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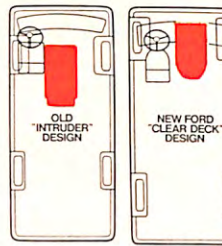
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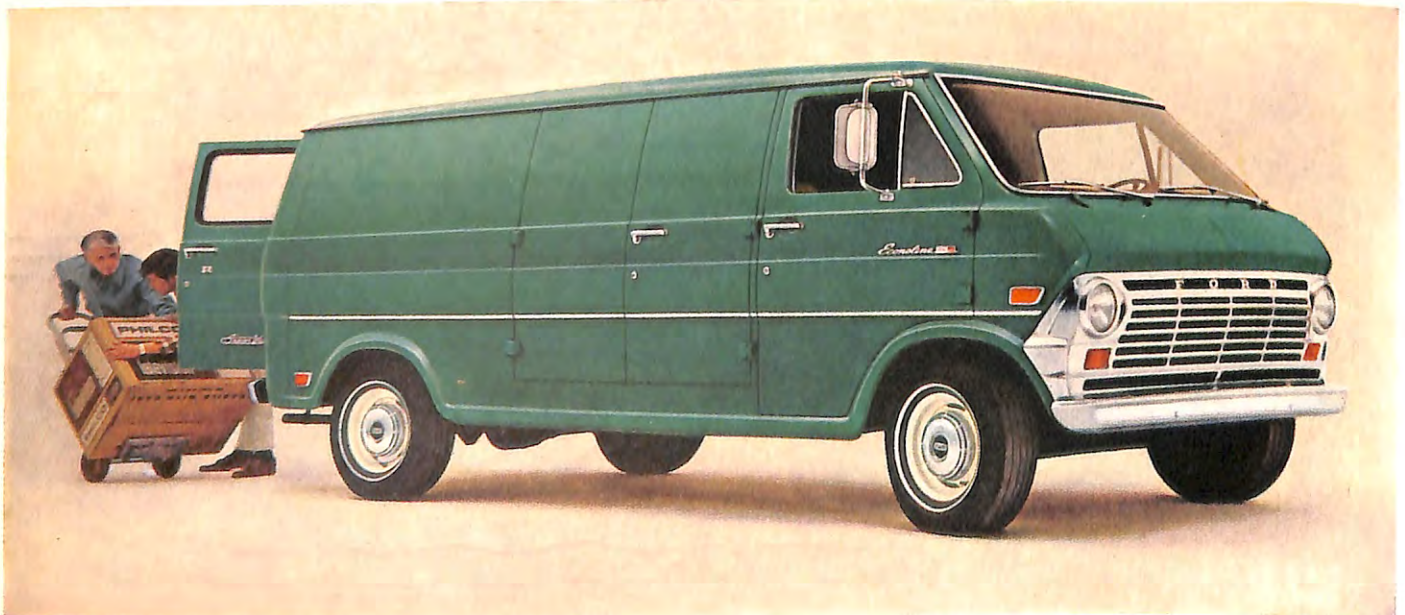


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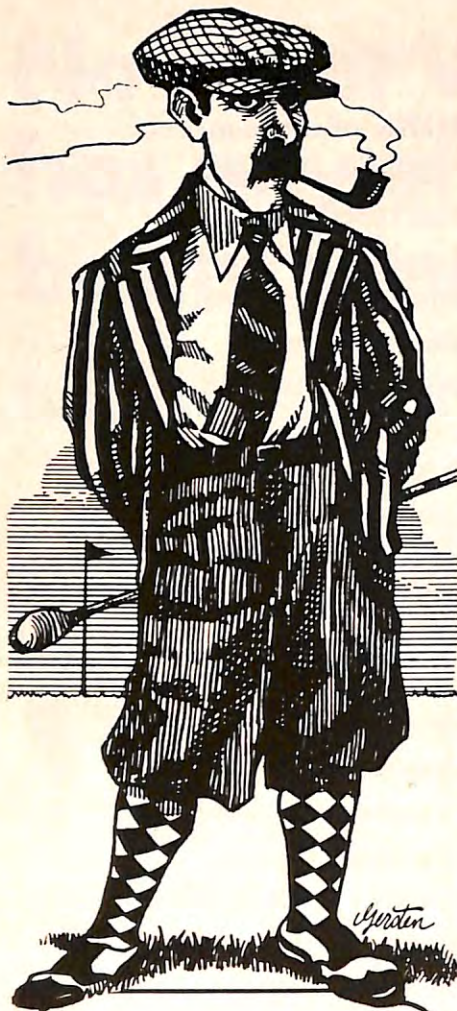
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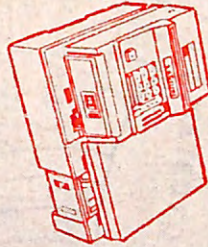
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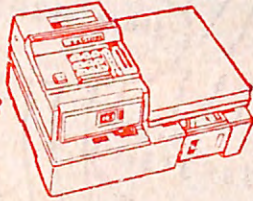


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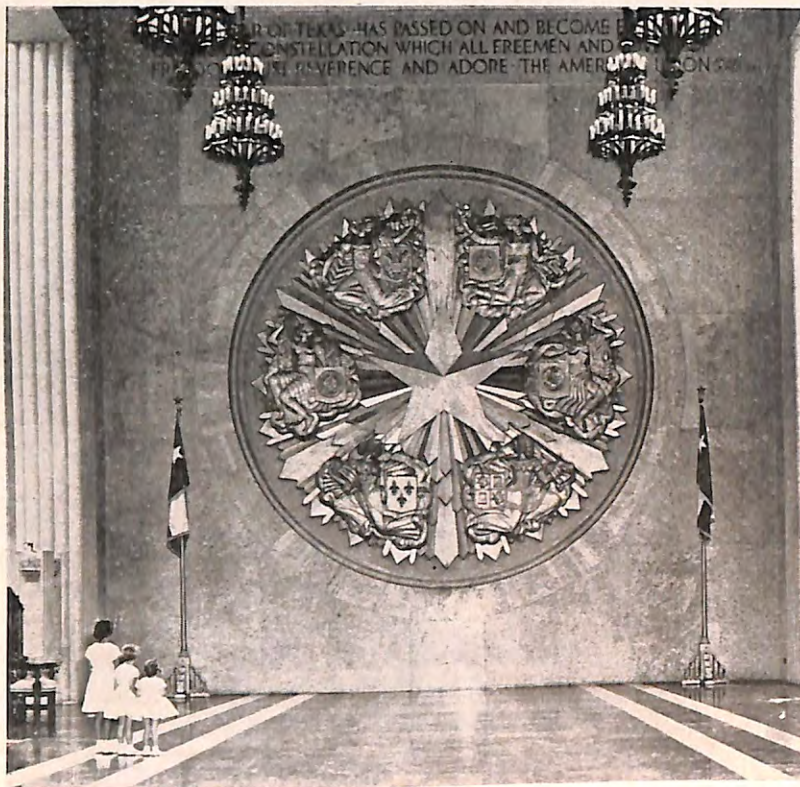
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What's New in Boating?

New designs and boating equipment are increasing the interest in boating

by A. R. ROALMAN

ONCE A YEAR I borrow a small armada of boats and motors near Florida's posh Marco Island, where the sun is hard and true, and the sky has a perfect blueness to it. Marco has handsome beaches and some of the country's prettiest sunbathers. Then, on pleasant days, I test and photograph these boats, along with a truckload of accessories, for national magazine articles and advertisements.

Not only do I take photographs that will appear during the year in numerous publications, but I test these, the latest, boats and motors, the newest clothing for boat users, and the new accessories that will begin to show up on the waterfronts of the world during the following summer.

This article reflects what I learned during my latest boating-photography session, after some 15 years of experience with small boats and motors.

One of the obvious things about the small boats that you'll be seeing this year is that they look much more water-

worthy than they did last year and more so than they have during the past 15 years. There are several factors involved in this trend to boats-that-are-boats:

Manufacturers who use fiberglass are becoming more sophisticated in production techniques, and their boats show it.

Boating gets to be a bigger business every year, and the bigger manufacturers who are coming into the field have more money to hire first-class designers. (New and successful designs by better-known manufacturers have impacts throughout the boating field: Lesser-known companies tend to copy the designs of the more successful builders.)

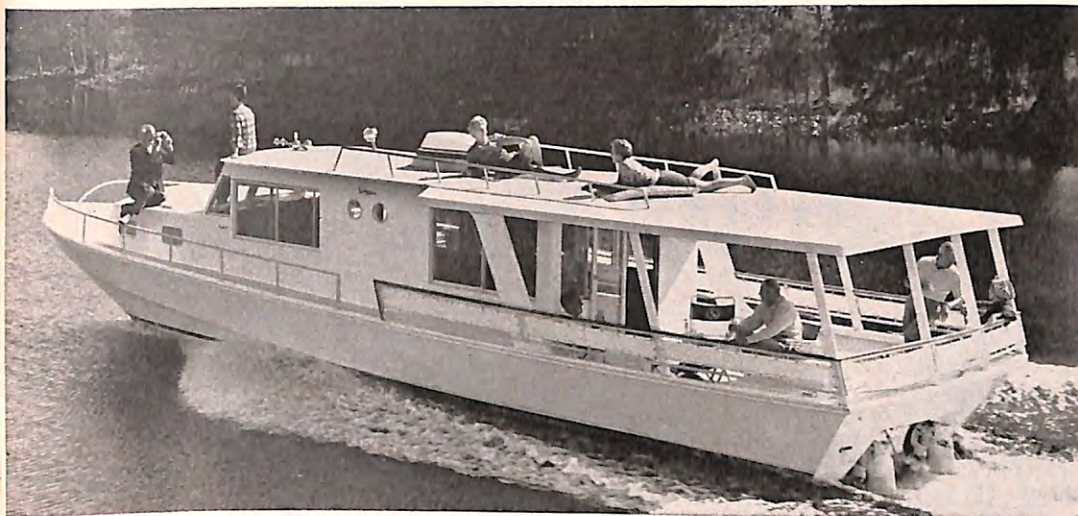
Boat owners are becoming more sophisticated. Fifteen years ago most people who owned a small boat were relatively new to boating. Now, much of the population has had some kind of boating experience, knows what kinds of boats it likes and doesn't like, and is

much more inclined to prefer well designed boats for long term use.

So much for generalities. How about specific and new things that are available to you this year at your favorite boat equipment outlet?

Forward decks that keep getting mini-er. Practically all power boats, not too many years ago, had a decked-over area forward of the windshield. Originally, the forward deck was there to provide a certain amount of structural strength, and a design and function balance, and because bigger boats, which small boaters envied but couldn't afford in the early days of small boating, were built that way.

Now men who have learned well how to work with fiberglass and functional design are building boats that have bigger and bigger open wells forward of the windshield, (the open forward well idea became fairly popular just a few years ago, when one of the big manufacturers really began to promote it in earnest, but the trend has



Above are a few of the interesting designs which are invading the boating industry today

been accelerating since then until, this year, you get a pretty thrilling ride up front in some of the more advanced models). These forward-well boats are worth looking at when you start shopping.

Why? For one thing, it gives you more square feet of passenger space per dollar of boat. Two or three people can sit in the forward well and have lots of fun while the boat is underway. They might get wet, but that's what boating is all about anyway, so who cares?

One of the minor problems that you should face up to when you're shopping is that your open-well boat might have trouble getting up to maximum speed if your Aunt Tilly and your Uncle John have a combined weight of four hundred pounds or more and like to ride up forward where the action is. With that much weight up forward, any boat will tend to be nose heavy and wallow around. Get such big people near the center or rear of the boat

when you are trying to build up your boat speed. Once you've got the boat planing, you can move them forward. (However, walking upright in a fast-moving boat can be a real—and dangerous—thrill, so it's best to keep the heavy weights closer to the center of gravity during your entire ride.)

Houseboats continue to get more attractive. Manufacturers are toying with new materials, have ever-bigger engines to push their products through the water (and thus have more space to work with in providing comforts that can be moved from the land to the water), and experienced house-boaters are telling manufacturers what improvements to make.

There are still some ill-designed, cramped and wobbly looking houseboats around, but the majority of them are without some of the design defects that were part of the houseboats being sold and rented a few years ago.

For example, the problems of remote steering and engine control have almost

disappeared in today's houseboat. So have the grossly uncomfortable beds that were characteristic of the houseboats of even five years ago. Windows and screens are better protected against breakage—no longer do the front doors blow open in a stiff breeze and crash into the corner of an open window.

The interiors continue to get more posh. They look more and more like compact, luxury apartments, and well they might, since a \$20,000, \$30,000 or even \$70,000 price tag is not entirely strange to the person who begins shopping for a houseboat.

If you haven't been boating lately, try one of these new houseboats. If you're a landlubber by training, you'll soon find that these boats—which you can rent in just about any part of the country for a memorable family vacation—are as easy to operate as an automobile and provide ten times as much enjoyment.

They come with such goodies as walnut interior paneling, soft indoor and outdoor rugs, showers, wide-wide windows, and spacious sunning decks.

If you want to learn more about renting or buying a houseboat, get in touch with Boating Industries Association, 333 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. (They are a good source of information for just about anything related to small boats. Al Limburg is the public relations director there and a prince of a fellow when it comes to providing the public with important boating facts.)

There are novelty boats around, too. For example, there is one from Europe that looks like a miniature flying saucer. Squat and round, it has an engine but no steering mechanism. You steer by leaning from one side to another.

Then there are "boats" that travel on land as well, these have been around for a few years, but they are beginning to look more and more like something that might attract the average person to spend cash. One of the more appealing models has a set of squatty, balloon-like tires. You can drive this beetle-like

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What's New in Boats

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affair on land or water. It's not going to give Mario Andretti any trouble on land or George O'Day any trouble at sea, because it isn't much of either a boat or a car, but is a novelty that is likely to provide fun for a lot of people.

The flat-top (and-bottom) hulls of sail boats also are getting refined from what they had been a few years back, and they look even more attractive for the family that would like to get itself some water transportation without paying a lot of money.

Inflatable boats are getting a lot of additions hung on them that make them look less like traditional fold-up boats and more like traditional wooden boats or fiberglass productions. (A boat-buyer is going to have a well-documented program to guide him through his shopping if someone soon comes up with an inflatable canvass that looks like wood.) These inflatable fellows have wooden transoms, wooden seats, and even windshields.

To people who really like exercise with their boating, there are a growing number of paddle boats around. These

are foot-powered. The "captain" moves the boat by pumping with his feet. Usually, these affairs have a horse-and-buggy-like seat for two, are mounted on pontoons and don't attract many buyers except exercise enthusiasts and the vigorous young.

But the big news in boating this year is not in any basic rejiggering of the hulls but in some of the accessories that are showing up at boat shows and in boat show-rooms. With giant numbers of people now confirmed boat users, manufacturers are turning substantial amounts of their talents and cash to the developments of products that will appeal and be used by that vast boat-owning market. Among them:

Hang-over-the-inside-of-your-boat tackle boxes. No longer do you have to find a protected place in the bottom of your boat for your tackle box (where you still might trip over it, knock barbed lures onto the boat bottom and end up with a frustrating ten minutes of gingerly picking up lures, sinkers, pliers, etc.) A spring-loaded hook holds the box to the side and allows you to put lures you're using, along with a couple of cans of refreshments you're using, in a safe place.

Fishermen win with a new set of foot controls that allow them to steer an

outboard with their feet while they are trolling. What better Father's Day, Fourth of July or July 14 (if you have some Gallic blood in your veins, and who doesn't?) gift could be bought for or by a fisherman?

A small pen-size flare-launcher that can be worth a thousand times its weight in case of an emergency.

A burglar alarm designed especially for boats. With thieves enjoying boating just as much as honest boat buyers, these could be a worthwhile addition to any ship. It protects gear as well as the boat itself and emits a loud and thief-frightening wail when it is triggered.

Indoor-outdoor carpeting. While not new to the world, the boating world is only now beginning to install it on large numbers of boats as standard equipment, and most older boats don't have it. If you already own a boat, you might want to consider adding this attractive and foot-easy material to it.

One manufacturer has come up with an engine-driven refrigerator for small boats. It, literally, is a gas. You keep this unit cool by vaporizing small amounts of gasoline, drawn from the fuel line by a vacuum tap. The unit is sealed, so the gasoline condenses again and goes back into the fuel tank without emitting fumes.

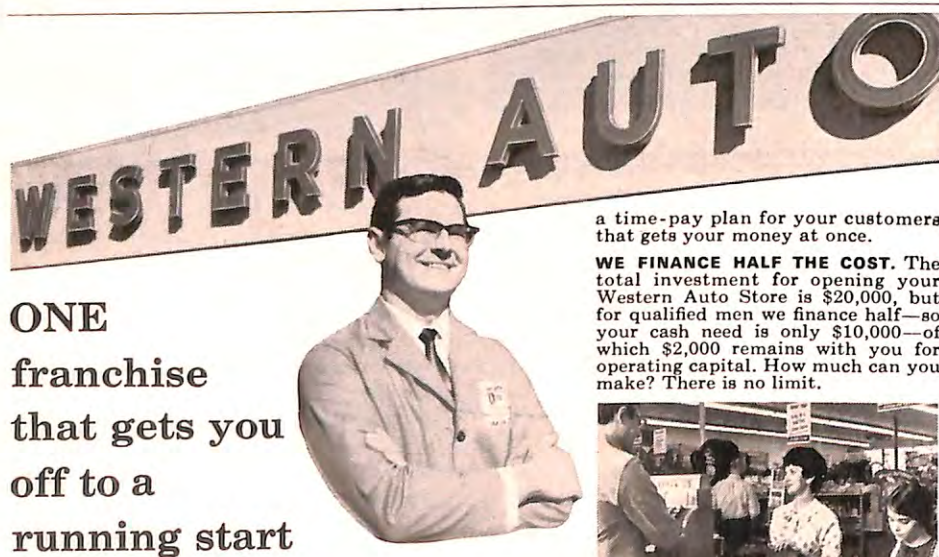
The boat owner who has had the frustrating experience of craning his neck into dark holes of his boat to make small repairs will appreciate—and probably come ashore to buy—a gooseneck flashlight that is being sold in boating stores for less than \$3.00.

Disposable linens are getting widespread use among boat owners who find them more practical, they have a "life" of seven days, than cloth sheets and pillow cases that must be laundered regularly. (There just aren't that many washing machines aboard small boats or alongside docking areas.)

No article about new boats would be wholly complete without some comment about what you should look for when you're boat-shopping. What makes a good boat? Here are five suggestions that should help you to answer that question:

Does it *look* good? Is it much like most other boats in basic design? There have been boat operators for centuries, and they learn, by hard competition with relentless seas, what moves well in the water and what doesn't. Don't fuss too much with designs that are radically different from most other boats. At least, think twice, or half a dozen times, about buying something that obviously is a radical departure from the usual. Tried and true designs probably will give you more boating fun for your dollar than the odd and the bizarre.

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One proposal is to rename the Pentagon "Eisenhower Center" in honor of the late president. Another is to have the D. C. Stadium renamed in honor of the late Robert F. Kennedy.

GIANT INDUSTRIES are locked in battle with the Federal Trade Commission against anti-trust actions designed to prevent them from formation of gigantic conglomerates. Litton Industries, Inc., a conglomerate with revenues of \$1.9 billion, has warned that any anti-trust action concerning it might damage European confidence in the Nixon Adm. The FTC wants Litton to divest itself of Triumph-Adler, a German typewriter company which it took over last Fall for \$51 million.

CRIME AND VIOLENCE cannot be successfully fought in our nation unless the rule of law prevails, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI emphasizes in his Law Enforcement Bulletin. He said, "We are asking our officers to operate under an honor system in dealing with an element of our society which has no honor. Certainly, arresting officers must be allowed to perform their duty with the assurance they have the support of the public, the government on all levels, and the courts. It cannot be achieved if arresting officers are required to make an apologetic approach to every killer, rapist, robber and thug roaming our streets."



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AMERICA FIRST, an old slogan, flames brightly over the 50 states of our nation as it faces new international crises. President Nixon has made it crystal clear that come what may, the USA will be an equal power if not the leading power of all nations. "We will never become a second class power" he emphasized. That means our National Defense will continue to be adequate to defend this country from surprise attack. It means our intelligence planes off North Korea or anywhere else will have ships and combat planes for protection. There will be no pull-out in Vietnam until a plan for a just peace is agreed upon. Hand in hand with this is the vast program now underway to fight crime, lawlessness and vandalism. The little Elks stamps which show the American Flag and beneath it the words "Love it or Leave" tell the story.

TOO MUCH POP is not good for kiddies, the Food and Drug Adm. warns. For little children one or two bottles a day is about the limit, for adults five or six. FDA has proposed labeling requirements for food products which contain cyclamates of which about 70 percent is used in soft drinks.

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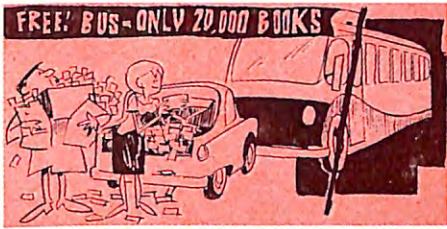
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GET A FREE BUS, an honest to goodness school bus, kids, if you can save enough trading stamps. It only takes 20,000 books to get the bus but an organization, the Jewish Foundation for Retarded Children is campaigning to get one.

BALD CONGRESSMEN are in the minority in this first session of the Nixon Administration. Just how they keep their hair is a mystery. Two of the senior members of the House noted for years because of their long white hair are Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, S.C. and Rep. Leslie C. Arands, Ill. As for the ladies, glamorous wigs are now \$29.90, wiglets \$9.90 and falls \$19.90.

JUNE JOTTINGS. U. S. Safety Bureau's auto defects division with 10 employees is said to be the only unmanned government office. . . . Restaurant on Capitol Hill invited folks to a "hanging" which consisted of a display of paintings. . . . Jordan waits for the U. S. to make good on a promise to deliver F104 jet fighters. . . . National welfare totals include two million oldsters, 100,000 blind and 700,000 disabled. . . . Washington policeman discharged from the Army with a good record was released from the force because he is an inch and a quarter below the 5 foot 7 inch minimum of the Dept. . . . Chitlins can still be bought here. . . . Only two Washington hospitals participate in the Medicaid program. . . . School pupil here was asked to use a sentence with the word accumulate. He answered ACCUMULATE TO SCHOOL YESTERDAY.

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**NEWS
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IN CONJUNCTION with Charleston, W. Va., Elks' tribute to their lodge Secretary—Brother Ira D. Maynor—GER Edward W. McCabe presents him with letters and citations from the Grand Lodge. During the course of Brother Maynor's 35 years of service as Secretary, he has processed for membership better than 75 percent of all Charleston Elks.



NILES, Michigan, Elks recently honored one of the lodge's most prominent members—Michigan SP Robert J. Lace. Shown with Brother Lace are (from left) two other notable Niles Elks, PSPs Charles T. Noble and Leland L. Hamilton Sr., as well as a distinguished visitor from a neighboring state, Indiana SP Lewis C. Gerber of South Bend, and Niles ER Robert C. Locke.



GRAND TREASURER Edwin J. Maley, a New Haven, Conn., Elk, and chairman of the Connecticut Elks Crippled Children's Committee, turns over a check for \$30,000—the association's fourth payment on a pledge of \$300,000 for the Newington Hospital for Crippled Children—to Dr. Burr E. Curtis, the hospital's medical and executive director. Looking on are state Treas. Edward Kligerman and VP Francis J. Adams, both members of Branford Lodge.



THE ENTIRE "SMITH CLAN" gathers at Tallahassee, Fla., Lodge to surprise Florida SP and Mrs. Julian C. Smith (foreground, center) upon the State President's homecoming visit to the lodge. Except for his son, Tallahassee ER William T. Smith (fourth from right) and his wife, all the family members had traveled from out of state to participate in the celebration.



RETARDED CHILDREN will benefit from this \$1,000 donation, presented by Holyoke, Mass., ER John F. Mielke to Mr. Joseph Casey (seated), chairman of Sunshine Village for Retarded Children. Smiling their approval are two Holyoke Lodge charity committeemen, Brother Lionel L. Foucher and Brother Leon G. Hebert.



NOTABLE ALABAMA ELKS pause for a photograph with GER Edward W. McCabe at the entrance to the Alabama Elks Memorial Center in Montgomery, where the association carries out its major project—rehabilitation of the handicapped. The dignitaries, who were on hand for a luncheon honoring Brother McCabe, are (from left) state Executive VP Howard Hannah, Bessemer; DDGER Roy C. Varner, Bessemer; state Secy.-Treas. Ronald Creel, Montgomery; PGER Robert G. Pruitt; GER McCabe; PDD Adin Batson, Florence, a former GL officer, and SP W. H. Stewart, Montgomery. The Center helps “the handicapped to help the handicapped.”



TAKING TIME OUT for a photograph during the recent dedication of Mount Kisco, N.Y., Lodge's new \$300,000 building are two national Elks leaders, GER Edward W. McCabe and PGER Ronald J. Dunn, chairman of the GL Advisory Committee, and two of the lodge's Past Exalted Rulers, DDGER Edward F. Ahneman Jr. (left) and immediate PER Salvatore A. Adorno. Brother Ahneman initiated the building project five years ago during his term as Exalted Ruler; Brother Adorno saw it to its completion.



A NUMBER OF NOTABLE ELKS gather at South Bend, Ind., Lodge to participate in the lodge's recent 75th anniversary and mortgage-burning ceremonies: (from left) ER William H. Madison; PGER Fred L. Bohn; GER Edward W. McCabe; PGER Lee A. Donaldson; GL Judiciary Chairman Glenn L. Miller, of Logansport, Ind., Lodge; Indiana SP Lewis C. Gerber, a member of South Bend Lodge; GL Youth Activities Committeeman Gerald L. Powell, Peru, Ind., and DDGER Charles K. Whitted, Gary, Ind. PGER Donaldson had dedicated the lodge facilities when he was Grand Exalted Ruler in 1962-1963 and now presided over the mortgage burning; GER McCabe was the featured speaker at the lodge's anniversary celebration.

NEW JERSEY ELKS' dignitaries participating in the recent institution ceremonies of Eatontown, N.J., Lodge No. 2402 pose for a group photograph with the new lodge's charter officers, headed by ER Anthony Scheri (seated, fourth from left). Flanking Brother Scheri are SP Edmund H. Hanlon of Red Bank Lodge, who presided over the installation, and PGER William J. Jernick; and next to the PGER is DDGER Leonard F. Hauselt of Asbury Park Lodge, who officiated at the institution. The 180 candidates were initiated by officers of the sponsoring Long Branch, N.J., Lodge. PDD John M. Barrett (standing, left), Belmar, was master of ceremonies for the affair.



MEMBERS of Macomb, Ill., Lodge contend that they have the only Elks Easter Bunny "Hare"—that is, Brother Lee Hare, who has donned the lodge's bunny suit to visit with a young lady at McDough District Hospital, Macomb. Brother Bob Foote assists with the gifts. Macomb Elks' Easter Bunny was on an annual tour of area hospitals and nursing homes—eliciting smiles at the sight of floppy ears, bringing small gifts and a bit of joy to the very young and the very old.



ROYAL TREATMENT is the order of the day for the PERs of Crescent City, Calif., Lodge. Here, PER Elmer Myers, a charter life member, is escorted into the lodge by two pretty young misses, while trumpeteers herald his arrival. The occasion: a recent PERs Night, where such treatment for all the lodge's past leaders was provided by ER William Parker. Another surprise was the featured program, "Good of the Order," in which professional newsmen reviewed highlight events of each PER's term. The pretty misses, incidentally, are both daughters of Elks—Miss Cheri Parker (left), whose father is ER Parker, and Miss Chris Petersen, daughter of Judge Frank S. Petersen. Tim Hollinseed and Rocky Valley, of the Del Norte County high school band, are the trumpeteers.

LODGE NOTES

HELENA, Mont. Lodge members recently focused the eyes and ears of their community on problems of communication by sponsoring Speech and Hearing Month. Activities held during the month-long assault on speech problems included a smorgasbord to bring together the parents of children with speech problems and specialists who can correct these problems, a demonstration of work being done with a five-year-old girl who has a common speech problem, and an annual charity ball which helps finance the state association's speech and hearing program. On hand to assist with the presentation to the public was Glen Vicker, director of the Elks statewide speech and hearing program.

PEEKSKILL, N.Y. Lodge members recently staged three events—a golf Hole-in-One Classic, World Series Baseball Special, and lobster dinner-dance—to benefit the Edward J. Keon Memorial School for Retarded Children, the lodge's "pet" charity recipient.

PRESCOTT, Ariz. Exalted Ruler Lloyd T. Tharp recently had the privilege of initiating his son, Terry, into the lodge. The new Brother Tharp was home on leave from the U.S. Navy at the time his initiation was performed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. The 25th anniversary reunion of the USS *Gambier Bay* CVE-73, which was sunk Oct. 25, 1944, will be held in St. Louis Oct. 24 through 26, 1969. Brothers are asked to address inquiries for additional information to: USS *Gambier Bay* Association, c/o Charles G. Heintz, R. R. #1, Box B, Maria Stein, Ohio 45860.

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. An extra special day for a group of physically handicapped children of the Harry Anna Crippled Children's Home, Umatilla, was sponsored recently by the lodge. The children were guests of honor for a day of fun at the circus in New Smyrna Beach.

OGDEN, Utah. Lodge members recently presented American flags and recognition certificates to 254 scouts of northern Utah, who had attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1968. The presentations took place in conjunction with an honor banquet hosted by the Lake Bonneville Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

SAGINAW, Mich. Lodge members wish to express their gratitude and appreciation to Yuma, Ariz., Elks and to Brother Dennis McKeogh of Yuma Lodge for a recent act of brotherhood.

Saginaw Brother William Fahmanstiel and his wife, vacationing recently in the Yuma area, had the misfortune to lose all their money, and stopped at a motel to make inquiries. The motel's manager—Brother McKeogh—immediately offered to loan the Fahmanstiels enough money to see them through the emergency. Brother Fahmanstiel gratefully reported the incident in a letter to Saginaw Lodge, which was noted in the minutes of the next lodge meeting.

Elks everywhere can take pride in this fine illustration of the cardinal principles of the Order.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. Wilkes-Barre and Pittston Elks recently joined forces for a banquet at Pittston Lodge honoring 40 boys who had attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

General chairman for the lodges' first annual recognition program was Wilkes-Barre PER Stanley Gross, who was assisted by committeemen from both lodges; Wilkes-Barre ER John S. Novitski and Pittston ER Carmen DeBiasi were named honorary chairmen.

COLONIE, N.Y. Two American flags, which had been flown over the U. S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., were presented recently to the lodge by Congressman Daniel E. Button (R-N.Y.).



SARANAC LAKE, New York, Lodge-sponsored hockey team in the Lake Placid, N.Y., Pee Wee Hockey League—and coach Richard Whitney—take a breather after a workout on the ice in Lake Placid's Olympic Arena. Justifiably proud of their year-round sports program for youth, Saranac Lake Elks also have a hockey team of eight to twelve-year-olds in the local league. One of their teams played an exhibition game in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza this last winter; their fine performance attracted widespread newspaper and television coverage.



NEW JERSEY PSP William H. Browning, Dover, N.J., a former GL State Associations committee-man, is on hand for the presentation of Life Memberships to two Newton, N.J., Elks honored at a recent lodge dinner: PDD and PVP Spencer Hawthorne and PDD Joseph Feder. Shown at the ceremony are Brother Feder, ER Charles Cooper, Brother Hawthorne, and Brother Browning.



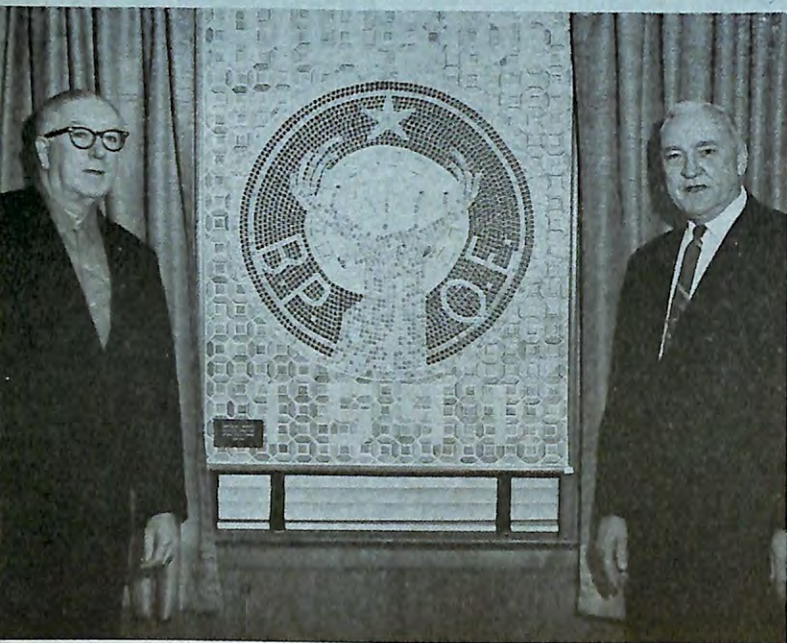
MARTINSBURG, West Virginia, Elks recognize a distinguished Life Member and Past Exalted Ruler—Dr. M. H. Porterfield, a Past District Deputy and Past State President—by initiating a class of 15 in his honor. Shown with Brother Porterfield (seated, right) are DDGER and Martinsburg PER Henry M. Little (seated, left), lodge officers, and the new Elks. Brother Porterfield's fine record of dedicated service to the Order spans his 48 years of membership in Martinsburg Lodge.



DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Lodge officers get together for a group photograph with SP Julian C. Smith (seated second from right), of Tallahassee, during the State President's visit to Florida's East Central District. Flanking Brother Smith are VP Robert W. Anthony, a member of Daytona Beach Lodge, and ER Robert D. Barrington.



POUGHKEEPSIE, New York, Lodge's 38-year Treasurer Walter J. Davis (seated, sixth from left) is rewarded for his many years of dedicated service with an Honorary Life Membership, presented to him upon his retirement from office at a testimonial dinner in his honor. Flanking Brother Davis are ER Charles W. Smith and PDD Joseph T. Russell, a lodge member and toastmaster for the dinner. Among some 200 persons in attendance also shown are PVP Howard L. Laib (standing, right), of Red Hook-Rhinebeck Lodge, and PDDs E. L. Tinklepaugh, lodge secretary, and Edward R. Myer, the incoming lodge treasurer.



A PLAQUE for Hillside, N.J., Lodge, made of colored mosaic tiles and showing the Elks emblem with the name of Hillside above it and the number of the lodge—1591—below, is presented by Brother Joseph Powers (left) to immediate PER Walter Reutter. The plaque will be displayed in the Hillside Elks' building.



YOUNG Jeffrey White tries out a new wheelchair—a gift from Garfield, N.J., Elks. The lodge's crippled children's chairman, Walter Sannik (right), presented the wheelchair, and a T-bar, to Jeffrey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard White. Also on hand were Miss A. Calabresse, the nurse, and ER Alfred Rymkewicz.



SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Lodge's eight new members pose for a group photograph with ER Ricardo J. Pagan and PER and Secy. Rafael Bird Sr.



DURING A TESTIMONIAL DINNER at Long Branch, N.J., Lodge, PGER William J. Jernick presents a plaque to the honored lodge member—Brother Carleton T. Warwick, an Elk for more than 50 years, who served the lodge as Exalted Ruler for two terms and as Secretary for many years. Observing the presentation are PVP Frank S. Graziano (front, left), a lodge PER; the then acting ER Paola Paone (rear, left), and PSP Harrison S. Barnes (right), Plainfield. Past Grand Trustees Chairman Joseph F. Bader, of Lyndhurst, was the main speaker for the occasion.



VERMONT SP J. Paul Bushnell (second from right), of Brattleboro Lodge, is on hand to congratulate the proud members of Springfield Lodge's "Silver Towers Century Club," some of whom are pictured here. Each "club" member sold 100 or more tickets in an annual charity raffle for the Silver Towers Camp for Exceptional Children, Brookfield, the state Elks' major project. The lodge's ticket sales totaled \$5,545—the top amount in the state-wide drive as well as an all-time high for an individual lodge.



A FIRE PREVENTION FILM entitled "Condemned"—a gift of Weymouth, Mass., Lodge—is presented by ER John Lammers Jr. to Chief James O. Stevens of the Weymouth Fire Department. The film, which depicts the great loss in human lives because of fires, is scheduled for showing in schools and before interested groups. Weymouth Elks were commended by Chief Stevens for donation of the film and for an earlier Invalidism Decal Posting Program.



ELKS NATIONAL HOME, Bedford, Virginia, residents now can enjoy this new billiard table and equipment during their recreation hours—a gift of Brother William J. Logue (right), a Home resident and member of Manchester, N.H., Lodge. Home Superintendent and Virginia VP Doral E. Irvin (second from right) is pictured presenting the cue stick to Brother Dirrelle Chaney, a Sullivan, Ind., Elk who resides at the Home, as Brother Logue and another Home resident, George A. Fath, Chambersburg, Pa., look on.



LA GRANGE, Georgia, ER Thorne Lane (front row, second from left), assisted by the other lodge officers, welcomes DDGER John N. Vassas (front row, center), a Warner Robins Elk, on the occasion of his visit to La Grange Lodge. With them, also, is PER Walter H. Cotton (back row, second from left).



GREENWICH, New York, ER Bernard J. James (left) presents a check, on behalf of the lodge, to Mr. Gardner B. Cullinan, administrator of Mary McClellan Hospital, as Chap. J. Walter Fitzpatrick looks on approvingly. The donation represents Greenwich Elks' final payment on a \$2,400 pledge.



TEANECK, New Jersey, Elks spearhead programs for area youth, such as art classes, to be operated jointly by the lodge and the Teaneck Township Recreation Department. Reviewing the plans are (from left) Richard Rodda, Teaneck director of recreation; Harry Edelson, lodge youth chairman; Deputy Mayor Max A. Hasse Jr.; Teaneck PER Frank W. Handelong, state youth chairman, and ER Arthur R. Hug.



THE "FORGOTTEN" STUDENT is remembered by Greenfield, Mass., Elks, who awarded portable typewriters to five area high school seniors as part of the lodge's program of recognition of the loyal, capable, average student who does not qualify for the usual scholarship assistance. ER Daniel J. Kelleher (center) and James A. Fotopulos (left), youth chairman, are on hand to present the awards to the winners: Joanne Osowski, Patricia Collins, Judy Olszewski, Michael Sheridan, and Cynthia Whitney (not shown).



ANNAPOLIS, Maryland, Lodge's "Operation School Bus" is climaxed with the presentation of bus keys to Miss Peggy Williamson, secretary-treasurer of the Providence Center for Exceptional Children, by Brother Earl Schellman, project director, and ER J. Patrick Henry. The drive to purchase the bus was initiated last fall when the Elks learned that the retarded children's school was badly in need of transportation for the youngsters.



FOUR INDIANA, Pennsylvania, Brothers—Chap. Robert Bothel, Est. Lead. Kt. Peter R. Ricupero, PER and Secy. Fred Moreau, and PER and Trustee Herman Ricupero—display their GER's New Century Special Citations for securing ten or more new members in the previous year. On hand for the presentation ceremony are SP Nicholas P. Chacona (right), Sayre, and (on left) VP Ronald Wolfe and ER Robert Harkleroad.



WEST HAVEN, Connecticut, Lodge's Crippled Children's Committee chairman, Robert A. Cuny (seated), turns over the proceeds from a recent lodge benefit for crippled children to Grand Treas. Edwin J. Maley, a New Haven Elk and the state's major projects chairman. Observing the culmination of the successful event is West Haven PER Lloyd H. Churchill.



SPRINGFIELD, New Jersey, Elks' outstanding performance in the Northwest District's annual crippled children's drive is cited on the plaque presented by District Chairman Joseph M. Florio, a PER of Parsippany-Troy Hills Lodge, to Springfield Lodge's Chairman Ralph DeFino and ER John E. Sayres in recent ceremonies at Lake Hopatcong Lodge. The district drive netted an all-time high of \$9,000; Springfield Lodge contributed \$3,600 of the total.

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SHOWCASES FOR THE ORDER

1968-1969 BULLETIN WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The 1968-1969 Lodge Bulletin Contest, sponsored by the GL Lodge Activities Committee, has again produced many fine examples of fraternal journalism. The excellent reporting of local Elk activities and the generally high quality of the lodge publications were most impressive, according to the contest judge, Timothy D. Gover.

Mr. Gover, long affiliated with the Mattoon (Ill.) *Daily Journal-Gazette*, is also a member of the faculty at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Ill. Mattoon PER Omer C. Macy was the competition chairman.

The winners, grouped according to lodge membership, are as follows:

- A—MORE THAN 2,000 MEMBERS**
 1—San Mateo, Calif.
 2—San Jose, Calif.
 3—Grand Forks, N.D.
- B—1,001 to 2,000 MEMBERS**
 1—El Cajon, Calif.
 2—Plymouth, Mich.
 3—Manhattan, Kan.
- C—601 to 1,000 MEMBERS**
 1—Kissimmee, Fla.
 2—Pittsburg, Calif.
 3—Westchester, Calif.

D—301 to 600 MEMBERS

- 1—Biloxi, Miss.
 2—North Palm Beach, Fla.
 3—Harlingen, Tex.

E—FEWER THAN 300 MEMBERS

- 1—Belmar, N.J.
 2—Irvington, N.J.
 3—Bowie, Md.

Lodges with publications that received honorable mention are:

MORE THAN 2,000 MEMBERS—Springfield, Ill.; San Pedro, Calif.; Redondo Beach, Calif.; Fargo, N.D., and Tulsa, Okla.

1,001 to 2,000 MEMBERS—Roanoke, Va.; Mendota, Ill.; Lawrenceville, Ill.; Binghamton, N.Y., and Midland, Mich.

601 to 1,000 MEMBERS—Paramount, Calif.; Columbus, Neb.; Aurora, Colo.; Norfolk, Neb., and Atlantic City, N.J.

301 to 600 MEMBERS—Duluth, Minn.; Ridgecrest, Calif.; Fairfield, Calif.; Carson, Calif., and Vista, Calif.

FEWER THAN 300 MEMBERS—Closter, N.J.; West Milford, N.J.; Wickenburg, Ariz.; Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., and Oglesby, Ill.



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Both before and after America led the world into the Atomic Age, "with a sudden light so great that God's eyes gleamed," problems of national security, monitoring radiation, freak accidents, the vagaries of the weather and the human spirit continued to pose problems for the testing experiments of the bomb makers at Los Alamos, the Eniwetok Atoll, and the Nevada Proving Grounds, or wherever men were engaged in developing ideas to increase the nuclear capacity of the United States. Our story began with two old friends, Drs. Payne S. Harris and Richard Durant, who met at Los Alamos to reminisce about the roles they played in the drama. These men, like the thousands of others who worked valiantly, laughed, wept, and prayed to awaken a sleeping giant among invisible atoms and molecules, are today, in their own words, "Dodo Birds," but they still remember . . .

"Security was a constant problem," said Harris. "One of the incidents few people on the Hill ever heard about was the transportation of liquid tritium. This was one of the vital ingredients in the ignition apparatus of the hydrogen or 'wet bomb'. Of course tests on the hydrogen bomb did not begin until after Japan surrendered. The DuPont Company in the East was the original manufacturer of tritium and it was shipped by tank trucks to Los Alamos because the tritium evaporated quickly.

"Well, what happened to the first shipment was unbelievable. . . ."

The truck departed the east on schedule, with its driver absolutely ignorant of the true nature of the cargo. The manifest simply listed it as liquid fuel. Passing through a small Missouri town, he was arrested for chauffeuring an overloaded truck.

"You long-haulers apparently don't believe in the law," the Judge snapped.

"But in our town, we do. The fine is \$150. Also your trailer is impounded until you dump down to legal limits."

Bewildered, the truck driver explained he didn't have much money on his person and would have to call his employer long distance. The traffic boss to whom he spoke was as uninformed as he about what was inside the tank, but he assured the Judge the fine would be paid.

"Okay, but he stays in jail until we get the money."

A full day passed before knowledgeable people at DuPont became aware of the debacle and placed an urgent call to the supply officer at Los Alamos.

From that point telephones began jangling frantically:

"General, it seems as though this truck driver is in jail. . . ."

"Do you mean to say you're calling me about a measly \$150?"

"No sir, that isn't exactly the problem. You see the tanker has been impounded and you see, sir, there is the matter of national security and an awkward business of Federal intervention in local affairs."

"Now you listen good. Get somebody down there and get that shipment released. I don't care how you do it, call the Justice Department, the Interstate Commerce Commission, anybody short of the President, am I coming through loud and clear?"

"How did they get the truck released, Payne?" Durant asked.

some funny things happened while we were making the bomb



By Thorn Bacon

Second of a two part series on the Atomic Bomb

"Oh, they finally flew an impressive looking Colonel down and he gravely explained to the Judge that the tanker was on a mission of vital national importance. But the truck driver still had to pay the fine!"

"The most frustrating experience I ever had with security people," explained Harris, "was while I was stationed at the Nevada Proving Grounds in the Fall of 1951. We were involved in the second of a continuing test series with the code name Buster-Jungle. . . ."

The bomb to be exploded had the day before been hoisted to the top of a lofty steel tower on the Nevada desert. It was anchored in an iron cradle and all but the final priming had been completed. Crawling with switches and wound with wires, it resembled some ugly, helpless animal which had fallen into a nest of writhing snakes.

The meteorology people were especially sensitive; for, as in every test, their constant worry was the advent of a sudden electrical storm. The steel tower was really a giant lightning rod and no one really knew for certain of the consequences if a sizzling bolt struck it. Too, they were still smarting from a caustic directive which had been issued by the commanding officer a few weeks before. On that occasion, a weather briefing had been called. The chief meteorologist was waiting in the windowless weather shack for the scientists, but nobody showed up because torrents of rain had shut down every activity on the base. The next day, the Commanding Officer dictated this memorandum:

Subject: WEATHER BRIEFINGS.

The Chief Meteorologist will have an eyehole drilled on the lee side of the weather shack, so that he or his personnel may make a visual observation as to whether or not it is raining hard at the time a weather briefing is called. It is suggested that the eyehole be drilled at an earthward deflected angle. This will prevent undue wetting of the inside observer.

Engineering should be consulted, if need be, to calculate the exact degree of angle of the eyehole.

The day of the test dawned bright and clear. Across the desert, the men in the lead-encased shelters had donned goggles of dark welder's glass. Last minute checks on the timing and firing circuits had been made. The bomb's detonators were activated, the countdown began. At 10 seconds, a gong sounded over the public address system. The men hunched down as the remaining count told them the final pulse of high voltage electricity was surging into the firing unit and then—nothing.

Half an hour later, with circuits to the monster disconnected, two men gingerly clambered up the tower and disarmed the bomb. Back on the ground they reported the bomb was stuck and it would be impossible to hoist it down through the framework of the tower. After a hurried conference, the decision was made to blow down the tower. The bomb could then be worked free, if the impact failed to dislodge it, on the ground. The problem that immediately presented itself was that there was no demolition expert on the base with the proper security clearance. A hurried phone call to Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Chemical Center in Maryland soon had an Army major enroute by jet.

Harris snorted. "From the moment he stepped out of the plane it was obvious this was a pompous, take-charge officer. We explained the problem to him while we were being jeeped to the tower. . . ."

"Nothing to it," he said, when he had tramped around the steel base. "We'll put three equal charges, one at the foot of each leg. Pow, up she'll go, and your problem will be solved. Simple, eh?"

Quietly, Harris said, "It's your show, major."

"Righto," the major said, and strode off purposefully to supervise the placing of dynamite.

By now it was 8 o'clock. All but the necessary authorized personnel had gone home. Huge floodlamps stationed 500 yards from the tower bathed the steel structure in an eerie yellow light. It was 10:25 when the major, panting slightly, returned to his station.

"Hate to be called out on a simple job like this," he said, scrubbing dust from his hands with a handkerchief. "But all in the line of duty, you know. All right then, here she goes."

There was a blast, a sudden wallowing cloud of dust at the base of the tower, and rising majestically, caught in the radiance of the floodlamps, the steel structure rose straight up then

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slowly settled down again, upright as ever.

"Can't understand it," the major said, as he, Harris, and four others inspected the damage. The only destruction achieved by the explosion had been to evenly shorten the three steel legs by about five feet.

"Major," said Harris, "I hate to tell you your business, but wouldn't it be a good idea to put just a single charge on one of the supports. That way the thing would topple over, and we could all go home and go to bed?"

"As you say, Doctor, I am the expert here. We'll just have to put a little more English on it this time."

1:35 a.m. Boom!

1:42 a.m. "Still standing."

"Yes, major, and we're out of dynamite."

"Out of firecrackers, eh. In that case chaps, can't see any purpose losing more sleep. We'll give it another go in the morning. Goodnight!"

"What in the world did you finally do, Payne?" Durant gasped.

"Well, we couldn't leave the silly thing standing with an unexploded bomb, disarmed or not. So I got on the phone and traced the security officer to

a bar in Tonapoh. I asked him to please lower the level of security clearance so I could call out the professional riggers who had built the tower in the first place. They simply tied a steel rope to one leg of the tower, hooked the other end to a tractor and pulled it down. The bomb boys came in, removed the weapon and we went to bed."

"What about the major?"

"Oh, he went back to Aberdeen. He's still blowing things up and down as far as I know."

When Durant's laughter subsided, Harris said, "You were on Eniwetok, Dick, did you ever meet a fellow named Smitty? Bless Me, I can't recall his last name, but when I was on the Island, he was just Smitty, a fine Naval ordnance officer who stuttered. He was a member of a firing party and we were preparing for some tests on the Island. Something unexpected happened one night that scared the wits out of Smitty. All of us changed our drawers after it was over.

A black and dismal night shrouded Eniwetok, the small atoll in the Marshall Group of the Pacific Islands. Not a star shown and slashing rain borne on a howling wind, had soaked the Island intermittently for hours. When finally,

the wind died, the scientists who constituted the firing crew ran out of the main shelter to check for rain and wind damage to the electrical circuits connected to the tower. Smitty, a chubby, earnest, anxious man in his early thirties, armed with a flashlight, scurried back through the dripping wetness to the bomb relay shack, where the switches that would close all arming and timing circuits were located. On the day of the test, they would be activated by a remote signal from miles away at sea.

During the interval it required Smitty to reach the bomb shack, two men had mounted to the pinnacle of the tower to check for damage to automatic timing signals.

At the same moment, two other men were stationed in the slippery elevator, about to ascend to the top when suddenly a great, red, blossoming light, flared from the top of the tower. It crowned the pinnacle with a lustrous pink halo, lighted the entire length of the steel-ribbed tower with a purplish afterglow, then winked out.

For three minutes, there was no movement, no sound, on the atoll except the rain dripping in puddles. Then out of the darkness, came a figure sloshing furiously, a swath of light slicing the gloom as he ran.

By this time, Harris and two other men had become mobilized. As they burst out of a tarpaper shack, Smitty ran headlong into them. White-faced and trembling, the terrified man said, "Payne, th-th-the thing wen-wen-went off!"

"No, I don't think so," Harris swallowed.

"Hey, up there," he yelled at the tower, "are you all right?"

No answer. Then—like a toad croaking wearily, came a voice, "Just send up a bucket and a shovel, will ya?"

"What in the world happened, Payne?" Durant asked.

"Poor Smitty had tripped a relay open while he was checking his circuits. It activated a timing device that set off an automatic photo flare, by which the photographers would focus their cameras about 3 minutes before the real pyrotechnics were scheduled to begin on test day. It took Smitty three days to recover his speech. For that matter it was a bit too much for all of us. Morale improved, though, after some joker hung a bucket on the tower neatly labeled, 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.'"

"All sorts of freaks happened while we were making the bomb," Durant recalled. "Probably the most used expression was FUBAR—Fouled up beyond repair. About two months before the test, the base camp near the Trinity Site was bombed. Everybody swore the super-secret project had been dis-

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Elks National Foundation

Receives Bequest Exceeding One Million Dollars

A bequest to the Elks National Foundation has added more than a million dollars to the Order's benevolent trust fund, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, announced.

He said that the Foundation has received \$1,164,502 under the will of Mrs. Leah J. Baum of Jackson, Tenn., who died in November, 1967. Mrs. Baum made the Foundation the beneficiary of her residuary estate, which consisted of cash and securities.

The bequest was the largest ever received by the Foundation and it brought total contributions for the year ended March 31 to the record figure of \$2,348,004. It was the first time that gifts for any year surpassed two million dollars since the Foundation was created in 1928. The previous record year was 1965-66 when contributions totaled \$1,331,939.

Mrs. Baum was the widow of William J. Baum who had been a member of Jackson Elks Lodge No. 192 for 50 years. On behalf of the Foundation Trustees and the entire Order, Brother Walker expressed deep thanks for Mrs. Baum's generosity and foresight in choosing the Foundation as the agency through which her wealth could be put to constructive charitable purposes in perpetuity.

In so doing, Mrs. Baum was guided by a suggestion made by Hugh W. Hicks, a Past Grand Trustee, honorary life member of Jackson Elks Lodge and Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Jackson. Brother Hicks' bank was named executor and trustee of the estate.

Brother Hicks has long been an active supporter of the Foundation as well as a generous contributor in his own right. Chairman Walker praised Brother Hicks' alertness in proposing the Foundation as a suitable recipient of Mrs. Baum's estate. He cited it as



GER Edward W. McCabe presented an appreciation award to Past Chairman, Board of Grand Trustee's Hugh W. Hicks "for sincere and devoted effort" to the National Foundation. It was Brother Hicks' interest in the Foundation that caused Mrs. Leah J. Baum of Jackson, Tenn., to leave the bulk of her estate to the National Foundation. Attending the presentation during which the transfer of Mrs. Baum's bequest was completed were John L. Walker, National Foundation chairman, and Nelson E. W. Stuart, executive director.

an excellent example of the way in which Elk lawyers, trust officers and other estate advisers can serve their clients well and at the same time be of tremendous assistance to the Foundation.

By coincidence, the record-breaking bequest from the widow of a Tennessee Elk was received during the administration of Edward W. McCabe of Nashville, Tenn., Lodge No. 72, the first Tennessean to serve as Grand Exalted Ruler.

The Foundation spends only its income, currently amounting to about \$750,000 yearly. Thus, Mrs. Baum's gift will give a substantial boost to funds available each year to the Foundation for various benevolent purposes.

It will also allow the Foundation to increase greatly the quota of scholarships allocated to Tennessee as well as other benefits that are received in proportion to gifts made to the Foundation.

Welcome and important though bequests are, Foundation officials emphasize that it is the modest but continued contributions by loyal givers over the years that have made the Foundation a success. They point out that the \$10 contributions of individual Elks year after year and those of \$100 or multiples from lodges and state associations have made possible the programs of good works that now make the Foundation so appealing to those able to make more substantial gifts. ■



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Atomic Bomb II

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covered, and it wouldn't have been hard because anybody could have located Los Alamos, or Trinity by following the trail of beer cans from Sante Fe. What happened was this . . ."

On a warm May night a B-29 took off from the Airforce Base at Alamogordo, heading out on a 1500 mile practice sortie. The crew was to simulate nocturnal bombing runs on a lighted target. In a few weeks, they would be raining explosives on live targets overseas.

The lighted night targets near Trinity had been in use long before the Trinity base camp was constructed. On this night, airmen in one B-29 were making their final approach with a bomb load consisting of 200-pound dummies, each carrying about five pounds of high explosives.

The bombay doors swung open, the bombs dropped smoothly away and, as the pilot banked and peered down he was satisfied by the impact pattern of the bombs on the lighted area below that they had performed well, until

about 5 minutes later, when his ear-phones crackled a message that jammed him to straining attention in his seat. In awe he answered between the expletives pounding his ears, "Why, no sir, I didn't know that! I thought it was the target area, sir. A carpentry shop? On fire! Riding stables? Yes, sir, I'd be scared too."

Finally, when the sizzling communication from Alamogordo ended, the pilot picked up the intercom. "Seems fellas," he said to his crew, "we made a little mistake. We bombed some kind of installation, scared hell out of some M.P.'s, a bunch of horses and set fire to a carpenter's shop.

Durant stared pensively at his empty coffee cup. "Yes, we're Dodo birds, Payne," he said, "extinct, now hopelessly behind the impossible drama we helped in a small way to get started, but do remember the time . . ."

EPILOGUE: As we all know the comical Dodo was larger than a turkey but related to the pidgeon. It was last seen on the Island of Reunion. The Atom bomb became extinct several hundred years after the Dodo, but for principally the same reason: It could not compete in a civilized world that has gone on to bigger, better, more unfunny things.

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by Peter Raymond

THE FIRST TIME I ever saw a pontoon boat was about 11 years ago on Lake Minnetonka outside Minneapolis. I was with R. B. Kirkpatrick, a good fisherman, one of the world's better boating editors and probably the world's best boating companion.

We were taking photographs for an outboard engine manufacturer, and someone had suggested that we take photographs of a pontoon boat.

I was more of a photographer than a boat operator then, so I shrugged at the assignment, wondered what they were talking about and, dutifully, showed up at pierside the morning after I got the assignment.

I figured, when I saw the pontoon boat, that I was in for a long and somewhat miserable day.

Pontoon boats don't look like they are built for comfort. They also don't look like they were built for much boating. In fact, an unprejudiced view of them would suggest that they are an abortion that wasn't built for much of anything.

Pontoon boats—technically, there are all sorts of pontoon boats, but the kind I'm talking about and that most people talk about when they say 'pontoon boat' is a flat-decked affair with a cano-



py, with everything being supported by a pair of pontoons—are the kinds of things that only a mother—or father or other family member—could love. They are somewhat ugly, but they are loveable things. They're like a pet dog or an old hat.

I was wrong from the start in my judgment of the pontoon boat. It was, to put it mildly, all boat. On it that day I had one of the best boating days

Water skiing can be great fun when these pontoon boats are put to this use.

I've ever had. Let me tell you why:

The pontoon boat we had had about 140 square feet of flat deck surface, 10 or 12 times as much as most small boats have. We, because we enjoyed fishing, soon discovered that a pontoon boat is one of the best floating fishing plat-

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LODGE VISITS of EDWARD W. McCABE



GER Edward W. McCabe visited Clermont-Groveland, Fla., Lodge and the famous Florida Citrus Tower in the company of: Front Row, SP Julian C. Smith, PGER John L. Walker, PGER W. A. Wall, and PSP Russell L. Saxton. Back row: PSP Charles Campbell, DDGER Malcolm McCall, PDD George H. Borde, and ER Walter C. Green of Clermont-Groveland, Fla., who presented GER McCabe with fresh citrus fruit from Florida.



ER and Mrs. Palmer Ansley of Atlanta, Ga., are shown attending a dinner for GER and Mrs. Edward W. McCabe held in honor of the GER's visit.



On a recent visit to Fort Wayne, Ind., Lodge, GER Edward W. McCabe met four Elks from the same family. They are Glen I. Bentz, and three sons Carl, Charles, and Est. Lead. Kt. Richard Bentz.



During their visit to the Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital at Umatilla, Fla., GER Edward W. McCabe and his wife talked with all the patients there. They are shown above stopping for a chat at the bed of a smiling baby girl.



GER Edward W. McCabe is shown congratulating ER William H. Hale of Mesa, Ariz., on his lodge's winning of the East Central District Ritual Contest held in Miami, Ariz. Also in attendance were officers of the Grand Lodge and officers of the Mesa Lodge.



GER Edward W. McCabe visited Pontiac, Ill., Lodge's new home and attended the dinner dance held to dedicate the facilities in the company of PGER Lee A. Donaldson, Monte Hance, GL Americanism Committee member, PSP William S. Wolf, SP Robert Flynn, Grand Trustee G. T. Hickey, and DDGER Paul Bolen.



Snowed in at the Idaho mid-winter meeting, GER McCabe received instructions on how to use snow shoes during his recent visit. Snowmobiler SP Don Rainville and skier Shirley Conger of Caldwell, assure the GER that "the only way out of town is on snow shoes."

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forms that you can find for small lakes or average rivers. You can cast while standing up in one of these boats, have a table set up on it for your lunch, have plenty of walk-around room, and even have plenty of space for a cooler full of refreshments.

Because they ride fairly high on the water, pontoon boats move along nicely with relatively little power behind them. (You don't have to spend big bags of dollars to power a pontoon boat.)

They are ideal for drift fishing. Head into the wind with one of these boats, cut the engine and drift. The canopy acts like a small sail and catches the wind. On a really breezy day, you can take down the canopy and slow your downwind progress.

But that day on Minnetonka only proved to be an introduction to a kind of boat that I since have grown to love. Visits to small lakes, especially in the midwest, indicate that thousands of other people are in love with the same woman-boat that I am.

Consider a typical evening on a small lake in central Wisconsin. The true life family of this lake has a handsome and expensive summer home overlooking the lake. The home has a lakeside patio near the pier, and the patio borders an outdoor grill. The patio probably cost five times as much to build as the pontoon boat tied alongside the pier.

Yet the family that owns all of this moves a portable grill aboard the pontoon boat as the summer's day turns into evening. Why? Mosquitoes on land would eat them alive as they prepare their dinner. In the middle of the lake



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and protected by screening covering the sides and ends of the upper framework, there aren't any bothersome mosquitoes.

Why else? Because father can fish while mother prepares the evening meal, and they don't have to scream back and forth at one another across open water to talk about the pleasures of the evening.

More reasons? There is a splendid isolation aboard a pontoon boat in the middle of a lake on a quiet evening that you can't get ashore. Ashore, such relaxing isolation just isn't there, because the telephone may ring, visitors may appear suddenly, or neighbors' children

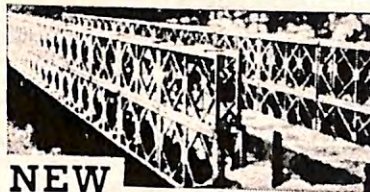
might come galloping into your evening martini or snack hour.

Another reason? Some pontoon boats have canvass flaps on them that convert the upper portion into a highly liveable tent. Button up the flaps, stretch out on an inflatable mattress or a sleeping bag aboard the boat—one of the few of smaller than big cruiser boats on which you can stretch out—and you'll have as peaceful a time as you could imagine.

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105th Session
Grand Lodge, B.P.O. Elks
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REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 9:00 AM and continuing daily during the Convention. Representatives, Grand Lodge members, visiting Elks and ladies—upper lobby, Sheraton-Dallas Hotel.

GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

All to be held in the Dallas Memorial Auditorium as follows:
SUNDAY, JULY 13, at 8:30 PM. Official Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony. Addresses of welcome by State and City officials and Honorary Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, who will preside. Principal address by Grand Exalted Ruler Edward W. McCabe.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 9:00 AM. Opening Grand Lodge business session. Election of Grand Lodge officers for 1969-70. Report of Americanism Committee.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 9:00 AM—Grand Lodge Business Session.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 9:00 AM—Open Session of Grand Lodge. Reports and awards by Elks National Foundation, Elks National Service Commission and Youth Activities Committee.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 9:00 AM—Final Grand Lodge Business Session. Installation of newly elected Grand Lodge Officers.
11:00 AM—Memorial Service

RITUALISTIC CONTEST

SATURDAY, JULY 12, SUNDAY, JULY 13, MONDAY, JULY 14—Preliminary contests—Dallas Memorial Auditorium.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16—Finals—Schedule in Official Program available at registration.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1:00 PM—Grand Exalted Ruler Elect's luncheon for all Exalted Rulers and State Presidents followed by clinic with Grand Secretary and Judiciary Committee participating. Grand Ballroom—Sheraton-Dallas Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 9:00 PM—Grand Ball honoring Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Edward W. McCabe—Grand Ballroom—Sheraton-Dallas Hotel. All Elks and ladies invited.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 9:00 to 5:00 PM—Induction and indoctrination session for newly appointed District Deputies—Hotel Sheraton-Dallas.

EXHIBITS

Display of Elk activities by Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees, State Associations and others. Registration area upper lobby Sheraton-Dallas Hotel.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ELKS AND LADIES

Visitors will be welcome throughout the Convention period to all Elk lodges in the district.

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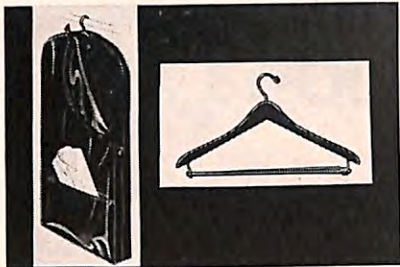
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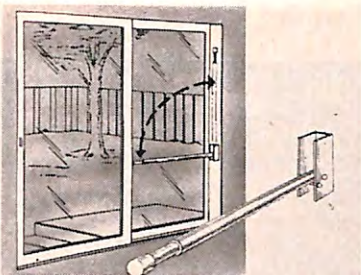
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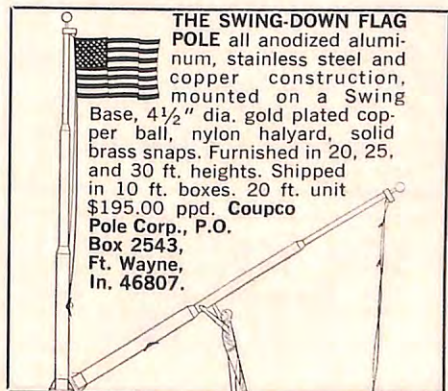
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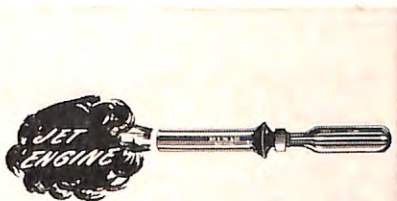
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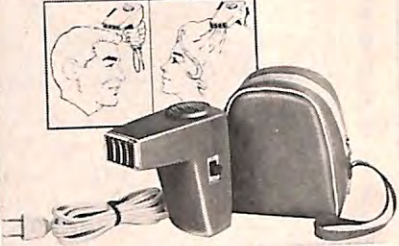
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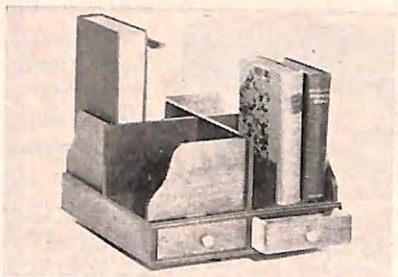
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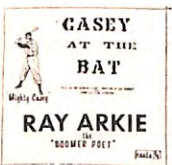
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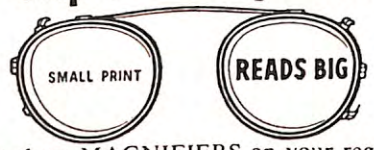
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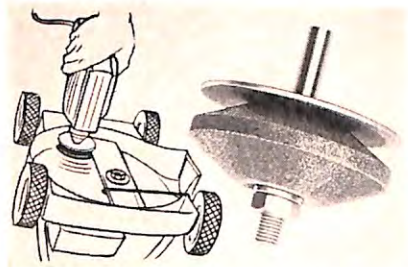
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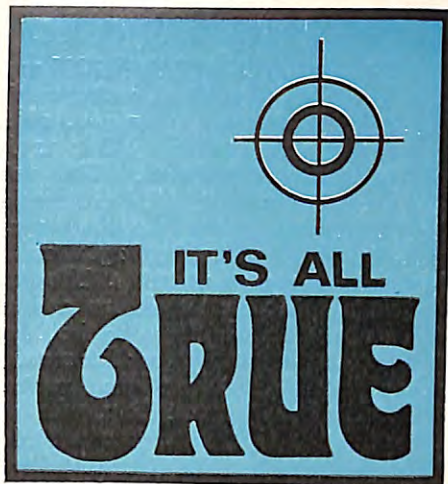
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The subject is smallmouth bass.

One rainy June day years ago during my family's summer vacation on a Wisconsin lake with the unlikely name of Sissabagama I got permission from my folks to go out fishing alone, just so long as I rowed no farther than the diving dock anchored some fifty yards from shore. With a full minnow pail and the casting outfit that stood a little taller than I did I pulled out to the raft and baited up.

I took three smallmouth in the first 15 minutes that added up to 11 pounds, and the biggest was just over five. He darn near pulled me off the raft before I landed him. These were the first smallmouth I ever caught and started me on what I hope will be a lifelong search for trophies in this battling bass species.

Basswood Lake at a spot just off the border between Ontario and Minnesota about 10 years ago gave me my second five-pound smallmouth. A red and white bucktail

jig bounced off a rocky point in about 25 feet of water did the trick one September afternoon. This bronzeback went five pounds and six ounces; he still looks full of fight as he glares down from my fireplace at home.

The third fish was evidently cruising for crawfish in about five feet of water when he sucked in a small plastic worm and jig combination I was using on an ultralight spinning rig. He sawed his way through pencil reeds that I thought sure would break the four-pound monofilament I was using. It was the Fourth of July a couple of years ago and this smallmouth provided all the necessary fireworks. But I landed him. He made the 5 1/4-pound mark on the scale and is also mounted on the wall at home, a fine memento of a jewel of a lake on North Manitou Island in Lake Michigan.

Three big smallmouth, three different lures, three different months of the year, and three widely scattered locations. These are some of the reasons I like this fish so well. Other reasons are his great leaping abilities and his dogged determination when hooked.

I have to mention one other day on smallmouth. I can't give the location, promised I never would, but three of us wading took over 100 smallmouth in one day from this spot and all were between two and four pounds. We didn't keep a single fish, by the way.

As a matter of fact, I will never keep another smallmouth, unless he weighs over six pounds and then he'll go over the mantelpiece!



TRUE TIP OF THE MONTH

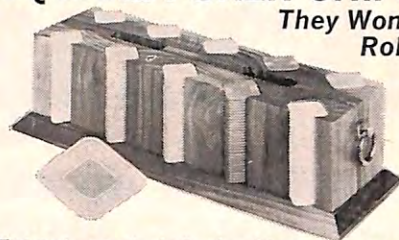
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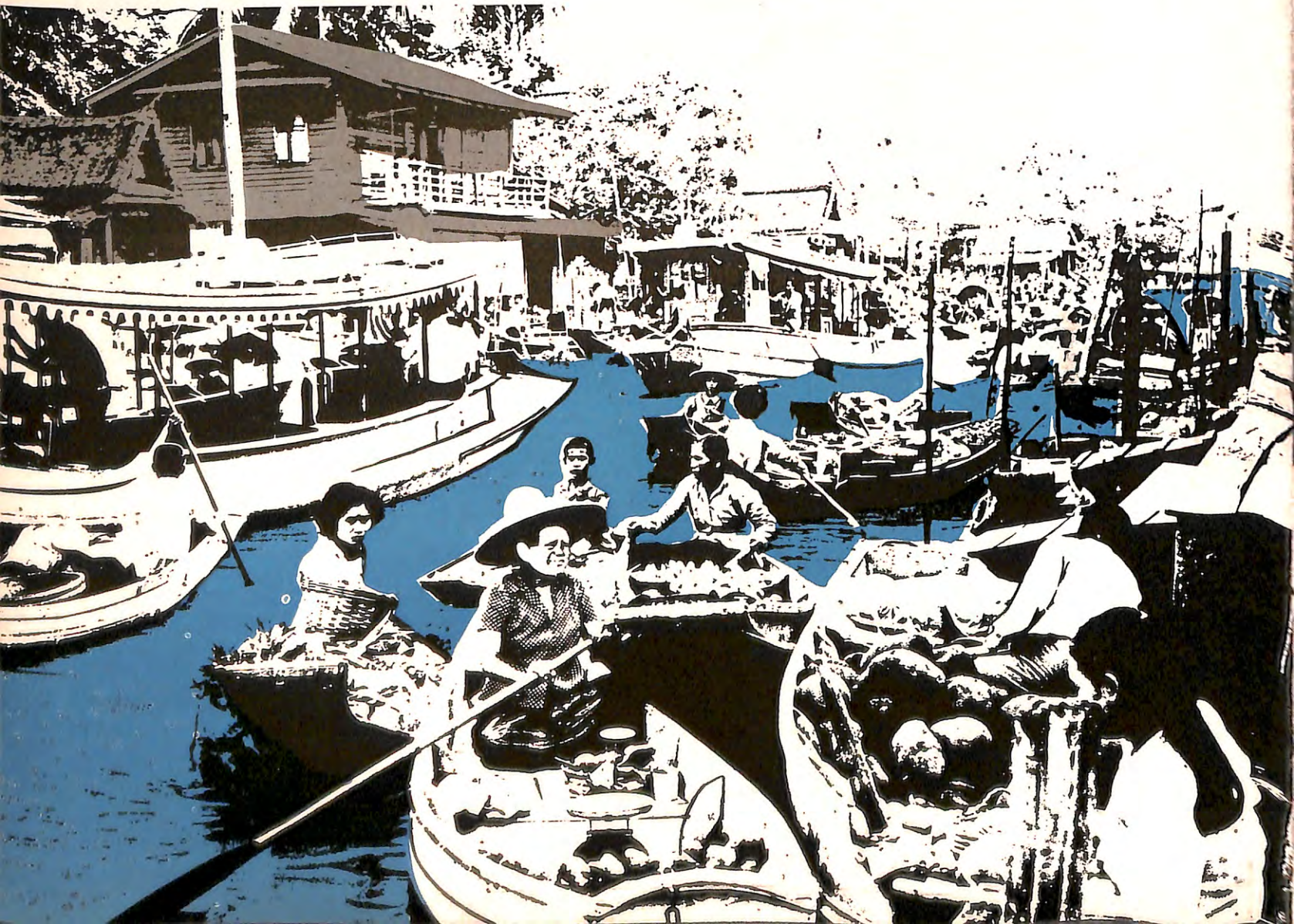
**President Nixon wrote recently
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By Jerry Hulse

*Besides visiting the klongs
and watching the river people
tourists are expected to temple hop*

IT WAS LATE AFTERNOON as we floated along this klong cruise outside Bangkok and all of a sudden, so far from home, we heard King Cole singing "Goodnight Sweetheart". The voice was coming from an old, hand-cranked record player at the end of the barge, a pretty Thai girl feeding it platters, all of them by American artists. The Thais have a thing for Americans and the Americans have a thing for the Thais. It is not at all unlikely that this romance has something to do with the Americanization of the present king, who was born in the U.S., loves jazz and plays the saxophone, a la Jerry Mulligan. Likewise, the friendliness of the Thais no doubt is generated by the fact they've been independent for centuries, free of all the irritating colonial hangups. The result of all this is that Thailand in general and Bangkok in particular are fast gaining favor as American tourist destinations in Asia.

President Nixon wrote recently that "if there is a perfect place, I would name Bangkok . . . not alone for the glory of its temples (though they in-



clude some of the most splendid in the Orient) or the beauty of its flowers, but because the people of this free land are blending the ways of the old world and the new, of Europe and Asia, with a verve and mystique not to be found anywhere else on earth—and which is yet symbolic of some of the most profound and promising changes in our rapidly changing times.”

Little of the life of the rural klongs, however, has changed over the centuries—this back country where the peasants tend the water buffalo and cultivate rice paddies and know nothing of the word hunger, for there is plenty for everyone. This float trip I spoke of, off among the rural klongs, it is a good deal more rewarding than visiting the floating markets in town, a ritual that occurs in the morning, and, I hasten to add, too early for my liking. The rural klongs are visited in the late afternoon, so that you arrive back in Bangkok just about sunset. Peter Larsen, who got his Scandinavian name from a Danish grandfather, bought this old rice barge and installed a bar and the record player and hired

a couple of pretty Thais to serve the drinks and spin the records.

During a stop at a farmer's house everybody hopped off to see a cockfight and to watch a water buffalo tread rice, only I didn't know water buffalo react to red much as a bull does. I didn't until I walked over to this one and he saw my shirt and snorted and the farmer said to run, which I did, and not too soon. Back aboard the barge the pretty bartender poured everyone another glass of beer and spun another King Cole record, this time "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows." Sometimes there are scenes best left untold, for they are too moving to recreate with words. It is how it was returning on the barge. Thais waved from homes on stilts, off in the marshes and rice paddies, and smoke funneled up from their charcoal fires and the sun winked back from behind palm trees, and then suddenly it was gone and the water avenue ahead was a rose-colored path.

You must be up at dawn to go on the other klong trips, the ones to the floating market. Siamese paddle to town in sampans, their little boats filled with vegetables and fruit. They move along water avenues fed by the Chao Phraya. To see the real action you'd best arrive by 7 a.m. Launches leave their moorings beside the Oriental Hotel and enter the river and then move up the narrow canal streets. Tourists disembark in the market district to shop and there is a restaurant, Trader Keith's, which sits there on stilts and you may, if you wish, have breakfast here, the proprietor boasting how he mixes the best Bloody Marys in all of Southeast Asia. Even if you ask for nothing stronger than orange juice, though, the scene

alone is intoxicating, with sampans passing by the windows and merchants trading.

Another place for boat watching is the terrace outside the grand old Oriental Hotel. In the afternoon tea is served and the river folk drift by, just as they've been doing for centuries. Fat barges filled with rice move along the Chao to rendezvous points with freighters in from the South China Sea. Behind canvas-draped decks entire families live out their lives, the river is their home.

Besides visiting the klongs and watching the river people, tourists are expected to temple hop. Only in Bangkok a temple isn't called a temple but a wat. Foremost is the wat of the Emerald Buddha, off on the palace grounds. For some inexplicable reason movie cameras are forbidden, although it is all right to fire with a still camera. Along with your movie camera you are asked to leave your shoes at the door. On the other hand, because this is royal property, you are instructed to take along both coat and tie, which can be considerably uncomfortable when the weather is sticky, as it most always is in Bangkok. It is not necessary to dress so formally when visiting the Reclining Buddha at Wat Po Temple because these are not such sacred grounds.

Wat Po Temple is only a 15-minute cab ride from Pan Am's elegant new temple-like Siam Intercontinental Hotel. Indeed, the hotel more resembles a wat than many of the temples themselves. The Siam Intercontinental stands on the property of Srapatum Palace and when it opened its doors the ribbon snipping was done by none other than her Royal Highness, the Princess Mother of Thailand.

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Above Bangkok's beautiful Wat Benchamabopit (The Marble Temple) is built entirely of Marble. Left charming Thai girls in attractive dresses will bring your breakfast to your room in many of the modern hotels catering to tourists in Thailand.



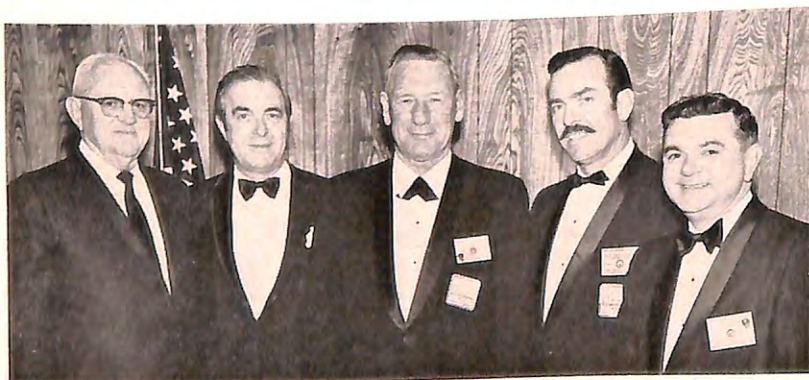
A GATHERING of Fresno, Calif., Elks recently honored the 100th birthday of Brother D. Joseph Gates (left). Shown with Brother Gates during the festivities are Brothers P. B. Martin and George W. Turner, 86 and 95 years of age, respectively, and in the background, Est. Lect. Kt. Bes Lewis Jr. The lodge's old-timers—including another 95-years-young Brother, Harry Dalrymple—were guests at a dinner which included a birthday cake.



A ROYAL PAIR—Hattiesburg, Miss., Elks' King and Queen—strike a regal pose after their coronation. The sovereigns are PER James J. Mordica and Mrs. Major (Dorothy) Regan; their coronation was the high point of the lodge's recent Carnival Ball. Hattiesburg Elks' ladies planned and coordinated the gala affair.



A COLLECTOR'S ITEM—One of 1,500 rifles specially made by the Daisy Manufacturing Co. as collector's items—is displayed by GER Edward W. McCabe after it was presented to him during his recent visit to Rogers-Bentonville, Ark., Lodge. Looking on are SP Charles F. Barclay (center) and Dr. Harry M. White, state Trustees chairman, both members of the lodge. The rifle's butt bears a bronze plate which was to be inscribed with the name of Brother McCabe.



VAN NUYS, California, Elks recently paid tribute to their popular State President, Norman S. "Sig" Lien (center), of Watsonville Lodge. Shown at the get-together with the honoree are PGER R. Leonard Bush; DGER Dan Davis, a Van Nuys Elk; ER Noble G. West, and VP Robert McLain, Arcadia. About 50 Grand Lodge, state association, and district officers joined with Van Nuys Elks in honoring Brother Lien.



GRAND EXALTED RULER Edward W. McCabe beams his approval as Fort Wayne, Ind., ER Elmer MacDonald (second from right) and Est. Lead. Kt. Richard Bentz get ready to present a \$6,500 check for the Indiana Elks' Cancer Fund to SP Lewis C. Gerber (right), a South Bend Elk. Brother McCabe's visit to Fort Wayne Lodge also included the initiation in his honor of 97 candidates.



WOODLAND, California, Elks recently honored four of their most hardworking members at a special lodge dinner. Shown at the affair with their awards are the happy honorees: (from left) Ernest Dozier and Larry Means, cited for their work as co-chairmen of the lodge's youth activities committee; PER Charles Dolan, mayor of the city of Woodland, praised for his 20 years' service as chairman of the Elks Blood Bank program, and Dick Schwartz, who was honored for his outstanding work as a Boy Scout leader.



A RECENT INITIATION ceremony at Torrance, Calif., Lodge finds ER Robert J. LeBlond (left) proudly presenting an American flag to his son Randy, as several other candidates look on. The father-son ritual was the first of its kind for 14-year-old Torrance Lodge.



A CLASS OF 18 CANDIDATES was initiated recently into Gallup, N.M., Lodge in honor of SP Jerry A. Gorman (left), Las Cruces, upon his official visit. Shown with Brother Gorman and the candidates, as they assembled for a post-ritual photo, is the lodge's ER Fred T. Benson (right). The ceremony followed a dinner for the candidates and Elks.



CENTRALIA, Washington, Elks recently initiated a class of 23 candidates in honor of two of their longtime Brothers—PDD Guy Taylor (left), and Brother F. H. "Casey" Jones (right), 50 and 55-year Elks, respectively. Shown with the honorees is ER Dale D. Warren, who presided.



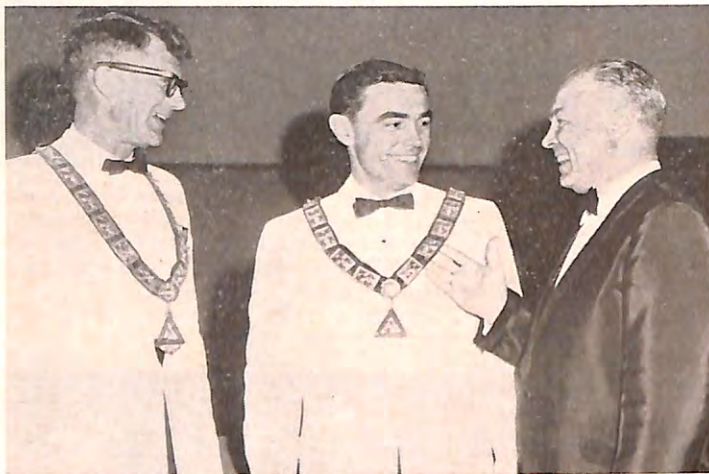
KODIAK, Alaska, ER John Hangstefer (center) smiles his approval of six newly initiated Elks, as they share a group pose following their recent initiation. The Brothers are Jon Osgood, Coleman Constance, Wayne Kozak, Ivan Lokovich, Tony Carpine, and Joseph Lepak Jr., who was specially initiated into Carnegie, Pa., Lodge.



LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, Elks recently entered this attractive float in the Los Alamos County Fair Parade. PER Jerald L. Sherwood takes a hand at the wheel, while three lodge officers—Est. Lect. Kt. Millard Edwards, Esq. Glenn Vogt, and Est. Loyal Kt. Glenn Lemon—smile for the camera from atop the float.



A DEDICATION CEREMONY for Carmichael, Calif., Lodge's new home finds ER Anthony Chubon (fourth from left) surrounded by a group of distinguished California Elks: SP Norman S. "Sig" Lien and PDD Jim B. Nielsen, both Watsonville Elks; PGERs Horace R. Wisely and R. Leonard Bush; PDD Charles T. Reynolds, Vallejo; PDD Paul T. Wemple, Susanville, and Carmichael PER Fred T. Holt, who acted as Grand Exalted Ruler for the dedication ceremonies.



A NEW EXALTED RULER—Ontario, Oreg., ER Larry Scrivner (center) shares a smile with his proud father, Weiser, Idaho, PER and DDGER Ronald A. Scrivner, who has just presented him with his jewels of office. Looking on at left is Ontario Lodge's immediate Past Exalted Ruler, George H. Hardisty.



A RECENT INITIATION of 16 candidates into Miami, Ariz., Lodge included two unusual combinations: a father-son team—John R. Valdin and Bruno H. Valdin (standing, left and right, respectively), and representatives of the "old and the new"—78-year-old S. Vernon Gillette and 21-year-old Jerald L. Daniel (seated, foreground). Shown with the foursome is ER Edward F. Erb.



TACOMA, Washington, ER Herbert R. Hill (right) congratulates Trustee Henry G. Minkema upon successfully planning a recent visit to the federal penitentiary at McNeil Island—a trek made annually by about 100 lodge members. The hammered copper wall plaque in the background, which depicts the "Last Supper," was presented by the inmates of the penitentiary to ER Hill as a memento of the visit.

TWO OLD-TIMERS—members of Pomona, Calif., Lodge—look on as Esq. Bob Klusterman (right, foreground) presents a 65-year membership pin to 91-year-old Brother Harry I. Coleman. PDD Peter W. Beier (right) checks his list of pin recipients as Brothers Gerald V. Curran and Louis Jurgens, 55 and 50-year Elks, respectively, await their turn. The presentations were made during the lodge's Old-Timers Night.





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William J. Windecker, Chairman
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land and the Mother of His Majesty Bhumipol Adulyadej Rama IX. The \$7.5 million hotel contains 414 rooms priced from \$13.50 to \$18 single and \$16.50 to \$21 double. It is possibly the finest hotel in Asia, just around the corner from the equally splendid Erawan Hotel. Soon to open its doors will be Bangkok's biggest, the 21-story Dusit Thani Hotel. Also new are the 140-room Asia Hotel, the 500-room Narai, and the posh 180-room President Hotel.

It comes as no surprise that the Hilton banner flies over the Rama, which resembles all other Hiltons in that it is antiseptically comfortable. Over at the Erawan, concerts are played at teatime and all the other big hotels have entertainment too. On my first visit to Bangkok, which was 18 years ago, I took shelter in the old Princess Hotel. The management insisted the hotel was air-conditioned and when we called down complaining it wasn't they sent along a bellboy with an electric fan. Now, of course, all the big hotels are air-conditioned, for which guests offer up thanks on those hot, sticky Thai nights.

In Bangkok the same saffron-robed monks hurry down the streets, which are a nightmare of cars, worse even, it seemed to me, than either Paris or Tokyo. The pedicabs I recall seem to have made an exodus, I suppose because otherwise it would be suicidal, running around in such conveyances among all those cars.

Tourists tiring of klong cruises and shopping sprees scatter by car on tours to the Bridge over the River Kwai. The day-long journey—it's 180 miles round-trip—comes to \$50 per couple in an air-conditioned Mercedes, driver included. Others use Bangkok as a jumping off point to Angkor Wat, the ancient lost city of Cambodia. Cheshire Cat Travel prices the four-day junket at \$99, including round-trip air fare and lodging at the Temples Hotel. Tourists are warned, though, that extra expenses "incurred through political action and unrest" must be borne by themselves.

Possibly it would be best to fly north instead, 470 miles, to Chiang Mai, Thailand's second city, whose streets are filled with pedicabs and monks, and outside town elephants still haul teak logs and in town the best buys are Thai silks, which are cheaper even than in Bangkok. If a stronger incentive be needed, the girls of Chiang Mai are the loveliest in all Thailand.

Perhaps it is best, after all, to remain in Bangkok and to tour the nightclubs. Hostesses flutter around places with such names as the Golden Gate, the Hollywood, the Boston, the San Francisco, the California, the Las Vegas and the New Orleans. Among the more reputable pubs is Sani Chateau, which more resembles a Las Vegas lounge than a Bangkok bistro. What with places like these and a king who blows jazz, it's a little like Home Sweet Home.



ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION



Red Bluff, Calif., Lodge collected 312 deer hides for hospitalized veterans. Standing in front of the collection of hides are Chairman of the committee George Smith, Est. Lead. Kt. Robert Shattuck, Donald Moore, PER Orville Figgs, ER Harlan Clark, and Est. Loyal Kt. Andrew Ward. The hides were stored in a cold storage locker until they were ready for shipment to veterans hospitals.

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Floating Patios

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Pontoon boats have been around in one form or another for several years. The manufacturers, selling them in relatively moderate numbers, didn't make too many model changes. However, these days, things are happening to pontoon boats. New companies, aware of the boomlet in pontoon-boat sales, are beginning to make relatively nifty units. Competition is getting tougher in the pontoon-boat field. That means that different manufacturers are adding new goodies to attract customers. For example:

One pontoon-boat manufacturer has replaced the traditional cloth canopy with a metal unit that doubles as an elevated diving platform. It's a gim-

mick, looks ugly, and it just might prove popular.

More and more pontoon boat manufacturers are adding durable indoor-outdoor carpeting to the decks of their products. It not only gives them a much more handsome appearance (while adding dollars to the total sales cost of the pontoon boat) but it makes walking on the deck easier and safer.

A few manufacturers are offering really posh, vinyl-covered furniture as part of the package they sell. It is good-looking stuff, and it's a reasonable addition to these basically attractive boats.

Built-in grills, fishing rod holders, and built-in storage areas are being added to these originally simple boats. They, as they get more popular, are changing. But it is difficult to imagine how even the most insensitive designer could ruin the basic appeal of a pontoon boat. Pontoon boats have just too much going for them. ■

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How Your Accountant Can Help You

A couple of weeks ago we were talking to one of the owners of a small business that will probably be *out* of business by the time this article is published. He told us how startled he and his co-owners were when they found out just how *terrible* the financial condition of their business was.

"But how is it that you didn't discover that earlier?" we asked him. "Didn't your accountant give you any warning?"

"Yes, he did, urgent warnings, in fact. But we never seemed to be able to get together to discuss the problem. We all had other things we wanted to do. So he finally gave up hope on us, I guess. And I can't say I blame him."

The moral of this sad-but-true story is this: Your accountant *can't* help you if you won't let him help you!

But if you're willing to do your part your accountant can help you in many ways. These will become more apparent as we take a Three Minute Survey of Accounting.

The history of bookkeeping can be traced back to about 3000 B.C. Many clay tablets unearthed by archaeologists are merely bookkeeping records left behind by ancient Middle East business enterprises. Bookkeeping is essentially a part of what is called "accounting procedures"—but there is also a large and complicated body of "accounting theory." Certified Public Accountants must be thoroughly grounded in accounting theory, and a knowledge of its basic essentials is expected of accountants at any level.

Accounting theory is based fundamentally on the concept of ownership, which is essentially a legal concept. It is up to the law to determine who owns what in a business, but it is mainly through accounting theory that the financial value of business assets is determined.

Accounting first came to be regarded as a profession in the nineteenth century, and not until well into our own century was its recognition secure. It differs, however, from the professions of law and medicine, in which all practitioners are required by law to be li-

censed. Certain types of accounting can only be done by C.P.A.s, who must meet stringent state requirements, but most accountants are not C.P.A.s.

There is an important difference between accounting theory and accounting procedures. The latter embraces all paperwork-and-machines aspects of gathering and recording data. Accounting theory involves the application of such data to a particular organization—anything from a small business to the Department of Defense. Of course, accounting theory has a great bearing on the way accounting procedures are planned and set up.

Robert M. Beyer, a prominent accountant, has suggested the terms "custodial accounting" and "managerial accounting" to distinguish between two fundamentally different types of accounting. Custodial accounting is the more traditional, and has greater legal significance than managerial accounting. When a large company issues a report to stockholders, it is presenting the findings arrived at by the use of custodial accounting and is legally liable for the statements in that report. Custodial accounting looks to the past. It is intended for representing accurately what has happened in the financial life of a business or non-business organization. On the other hand, managerial accounting looks to the future; it's a way of helping management in its planning, decision-making and control.

With these distinctions in mind, let's consider how some of them are applied. **MANAGEMENT MEMOS**

Accounting and Bookkeeping Every accountant can do bookkeeping, but he quite properly regards it as a clerical level activity. He will set up a bookkeeping system for a small business, but it is the businessman's responsibility to see that the bookkeeping gets done.

The Happy Medium in Accounting Procedures We know a certain small businessman whose bookkeeping, accounting, and financial control used to be really sloppy. His business was leaking money and he never quite knew what the financial condition of his com-

pany was. After his business had a substantial loss at the end of a year in which he thought he'd be making a substantial profit, he retained a good accountant, who set up a new bookkeeping system for him. But this small businessman now went to the other extreme. In his enthusiasm for "systems" and "procedures" he made everything more complex than it needed to be. Remember that it costs money to install and maintain accounting procedures. Let your accountant advise you on what you *really* need in the way of bookkeeping systems and controls.

Anti-Dishonesty Protection Both accounting theory and accounting procedures have built-in safeguards against both external and internal dishonesty. Nevertheless, they are not foolproof. Perhaps everyone in your company is completely honest, and perhaps all your customers and vendors are too. But it's foolish not to have proper accounting control and auditing. You need thoroughly professional guidance here.

How Much Could You Sell Your Business For? You may not want to sell your business, but you ought to have an accurate idea at all times of what you could sell it for. To get it you must have accurate knowledge of the financial condition of your business; only your accountant can tell you that.

The Problem of Taxes In the United States, tax matters are dealt with by both accountants and lawyers. However, the typical very small business is likely to have an accountant handle all of its tax matters. Both lawyers and accountants know about "tax-avoidance strategies"—depletion allowances, capital gains, interest on state and municipal bonds and so on. These perfectly legal tax-avoidance strategies are used vigorously and expertly by big business, but few small businessmen know about them or plan their businesses in ways calculated to take advantage of them. Lawyers and accountants can only provide you with a tax shield if the nature of your business operations gives them something to work with. (We'll discuss this in a later article.) ■

Tom Wrigley

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WELCOME CONVENTIONS. This coming year Washington will be one of the world's major convention cities. Bookings already are record-breaking. Many of these will be international gatherings. The nation's capital has changed to a more liberal open center where there is more entertainment and more facilities for sight-seeing than ever before. A new administration and a new Congress will be major attractions.

SMOKING SMOG over the use of tobacco seems to appear in government circles. The Federal Communications Commission urges TV and radio to give equal time to anti-smoking commercials. Meantime the Agricultural Dept. is spending \$210,000 to help pay for cigarette advertising programs in Japan, Austria and Thailand.

JUSTICE FOR INDIANS gradually is being obtained by our government through the Indian Claims Commission.

Last year 13 Indian tribes received a total of \$36,077,839 ranging all the way from \$15.7 million to the Shoshones and Bannocks of Idaho to \$66,966 to the Miamis. This year \$100 million more is expected to be granted.

TOURIST RECORDS are being made in the Nation's Capital this Summer. Staging a fantastic comeback from the riots and disorders of last year, estimates by Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade spokesmen fix the 1969 total at more than 17 million, a record. Visitors may spend as much as \$550 million this year.

GOODBYE GLEN ECHO. It was Washington's popular amusement park for 76 years but due to changing times it did not open this Spring. Oldtimers remember the roller coaster, the merry-go-round, the House of Glass with its crazy mirrors, the other rides and the man who guessed your weight.

BROKEN CAR WINDOWS are the biggest problem facing the new super high speed trains between Washington and New York. It seems kids along the right-of-way like to throw stones

at the trains. Broken windows cost the Pennsy \$655,000 last year. In the past three months some 3000 panes had to be replaced. Fortunately very few passengers were injured. The Metroliners make the trip in 2½ hours and are filled to their capacity of 350 passengers.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS will bloom again next Spring but the great Festival which attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to Washington will be changed. Negroes as princesses and escorts will be included in 1970 according to the plans. Ever since Japan, years ago, gave us the cherry trees which ring the Tidal Basin the Cherry Blossom Festival has been an all white affair. In April, Carol Burton, 19, daughter of Rep. and Mrs. Laurence Burton, Utah, was the lucky Queen.

NEW HIGHWAYS in 7 states will be financed this year by bond issues, the National Highway Users Conference reports. The cost runs into the billions. States include Ill., Kan., Me., Okla., R.I., W.Va., Mo. Bond issues failed to pass in Ga., Idaho, Ind. and N. Mex.

GOOD SPEAKERS can also write, and so Hubert H. Humphrey, former Senator and Vice President, is publishing a weekly column of current events in Washington and other newspapers. It is attracting attention. Perhaps the old song might be changed to "How You Gonna Keep Them Out of the News, When They Were Once VP."

ROLLS ROYCE CARS made during the past four years were recalled by the British makers to correct a steering defect. Washington has around 1300 of the luxury cars that have been sent to the U.S. In the old days the Rolls Royce of the British Ambassador was the show car of the nation's capital. You communicated with the chauffeur by telephone. And gold door handles, yet.

MEDICARE PAYMENTS in its first two years total \$8.4 billion in hospital and medical benefits, HEW reports. It covered 5.7 million hospital stays and 33 million doctor bills. It paid out \$5.1 billion on behalf of the aged. HEW also reports that the National Defense Education Act in the past ten years has helped 1.5 million needy students to borrow over \$1.3 billion in low-interest loans to finance their college education.

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"Long May It Wave..."

by Lucille J. Goodyear

IF WE WERE to celebrate the birthday of our Flag in the conventional manner with a special cake and candles—a very large cake would be required, for on June 14, we shall observe the one hundred and ninety-second anniversary of this great symbol of our liberty and freedom.

Just as our country received its greatness from the peoples of many lands, so did the pattern of our Flag arise from several origins. In the year 1606, the first flag of the colonies was raised over the towns of Jamestown and Plymouth. It was a British Union flag created by King James I, and bore the red cross of St. George, and the white cross of St. Andrew.

The later flags adopted by our Colonial forefathers were symbols of their struggles with the wilderness of a new land and the freedom they sought. These flags represented the individual colonies from which the various troops originated. Beavers, pine trees, rattle-

snakes, ship anchors, and the like were the prevalent flag symbols.

The very first flag to have any resemblance to our present-day flag was the Grand Union flag, sometimes referred to as the "Congress Colors". It consisted of thirteen stripes alternately red and white, representing the Thirteen Colonies, with a blue field in the upper left-hand corner bearing the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew, signifying union with the mother country. This banner was first flown by the ships of the Colonial Fleet in the Delaware River in December of 1775. This same flag was also the standard of the Continental Army when the latter came into being in January of 1776.

The "Stars and Stripes" whose birthday we observe on June 14, was adopted on that date in 1777, when the Continental Congress resolved: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars white

on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

This Resolution establishing our Flag has an interesting background. After the Declaration of Independence, Colonial vessels were putting to sea to hamper enemy communications and prey on British commerce. Many of them flew flags of the particular colonies to which they belonged. It was, therefore, necessary to provide an authorized standardized national flag under which they could sail, for England considered armed vessels with the varied flags to be pirate ships and hanged their crews whenever they captured them.

It has never been substantially ascertained just who it was that suggested or executed the design of our first flag. The widely publicized legend that Mrs. Betsy Ross made the first flag in June of 1777 at the request of a committee that included George Washing-

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ton, was first made public knowledge by a grandson of Mrs. Ross in the year 1870. Historians have been unable to find any historical records of such a meeting or committee. There is evidence, however, that she was paid to make ships colors in May of 1777—but no documentary evidence to link her directly with the flag as adopted by the Continental Congress as our national emblem. Strangely enough, despite this lack of evidence the United States Post Office Department issued a Betsy Ross commemorative stamp in 1952.

Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a designer of seals for the State Department, the Treasury Board, and a naval flag declared that he had designed the flag. In 1871 he asked Congress to reimburse him for his services. Congress, however, did not do so, refusing to recognize his claims.

The colors of our Flag can be thus explained: "The red is for valor, zeal and fervency; the white for hope, purity, cleanliness of life, and rectitude of

conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice, and truth.

The star, an ancient symbol of India, Persia and Egypt; symbolizes dominion and sovereignty, as well as lofty aspirations. The constellation of the stars within the union, one star for each state, is emblematic of our Federal Constitution, which reserves to the States their individual sovereignty except as to rights designated by them to the Federal Government."

The Flag is said to have been named "Old Glory" by William Driver, master of the brig Charles Daggett: who raised the Flag on his ship August 10, 1831, saying: "I name thee Old Glory!" To this day the name is frequently used to designate our Flag.

When Vermont and Kentucky were admitted to statehood in 1791 and 1792, the thirteen star flag became outdated. Congress then changed the flag to include fifteen stars on the blue field, and fifteen alternate red and white stripes. The stars were arranged in five staggered horizontal rows of three in a row. This change constituted the Flag Act of 1795. And it was this flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the immortal "Star-Spangled Banner", and was the same flag flown by General



"This is called 'getting a ticket!'"

Jackson at New Orleans. Following the War of 1812, a great wave of nationalistic spirit spread throughout the country; the infant Republic had successfully defied the might of an empire. As this spirit spread, the Stars and Stripes began to take on the characteristics of a mighty symbol of sovereignty.

The fifteen stripe flag was retained for the next Twenty-three years, from the years 1795 to 1818, with five more States added to the Union. Realizing that the Flag would, in time, become very unwieldy with a stripe added for each new state, Captain Samuel C. Reid of the United States Navy, suggested to Congress that the stripes remain thirteen in number to represent the original Thirteen Colonies, and a star to be added to the blue field for each new state on the 4th of July following its admission. That law is still in existence today, however, there is no law to designate the permanent arrangement of the stars.

A 48-star flag came into existence with the admission of Arizona and New Mexico in 1912, and remained as such until a 49th star was added for Alaska in 1959, and Hawaii claimed the 50th star in 1960. No star in the Flag is specifically identified with any State.

The Elks were the first, and only fraternal order in the United States to make the observance of Flag Day mandatory. In 1907, GER Henry A. Mel-

vin recommended to the Grand Lodge Session at Philadelphia that June 14, be commemorated as Flag Day by the Elks. It was four years later, at the session at Atlantic City, that observance of Flag Day was required by all subordinate lodges. President Woodrow Wilson initiated the observance of that day, June 14 as Flag Day, in a proclamation in 1916. It is a day for honoring our flag, but it is not a legal holiday, except for Pennsylvania where it is observed as such.

Paying homage to our Flag, Henry Ward Beecher said: "A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself. And whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag, the government, the principles, the truths, the history that belong to the nation that sets it forth. The American flag has been a symbol of Liberty and men rejoiced in it."

In later years, President Woodrow Wilson had this to say of our Flag—"This flag . . . is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. . . ."

May we always keep it the proud symbol of our country's might, and the heritage of free men—a memorial for those who, in the past, have fought and worked to preserve it for us.

Long may it wave—our Flag! ■

New Boating

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Is it *ample*? If it's a fiberglass boat, compare its thickness with the thicknesses of other fiberglass boats. If the one you are looking at is extraordinarily thin, beware. Are fittings thick and long enough to hold fast under a severe weather beating? Do they compare favorably with fittings on other boats?

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How does it *ride*? There is no way to evaluate a boat completely without first testing it. Get it wet, and spend a few hours in it to determine how it

handles, turns, and rides in the water. If it has passed all the other tests and passes this one as well, you'll probably have something you'll enjoy for a long time. Get a good boat and, like a good woman, it will be something that you'll cherish and have pride in for a long, long time. ■



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EMMETT T. ANDERSON

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson's service as Chairman of the Centennial Committee that planned and led the observance of the Order's hundredth anniversary in 1968 was a fitting climax to a distinguished career of more than 50 years as an Elk.

His death in March leaves it to others to make the Committee's final report to the Grand Lodge in Dallas, but to him, with his vision, leadership and devotion to his responsibilities, all will cheerfully give the great credit for the success of our Centennial program.

Blessed with a warm and friendly personality, boundless energy and a quick and perceptive mind, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson was a natural leader. His achievements are written large not only in the Grand Lodge but in the great Northwest where Elkdom has made such tremendous strides in recent years. Nor are they confined to the Order of Elks, for Brother Anderson personified the highest virtues of citizenship by his many contributions to civic advancement in his native city of Tacoma, Wash., in the business life of the community and the political affairs of the State.

Eleven years after his initiation in Tacoma Lodge No. 174, Brother Anderson, as Exalted Ruler, represented his lodge at the Grand Lodge Session in Miami,

Fla. in 1928. He returned to Miami as Grand Exalted Ruler to preside over the 1950 Grand Lodge Session.

It was during his administration that the Order reached an important milestone in its progress. In February, 1950, Elk membership surpassed 1,000,000 for the first time in history. It was at this time, also, that the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee was established, leading to the great expansion of Elkdom's programs on behalf of the Nation's young people.

In assessing the threat posed by communism 20 years ago, Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson demonstrated a farsightedness unhappily vindicated by subsequent events. "The imperialism of Russian communism has successfully thwarted the efforts of men of good will to create a system of international cooperation through which we might tackle the problems that stand in the way of mankind's greater happiness," he declared months before the Communist invasion of South Korea. "Communism, hanging over the world like an evil shadow, is the great problem of this generation and perhaps of generations to come."

Brother Anderson received much from the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but he returned much more than he received.

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER AND THE ELKS

Americans, and indeed millions of others throughout the world, were grateful to Dwight D. Eisenhower for his historic contributions to peace and freedom both as a victorious General and as President of the United States. In him, people of all degrees sensed an honesty, a friendly sympathy, a courageous devotion to duty and a powerful love of country that won and held their affection.

While not an Elk, General Eisenhower on many occasions showed a friendly concern for our Order and its programs, especially those on behalf of youth.

Early in his tenure as President of Columbia University, a group of Elks headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson called on the General. Conversation turned to oil painting, a hobby which the General had recently taken up. Proudly, and with the famous Eisenhower grin, he exhibited one of his first paintings, a copy of the cover of a recent issue of The Elks Magazine.

In December, 1954, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick presented President Eisenhower with a

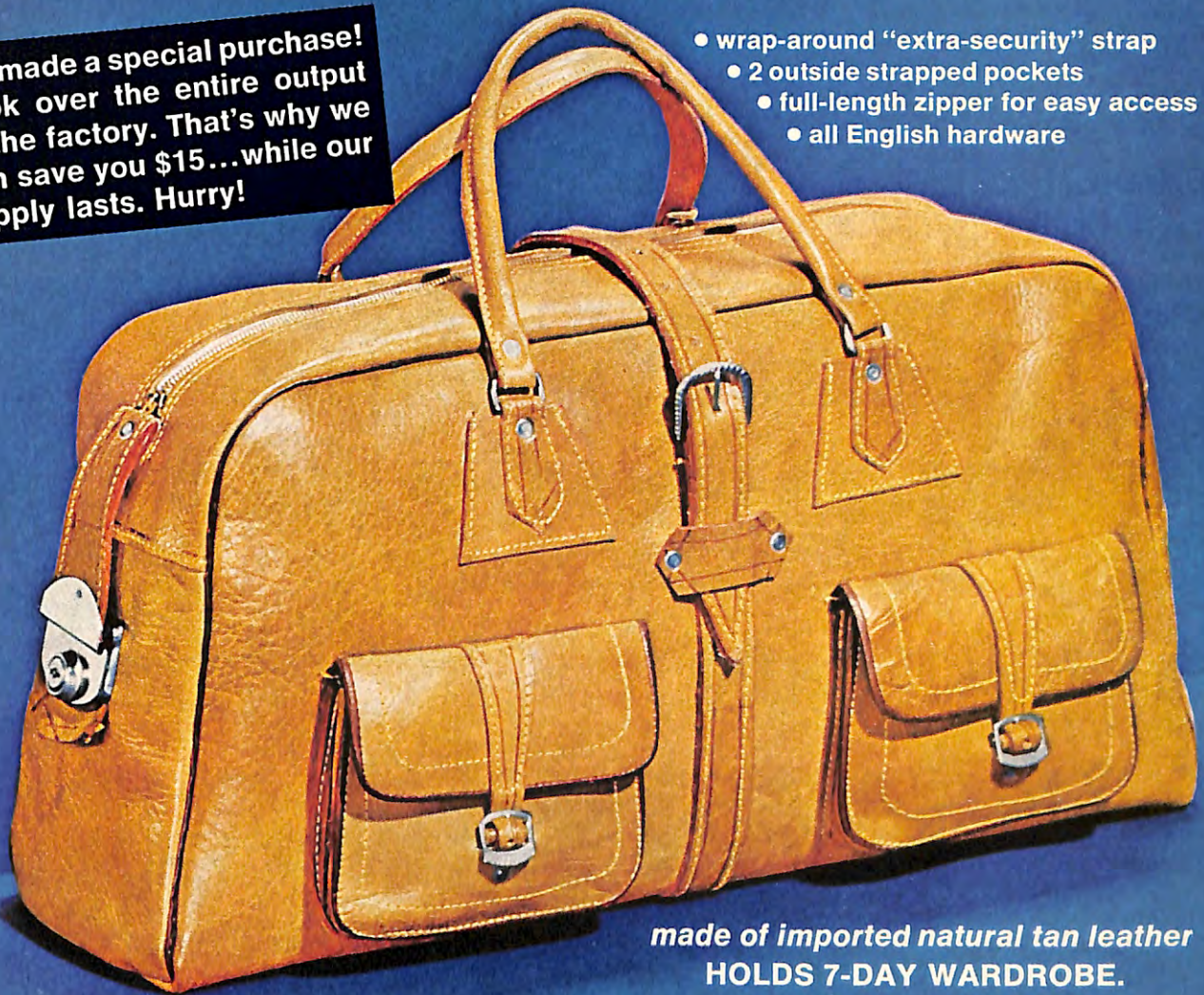
special "Report to the President of the United States" on Elkdom's rapidly expanding youth programs. So pleased was the President that on the following April 26 he presented awards to the winners of the Elks National Youth Leadership Contest, escorted to the White House by Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick.

President Eisenhower graciously consented at the request of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker to present awards to the winners of the 1956 Leadership Contest. The attack of ileitis intervened. White House Secretary Bernard M. Shanley did the honors for the President, and accepted for the President a special gold medallion presented by Brother Walker on behalf of the Order in appreciation of General Eisenhower's "having exemplified as soldier, educator, statesman and patriot the qualities of discipline, integrity, courage and resourcefulness and at all times faithfulness to the ideals and principles that are our heritage, under God, and having thereby given a most inspiring example to all citizens and especially to the Nation's youth."

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