention: Chester, Ill.; Gardner, Mass.; Arlington, Mass.; Middlesex, N.J.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Paris, Tenn.; Brewster, N.Y.; Hopkinsville, Ky.; Westminster, Md., and Bellows Falls, Vt.

601 to 1,000 members—First place: Ludington, Mich.; second place: Hudson, N.Y.; third place: Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; honorable mention: Oswego, N.Y.; Gulfport, Miss.; Huntsville, Ala.; Yorktown, N.Y.; Lyndhurst, N.J.; El Paso, Tex.; Paramount, Calif.; Northampton, Mass.; Three Rivers, Mich.; Cambridge, Md., and Battle Creek, Mich.

1,001 to 2,000 members—First place: State College, Pa.; second place: Plymouth, Mich.; third place: Elmira, N.Y.; honorable mention: Las Vegas, Nev.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Midland, Mich.; Mason City, Iowa; Brainerd, Minn.; Salisbury, Md.; Binghamton, N.Y., and Salt Lake City, Utah.

More than 2,000 members—First place: Corvallis, Oreg.; second place: Fargo, N.D.; third place: Phoenix, Ariz.; honorable mention: Milwaukee, Wis.; Long Beach, Calif., and Charleston, S.C.



A special tablet bearing the names of departed Brothers, two snow-covered evergreens in the background, set the mood for Corvallis, Oreg., Lodge's memorial tribute. During the roll call, each name was uncovered by removing a purple ribbon from the tablet, then casting it upon white sand. The lodge officers performed the service.



Exalted Ruler Jack K. Berry of Savannah, Ga., Lodge reminds those gathered for the Elks' Memorial Sunday service that the name of a deceased Brother is written "upon the tablets of love and memory." In the foreground is the roll of departed members; the clock points to the eleventh hour—Elkdom's hour of recollection. A Savannah Past Exalted Ruler—PSP Robert E. Falligant—delivered the eulogy.



Forty-five candles in honor of forty-five deceased Dunkirk, Ind., Elks are lighted during the lodge's annual memorial observance. The candlelight ceremony was performed by Past Exalted Rulers. Rabbi Lawrence Goldmark of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, delivered the memorial address: "The Meaning of Thanksgiving: 1968."



Adding to the forget-me-not and the amaranth, State College, Pa., Lodge's Est. Lect. Kt. places the clinging ivy—the symbol of brotherly love—on the altar during the lodge's annual renewal of fidelity to the memory of "Absent Brothers."

A rose, for love, and candle glow, for memory of past fellowship, represent each of the nine departed Elks of Ludington, Mich., Lodge. Shown are ER Richard Massa, the Rev. Edward Orlovski, main speaker and pastor of St. Simon Catholic Church, and Brother Stephen Godin, chairman.





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 move and hunt him. Where you find one, you'll likely fill your stringer.

The spotted weakfish I have found most often in tidal rivers, along oyster bars and creek inlets. The silver trout is located in open water along the beaches. A smaller cousin, he's just as feisty and just as tasty.

The weakfish is a fine fish for the vacationing family. My advice is to go with a guide the first time you explore new waters. Next time, if you wish, take along your own outboard and rent a boat. Skiffs designed for salt water are all you need on the tidal streams. You'll find live bait, usually shrimp available at fishing camps. Sometimes it's hard to procure in winter.

And if your fishing family demands constant action, take along a couple of light bait-casting outfits equipped for bottom fishing. This way, you can pick up a mixed bag that includes croakers, whiting, angel fish, flounder and sheep-head. None of these will be disdained by the cook who knows seafare.

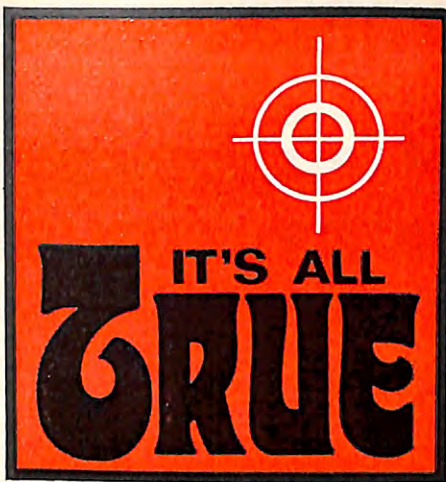
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So take a coastal vacation. Take the family and take some weakfish. One warning, however. I've seen both men and lady anglers give up their list of general fishes and become speckled-trout specialists. It's really not fair to deem all other fish trash.

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We were fishing a mile or so off Panama City, Fla. That's the city made quite famous recently because of the newly discovered billfishing grounds (marlin and sailfish) on the 100-fathom curve well offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

But this day I'd decided to try the excellent inshore action that Panama City also offers—and I wanted to prove something to myself, by using the same lightweight fresh water tackle I'd use for bass or walleyes.

As the first fish hit I raised the rod tip and just held on for a minute. Judging by the action at the other end of the line I had a tiger by the tail. Then he jumped—a gold and green flash in the bright

Florida sun. A dolphin—maybe five or six pounds.

But these salt water fish spend their lifetimes either chasing food—or being chased by bigger fish. They're tough, fast and never quit.

Four jumps later and we gaffed the dolphin. Great eating—so we kept him.

The drag on my little spinning reel (loaded with six-pound monofilament) got a workout that day and so did my six-foot, light action spinning rod. But talk about fun!

Too often the inshore fisherman in salt water thinks he has to use bulky salt water reels, heavy rods and thick braided line. I'm afraid too many skippers encourage this too; they want even their inexperienced clients to land every fish. I'd rather lose a few—and get the most in fight from every one I land.

This particular day I caught about 15 school dolphin out of maybe 20 I had on—plus a healthy smattering of red and black snappers, triggerfish and some mackerel. (Of course we kept only enough to eat.)

Next time you get to salt water, take your bass tackle along—whether it's spinning, spincasting or bait casting gear.

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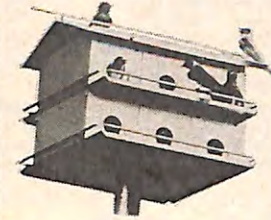


TRUE TIP OF THE MONTH

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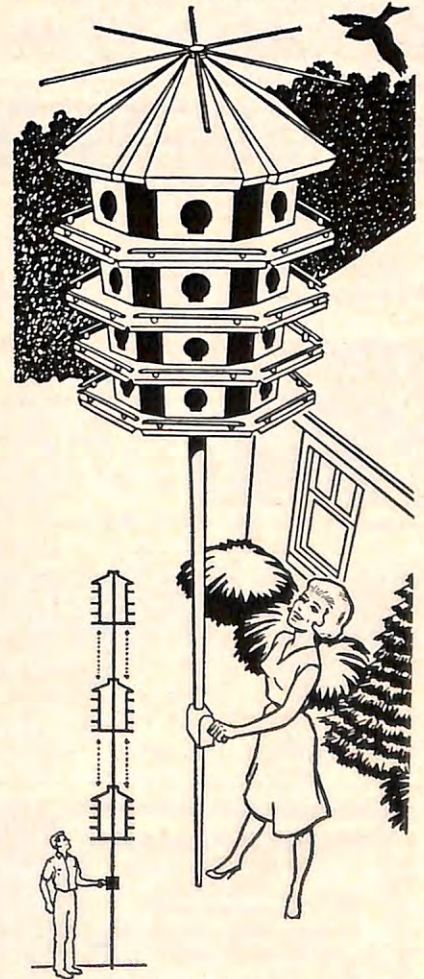
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Smallmouth

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ahead. Extreme caution plus some prior instructions should be obtained before attempting the trip from Beaver to Garden or Hog Islands. Even though it's only a matter of three or four miles from St. James to Garden Island, it is a tricky crossing with hundreds of sunken boulders just waiting to rip up the unsuspecting boater.

Like most fishing, the best time for smallmouths is early morning and late afternoon, or until it gets dark. As darkness approaches schools of wandering smallmouths slip over the shallow bars into the deep pockets of water near shore. It seems when one school moves out there's always another headed in. You can cast and fight fish until your arm aches. Like other types of fish, smallmouths have good years and bad ones. It all depends on the breaks they get in spawning. In the past couple of years the smallmouths have become a bit smaller overall.

An important item for fishing these waters is a pair of polarized glasses. With them you can literally pick your fish. As we drifted over a large bay, we could see smallmouth dive for cover as the boat approached. With glasses you can spot the rocky bars and the drop-offs where they hide. Many times you can see a smallmouth dart from behind rocks to smash spoon lures. Watching these strikes, and knowing a fish is after your lure, can give you fits. There's a tendency to set the hooks before they hit, and that's very unnerving to say the least. One of the advantages, however, is being able to see the fish's reaction to a particular lure. After a few ignore it you can switch to something else. Final-

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Therefore, the GL Youth Activities Committee, under the leadership of Michael J. McNamara, is asking each state association to sponsor a statewide program for the lodges under its jurisdiction—a program in which each lodge within the state will have the opportunity to participate. In addition to this, the committee is asking each subordinate lodge to conduct its own program during the week beginning May 1 to demonstrate the Elks' interest in our youth.

The committee is sponsoring a contest for the best state association program and for the best subordinate lodge program. The latter is divided into five categories, with the following membership breakdown: lodges with fewer than 300 members; lodges with between 301 and 600 members; lodges with between 601 and 1,000 members; lodges with between 1,001 and 2,000 members, and with more than 2,000.

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To put it another way, if rebellious young people feel frustrated it undoubtedly results, in large measure, from having been told so often that they are frustrated or should feel so. Almost any one will strike out in rebellion eventually if he is told often enough that his legitimate goals have been frustrated by a social order that is alien to him, not of his making, and one that should be destroyed.

Of course today's young people face tensions and temptations. They are confronted with serious problems. These require the sympathetic understanding of the older generations, but not their abdication of authority and responsibility. On the contrary, it is the duty of the older generations to make it plain to disaffected youth that theirs is not the first generation to find life difficult. They did not invent sex or discover it. Theirs is not the first generation to be dissatisfied with things as they found them and to demand a better world; nor will theirs be the last generation to learn that there is no way to instant perfection.

The great majority of American youth, in high school and in college, have shown remarkably good judgment in resisting the influences that have been brought to bear on them from so many directions to drop out. Only a few, and it is well to emphasize this fact without in any way minimizing their number, have succumbed to the lure of sexual license, to use of drugs and

to anarchy attractively packaged as freedom.

The real wonder is that more have not followed this course. When our best schools employ teachers who tell their students that the only way to achieve a just society is to destroy the present one completely, it should not be surprising if some students accepted the fact of the teachers' employment as tacit approval of their ideas and acted accordingly.

Older generations should give understanding encouragement to youth seeking improvement of the human condition. They also have the duty to instill in youth an appreciation for fundamental values, and for developing in them an intellectual discipline that will lead them to shun violence and destruction and embrace persuasion.

These are goals of our Elks youth programs, and when we support these programs with our money, time and energy we are discharging a serious responsibility in a most constructive manner. But we cannot ignore those who are seeking to tear down as fast as we build. We owe it to our youth to take issue with those in responsible positions who seek to persuade young people that a willingness to burn down the schoolhouse is a gauge of one's idealism; that determination to rip apart the social structure is a valid measure of one's social commitment.

We also owe it to our youth to avoid that permissiveness that will only breed contempt for society as well as for parents. A commendable example was set recently by one mother who, finding her son picketing his college administration, relieved him of his picket sign and told him to march home, which he did. The older generations are challenged to match the good judgment shown by the majority of our young adults.

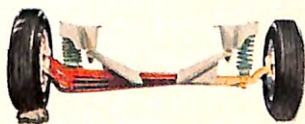




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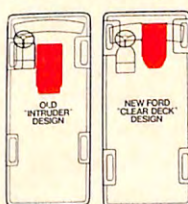


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