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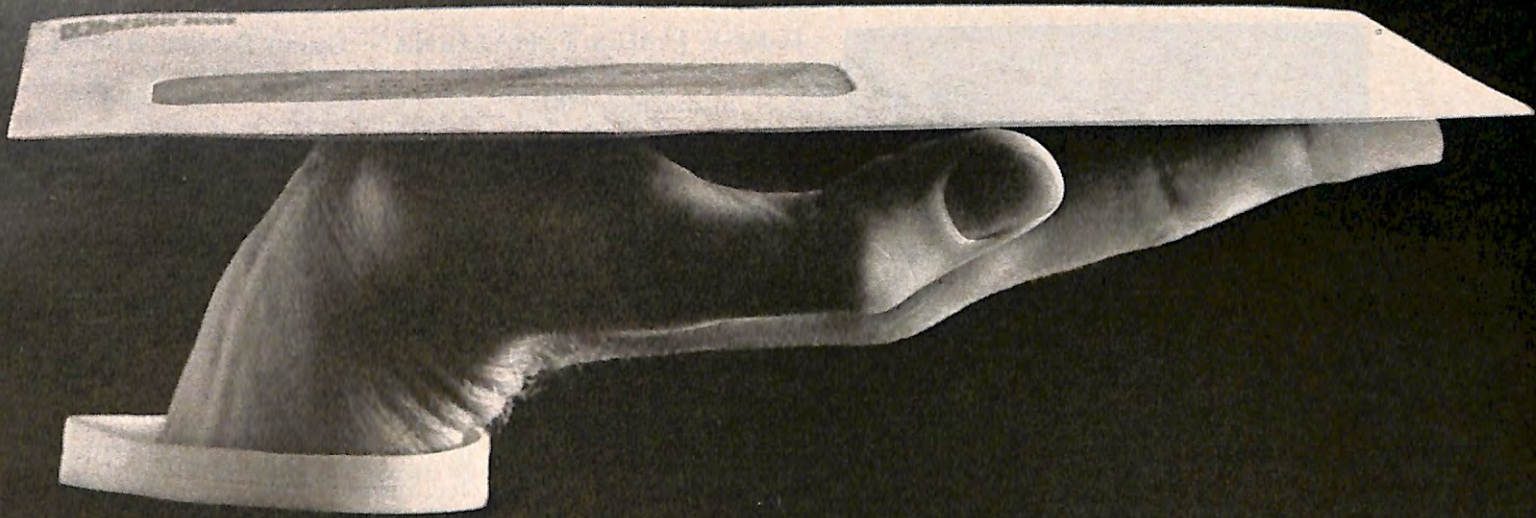
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# Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan



JUDGE JAMES T. HALLINAN, Grand Exalted Ruler for 1935-1936, died July 4, 1969, at his home in Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y., at the age of 80.

A native of New York City, Brother Hallinan joined the Order in 1912 as a member of Bronx Lodge, and in 1916 transferred to Queens Borough (Elmhurst) Lodge.

He served as Exalted Ruler of Queens Borough Lodge for the 1920-1921 lodge year, embarking thereafter upon a long and distinguished Grand Lodge career. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 1924-1925.

Judge Hallinan next served as Chairman of the GL Judiciary Committee for 1930-1931, and as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees from 1931 to 1934. In 1934 he became Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees, serving in that capacity until his election as Grand Exalted Ruler.

From 1940 to 1946, PGER Hallinan rendered outstanding service to the Order and the nation as Vice-Chairman of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission and its successor, the Elks War Commission. Recognition of this service came with his appointment as Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission upon its establishment in 1946. The commission, formed to cooperate with the federal government on all post-war service activities, now sponsors a year-round program of entertainment and service for hospitalized veterans; Judge Hallinan had served as the commission's chairman up to the time of his death.

He served concurrently as Treasurer of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, having been named to that post in 1947. Upon the death earlier this year of PGER Emmett T. Anderson, Vice-Chairman, he was named the commission's Honorary Treasurer.

Judge Hallinan's distinguished public service career included terms as District Attorney of Queens County and Justice of the New York State Supreme Court. He was appointed Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, New York State Supreme Court, in February 1956, and remained as an official court referee after his retirement in 1960.

An active Roman Catholic layman and supporter of the Dominican Order, Brother Hallinan received the Bene Merente Medal from Pope Pius XI in 1926, and was made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XII. He had served as a trustee of the New York Law School; St. Andrew Avelino Church in Flushing, N.Y.; St. John's Hospital in Elmhurst, N.Y.; the Roman Catholic Child Care Society of Brooklyn; St. Mary's of the Springs College in Columbus, Ohio; Albert Magnus College in New Haven, Conn., and the Dominican Academy High School, Manhattan.

Survivors include a son, Richard; two daughters, Mrs. John A. Thompson and Mrs. Robert McElroy; a brother, Thomas, and 12 grandchildren.

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Last September a world traveler and lecturer parked a stool on a busy thoroughfare at the Los Angeles County Fair. Munching on a hot dog, he

By Frank L. Remington





watched the kaleidoscopic throngs of young and old. "I wouldn't trade the opportunity to visit one county fair," the cosmopolite mused, "for all my world travels. This is America on parade. Nothing could be more interesting or exciting."

Doubtless most people will never travel in foreign lands. But they can visit a fair, for there's one within easy reach. This year there'll be more than 3,500 of them in the United States and Canada.

If you think county and state fairs are as alike each year as the teeth of a comb, you doubtless haven't visited one for years. Most fairs have bridged the challenges of changing tastes and living patterns gradually and subtly. They are as up-to-date as mini-skirts.

Businessmen are finding that fairs afford shoppers an opportunity to examine a product such as no other medium. One fair official says, "People will look at items they never shop for at home." The automotive industry displays its newest models at some fairs. At the Texas State Fair, for instance, a busy Dallas banker chooses a new luxury car each year and later orders it by telephone.

An encyclopedia company shows its wares at many fairs. "We average one sale for every 10,000 people who go through the turnstile," says a spokesman. A color television distributor at one fair rang up sales in excess of \$30,000. These days even stock brokers set up shop at fairs. They figure many folks want to gain more knowledge about high finance but shy away from walking into an investment firm. Recently a broker at a state fair made a \$30,000 on-the-spot sale, thereby gaining a fat commission and a steady customer.

Most fairs show the latest scientific innovations. A few years ago at the Texas State Fair, for example, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company offered free, more than 1,000 long distance, calls to demonstrate its "direct distance dialing" system.



A panorama of the midway, with the Cotton Bowl in the right background, at Texas's fair.

This year it is expected that more than 100-million Americans will attend fairs. Actually county and state fairs are as American as the World Series and as varied as Noah's ark. They have been going on in the United States for about 160 years.

One morning in 1808 the insistent clanging of a bell shattered the rustic serenity of the village of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Astonished residents saw a large, well-dressed man stalking along the street. Vigorously pounding an old bell with a piece of iron, he shooed along two sheep of an unfamiliar breed.

"It's Elkanah Watson!" exclaimed one of the villagers. Within a few minutes almost the entire population of Pittsfield and nearby farms were peppering Mr. Watson, gentleman farmer, with a variety of questions. "Where'd you get them sheep?" "What kind are

they?" "Goin' to hold an auction, Elkanah?"

At the village green Elkanah raised his hand for silence. "These are Merino sheep and they're not for sale, but they are the kind of livestock you ought to raise. They yield the finest wool. Look them over carefully and I'll answer any questions you may want to ask."

Although he didn't know it, Elkanah Watson that day laid the foundation for what is now an American institution—state and county fairs. His impromptu exhibition stirred up so much interest that Watson organized the Berkshire Agricultural Society. Several years later this group sponsored the first real American fair.

Elkanah Watson, however, did not originate the idea of fairs. He merely improved on an ancient institution, for fairs are almost as old as history. As

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CENTER, A prize squash at a county fair almost dwarfs this little girl.

RIGHT, An impromptu comical parade at the fair can provide fun for everyone in the family.

LEFT, One of the more popular rides at State Fairs.



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long ago as 1000 B.C. a big fair was held in Mecca, Arabia. Impressive fairs also were held in Greece, Rome, Northern Europe and the British Isles many centuries ago. They served as gathering places for merchants and craftsmen to display their wares and barter freely.

Once someone asked Elkanah Watson to give his formula for a successful fair. "Democracy," he answered, "is most important. Always see that no one is forgotten." That axiom remains fundamental. The fair holds something of interest to everyone, both educationally and recreationally. There's almost as many Cadillacs and Lincolns in the parking lots as Fords, Chevys, and nondescript heaps.

The pulse of the fair still beats loudest in the cattle barns and hog pens, amid the odors of manure, fresh straw and hay, and in the show rings. Even a city feller can learn something down at the cattle sheds. At a recent fair a businessman pointed to a big red animal. "How'd you like a sirloin steak off him?" he asked his wife. A tall man with a ten-gallon hat overheard the remark and proceeded to set the urban man straight.

"In the first place," he said, "that isn't a him. It's a Hereford cow. She's a champion breeding animal." By the time the cowman finished his talking

he'd imparted the rudiments of cattle breeding to the city couple.

Fairs provide categories in which nearly every type of farm product can be judged—grains, vegetables, livestock, poultry, fruits, preserves, and flowers. At the Iowa State Fair, for example, more than 9,000 head of livestock go on display during the fair's run.

There's always a barrel of fun in the various contests, like the team-pulling contest of draft horses. At the Illinois State Fair backyard chefs vie for culinary honors at the pork cook-out contest. The Iowa Fair features a "carcass contest." Steers are judged on the hoof, then slaughtered and the dressed carcasses entered in competition.

One of the most singular contests is California's Calaveras County Fair's annual Jumping Frog Jubilee. It's based on Mark Twain's popular yarn about Jim Smiley and his frog, Dan'l. Smiley, so the legend goes, would match Dan'l against any frog in a jumping contest. Dan'l, of course, always won. One day a stranger secretly loaded Dan'l with buckshot so he couldn't jump and thus won a \$40 bet. Today, the fair's highlight is a restaging of the contest with frogs from as far away as Louisiana, New York and Canada vying for honors.

Judges who award the prizes must be highly skilled in their respective departments. Often a cake, for example,

wins an award for qualities so subtle that few people could detect them. But an expert's educated palate can taste slight shades of flavor and his sensitive fingertips feel minute differences in its coarseness and smoothness of texture.

At the Indiana State Fair something about a cake eluded a puzzled judge. Again and again she returned to sample it, while women spectators nudged each other excitedly. Then the answer suddenly came to her. "It's made with homemade butter!" she exclaimed. The cake took a ribbon.

For the farmer the fair affords new knowledge, inspiration and a chance to win premium money—which often amounts to a tidy sum. Thousands of dollars can be won, for instance, in cattle and hog competitions. Some fair premiums total as much as a million dollars.

Why do fairs offer such awards? The money that contestants win furnishes great personal satisfaction and recognizes achievement, progress, and a job well done. Then, too, the awards offer an inducement for farmers and ranchers to improve their products each year. Actually, fairs have been invaluable in buttressing the national economy.

Though most fairs remain basically agricultural despite the vast, mushrooming urban population, this doesn't hurt the fair. It might even help, according to Mr. Wallace M. White, executive secretary of the Kansas State Fair.

"More and more city kids have no relatives on the farm to visit in the summer," says Mr. White. "Increasingly, this thing called a farm takes on an aura of romanticism for this new generation of urban dwellers. We firmly believe that swarms of city dwellers come to the Kansas State Fair just to expose city kids to farm animals, the smell of hay and the feel of a tractor seat."

Youth now figures prominently at fairs. "Teen towns" are common. The Michigan State Fair has an "Avenue A-Go-Go" and the Texas fair has created an "Action Spot," where 200 musical combos from area high schools perform. Many fairs feature fashion, sports, karate demonstrations and career information beamed especially at today's youth.

Too, a number of fairs now have a Kid's Day when the youngsters vie in bubble-gum blowing, watermelon eating, balloon blowing, and blueberry-pie eating contests. To whip up publicity a recent California fair chose a boy as king for a day and a girl as queen. During a radio interview, the master of ceremonies asked the kid king how he liked the animals at the livestock exhibit.

"They stink," replied the candid king. (Continued on page 24)



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**OUTGOING GER Edward W. McCabe** pauses to watch a trainee at work at Kansas Elks' Training Center for the Retarded, Wichita, the state major project, in the company of prominent Elks touring the center during their stay in Wichita for the association's annual convention. Showing them around is Center Director Dean Settle (left). Others in the party are PGER H. L. Blackledge; Major Project Chairman John T. Kirkwood, Galena, GL Auditing committeeman; retiring SP W. Harold Young, Salina; DDGER Billy W. Needham Sr., El Dorado; PDD and PSP Lloyd Chapman, El Dorado, and Richard Bergner.



**THE FIRST CONTRIBUTION** to North Dakota Elks' newly created charities fund comes from Minot, N.D., Elks. Minot Lodge's Halvor Halvorsen Jr. (right), state crippled children's chairman, is shown making the presentation of two \$1,000 checks, donated by two lodge members, to Grand Forks PER Kenneth J. Mullen, chairman of the charities fund committee; two committeemen, Fargo PER Al K. Simpson and Minot PER E. W. Olson, look on at left. Also pictured are (background) state Treas. Everett Palmer, Williston, outgoing SP Robert W. Moran, Williston, and state Secy. Ray Greenwood, Jamestown, who witnessed the presentation ceremony during the association's recent annual meeting in Bismarck.

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**ONE OF NEW YORK'S** most deserving Elks—Judge John F. Scileppi (left) of the N.Y. State Court of Appeals, a Past State President and former chairman of the GL Judiciary Committee—congratulates his cousin, Brewster, N.Y., Lodge's newly elected ER Victor A. Scileppi. Judge Scileppi traveled from his home Queens Borough (Elmhurst) Lodge to preside at the ceremony.



**A LARGE CHECK** to represent a large sum—Wrangell, Alaska, Lodge's \$1,555 contribution to the state's cerebral palsy charity project—is proudly displayed by lodge CP Chairman Joel Wing and Miss Cerrina Stella, whose artistry is visible on the gigantic check, prepared for presentation at the state convention. As the check indicates, this sum brings Wrangell Elks' total contributions to \$16,245.24, and well into the lodge's 1971 quota. The one largely responsible for this outstanding performance over the last 14 years is Brother Wing, who, as chairman of a one-man committee, collects and repairs used soft-cover books for resale.



**EXAMINING** the mechanics of puppetry are some of the children from the Boston School for the Deaf in Randolph, Mass., who were treated to a marionette show by Peabody, Mass., Elks. Observing the youngsters are Sister Kiernan, school principal; Dorothy Rankin, the puppeteer, and two Peabody Elks—Brother Anthony J. Foster (left), state Elks' occupational therapy chairman, and PER Stuart L. Bell, lodge hospital chairman. In addition, the lodge donated 300 pounds of leather for the school's occupational therapy department.



**AMONG THE 338 CHARTER MEMBERS** of the newly instituted Wray, Colo., Lodge No. 2409 are three generations of the Goodman family—Clarence, Clarence Jr., and Steve Goodman—who, along with charter ER M. D. Woodard (right), accept the well-wishing of PGER H. L. Blackledge. Wray, Colorado's 49th lodge, was organized by PDD Edward A. Klipka, Lakewood, and instituted in ceremonies last April 20 by DDGER Gerald J. Whitsel, Loveland, who was assisted by past and present officers of Colorado lodges and the officers of McCook, Neb., and Goodland, Kan., Lodges. The attending dignitaries included PGER Blackledge, SP Eugene F. Costello of Denver, and GL Committeemen J. A. Drehle and Miland H. Duni-vent, of Littleton and Grand Junction, Colo., Lodges, respectively.



**A SOLEMN MOMENT** of tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of their country climaxes the official visit of Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Ray G. Medley (center), of Honolulu, to Manila, P.I., Lodge. Assisted by two Manila Elks—Est. Lead. Kt. J. Thomas Hicks and Secy. John P. Green—Brother Medley places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial—the final resting place of 17,182 Americans who died in World War II battles in the Pacific War Theater.



**FREELAND, Pennsylvania,** Lodge's 60th anniversary festivities coincide with the official visit of SP Nicholas P. Chacona (sixth from left), Sayre, who takes this occasion to pose for a photograph with Freeland Elks and visiting dignitaries. Shown with him are (from left): Patrick J. Shovlin; PER J. R. Ward; DDGER Donald M. Walters, Lehigh; John Watahovich; PDD Richard C. Megargell, Berwick, GL State Associations committeeman; 1968-1969 ER Leroy Fisher; Robert Oyer; Walter Reynolds; Ben Dry; PER S. M. Braybrook; Nick Bellezza, and DDGER Harold B. Daubert, Pottsville.

## A "LEGISLATURE IN ACTION"



*Smiling faces abound as students and chaperones prepare to embark on the first leg of Great Neck, N.Y., Elks' "Legislature in Action" program—a bus ride to Albany, followed by lunch and a tour of the Capitol.*

A "legislature in action" program was started recently by Great Neck, N.Y., Elks to acquaint students with the workings of state government.

Seniors from Great Neck North, Great Neck South, and St. Mary's (Manhasset) Girls' and Boys' senior high schools were taken by bus to Albany for a tour of the Capitol, followed by a visit to the Assem-

bly and Senate chambers. Senator John D. Caemmerer and Assemblyman Vincent R. Balletta Jr., a lodge member, explained to the students the processing of a bill from its proposal to its passage or defeat; Lieut. Gov. Malcolm Wilson later held a question and answer session

on current and future legislation.

Elks accompanying the students on their journey included ER John Sowinsky, PER Franklin G. Edwards, and Brother James A. Stanley. The program was sponsored by the lodge's youth activities committee.



**A LOVELY YOUNG LADY** was in the limelight at St. Joseph, Mich., Lodge recently. Chosen Miss St. Joseph to represent the community in the annual Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Blossom Festival, Miss Patricia Larko, 17, daughter of PER and Mrs. John Larko, shares the excitement with her parents, as the happy trio smiles for the camera following a breakfast at the lodge in honor of the festival's 30 "community queens." Miss Larko is holding the key to the city presented to her on that occasion.



**WOODBIDGE, New Jersey,** Elks assemble at Town Hall to extend a welcome to two leading citizens, who arrived by stage coach and decked in colonial finery in commemoration of George Washington's visit to the community on the way to his inauguration in New York. The attraction was one of many festivities being held throughout the year with the help of Woodbridge Lodge to celebrate the town's 300th anniversary. Shown gathered around the costumed Recreation Director Frank Murphy and Mayor Ralph Barone are (from left) Woodbridge Elks A. Martin Munday and Charles Blum, Councilman George Yates, immediate PER Dominick LaPenta, ER Walter Kopcho, and Brother Peter Ricciardone.

## LODGE NOTES

**HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.** Lodge members attending a recent Cerebral Palsy Night had the pleasure of meeting an adopted "friend"—11-year-old Jimmie Swan, a victim of the disease since birth, who was the lodge's guest of honor for a surprise birthday celebration.

Two months ago the lodge donated a "grownup" wheelchair to Jimmie to replace one that he had outgrown. The Elks were so touched by reports of his delight over the new acquisition that they began to plan a gathering to celebrate his upcoming birthday. Jimmie was released from Fairview Hospital for the occasion, and happily attended with his parents and younger brother Glen.

The festivities included a big birthday cake decorated in Jimmie's favorite blue, and portable radios for him and his brother.

Huntington Beach Elks are to be commended for their acts of kindness, and for pledging what further assistance they can "in return for Jimmie's eloquent expressions of joy."

**RAPID CITY, S.D.** Lodge members and their guests were invited recently to take part in the fast, exciting sport of skeet shooting, with the opening of a new Elks skeet range. On hand to assist new shooters in learning the fine points of skeet marksmanship were Sam Kim, Morrie Skie, Henry Wynne, and Mack Fewel, who at one time served as a military skeet instructor.

**EVERETT, Wash.** A longtime lodge member—Brother Bruce H. Manley—recently enjoyed the thrill of a lifetime, when he played banjo at the lodge with the "King of the Banjos"—Eddie Peabody. Brother Manley, who plays with the Banjokers, a 10-man band of banjopickers who got their start at the Seattle World's Fair and have played all over Seattle since then, has always been a fan of the great banjo artist.

The two men became friends five years ago, and have often played together informally; the pair delighted audiences two nights running at Everett Lodge, where Brother Manley at long last had the honor and pleasure of performing in public with "the greatest of them all."

**DONALDSONVILLE, La.** Miss Donna Dugas, the lodge's Youth Leadership winner, girls' division, was recently presented with a \$100 scholarship in recognition of her achievement. Miss Dugas is a student at Donaldsonville High School.

**HARTFORD, Conn.** A third-generation Elk—Brother Lawrence W. Tauro II—was welcomed recently into the Order, joining his family members Lawrence W. Tauro and Louis W. Tauro, 54 and 14-year lodge members, respectively.

The happy occasion also served to pay tribute to the senior Brother Lawrence Tauro, who is an Honorary Life Member of Hartford Lodge.

**BILLERICA, Mass.** A beautiful oil painting—an original work by Harold J. Cue—was presented recently to the lodge by Boy Scout Troop 30 and Cub Scout Pack 30, in appreciation of the Elks' sponsorship of the two groups.

The painting, which shows an Elk silhouetted against a body of water, was presented to the lodge on behalf of the scouts by institutional representative Kenneth Heron and Scoutmaster John Shaw.

**RUTHERFORD, N.J.** A \$25 award was presented recently to the lodge's Youth Leadership winner—Miss Patricia Lano, a student at St. Mary's High School in Rutherford. Miss Lano, who is active in scouting and serves as a program aide for one of the five local lodge-sponsored Girl Scout troops, went on to win second place in the statewide Youth Leadership competition, for which she received a \$150 U. S. Savings Bond.

**HILLSIDE, N.J.** U.S. Savings Bonds, in the amount of \$50 each, were presented recently to the lodge's Youth Leadership winners—Howard Atterman and Miss Marilyn Kuner, both seniors at Hillside High School.

**COLONIA, N.J.** Prizes were awarded recently to the lodge's two Youth Leadership winners—Perry Stio, winner of the boys' division, and Miss Maureen DeMaio, winner of the girls' division.



**SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts,** Elks donate a police ambulance to the city. On hand for the presentation are Trustee Eugene Decoteau, PER and Trustee O. Paul Cotti, Brother Patrick Harrigan, PER and Trustee Albert F. Santinelli, Mayor F. H. Freedman, an Elk, PER Francis O'Brien, Brother Jerry Scully, and Police Chief John F. Lyons.



**PICKING WINNERS** is a delight for two tots about to draw the lucky tickets in Decatur, Ga., Lodge's recent fund drive, which netted \$1,761 for Georgia Elks Aidmore Hospital, Atlanta, the state major project. ER George L. Timbert (left) and PER Matthew A. Hitlin, drive chairman, assist with the drawing, which turned out lucky for two Decatur Elks, Harlyn Templeman and Frank Burns. The prizes: portable color television sets.



**NORTH DAKOTA ELKS,** and the state's major project, Camp Grassick for handicapped children, in particular, will benefit from the bequest of a grateful Elk—Carl Ernst, a farmer-rancher who was a member of Dickinson, N.D., Lodge for 38 years. Shown are state association and lodge officers looking on as Mr. Charles Murphy (seated, second from left), executor of the estate, is about to turn over a check for \$15,000 to state Trustees Chairman A. C. Moore, Grand Forks. Among those present is 1968-1969 SP Robert W. Moran (seated, left), Williston. Also included in the generous gift were 512 mineral acres and a percentage of the proceeds.



**HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania,** Lodge Secy. and PDD Francis R. Miller Sr. (second from left) presents the Exalted Ruler's gavel to the youngest ER in lodge history—his son, Andrew A. Miller, who was also the first to be installed in the lodge's new building. Looking on are immediate PER Robert E. Young and PER Joseph R. Lipman. (Lodge News continued on page 36)



**NORTH CAROLINA ELKS** visiting the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., pause for a group photo on steps of the Home with PGER John L. Walker and Superintendent Doral E. Irvin. The busload of Elks and their ladies from Greensboro, Durham, and High Point, N.C., Lodges included DDGER W. Ernest Bell, Durham, and Greensboro PER and VP William A. Vaden. Greensboro's Brother M. H. "Red" Mashburn was in charge of the trip. As the day's activities came to a close, the group left much inspired, having seen firsthand the wonderful facilities.

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Three Houston, Tex., Lodge members who received Century Club memberships from Lodge PER E.L. McMullen, second from left, are: Treas. David Myles, PER Herman Lockridge, and PER Ray Innerarity.



Endicott, N.Y., Lodge's oldest member, Theodore Eckhardt, right, receives a Century Club membership from PER and lodge National Foundation chairman, Jack Cornell.

Brother Henry J. Halam, Past Commander of Harvey Seeds American Legion Post, presents a \$500 National Foundation contribution from the Legion to PER John W. Trabold of Miami, Fla., Lodge.

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# squirrels:

## Hunting's most pleasant pastime

by BYRON W. DALRYMPLE

IT WAS ONE of those fall mornings when you wish you might stop time and just let this go on and on forever. In the Texas creek bottom where the pecan trees grew, there was a lilt of breeze laden with a mixture of gentle woody odors unmistakably indicating the season. They carried a kind of excitement, and yet they lulled one.

With my young son, Mike, I lay flat on my back and stared into the intricate patterns of leaves and branches of the great pecan tree towering over us. We had stuffed our folded jackets under our heads, and we were listening. Up in the dense cover of the leaves there was a sudden scurrying, and then silence. Presently the shavings cut from a pecan husk by the sharp teeth of a

feeding squirrel came sifting down, making tiny whispering rhythms as they fell from leaf to leaf.

Getting his first taste of playing the game of outwitting a quarry, Mike was clutching the stock of the new .22 rifle beside him and trying desperately to control his breathing. Surely the target would show in a moment.

"There," I whispered at last. "Look to your left. Don't look for a whole squirrel. I can see one ear—that's all."

Soon he had found it. He was bringing the small rifle up slowly, slowly—and during this maneuver I was somehow transported backward in time a good many years. I was not in Texas. I was on the Michigan farm where I grew up. I was a kid hunched behind a



Squirrels feed on many items such as a wild gourd in the top photo. Above and to the right illustrate that these animals are excellent hunter training for kids.



rotted log in our woodlot. Above me a venerable beech towered. Beneath it, scattered over the newly fallen leaves, were bits of burr and shell snipped from hundreds of beech nuts by the squirrels that lived in these woods. I was carefully working the old-fashioned single-shot .22 rifle into position and my heart was violently hammering. I had come here at daylight, and hunched for a solid hour, immobile. A fox squirrel that looked huge to me now perched confidently upon a high, bare limb and I was about—I hoped desperately—to bring it to bag.

As my dreaming of boyhood raced on, Mike, at my side here in reality in Texas, suddenly squeezed the trigger. The sharp report of the little gun made me jump, jerking me rather rudely back to the present. Instantly my hunter's instinct took over. I rolled toward Mike and clapped a hand over his mouth. He'd opened it and I knew he was going to yell: "Got him!" as the squirrel came tumbling.

I held him momentarily, grinning and motioning with my head back up into the tree. Then I carefully took the gun from him and aimed it myself. There was another fat squirrel up there, in plain sight to me, flattened in what it probably thought was total concealment at the end of a limb. A few seconds later the rifle popped once more, and down came our second prize.

Now then, there are thousands of today's sportsmen who seem to feel that unless they are hunting some huge or dangerous creature at the end of a long and expensive trip to some distant state, province, or foreign land, they just aren't hunting, period. To be sure, there is little status connected with squirrel hunting. But it is a fact that, regardless of all the "big-time" hunting in which U.S. citizens participate, two of our small game animals, the rabbit and the squirrel, are our most popular game species. The rabbit is No. 1—the squirrel is No. 2.

Both indeed offer wonderful, close-at-home sport. But of the two, squirrel hunting has, in my opinion, the most tremendous appeal because it is in many ways a contemplative and gentle pastime. It is physically relaxing and easy, it is all but costless, it occurs almost everywhere during that mid-fall season, when it is so delightful to be in the woods. The results of the hunt are delectable on the table. The entire aura of the undertaking is steeped in American tradition, from Colonial times to the days of the Kentucky squirrel rifle, to the present. But most of all, in my view, squirrel hunting is one of those endeavors that fits as a family or father-son activity far and above all other varieties of hunting.

Make no mistake, squirrel hunting



*TOP, hollow trees are favorite hiding and nesting spots for squirrels.*

*MIDDLE, where woodlots border croplands, look for signs like this. A squirrel dragged this ear of corn to the top of the fence post.*

*BOTTOM, Sorting out squirrels from crisscrossed twigs is hard work without binoculars.*

requires skill. It requires long periods of complete silence and immobility. It demands the sharpest of eyes, and craft with a gun. When one prowls to find new squirrel trees, the demands upon the stalker are more severe than when one hunts animals at long range. This is close-range hunting, with the woodland usually noisy underfoot, and the quarry so attuned to its surroundings that it perks up its senses at the merest rustle upon the forest floor.

That "little boy" who lay there beneath the pecan on that morning is today a six-footer riding bulls in rodeos and doing all those other rugged things big boys do. By now he has bagged numerous deer and other big-game. But he learned marksmanship and hunting prowess, and he learned the sweet excitement of the oak-clad hills and the pecan-studded bottoms, during those very first squirrel hunting forays a few years ago. He learned, too, I am sure, a certain kind of companionship with his father that will not soon be eroded by the harrassments of our troubled adult world which he, like thousands of other youths, is now entering. And so, I think, just maybe the art and enjoyment of squirrel hunting is a truly important facet of the American recreational scene.

Certainly this is something almost all U.S. citizens can experience, regardless of where they live or how little hunting equipment, recreation, time or money they may have. Our native tree squirrels range very broadly. They do not require vast areas of primeval forest. Although squirrels are abundant in the remaining large stands of hardwood timber, many a woodlot of twenty to forty acres annually produces enough squirrels to satisfy one or more hunting families on their fall hunts.

Our two chief species of squirrels are the gray squirrel and the fox squirrel. Gray squirrels range the entire eastern U.S., stretch across the south, mid-south and the Great Lakes area to the Dakotas and on down into Texas. They also occur in the west, excluding desert areas, from northern Washington to Mexico. In some areas gray squirrels grow very large and handsome. I recall seeing the silver gray, a sub-species, considered sometimes a great pest in Oregon's English Walnut orchards, so large and handsome it looked almost as large as a small housecat. I had seen smaller grays simple teeming in the woods of the Deep South, where many an enthusiast calls them "cat squirrels."

And how well I recall the richly colored gray squirrels in various places—Mississippi, Tennessee, and northern Michigan. One morning I stood beneath a huge tree in the Tennessee hills, watching dawn come quietly into the

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tight valley, listening to the awakening of my quarry. And when full light gave me targets, I stood in one place and picked off my limit—that year five—big fat squirrels without so much as moving my boots.

The fox squirrel is usually somewhat larger than the gray. It may weigh at maximum as much as three pounds, with many an average adult going two. Its eastern and midwestern ranges are quite similar to that of the gray, and it stretches far down into Texas. It was fox squirrels that Mike and I were after that morning in the pecan bottom. This squirrel, usually reddish, but in some areas grayish with a pale nose and ears and a darker head, does not reach in range to the West Coast.

Our other common squirrel species is the diminutive red squirrel. In one form or another—northern red, Douglas chikaree, pine squirrel—it blankets much of the northern half of the U.S. There are also, in a good many woodlands from deep south way up into the northern Great Lakes, colonies of jet black squirrels. For many years Michigan protected its "black squirrels." They were considered a distinct species. Actually, they were a black or melanistic phase of the gray squirrel. I recall that in a few spots, near Tawas City, Michigan was one, whole colonies of these black gray squirrels occurred. They seem to have been able to keep their color dominant.

Once, in the Yazoo Delta country of Mississippi, I was on a squirrel hunt and saw two unusually large black squirrels, both of which I bagged along with a few of the standard color pattern. Occasionally black phases of the fox squirrel also occur. White phases of both squirrel species are not common but are not unknown. At one time there were numerous white squirrels, protected from hunting, in the town of Olney, Illinois.

For one who becomes a true squirrel-hunting addict, the biggest thrill in the sport is making a hunt for the large, handsome Abert, or tassel-eared, squirrels of the mountain west. They occur in certain mountain ranges of Colorado and New Mexico, but the bulk of the species appears to hold forth in Arizona, mainly in the mountains along and below the south rim of the Grand Canyon. These squirrels are always found in areas of large yellow pine. They feed upon cuttings of young shoots, and upon pine cone seeds.

I went to Arizona one fall purposely to hunt Abert squirrels. That may sound ridiculous to big-game hunters. It might sound more so when I say that I had a wonderful hunt, filled with excitement and wonder at the stunningly handsome animals. This squirrel is big, with long ears each bearing a kind of

"tassel" of hair at its tip. The animal's belly and the sides of its tail are white. The rest of the large, fluffy tail is frosty gray. The squirrel's sides are a rich, dark gray, the back is a deep red-brown.

Across on the north side of Grand Canyon there is found, only on the Kaibab Plateau, the Kaibab squirrel. It is much like the Abert except its tail is almost all pure white, and its belly is dark gray-black. Many naturalists believe these two species were one, tens of thousands of years ago. As the canyon formed, the Kaibab was cut off and has evolved characteristics of its own. It is completely protected from hunting.

One crisp fall morning I went with Levi Packard, a friend from Williams, Arizona, out into the stands of huge pine near that town. We cruised along forest trails, or walked slowly among the trees, watching for the flick of a frosty tail. Suddenly I saw a big Abert squirrel run, dodge behind a pine trunk. I ran. The squirrel kept on, trying to throw me off its trail by dodging from trunk to trunk. Presently I had lost it. Then I heard the scurry of claws on bark.

Now the real hunting began. You might imagine that a big squirrel with a whitish tail could not hide. I've seen these tassel-eared beauties creep out to the very tip of a pine branch way, way up at the top of a sky-reaching pine. There, lying flat among the spreading pine needles, the squirrel is virtually impossible to see. After fifteen minutes with both of us sitting beneath this pine crooking our necks till they ached, we finally got our eyes on the prize, and with my .22 I brought it down. During that hunt in the big-timber of northern Arizona, I collected one limit—five—of these handsome squirrels. It was one of the most enjoyable and dramatic hunts, regardless of quarry, that I have ever experienced.

One of the fundamental delights of squirrel hunting is the small amount of equipment needed. Most squirrel hunting is done during the balmy portions of the fall. Some states also have late-spring and summer seasons. Thus clothing can be just anything one happens to have. A light hunting vest with game pocket is of course handy, for transporting the kill. Boots of any sort will also do. In leafy woods I've even worn moccasins on brief hunts. Clothing should be drab, and if you happen to have a camouflage suit and cap it certainly is a good idea to wear it.

For several seasons when I was teaching my boys squirrel hunting techniques, we had a "gimmick" figured out that worked like a charm. I recalled that as a youngster an uncle of mine had shown me a similar trick. He'd find a tree that had a squirrel in

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# Tom Wrigley

**WRITES FROM  
WASHINGTON**

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**SOCIAL SECURITY RAISE** may come this year after all. How much remains to be seen. Former President Johnson recommended a 10 percent boost. President Nixon said he was for 7 percent. Then Chairman Wilbur D. Mills, Ark. of the House Ways and Means Committee indicated no hearings on an increase would be held this year. He now says he has not ruled out action during this session. Many members are pushing for a 15 percent increase.

**EXPERT RAT-KILLERS** in the District elimination program will be paid \$12,174 per year. Those not quite so expert will get \$10,203 per year. The entire program will cost \$1.1 million per year. Just how much this figures in cost per rat has not been estimated.

**NEW WELFARE SYSTEM** favored by HEW Sec. Robert H. Finch for Congress to consider would provide monthly cash payments of \$30 to \$40 per person in each qualifying family. With this would be a distribution of food stamps ample to feed the family and a work incentive program.



**DID HHH LOSE?** Hubert Humphrey was defeated as Democratic candidate for President in a close race but now is making about \$200,000 a year. As Vice President he received \$43,000 a year plus \$10,000 annually for expenses. His pay as a member of the Senate was \$30,000 a year. His largest salary today is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year as Chairman of the Board of Consultants of the Encyclopedia Britannica. He also lectures at two Minnesota Universities, writes a weekly newspaper column and his standard speaking fee is \$2500 which averages at least once per week.

**IMMIGRATION LAWS** in effect since July of last year are causing major changes. There is a big increase of Asian immigrants and a fall-off in immigrants from Europe. The increases are from India, Nationalist China, the Philippines, and Korea.



**COMPUTER WAS RIGHT.** For months noted war correspondent Jim J. Lucas received a bill from a national oil company for \$0.00. Then came one of them marked "Final Notice". Jim wrote a check for \$0.00, signed it, and sent it with the final bill to the oil company. Back from the computer came a form letter of thanks for having attended to his "indebtedness".

**FAMOUS EMERALD,** the 858 carat Gachala Emerald is on exhibition in the Museum of Natural History. It is uncut and has a fire and brilliance which cannot be described. It seems to glow from inside with a brilliant green light. It was named for the mine in Colombia, South America in which it was discovered. The famous Hope diamond of the late Washington socialite Evalyn Walsh McLean still remains the star gem in the heavily guarded multi-million dollar exhibit.

**CAPE KENNEDY,** since the blastoff of space flights to the moon, has created a bitter controversy between NASA and members of Congress and high administration officials over admission tickets. Thousands of newspapermen and photographers also demand press tickets for every blastoff. There simply isn't room at the Cape anywhere near the launching sites. However the space museum at the Cape is open on Sundays and buses take visitors on guided tours.

**POP CORRECTION.** An item in our June column about the harmful drinking of too much pop under a Food and Drug Adm. warning failed to make plain that it concerned artificial sweetening in soft drinks which contain cyclamates. There is no complaint of course about drinks which contain sugar or other harmless sweetening and this reporter who is a pop drinker from way back wants to make this clear.

**DRINKING DRIVERS** on our highways lose 2500 operators licenses every day in the U.S. the National Highway Users Conference reports. Records from all states of drivers whose licenses have been revoked for all causes number about two million. The Driver Register indicates nearly 650,000 revocations annually are alcoholic-involved.



**HIGHWAY SPEED LAWS** have been increased by five states the National Highway Users Conference reports. They include Maryland, Nebraska, New York, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. Maryland tops the list with a maximum speed limit of 70 mph. on Interstate System highways.

**FEDERAL PAY RAISES** asked by Rep. Morris Udall, Ariz. in a bill he intends to push has created a stir in Congress. It would give postal and white collar Federal employees new pay raises to take effect January 1, 1970. All employees would get a five percent increase. Up to 12 percent additional raises would go to employees in the first eight classified grades and first nine postal grades.

**DISTRICT DOT.** Peace Corps recruitment has been dropping quite a bit below last year's level.

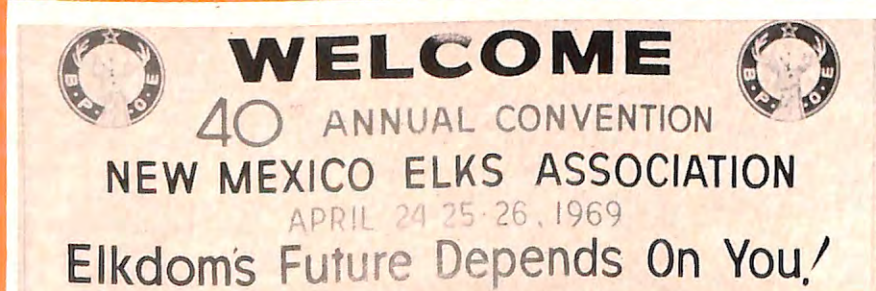


Louisiana Elks' outgoing SP H. L. Shacklett, Baton Rouge, finds one of his last official acts enjoyable, as he presents a beautiful silver dish to Mrs. Edward W. McCabe. Sharing the happy moment during the state association's 33rd annual convention in Morgan City, April 11 through 13, is then-GER McCabe, who looks on at left.

Prominent New York Elks attending the recent annual state convention in Buffalo find a small boy's beaming smile one of the most satisfying reflections of the association's benevolent activities. For three years, seven-year-old Stephen Griswold of Clifton Springs has been aided by the major project, which provides home service to cerebral palsied children like him throughout the state. Shown greeting Stephen as the association's 1969 poster child are Convention Director Bryan J. McKeogh, New York; Grand Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, of Lynbrook Lodge; newly elected SP George J. Ballbach, of Queens Borough (Elmhurst) Lodge, and retiring SP Leonard J. Bristol, of Saranac Lake.

## News of the State Associations

On hand to welcome GER Edward W. McCabe and PGER Robert E. Boney to Albuquerque for the 40th annual convention of the New Mexico Elks Association, held April 24 through 26, are two distinguished New Mexico Elks—outgoing SP Jerry A. Gorman (left), Las Cruces, and newly elected SP T. J. Williams Jr. (second from right), an Albuquerque Elk—and ER Robert H. Kilgore of the host Albuquerque Lodge.



LOUISIANA ELKS and their ladies, more than 300 strong, assembled in Morgan City for their state association's 33rd annual convention, held April 11 through 13.

Special guests attending the convention—GER Edward W. McCabe and Mrs. McCabe, and PGER and Mrs. William A. Wall—were met at the airport in New Orleans by a contingent of Louisiana dignitaries led by PSP H. L. Shacklett, Baton Rouge, and including former GL Judiciary Committeeman Willis C. McDonald, New Orleans, and DDGERS Guy E. Humphries, Alexandria, and Martin F. Moe Jr., Slidell. Members of the delegation then drove on to Morgan City, where they were accorded a welcome in the best tradition of southern hospitality.

Slidell Lodge's team walked away with ritualistic honors for the fourth consecutive year. The champion ritualists received a beautiful trophy and a chance at winning national honors during the July GL Convention in Dallas. Slidell and Shreveport Lodges were presented plaques for having the most outstanding lodge activities programs during the 1968-1969 lodge year.

The Elks' major project—the Southern Eye Bank of New Orleans—received a total of \$25,822 in contributions, it was revealed. Eleven of the state's 14 lodges were presented Eye Bank Certificates for having fulfilled their contribution pledges for the year.

The association's slate of new officers includes SP Henry L. Riser, Shreveport; VPs Sam Sullivan, Slidell, and Dr. James Basco, Shreveport; Secy. E. F. "Gene" Heller, Alexandria, serving his twenty-first year; Treas. C. W. McGill, Slidell;

Tiler Harry Hover, Morgan City; Sgt.-at-Arms Mike Sullivan, Shreveport; Chap. Theo J. Duhon Jr., Baton Rouge, and Trustees B. L. Champagne, Baton Rouge; PDD J. A. Fontenot, Opelousas; Charles R. Champagne, Plaquemine; PDD R. W. Glaholt, Shreveport, and immediate PSP H. L. Shacklett, elected to a five-year term.

Louisiana Elks will convene in Slidell for their fall conference in October, with Opelousas Lodge slated to host the next annual convention, April 17-19, 1970.

**THE EXALTED RULERS MARCH** during Michigan Elks' 1969 meeting culminated with the donation of the one millionth dollar for the group's 12-year-old major project—aid to handicapped children. That distinctive presentation, made by the Exalted Ruler of Ferndale Lodge, was witnessed by delegates representing more than 58,000 members in the 71 Michigan lodges at the association's 65th annual convention May 15 through 18 in Kalamazoo.

Executive Secretary James A. Stotenburg of the Michigan Elks Major Project Commission reported that lodges' voluntary contributions during the 1968-1969 term totaled a record high of \$134,958, exceeding the commission's goal by nearly \$10,000 and enabling the support of 603 cases.

Also of special interest to the conventioners was the recognition of "Michigan's best"—Midland Lodge—by the presentation of awards to the lodge officers. Among them were the President's Achievement Award, a citation for the best youth program, and a special award for enrolling 301 members in the Elks National Foundation.

PDD James L. Dompierre of Negaunee Lodge was chosen to head the association as State President for the coming year. Other elected officers include: VP-at-Large Howard Emerson, Jackson; Secy. Leland L. Hamilton, Niles, and Treas. Glen Converse, Lansing—all Past District Deputies.

Port Huron was chosen the site for the fall conference in October, Niles for the 1970 annual convention in May.

NEW YORK ELKS and their ladies, 700 strong, assembled in Buffalo May 8 through 10 for their 57th annual convention.

PGERs George I. Hall and Ronald J. Dunn—both Past State Presidents—commended Dr. Leonard J. Bristol of Saranac Lake on the excellent accomplishments attained by the association during his term as State President.

Delegates attending the four-day session learned that contributions to the Elks National Foundation and to the state's Major Project Fund reached new high figures, and that expansion of the cerebral palsy home service program—part of the major project—is well underway, with seven mobile units now in operation.

Other progress reports revealed that Webster-Fairport Lodge was instituted during the past year and that each of the 134 lodges conducted a youth program. For the second consecutive year Liverpool Lodge had the largest numerical membership gain and Huntington Lodge repeated its ritualistic contest win, with Rome and Lockport Lodges in second and third places, respectively.

Among convention highlights were addresses by state Youth Leadership



Left: One of the highlights of Michigan Elks' 1969 annual convention, held May 15 through 18 in Kalamazoo, is the passing of the gavel of authority from immediate PSP Robert J. Lace (right), of Niles, to his newly elected successor, SP James L. Dompierre, who is a member of Negaunee Lodge.

Above: The dexterity of this little four-year-old, and her father's smiling face, gave Elks attending the meeting concrete evidence of the worthwhile results of the state's major project—aid to handicapped children. Among those who witnessed this happy moment are Brother Lace and James Stotenburg, executive secretary of the Michigan Elks Association Major Project Commission.



Alaska's newly elected SP T. Stanton Wilson, of Anchorage, addresses a large crowd at the opening ceremonies of the Alaska State Elks Association annual convention. Seated on the left of the podium is ER Erle N. Meneely of the host Juneau Lodge and other local and state dignitaries; on the right are Juneau PER Bobbie J. Tyler, convention chairman; VP Richard Freer, Juneau; state Secy.-Treas. G. H. Gissberg, also a Juneau Elk, and state Trustees Chairman Joel Campbell, Sitka.



Taking time out from their new administrative duties are five Wyoming Elks chosen to head their state association for the coming year: (from left) SP B. Paul Cody, Casper, a PDD, VPs Richard J. Bertagnolli Jr., Rock Springs, Oliver J. Foust, Thermopolis, and Richard Collins, Lusk, and 5-year Trustee F. R. Anderson, Rawlins. The group photo was taken during the state association's recent annual convention, hosted by Rawlins Lodge.



On hand to greet a smiling GER Edward W. McCabe upon his arrival at the 64th annual convention of the Kansas Elks Association in Wichita are several prominent Kansas Elks: (from left) State Secy. Glenn E. Edwards, Wellington; State Treas. Clarence A. Chandler, Topeka; SP Virgil B. Howey, Galena, and immediate PSP W. Harold Young, Salina, all PDDs; DDGERs Donnie Mauslein, Hiawatha, Robert S. Rexroat, Pratt, Billy W. Needham Sr., El Dorado, and Robert L. Earnest, Russell; GL Auditing Committeeman John T. Kirkwood, Galena, and Grand Est. Lect. Kt. K. R. Larrick, Augusta.

winner Joseph Gebbia, sponsored by Huntington Lodge, and Most Valuable Student winner Richard C. Giaccio, sponsored by Queens Borough (Elmhurst) Lodge. A total of 51 awards were presented to various student winners.

PSP James A. Gunn, Mamaroneck, a former GL officer and committeeman, conducted an Exalted Rulers and Secretaries clinic. The panelists were Grand Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Lynbrook Lodge; Grand Trustee Francis P. Hart, Watertown, and GL Judiciary Committeeman Peter T. Affatato, Levittown-Hicksville—all PSPs.

PSP John F. Schoonmaker, Port Jervis, delivered the Memorial Service eulogy.

GL State Association Chairman George J. Balbach of Queens Borough (Elmhurst) Lodge was elected State President. Herman J. Wickel, Huntington, was reelected Secretary and William C. Petzke, Elmira, Treasurer. The new Vice-Presidents are William Prashaw, Fulton; Arthur K. Lee, Patchogue; Webb Jackson, Beacon; Kenneth Doty, Whitehall; John F. Martin, Watertown; Arthur J. Strianese, Mechanicville; Patrick J. Minor, Peekskill; James R. Graves, Ithaca; Frank R. Gallo, Elmort; S. Gerald Griffin, Hornell; John T. Nichols, Albany; Wayne R. Pettit, Lockport, and George F. Esse, Rochester. Other officers include Chaplain, the Rev. Francis A. White, Plattsburgh; Tiler, John D. Waddell, Lynbrook, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank W. Fitzgerald, Saranac Lake.

The fall conference will be held in Rochester in September; the 1970 annual convention at the Concord Hotel in Kiamesha Lake in May.

ALASKA ELKS dedicated their 21st annual state convention, held May 1, 2, and 3 in Juneau, to the memory of PGER Emmett T. Anderson, who seldom had missed the Alaska Elks' meetings and who had provided the state officers with invaluable advice and guidance.

A total of 350 Alaska Elks and ladies were registered for the meeting, along with distinguished out of state guests: PGER Horace R. Wisely and Mrs. Wisely; GL Judiciary Committeeman Robert A. Yothers, Seattle, Wash., and GL Lodge Activities Committeeman H. M. Randall, Salem, Oreg.

Once again, the climax of the "Farthest North" convention occurred when the Exalted Rulers of Alaska Lodges marched to the rostrum and presented contributions totaling \$41,900 for the state major project to Juneau PER Phil R. Holdsworth, state cerebral palsy chairman.

A CP demonstration clinic conducted by Elks therapists Donald Hagen and Margaret Piggot was open to the public.



Oklahoma Elks' annual convention April 18 through 20 in Tulsa is the scene of the presentation of awards to deserving Oklahoma students. Left: State winners of the Most Valuable Student competition, who received scholarship awards totaling \$2,400, assemble for a photograph with state MVS Chairman Frank Hammond (left), Enid, and PGER Earl E. James, an Oklahoma Elk; they are Marvin Kopp, Enid; Thomas Tate, Tulsa, the top state winner; Maudie Mae Miller, Ponca City, and Jane Kay Kile, Duncan. Right: State Youth Leadership contest winners of \$350 each—James R. Henson and Deborah S. Hopkins, both of Shawnee—smile for the camera with Lawton PER Harold D. Carey, chairman; GER Edward W. McCabe, and PGER Robert G. Pruitt.

Also at a public ceremony, outgoing SP James G. Barry, Ketchikan, presented awards to state Most Valuable Student winner Ross V. Soboleff, of Juneau, and to state Youth Leadership winners Jean Woodring and Ronald Baker, both of Anchorage.

Ritualistic honors went to the Kodiak Lodge team, with Juneau a close second.

Newly elected state officers include: SP T. Stanton Wilson, Anchorage, a Past District Deputy; VPs Richard Freer, Juneau, and H. Russell Painter, Seward, both PDDs; Secy.-Treas. G. H. Gissberg, Juneau, and Trustees Chairman Joel Campbell, Sitka.

WYOMING ELKS attending their 60th annual state convention May 8 through 11 in Rawlins were urged by newly-elected SP and PDD Paul Cody of Casper to take a more active part in their local lodges. Active lodges, Brother Cody said, "can do a great deal of good for their communities."

Another speaker, Sen. Gale W. McGee (D-Wyo.), addressed the convention-goers on student unrest and warned of the possible federal policing of college campuses to maintain order. He went on to praise a peace demonstration staged recently at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, which was conducted without violence, and suggested other colleges should take a cue from Wyoming.

Retiring state Secy. L. G. "Lou" Mehse, Laramie, was voted an Honorary State President, an honor unique in the state association's 60-year history.

The Elks' annual newspaper award for outstanding public service went to the Riverton *Ranger*, with radio station KWYO receiving the broadcast public service award.

Chosen to assist Brother Cody in leading the association for the 1969-1970 lodge year were VPs Richard Bertag-

nolli, Rock Springs, a PDD, Oliver Foust, Thermopolis, and Richard Collins, a PDD, Lusk; Elmer Nelson, Worland, Sergeant-at-Arms; John Dixon, Powell, Chaplain; Ken Poch, Lander, Inner Guard; Ed Young, Riverton, Tiler; George K. Forster, a PDD, Casper, Secretary-Treasurer, and F. R. Anderson, Rawlins, Trustee.

Cody Elks are scheduled to host the fall meeting Oct. 10 and 11, 1969, with Casper set as the site of the 1970 annual convention.

A "EUROPEAN HOLIDAY" atmosphere greeted Kansas Elks attending their 64th annual convention, held May 1 through 4 in Wichita. Evening entertainment during the four-day meeting carried out the European motif with "A Night in Bavaria," "Gay Paris," and "Merry Olde England."

Among the 424 Elks and their ladies on hand for the gathering were GER Edward W. McCabe and PGER H. L. Blackledge, accompanied by their lovely ladies.

Convention-goers learned that their major project—the Kansas Elks Training Center for the Retarded, located in Wichita—would receive \$11,000 in additional operating funds, raised through the efforts of Elks' ladies in individual lodges throughout the state. The center, with a staff of 17, now aids 160 mentally retarded, mentally ill, and physically handicapped enrollees; one of its primary functions—providing job training for handicapped adults—has resulted in job placement for 125 trainees to date.

Ritualistic contest honors went to the team from Wellington Lodge.

Chosen to head the state association for the coming year were Galena PER Virgil B. Howey, President; Beloit PER A. H. Lorentz, Deputy President; Wellington PER Glenn E. Edwards, Secre-

tary, and Topeka PER Clarence A. Chandler, Treasurer. All are Past District Deputies.

Manhattan Lodge will host the fall conference, Oct. 4 and 5, with Wichita Elks scheduled to repeat as hosts for the annual convention April 30 through May 3, 1970.

THE 62nd ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Oklahoma Elks Association, held April 18-20 in Tulsa, elected PDD Emmett F. Hines of Tulsa as the new State President. Named as Vice-Presidents were W. E. Hutson, El Reno; Roy Enos, Holdenville; Russell W. Arterburn, Oklahoma City, and E. C. Toups, Bartlesville.

Among the 620 Elks and their ladies in attendance were special guests GER Edward W. McCabe; PGERs Robert G. Pruitt and Earl E. James; GL Lodge Activities Chairman Brooks H. Bicknell, Alva; GL State Associations Committeeman Harry C. Johnsen, Bartlesville; SDGER Robert L. Smith, of McAlester Lodge; the four Oklahoma District Deputies, and a host of state dignitaries headed by outgoing SP W. Fred Schiefer, Duncan.

The highlight of the three-day parley was a luncheon honoring GER McCabe. The 525 persons present witnessed the distribution of 86 Silver Elks awards and the presentation of \$3,100 in youth awards to state Most Valuable Student and Youth Leadership winners.

Special recognition, also, was given State Trustee and PSP Clarence H. Dietz, Sapulpa, upon the announcement of his retirement as the state's longtime Americanism chairman.

Other honors went to state ritualistic champions—Tulsa Lodge, first place, followed by Miami and Duncan Lodges in second and third places, respectively—and to the Eleven O'Clock Toast contest

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it. All squirrels are amazingly adept at keeping on the side of the trunk, or limb, away from the hunter. My uncle would hang his coat on a bush, making as much noise as he wished. Then he'd very quietly prowl around to the other side of the tree. The squirrel, spotting him, would dart around out of sight—but then it would spot the coat. Presumably thinking this was another danger, it would scurry back around, or else break out and run higher up, thus offering a shot.

I told Mike and Terry, my boys: "You wear drab clothing. I'll wear a plaid shirt with a lot of white."

We tried this first in a grove of huge live oaks. The squirrels were feeding there on acorns. We'd get a squirrel located. Then I'd place the boys so they could watch, quietly. I'd walk noisily around the tree. My shirt showed plainly, the sound of my shuffling in leaves alerted the squirrel. Instantly it zipped around to offer the boys a shot. They didn't always connect, but I chuckled about it because they thought their father was sure enough one smart hunter. Of course I was willing to take all the credit! Several times I have tried carrying a white cloth, tying it to a bush where it waves

in the breeze, then sneaking around a big tree. For a lone hunter this sometimes works just fine.

The only other equipment needed for squirrel hunting is the gun. This can be either a small-gauge shotgun, or a .22 rifle. If a shotgun, then shot of fairly large size should be used—No. 6 at least—for squirrel hides are tough to penetrate. The .22, with either open sights or a low-power scope—2X, 2½X, 3X, or perhaps as high as 4X—is much sportier than the shotgun. In dense cover certainly the shotgun brings home the meat for the pot. The .410 gauge or 20 gauge are best, light to carry and handle. My personal preference, however, is for the .22 with one of the new variable scope sights in low power—like those just out this year that run from 1½X to 4½X. Using one of these, if you are on the 1½-X magnification, and can see only very indistinctly where your target hides among the leaves, you can simply turn the power ring on the scope and jack the magnification up to any power up to 4½X.

As all .22 shooters know, ammunition comes in shorts, longs, and long rifle loads. I dislike the little shorts for squirrels. A big squirrel is a very tough creature. A short can wound it and let it get away. We use longs or long rifles.

They're a bit more expensive, but do a much cleaner, more efficient job. The idea, always, is of course to aim just at the squirrel's head. That's the sporty side of the hunting. It also avoids destroying any of the meat, which is delicious. If you cannot afford a scope, then of course open sights do just fine. But in teaching youngsters I feel the scope is best. It gives them a much better chance for accuracy, and gets them used to the type of sight they will use later with big-game rifles.

Before Mike was old enough to shoot a gun, I took him squirrel hunting with me in Michigan. We set up shop in a small woodlot bordering a cornfield that had been harvested. We found ears of corn here and there at the edge of the woods. Some others were atop fence posts, and stumps. This sign meant squirrels were abundant, and going back and forth. We concealed ourselves and I began using the call. Sparingly. The secret is not to call too much. Finally we got a reply. We spotted at last the very tree off in the woods from which the sound emanated. Mike thought—as any kid would—that this was great sport. We'd "talked" to a squirrel.

Only very occasionally will squirrels actually come to calls. But they will commonly answer, if you follow calling instructions properly. Thus you locate them, and *you* go to *them*. We did. But not before two other squirrels had chimed in from other trees. After they spoke, we clammed up. That's best. Let the real squirrel excite others. Before that morning was over we had collected by careful stalking and searching all three of those squirrels.

For average hunters, methods of squirrel hunting are very simple. Aside from calling, the hunter either prowls around predetermined good habitat looking for squirrels, or else he selects a place where he is certain a number of them live and feed, and here he sits early and late in the day, keeping absolutely silent and immobile. The little animals soon have their fears allayed, in case they were alerted when the hunter took his position. They begin to move, to chatter, to feed and show themselves, and the hunt is on.

Some hunters are lucky enough to have good squirrel dogs. One time I hunted in Georgia with a friend who had a little mongrel that was the best squirrel dog I ever saw. It was a small, nondescript cur that ran helter-skelter through the woods. When it picked up the scent of a squirrel, the dog ran straight to the tree. Or, it would hurry in frenzied fashion from tree to tree, sniffing here, sniffing there. Finally it would stand staring upward into a certain tree and begin to bark. No question about it, a squirrel was up there.

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# It's Your Business!

## WATCH THE YOUTH MOVEMENT!

At the prestigious Wharton Graduate School of Business Administration of the University of Pennsylvania, students have formed an unusual committee. It's called the Small Business Committee of the Wharton MBA Association, and is made up of young men who want to put their knowledge of business management to use in the field of *small* business. The members hold, or are obtaining, the masters of business administration degree.

Not only at Wharton, but at colleges and universities throughout the country, there are M.B.A. degree men who would rather join a good *small* company than a *big* one. But even though they'd like to get into a small company, if it's a *good* one, most of them end up being snapped up by the large companies.

Why isn't small business getting these men? The answer seems to be that it's not really trying to get them! Or at least it isn't trying to do so in an effective way. A University of Pennsylvania study showed that of 280 M.B.A. men graduated in 1967, no more than 10 percent were employed, in the following year, in companies whose annual sales incomes were in the \$2 million to \$3 million range. Many of the others were in companies large enough to be able to spend \$2 million or \$3 million each year just on operating their computer installations!

In view of what is offered by the big companies in the way of starting salaries, career-security, and fringe benefits, why should some outstandingly qualified young business-school graduates prefer to join small companies? A strong motivation is the hope of avoiding becoming lost in what one young M.B.A. man called "the middle management desert." To some business-school graduates big companies are the counterparts of the multiversities so many of them attended as undergraduates. By comparison a good small company has, for some of those men, much of the attractiveness that a good small college has for students who don't want to become "just another set of holes in the multiversity's punch-card system." Quite a few bright young

business school graduates feel that in the right kind of small company they can individually make a more substantial contribution than they'd be able to make in any of the big companies. And they feel that in a small company they'd not only be working closely with top management but would also have a chance to be part of top management while still fairly young. Since many of these young men have knowledge and skills badly needed by some small businesses, it would seem well worth while for small businesses to increase, and improve, its efforts to recruit them.

Big business pours out a huge amount of money each year to get high-quality young people into its ranks. The typical small-business can, as an individual company, spend only a small amount of money on this. Its situation in this respect is much like that of the typical small college which has trouble raising funds because the big schools gobble up so much donor money. Well, some of the small colleges banded together, for fund-raising purposes, in cooperative programs to compete more effectively against the big schools. Similarly, a group of ten small-businesses in a community could well afford jointly to sponsor personnel-recruiting programs that might grab some bright young M.B.A. graduates right out from under the noses of the big companies!

Recruiting is just one area in today's big youth movement that deserves the kind of watching by small business that big business has been doing for years.

"Well, let them watch it! The way young people are carrying on today is getting to be just too much for me!"

Any businessman might be tempted to make that statement today, but such a man could be taking a chance with his business future. In speaking of the present American younger generation, *Fortune* magazine said that that generation "has already done a great deal to reshape our society and redirect our economy, and it will preside over the revolutionary changes that await us." That statement appears on page 59 in the January, 1969, issue of *Fortune*, an issue that was devoted to the theme:

"American Youth: Its Outlook is Changing the World."

We strongly advise you to read that issue of *Fortune*, if you haven't already done so. Some of its content is based on an interview survey carried out jointly by members of the *Fortune* staff and a leading independent research firm. There is also a lot of statistical data about the American people and their economy. One fact that the magazine emphasized, and it may surprise you, is that in spite of the enormous amount of talk about "the huge sub-population of American young people" the 18-24-year-old group makes up a *smaller* percentage of the American population today than in the era before World War II.

But their total influence is of course enormously greater in many, many ways—including many that directly or indirectly affect the prospects of the small-businessman. Think soberly for a moment about the fact that during 1968 the total amount of spending by Americans in the 18-24-years bracket exceeded \$40 billion!

Of course we're not suggesting a sudden all-out swing-around toward the youth market simply because that market has become so major a part of the American economy (and, increasingly, of the entire world economy!). And it could be that your particular business, either because of its nature or because of its location or for some other reason, is oriented profitably toward a market or a set of markets that haven't been much affected by the youth movement. But unless you're *very* sure of this it could be dangerous simply to assume that it's the case.

By no means, of course, is the American economy being given over to the young people (instead of being "given back to the Indians"). As *Fortune* says: "... the economic impact of the increase in young householders is often exaggerated". On the other hand, American society as a whole is pretty strongly youth-oriented, and trends that originate in the young segment of the population often spread into the big Over 30 part of the population, causing changes in its spending habits. ■

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"Well, how do you like the chickens?"

"They certainly make an awful mess," said the king. The interviewer quickly shifted the conversation.

At a recent Oklahoma State Fair, kids and their parents enjoyed hunting for diamonds. Through arrangements with the Arkansas Diamond Mine, two large truckloads of valuable Kimberlite ore, from which the largest diamond ever discovered in the United States was taken, arrived at the Fair under guard. To insure that visitors would find gems, some \$5,000 worth of native diamonds and semi-precious gems were salted into the pseudo-diamond mine. To make certain as many "prospectors" as possible could hunt for gems, the "mine" operator admitted only small groups for a limited time. Many happy fairgoers shouted "Eureka" as they unearthed a sparkler.

Recently the Los Angeles County Fair featured the Golden Empire mine, an exciting and educational attraction.

Entering the "mine" through the "assay office," the visitor views equipment of early mining periods. The Golden Empire duplicates the old Empire mine that operated in the Sutter's Creek area during the gold rush days of 1849.

Fair prospectors descend into the mouth of the Golden Empire in an elevator. At the bottom a miner meets them and guides them on a tour of the 350-foot-long tunnel. Among other things, they see the canary used to alert miners of the presence of gas fumes, the glory hole—the name used for a strike important enough to require a lot of digging, and the burro, Minerva, that pulls a cart loaded with ore.

Some fairs this year will feature displays of bone-grafting and plastic surgery with before-and-after photographs. There will be explanations of the latest techniques in ear, nose and throat surgery. At a recent New York State Fair, doctors and nurses encouraged fairgoers to undergo regular health checkups. They started the ball rolling with 17,697 tests, including chest X-rays, examinations for anemia, blood pressure, diabetes, glaucoma, hearing, obesity, oral cancer, lung capacity, and vision.

To attract more people, most fairs now feature name stars in spectacular show, exciting racing programs, and raucous midways with thrilling rides. Many fairs turn to Hollywood and television networks for top-flight attractions. Perry Como made his first extended tour of fairgrounds several years ago. Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass grossed \$152,153 for six performances at a Pennsylvania fair. According to one booking agent, popular performers can build up as big a bankroll on fair appearances as they can at Las Vegas, or from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for three or four days.

In racing, fairs have traveled a long way since Dan Patch set the world's unofficial pacing record of 1:55 on the old Minnesota State Fair mile-long track in 1906. Today jalopy races sometimes supplant, sometimes supplement, the horses. The Minnesota State Fair, for instance, staged its last harness races in 1949. The paving of the dirt track ended forever the hopes of die-hard horse-racing fans that pacers and trotters would return. Today the Fair presents several styles of auto racing—speedway cars, late-model stock cars, midget autos and modified stock cars.

Among the most thrilling midway attractions are the spinning, tilting Round Up, the Flight to Mars, and the Meteor—a flight into space that phenomenally spins riders in two dimensions. If this year's rides aren't exciting enough, fairgoers can be certain there'll be new ones next year.

Every year new food items appear, while others disappear, at most fairs.



Tall as a four story building, "Tex" is a familiar sight at the Texas Fair.

Recently the Iowa State Fair featured a tastebud-tickling "corn dog"—a weiner on a stick, rolled in cornmeal and dipped in boiling oil. The Memphis Mid South Fair introduced hot, barbecued beans served in an ice cream cone. The Minneapolis Fair presented a Belgium waffle smothered in whipped cream and fresh strawberries. Though highly popular the first year, the waffle bombed the following season. Only traditional items like rainbow ice cream, snow cones, cotton candy, pronto pups, hamburgers, tacos, tamales, and popcorn seem to endure year after year.

Most fairs, of course, maintain first aid stations for those who over-indulge in such fare and for other casualties. At a Reading, Pennsylvania, fair some 250 persons sought relief from an aching tummy. In addition, ten persons were bitten by monkeys! By far the greatest number of mishaps, however, involve children, especially those who tearfully report, "I'm losted."

Fairs usually run anywhere from several days to several weeks. If those who attend could absorb everything there is to see and hear, they'd be wiser than Solomon—albeit with a few callouses on their feet. As one woman says, "Our family has attended the fair religiously for a number of years, and we go two or three times."

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## State Associations

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winner—outgoing state Chap. W. E. Hutson.

In business sessions, Oklahoma Elks resolved to hold a "workshop" meeting in Muskogee in October, at which time a Deputy State President would be elected, and to continue the subordinate officers clinic initiated this year. Committee reports revealed increased support of the Tisomingo summer camp for underprivileged children and an increase in scholarships for 1969.

On the lighter side, Claremore Lodge treated some 100 prominent Elks to a western-style barbecue; followed by a tour of Claremore's Will Rogers Museum. Tulsa Lodge hosted a dinner for dignitaries. The busy schedule included also a Past State Presidents dinner and a Grand Ball.

Memorial Services were conducted by Tulsa PER Lorin R. Hedrick; Tulsa PER C. L. Sechler delivered the address.

The 1970 state convention will be held May 1-3 in Oklahoma City, while district meetings are scheduled in Ardmore, Elk City, Ponca City, and Miami.

MISSOURI ELKS, 368 strong, converged on Cape Girardeau Lodge recently for their state association's annual convention, May 9 through 11.

Principal speaker for the three-day affair was Missouri Lt. Gov. William Morris.

Convention-goers learned that contributions to the state's major project—mobile dental units which provide dental care for crippled children—totaled \$8,720 during the year ending March 31. Estimated cost of the services provided during the year was \$73,000.

Ritualistic honors went to the team from Washington Lodge, with St. Louis and Festus-Crystal City Lodges garnering second and third-place titles, respectively. Plans were formulated to promote ritualistic activities, and to hold Grand Lodge ritualistic clinics yearly.

Chosen to head the slate of officers for the coming lodge year was SP Tom Briggs, Macon, a PDD, who will be assisted by VPs Richard E. Martin, St. Joseph, Galen Marr, Warrensburg, Richard Walls, Columbia, John C. Ross, St. Louis, and Charles R. Marquis, Trenton; Chap. Glen Kitchell, Springfield; Tiler Virgil Sehl, St. Charles; In. Gd. Jack Willhoyte, Maryville; Sgt.-at-Arms William Basden, Arcadia Valley; Secy. Kenneth Taylor, Macon, and Trustees Curt Wiggins, Joplin, Lawrence Raup, Florissant, Edward Pouliezios, Festus-Crystal City, and Clarence Lindgren, Kansas City.

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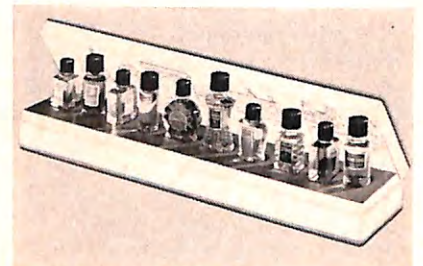


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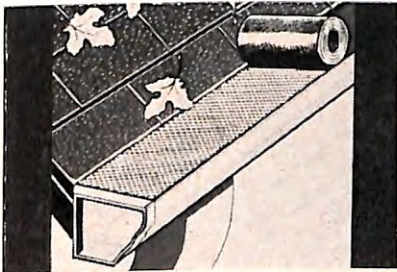
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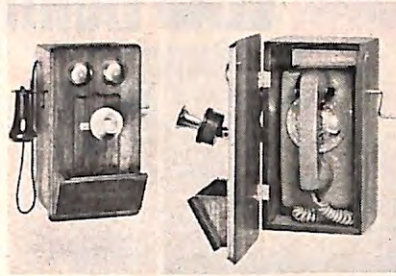
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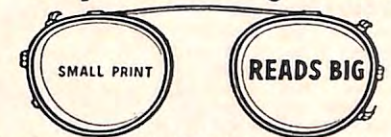
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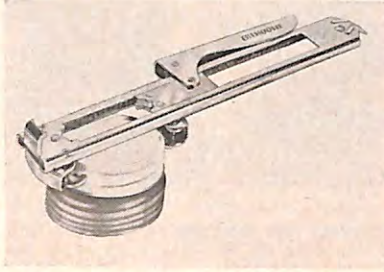
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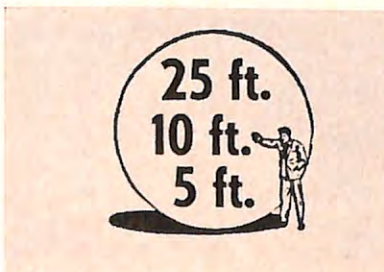
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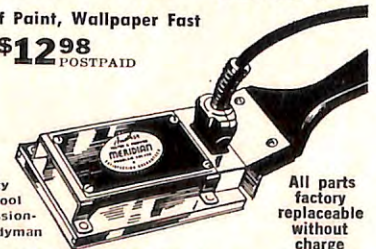
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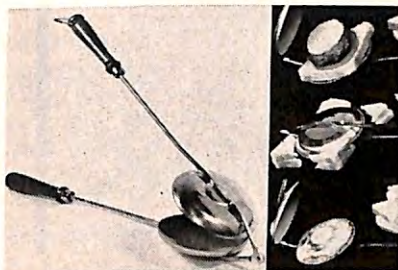
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We'd then gather round the tree. With the diminutive cur egging us on, we'd search and search. I recall one instance when we gave up and reprimanded the dog rather harshly for giving us a false lead. But we still couldn't get the dog to leave the tree, and suddenly out of the leafy top a fat gray squirrel jumped to the limb of a nearby tree. We shot fast, and one of us—we never knew which—caught it in midair. The dog was vindicated.

Ordinarily fox squirrels like more open woods, gray squirrels deeper forest. Both may be found marginally in either situation, however. Any area where corn or other grain can be carried to a woodlot is almost surefire. Squirrel nests, of leaves, in big trees are telltale signs.

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eral trees—and suddenly being awakened by the chatter of the very little critter I'm supposed to be hunting! Could this possibly have anything to do with the wear and tear of the years? It is a fact that for that vast army of retired or semi-retired, who can't go it quite as hard as they used to, squirrel hunting is a delightful way to keep hunting without becoming totally frazzled. I'm practicing toward that day!

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## Obituaries



**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY A. W. Wagner**, a member of Eugene, Oreg., Lodge, died April 9, 1969, at the age of 84.

Brother Wagner served as Exalted Ruler of Eugene Lodge for the 1944-1945 lodge year, and was appointed to the post of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler the following year by GER Wade H. Kepner.

PDD Wagner also served as a member of the GL Ritualistic Committee for the 1950-1951 lodge year, and as a Trustee of the Oregon Elks Association for a three-year term.

**PAST STATE PRESIDENT** of the Missouri Elks Association Marion Foster Thurston, 82, died recently.

Brother Thurston, a longtime member of Columbia, Mo., Lodge, had served as a member of the GL Auditing Committee for the 1940-1941 lodge year.

He is survived by his widow, Alcenior; a son, Marion F. Thurston Jr., of Columbia; three brothers; a sister, and two grandchildren.

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** Walter Urben, who joined the Order Dec. 28, 1916, died Jan. 27, 1969.

A member of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, he served as Exalted Ruler for the 1921-1922 lodge year. A fervent champion of the initiatory ritual, he was often referred to as "Mr. Ritual."

Brother Urben was elected vice-president of the state's Southwest District in 1948, and served as district president for the following lodge year. He was appointed a District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler by GER Joseph R. Kyle for the 1950-1951 lodge year.

Pennsylvania Elks elected PDD Urben to the office of Vice-President in 1954, and to the office of State President in 1956. He was subsequently made an Honorary Life Member of the state association's advisory board, in which capacity he was serving at the time of his death.

Members of Charleroi Lodge conferred Honorary Life Membership honors upon Brother Urben in 1951 at the close of his term as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** and District Judge James W. Leighton died June 8, 1969, at the age of 75.

A member and Past Exalted Ruler of West Warwick, R.I., Lodge, which he helped found, Brother Leighton had been active in Elks activities for more than 50 years.

He was appointed a District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1958-1959 lodge year, and had most recently served as a member of the GL New Lodge Committee for 1967-1968. He was also a past President of the Rhode Island Elks Association.

Judge Leighton, dean of Rhode Island judges, had presided over the state's Fourth District Court for 33 years.

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During the GER's recent visit, baby Sammy LaFitte, a patient at Elks Aidmore Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., is shown receiving tender loving care from Mrs. Edward W. McCabe as GER McCabe and PGER Robert G. Pruitt look on.



GER Edward W. McCabe is shown with a certificate from Louisiana's Governor McKeithen which he received on his visit to the State Association Convention at Morgan City.



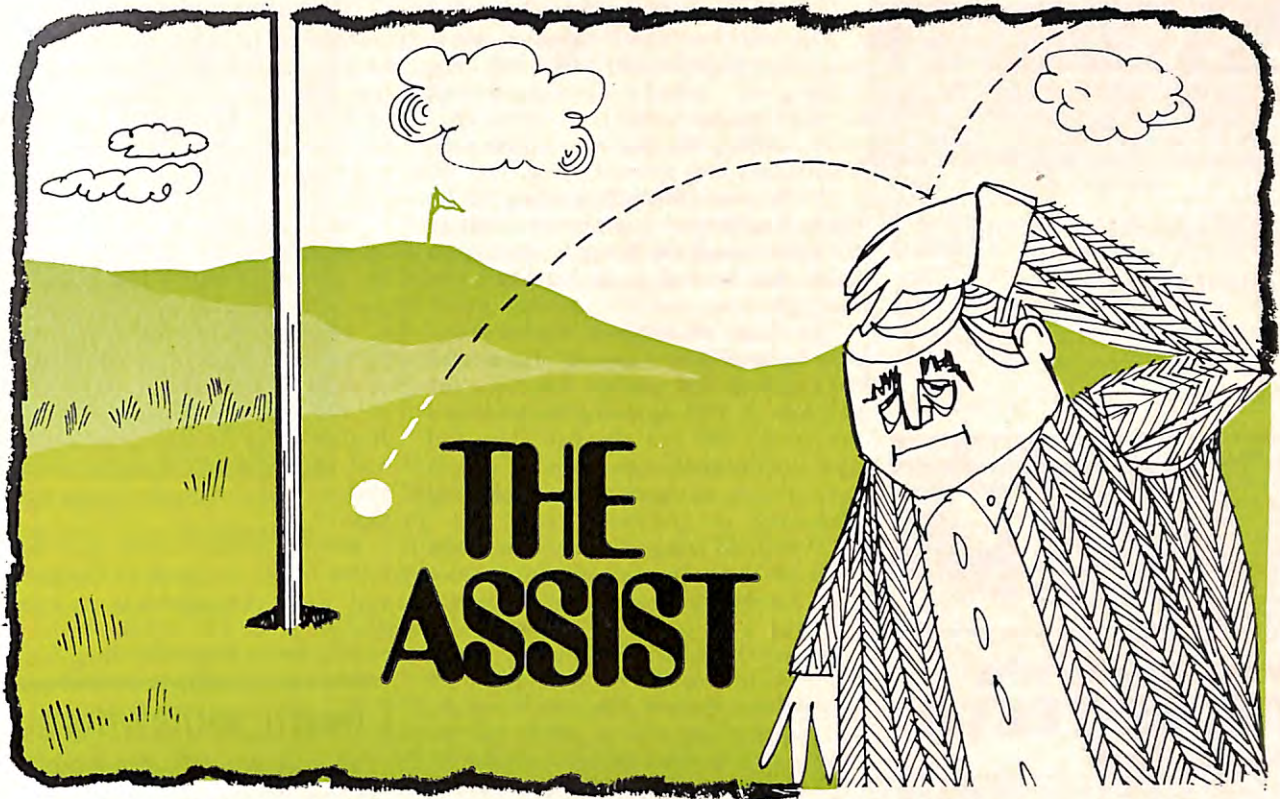
GER Edward W. McCabe attended a luncheon in his honor at the Prineville, Ore., Lodge in the company of, front row, SP Robert H. Clark, of Bend; ER Harold Beimdiek, DDGER Frank Hise of Corvallis, DDGER Robert Sell of Prineville, State Treas. Hall Randall, State Secy. Bud O'Neill. Brothers Al Sherrer, Eddie Lane, Ed Grant, and Nello Giovanni, back row.



GER Edward W. McCabe attended the 65th anniversary celebration of the Fulton, N.Y., Lodge. He spoke in support of the nation's police, called for leadership in government, and warned that complacency can defeat us quicker than bombs or missiles.



On hand to greet GER Edward W. McCabe on his visit to Port Huron for the Michigan Southeast District ritualistic contest were the 1968-1969 officers of Ferndale, Mich., Lodge. Standing in the front row are Esquire Lloyd A. Hoppel, Est. Loyal Kt. Kenneth Chaffin, ER W. Sheldon Olsen, GER McCabe, Chaplain Warren P. Craig, and Est. Lect. Kt. Dr. William F. Ferrell. Est. Lead. Kt. Douglas Bowden, Candidate George F. McDonald, and Inner Guard Howard Soli are in the back row.



By Harry Bain

BLINKING FROM UNDER the straw hat he walked slowly up the narrow fairway. It rolled in a long steep grade past the oversize sand traps to a smallish green. Beyond he could see the graceful old colonial clubhouse.

Inside he knew that people were watching this last hole on the big color TV in the quiet bar. The thought made him sharply aware of how tired he was, how thirsty, how old to be where he was now. The bright sun made his head ache, and his 49-year-old arches flinched at the thought of the long climb up the hill.

Stopping near his ball, he glanced idly along the thick levees of spectators and then turned to study the other golfers in his threesome. At least 20 years his junior, they looked as fresh as when the tournament began just 54 holes—or was it 54 years ago.

"Atta boy, Harmon," yelled someone from deep in the gallery.

The sound distracted him, and he looked around to see Julius easing the bag down near the sparkling white ball.

"We're gonna win this one, Mister Harmon," Julius grinned.

"Lord, Julius must have 15 years on me and he's not even winded," the object of Julius' encouragement said to himself.

For the first time in more than three decades of major golf, he decided he hated Julius. He pretended not to hear as the caddy sized up the situation and endorsed a 4-iron.

"Lord, if I just don't unravel," he implored silently.

Barney Ott was feeling his 45-plus years, too. Fighting shortness of breath, he squeezed through the crowd beside the big trap barring the right apron of the green.

He was thinking that his wife would never share his love for golf or understand his hero worship of Harmon Wade. He remembered how quiet she had been this morning, scarcely talking through breakfast. As he opened the door to leave, she appeared from the hallway, holding out his hat and prescription sunglasses.

"Wear these, and rest when you climb those steep hills," she had counseled.

Irritably, he had taken the hat. As he drove off he saw her standing at the edge of their driveway, arm extended, absently proffering the unwanted glasses.

Now, squinting into the brilliant sunlight, he wished for the hundredth time that he had choked back his pride and taken her advice. Through cupped hands he was barely able to make out the slow movements of Harmon Wade, the legend in the familiar straw hat, his old hero.

"Man, old Harmon's still in there," Barney thought disbelievingly as he ticked off the 67-69-70 rounds that had brought his favorite here to the final hole dead even in his pursuit of the one major title that had eluded him.

Two hundred yards away, Wade looked on indifferently as the first golfer dropped a shot onto the green, 50 feet from the pin.

"Well, at least he didn't embarrass himself," Julius said as the perfunctory applause died away.

Wade had hit his longest drive of the day on this hole and still was only five yards beyond the third golfer. They had played practically stroke for stroke through the tournament, the elder confounding time and a skeptical press to stay even to this point.

"Lord, that boy can hit a golf ball," Harmon conceded to himself as his opponent tied into his second shot. The ball carried like it was launched from a crossbow. It sailed straight between the traps and onto the green, stopping no more than four feet from the cup.

"That tears it," Barney thought despairingly. He visualized the easy birdie putt that would inter Harmon Wade's last good chance at an Open title.

Sadly, his eyes burning, Barney watched the slightly paunchy, but still heroic, idol of his youth as he surveyed his most crucial shot.

"Don't shank it, brother," Julius whispered as he moved soundlessly off to one side.

Wade grinned instinctively at the ancient joke, its origins obscured in a world of third-hand jalopies, hickory shafted clubs and thin purses of the 1930s.

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The joke had eased things in those lean days when he and Julius had been starting out. It had worked just as well in tight places years later when they were winning the big ones on six continents.

Wade was still smiling when he hit the ball with that sweet natural swing. He didn't need the crowd's reaction to know that he had pushed it too far to the right.

"Let him hit it good," Barney was praying as Harmon swung. He felt an old tingle as that perfect form sent the ball into its high spinning track toward the green. He lost the ball then and was only vaguely conscious of people around him ducking and scrambling backward.

"Weirdest thing I ever saw," the voice at the other end of the corridor said wonderingly. Another estimated, "It must have bounced 70 feet."

Barney heard a high-pitched whine and then a roar. A curious bright light was darting toward him. Suddenly he was staring up into a circle of unfamiliar but worried faces.

"You all right, podner," came the unmistakable drawl. Barney swivelled his head and felt a streaking pain. Then more carefully, he raised his head, blinked against the sun and the anxious face of HarmonWade came into focus.

"I'll live," Barney managed without conviction. The concern in the golfer's face began to fade. Miraculously, Wade became almost youthful, like he was at Augusta in '41, before those miles of sun-baked fairway, those years of big tournament pressure—those years, period.

"What happened," Barney demanded weakly, struggling to rise amid what he was beginning to recognize as total pandemonium on the golf course.

"Well, podner," explained Wade as he held out his hand to help, "that shot of mine was headed straight in the trap til it took you on top of the head. It glanced all the way over to the green and took a little roll right in the cup. Podner, you and me have won us a U.S. Open."

Barney couldn't even feel the pain in his head. As his smile spread wider and wider, he couldn't even feel his 45-plus years. The only one who looked as silly was young-old Julius.

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There's more to the Great Lakes angling pot this year too, for big chinook salmon are expected to show up in numbers too. These babies will eventually top 50 pounds, so some fishermen who are after coho may be in for some big surprises! Add to this the resurgence of the lake trout in the big Lakes and you've got the potential for some of America's best fishing in these inland seas.

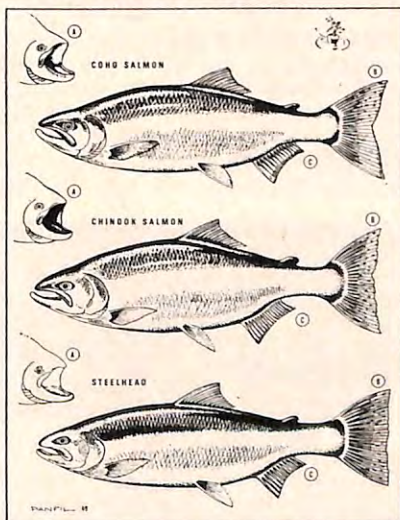
I tasted the lake trout fishing in Lake Michigan back in June. Three of us had little trouble catching our daily limit of 15 fish. They ran as heavy as seven and a half pounds and were taken in relatively shallow waters of 30 to 40 feet. Now that

the vicious sea lamprey has been brought under control the former days of great lake trout fishing will soon be back.

It's important to remember that in 1969 the coho, chinook and lake trout will be well scattered around the Lakes. Plants have been made in all five, Michigan, Erie, Superior, Huron and Ontario, of at least one of these species. It's too early to tell just where the hottest spots will be, but follow your local newspaper's outdoor column for up-to-the-minute news.

And don't forget the steelhead. These lake-run rainbows are making big news, especially in the streams emptying into Lake Michigan. Several monsters of over 20 pounds have been taken in the past couple of years.

A word about fishing tackle. While big coho or chinooks or lake trout take tough tackle, it's not necessary to be overgunned in the rod and reel department either. You'll have more fun with medium trolling or spinning tackle than if you use a pool cue rod and heavy, heavy reel. Check your sporting goods dealer for his tackle recommendations, or check out the tackle at a Great Lakes store on the scene.



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## News of the Lodges

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**FOOTBALL STAR** Bill Brown, running back for the Minnesota Vikings, obliges an eager young fan's request for an autograph, during Bismarck, N.D., Lodge's recent annual Father-Son Banquet. Elks and their sons attending the banquet also gained some valuable football pointers from Mr. Brown, who was the main speaker for the lodge's evening of good food and fine entertainment.



**FERGUS FALLS, Minnesota,** PER and PDD James Metcalf (left) congratulates his brother, Dean Metcalf, at the beginning of his reign as Exalted Ruler of Alexandria, Minn., Lodge. PDD Metcalf, long one of his brother's most enthusiastic "backers," presided over both his initiation into Alexandria Lodge in 1964 and the recent ceremony marking the commencement of his year in office.



**RITUALISTIC WINNERS** for the state of Louisiana, all members of Slidell Lodge, pose after their championship performance during Louisiana Elks' convention in Morgan City with a very special convention guest—then-GER Edward W. McCabe. The Elks who compose the Slidell team, which has won top honors in all four years of its competition, are (from left) In. Gd. James Devault; Esq. Herbert Hostler; Est. Lect. Kt. Patrick Mauboules; Samuel Sullivan Jr., coach; ER Gary Snyder; Est. Lead. Kt. George Ketteringham; Est. Loyal Kt. John Martin; Chap. Leon Newton, and Richard Burr.



**TROOP CHARTER NIGHT** at Maryville, Mo., Lodge finds a group of the participants assembled for a photo marking the occasion: (from left) Lynn Kendrick, neighborhood scouting commissioner who presented the charter for lodge-sponsored Troop 180; former Scoutmaster John H. Stuart, who had served as the troop's scoutmaster for the past three years; Charles Montgomery, the new scoutmaster; Maryville ER Donniss D. Davis, and, in the foreground, three young scouts from Troop 180.



**A CLASS OF CANDIDATES** initiated recently into St. Joseph, Mo., Lodge are shown as they assembled with officers of the lodge for a group photo marking the happy occasion. A proud father—Secy. R. M. Frye (fourth from left)—offers his congratulations to his son, R. M. Frye Jr., who was one of the initiates.

**MARQUETTE, Michigan,** ER James A. Gauthier (left), on behalf of the lodge, recently presented the first safety award in a current program to Lawrence V. Buckmaster, shown immediately following the ceremony with Chief of Police George G. Johnson, who also took part in the presentation. Mr. Buckmaster was cited for his part in the skin-diving recovery of a body at the Presque Isle Park breakwater. The lodge plans to cooperate with local law enforcement officials in announcing monthly safety awards.



**"MICHIGAN'S BEST"**—officers of Midland, Mich., Lodge—pose with a number of awards they received recently at the Michigan Elks' annual convention in Kalamazoo. The awards include the President's Achievement Award presented to the state's outstanding lodge for the 1968-1969 lodge year; the best all-around youth activities program award, and a special award for enrolling 301 Elks National Foundation members during the past year. Shown are some of the Midland Elks who made this fine record possible: (from left) Est. Loyal Kt. Samuel Bailey; Est. Lect. Kt. Michael Leslie; immediate PER James Hampton; ER Theodore Rezmer; Est. Lead. Kt. William Bailey.



**LUBBOCK, Texas.** ER Jimmie Fitzpatrick (left) presents a handsome trophy to Brother John McFaygen for winning second place in the lodge's recent 8 Ball Tournament. Looking on in the background is Brother Herb Balentine, who garnered first-place honors in the cue-and-ball competition.



**LINCOLN, Illinois,** Elks are proud of this three-generation family trio of lodge members, shown as they posed for a recent photo: R. L. Langellier Sr. (left), his son, Richard Jr., and grandson, Richard Langellier III. The youngest Brother Langellier recently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force; his father and grandfather are associated with a local automobile concern.



**A HAPPY FOURSOME**—four of the many Elks and their ladies who helped organize a unique cerebral palsy fund-raising dinner, held recently by Janesville, Wis., Lodge—share a group photo marking the conclusion of the highly successful event. The participants are (from left) PER and Dr. Phil Stafslin, Gib Hoag, project chairman, Elks' ladies President Mary Alice Anacker, and ER Erling M. Dahl. The dinner, served free of charge but with a request for donations, netted \$1,100 for the lodge's contribution to the state project—double the amount given by the next-largest contributor. The Elks plan to make the dinner an annual affair for the cerebral palsy campaign.



**SUPERIOR, Wisconsin,** ER Charles E. Bergstrom (left) gets a time check from 100-year-old Brother Daniel W. Holmes, the lodge's oldest living member. Brother Holmes, who recently observed his centennial year, joined the Order as a member of Superior Lodge in 1906.

**A \$400 SCHOLARSHIP** is presented by Bellefontaine, Ohio, PER James R. Poole, on behalf of the lodge, to Robert McMullen, a graduate of Bellefontaine High School. Young McMullen plans to apply his award—presented during the school's recent commencement exercises—toward attending Ohio State University in Columbus.





**ROCKFORD, Illinois**, Brother Kenneth Malmberg and Betty Stormont admire three lovely trophies won by the Elks bowling leagues for being the largest contributors to the March of Dimes for three years in a row. The City of Rockford bowling leagues annually hold a tournament for local bowlers, with proceeds slated for the March of Dimes campaign to fight against birth defects and other cripples.



**A QUARTET** of Watertown, S.D., Elks pose with ER George R. Heller (right) and his wife, Sharon, before attending a ball held in the lodge's newly remodeled lounge. The Elks are Dr. and Mrs. Maclynn Miller and PER and Mrs. William A. Hackett. Behind the group is a sign indicating lodge members' support for Brother Heller in his role as leader of Watertown Elks.



**DOWNERS GROVE, Illinois**, Elks' ladies Mrs. George Parker (second from right), president of the women's group, and Mrs. Jim Langone present an American flag to ER Stephen Ryan, who accepts the new banner on behalf of the lodge. Looking on at left is DDGER George J. Matiassek, a member of Downers Grove Lodge.



**FRANKLIN, Louisiana**, ER F. L. LeBlanc (seated, center) poses with six candidates initiated recently into the lodge and the team of officers who performed the ceremony—members of the state champion ritualistic team from Slidell Lodge. The event was an especially happy one for Brother LeBlanc; his son, Thomas (standing, left), was one of the candidates welcomed into the Order at this time.



◀ **"A SALUTE TO THE PIONEERS"**—the parade announcing Woodward, Okla., Elks' 39th annual rodeo—is led by Brother Elmer LaMunyon (foreground), who rides at the head of the procession with Brother John Betzen. Brother LaMunyon, at 99 the lodge's oldest member, frequently attends lodge functions; his fellow Woodward Elks are planning a gala birthday party for him on Feb. 8, 1970, when he will have attained the remarkable age of 100.



**YAZOO CITY, Mississippi**, ER C. W. Butler (right) poses with three long-time lodge members after presenting them with life membership honors: (from left) PER C. H. Estes, and Brothers J. S. Wise and L. J. Wise. Two other Yazoo City Elks—T. H. Griffis and H. R. Bradley—also received life memberships at the time that the photo was taken.



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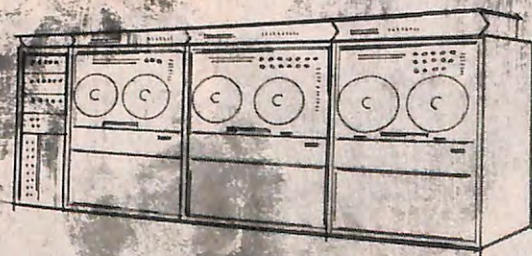
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FOR ELKS WHO TRAVEL:

# MEXICO

By JERRY HULSE

NO MATTER WHAT the travel tipsters tell you, Herb Alpert's Tijuana is still all brass—which brings up a point: so are Mexico's other border towns. I'm talking about those dreary pseudo-Mexican places with their sidewalk salesmen, dimly-lit tap rooms, cheap souvenir shops, and bump-and-grind parlors. Altogether, it's all about as authentically Mexican as a stroll through Des Moines or a weekend in Bakersfield. In a word, it's simply not Mexico, as anyone who's journeyed into the interior will agree. The Mexico beyond this garish wrapper is a pleasant contrast created of snow-capped mountains, verdant valleys, sophisticated cities and fashionable seaside spas.

These are the places where the *beautiful people* go. Together, they've come up with a simple formula guaranteeing year-round comfort: travel in the high country in summer and the low country in winter. They explore such places as Guadalajara and Mexico City by summer and sunbathe in the toasty seaside sandlots when winter arrives, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco and Cozumel. It's no secret: the beautiful people go to the beautiful places. It is a safe bet you'll not bump into Zsa Zsa Gabor or Raquel Welch sipping Margaritas in one of those bleak Tijuana gin mills (no matter what the season is). Nor is it likely you'll run into Princess Margaret or one of the Rothschilds doing the swim in some Juarez bistro. Instead, you'll find them doing the swim in the Pacific Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico. They come to shed their clothing and turn golden in the hot Mexican sun, which shines down abundantly. After this, beautifully gowned, everyone runs off to continue the beautiful living in Mexico City.

Long before the party people began flying south, though, a few of the early cognoscenti soared off to these very same tropical Edens, the likes of which most men dare only dream. They ex-



plored deserted beaches and bathed in tepid waters and weren't at all disturbed that the hotels, if indeed they could be called hotels, were ramshackle caricatures, standing only so long as the termites still held hands.

First of these picture postcard sandpiles to be discovered, of course, was Acapulco, which got shaken from its slumber in 1927, when the highway was finished from Mexico City. After this, the tourists began trickling down. But Acapulco was a slow starter. It wasn't until the airplane started flapping in from Mexico City that the serious invasion got underway. Along with the ordinary tourist came film stars and names familiar to the social register. Such types as Errol Flynn chased beautiful maidens around beautiful yachts and Hedy Lamarr held court. Slowly, Acapulco emerged.

In residence at least part of the year, are the Kirk Douglasses, designer Emilio Pucci, Sloan Simpson, the Loel Guinesses, Teddy Stauffer, the Duchess Elga de Caraman and those crowned heads of the social set, Merle Oberon and her millionaire husband, Bruno Pagliai. Parties tossed by some Acapulco celebrities are reminiscent of Hollywood in its heyday.

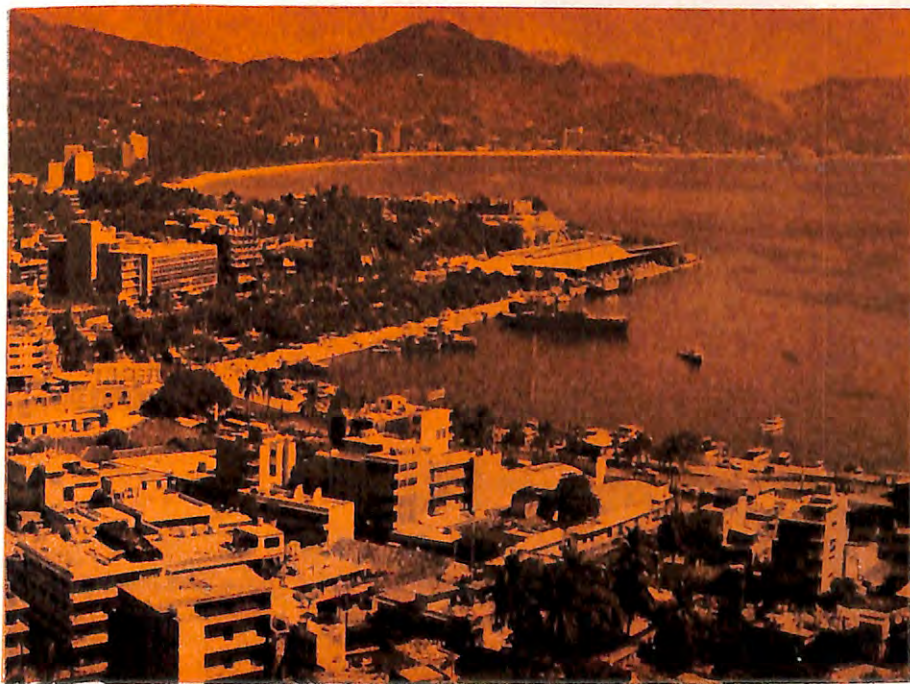
With the arrival of the jet set, the cry naturally went up that everything was going to be spoiled. If being spoiled means elegant new hotels with swimming pools and air-conditioning and mariachis, well okay, then it is. I got a trifle spoiled myself a few weeks back when I took shelter at Frank Brandstetter's Las Brisas Hotel. Hotel, indeed, it's Beverly Hills with a bay. Guests relax in cottages (they're called *casitas*, each with its own swimming

pool) and there are 200 *casitas*. (Several years ago Tito, with a retinue of admirers, stayed on for an entire month.) Lynda Bird and Capt. Robb were my next door neighbors. Each morning Mexican girls stopped by to sprinkle our pools with fresh flower petals. The refrigerators were stocked daily with fruit and Mexican beer, and the private bars were replenished so that when the sun finally gave up and the lights flashed on down by the bay in a shimmering necklace, the Beautiful People lifted their glasses, saluting another perfect day.

When evening comes, pianist Hughie Myatt hurries off to Armando's, a snug restaurant wedged between ancient buildings down by the cathedral. Hughie's an ex-boxer and bootblack

from Los Angeles who is often mistaken for Dooley Wilson in *Casablanca*, and because of this he's asked repeatedly to play the theme from that classic film, *As Time Goes By*. Patrons settle on red leather stools and sip Margaritas and Hughie sparks memories of other days and other times. After this, everyone hurries off to La Perla to watch the divers leap from the cliffs, sheets of flame tumbling before them. John Wayne was there the night I was, and one of the Beautiful People got a little drunk and wanted to jump with the divers, but he was dissuaded, which is a polite way of saying he was restrained. It's a suicidal leap. Down along the bayfront other members of the swinging set sift into the Jacaranda, the seaside *boite* belonging to Caesar Balsa's splendid Hotel El Presidente. The young actives, meanwhile, crowd Tequila a Go Go, which is Acapulco's answer to Shephard's in New York. You're shell-shocked for a couple of days afterward, the music still shrieking in your ears.

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LEFT, the harbor at Acapulco, the famous Mexican Pacific Coast resort city. ABOVE, the Beautiful People sun at Puerto Vallarta's beach.

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Mornings in Acapulco are a tonic to the after-effects of the night before. They arrive as a seascape of bay and ships, with tourists scattering to 23 beaches, among them Caleta and Caletilla, the *morning* beaches, and Los Hornos, the *afternoon* beach. It's still the in thing after so many years, following this morning-afternoon ritual. Meanwhile, off at Teddy Stauffer's Villa Vera Racquet Club the party people take their places at an underwater bar. They sip tequila in place of orange juice and shake off their drowsiness hopping off the bar stool and taking another dip. There is one other place you will find the Beautiful People, at billionaire J. Paul Getty's Pierre Marques. For some reason or another Getty has never seen his hotel, although he was there before it was built. He was trying to make up his mind whether to buy the property when it started to rain and he was in a hurry, so he bought it, just like that, and ordered himself a hotel.

If the Getty place has a counterpart in Mexico it is the Posada Vallarta, off in Mexico's other swinging watering hole, Puerto Vallarta. The Posada Vallarta is surrounded by great sweeps of lawn and there are sunken swimming pools. If you wish, there are private cottages with private swimming pools, in all, 38 pools and 200 rooms.

Take a launch to Yelapa, a primitive village 15 miles south of Puerto Vallarta. Yelapa is a small cove framed by a white sand beach and a startlingly blue sea. A river rushes down from mountains as green as those in Tahiti. Indeed, it even looks like Tahiti. A single hotel with a thatched roof, the Lagunita, is practically all that awaits the visitor. The launch comes down in the morning and returns in the afternoon.

Yelapa is how I imagine Cozumel must have been before the tourists started winging down from Mexico City. Cozumel is bathed by the Caribbean, an island rising up 12 miles off the eastern coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Just a few weeks ago Caesar Balsa, who is the Conrad Hilton of Mexico, opened another of his El Presidente hotels on the island, which is a sure invitation to the Beautiful People to come back again. When I was there they had no radio or TV, not even a newspaper. There were a few escapists who'd run off from our brand of civilization. Now with Balsa's new digs they've six big hotels altogether, although there is but one town, San Miguel, which isn't a town at all but a string of turn-of-the-century stores, their fronts bleached white by the tropical sun. Cozumel is where the B.P.'s come to unwind, to turn tan in the sun and to feel the soft hand of the trades. If there be a heaven, could it be this peaceful? ■

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Edward W. McCabe

## Grand Exalted Ruler

I have been honored to serve as Grand Exalted Ruler during the very first year of our New Century. With a record extending over one hundred years of outstanding progress and accomplishments behind me, I considered this a firm foundation upon which to build. Accordingly, I selected as my slogan "ELKDOM'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU."

You, my Brothers, have accepted this slogan. I have seen it in my more than 150,000 miles of travel, which have taken me and my wife into all our great States and two hundred Lodges. I have seen it in these Lodges. I have seen it in the Districts. I have seen it in the State Associations. Yes, my Brothers, you have accepted the challenge that Elkdom's future does depend on you.

I purposely selected Americanism as the first subject of this report. While there is much we have done, there is so much more that we can and must do.

My feelings are best expressed by quoting a few excerpts from a letter I wrote a year ago to our Americanism Committee to assist them in formulating their program. I wrote, "We are living in an age of peril; freedom is not free; it never has been—it never will be. It must be earned and re-earned by each succeeding generation." I would mod-

ify that now by saying, "each succeeding day."

Contrary to the lessons of loyalty and devotion that we have fostered, first as parents in our own homes with our own children, followed by intelligent and dedicated teachers in our educational programs, fortified by our assistance and cooperation with the Boy and Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, and other programs that instill loyalty and patriotism in our youth, there, nevertheless, remains—although a minute percentage of our population—a subversive and apparently well-financed group who continue to try to lead more and more of our young Americans down that road which borders on treason and anarchy. They must be stopped!

I have recommended to the Grand Lodge that no effort be spared to place the entire weight and strength of our one and one-half million Elks and the additional millions of their families and friends to impress upon our courts and our public officials that we intend to do everything that we can to end this "National Disgrace."

As I have repeatedly said in most of my visitations, we have reached the time to take the handcuffs off the police and put them on the criminals, where they belong.

Our Grand Lodge Americanism Committee has done a fine job on such programs as the distribution of the Flag Decals—"Our Flag, Love It or Leave," combining this with programs to "Get Out the Vote," Eagle Scout Recognition, Know your America Week, Freedom Week, Bill of Rights Day, Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Flag and Independence Day, etc. With all of this, there is still so much left to do. We must redouble our efforts.

At the beginning of my year, I said,

"We have crossed the threshold of Elkdom's Second Century. Will it be a century of progress and growth; a century of service and devotion to God and Country; a century of fellowship and brotherhood?"

Based on experience, I feel that I can safely answer those questions with a resounding "YES."

Wherever I have visited, I found the spirit of Elkdom vibrant, enthusiastic, and dedicated.

All of you have been a great inspiration to me. I will cherish the memory of my year as your Grand Exalted Ruler for the remainder of my life. My deepest thanks to each of you for all your many kindnesses. I am sincerely grateful.

I shall, and I urge you to give an even greater measure of unqualified support, assistance, and devotion to my successor for truly—"ELKDOM'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU."

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That our Grand Lodge Statutes be amended to provide for a Historian at both the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodge level. I am concerned by the lack of historical information existing in some of our Lodges and indeed in our Grand Lodge.

2. That reference to sleeping and parlor car fare, in computing transportation expenses, be deleted from the Grand Lodge Statutes.

3. That the requirements of Section 93a of the Grand Lodge Statutes, relating to copies of proceedings before the Subordinate Forum, be reviewed. This provision is costly, cumbersome and is not generally being obeyed.

4. That prompt and remedial action be taken to preserve assets of Subordi-

nate Lodges which continue to operate at a loss each year. This fact should be reported by the Auditing and Accounting Committee to the Past Grand Exalted Ruler of jurisdiction. Where necessary, Management Analysts should be engaged. Consideration should be given to having a full time Management Analyst on the staff of the Grand Secretary.

5. That a museum type room be set aside in the Elks Memorial Building to display items relating to Elkdom; e.g. badges, photographs, reports and letters.

6. That Section 240 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, which requires "that each Lodge shall certify to the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Secretary whether such Lodge approved or rejected such proposed amendment," be reviewed with the thought of eliminating certification to the Grand Exalted Ruler. It is an expensive duplication.

7. That each Lodge adopt realistic dues and initiation fees. Far too many Lodges still have insufficient dues.

8. That when a Lodge is considered weak by the Past Grand Exalted Ruler of jurisdiction, the State Association or other designated body, with the concurrence of the Past Grand Exalted Ruler, shall appoint a Lodge Guidance Committee to supervise the operations of such Lodge until such time as this action is not necessary.

9. That specific reference be made in our Grand Lodge Statutes to placing a Lodge on probation and specifically defining the authority of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

10. That all District Deputies use Grand Auditors and Grand Esquires to aid them during their official visits to Subordinate Lodges.

11. That adequate, attractive and functional facilities be provided by each Lodge for our members and their families. This is an absolute must if our Order is to grow and prosper.

12. That each Lodge pledge its entire human and financial resources to combat, in every legal way, the wave of anti-Americanism that has pervaded our Country.

## National Service Commission



James T. Hallinan  
Chairman

"So Long as There is a Disabled Veteran In Our Hospitals, The Benevolent And Protective Order of Elks Will Never Forget Him."

This is the pledge our Order made at the close of World War II.

Of course every organization was making these pledges in the happy days of victory. These were the patriotic slogans at that time.

Grand Lodge knew that, they also knew that time dims memory, and in 1969 there would be a generation yet unborn when these promises were made who would not have the same enthusiasm for things they did not experience. For example: a boy 10 years of age when Pearl Harbor was bombed is a mature man of 38 years of age today. Unless he served in Korea, his knowledge of World War I and II is hearsay . . . legend . . . or something to read about in a history book. A majority of the Viet Nam inductees were infants when the Korean War started.

To the members of the Elks National Service Commission World War II and World War I were no hearsay or legend. They experienced all the fears and anxieties that beset the Nation when these wars were being fought. They knew by experience that men who bore arms in defense of our country would not continue to be acclaimed—especially the sick and disabled. They, however, realized the great debt of gratitude our nation owed to those who offered their services and their lives if necessary to protect our freedoms.

Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, also knew that when the "Welcome Home" parties for our returning service men were finished and the community Honor Rolls were decayed or dismantled, the war and those who fought in it would be best forgotten. Especially those suffering from the hurts of wars in Veterans Administration hospitals.

The human ability to forget sometimes is a blessing. More often the inclination to forgetfulness is an unfortunate weakness of human nature.

Forgetfulness of our country's hospitalized veterans would be worse than weakness. It would be downright ungrateful neglect.

Elks are not neglectful nor forgetful of our obligations to sick and handicapped veterans who need us now.

At the close of World War II the work of the Elks War Commission was completed. A wonderful chapter in the history of service to our service men and women was finished. However, Veterans Hospitals were being filled with war casualties as quickly as they were constructed and opened.

Elks realized that our patriotic work for those in service must be continued for the veterans who paid the bitter and costly price of combat, thousands of them to carry their burdens for the rest of their lives. Thus the Elks National Service Commission was instituted and our pledge of remembrance solemnly made.

## FINANCES

The program operations for the fiscal period April 1, 1968 through March 31, 1969 were financed through revenues realized in the amount of \$338,501.41. This amount was made up as follows: Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessment Collections amounting to \$291,151.70; appropriation approved and adopted by unanimous vote at the 1968 Grand Lodge Session amounting to \$22,500.00; interest income realized from Securities and Savings Accounts amounting to \$24,449.71 and a donation from Bryan, Texas Lodge #2096 amounting to \$400.00. For the same fiscal period total program and administrative expenditures totaled \$307,458.68. A reconciliation between total revenue and total expenditures reflects a net surplus of \$31,042.73, which, when added to funds available on April 1, 1968 in the amount of \$440,167.67, leaves a Balance on Hand at March 31, 1968 of \$471,210.40.

The nation-wide planning and specialized programming of the Commission's many diversified activities, together with the necessary coordination with the Veterans Administration and other government agencies require competent and experienced administration. We have again this year maintained the high standard of operation which has characterized the management of the affairs of the Commission through the years.

The gratifying assistance received in all official areas would fall short of complete achievement of our goals without enthusiastic acceptance and performance by the officers and members of subordinate lodges. Here lies the answer to the great success of this program. Without exception, whenever called upon, our lodges have supplied the working task force and in many instances funds of the Commission were augmented by the lodges, either individually or together with districts and State Associations, to expand activities. Truly, the subordinate lodge is directly responsible for any success we have attained. We are thankful and appreciative for this outstanding support.

The Elks National Service Commission was created to be the Order's agency to implement any request of our national government for assistance in time of need. We have answered many calls for aid in the past and we are continuing with our assignment in the veterans hospitals. In these days of tension and threats against our American way of life, it is impossible to predict what responsibilities we will be asked to assume in the future. As America's leading patriotic fraternity, we pledge anew our willingness to cooperate and our ability to perform any duty that will

contribute to the preservation of our beloved nation.

## Elks National Foundation



John L. Walker  
Chairman

Increased contributions, a conservative investment program and securities sales have resulted in another record year financially for the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation's annual report for the fiscal year April 1, 1968, through March 31, 1969, reveals contributions totaling \$2,348,690. Sales of securities during the year brought the total book value to \$16,937,399.85. The Foundation's investment portfolio is appraised at \$21,246,342. These figures do not include vast amounts indicated in wills and pledges.

The following record of disbursements totaling \$728,150.74 contains no item of expense for administrative purposes. The Foundation emphasizes again that as the Order's principal benevolent trust, it makes no deduction from income to defray administrative costs. During the past fiscal year these costs amounted to \$160,329.63 and were paid by the Grand Lodge.

*State Association Projects*—\$194,900. Foundation funds assist State Associations with established major projects and those being organized. The success of the program is reflected by an increase of nearly \$64,800 in disbursements over last year.

*Scholarships Allocated to States*—\$166,496.34. This amount was distributed by the State Associations and does not include scholarships administered directly by the Foundation.

*"Most Valuable Student" Awards*—\$126,000. This program provides scholarship awards ranging from \$800 to \$2,500 to outstanding students.

*Grants for Special Training in Treatment of Cerebral Palsy*—\$90,838.40. To date, hundreds of qualified persons—as a direct result of this program—have received vital training in connection with the treatment of cerebral palsy victims.

*Emergency Education Fund*—\$116,016. This fund makes available assistance to the children of any Elk in good standing who loses his life or becomes incapacitated.

*Youth Awards*—\$33,000. The Foundation makes this sum available annually to the Grand Lodge for its program of awards to the youth with outstanding leadership qualities.

*T. L. Bear Fund (Grants for Vocational Training)*—\$150.

*Samuel A. Moore Bequest*—\$750.

The annual report states, in conclusion, that no part of the principal fund is distributed for any purpose; it is income earned through wise investment that perpetuates our charitable programs.

The Foundation's report contains detailed tables on all financial transactions and every Elk is urged to study them.

Special mention should be made here of the part played by Past Grand Trustee Hugh W. Hicks, a member of Jackson, Tennessee, Lodge No. 192, in prevailing upon the late Mrs. Leah J. Baum, a former resident of his city, to will the residue of her estate to the Elks National Foundation. As the widow of a deceased Elk she very kindly followed Brother Hicks' advice and her bequest brought to our fund the extremely generous gift of \$1,164,501.66 in this fiscal year. It is anticipated that the total bequest, when fully settled, will reach a figure of approximately One and One-quarter million dollars.

We would also note the sizable gift of \$100,000 which we received early this year from the Regal China Corporation, a subsidiary of the James B. Beam Distilling Company, representing royalties on the sale of special commemorative bottles produced in honor of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

*Trustees of the Elks National Foundation are Past Grand Exalted Rulers John L. Walker (Chairman), H. L. Blackledge, John E. Fenton, Edward J. McCormick, William A. Wall, Horace R. Wisely, and L. A. Donaldson.*

## Board of Grand Trustees



Vincent H. Grocott  
Chairman

Following the close of the Grand Lodge Session and with installation of Officers in New York City, July 18, 1968, the Board of Grand Trustees met, organized and elected Vincent H. Grocott as Chairman; E. Gene Fournace, Vice-Chairman; Francis M. Smith, Secretary; Francis P. Hart, Home Member; George T. Hickey, Pension Member; Roderick M. McDuffie, Approving Member; Building Applications Member, Areas 1, 2, 3, 4: H. Beecher Charmbury; Building Applications Member, Areas 5, 6, 7, 8: Joseph A. McArthur.

The Board of Grand Trustees held meetings during the year as follows: October, 1968, Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia; February, 1969, Scottsdale, Arizona; May, 1969, Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia; and starting July 10, 1969, at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas. This last meeting will adjourn at the conclusion of the Grand Lodge Session.

The Board of Grand Trustees by direction of the Grand Lodge in session in New York City, procured and presented suitable testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Robert E. Boney, to retiring Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Joseph F. Bader and to retiring Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Frank Hise.

The Board of Grand Trustees reviewed the limits of the surety bond covering all Officers, officials and employees of Grand Lodge, and considered these amounts to be adequate.

The Board of Grand Trustees reviewed the coverage and limits of the insurance on the buildings and physical property of the Elks National Home and have been adjusted to conform with the best judgment of the Board.

The New England Merchants National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, is continuing to act as Investment Counselors for the investments of the Grand Lodge.

At present there are 33 pensioners receiving a total of \$3,083.59 per month, or approximately \$37,000 per year.

As of April 1, 1969 the assets of the trust had a book value of \$1,020,649.82, a market value of \$1,055,886.41, and the yield during the year of approximately 3.6 percent.

During the year a booklet explaining the Pension Plan was distributed to all Grand Lodge employees entitled to participate in the Plan.

The Trust has invested 57.3% in common stocks and it is their plan to continue to invest all new money in common stocks.

This Trust is administered by the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.

## BUILDING APPLICATIONS

The Board of Grand Trustees from May 1, 1968 to May 20, 1969 received and reviewed 295 applications from Subordinate Lodges requesting approval to purchase, sell, erect new buildings, make alterations, or additions to existing buildings, purchase new furnishings, and to place a mortgage upon their property.

Authorization was granted by the Board of Grand Trustees and concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler, for all of said applications in an amount totaling \$33,254,315.60.

# National Memorial and Publication Commission



John S. McClelland  
Chairman

Originally dedicated in July 1926 as a memorial to Elks who served in World War I and especially to those who died in that war, the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago is considered one of the finest architectural examples of its type in the World.

The Memorial Building was rededicated 20 years later, in 1946, to the memory also of all members who served in World War II.

The cost of maintaining the building and its art treasures, which currently amounts to more than \$100,000 annually, is paid from the earnings of *The Elks Magazine*. The building has an appraised sound value of \$5,831,676.

Approximately 50,000 Memorial books have been published, and about 3,300 are still available for sale at \$2.25 per copy. Entitled *The Story of Elkdom*, the latest edition not only reports the accomplishments of the Order but presents full-color reproductions of many of the beautiful murals and other decorations in the Memorial Building.

A new sign for the Memorial Building was recently erected on the building's northeast lawn. During the afternoon and evening hours the sign is illuminated—a bronze glow is cast upon the emblem, while the lettering as well as the numerals and hands on the clock, which are made of phosphorescent material, light up in white. With the new sign, the always welcome visitors will easily be able to identify the Elks' landmark.

## THE ELKS MAGAZINE

The June 1922 issue of the Magazine carried the following declaration of intent:

"It is not to be a mere bulletin or calendar of events, but a vigorous, high class, literary and fraternal journal . . .

"It is to contain matters of interest and information to all members of an Elk's household.

"It is designed to be entertaining as well as instructive; but primarily its purpose is to place in the hands of each one of the million Elks in the United States a monthly volume of fraternal information that will insure recognition of the Order's beneficent power, a keen appreciation of its uplifting mission, a deeper

pride of membership and a constant inspiration to a renewal of fraternal obligations, and an incentive to greater fraternal activity."

During the past fiscal year, which ended May 31, 1969, a total of 18,403,522 copies of the Magazine were published. The total number of pages, exclusive of business inserts, in the 12 issues for the period reported, were 712 including covers, an average of approximately 59 pages per issue.

In 1922 when the first issue came off the press there were 1,310 lodges in the Order with a membership of slightly more than 800,000.

As this report goes to the printer, there are 2,124 lodges with a membership of 1,480,412.

The Magazine's earnings for the fiscal year totaled \$333,455.18. A total of \$672,269.86 was realized from the sale of advertising space during the last year. In addition, through the pages of the Magazine, the Commission offered members a series of Elks lapel pins, and net sales of these for the fiscal year amounted to \$19,461.08.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Elks expecting to visit the City of Chicago in the future, to stop in and tour the modern accommodations which houses the official journal of the Order.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Extensive coverage was provided for our Centennial Convention in New York City, including both newspapers and broadcasting.

In June 1968, each Exalted Ruler was supplied with a short suggested news release announcing his plans to attend the Centennial Convention.

A major press kit which included 15 items was distributed prior to the convention to daily and weekly newspapers in the New York metropolitan area, two press associations, national radio and TV newsdesks, independent radio and TV stations, and radio and TV interview and celebrity shows. A smaller kit containing five items was mailed to daily newspapers, feature services and syndicates, columnists, magazines, and newspaper supplements in major cities outside New York City.

The materials in the major kit covered the benevolent, patriotic, and fraternal activities of the Order, its history, special Centennial articles, photos, and biographical sketches of Grand Exalted Ruler Boney, Charles Vivian, and the Jolly Corks.

General Walt's convention speech was taped. Nearly 400 prints of the tape were sold to lodges at cost. Also, distributed free, were more than 1,000 printed copies of the text.

A dedication ceremony was arranged for the Centennial Memorial bronze plaque erected in the lobby of the new

Federal Building on Foley Square, near the site of the rooming house where the Jolly Corks held their first meetings in 1867.

On the last day of the convention, each District Deputy-designate was photographed with Grand Exalted Ruler McCabe. Photos and stories were mailed to each man's hometown newspapers, some 300 in all.

## Grand Secretary



Franklin J. Fitzpatrick

During the year ended March 31, 1969, our Subordinate Lodges added to their membership rolls 117,568 by initiation, 19,130 by dimit and 10,245 by reinstatement. In the same period 64,523 were dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, 73 expelled, 31,195 granted dimits and 22,927 lost by death. The total membership of the Order as of March 31, 1969 is 1,480,412, showing a net increase of 28,225. The total number of Lodges on March 31, 1969 is 2,124.

The Grand Lodge holds in its various investment accounts United States Government, other securities and cash in the following amounts, at cost:

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund .....         | \$887,785.94 |
| Reserve Fund .....         | 706,871.16   |
| Home Fund .....            | 372,283.14   |
| Emergency Charity Fund.... | 121,105.00   |
| Uninvested Cash .....      | 162.90       |

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$3,053,525.20 and fixed assets are \$2,012,098.35, making the total assets of Grand Lodge \$5,065,623.55.

At the New York Session of the Grand Lodge, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge, from surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine*, the sum of \$105,000 which amount was credited to the General Fund of Grand Lodge and was of material assistance to the Board of Grand Trustees in making up the final budget.

## GROWTH OF THE ORDER

Under the vigorous leadership of Grand Exalted Ruler Edward W. McCabe our Order crossed the threshold of the second century of its existence in inspiring fashion. Keeping pace with increasing membership our activities, fraternal and charitable, continue to expand as evidenced in the reports of our various Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees. Contributions and bequests



to the Elks National Foundation during the fiscal year reached the unprecedented total of \$2,348,690. Charitable contributions reported by our Subordinate Lodges amounted to a record breaking \$8,670,304.77 and Subordinate Lodge assets are conservatively estimated at over \$412,000,000. Continuing a forward movement extending unbroken over the past thirty years membership increased by 28,225 to an all-time record high of 1,480,412 in 2,124 active Lodges.

Our record to date is truly impressive and we can and do confidently aspire to greater things in the years ahead. As membership is the basic ingredient in the success of any of our endeavors, we must continue to introduce Elkdom into new communities in the form of new Lodges. We must, by increasing patriotic endeavors and community service, maintain and enhance the public image of all our Lodges, thus attracting new members and strengthening pride in membership which is so important a factor in keeping members off the delinquent rolls. Membership in its various phases—Procurement, Indoctrination and Lapsation—should be of paramount and year-round concern to Exalted Rulers, Secretaries and all Lodge Officers following the suggestions and programs outlined in the Membership Control Manual.

### DISPENSATIONS

Granted By Grand Exalted Ruler Robert E. Boney:

| GRANTED DISPENSATION | NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE         | INSTITUTED |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 3-20-68              | Cocoa Beach, Fla. No. 2387       | 5-11-68    |
| 3-29-68              | Lakewood, Wash. No. 2388         | 6-1-68     |
| 4-4-68               | Yucaipa, Cal. No. 2389           | 6-22-68    |
| 4-8-68               | Dalhart, Texas, No. 2390         | 5-4-68     |
| 4-17-68              | Berkeley Heights, N.J. No. 2392  | 6-9-68     |
| 4-22-68              | Skyforest, Cal. No. 2393         |            |
| 4-29-68              | Bayville, N.J. No. 2394          |            |
| 5-2-68               | Overland Park, Kans. No. 2395    | 6-23-68    |
| 5-13-68              | Webster-Fairport, N.Y. No. 2396  | 6-16-68    |
| 5-17-68              | Sparks, Nev. No. 2397            | 6-13-68    |
| 6-3-68               | Angola, Ind. No. 2398            | 6-28-68    |
| 7-8-68               | Lake Havasu City, Ariz. No. 2399 |            |

Granted By Grand Exalted Ruler Edward W. McCabe:

|          |                                   |          |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|          | Skyforest, Cal. No. 2393          | 8-10-68  |
|          | Bayville, N.J. No. 2394           | 7-28-68  |
|          | Lake Havasu City, Ariz. No. 2399  | 7-27-68  |
| 8-8-68   | Milpitas, Cal. No. 2400           |          |
| 9-3-68   | Milford, Del. No. 2401            | 9-21-68  |
| 9-13-68  | Eatontown, N.J. No. 2402          | 3-23-69  |
| 9-19-68  | Alvin, Texas No. 2403             | 12-8-68  |
| 9-19-68  | Mesquite, Texas No. 2404          | 10-19-68 |
| 11-18-68 | Pembroke-Hanover, Mass. No. 2405  | 12-29-68 |
| 11-27-68 | Loudoun, Va., No. 2406            | 12-1-68  |
| 12-5-68  | North Lauderdale, Fla. No. 2407   | 2-2-69   |
| 1-7-69   | Bullhead City, Ariz. No. 2408     | 2-1-69   |
| 2-6-69   | Wray, Colo. No. 2409              | 4-20-69  |
| 2-24-69  | Bloomington, Minn. No. 2410       | 3-29-69  |
| 3-3-69   | Gateway (Portland) Ore., No. 2411 | 4-26-69  |
| 4-14-69  | Lawrence, N.J. No. 2412           |          |
| 4-29-69  | Gonzales, Texas, No. 2413         | 5-25-69  |
| 4-29-69  | Piscataway, N.J. No. 2414         | 5-25-69  |
| 5-2-69   | Hoxie, Kans., No. 2415            |          |
| 5-14-69  | Kingfisher, Okla., No. 2416       |          |
| 5-15-69  | Matawan, N.J. No. 2417            |          |
| 5-19-69  | West Plains, Mo. No. 2418         |          |
| 5-23-69  | Wasco, Cal. No. 2419              |          |

### ACTIVITIES BY STATE

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction, during the period from April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969.

| State           | Amount       | State              | Amount          |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama         | \$ 82,608.43 | Nebraska           | \$ 121,061.32   |
| Alaska          | 61,642.66    | Nevada             | 38,039.13       |
| Arizona         | 169,713.14   | New Hampshire      | 41,733.01       |
| Arkansas        | 33,852.04    | New Jersey         | 555,009.57      |
| California      | 1,364,373.80 | New Mexico         | 96,435.24       |
| Canal Zone      | 14,093.99    | New York           | 561,515.01      |
| Colorado        | 276,724.38   | North Carolina     | 108,445.00      |
| Connecticut     | 172,951.83   | North Dakota       | 88,242.60       |
| Florida         | 318,030.80   | Ohio               | 214,847.39      |
| Georgia         | 159,582.39   | Oklahoma           | 92,417.83       |
| Guam            | 6,369.89     | Oregon             | 342,064.38      |
| Hawaii          | 23,743.08    | Pennsylvania       | 451,137.24      |
| Idaho           | 128,449.00   | Philippine Islands | 6,555.95        |
| Illinois        | 172,753.22   | Puerto Rico        | 2,655.00        |
| Indiana         | 203,422.85   | Rhode Island       | 47,348.03       |
| Iowa            | 60,505.65    | South Carolina     | 79,950.31       |
| Kansas          | 125,904.12   | South Dakota       | 49,170.21       |
| Kentucky        | 36,610.57    | Tennessee          | 98,504.56       |
| Louisiana       | 36,238.09    | Texas              | 198,707.37      |
| Maine           | 28,337.21    | Utah               | 141,681.12      |
| Md., Del., D.C. | 115,060.65   | Vermont            | 63,583.02       |
| Massachusetts   | 455,405.25   | Virginia           | 74,094.20       |
| Michigan        | 223,815.49   | Washington         | 396,667.94      |
| Minnesota       | 83,939.49    | West Virginia      | 85,811.74       |
| Mississippi     | 23,207.64    | Wisconsin          | 112,863.57      |
| Missouri        | 80,118.06    | Wyoming            | 36,991.31       |
| Montana         | 107,319.00   | Total              | \$8,670,304.77* |

### BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES

Below is a list of Charitable, Educational, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the Lodge year from April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969:

| ACTIVITIES   | AMOUNT          |
|--|-----------------|
| Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.        | \$ 630,824.11   |
| Summer Outings, Camps and Health Resorts                             | 384,221.04      |
| Cerebral Palsy   | 1,025,897.78    |
| Crippled Children  | 1,012,017.44    |
| Medical Aid and Hospitals  | 503,588.29      |
| Care of Needy Families, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets | 1,124,479.01    |
| Elks National Foundation   | 419,437.84      |
| Youth Work (except for scholarships, free textbooks, etc.)           | 1,439,700.71    |
| Scholarships, Free Textbooks, etc.                                   | 615,303.85      |
| Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.                                      | 225,013.77      |
| Veterans' Relief   | 217,792.47      |
| Miscellaneous  | 784,704.13      |
| Flag Day, Constitution Day, Fourth of July, etc.                     | 287,324.33      |
| Total  | \$8,670,304.77* |

\*This amount does not reflect additional amounts over and above the participating contributions by subordinate lodges, that have been expended by State Associations on charitable activities.

### STATE MEMBERSHIPS, GAINS AND LOSSES—1969

Lodge Year Ended March 31, 1969

| State                                 | Membership | Gain  | Loss | State              | Membership | Gain   | Loss  |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------|------|--------------------|------------|--------|-------|
| Alabama                               | 7,721      | 66    |      | Nebraska           | 30,973     | 1,809  |       |
| Alaska                                | 8,898      | 361   |      | Nevada             | 7,997      | 284    |       |
| Arizona                               | 22,984     | 985   |      | New Hampshire      | 7,943      | 236    |       |
| Arkansas                              | 4,338      | 180   |      | New Jersey         | 47,974     | 1,823  |       |
| California                            | 164,139    | 1,413 |      | New Mexico         | 13,476     | 832    |       |
| Canal Zone                            | 1,767      | 111   |      | New York           | 79,013     | 255    |       |
| Colorado                              | 38,494     | 924   |      | North Carolina     | 14,999     | 736    |       |
| Connecticut                           | 27,173     | 991   |      | North Dakota       | 24,880     | 1,130  |       |
| Florida                               | 43,519     | 1,960 |      | Ohio               | 59,356     | 576    |       |
| Georgia                               | 19,249     |       | 406  | Oklahoma           | 13,462     | 109    |       |
| Guam                                  | 283        |       | 16   | Oregon             | 72,068     | 2,841  |       |
| Hawaii                                | 1,898      | 152   |      | Pennsylvania       | 94,779     | 885    |       |
| Idaho                                 | 23,196     | 44    |      | Philippine Islands | 466        | 11     |       |
| Illinois                              | 71,853     |       | 43   | Puerto Rico        | 298        |        | 39    |
| Indiana                               | 52,064     | 118   |      | Rhode Island       | 7,591      | 76     |       |
| Iowa                                  | 29,563     |       | 36   | South Carolina     | 9,526      |        | 719   |
| Kansas                                | 30,174     | 1,183 |      | South Dakota       | 14,724     | 95     |       |
| Kentucky                              | 7,517      | 105   |      | Tennessee          | 14,749     |        | 43    |
| Louisiana                             | 4,207      |       | 66   | Texas              | 26,177     | 620    |       |
| Maine                                 | 6,044      | 276   |      | Utah               | 9,441      | 467    |       |
| Maryland, Delaware, Dist. of Columbia | 16,159     | 594   |      | Vermont            | 7,821      | 365    |       |
| Massachusetts                         | 47,617     | 1,569 |      | Virginia           | 13,926     | 460    |       |
| Michigan                              | 58,107     | 601   |      | Washington         | 100,572    | 3,468  |       |
| Minnesota                             | 18,533     | 657   |      | West Virginia      | 20,694     |        | 232   |
| Mississippi                           | 4,868      | 91    |      | Wisconsin          | 25,618     | 135    |       |
| Missouri                              | 14,162     | 267   |      | Wyoming            | 13,505     | 58     |       |
| Montana                               | 23,857     |       | 94   | Totals             | 1,480,412  | 29,919 | 1,694 |
|                                       |            |       |      | Net gain           |            | 28,225 |       |

The foregoing Digest of Annual Reports was prepared by the staff of THE ELKS MAGAZINE from texts of the official reports involved. Each of the reports was published separately in its entirety. In addition, the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, and the several Chairmen presented supplementary remarks at the Grand Lodge Session held in Dallas July 13-17. These remarks appear in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session.

## FRED L. BOHN

The Order of Elks does not pretend to be a religious organization, but it has been called, with accuracy, an organization of religious men, because a belief in God is a pre-requisite to membership in the fraternity. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn was a deeply religious man whose faith went far beyond belief.

Brother Bohn practiced his faith throughout his daily associations with his fellowmen. It was a part of his being and as natural as eating, breathing or sleeping.

When he was elected Grand Exalted Ruler in 1956, the country was already experiencing the rise of disorders among youth. Juvenile delinquency was the popular phrase which too often was applied indiscriminately to blacken the reputation of a whole generation. Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn objected to this negative and unjust approach and instead he appealed to the Elks to support programs designed to encourage juvenile decency, recognizing the fact that the great majority of our young people held sound and healthy attitudes toward life.

He was not unmindful of the influences that were being brought to bear on our young people to alienate them. Among these influences was the international

communist conspiracy, which had recently begun the sponsorship, while seeking to conceal its hand, of an annual "youth festival" to increase its penetration of non-communist countries by capturing the minds of their young people. Soviet Russia, he learned, was ready even to pay the expenses of young people who didn't have the money to attend. When he made sure of his facts in his usual thorough fashion he issued a warning to the country in general and to parents in particular about the true nature of the festival. This was not a popular course to take, even then, for the left-wing was already meeting with success in its campaign to destroy anti-communists and make anti-communism unfashionable. But when he was challenged to prove his assertions, he was able to do so.

Although his business required his close attention, and he was deeply involved in many civic activities, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn to the last gave the Order of Elks his loyal and devoted interest. He did this often at great personal sacrifice and without regard to the drain that it imposed on his physical resources. A man of the highest personal standards, Brother Bohn gave this Order constructive leadership and devoted service for which we all should be deeply grateful.

## Back To School—If It's Still Standing

The reopening of high schools and colleges next month will provide a test of whether we shall put a stop to efforts to disrupt and eventually destroy our society or whether we are going to tolerate more contemptuous arrogance from self-styled revolutionists.

We have come a long way since the so-called Free Speech Movement was spawned at the University of California at Berkeley in 1964. A good measure of the distance we have traveled, drifted is a better word, down the road to disaster is the fact that violent revolution has spread from the colleges to our high schools.

That is pretty good for a small minority of students and non-students. It is true that the organized violence that has wracked so many colleges and a growing number of high schools can be laid at the door of a small minority. But anyone who concludes therefrom that there is no reason for concern is reacting precisely the way the Students for a Democratic Society, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and the other organizers of violence want him to react.

Such an attitude unfortunately corresponds too closely to that of so many spineless and fatuous college administrators and faculty members. Their supine submission to absurd demands in the name of reform served only to encourage more absurd demands and provide an aura of success and prestige

that attracted gullible and immature students to the ranks of the lawless element.

We have got to be concerned, and more than concerned we must act to halt this sickness and bring a return of sanity and genuine intellectual freedom to our schools. One important way in which we can help to achieve that goal is to support students, dedicated to genuinely democratic principles and processes, who are working to establish effective student organizations in opposition to the radicals.

One such organization is the Association of Student Governments. More than 200 colleges are members of this association by vote of student governing bodies or student referenda. The association is staffed by recent graduates, or students who have temporarily left college to devote their full time to the campaign for responsible student government, most of them without pay. At the association's Washington, D.C., headquarters, girls who work all day at regular jobs volunteer secretarial services in the evening.

These young people are representative of the millions of college students who are the real Americans. When they go back to school in September it should be with the sure knowledge that they have the complete backing of every citizen proud to be American. If we don't care why should they?

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