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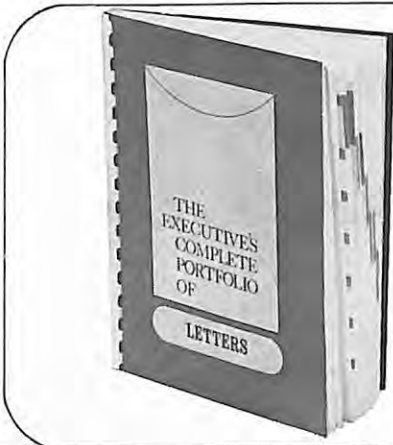
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The big bands are still around. Harry James, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Vaughn Monroe, Basie, Kenton and all the rest are still playing one-nighters here, there, and everywhere.

True, some of the great names are gone. Regardless, you can still hear the Glenn Miller band, lead by Buddy DeFranco, or the Jimmy Dorsey outfit with Lee Castle up front. New faces may have replaced the old familiar ones, but the arrangements are still the same,

and the old magic is still there, if you close your eyes and lean back and listen.

The big bands still cater to the young people. They travel the "prom circuit" every spring. But mostly they appear "in concert" at night clubs and concert halls close to college campuses nowadays. This is a sitting audience. The boys and girls seldom dance to the big band music any more. They just sit there and soak up the sweet sounds. The bombastic brass and rollicking reeds of yesteryear have become ancient and honorable along with Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. The jitterbug is gone forever.

Ernie Santosuosso, distinguished music critic of The Boston Globe and an

the Big Band Era

by Richard W. O'Donnell



authority on the big band era, called them "the glory days."

"Sure they were," he declared. "They were the glory days all right. For a few nickels and dimes you could buy your way into a theatre down the block and hear a crooner named Sinatra backed up by Tommy Dorsey and his soft trombone. Or if you had a dollar or two, you could take your girl friend dancing to music by the old master himself, Benny Goodman. And he made the greatest dance music of all!

"In a way, I feel sorry for the kids of today. Sure, they've got the Beatles, Tom Jones, The Carpenters, and a lot of fine artists. But the kids of today were never a part of the big band era. They arrived too late. They missed the glory days."

It all started with Benny Goodman. His band launched a decade of swing, the Big Apple, jitterbugging, canaries, crooners, songs with insane titles, and tender ballads.

The Goodman outfit arrived on the scene in 1936 and took the nation by storm. Goodman was crowned the King of Swing, and he proved to be a mighty monarch. His clarinet was known to the nation as the Licorice Stick. And each and every member of the band was automatically awarded a pedestal in the musical Hall of Fame.

Do you remember the members of that great Goodman band? Helen Ward was the vocalist, and Jess Stacy was at the piano. Joe Harris and Red Ballard were on trombone, and on sax, were Bill Depew, Hymie Shertzer, Dick Clark and Arthur Rollini. Harry Geller, Ralph Muzillo and Nate Kazebier were the trumpeters, and Harry Goodman was bassist, with Allan Reuss on guitar. Take a guess. Who was the drummer? You're right. His name was Gene Krupa.

These were the splendid musicians who helped Goodman launch the big band era. Years ago, their names were household words. Now practically all of them are forgotten except Goodman, Krupa, and possibly Helen Ward. She is remembered because she was the "canary" for the most famous big band of them all.

True, before Goodman burst on the scene, there were dozens and dozens of bands—and orchestras, if they had string sections—touring the land. Lawrence Welk was around way back then, but few people noticed him. Prior to Goodman, the big names were Paul Whiteman, Vincent Lopez, Fred Waring, Guy Lombardo, Jan Garber and Leo Reisman, to name a few. They all had fine musical groups. But, with the possible exception of Duke Ellington who was delighting audiences even then, these were conventional outfits. True, they all had unique styles, but

The kids of today have the Beatles, Tom Jones, The Carpenters and a lot of fine artists. But, they were never part of the big band era. They missed the glory days.



many lacked that "glamor" personality. They did not overwhelm their audiences.

Then came Goodman! According to jazz historian George T. Simon: "Several things set Goodman's apart from all the bands that had preceded it. One, of course, was the type of music it played—a crisp, clean, driving, always swinging and exciting, always easily understood kind of music. Another was its consistently superior musicianship. And then, of course, there was Goodman himself, with the highly personalized excitement that he projected through his horn. He and his clarinet created a kind of identity that hadn't existed before, providing an aura of glamour and personality and excitingly superb musicianship that set the mood and the pace for a dozen glorious years."

After Goodman came a magnificent array of musical talent. Glenn Miller,

Artie Shaw, Woody Herman, and the Dorsey Brothers. And Les Brown, Charles Barnet, Basie, Cugat, Duchin, Calloway, Hampton, Ozzie Nelson, Harry James, Sammy Kaye, Gene Krupa, Kay Kyser, Freddy Martin, Buddy Rich, Ray Noble and Ted Weems. The list is endless.

Do you remember the songs they played? Do you remember "Cherokee" by the Barnet band? And Basie's "One O'Clock Jump"? And don't forget Tommy Dorsey's "Boogie Woogie." Or brother Jimmy's hit, "Tangerine." Or "Muskrat Ramble" (Crosby); "Sunrise Serenade" (Carle); "Smoke Rings" (Glen Gray); "Sentimental Journey" (Les Brown); "Minnie The Moocher" (Calloway); "Dipsy Doodle" (Larry Clinton); "Let's Dance" (Goodman); "Flying Home" (Hampton), and "Woodchoppers' Ball" (Woody Herman).

Do you remember Glenn Miller's chugging version of "Chattanooga Choo-Choo"? To most people, the tune was a swinging account of a train trip. But for this writer, the tune had the pulsating overtones of a tender love ballad. Miller played, and Tex Beneke and the Modernaires sang the choo-choo song for the first time in a movie called "Sun Valley Serenade." Though only a boy in his early teens, I was a big band buff even then. So I went to see the movie because Glenn Miller was in it. The star of the movie happened to be the blond and beautiful Sonja Henie, a brilliant ice skater, and during "Sun Valley Serenade" I developed my first severe case of puppy love.

As a result, every time I heard "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" played—and it was a spectacular hit in the early forties—I always dreamed beautiful dreams about the sweet Sonja. In fact, even today when I hear the song, I still get a lump in my throat.

All of the hit songs of the big band era bring back beautiful memories. Remember Doris Day singing "Sentimental Journey" with the Les Brown band? Doris and Les performed the number on her television special a few months back. The hearts and flowers were still there.

Some of the old favorites had interesting histories. Take Ted Weems' "Heartaches," for example. Weems recorded it back in 1933, but nobody ever played it. The novelty version featured a washboard rhythm and whistling Elmo Tanner. About a dozen years later, Weems worked in Chicago, and the song was played by his orchestra on a radio program. The song still featured the washboard and Tanner. But this time it became an overnight hit.

Artie Shaw's "Begin the Beguine" is now considered a big band classic. Back in 1937, Shaw was just another orchestra leader. He was considered an excellent musician but his band had failed to catch on with the public. Then he dragged the old Cole Porter favorite out of mothballs and asked Bostonian Jerry Gray to come up with a solid arrangement for him. Gray did just that.

"I felt I had to get the attention of the dancers," recalled Gray, "and that's why I wrote that hard intro."

Shaw's "Begin the Beguine" was introduced at the Roseland-State Ballroom in Boston and was featured on a number of broadcasts from the dance hall. And Shaw was on his way to fame and fortune.

During the early thirties, a musician by the name of Ray Noble, who lived in London, England, became a great favorite in the United States with his recording of a lovely ballad called "The Very Thought Of You." Naturally,

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Past Grand Exalted Ruler

William S. Hawkins



WILLIAM STARK HAWKINS, Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1959-1960 lodge year, died July 21, 1971 at the age of 60. He was the 83rd Grand Exalted Ruler and the first Idahoan to head the Order.

Brother Hawkins was initiated into Coeur d'Alene Lodge on January 17, 1934. Within a year he was elected Exalted Ruler of the lodge and was reelected in 1936. After his appointment as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 1940-1941, the Idaho State Elks Association elected him President in 1949. Brother Hawkins was a leader in establishing the association's Rehabilitation Center for the Physically Handicapped in Boise, the state major project.

Following his term as State President, PGER Hawkins was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary. He was a member of this committee from 1950-1957, serving as chairman for the last two years. He became a Justice of the Grand Forum in 1958, but resigned when he became a candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler. Brother Hawkins was serving as a member of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee and the National Convention Committee at the time of his death.

PGER Hawkins was a former prosecuting attorney of Kootenai County and president of both the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce and the Coeur d'Alene Country Club. He was a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, College of Trial Lawyers, Federation of Insurance Counsel, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Sons of the American Revolution.

Surviving family members include his wife, Agnes; his son, James; two daughters, Ruthanna and Willa Mae, and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services for Brother Hawkins were held at the Methodist Church in Coeur d'Alene on July 26, 1971. A contingent of Grand Lodge officers attended the services. They included GER E. Gene Fournace, PGERs Horace R. Wisely, Robert G. Pruitt, R. Leonard Bush, and Frank Hise, and Grand Trustee Joseph A. McArthur.

Highlights of the 107th Grand Lodge Session
Held in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 18-22, 1971

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The Past Grand Exalted Rulers of the Order were introduced during the Sunday night opening session which was open to the public. The huge audience gave them a standing ovation. The 107th session was held in the Rivergate Auditorium in New Orleans.

IT WAS 73 YEARS AGO when the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks last met in Grand Lodge session in New Orleans.

In 1898, the Order met there and elected the first man from Ohio, John Galvin, to serve as Grand Exalted Ruler.

By strange coincidence, another Ohio man, E. Gene Fournace, a member of Newark Lodge No. 391, was named to head the Order when delegates for the 107th Grand Lodge session met in New Orleans in 1971.

The session was held in the giant Rivergate Auditorium July 18-22. A public ceremony Sunday evening officially began the events.

PGER William A. Wall, Honorary Convention Chairman, presided. Welcoming addresses were made by Louisi-

ana Gov. John J. McKeithen and New Orleans Mayor Moon Landrieu. Fraternal greetings were extended by Willis C. McDonald of New Orleans Lodge No. 30, Justice of the Grand Forum and chairman of the local convention committee, and Dr. James Basco, President of the Louisiana Elks Association.

In the principal address, Grand Exalted Ruler Glenn L. Miller reported on the proud accomplishments of the Order during the past year.

He noted that the National Service Commission spent over \$371,000 for benefit of disabled veterans and that the Elks National Foundation gave over \$989,000 for state association projects, scholarships, most valuable student awards, emergency educational grants and youth awards, all for charitable and



Official greetings to the delegates were given by Louisiana Gov. John J. McKeithen and New Orleans Mayor Moon Landrieu during the opening ceremony. From the left are PGER William A. Wall, honorary convention chairman; Gov. McKeithen; GER Glenn L. Miller; and Mayor Landrieu.

philanthropic purposes. In addition, lodges, state associations and the Grand Lodge spent nearly \$16 million. "We are indeed a charitable Order," he said.

GER Miller called for united action by law-abiding citizens to "destroy the forces that threaten the soul of America.

"Those who elect violence to gain their ends and reject the orderly democratic process of change that has been operating ever since this nation was formed almost 200 years ago, are perfectly free to seek a country where their philosophy of violence and destruction would be acceptable—if they can find such a country. I say to these people—if you don't like it you should get out and stay out. There is no Berlin Wall around the United States of America."

Condemning "vote-conscious" politicians for supporting violent demonstrations, GER Miller asserted that it was time "to declare war on lawlessness and disrespect for law and order and on all those who promote and encourage them in any way whatsoever.

"I am talking about saving America through the election of public officials who believe in a free America. I am talking about electing officials who believe the rights of no citizens should be taken away and given to another. Let's change politicians if necessary, but let's hang on to our American principles for dear life," he asserted.

Vocal selections were provided by the New Orleans St. Matthews United Methodist Church Choir under the direction of Mrs. Doris Allen.

Leading the Pledge of Allegiance was Grand Esquire Martin F. Moe, Jr., of



Crowds of visiting Elks and their ladies line up at the registration booths for the 107th convention of the B.P.O. Elks at The Rivergate in New Orleans, July 18-22, 1971. A near record of 3,293 delegates registered.

With the mighty Mississippi River in the background, GER and Mrs. Glenn L. Miller are shown as they arrived in New Orleans for the Grand Lodge convention. From the left are PGER William Jernick; PGER George I. Hall, GL convention chairman; GER and Mrs. Miller; PGER William A. Wall, honorary convention chairman; Mrs. Wall; and Willis McDonald of New Orleans, chairman of the local convention committee.



A portion of the big Ohio delegation is shown above as they arrived by special chartered flight in New Orleans. They were greeted by SP Earl Sloan and Grand Trustee E. Gene Fournace and their wives, center.

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Slidell, La., No. 2321. Grand Chaplain Rev. Fr. Francis A. White gave the invocation and benediction.

Organ music was presented by Ramon "Red" Ringo of Brazil, Ind., No. 762, a resident of the Elks National Home.

Monday Highlights

An inspiring parade of state flags led by the Flag of the United States highlighted the opening of the first business meeting on Monday.

In a stirring report of the GL Americanism Committee, Edward L. Harbaugh of Roswell, N.M., chairman, outlined the use of flag decals, Eagle Scout certificates, an expanded Flag Day ceremony, Law and Order Nights, and additional projects to stimulate appreciation of our national heritage.

He introduced Supt. Robert K. Konkle of the Indiana State Police Department, who addressed the convention and in a moving speech urged Elks to "come home again to the basic concepts of our American government," stressing that we are about to lose our freedoms.

He pointed out that riots and disorders are being planned rather than just happening and said also that they are not without guidance or financial assistance. It is the taxpayer, however, who pays for the damage that is done. Supt. Konkle asserted that there are college professors who are "teaching unadulterated socialism and communism to students who become teachers and in turn pass it on to students again . . . This nation has been saturated with a constant and continuous propaganda attack like Hitler's Germany never knew," he said as he emphasized that it was only the minority which took over Russia and Germany.

He challenged Elks to . . . "take up the responsibilities of citizenship" . . . in order to preserve America.

GER Miller noted that membership reached 1,520,731, the largest in the history of the Order. In addition, 25 new lodges were added for a total of 2,168.

Contributions to the Elks National Foundation set records for gifts from individuals and from lodges. Grand total of donations, including bequests and



During GER Miller's year of travels he received five gavels. He officially opened the session by using all five of them—at the same time. The gavels came from the following lodges: Terre Haute, Ind.; Rockville, Conn.; Vincennes, Ind.; Ionia, Mich., and Jeffersonville, Ind.

miscellaneous gifts, was over \$1,100,000, GER Miller reported.

E. Gene Fournace, a member of Newark, Ohio, Lodge, was unanimously elected Grand Exalted Ruler. His nomination was made by U.S. Rep. William H. Harsha, Jr., a PER of Portsmouth, Ohio, Lodge and a long-time friend of Brother Fournace. Seconding the nomination was Vincent H. Grocott of Santa Barbara, Calif., a past chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

The full text of the new Grand Exalted Ruler's acceptance speech is printed elsewhere in this issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Other new officers named are: Hugh W. Hicks of Jackson, Tenn., Grand Est. Lead. Kt.; Vern R. Huck of Los Angeles, Calif., Grand Est. Loyal Kt.; Francis G. Adams of New London, Conn., Grand Est. Lect. Kt.; and Homer Huhn, Jr., of Mount Pleasant, Pa., Grand Secy.

Also, H. Foster Sears of Macomb, Ill., Grand Treasurer; Edward L. Harbaugh of Roswell, N.M., Grand Inner Guard; William L. Wise, Jr., of Cambridge, Md., Grand Tiler; and the Rev. Fr. Francis A. White of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Grand Chaplain.

Elected to four-year terms on the Board of Grand Trustees were Dr. Melville J. Junion of Green Bay, Wis., and George B. Klein of Lincoln, Neb.

Lewis C. Gerber of South Bend, Ind., was elected to a two-year unexpired term on the board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of GER-elect Fournace.

Appointed to serve as secretary to Bro. Fournace was Aaron F. Schontz of North Canton, Ohio.

The new Grand Exalted Ruler-elect was escorted to the stage by a special delegation consisting of PGERs Jernick, Walker, Wisely, Hawkins, Fenton, Donaldson, McCabe and Hise, and GL Committeeman Ernest B. Graham, Jr., Ohio SP Earl E. Sloan, Newark, Ohio, ER Donald Wilkin and a contingent of Ohio Elks dressed in colorful scarlet and gray attire.

Delegates gave approval to the following appointments:

—PGER Wade Kepner to a five-year term on the Elks National Memorial and Publications Commission.

—PGER Robert E. Boney to a four-year unexpired term on the same commission created by the death of PGER Earl E. James.

—PGER Dr. Edward J. McCormick to

AMERICANISM CONTEST WINNERS

Lodges with less than 300 members:

1. Woodbridge, Va.

No second or third place winners.

Lodges with 301 to 600 members:

1. Slidell, La.

2. Martins Ferry, Ohio

3. Maumee, Ohio

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

1. Paramount, Calif.

2. Elwood, Ind.

3. Florence, Colo.

Lodges with 1,001 to 3,000 members:

1. Arlington-Fairfax, Va.

2. Midland, Mich.

3. Ogden, Utah

Lodges with over 3,000 members:

1. Phoenix, Ariz.

2. Lake City, Wash.

3. Long Beach, Calif.



PGER George I. Hall points out to the Grand Lodge Convention Committee that next year, the 108th session of B.P.O. Elks will meet in Atlantic City, New Jersey, July 9-13, 1972. Others in the group include: (standing, left to right) PGER Lee Donaldson, PGER Robert Pruitt and PGER Robert Boney. (Seated) Director, National Convention Committee, Bryan McKeough; PGER William S. Hawkins, who died unexpectedly of a stroke during the New Orleans Convention.



A number of judicial matters pertaining to the Order were discussed by the Committee on Judiciary during the session. Seated, left to right, are Thomas A. Goodwin, Chairman, Wheeling, W. Va.; Robert A. Yothers, Seattle, Wash. Standing, from the left, are Robert Grafton, North Palm Beach, Fla.; George J. Balbach, Elmhurst, N.Y.; Frank W. Wiley, Toledo, Ohio; Edward C. Alexander, Great Falls, Mont.; Arthur W. Swarner, Riverside, Calif.



Members of the Grand Forum convened during the Grand Lodge session. From the left, are John J. O'Brien of Whitehall, N.Y., Bernard Lawler of Redondo Beach, Calif., Chief Justice John T. Raftis of Colville, Wash., Thomas F. Rhodes, Jr., of Hamilton, N.J. and Willis C. McDonald of New Orleans, La.



Members of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission paused during the busy convention schedule for this photograph. From the left are: Robert E. Boney, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; Edward W. McCabe, treasurer; Wade H. Kepner, chairman; R. Leonard Bush, vice chairman, and Raymond C. Dobson, secretary. All are past Grand Exalted Rulers.



The Board of Grand Trustees are shown as they prepared the budget for presentation to the delegates. Seated, left to right, are George T. Hickey, vice chairman; Francis M. Smith, chairman; H. Beecher Charnbury, secretary; and E. Gene Fournace, home mem' er. Standing, from the left, Joseph A. McArthur, approving member; Wayne A. Swanson, building applications, west; W. Edward Wilson, building applications, east, and John B. Morey, pension member.



The Elks National Service Commission met during the conclave. Seated, from the left, are PGER George I. Hall, vice chairman; PGER William J. Jernick, chairman and treasurer; Brian McKeough, director; PGER Robert G. Pruitt; and PGER Ronald J. Dunn. Standing are PGER John L. Walker, secretary, and PGER William A. Wall, right.



The unanimous election of E. Gene Four-nace of Ohio as Grand Exalted Ruler signaled a demonstration on the convention floor by the Ohio delegation. The Ohio contingent was dressed in colorful scarlet jackets with gray trousers, the colors of Ohio State University.



When PGER John L. Walker reported on the charities made possible by the Elks National Foundation, delegates promptly marched to the stage to make donations to the fund. A total of \$23,901.50 was presented, the most ever contributed at a convention.



PGER Wade H. Kepner, Chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, left, presented GER Glenn L. Miller with a check for \$130,000 from the surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine. This is the second year in a row that this amount has been presented and the funds are to be used for Grand Lodge purposes.



The audience acclaimed national first place Youth Leadership winners, Miss Bren LuRee Buckley of Lincoln, Neb. and Robert Harlan Henry of Shawnee, Okla., as they spoke to the convention. Left to right, are Gerald Powell of Peru, Ind., GL commit-tee-man who conducted the contest; PGER H. L. Blackledge; Miss Buckley; GER Miller; Mr. Henry; PGER Robert G. Pruitt, and Horace E. Miller, Jr., of Charleston, S.C., Chairman of the GL Youth Activities Committee.



First place national Most Valuable Student winners were presented their awards of \$2,500 each to the university of their choice. They are shown here with the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation. Seated, left to right, are PGER Dr. Edward J. McCormick, treasurer; PGER John L. Walker, chairman; Miss Janice Marlene Csokmay of Warren, Ohio, first place girl winner (second time); David Wayne Moyer of Oakland, Calif., first place boy winner; PGER H. L. Blackledge, vice chairman; and PGER John E. Fenton, secretary. Standing, from the left, are PGERs William A. Wall, Lee A. Donaldson and Horace R. Wisely.

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Elksdom's new Grand Exalted Ruler and first lady, E. Gene and Rita Jane Fournace, took time out during the busy convention schedule for this photograph.

a seven-year term as trustee of the Elks National Foundation.

—PCGER Robert G. Pruitt to a five-year term on the GL Convention Committee.

—PCGER Frank Hise to a seven-year term on the Elks National Service Commission.

—Hal M. Randall of Salem, Ore., to a five-year term as a Justice of the Grand Forum.

The delegates were welcomed by New Orleans ER Charles S. Howe. The Pottstown, Pa., Drill Team assisted in the ceremonies.

Tuesday Highlights

The meeting Tuesday began with a report by the Committee on Distribution made by Marvin Lewis of Brawley, Calif.

P.G.E.R. Wade H. Kepner, Chairman of the National Memorial and Publication Commission, reported the many renovations that have been made in the office areas of the National Memorial and Headquarters Building in Chicago. He noted also that in connection with the Commission's Public Relation operations a lodge publicity guide had been prepared and sent to all subordinate lodges.

P.G.E.R. Kepner presented to G.E.R. Miller a check for \$130,000 from earnings of *The Elks Magazine* to assist in the balancing of the Grand Lodge Budget and thereby helping to finance the Order's many programs. This is the second year in a row that a check in this amount has been presented bringing to over 9.5 million dollars the total turned over to Grand Lodge since the inception of the Magazine.

Edmund H. Hanlon of Red Bank, N.J., reporting for the New Lodge Committee told the delegates that the committee had reached GER Miller's goal of 25 new lodges.

California led with four new lodges; Texas and Missouri each had three; Florida, New Jersey and New York had two, and Massachusetts, Arizona, Kentucky, Colorado, Delaware, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland had one each.

In a report of the Auditing and Accounting Committee, Chairman John T. Kirkwood of Galena, Kan., pointed out the lack of compliance by a number of lodges to the Grand Lodge statutes re-

quiring auditing and accounting reports.

In a preliminary report of the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation, PCGER John L. Walker, chairman, noted that during the past year total charitable distributions from the Fund came to \$989,399.50, the most distributed in any one year.

Awards were announced for the lodges and state associations having the highest average per member donations to the Foundation.

Top Lodge in the nation was Mahwah, N.J., with an average of \$19.075 per member.

Following are the other awards with average per member donations in parentheses:

Lodges under 250 members: First, Andover, Mass. (\$12.186); second, Tenafly, N.J. (\$11.483); third, Greenville, Miss. (\$6.946).

Lodges of 251 to 500 members: First, Okmulgee, Okla. (\$17.565); second, Weehawken, N.J. (\$6.389); third, Mountain Home, Ark. (\$5.983).

HIGHEST NET MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Lodges with less than 300 members:

1. New Orleans, La.
2. Jonesboro, Ark.
3. Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Lodges with 301 to 600 members:

1. Portland, Me.
2. Roy, Utah
3. Waukesha, Wis.

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

1. St. Cloud, Minn.
2. Hot Springs, Ark.
3. Sunnyvale, Calif.

Lodges with 1,001 to 3,000 members:

1. Colonie, N.Y.
2. Lakewood, Wash.
3. Sioux Falls, S.D.

Lodges over 3,000 members:

1. Milwaukie, Ore.
2. Albuquerque, N.M.
3. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Lodges of 501 to 1,000 members: First, Meriden, Conn. (\$8.140); second, Peekskill, N.Y. (\$7.009); third, Perry, Iowa (\$6.316).

Lodges of 1,001 to 1,500 members: First, Palm Springs, Calif. (\$5.388); second, Lakewood, Colo. (\$4.021); third, Midland, Mich. (\$3.881).

Lodges with over 1,500 members: First, Bay City, Mich. (\$4.363); second, Greensboro, N.C. (\$2.580); third, Springfield, Ill. (\$2.429).

Top states: First, Hawaii (\$2.601); second, North Carolina (\$1.689); third, Vermont (\$1.656); fourth, Oklahoma (\$1.389); fifth, Nevada (\$1.380).

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The top state in total donations was California with \$171,193.65 and the Philippines Republic was the top area with \$1,752.

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Lodges with less than 300 members:

1. New Orleans, La., 117.2 pct.
2. Paris, Tex., 100.69 pct.
3. Jonesboro, Ark., 92.9 pct.

Lodges with 301 to 600 members:

1. Portland, Me., 101.85 pct.
2. Roy, Utah, 56.08 pct.
3. Waukesha, Wis., 52.21 pct.

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

1. St. Cloud, Minn., 52.75 pct.
2. Sunnyvale, Calif., 27.37 pct.
3. Sherwood, Ore., 27.02 pct.

Lodges with 1,001 to 3,000 members:

1. Colonie, N.Y., 71.1 pct.
2. Lakewood, Wash., 41.05 pct.
3. Houston, Tex., 29.72 pct.

Lodges with over 3,000 members:

1. Milwaukie, Ore., 17.66 pct.
2. Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 7.15 pct.
3. Beaverton, Ore., 6.67 pct.

Charles P. Bender, Ritualistic Committee Chairman, and a member of Wabash, Ind., Lodge, announced the eastern and western division ritual contest winners. First place in the eastern division was Huntington, N.Y. and second place went to Elkhart, Ind. In the western division, Wellington, Kan. won first and Muscatine, Iowa was second.

Awards were presented to the All-American eastern and western teams.

The eastern division consists of: Exalted Ruler, Rudy Frey, Huntington; Lead. Kt. Charles Eckerle, Huntington; Loyal Kt. Russell Reuter, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Lect. Kt. John Kohout, Huntington; Esq. Patrick Howard, Ann Arbor; Chaplain Mickey Smith, Tallahassee, Fla., and Inner Guard Calvin Fillmore, Laconia, N.H.

The western division team members are: Exalter Ruler Robert Weir, Wellington, Kan.; Lead. Kt. Lloyd Kemp, Wellington; Loyal Kt. Douglas Osland, Rochester, Minn.; Lect. Kt. Billy Sober, Wellington; Esq. Michael Monroe, Tucson, Ariz.; Chaplain Jim Lusk, Jamestown, N.D., and Inner Guard Robert Harding, Wellington.

Omer C. Macy of Mattoon, Ill., Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, announced the winners of the Community Image Contest which were:



PGER Lee A. Donaldson, left, one of Ohio's sponsors, installed E. Gene Fournace as Grand Exalted Ruler.



Glenn L. Miller, right, joined the ranks of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, receiving his PGER's pin from PGER Edward W. McCabe.

1. Elwood, Ind.
2. Davenport, Iowa
3. Fort Worth, Tex.

Awards, previously announced in *The Elks Magazine*, were presented.

Bro. Macy reported the winners of the Flag Day contest as follows: Lodges under 300 members: First, Midwest City, Okla.; second, Hawthorne, Nev.; third, Willoughby, Ohio.

Lodges with 301 to 600 members: First, Florence, Colo.; second, Las Cruces, N.M.; third, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members: First, Ludington, Mich.; second, Massapequa, N.Y.; third, Fon du Lac, Wis.

Lodges with 1,001 to 3,000 members: First, Palm Springs, Calif.; second, Orlando, Fla.; third, Tillamook, Okla.

Lodges with over 3,000 members: First, Phoenix, Ariz.; second, Long Beach, Calif.; third, Auburn, Wash.

Dr. Leonard J. Bristol of Saranac Lake, N.Y. reported for the State Associations Committee and announced winners of the Major Projects Exhibits at the convention. They are: Nebraska, first; Florida, second; and Tennessee, third.

Winners of the State Publication Contest are: Division I (Published more than quarterly): First, California-Hawaii; second, Ohio; third, North Dakota.

Division II (issued quarterly): First, Michigan; second, Pennsylvania; third, Georgia.

Division III (less than quarterly): First, North Carolina; second, Oklahoma.

Wednesday Highlights

PGER William J. Jernick, Chairman-Treasurer of the Elks National Service Commission, presented a resolution which was approved. It permits an assessment of \$1 per year per member in the event it is needed for national defense or major disaster.

PGER Jernick pointed out each Elk's share in the accomplishments of the commission in assisting and entertaining hospitalized veterans. He noted that the Order has never broken its pledge that "As long as there is a veteran in the hospital, the Elks will never forget him."

The Wednesday meeting was open to the public and those in attendance

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WINNERS For Year-Around Programs

Lodges under 300 members:

1. Scarsdale, N. Y.
2. Gatlinburg, Tenn.
3. Angola, Ind.

Lodges with 301 to 600 members:

1. Fulton, N. Y.
2. Durham, N. C.
3. Nogales, Ariz.

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

1. Nashua, N. H.
2. Ilion, N. Y.
3. Chula Vista, Calif.

Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:

1. North Platte, Neb.
2. Pasco, Wash.
3. Midland, Mich.

Lodges with over 2,000 members:

1. Lincoln, Neb.
2. Auburn, Wash.
3. Phoenix, Ariz.

State Associations:

1. Nebraska
2. New York
3. Wisconsin



The New York State Elks Association reception was turned into a surprise birthday party for PGER George I. Hall, who was celebrating his 75th birthday. They presented him with a huge cake and a new *golf car*. Shown in the car, as it was paraded around the room, are GER-elect E. Gene Fournace, left, New York SP George Olsen, and PGER Hall, right.



Newly installed Grand Lodge officers are shown above. Seated, left to right, are Vern R. Huck of Los Angeles, Calif., Gr. Est. Loyal Kt.; Hugh W. Hicks of Jackson, Tenn., Gr. Est. Lead. Kt.; GER E. Gene Fournace, a member of Newark, Ohio, Lodge; Francis C. Adams of New London, Conn., Gr. Est. Lect. Kt., and Homer Huhn, Jr., of Mount Pleasant, Pa., Gr. Secy. Standing, from the left, are H. Foster Sears of Macomb, Ill., Gr. Treas.; Rev. Fr. Francis A. White of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Gr. Chaplain; Edward L. Harbaugh of Roswell, N.M., Gr. Inner Guard; William L. Wise, Jr., of Cambridge, Md., Gr. Tiler; Dr. Melville J. Junion of Green Bay, Wis., George B. Klein of Lincoln, Neb., and Lewis Gerber of South Bend, Ind., Gr. Trustees.

Winning the national ritualistic championship for 1971 was the team from Huntington, N.Y. No. 1565. Left to right, are PER George Montalto, candidate-coach; Larry Schramm, Loyal Kt.; Carl Eckerle, Lead. Kt. (All American); Jack Kohout, Lect. Knight (All American); Rudy W. Frey, Exalted Ruler (All American); Robert Miller, Esquire; Al Prep, Inner Guard; Charles Price, Chaplain; PER William Sayak; and PER Kenneth Christensen, coaches.



Elks of Ohio presented the new Grand Exalted Ruler with keys to a new Cadillac in recognition of his election to the highest office in Elkdom. He was also given a special set of Ohio license plates numbered ELK-1. Making the presentations were Ohio SP Earl E. Sloan of Elyria. From left, are Vincent H. Grocott of Santa Barbara, Calif., Past Grand Trustee who seconded Mr. Fournace's nomination; GER Fournace; SP Sloan, and U. S. Rep. William H. Harsha Jr., a PER of Portsmouth, Ohio, Lodge who made the nomination.



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heard a report by Horace E. Miller, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., Chairman of the GL Youth Activities Committee, who noted that about 1.5 million youths benefited from the Elks programs. Close to \$4 million was spent.

Over 300 lodges participated in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contests. Lodges were also encouraged to observe International Newspaperboy Day.

The first place National Youth Leadership boy winner, Robert Harlan Henry of Shawnee, Okla. and girl winner, Miss Bren LuRee Buckley of Lincoln, Neb., were each presented \$2,000 in

Savings Bonds from the Elks National Foundation funds.

The audience gave them a resounding ovation as they expressed their thanks.

A number of states and state chairmen were honored for their participation in the various Youth Programs and two states, North Dakota and Rhode Island, were awarded plaques for 100 per cent participation in the Youth Leadership Contest.

The audience again gave enthusiastic applause to the remarks of the first place boy and girl Most Valuable Student winners. Miss Janice Marlene Csokmay, sponsored by Warren, Ohio, Lodge, was introduced by PGER Walker, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation. This was the second time Miss Csokmay won the first place national award. She is a student at Bowling Green State University.

David Wayne Moyer, sponsored by Oakland, Calif., Lodge, was introduced by PGER Horace R. Wisely, also a member of the Foundation Trustees. Each received a \$2,500 grant to the university of his choice.

The entire list of scholarship winners appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

- ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK**
- Lodges with less than 300 members:
1. Dunkirk, Ind.
 2. Midwest City, Okla.
 3. Coventry-West Greenwich, R.I.
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Fulton, N. Y.
 2. Slidell, La.
 3. Herkimer, N. Y.
- Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:
1. Ludington, Mich.
 2. Hudson, N. Y.
 3. Columbus, Ohio
- Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:
1. Falls City, Neb.
 2. Midland, Mich.
 3. Richmond, Calif.
- Lodges with over 2,000 members:
1. Kelso, Wash.
 2. Phoenix, Ariz.
 3. Tulsa, Okla.
- State Associations:
1. Pennsylvania
 2. Ohio

Thursday Highlights

When GER Miller called the Thursday session to order he immediately



The PGER Raymond Benjamin Ritualistic Trophy was presented to Huntington, N.Y. Lodge by Napa, Calif. ER John Hall. Left to right are GER Miller; ER Hall; Carl Eckerle, Lead. Kt.; Al Prep, Inner Guard, and Robert Miller, Esquire.

Southern hospitality was displayed when the ladies of New Orleans No. 30 prepared approximately 2,800 real-looking flowers out of paper. Two of the southern belles distributing the corsages were Gloria Aitken and Gilda Taylor, right.

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*William J. Jernick,
Chairman-Treasurer,
Elks National
Service Commission*



*Robert Konkle,
Supt. Ind.
State police*



*Francis M. Smith,
Chairman, Board
of Grand Trustees*



*Omer C. Macy,
Chairman, Lodge
Activities Committee*



*Thomas A. Goodwin,
Chairman,
Committee on
Judiciary*



*John L. Walker,
Chairman, Elks
National Foundation
Trustees*



*Dr. Leonard J. Bristol,
State Associations
Committee*



*Marvin Lewis,
Committee on
Distribution*



*Horace E. Miller, Jr.,
Chairman, Youth
Activities Committee*



*Edmund H. Hanlon,
New Lodge
Committee*



*Wade H. Kepner,
Chairman, Elks
National Memorial and
Publication Committee*



*L. E. Moening,
Chairman, Committee
on Credentials*



*Dewey Kuhns,
Grand Lodge
Resolutions Committee*



*Willis MacDonald,
Grand Forum*



*Rev. Francis A. White,
Grand Chaplain*



*Charles Howe
Exalted Ruler,
New Orleans, La.,
Lodge No. 30*



*John T. Kirkwood,
Chairman, Auditing
and Accounting
Committee*



*Charles P. Bender,
Chairman,
Ritualistic Committee*



*Edward L. Harbaugh,
Chairman, Americanism
Committee*



Convention Highlights 1971



It was entertainment galore for the New Orleans convention-goers. Providing free music at the Rivergate was Phil Zito and his Society Dixieland Band.

Serving as official organist for the meetings was Ramon "Red" Ringo, a member of Brazil, Ind., Lodge and a resident of the Elks National Home.



asked for a moment of silence in tribute to PGER William S. Hawkins who suffered what was described as a stroke and died late Wednesday afternoon.

L. E. Moening of Owatonna, Minn., chairman of the Committee on Credentials, noted a near record attendance of 3293 for the convention. Attendance was exceeded only by the dual convention year of 1946 and the centennial year of 1968.

During the report of the Committee on Judiciary made by Thomas Goodwin of Wheeling, W. Va., delegates rejected a resolution to remove the word "white" from the membership requirements.

However, delegates enacted a statute giving the Grand Exalted Ruler the power to suspend the "white" requirement by special dispensation with respect to any lodges located on U.S. government property. This was intended to provide relief for two lodges located in the Panama Canal Zone.

Delegates also voted to give the Grand Exalted Ruler standby authority to suspend the operation of the "white" membership requirement until the next Grand Lodge session should he deem such action to be in the best interest of the Order.

Delegates also approved the budget submitted by Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees Francis M. Smith of Sioux Falls, S.D. Also approved were resolutions lauding Bro. Smith and



George T. Hickey of Chicago (North), Ill. who both retired from the board.

Awards were presented to the winning ritualistic teams by Charles P. Bender, Ritual Committee Chairman. First place went to Huntington, N.Y. with a score of 93.151. Second was Elk-

hart, Ind., score, 92.819; third, Wellington, Kan., 92.703; and fourth, Muscatine, Iowa, 91.735.

ER John Hall of Napa, Calif., presented the PGER Raymond Benjamin Trophy to the winning team. PGER R. Leonard Bush presented a trophy on behalf of his lodge, Inglewood, Calif., to the Exalted Ruler obtaining the highest score. It went to Huntington, N.Y. acting ER Rudy W. Frey.

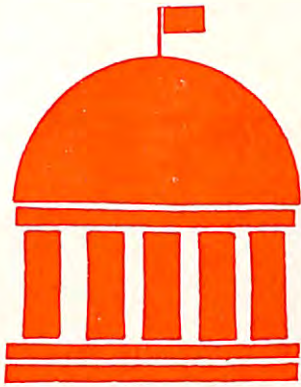
Lloyd E. Mendenhall of Tucson, Ariz., Lodge presented the John D. Frakes Coaches Trophy to Ken Christensen of Huntington.

The convention committees were honored for a successful New Orleans session by a resolution approved by the delegates and presented by Dewey S. Kuhns of Charleston, W. Va., Chairman of the GL Resolutions Committee.

PGER Lee A. Donaldson installed the new Grand Lodge officers.

ATTENDANCE—As reported by the Committee on Credentials

Grand Exalted Ruler	1
Past Grand Exalted Rulers	18
Grand Lodge Officers	25
Grand Lodge Committeemen	66
District Deputies Designate	219
Special Deputies	17
Representatives	1908
Alternate Representatives	23
Members of the Grand Lodge	1016
Total	3293



AROUND WASHINGTON



WINE WITH MEALS has caught on in a big way at the National Press Club since the addition to the menu of wine by the glass (35 cents) or by the carafe (two glasses for 60 cents). The NPC Wine Committee, which is building up the club's wine list with a wide variety of American and foreign wines, selected Gallo's Hearty Burgundy to serve as the club's red table wine and Almaden Mountain White Chablis as the white table wine.

VETERANS BENEFITS. If a veteran wants his old job back, he has 90 days to apply for it after leaving military service. He has 120 days to convert his Servicemen's Group Life Insurance to an individual policy without examination. He has eight years from date of separation to apply for and receive educational assistance. But there is no time limit for him to be assisted by his local state employment service in finding a job. Nor is there a time limit to obtain hospital care, or to get a G.I. loan to buy a house or a farm. These are highlights of a timetable on benefits for veterans issued by the Veterans Administration.

A **WHEEL CHAIR** that would provide mobility for 100,000 handicapped Americans who have no use of their arms and legs is being tested in hospitals and rehabilitation centers. The

\$1,500 vehicle is powered by an electric motor and is controlled by a sight switch which is activated by movements of the occupant's eyes. The technology was developed under direction of NASA at a time when it was thought our astronauts might have to operate their spacecraft by eye movements. It never proved necessary since they were able to move their arms despite the pull of "G" forces.

HAND BAGS FOR MEN? That's right. They serve, like a woman's bag, as a catchall—only they're called shoulder bags. Washington stores which have them for sale are convinced they will become a fad with those men whose trousers fit so tight there's hardly room in the pockets for a comb, let alone anything bulkier. They cost about the same as ladies' bags.



RECYCLED PAPER for all its stationery needs is now used by the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Committee Chairman Edward A. Garmatz of Maryland is trying to persuade other committees and congressional offices to follow his example. He says that if they did, it would make "an immediate and worthwhile contribution to our environment" since it would spare many trees that are chopped down every year to make paper.

PROSTITUTION is big business here. Police estimate there may be 1,000 or more prostitutes in the city. An estimated 200 of them walk the streets every night. Some are part-time prostitutes—secretaries, housewives, unstable teen-agers. Others are expensive call girls, who live in luxury apartments and cater to VIPs. The police say it would be impossible to eliminate this practice of the world's oldest profession but they are determined to control it. There were 592 arrests made last year.

WOODROW WILSON'S HOME at 2340 S Street, open to visitors for a charge (50 cents for adults, 25 cents for students and children), is equipped with a sound and light program. The former President's voice can be heard as well as excerpts from Mrs. Wilson's memoirs. The tour of the three floors of the house begins with an orientation film about the life of the World War I leader who died in an upstairs bedroom at the age of 67 in 1924, three years after leaving the White House.



GONE WITH THE SMELL. For 98 years the pungent odor of livestock remains being converted into fertilizer and soap offended the nostrils of Georgetown residents. Congressmen made indignant speeches about the stench while city officials and local citizens' groups fought unsuccessfully to close down the source of the smells, the Hopfenmaier rendering plant, on the Georgetown waterfront. Now there's an unaccustomed sweetness in the Georgetown air because the city bought the plant for \$707,000 in an out-of-court settlement of a condemnation suit and shut it down to make way for the new Potomac River Freeway.

A **GET-TOUGH POLICY** has been proclaimed by Rep. Wayne Hays of Ohio to plug a \$30,000-a-month loss by the House restaurants. The new chairman of the House Administration Committee has banned after-hours catered receptions, authorized firing on the spot of any employee caught stealing and decreed that credit will be cut off for any congressman owing a bill more than 30 days. He also has instituted daily auditing and competitive bidding on contracts where feasible.

Presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in
following his election to office on July 13

The acceptance speech of

E. Gene Fournace

Grand Exalted Ruler Glenn Miller, distinguished Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Reverend Father White, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, my Brothers all,

With a heart overflowing with gratitude, and a mind aware of the high honor and grave responsibility, I reverently accept the office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

At this moment I seek the divine guidance of Almighty God for the trust placed in me, and I pray, too, that I am worthy of your confidence, and shall be successful in my mission to "Build Pride of Elkdom."

I deeply appreciate your faith and confidence. Any pride I feel is not in personal achievement, but in the friendship, help, loyalty and support of many wonderful friends in this Fraternity. It is they who have made possible my election to the highest office in this—the Nation's foremost patriotic, Fraternal Order.

First, I am impelled to pay high tribute and to sincerely thank the Past Grand Exalted Rulers of our order who over the years have given me favorable opportunities to serve our order and then aided me through skillful guidance of my endeavors.

My heart urges me to identify by special thanks many among these dedicated leaders of Elkdom, but the relentless pressure of time dictates otherwise. However, I am particularly indebted to three of them. Whatever I have accomplished or will be due to their interest and help.

First, to one of Ohio's most illustrious citizens, the Honorable Doctor Edward J. McCormick, who attained the Presidency of the American Medical Association, who received outstanding lay recognition of his church, and who was elected to the highest office of our order goes my deepest gratitude and most sincere thanks.

The late Honorable Fred L. Bohn, a long time personal friend, became co-sponsor and for many years helpfully directed my service to our order. I shall always cherish the memory of all he



GER Miller, right, raises the hand of E. Gene Fournace as he was unanimously elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

did for me and ever be grateful.

When Fred left us, the Honorable Lee A. Donaldson became co-sponsor and I am especially indebted to him for his active help and excellent advice during the past many months.

My sincere gratitude and thanks go to the past Exalted Rulers, the officers and members of my lodge, Newark No. 391, to the past Presidents, officers and members of the Ohio Elks Association. In fact, to all the Elks of Ohio. Their support and loyalty over three decades have inspired and encouraged me in all my endeavors in Elkdom. The honor bestowed upon me today, in truth, is honor bestowed upon them.

And, certainly, thanks to my wife, Rita Jane, who not only understands my love of Elkdom, but encourages my active involvement in its affairs. I know full well I did not get here alone!

My very special thanks go to the Honorable William H. Harsha, Jr., a ranking member of the Congress of the

United States, a past Exalted Ruler of Portsmouth, Ohio Lodge No. 154, and a true friend who took of valuable time from his Washington duties and journeyed here and nominated me this morning. Bill, I shall ever be grateful.

To my dear friend, Vincent H. Grocott, Santa Barbara, California Lodge No. 613, a former associate on the board of Grand Trustees, I give my deepest gratitude for so graciously seconding my nomination.

The high standards of leadership and outstanding achievements of the past Grand Exalted Rulers who have managed the notable advancement of this Great Order for over a century add to my recognition of the heavy responsibilities in the year ahead and intensify the determination to do all within my power to build pride of Elkdom.

Indeed, I am deeply grateful for their unanimous support and shall depend heavily upon their wise counsel and guidance.

From the beginning our fate has paralleled the fortunes of our country.—G.E.R. Fournace

Each of these former leaders gave unstintingly of his time and talent to achieve the effective direction of our order which has given it strength, vitality and appeal. Each contributed to the adoption and implementation of major programs aimed to meet the needs of our Nation to the end of establishing a better, stronger and more United America.

This dedication to the advancement of the Order's and the National interest is especially true of my predecessor. Over ten years ago we first worked together on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee and I have benefited by a continuing association with this outstanding leader who added stature and prestige to our Order this past year. Glenn Miller, you have been a real chief in more ways than one, and you will be difficult to follow.

From the beginning, over 103 years ago, our Order's fate has paralleled the fortunes of our Country, and this entwining of destinies will continue in the future. We must carry out a program for the year ahead that will benefit America and benefit our Order. If you Exalted Rulers, the leaders of Elksdom, the chosen representatives of your Lodges, will devote this year in helping me carry out our program, that will advance our Order and that will benefit our nation. Will you promise me your full assistance? Thank you for this expression of support.

The details of our program for the coming year will be presented at the Exalted Rulers' special meeting held here tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. following a luncheon. You are expected to be present. The meeting will be conducted in a concise manner with an early adjournment. No later than 4:00 p.m., allowing ample time for you to attend other functions.

Let me say here that our program will continue to stress an *achievable gain* in membership—a five per cent *net* gain is our goal. To have a full five per cent gain you must plan well and work diligently to prevent lapsation.

To fittingly acknowledge our pride in the great philanthropic, charitable and educational programs of the Elks National Foundation, again this year awards will be given to subordinate Lodges for generous contributions to

the Foundation.

Emphasis will be directed to the Elks National Service Commission and especially toward achieving 100 per cent participation of our Lodges in appointing an active Elks National Service Committee to fulfill our sacred pledge; "So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

The time proven successful programs of the Grand Lodge will, of course, be continued and two of the most important will be expanded! Namely, youth activities and Americanism.

We shall ask the auditing and accounting committee to give further assistance to establish better Lodge management, and shall seek to add to our Order's growth through a dynamic new Lodge Committee effort.

We shall continue to maintain pride in our magnificent Memorial Building in Chicago, support our *Elks Magazine*, the leader among all fraternal publications, and enhance the care and comfort provided our Brothers at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia.

These successful programs, well established, will be continued and will grow, but in addition, you and I must work to *build our own record* and "build pride of Elksdom" *this year*.

If our Order is to continue to grow, to remain strong and to contribute to America's advancement, each subordinate Lodge must be fiscally sound and viable. Therefore, during the coming year we shall urge and assist subordinate lodge betterment. This is the first segment of my program.

The second major thrust of the coming year's program will be a strong effort to properly recognize and to express genuine appreciation of our fine young men and women—they are the vast majority.

The wild, far out young people, the hippies, the violent disrupters, the hoodlums have dominated the attention of the public for far too long a time. We all are sick and tired of their arrogant defiance of law and order. We have seen too much of their filth and have heard too much of their vulgar utterances and obscenities. Rather, we need programs to focus the world's attention on our good young people. They are

the majority. These young men and women are fine, stable and honest young citizens who have the civic awareness, the sense of duty, and the moral determination to be the leaders in demanding respect for the traditional American way of life.

In the year ahead our program will seek your active support and that of the news media in giving deserved recognition to the good youths. Let us strive to put the actions of respectable young people on the front pages of newspapers and on the TV screens. We need to work together to relegate reporting of rock festivals, love-ins, riots, campus disorders, and crime in all its gory details to the back page.

As you heard this morning, no longer dare we tolerate the antics of a small but vicious band of abusive young Americans who seem somehow to transfix the responsible majority into silence and inaction.

Rather, we must recognize and praise the multitude of fine young Americans who have the high standards of patriotism, the love of country, the service to humanity and the devotion to God which are so basic to our Order.

During the year ahead we shall try to give proper public recognition to these well-adjusted, intelligent young people with the healthy, moral fiber to show respect for law, respect for flag, respect for Country, and to show a deep and genuine pride in being citizens of these United States.

The final segment of this year's program will be the most demanding and well may be the most beneficial to our Nation. This phase will attack what President Richard M. Nixon describes as *America's Number One Enemy—Drug Addiction!*

An epidemic of drug abuse has swept our Nation. At first the contagion was centered on college campuses and in hippie communes. But today drug abuse clouds our entire horizon. This foul all-consuming cancer has reached into every level of our society, abiding no economic, geographic, ethnic or age boundaries. It threatens the foundations of family life and feeds the fires of crime. It has rushed ahead like a raging forest fire—this spreading use and misuse of drugs that lays waste to hu-

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FROM YE HEAVENLY VINEYARDS



*A non-snob's guide to the selection
and enjoyment of fine wines*

by B. Trojak

I CAN'T IMAGINE a more Herculean task than writing an introductory article discoursing the noble values and the nebulous variances of that Nectar of the Gods, sweet wine.

It is not an easy task for two reasons: first, the innumerable types of wine available in this country; and second, the innumerable differences in people's tastes. But if it is not easy for me to write about wines for these two reasons, it is even harder for a person to purchase satisfying wines for these same two. Thus arises the need for a sort of "layman's guide" to wine in America. And, keeping in mind the two points mentioned above, a look at several different aspects of wine should prove both enlightening and entertaining.

"To Your Health!"

More than mere words of toast, the phrase, to your health, is actually a

prophecy of things to follow a wine drinker's grapely partaking—something of a bonus, let us call it, for entrepreneurs. For, besides tasting good, wine has long been praised for its health-giving properties. Wine, for example, contains vitamins B1, B2 and C, as well as iron, calcium, cobalt, iodine, magnesium, phosphorous, manganese, sodium, and zinc.

In addition, the Encyclopedia Britannica states that "Wine has definite blood-building iron content. Wine is a recognized germ-killing agent, too, controlling typhus and dysentery bacillus; and, even greatly diluted, red wine is capable of purifying polluted water."

Like everything else, of course, moderation is the key to drinking wine for health... a glass a day (most often enjoyed with the evening meal) is most commonly prescribed by doctors.

According to distinguished Canadian

physician Sir William Osler, "Wine taken with the meal functions in the system against such germs as may have been eaten on leafy vegetables or fruit or derived from infectious organisms present in uncooked shellfish and other food. It prevents digestive liberation of trichinosis . . . and is used in the severe forms of enteric and pneumonic fever."

So surely there is a practical reason for this libation . . . and one which the very gods, themselves, must have explored fully in seeking-out sources of eternal strength and endless health and vitality. And, practically speaking, wine is "The most healthful and most hygienic of beverages," according to Louis Pasteur.

Types

Wines are distinguishable by color, flavor, bouquet (aroma), and alcoholic content; their quality depends on the types of grapes used in the fermentation process, the soil in which the grapes are grown, and the climate of the grape-growing region.

Since the amount of sunlight falling on grapes affects the amount of sugar in the grapes (and the amount of sugar affects the fermentation process), you can easily see how climate, alone, can affect the same types of grapes differently from year to year.

In some years, depending upon the amount of sun and rain, a good harvest of grapes produces a good crop of wine in a certain region, while other regions with poorer climates may suffer. Thus all the talk about "good" and "bad" vineyards (and good and bad years). But we'll devote more time to that later. Right now, let's examine several different wines—classified by region or by the predominant grape used in fermenting—and discuss their characteristics.

To begin with, we can examine what, exactly, wine is by looking over the definition of The Wine and Spirit Association of Great Britain. "Wine is the alcoholic beverage obtained from the fermentation of the juice of freshly gathered grapes, the fermentation of which has been carried through in the district of its origin and according to local tradition and practice." The latter part of this definition is important, for it assures wines of a general region consistent quality—and also supplies names for many types of wines. Let's look at some of them.

Sherry

The most famous of all Spanish wines, Sherry is made from the juice of white grapes, fortified (which means alcohol has been added for strength) and blended. Several different types of Sherry exist, some of the most popular of which are

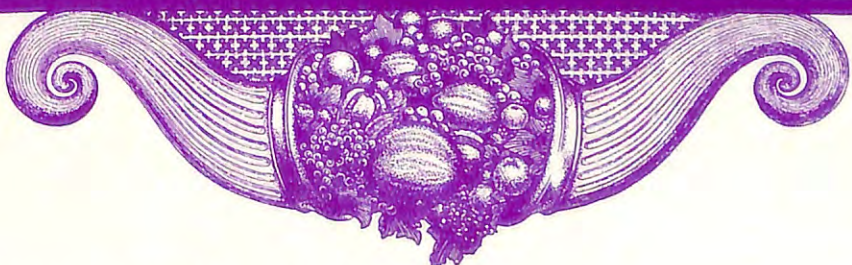
Manzanilla: an extremely dry wine
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The photograph above is from a panel of "The Story of a Winery," the Adams-Jones photo exhibit depicting the Paul Masson story.



"Wine is light, held together by water." Galileo. No other fruit or berry, but the grape (budding vine above left), has the correct amount of sugar for spontaneous natural vintage. The innate difference between grapes have produced a profusion of wines, each distinct from the others. From this abundance developed the art of tasting which Walter A. Raich, Sr., Director of Hospitality at Paul Masson's, shows to a visitor (left).

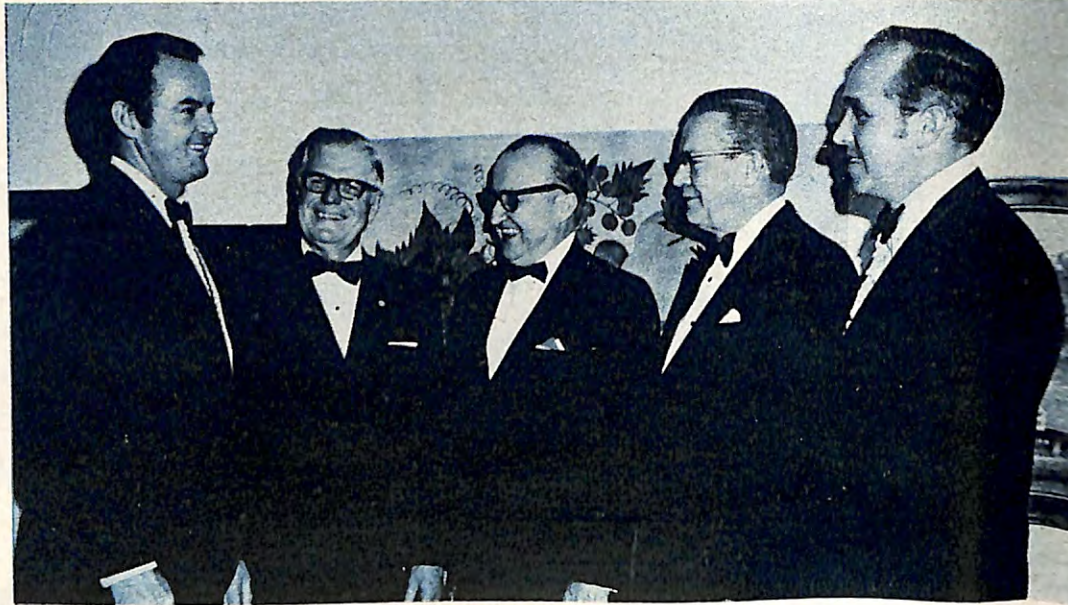




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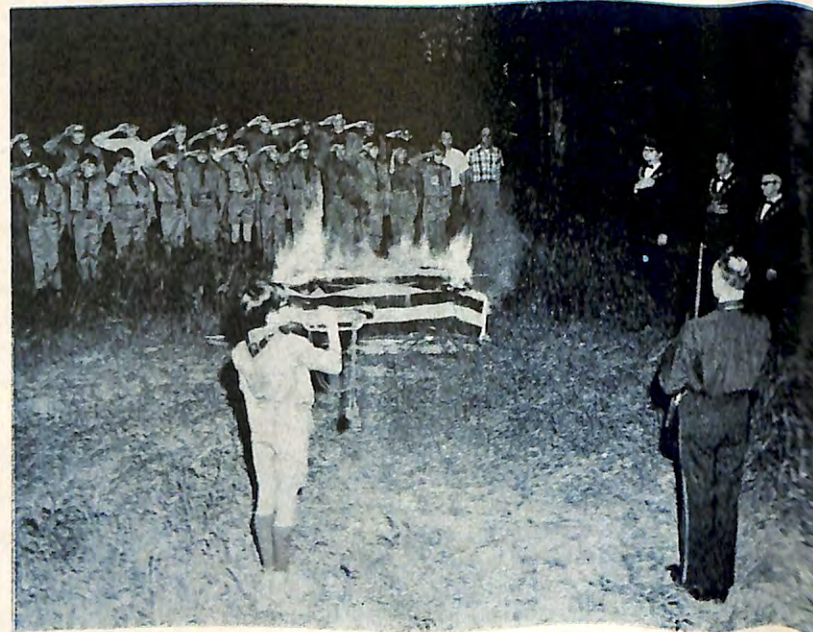
LODGES



DEDICATION CEREMONIES for the new \$750,000 home of Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge included visits by a number of distinguished guests. (From left) Rep. John Myers (R-Ind.), a member of Danville, Ill., Lodge, enjoyed a chat with GER Glenn L. Miller, PGER Edward McCabe, Terre Haute Mayor Leland Larrison, and City Council President William Ennis.



LES BROWN and his "Band of Renown" provided the music for a recent celebration at Glen Burnie, Md., Lodge. The famous band leader (third from left) cut a special phonograph-shaped cake and was assisted by (from left) Brother Edward Seddon, ER William Cobai, Brother James Frye, Trustee Anthony Dominick, and Treas. Melvin Miskimon.



TAPS WERE SOUNDED during a flag burning ceremony supervised by members of Honesdale, Pa., Lodge and 26 Boy Scouts and officers of Troop No. 103. More than 500 soiled flags were burned. The Elks attending the ceremony included Treas. Kenneth Bunnell, scoutmaster; Esq. Ronald Matthews; Est. Loyal Kt. Frank Piercy Jr., and Trustee David McElroy.



A BRAILLE TYPEWRITER will be purchased for Maureen Hogg (second from right) with funds provided by Boulder, Colo., Lodge and the Colorado Elks Association. Although Maureen lost both her sight and hearing two years ago, she has continued to be a straight "A" student and wants to further her education. Attending the check presentation were (from left) Charles Hogg, her father, ER John W. Heard, and Mrs. Hogg.



AS A HEMOPHELIA PATIENT, 9-year-old Jimmie March needs 10 to 12 pints of blood each month. Through the combined efforts of members of San Mateo and San Leandro, Calif., Lodges, a supply of 150 pints of blood was provided for his future use. Mrs. James March brought her son to San Mateo Lodge to extend their thanks and meet with (from left) PER William Tyo, San Leandro Mayor Jack Maltester, and Councilman Mario Polvorosa.



AN APNEA ALARM—a machine that sounds a warning when a baby in an incubator stops breathing—was presented to Shamokin State General Hospital by Shamokin, Pa., Lodge. Mrs. Mary Mulhall, a nurse in the maternity section of the hospital, explained how the machine operates, while PER Robert Malick (left) and ER Frank J. Rosini listened.



SIX OFFICER'S CHAIRS were donated to Valley Stream, N.Y., Lodge by PER M. Curry Turpin (right). Brother Turpin, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, received a certificate of appreciation for his gift from ER Howard A. Hurwitz Jr.



A \$10,000 BONUS CHECK was presented to Piscataway, N.J., Lodge for selling the state lottery ticket that won \$1 million for a New Jersey resident. (From left) Lottery Commissioner Edwin Kolodzie presented the check to PER Harry Newton, who sold the winning ticket, and ER E. William Loehner, while Lottery Executive Director Ralph Batch assisted. The bonus was added to the lodge's general treasury.

THE WINNING TICKET in a recent raffle at Stillwater, Okla., Lodge was drawn by Artis McCullough, secretary of the Stillwater parks department. An 18-inch color television was the grand prize in the raffle, which was held to aid the lodge's youth activities program. (From left) PER John Thompson, PER Max Koerner and Est. Lead. Kt. Cal Callahan officiated.





SOUTHAMPTON, New York, Lodge's bowling team captured the championship title at the 24th annual New York State Elks Bowling Tournament, which was held recently at Binghamton. The proud members are (from left) PER Fred Dieckhoff, Mathias Schug, PER Harvey Holmgren, Frank Kujawa, and Gary Lisbon, captain.



THE WORK EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM—an anti-dropout project which provides wage subsidies so that students in need can more easily find employment—received a helping hand from Palo Alto, Calif., Lodge. ER William Smith presented a check for \$3,000 to Ben Beatty (left) and Don Carey, two W.E.E.P. officials. Experience gained under this program qualifies students for jobs and is counted as credit toward graduation.



THE FINEST HERITAGE CORNER in New Jersey's North District is the one at Oakland Lodge. PER John Kloosterman (fourth from left) accepted the recognition plaque from DDGER Bernard Zwiebel, West Milford, during a district meeting at Hawthorne Lodge to acknowledge 100 percent participation in the Heritage Corner program.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN the Rev. Richard Connelly of Lancaster, Ohio, Lodge was honored as "Fraternalist of the Year" by the Ohio Council of Fraternal and Service Organizations. He was presented with a citation for his service with fraternal groups during the council's recent convention in Columbus.



TENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES at Enfield, Conn., Lodge were combined with the dedication of the new lodge home. "A Decade of Progress" was the theme of the dedication which featured such guests as (from left) Brother Frank Mancuso, mayor of Enfield, ER Richard Downs, and PDD Edward Szewczyk.





BOSTON'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL for Crippled Children recently received a \$1,000 contribution from the Massachusetts Elks Association charity fund. Making the presentation were (from left) SDGER Edward A. Spry and PGER John Fenton. William Webber, a senior at the school, and William Carmichael, superintendent, accepted the donation.

LODGE NOTES

BATON ROUGE, La. As part of the lodge's youth activities program, members of the Broadmoor High School senior class were allowed to use the lodge home for an "after the prom" party. In a thank-you letter to ER Feltus Rhodes Jr., class president Rauhman Browning said, "I am sure this is one of the reasons why BPOE is so often dubbed 'Best People on Earth.'"

HATTIESBURG, Miss. A trailer park, available to all traveling Elks, has been constructed by the lodge. Nine paved sites with water, electricity, a central disposal system, and an olympic-size pool on a fishing lake in pine timberland form the park.

NORTH LAUDERDALE, Fla. The Little League team sponsored by the lodge had a very successful year which ended June 1. Youth Activities Chairmen Harry Kenney and Lew Thiesen are very proud of the boys.

BEDFORD, Va. A bus-load of Brothers from the Elks National Home made a Sunday afternoon visit to Waynesboro, Va., Lodge recently. They were treated to dinner and dancing with the wives of the Waynesboro Elks.

MACON, Mo. A flag has been installed that will fly night and day over the front entrance of the lodge home. An electric eye control will turn on a spotlight to illuminate the flag at night.

CRANFORD, N.J. Brother Dominick D. Colaneri was given a gold life membership card by the lodge in recognition of his service to the Elks. He has recently retired to Boca Raton, Fla.

ARLINGTON, Tex. The lodge proclaimed May 3, 1971 to be Tom J. Vandergriff Day. Mayor Vandergriff was commended for his service to the city.

BARBERTON, N.J. Four days of free bowling lessons for 488 students of Barberton High School were sponsored by the lodge. Esq. Jerry Murphy and Brother Jerry Hackenberg supervised the activity.

SEAFORD, Del. A flag and flagpole were presented to Mayor William Slatcher and dedicated in the new city park. Trustee James Gardner and Mayor Slatcher raised the flag together.

SARASOTA, Fla. Brother Frank Pkucha, age 79, scored 79 during a recent golf tournament held by the lodge. The highlight of his game was a hole-in-one. He shot his first hole-in-one when he was 75.

SCRANTON, Pa. PDD Max Silverman was honored on his 75th birthday by the lodge. A class of 30 new members was initiated in his name. He has been an Elk for more than 50 years.

DES PLAINES, Ill. PER Ernest Kovarik, state National Foundation chairman, contributed \$10 as an initial contribution towards a participating membership in the Foundation. This is the sixth time Brother Kovarik has started a fellow Brother in the Foundation by contributing the initial payment.

CHELMSFORD, Mass. A class of 27 candidates was initiated into the lodge recently. ER J. Paul Bienvenu led the ceremony.

EL PASO, Tex. ER William J. Bear has announced that the life-size Elk statue on a five-foot pedestal is back in Evergreen cemetery. It has undergone a six-month period of repair by students of the El Paso Trade School. The landmark was originally placed in the cemetery June 8, 1901 and is located near a 200-plot lodge-owned section.

SANFORD, Fla. Oldsters enjoyed a dinner given in their honor at the lodge's Old Timers Night. Brother H.C. Gunter, age 87, received an award for being the oldest Elk present.

SAN JUAN, P.R. PER Rafael Bird Sr., lodge secretary for 32 years, died June 7, 1971. He was born Aug. 20, 1884 and became an Elk in 1937 after retiring as a Major in the U.S. Army.

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. The lodge's new mailing address after September 1, 1971 will be North Palm Beach Lodge No. 2069, P. O. Box 14415, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio. SP Earl Sloan has accepted a check for \$1,003 from ER Gary Graham. This money represents the annual contribution of the lodge to the state cerebral palsy fund.

HAMILTON, N.J. A class of 57 candidates was recently initiated in honor of DDGER Robert D. Foley, the lodge's second Exalted Ruler. Seaman Thomas F. Rhodes III, USN, was one of the initiates. His grandfather is Thomas F. Rhodes Sr., founder of the lodge, and his father is Grand Forum Justice Thomas F. Rhodes Jr., first Exalted Ruler of the lodge.



CAMPERSHIPS for two members of Boy Scout Troop No. 37 were paid for by Attleboro, Mass., Elks. (From left) Brother John Padgett and ER Frank Trifoglio presented the check to Robert L. MacDonald, scouting field executive, while Robert J. Healey and three members of the troop looked on.



A MINI BIKE RALLY sponsored by Waynesboro, Va., Lodge included such events as the "Le Mans" road course, the plank run, the marshmallow run, and the hill climb. The four winners displaying their trophies competed against 28 other boys under age 15.



THE NEW HOME of Florissant, Mo., Elks was officially opened recently with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Some of the honored guests during the celebration were (foreground, from left) ER John Watson Jr.; State Rep. James Russell; Mayor James Eagan; PGER Edward McCabe; City Councilman Don Bond, and PER James Bloomfield.



GROUND WAS BROKEN for the new Lewiston, Idaho, Lodge home by the late PGER William S. Hawkins. The dedication of the completed \$1,600,000 facilities is planned for March of 1972. Looking on were (from left) Mrs. Hawkins, Grand Trustee and Mrs. Joseph McArthur, and Secy. Wilber Perry.



FORT MYERS, Florida, Lodge continued its annual scholarship program with a \$1,500 award to Michael Jones (center). ER Leo Doerr (right) and Scholarship Committee Chairman Erv Ibach presented the check to Jones, the president of his senior class.

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SportsAction

BY DON BACUE

"FEVER TIME"

Well, it's here again. That old familiar fever. And I don't mean the feeling you get when you drop a mallard or land a walleye. I'm talking about America's **real fever** . . . I'm talking about pro-football.

We all realize that **baseball** is America's national pastime; yet, in little more than a decade, this country has seen its professional football league expand from 12 to 26 teams . . . and its "at-game" attendance more than triple! (Can baseball match that?)

Without a doubt, football is the only sport in the world that combines all the prerequisites American sportsmen consciously or subconsciously seek in a game: the thrill of the hundred-yard run, the strategy of the game plan, the expertise of players and coaches alike, and the fury that, pound for pound, cannot be matched anywhere else in the world!

So it seems fitting that, with the football season just around the corner, I put my neck on the line once again . . . with some early season predictions based upon pre-season reports from several coaches and scouts near and dear to me.

American Conference

Eastern Division: The amazing Johnny Unitas put it all together for the Baltimore Colts last year, winning the tight ones when they counted in a super-tough division. With Earl Morrall as backup and Roy Jefferson and John Mackey as top pass receivers, 1970's superbowl champs will be hard to unseat. In fact, even Weeb Ewbank won't have much success against the Colts, though Joe Namath will be back full time to try to improve the Jets' dismal (4-10) 1970 record. Miami, under head coach Don Shula, should prove to be the Colts' headiest competition, while Buffalo and New England leave much to be desired. I foresee Baltimore all the way.

Central Division: The entire

league is still buzzing about Cincinnati's surprise performance last year, dominating the older (and better?) Cleveland Browns to clinch the Division title; but with Mike Phipps passing and Leroy Kelly receiving and running!, the Browns are my choice for '71. There'll be no cakewalk in Cleveland, though, where the Browns will have to prove themselves against the much strengthened Houston Oilers and the always dangerous Pittsburgh Steelers.

Western Division: From rags to riches—that's how veteran quarter-back-placekicker George Blanda thinks of himself. And that, too, is how Oakland managed to squeak by the Kansas City Chiefs for the Division championship last year. But it will take more than the Grand Old Man's talented toe to do it again in '71. Bucking most pre-season prophets' predictions, I foresee coach Hank Stram's tactics and quarterback Len Dawson's talent propelling the Chiefs to a Division Title. As for the Denver Broncos and the San Diego Chargers . . . well, there's always next year.

National Conference

Eastern Division: The Dallas Cowboys, inspired by Craig Morton's excellent passing, put a seven-game winning streak together last year, propelling them to the finals, only to lose to Baltimore in the Super Bowl, 16-13. And it looks like Dallas will win in their Division again this year, though they'll have to beat top-ranked New York and St. Louis along the way, all of which makes the going rough for Philadelphia's Jerry Williams, whose team managed to win only three games all last season (and two of those were squeakers!). Head Coach George Allen is making news, again, this time with his revamping of the Washington Redskins. Allen, the Skins' third coach in as many years, should be able to inspire quarterback Sonny Jur-

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The Big Band Era (Continued from page 8)

American booking agents wanted to lure Noble and his splendid orchestra to the States. However, they soon discovered that no such musical organization as Ray Noble and His Orchestra existed. It turned out that Noble, from time to time, would hire a group of musicians to record songs that he had composed. Once the recording session was over, the Englishman would head home to write a few more tunes.

Eventually, Ray Noble came to America. But when he did, Glenn Miller had to be hired to assemble an orchestra for him. And that's how the famous Ray Noble Orchestra was launched.

According to Freddy Martin: "One Saturday night, I was listening to the radio. I heard Toscanini and the NBC Symphony, and I heard this beautiful theme out of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto. On Monday, I went out and bought Artur Rubenstein's recording, listened to it a few times, and then called in Ray Austin, our arranger."

And that's how Martin's greatest hit, "Tonight We Love" was born.

Harry James always wanted to have strings and a novachord in his orchestra. But his associates belittled the idea. Or he lacked the funds to hire the extra musicians.

Finally, James signed with Columbia records and had funds enough for his string section. And backed up by those strings, he immediately recorded "The Flight Of The Bumble Bee" and "The Carnival of Venice." He never did hire a novachord player. But then again, he never had to.

Do you remember how we'd wait at the end of a long line outside the local theatre to be on hand for the opening-day performance of our favorites? How we'd crowd the stage to see everything that went on? Then squirm nervously in our seats waiting for that Grade B movie to end and the stage show to start?

Then, all of a sudden, there he was—Woody Herman himself, and his clarinet too—smack dab before us! I could hardly believe my eyes. Or ears either! For a solid hour he entertained a throbbing, eager bunch of kids, the great man and his herd. Of course, in between numbers we had to endure a juggler, a comedian who didn't tell very funny stories, a tap dancer, and two acrobats who got so tangled and twisted together you thought they'd never get off the stage. But it was a small price to pay for the privilege of seeing Woody and his crew.

Many's the time I got so excited I bought a few bars of candy at the counter out back and sat through two more runnings of the movie, the juggler, the comedian, and the acrobats,

just so I could see Herman perform again.

Do you remember some of the great singers with the big bands? Tommy Dorsey's male vocalist? That's right! Frank Sinatra. He also sang with Harry James for a while.

Merv Griffin was a vocalist with the Freddy Martin orchestra. Perry Como sang with Ted Weems. Count Basie had Joe Williams, and Kay Kyser helped launch Mike Douglas's career. Glenn Miller had a chap named Johnny Desmond singing with his band for a while, and Don Cornell started with Sammy Kaye.

The Haymes brothers, Dick and Bob, established themselves during the big band days. So did Bob and Ray Eberly. Also Eddy Howard, Jack Leonard, Jimmy Rushing, and Harry Babbitt. Don't forget Gordon MacRae either. And come to think of it, even Bing Crosby got his basic training with Paul Whiteman's band.

And then there were the canaries. The female vocalists who looked so sweet and emulated so sweetly the sounds of their warbling namesake—to those of us who adored them, at least. Doris Day is one of the most famous. She sang with Les Brown's crew.

Another illustrious canary was Ella Fitzgerald. She was featured with Chick Webb's band back then. And she's still making beautiful music today.

Orrin Tucker featured Wee Bonnie Baker of "Oh Johnny" fame. Bonnie featured the "little girl" style, and the boys loved it. When the big band era came to an end, Wee Bonnie married, and moved to Florida. For awhile, she made occasional tours and performed at local clubs. In time, though, she chose the quiet life.

Dale Evans was another big band canary who hit it big. She was featured with the Anson Weeks Orchestra. Then she became a regular on the old Charles McCarthy-Edgar Bergen radio show, after which she started making movies with Roy Rogers, the King of The Cowboys. Dale and Roy made so many movies together, they fell in love and got married. Today, Dale is the Queen of the Cowgirls, and she appears regularly with Roy on television and at rodeos.

Benny Goodman helped a number of well known singers get started. The most famous is probably Peggy Lee, still a headliner. Others were Martha Tilton, who faded out of sight once the big band era ended, and Helen Forrest, who is still active, primarily on television. She was a regular on the Today Show for a while. Helen Ward, Goodman's original canary, came out of retirement during the early fifties

to perform with Benny's band. She made a couple of appearances, a few records, and finally decided one-nighters were no longer for her. So she retired again.

Rosemary Clooney, who started with the Tony Pastor group, and Jo Stafford, a featured vocalist with Tommy Dorsey, were both headliners on their own for a number of years. Now both are semi-retired, but, when called upon, they can stand up with a mike in their hands, and chirp with the best of them.

Other popular female vocalists were Ginny Powell, Amy Arnell, Helen O'Connell, Bea Wain, Edythe Wright, Kay Starr, Mildred Bailey, Gloria DeHaven, Marilyn Maxwell, Betty Hutton, Sarah Vaughan, Anita O'Day, June Christy, Connie Haines, Dinah Washington, Billie Holiday and beautiful Lena Horne, who is still a magnificent vocalist and top box office attraction.

Do you remember the King Sisters? They were blond and beautiful, all four of them, when they performed with Alvino Rey and his Orchestra back in the forties. The girls made a pleasant sound, but actually they were so eye appealing they could have just stood on stage and smiled and been rewarded with a round of applause from their many male admirers. Yvonne, Donna, Louise and Alyce are all married now and have quite a clan. Louise, it should be noted, married her boss, Alvino Rey. Nowadays, the King Sisters are the matriarchs of the King Family and can be seen on television regularly.

Last but not least, there were those two outstanding female orchestra leaders, Ina Ray Hutton and Dolly Dawn. In the glory days, Ina was known as "the blond bombshell of melody and rhythm." And she was all of that. She had a way of moving her magnificent torso in front of a band that captured the attention of male music lovers everywhere. For a while, Ina led an all-girl orchestra. But she achieved her greatest fame in front of an all-male band. Back in the fifties, Ina Ray Hutton performed in Las Vegas for a while. Then she faded from view.

Dolly Dawn is retired and living in New York. She was hardly the Ina Ray Hutton type. Dolly was slightly on the chubby side, but she had a fine singing voice. She was the chief attraction of the George Hall Orchestra. In fact, she was such an attraction that Hall turned his baton over to her and managed things from behind the scene. They billed the orchestra as Dolly Dawn and Her Dawn Patrol.

Do you remember dancing to the music of Benny Goodman in the Manhattan Room of the Hotel Pennsylvania? Or fox trotting at the Hotel New Yorker

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The North Auditorium at the Rivergate in New Orleans was the setting for the annual memorial service during the 107th session of the Grand Lodge. When the curtains were opened beautiful simulated stained glass windows were revealed. The focal point was a huge clock of flowers with the hands stopped at the golden hour of recollection.

Participating in the service were, from the left, PGER Robert G. Pruitt, who gave the eulogy for PGER Earl E. James; PGER George I. Hall, who eulogized Gr. Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick; PGER Frank Hise, chairman; Robert Grafton, GL Judiciary Committee member who gave the general eulogy; Gr. Chaplain Rev. Fr. Francis A. White; and Duncan McPherson, Washington Elks PSP who gave the 11 o'clock toast.

Grand Lodge Memorial Service

Annual Memorial Rites, July, 1971

"Let us rejoice in the fact that we had them with us for a little while," PGER Frank Hise said as he opened the annual Memorial Service for departed brothers at the 107th session of the Grand Lodge.

A floral clock, stopped at 11, and an open Bible in the foreground highlighted the impressive set which had lighted cathedral-like, simulated stained glass windows for the background.

The huge Rivergate auditorium in New Orleans was filled to capacity for the traditional golden hour of recollection, which was chaired by PGER Hise.

"Our reflections today will help us fill the void in our lives," Robert Grafton of North Palm Beach, Fla. said in the general eulogy. He is a member of the GL Judiciary Committee.

"While we forget the human weaknesses of our brothers, we remember their virtues and their accomplishments which are indelibly etched on tablets and so deeply engraved that they cannot be dimmed by the passage of time,

nor eroded by the forces of nature."

PGER Robert Pruitt gave a special eulogy for the late PGER Earl E. James who died Dec. 21, 1970. "All of us have benefited from this great man's life," he said, "and we are not the only ones. Many others, who will never have had the opportunity to even know him will benefit from his fine works and innumerable contributions to the structure of our beloved Order of Elks."

PGER James was initiated in Oklahoma City Lodge in 1924, was a two-term exalted ruler, a fine ritualist, a past district deputy, and served a number of years on the GL Committee on Judiciary. During that time he compiled the Annotated Statutes of the Order. He served as Grand Exalted Ruler in 1953. At the time of his death, he was vice chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

The eulogy of the late Grand Secy. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick of Lynbrook, N.Y. Lodge was given by PGER George I. Hall, a member of the same lodge and a close friend.

"He was a loveable gentleman who easily handled the complex responsibilities of the office of Grand Secretary without giving vent to the emotions which certainly welled up inside him on many occasions. He was an inspiration to all who ever met him and all who knew him . . ." PGER Hall said.

Grand Secy. Fitzpatrick was exalted ruler and secretary of his lodge, served as State Scholarship Chairman, district deputy and President of the New York State Elks Association. He was selected to serve as GL Convention Director and at the time of his death on Aug. 19, 1970, he had just begun his ninth term as Grand Secretary.

The 11 O'clock Toast was given by Duncan McPherson, past president of the Washington Elks Association.

Inspiring vocal selections were presented by the Southeastern Louisiana University Chorus directed by Gene Ferguson, who also served as soloist. Donna Trauth was organist.

The invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. Fr. Francis A. White.

In the hope that the knowledge of his own personal experiences will prove helpful to Elks and their families in their fight against drugs, Art Linkletter has very generously offered to share periodically his experiences with our readers in the form of the message below.—The Editors.

Art Linkletter Talks About Drugs



■ I used to think that people who misused and abused drugs for kicks were freaks, no-hopers, or all around jerks. I was convinced that the way to solve the drug problem was to arrest the pushers and put them in jail. I actually thought that if we just passed enough laws, hired enough cops, and built big enough prisons, we could stop the epidemic of drug abuse.

In short, I believed what *most* middle-class Americans had been taught to think about the evils of the drug world.

Today, almost two years after we lost our child, Diane, I know a great deal more about this evil. I know, now, that there are no easy answers. *No one* has all the answers. In fact, anybody who thinks there is "a" reason for "turning on", and "a" method to "cure" drug dependency doesn't understand the problem.

President Nixon has called the drug problem "Public Enemy Number One." That it is. And to fight it, we must know something about it. We must become educated as to what it involves, how it happens, what we can each do in our own way; and above all, we must not kid ourselves that it is a "fad" that will pass like rock music or mod clothes.

Each month, I would like to send a few paragraphs to my friends, the Elks, about drug abuse. And for this first "lesson," I want to leave you with this message: There are many reasons for humans to turn to drugs—loneliness, boredom, curiosity, rebellion, to be "in" with the gang, frustration, defeat, and bewilderment about "who I am" and "what will happen to me." In this pressure-cooker world of ours, our young people are going through an era of change—the greatest, fastest, most complex transition period in the history of humanity. Some of them are "dropping out" through drugs. We'll find out what kind of drugs and in what ways in the next issue.

The Big Band Era (Continued from page 32)

to the sweet strains of Jimmy Dorsey and his orchestra? Or stopping by the Hotel Edison to listen to Les Brown? Or making reservations to hear Horace Heidt at the Biltmore?

Do you remember the Cotton Club and Totem Pole? Or the Paramount, the RKO Boston, Glen Island Casino, and Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook? All of these favorite haunts of the big bands are gone now.

The Roseland Dance City in New York and the Hollywood Palladium are still open for business, though. Roseland plans to feature some of the big bands on Friday nights in the near future. The Palladium still has Lawrence Welk, when he's not off on a concert tour or performing on television.

But most of the theatres and dance halls that featured the big bands during the glory days are memories now. And quite a few of the hotels too.

Do you remember being in a dance hall somewhere during the war years, jammed up close to the stage, and listening to one of your musical idols, while you hugged your favorite girl? How one moment you were doing a slow waltz, and the next everybody was jammed together like sardines watching an ecstatic drummer beat the skins off the drums in front of him?

All the really big bands had radio shows during the late thirties and early forties. The most popular was Kay Kyser and his College of Musical Knowledge. Remember that one? And those Camel cigarette shows from the various military posts. A different band was featured every week. There was the Fitch Bandwagon. And Horace Heidt's Pot of Gold Show. Hal Kemp, Glenn Miller, Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Frankie Carle, Artie Shaw, Larry Clinton, Woody Herman, and Goodman all had their own shows, too.

And don't forget those radio remotes either. Popular bands were piped in from the dance halls, theatres, night clubs and hotels where they were playing. Do you remember some of the announcers? Martin Block was one. So were Steve Allen and Paul Douglas. Also Dan Seymour, Harry Von Zell, Durwood Kirby, and a chap named William Saunders, who did hundreds of the remotes.

Saunders, who did most of his broadcasting in the New York City area, opened his shows by inviting listeners to be "serenaded by the sweet strains of Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians coming to you from the magnificent Roosevelt Grill in beautiful downtown New York." Saunders' flowery openings, soon adopted by other announcers, served as the inspiration for countless comedy routines. But there

was nothing funny about them then.

Do you remember juke boxes? And "groovy" and "hep"? How about sitting on the front steps and singing the latest hits from one of those weekly song magazines loaded with lyrics of popular favorites?

Do you remember the big band movies? Kay Kyser probably made more of them than any other orchestra leader. All of the films had the same plot. The hero fell in love with the heroine. The orchestra leader (Harry James, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Freddy Martin, or take your choice) was always the hero's best buddy, so the only thing he had to do was nod when the hero spoke his lines, and have his orchestra ready to play a few selections when the plot got dull. All movie long, the hero and the heroine argued over some misunderstanding they never should have had in the first place. But happily, the confused couple kissed and made up just before the big band played its hit record at the end of the reel. Not much by today's movie-going standards; but to us of the post-War forties, it was reality and fantasy, Heaven and earth, all we could ask for in life.

For a while, the big band movies were popular. But then people began getting tired of them. To revive interest, the producers started turning out movies featuring two and three different big bands. Some movies had as many as six or seven. But the magic was beginning to wane.

The big band era came to an end during the years immediately following the second world war. The market was so saturated with big bands, it was as though every musician who returned to civilian life from the service wanted to start a band of his own.

Ironically, the most popular singers of the day also helped to end the Big Band Era. Sinatra, Como, Hames, Doris Day, Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald (to name a few) all felt they had the ability to stand on their own two feet. And they did. As a result, the big bands lost their greatest box-office appeal.

Then along came television, the "magic box" destined to change the nature of society. During the late forties, just about everybody stayed home at night to watch it, irregardless of *what* was on. Box-office sales slumped and records dropped off. It was clearly evident: The Big Band days were over.

"Time is running out on the big bands," said critic Ernie Santusousso. "Sure, there are quite a few of them around nowadays. But the band musicians are all getting older. I saw Freddy Martin on television a while back. He's

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Fred Bandazy (holding plaque), commander of the Department of Washington's Disabled American Veterans, presented Bremerton, Wash., Lodge with a large plaque for its service to patients at Puget Sound Naval Hospital. Two lodge officers joined State Rep. C. W. Beck (second from left), commander of Chapter 22 of the DAV; Capt. Roy G. Brown (background), hospital official, and Rear Adm. Patrick Hannifin (right).



Members of Peabody, Mass., Lodge in charge of the leather distribution project examine hides to be donated to the area VA hospitals and special schools. The committeemen are (from left) Brothers Robert Perry; John Boynton; VP Donald Podgurski, Norwood; Anthony J. Foster, state therapy chairman; PDD Michael McNamara, Brockton, and Stuart Bell, lodge hospital chairman.

ER Hal Davis (left), Boise, Idaho, Lodge, presented a \$50 check to Avery Cloudt at the VA Hospital for the winning entry in the Elks arts and crafts contest. Norbert Schlieve (right), VAVS representative, congratulated Leonard Richey for his second-place entry which won \$30.



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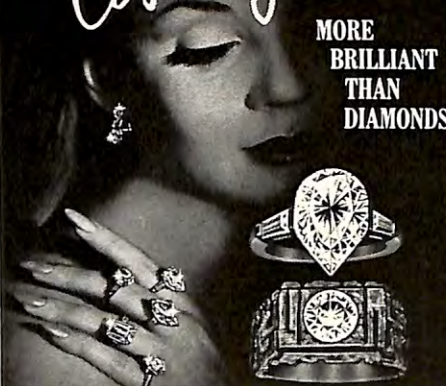
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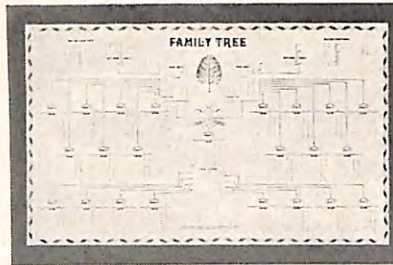


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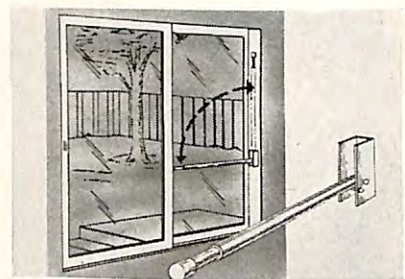


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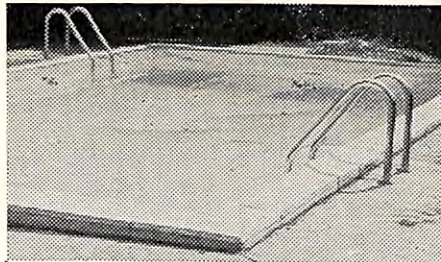
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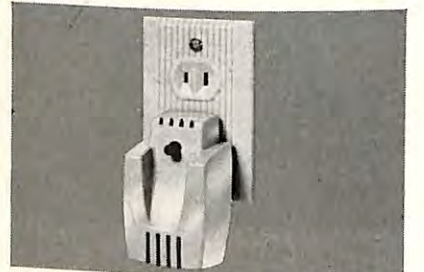
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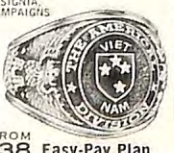


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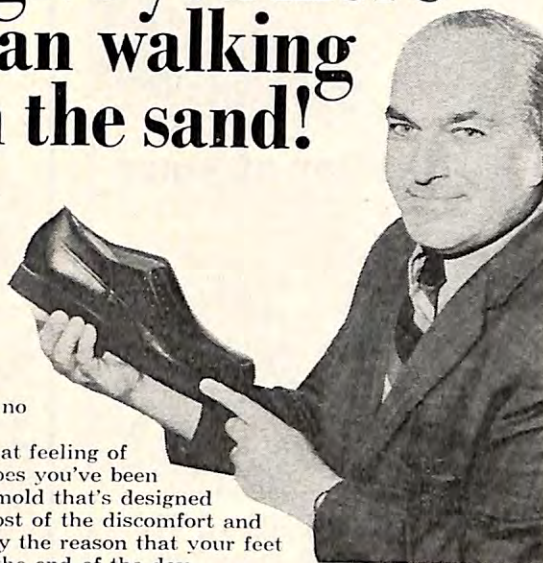


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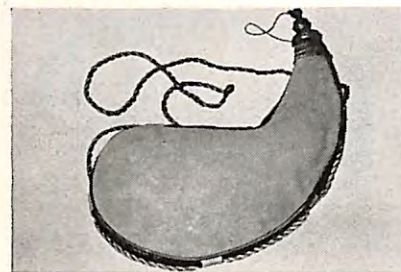
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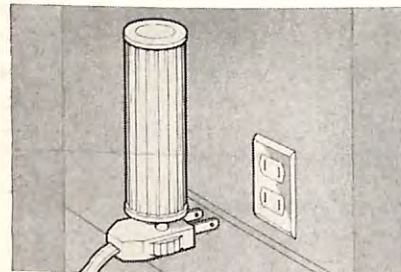
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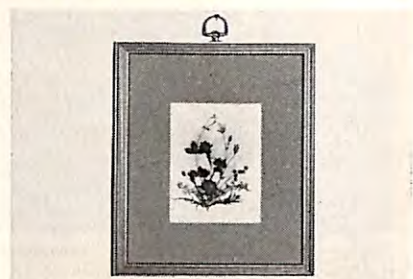
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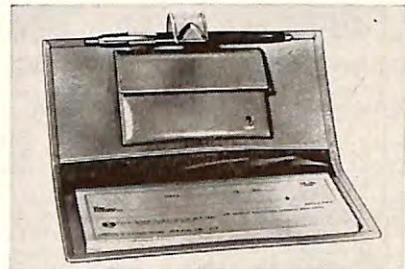
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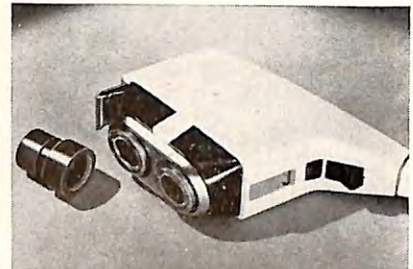
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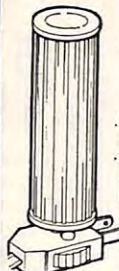
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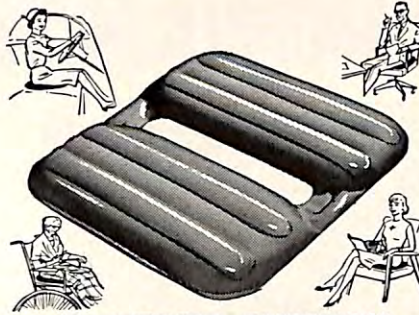
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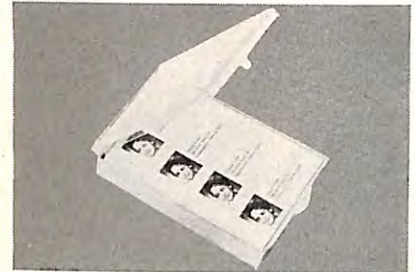


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The Big Band Era (Continued from page 34)

not a youngster any more."

Santuososso pointed out that no new musical organizations are coming along to replace the big bands.

"There's a guy out on the West Coast who started some kind of all-electric orchestra," said the expert on popular music. "His name is Don Ellis, and I understand he is becoming quite popular. But the Ellis band is the only new one, as far as I know. Most of the groups consist of electric guitar players.

Some of them are pretty good, but most of them don't last for very long."

"All those great musicians we loved back in the forties are thirty years older right now. It won't be long before they all retire. It's sad to think of Artie Shaw in a rocking chair."

Glenn Miller, the Dorseys, Bunny Berigan, Eddy Duchin, Mal Hallet, Paul Whiteman—they're all gone now. Even the great Sinatra has retired. What more remains of an era?

Of course, not everyone from the Big Band days is gone. Lawrence Welk is still box office. So are Harry James, Freddy Martin, and Guy Lombardo. And Les Brown is a regular on television these days and makes the annual Christmas tour with Bob Hope. But the crowds are not the same. Many of their followers never lived in the forties, never knew the meaning of "Swing." They never fully understood the meaning of the Big Band era, either, and they'll never fully miss it now that it's gone. ■

From Ye Heavenly Vineyards (Continued from page 25)

with a "salty" characteristic due to its being processed and stored in great wooden casks at Sanlucar de Barrameda near the sea.

Fino: very dry and light bodied with an unmistakably delicate bouquet.

Oloroso: a full, golden wine, heavier and sweeter than Fino and Manzanilla.

Brown: a full, rich, sweet wine best drunk with dessert (or as a dessert).

Madeira

This wine from the opposite tip of the Iberian Peninsula, Portugal, has a distinctive "burnt wood" flavor derived, according to connoisseurs, from a fire which burned on the Peninsula for nearly seven years, destroying most of the trees and depositing a thick layer of ash which is said to influence the taste of Portugal's grapes to this very day. Best drunk as an aperitif or a dessert wine. Several different types of Madeira are available:

Malmsey: full bodied, rich, and sweet, this is the most famous of dessert Madeira.

Boal: another fine dessert wine, though not as sweet or heavy as the Malmsey, this you may enjoy with light pastry.

Verdelho: the lighter of these three Madeiras, Verdelho may be drunk either before or after a meal.

Sercial: the driest of all the Madeiras, with a distinctive, bitter flavor. The ideal aperitif.

Port

Perhaps the most famous of Portugal's exports, Port (which derives its name from the famous city of wines, Oporto) is a fortified wine blended from grapes grown in the District of the River Douro in Northern Portugal. Again, there are several different varieties of Port from which to choose:

Tawny: this fine Port consists of blends of wine from different years to insure continuity of character. Tawny is matured in heavy, oaken casks from which the wine draws its "tawny" brown color.

Ruby: similar to Tawny, but aged for a shorter length of time, thus more full bodied and darker in color.

White: made from white grapes, this wine may be obtained either dry, medium, or sweet to suit your tastes.

Claret

Often referred to as Red Bordeaux, this wine dates back to the Middle Ages in England, when the Vineyards and Chateaux of present-day France fell under the auspices of England, who guarded them well. The finest of Claret, rather than being listed under varying types, are grouped according to districts—the districts which produce the most consistently excellent Claret being the Medoc and the Graves. In addition, the Medoc district is divided into sub-districts, called *communes*, the most respected of which are St. Estephe, Pauillac, St. Julien, and Margaux. You might want to check the labels of your next Claret to see if it comes from one of the fine Claret districts and, if it has the word, "Medoc," to see what *commune* it comes from. (You might find you enjoy the Claret from *communes* other than those listed above more. That's what "searching for a good wine" actually means—finding a small *commune* that consistently produces wine that appeals to you.)

Red Burgundy

This firm, robust French wine is at its best when the label guarantees its origin from one of two districts, the Côte de Nuits or the Côte de Beaune. As with the Medoc Claret, these districts boast several principal *communes*, each producing wine with distinctive characteristics; but in general if it comes from either of these two districts, it's an excellent Red Burgundy and well worth your attention.

Eventually, if you find a *commune* whose wine you enjoy consistently, you may elect to choose its Red Burgundy every time. But there are so many fine *communes* in the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune, I'm sure you'll want

to spend a long time "shopping around."

Also, a word about the Burgundy-producing district of Beaujolais. The wines of this district are light and fresh, delightfully fruity, with a brilliant purple color, enjoyed by people the world over. In fact, so popular has Beaujolais become in Paris that it is said more is drunk in a single year by Parisians than the entire districts can produce! Try this very special Burgundy, and you'll likely know why.

White Burgundy

If the Côte de Nuits produces Red Burgundy, the Côte de Beaune certainly produces the finest white wines—especially Burgundy.

As with the Red, White Burgundy is produced by several excellent *communes*, not the least famous of which is Chablis, known world wide for its fresh, dry white wines.

Moselle

In my opinion, this is the greatest of all the German wines. The name Moselle incorporates all the vineyards in the main valley of the river Moselle and its two tributaries, the Staar and the Ruwer.

The Reisling grape is the predominant grape of the Moselle district, and it lends its wine the fresh, clean, light flavor for which it is so well noted. Of low alcoholic content, the finest Moselle wine comes from the vineyards at Wehlen, Zeltingen, Verzig, Piesport, and Erden. But there are other fine vineyards, too; so examine the label, and feel free to *explore!*

The list of fine wines produced and drunk the world over could continue nearly forever; space, alone, prevents us from examining each one.

Some other wines you might enjoy are Marsala, Hock, Rhône, Loire, and many of the fine Italian wines, not the least of which are the dry and acidy Chianti and the sweet and sparkling Asti Spumante.

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So which wine is for you? With scores of different types commonly available in the United States, you have only to sample to decide. But sampling wine often brings up another question—the eternally plaguing problem of "which wine" goes with "what food."

Red Wine or White?

The problem of which wine to serve with what dishes is one that has plagued man for centuries. Generally speaking, most gastronomes suggest white wines to go with lighter foods (fish, poultry, and eggs) and red wines to go with the heavier meat and game. Thus, typically speaking, a menu of baked trout and fried oysters would be accompanied by White Burgundy, Graves, or Moselle; while a menu of venison stew or breaded cutlets would call for a full Claret or Red Burgundy.

Well, I don't agree with "most gastronomes" . . . nor do I go along with the age-old adage, "white with fish, red with fowl." I happen to be particularly fond of Moselle, for example, and I'll be darned if I'm going to let some dusty, dead, irrelevant quote come between my Moselle and my wienerschnitzel. It just doesn't make sense.

So while generalizations about wine are handy to make in case you want to impress your friends, personal preferences are even handier should you ever want to impress yourself . . . at dinner-time. Choose a dinner wine you're fond of, serve it slightly chilled or (especially if it's red wine) at room temperature, and sit down to a feast you'll remember longer than all the generalizations good wine has ever outlived.

Some Good Years, Some Bad

No list of good and bad years the wine industry has seen is ever complete . . . there are always good wines that come from bad years and bad wines that come from good; but a general list can be an effective tool in selecting what in all likelihood is a good wine.

The following short list is designed more to serve as an example of the fickleness of Mother Nature and the care

needed in selecting fine wines than as a comprehensive list.

For a more complete guide, consult your local importer or a knowledgeable wine merchant (you can tell just how knowledgeable he is by asking him a few questions about various districts or *communes* or about the types of grapes used in different wines, etc.). He should be more than anxious to help out, since satisfying you is what he's there for.

Claret (Red Bordeaux)

1969. A good year producing a good quality wine, but a small crop (which usually means high prices).

1968. A decent year, though (with the exception of vineyards such as Haut-Brion) nothing to write home to mother about.

1967. A better-than-average year whose wine is soft and mellow, with a pleasing bouquet.

1966. A great vintage, but rather high priced. This year's wine is characterized by unusually fruity taste and fine bouquet. A wine-lover's treat.

1965. A disaster year for Claret. Though the prices are exceptionally low (and tempting!), steer clear of this one.

Red Burgundy

1969. One of the finest years in history . . . producing the most sought-after wine since 1923, the greatest vintage of the century. Gather up several bottles, if you can find them (and afford them) for your cellar.

1968. Poorer than poor.
1967. A small crop compounded by ungodly weather along the Cote de Or was responsible for this pitiful year.

1966. Splendid. Nearly as good as 1969. Much fruitiness and fine balance combine to make a truly outstanding wine.
1965. From rags to riches. Even worse than 1968.

Beaujolais

Since these fine wines are extremely short-lived, choose any Beaujolais less than three years old and settle back to savor the high quality of this, the most popular wine in all of France.

White Burgundy

1969. A good year for red and white alike. Watch for these, and, as with the Red Burgundy, attain several bottles, if possible, for cellar aging.

1968. Not very promising.
1967. The Chablis Burgundys are about the best. Many other *communes* had disappointing crops.

1966. Extraordinarily light and aromatic, the Chablis wines leading the way.

1965. Again, better-than-average Chablis, but beware of the others.

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For Elks Who Travel:

HONG KONG

by Jerry Hulse

One of the best buys in Hong Kong is still the nickle ride on the Star Ferry across the harbor.

HONG KONG, that many splended destination among tourists, is back in the spotlight, this time as a result of the famous ping-pong matches attended by the U.S. When American travel agents gazed at their fortune cookies afterward they came up with the same message: Sell Red China. This doesn't mean they've stopped selling Europe and other destinations; it just means they have a serious eye on the China mainland. Suddenly the isolated land beyond Kowloon is one of the most talked about travel destinations in the entire world. Should the bamboo curtain come tumbling down, Hong Kong will become a major port of entry as well as one of exit. While Americans are busy applying for visas to Red China, travel agents are vying for the opportunity to be first through the curtain, with our administration's approval.

Even before Mao's ping-pong party, President Nixon had wiped away travel restrictions for Americans desiring to visit Mainland China. In New York E. Wallace Lawrence III is gamb-

ling a sizeable sum that he'll be the first agent to send tourists packing off to China in 23 years. Meanwhile, in San Marino, Calif., Stuart de Fabry, president of Sanmar Tours, is trying desperately to beat Lawrence through the bamboo curtain, as are others. The California man applied for permission to enter Red China from authorities in Hong Kong, Peking and Ottawa. The question remains: how long before Mao says yes to the U.S. tourist? When this occurs China can expect the greatest inpouring of visitors in its history, especially among the sophisticated traveler who's been everywhere and seen practically all there is to see.

Travel agent de Fabry has on the books a Los Angeles-to-Peking tour for \$1,295, including round-trip transportation from the U.S., hotels, meals and 10 days of sightseeing. Before the communists came into power de Fabry made eight trips to China, the last in 1948. Bert Hemphill, one of America's major tour operators, is also eyeing this controversial target of the Orient. Hemphill feels, though, that travel





Ships and sampans moored in the harbor at Hong Kong form a dense floating city.

agents everywhere are dreaming too soon. "These people are hopelessly jumping the gun," he said. "When China has the facilities (hotels, etc.) to accommodate tourists without embarrassment to themselves we'll have tourists traveling as they did in the 20s and 30s."

Hemphill, like de Fabry, is an old China hand, having gone there as a tourist the first time in 1927, the last time in 1948. He led the last tour of Americans before the ban. "The Chinese," he said, "aren't suddenly going to throw open the door and let people in." How soon will they consent? Hemphill figures a year, perhaps two years. Others say it will be much longer.

Rising to the challenge is Tom Keesling, president of the American Society of Travel Agents. He wired the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Peking and the China Travel Service in Hong Kong requesting a visa. At the same time United Air Lines is seeking CAB permission to serve Peking, Shanghai and Canton out of Seattle. Likewise, Pan Am and TWA have expressed hopes of renewing former Chinese service. Speaking in Los Angeles, Pan Am president Najeeb Halaby said: "I am hopeful that Pan Am will once again fly to Shanghai and on to Peking."

New York-Chicago travel agent Wallace Lawrence III takes credit for the most enthusiastic program to date. Lawrence, president of Orbitair, has created a new division called China

Tours. His previous tours have been exclusively to various areas of Russia and the East African tourist haunts of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. As an ex-advertising agency executive, Lawrence is relatively new to the tourist game—but his enthusiasm is beginning to overwhelm certain of his competitors. Especially his "China Tours" operation. Under this title he has planned a round-the-world 22-day tour that includes not only China but Russia as well. Besides that, he has signed as honorary escort 40-year-old Tim Boggan, who accompanied the U.S. table tennis team into China.

"As a bonus," says Lawrence, "Boggan will offer ping pong tips to participants." If his enthusiasm borders on the ludicrous, Lawrence nevertheless has developed a complete tour, down to the last stewardess. The tour will move to Leningrad, then on to Siberia and, finally, Peking. For the next two weeks his flock will visit Peking's Tien an Men Square, the Museum of Chinese Revolution, the Forbidden City and Summer Palace. They'll take pictures of the Great Wall, drive to the Ming Tombs where 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty lie buried. By train and by car they will travel south to the capital of Shantung and the Hill of a Thousand Buddhas.

In Shanghai there will be visits to the Jade Bazaar, the Tan Yuan People's Commune. Other stops will include Hangchow, Canton and the Sun Yat Sen Memorial. "Your farewell dinner," says the schedule, "will be held at the Canton Garden, charmingly built over a pond . . . enjoy 100-year-old eggs, soy bean noodles and kan-peis in she foo wine." Finally, Lawrence's adventure's will exit communist China for the bazaars of Hong Kong.

Should Red China remain closed to tourist traffic, Hong Kong, of course, will continue to be inundated by visitors. As one of the world's exotic cities and ports, it attracts millions of new visitors each year. Shopping is its No. 1 lure. Its bazaars overflow with duty-free merchandise ranging from cameras and binoculars to priceless antiques and hundreds of other items. Its biggest single draw perhaps is clothing. Honk Kong teems with tailors. They'll create a suit or a dress, measured to order, in a day if necessary, although such an arrangement is not recommended. Three or four days is a far better idea, allowing for several fittings and more meticulous workmanship. If you haven't a favorite tailor, ask the Hong Kong Tourist Assn. to recommend one. There are suit tailors, dressmakers, shirtmakers and bootmakers. The materials come from the finest mills: worsteds from Eng-

land, flannels, Scottish and Irish tweeds, Italian silks, etc. They'll take Diner's Club, American Express, carte blanche. Even a personal check, no identification necessary.

So even if the bamboo curtain remains closed for the time being, Hong Kong will continue courting tourists. The view alone from Victoria Peak is worth the trip. It looks down on the great harbor with its ships and sampans and across the bay to Kowloon and the famous Peninsula Hotel which, traditionally, has been the meeting place of tourists, diplomats, spies and the like. Pity, though, the poor spy today. Once he spent his time lurking behind potted palms in the old Peninsula. Anyone who's ever seen a spy movie knows how spies love potted palms. Especially in the Orient.

Alas, now they are gone. Not the spies, but the palms. The lobby is changed, totally remodeled. The last time I was here I sat in the lobby and spied on a lovely Eurasian girl. I watched her through a potted palm. Fans were spinning in the ceiling and tea was being served while a string ensemble played "A Many-splendored Thing." Beautiful girls are one of the bonuses for spying in Hong Kong. The city swarms with agents of many governments. Few disguise the roles they play. Only now they have no potted palms behind which to hide.

In the past, million dollar deals were plotted while the band played on. No one was certain who occupied the next table. Assembled at tea time were Britishers, Chinese, Japanese, Indians and Americans. The Peninsula was the symbol of the British commonwealth in Hong Kong, complete to the traditional high ceilings and heavy furniture. No film on foreign intrigue ever matched the history of the Peninsula. It opened its doors in 1928 and the parade of characters began marching immediately. Once British forces were quartered there. Then during World War II it was occupied by the Japanese. Homesick officers converted one entire floor to Japanese style. They slept on tatami mats and even built a fish pond and a marble fountain.

After the war, scarred and disgraced, the Peninsula was totally renovated. Back came the traditional heavy furniture. Chandeliers glittered once more in the huge lobby and fans spun overhead. You almost expected to see Sidney Greenstreet in whispered conversation with Peter Lorre. Someone was always watching through a potted palm, if only the waiter. The Peninsula was the crossroads of the world, looking off at Hong Kong Island and the Star ferry cross-

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OREGON: Robert M. Moulton, Astoria No. 180, \$800; Robbin G. Sealey, Roseburg No. 326, \$800; Tara L. Shepherd, Baker No. 338, \$800; Craig A. Urben, Klamath Falls No. 1247, \$900; Sheri K. Brooks, Toledo No. 1664, \$700; Jean M. Jensen, Ontario No. 1690, \$800; Faith E. Widmark, Florence No. 1858, \$900.

PENNSYLVANIA: Jan Juran, Harrisburg No. 12, \$900; Theresa A. Roller, Harrisburg No. 12, \$700; Deborah L. DeMarco, New Castle No. 69, \$900; Louise DeLaveris, Reading No. 115, \$700; Michael F. Shuhler, Reading No. 115, \$700; Robert G. Duty, Scranton No. 123, \$800; George Mozurkewich, Jr., Scranton No. 123, \$900; Sharon E. Bywater, Tyrone No. 212, \$700;

Christine M. Haag, Tyrone No. 212, \$700; John M. Yurick, Warren No. 223, \$800; Alan D. McClure, Rochester No. 283, \$700; Joseph D. Selby, Rochester No. 283, \$1,000; Richard Politowski, Kane No. 329, \$800; Debra A. Berretta, Pittston No. 382, \$800; Thomas P. Jeselnick, St. Mary's No. 437, \$700; Craig J. Krause, Tamaqua No. 592, \$1,375; Lisa J. Kephard, Hanover No. 763, \$700; Yolande McCurdy, Middletown No. 1092, \$800; Cynthia A. Bannon, Phillipsburg No. 1173, \$700; Laneta J. Dorflinger, Honesdale No. 2228, \$800; Suzanne Klekotka, Phil-Mont No. 2345, \$700.

PHILIPPINES: Paul E. Lentz, Manila No. 761, \$700.

PUERTO RICO: Mildred T. Julia, San Juan No. 972, \$700.

RHODE ISLAND: Jacob Adler, Providence No. 14, \$800; Daniel L. Civco, Westerly No. 678, \$700; Dianne M. Detonnancourt, Pawtucket No. 920, \$700; Marilyn G. Pearson, Pawtucket No. 920, \$900; Meredith A. Stanley, Pawtucket No. 920, \$700; Ralph E. Olney III, West Warwick No. 1697, \$700; Patricia A. Matarese, Bristol County No. 1860, \$700; George E. Bourque, Jr., Coventry-West Greenwich No. 2285, \$700.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Carole J. King, Sumter No. 855, \$800; Kathleen D. Cole, Greenville No. 858, \$900; William Spink, Jr., Greenville No. 858, \$800; Susan L. Tibbets, Rock Hill No. 1318, \$900.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Michael S. Margulies, Sioux Falls No. 262, \$900; Kay R. Amerson, Watertown No. 838, \$800; Steven B. Vik, Aberdeen No. 1046, \$800; Carolyn A. Matt, Rapid City No. 1187, \$700.

TENNESSEE: Betty L. Gilpin, Nashville No. 72, \$700; Arthur B. Hurst, Nashville No. 72, \$800; Alicia K. White, Nashville No. 72, \$1,000; Beckye M. Justice, Knoxville No. 160, \$700; Deborah J. Sherlin, Knoxville No. 160, \$700; Jimmy D. Cagle, Jackson No. 192, \$700; Ruth A. Clover, Bristol No. 232, \$700; Linda S. Grubb, Bristol No. 232, \$700; Robbie J. Sharrett, Bristol No. 232, \$700; James M. Peebles, Jr., Columbia No. 686, \$700; Jo Ann Dillenbeck, Johnson City No. 825, \$700; James E. Jones, Johnson City No. 825, \$900; Warner C. Hassell, Jr., Trenton No. 1279, \$700; Wanda L. Rowe, Trenton No. 1279, \$700; Virginia M. Feeney, Morristown No. 1667, \$700; Jeffrey M. Kiser, Morristown No. 1667, \$700; Larry A. Craze, Oak Ridge No. 1684, \$700; Nancy A. Palmer, Oak Ridge No. 1684, \$700; Burling P. Pullin, Oak Ridge No. 1684, \$700; James D. Thomas, Kingsport No. 1833, \$700; Carolyn E. Brown, Gatlinburg No. 1925, \$700; Bruce D. Pancake, Gatlinburg No. 1925, \$800; Karen E. Underwood, Athens No. 1927, \$800; Steven G. Treadway, Kingston No. 2024, \$800; Wesley K. Shelby, Jr., Huntingdon No. 2152, \$700; Linda G. Allen, Camden No. 2156, \$700; Ralph B. James, Waverly No. 2289, \$700; Tommy K. Burkhead, Henderson No. 2459, \$900; Janice Morris, Henderson No. 2459, \$700.

TEXAS: Jeffery R. Boggess, Ft. Worth No. 124, \$800; Janet J. Bartell, Wichita Falls No. 1105, \$800; James C. Haughey, Wichita Falls No. 1105, \$1,000; Barbara A. Vanderhule, Corpus Christi No. 1628, \$1,600; Barry N. Buske, New Braunfels No. 2270, \$700.

UTAH: Wayne H. Braunberger, Salt Lake City No. 85, \$900; Gregory T. Garr, Price No. 1550, \$800; Laurence B. Boyd, Roy No. 2338, \$800; Annette E. Reynolds, Roy No. 2338, \$1,000.

VERMONT: Fonda L. Thompson, Montpelier No. 924, \$1,000; Jerry A. Gomez, Barre No. 1535, \$900; Diane J. Matulonis, Springfield No. 1560, \$800.

VIRGINIA: Linda K. Horan, Norfolk No. 38, \$800; Gary L. Poindexter, Roanoke No. 197, \$1,000; Mary Carol Swanwick, Roanoke No. 197, \$700; Diane Wiggins, Roanoke No. 197, \$700.

WASHINGTON: Constance K. Martin, Spokane No. 228, \$700; Karla K. Tabb, Walla Walla No. 287, \$800; Peter J. Kudenchuk, Ballard No. 827, \$700; Daniel J. Haskins, Centralia-Chehalis No. 2435, \$700.

WEST VIRGINIA: Laurel A. Frassinelli, Bluefield No. 269, \$700; Larry A. Campbell, Huntington No. 313, \$800; Charles W. Higginbotham, Sistersville No. 333, \$800; Lillian Lathousakis, Weirton No. 1801, \$700.

WISCONSIN: Carl W. Anderson, Ashland No. 137, \$1,000; James A. McDonnell, Wausau No. 248, \$800; Mary E. Jenkel, Green Bay No. 259, \$800; Linda K. McDonald, LaCrosse No. 300, \$800; Barbara L. Bellin, Appleton No. 337, \$800; Michael F. Earle, Appleton No. 337, \$700; Deanne P. Simpson, Eau Claire No. 402, \$900.

WYOMING: Mary T. Koritnik, Rock Springs No. 624, \$700; Harold Quist, Jr., Casper No. 1353, \$700; Kevin J. Tonkovich, Worland No. 1908, \$700. ■

Obituaries



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER Joseph E. Yates, an honorary life member of Torrance, Calif., Lodge, died June 26, 1971.

At the time of his death Brother Yates was serving as District Deputy of his state's South Central Coast District.

Brother Yates served as Exalted Ruler for 1955-1956. He was a member of the state ritualistic judges panel for 1960-1961 and served as Vice-president of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Con A. Santagato, a member of Mechanicville, N.Y., Lodge since 1928, died June 16, 1971.

Brother Santagato served as Exalted Ruler of Mechanicville Lodge for 1945-1946 and was elected State Vice-president for 1948-1949.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of his state's Northeast District for 1961-1962.

News of the State Associations



A 1929 Seagrave pumper truck was the mode of transportation for GER and Mrs. Glenn Miller when they arrived at Ketchikan for the Alaska State Elks Association convention. Lt. John DeVilbiss, a member of Ketchikan Lodge, was their chauffeur.

STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER was the convention theme chosen this year by the Kansas Elks who gathered for their 66th annual meeting April 29 to May 2 at Wichita Lodge. GER and Mrs. Miller were joined by PGER H. L. Blackledge, GL New Lodge Committeeman K. R. Larrick, and GL Auditing Chairman John T. Kirkwood as guests during the session. Almost 400 Elks attended.

The Kansas Elks Training Center, a rehabilitation facility for handicapped adults, provided services for 310 handicapped persons during the past year. The Kansas Elks Ladies again helped to raise funds for the center and presented the major project committee with a check for \$16,600.

Top ritualistic contest honors went to the team from Wellington Lodge, with the team from Beloit Lodge winning second place.

The slate of officers for the coming year includes SP George S. Tracy, Manhattan; Deputy President Ernest V. Wood, Wichita, and State Treas. Clarence A. Chandler, Topeka, all of whom are Past District Deputies. As a result of the death of State Secy. Glenn E. Edwards shortly after the convention, Past Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Fred H. Kelly, Salina, was appointed to the position of secretary.

The annual fall meeting will be held in Manhattan, October 30 and 31. The

67th annual convention is scheduled for Wichita, May 4 through 7.

KETCHIKAN LODGE MEMBERS provided generous hospitality as hosts for the Alaska State Elks Association convention. Activities for the 200 members attending the May 27 to 29 meeting were under the direction of PERs Wallace Perry and Michael Cusak.

GER Glenn L. Miller was on hand to present state leadership and scholarship awards to Miss Pamela Kulin, who was sponsored by Seward Lodge. PGER Frank Hise, GL Judiciary Committeeman Robert Yothers, and Mrs. Emmett Anderson, wife of the late PGER, were also included on the guest list.

Cerebral palsy therapist Donald Hagen presented a demonstration on perceptual motor training, a newly adopted phase of the state major project. A total of \$45,000 was contributed by the 14 Alaska lodges to the major project fund.

The newly elected officers for the association are SP H. Russell Painter, Seward; VP Phil R. Holdsworth, Juneau; VP Barton R. Lowder, Anchorage; Secy.-Treas. Gus H. Gissberg, Juneau; Trustees Chairman Foster Sims, Palmer; Trustee Ralph Magnusson, Sitka, and Trustee Leroy West, Juneau.

The ritualistic team from Kodiak Lodge won the state honors.

Fairbanks Lodge will host next year's state convention May 11 to 13.

PADUCAH LODGE was host to more than 400 delegates of the Kentucky Elks Association attending their annual convention May 20 through 22.

Distinguished guests in attendance included PGER and Mrs. Edward W. McCabe; GL Ritualistic Chairman Charles P. Bender of Wabash, Ind., and SDGER and Mrs. Ted Callicot of Paris, Tenn. Mayor Robert Cherry was a special speaker.

The Kentucky Health Department was allotted \$7,000 from the major project fund to further tuberculosis research. An additional \$1,600 was divided among Frankfort, Ashland, Newport, and Louisville Lodges to be used for retarded children projects.

Newport Lodge won first place in the state ritualistic contest. Louisville Lodge was second, and St. Matthews placed third.

Newly elected officers for the coming year are SP Thomas W. Naive Jr., Paducah; First VP J. Edward Meier, Newport; Second VP James W. Franklin, Louisville; Third VP Charles E. Barber, Ashland; Secy. and Treas. Garland F. Guilfoyle, Newport; Trustees Chairman Robert E. Geuss, Paducah; Trustee Joe D. Biancke, Cynthiana; Trustee Pete Green, Fulton; In. Gd. Barkley Johnson, Paducah, and State Chap. Ray Freeman, Ashland.

Henderson Lodge will host the mid-winter meeting November 5 through 7. The 1972 annual convention delegates will enjoy the hospitality of Lexington Lodge May 27 through 29.

ARIZONA ELKS gathered in Tucson May 5 to 8 for their state association's annual convention and celebrated their 75th year in Elkdom. The total state membership was reported to be 23,478 Elks.

This year Arizona Elks were credited with contributing \$23,067 to the Elks National Foundation. Parker Lodge gave the highest per capita contribution to the Foundation.

Twelve lodges donated 341 deer hides to be distributed to Veterans Administration Hospitals. Bisbee hunters put their lodge in the lead with a contribution of 83 hides.

Tucson Lodge's ritualistic team repeated their winning performance again to retain the first-place ritualistic competition title. Phoenix, Bisbee, and Jerome Lodges were judged to have the



best youth programs in the state, based on brochures submitted by them for state competition.

George D. Pickerel of Casa Grande Valley was installed as the new State President. His fellow officers are Vice-presidents R. E. Nimmons, Flagstaff; Lee W. Bodenhamer, Bisbee; Harold B. Browne, Parker, and Bob D. Belsher, Miami; Secy. Robert R. Bean, Coolidge-Florence; Treas. Arthur L. Welch, Miami; Trustees Lowell A. Marler, Mesa, and Roland W. Wilpitz, Jerome; In. Gd. William H. Hale, Mesa; Sgt.-at-Arms Robert M. Roberts, Glendale, and Tiler Murphy Wallace, Sedona.

The mid-year session has been set for October 23 and 24 in Scottsdale. Next year's convention will be headquartered in Phoenix.

NEBRASKA ELKS convened at North Platte May 14 to 16 for this year's annual state association convention. The registered attendance was 663.

The recent deaths of three Past State Presidents saddened members from throughout the state. Eulogies for PSPs J. L. Martin, Fred R. Dickson, and Glenn F. Waugh were given during the memorial services.

The Benevolence Commission reported that almost \$49,000 was spent to aid handicapped children through orthopedic, heart and oral plastic clinics. More than \$3,000 was collected during the Exalted Rulers' March to aid future major project activities.

Top national winners from Nebraska in the Youth Leadership and Most Valuable Student competitions were guests during the meeting. They were first-place YL winner Bren Buckley and fourth-place MVS co-winner Bridget Imming. The PER scholarship was presented to Carol Ann Kuchmak of Lincoln. In another state contest Lincoln Lodge won the ritualistic competition title.

PDD Lowell Lewis of Falls City will serve the state association as president for the coming year. The three Vice-presidents include PDDs W. K. Rynearson, Ainsworth; Robert Bunstock, McCook, and Vincent Collura, Lincoln. Other state officers include Secy. Chester O. Marshall, Kearney; Treas. Elmer Bradley, Columbus; Trustees Orvel Holt, York; Dale Janowski, Omaha; Dwight Johnson, Ord, and James Thal-ken, Ogallala.



A new phase of the Alaska Elks' major project—perceptual motor training—was explained by therapist Donald Hagen during a meeting of the Cerebral Palsy Commission. Miss Heather Cusack assisted in the demonstration, while GER and Mrs. Miller and the rest of the Grand Lodge party watched. CP Commission Chairman Leroy West, Juneau, accepted a total of \$45,000 in contributions to the major project fund for the coming year.



During the Kentucky State Elks Association convention PSP Carl V. Young (left), chairman of the anti-TB and mental retardation programs, accepted a \$650 donation from PER Kyle Hunter on behalf of Madisonville Lodge. Special praise was bestowed on Madisonville Lodge for contributing the most money per member in the state for these two programs.

A banquet at the close of the 66th annual Kansas Elks Association convention honored this group of dignitaries. They were (from left) PGER and Mrs. H. L. Blackledge, outgoing SP and Mrs. A. H. Lorentz, and GER and Mrs. Glenn Miller.



A RECORD 541 DELEGATES, representing 29 of Tennessee's 31 lodges, registered for the state convention at Kingsport Lodge May 6 through 8.

Notable visitors were PGER Edward W. McCabe; PGER John L. Walker, and Doral Irvin, superintendent of the Elks National Home. The conventioners were welcomed to Kingsport by Major Fred Gillette at a luncheon also attended by Jim Eisenbise, Kingsport safety director; Judge Lon Boyd, and Bill Wright, sheriff.

Winners of 25 nursing scholarships totaling \$22,500 were announced at the business meeting. The nurses scholarship program is the major project of the state association, but individual lodges also made additional contributions to local charity organizations.

The ritualistic contest was won by Kingsport Lodge. Oak Ridge Lodge placed second. An 11 O'Clock Toast contest was won by Charles E. McCabe of Nashville.

Stanley Smith of Johnson City Lodge was chosen State President. SDGER Ted Callicot of Paris Lodge is President-elect. Other officers installed for the new year were Vice-presidents Howard Patton, Kingston; Burton Cloud, Nash-

ville, and Raymond Dountz, Morristown; State Secy. John M. Smith, Oak Ridge; Treas. George H. Farr, Chattanooga; Trustee Clyde B. Webb, Athens; Tiler Michael R. Balogna, Camden; Sgt.-at-Arms Paul W. Elliott, Knoxville, and Chap. Rev. Pickens Johnson, Nashville.

Memphis was chosen for the mid-year meeting September 17 and 18. The next annual meeting was scheduled for April 27 through 29 at Knoxville Lodge.

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULERS Raymond C. Dobson and William A. Wall were the honored guests of more than 1,000 Florida Elks and their ladies gathered in North Palm Beach for the 65th annual state association convention May 25 and 26. Outgoing SP Russell L. Saxon of New Smyrna Beach presided over the meeting.

The convention delegates elected Robert Grafton, North Palm Beach, as their new State President. Vice-Presidents chosen are Ronald Faircloth, Pensacola; L. M. Pearce, Palatka; Robert Ladew, Melbourne; Herbert Burleson, Winter Garden; Arthur H. Cushing, Pinellas Park; Thomas Dignam, Engle-

wood; John Causey, Belle Glade; Bernard Dolan, Hollywood West, and Lawrence E. Hoffman, Miami Beach. Frank J. Holt, Miami, was reelected treasurer and William Lieberman, Leesburg, will continue as secretary. Other new officers are Tiler Ralph LaFever, Orlando; Sgt.-at-Arms Ed Rowan, Lake Worth, and Chap. Ralph Clements, Lake City. Organist Ed Dwyer, Hollywood West, was reappointed. Marvin L. Kimmel, Miami Beach, was elected five-year Director; two-year Directors are William T. Smith, Tallahassee; Robert Heunisch, Lakeland; Albert Rothacker, Brandon; George McConnell, Lake Worth, and Howard Sullivan, North Miami. L. M. Strickland Sr., Tallahassee, was reelected State Historian, and Julian C. Smith was renamed chairman of the Harry-Anna Hospital committee.

Among the convention's highlights was the report of George Carver, administrator of the Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital at Umattilla, an institution for the care of physically handicapped children. The hospital—owned and operated by the state association and supported by the state's 91 lodges—treated 215 boys and girls during the past year at a total cost of



The President's Ball was the final event during the Florida State Elks Association convention in North Palm Beach. Some of the guests included (from left) PGER William A. Wall; outgoing SP Russell L. Saxon; PGER Raymond C. Dobson; SP Robert Grafton; Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Chelsie Senerchia; Grand Forum Justice Willis C. McDonald; State Treas. Frank J. Holt, and Convention Chairman Carl Vaughn.



PGER John L. Walker admires the jacket presented to him by the Tennessee Elks during their convention at Kingsport. Other guests included (from left) PSP William R. Banks, PSP William Rigell, and Mrs. Banks.

\$426,667. In addition six out-patient clinics gave treatments and service to more than 950 children, at a cost of \$40,000.

The growth of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, through individual voluntary donations and contributions of members totaling \$330,000, has set a new record. Interest from the fund's invested capital provides part of the hospital's operating expenses. The nominal value of the fund is at present nearly \$3 million.

Tallahassee Elk's ritualistic team won the state title. PSP J. Pierce Smith, Gainesville, delivered a special eulogy at the memorial services for SP Robert B. Cameron, who died while in office. PGER William A. Wall delivered a special eulogy for PSP J. Alex Arnette, West Palm Beach.

The convention ended with the President's Banquet-Ball. This year's fall conference will be held at Cocoa Beach in November; the 66th annual convention will be in Orlando in May 1972.

MOUNT SNOW, West Dover, Vt., was the site of the 44th annual convention of the Vermont Elks Association. Springfield Lodge was host to the June 4 through 6 meeting. Next year New-

port Lodge will host the convention, with the dates to be announced.

A reception was held in honor of the outgoing SP Dennis C. Brooks and incoming SP John C. Taffner Jr. Past Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Raymond J. Quesnel of Montpelier was the toastmaster, and SDGER Edward A. Spry of Boston was the guest speaker at the convention banquet. Grand Trustee W. Edward Wilson also attended.

The total Vermont Elks membership increased by 9 during the past year, elevating the membership to an all-time high of 8,290.

Silver Towers Camp for Retarded Children in Brookfield, the state major project, received a total of \$50,865.27 from the state association, according to reports.

The state ritualistic trophy was won by Springfield Lodge. Team members received individual plaques. Other awards went to Barre Lodge, for the membership contest; St. Albans Lodge, for the golf title, the Candle Pin bowling championship, and the Ten Pin bowling honors, and Bellow Falls Lodge for the cribbage championship.

Heading the ranks of new officers is SP John C. Taffner Jr., Newport. Elect-

ed State Vice-presidents were Carl R. Quesnel, Montpelier; John B. Harte, Bennington, and Robert W. Draper, St. Albans. State Secy. Roger J. Sheridan, Montpelier, was reelected for the 25th year, and State Treas. R. Newton Owens, Rutland, was reelected to his 20th term. The new State Tiler is Kenneth S. Kiser of Newport. Elected as three-year Trustees are Gerald Kelley, St. Johnsbury; Joseph I. Witalis, Brattleboro; Wilfred J. Fisher, Barre, and Joseph A. Burke, Windsor. State Chap. Ross W. Whipple and Esq. Theodore H. Buck are both Newport Lodge members.

Vermont was recognized as ranking 4th nationally in contributions to the Elks National Foundation with a total per capita donation of \$1.65. ■



A visit to the Kansas Elks Training Center for the Retarded was included in the schedule of activities during the recent Kansas Elks Association convention. Watching some of the trainees at work on one of their projects were (from left) DDGER R. A. McAuliffe, Salina; DDGER Garland Mountz, Wellington; DDGER George Butler, Chanute; GER Glenn Miller; GL Auditing Chairman John Kirkwood, Chanute; Center Director Dean Settle; PSP A. H. Lorentz, Beloit; DDGER William Milton, Osawatomie, and GL New Lodge Committeeman K. R. Larrick, Augusta.

As the major project theme child for this year's California-Hawaii Elks' convention, young Alexander Adams enjoyed a special train ride. Helping him along were Nancy Hickok, cerebral palsy therapist, and PSP Marvin M. Lewis, major project chairman.



Elks-Sponsored Indian Awarded HEW Post



1949—At the New Mexico Elks Association convention in Carlsbad were (from left) PSP Guido Zecca, Gallup; George Blue Spruce Jr.; PGER George I. Hall, and E. M. Stanbenow, former state National Foundation chairman.



1971—Dr. George Blue Spruce

THE NEW MEXICO Elks Association made its impact on Washington, D.C., recently through a project that began 22 years ago.

The project resulted in Dr. George Blue Spruce Jr.—the nation's only full-blooded Indian dentist—being named Special Assistant to the Director of HEW's Bureau of Health Manpower Education. As of July 1, he will be leading a major effort to recruit Indians into the health professions, particularly medicine, dentistry and nursing.

At the 1949 convention of the

New Mexico Elks Association, the then 17-year-old Pueblo accepted a \$300 state scholarship from PGER George I. Hall, who was the current Grand Exalted Ruler. He spoke about his background and explained how much he wanted to become a dentist and devote his life to the welfare of his people. The lodges throughout the state pledged enough funds for his seven years of college and professional training.

George went to Creighton University and to its School of Dentistry. His career has since taken

him into the Navy, private practice, and 13 years in the U.S. Public Health Service, including assignments in Indian hospitals, public health study, and work with the Pan American Health Organization as well as various other federal administrative duties in Washington.

The New Mexico Elks can now take satisfaction in knowing that their contribution to that effort in 1949 keeps growing as Dr. Blue Spruce helps more Indians enter the entire range of health careers.

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man bodies and minds. The drug scene continues to grow, and we must work to stop it.

In January this year a Gallup Poll revealed the spiraling increase in drug use among college students across the nation. The Gallup Poll tells us that 42 per cent of the students interviewed had tried marijuana, against only 5 per cent who had tried "pot" in 1967—only four years ago. Fourteen per cent of the students surveyed have used LSD. That compares with only 4 per cent in 1969 and one per cent in 1967. The survey revealed that the use of barbiturates increased at a similar sharp rate.

It is with dismay that we now view this relentless epidemic of drug experimentation and misuse invade our high schools and yes even victimize grammar-school children.

You must realize young people are venturesome. They are not afraid of

anything, even though there are things of which they should be afraid. They want to be one of the crowd. They never want to be looked upon as "chicken." The drug pushers know these attributes of youth and play upon them to get others started on a career of drug abuse.

Many pushers are young addicts who push dope to earn enough money to pay for their own fixes.

An innocent experiment in glue sniffing can result in serious body and brain damage—or lead to an easy jump to try smoking marijuana, or taking amphetamines or barbiturates.

If the youngsters survive these drug abuses, the probability is they will try the dangerous LSD or they will even shoot heroin.

Ominously, the use of the harsh addictive drug heroin is increasing—and not in just crowded metropolitan areas. Heroin has moved to the suburbs and the drug culture has spread to rural

areas.

Thousands of Americans live from one heroin fix to the next. It is no exaggeration to say that a large percentage of heroin addicts will violate any law, commit any crime, and literally pay any price to obtain the drug that has captured their bodies and souls. Each year hundreds of young Americans are dying from overdoses of heroin. If it were possible for every Elk in this room to see just one addict in need of a fix and suffering from withdrawal action; or see a 12, 15 or 17 year old boy or girl on an LSD trip, each of us would work to any limit to control drug abuse in our communities.

And I am asking you to do just this—work, work and work to secure full participation from your Lodges in our drug abuse control education program.

You should know that fundamentally drug abuse is a health and social problem. The solution is education. The

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problem calls for more knowledge and understanding of the role of drugs. It should focus on the kids who are trying drugs today.

Our program will encourage every Elk and every member of his family to become totally aware of the drug problem, from the standpoint of knowing the nature of drugs, and of being able to identify the symptoms of drug abuse. So equipped, you'll be able to recognize the problem as a parent or neighbor or employer or as a friend.

The Grand Lodge Americanism Committee will recommend a program of educational seminars for parents of young boys and girls between the ages of ten and eighteen to be sponsored by each subordinate Lodge, and I mean by each subordinate Lodge.

This type of drug abuse control effort and the age group specified came from a recommendation of Art Linkletter, whose personal tragedy in the death of his daughter, Diane, is known to all of us. About her tragic death he said, "It wasn't suicide because she wasn't herself. Diane was murdered by the people who manufacture and sell L.S.D." Remember that the drug problem is far more widespread than most of us are willing to admit. It could strike in your family—next.

Offbeat American Campouts

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Likewise, if you have a travel trailer and are anxious to use it, Michigan's Pineknoll Park offers all the above plus ice skating and ice boating. Activities enough to satisfy the whole family. It's located in Grayling, Mich., 2½ miles west on Hwy. 93 (near Bear Mountain).

Now then, think that's the last word in offbeat American campouts? If so, what about educational "language-learning" campouts or "farm-working" campouts? If there's any type of campout you can think of, there's a place to go to satisfy you. I've mentioned just a few of the more unusual here; but for a more complete listing, you might want to check with the following:

Woodall's 1971 Trailing Parks & Campgrounds (\$5.95, by Woodall Publishing Company, 500 Hyacinth Place, Highland Park, Ill. 60035).

Farm & Ranch Vacation Guide (\$2.50, by Farm & Ranch Vacations, Inc., 36 East 57 Street, New York, N.Y. 10022).

Information available from local Chambers of Commerce, c/o the town and state of your choice.

Oh, yes, and one more thing—an important guideline anytime you're out in the wilds—a few simple precautions to take in case of emergency. These, rec-

The details of this three-point program: Lodge betterment, teenager recognition and drug abuse control education will be given at the Tuesday meeting of the Exalted Rulers and State President and at the District Deputy Conference on Friday.

Our past leaders have stressed continued and expanding family participation to achieve subordinate Lodge progress through popular activities and interesting events.

The coming year's program depends upon family participation for successful implementation. Lodge betterment can be aided greatly by interesting activities and events which embrace the entire family. The teenager of the month contests and recognition ceremonies will need total family support and involvement. Finally, father, mother, brothers and sisters must give wholehearted support to drug abuse control education. If our Order is to help curb this deadly plague that stalks our Country, striking thousands of American youths, we must protect those of our children who have never been touched by drugs and upon them build the future of our Nation. *If each Lodge enlists full family participation, the coming year's three-point program will attain success.*

And you and I, with the help of Almighty God, will "Build Pride of Elkdom."

ommended by the American Automobile Association, could prove invaluable on your next trip:

FOR ANIMAL BITES—Wash with soap and running water. Go to a physician as soon as possible and report the animal to local police.

FOR POISON IVY—After contact, wash immediately with soap and water five or six times. Don't scrub! Rinse with rubbing alcohol. If a rash breaks out, see a physician.

FOR POISONOUS SNAKE BITES—Contact a physician at once. Have victim lie down quietly. Keep punctured area lower than rest of body. Tie a fairly tight bandage an inch or more above the bite; *this is not a tourniquet*. Cut into fang marks parallel with limb and suck wound. Wash mouth frequently.

FOR SUNBURN—Discomfort from mild sunburn may be relieved by olive oil or petrolatum. If burn is severe or victim feels sick, consult a physician.

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News of the Lodges (Continued from page 30)



THE BERGSTROM FAMILY, members of Heppner, Ore., Lodge, represent 198 years of Elkdom. The two sets of brothers as they appeared on Old Timers Night are (from left) A. H. Bergstrom, 46-year member; Carl Bergstrom, 51-year member; John Bergstrom, 50-year member, and E. William Bergstrom, 51-year member.



THE CONTRACT for the new La Grande, Ore., Lodge home was signed and witnessed by (from left) ER Clark E. Hiatt, contractor Dwayne Gillmore, Secy. Robert N. Zweifel, PER James Trimble, and Trustees Chairman Richard Hartsock. The old lodge home burned down in August 1970.



◀ **EUREKA, California**, Lodge has presented its annual scholarships. The winners are (front row, from left) Loree Long, Katherine Bryant, and (back row) Martha Hardwick, Richard Rodeman, Joanne Herbert, and Rita Goodner.

PGER R. LEONARD BUSH (center) was the honored guest at the sixth anniversary party of Hollywood, Calif., Lodge. ER Frank E. Gordon (left) and PER Ray P. Thelan welcomed PGER Bush.



THREE TOP WINNERS of youth awards in California were sponsored by Burbank, Calif., Lodge. (From left) Scholarship Chairman Ray Taylor congratulated Howard Dworitz, Judy Voelker, and Michael Seaton. Burbank Lodge has also won first prize for the best youth program of the year in the state.





AUBURN, California, Lodge recently held its annual Elks trap shoot. Team trophies were won by Carmichael, Calif., first place; Reno, Nev., second, and Auburn, Calif., third. Individual shooters on each team who won silver dollar key chains are (front row, from left) Don Hanson, Reno; Ed Krieger, Auburn; Del Noble, Carmichael; Jack Maxwell, Auburn, and (back row) Bob Johnson, Roseville; Ernie Belluomini, Auburn; Carl Smith, Auburn, and Bill Salas, Reno.



NEAR THE END of his term of office immediate PER Paul Taylor (left) had the pleasure of conducting an initiation ceremony in which his son, Rick, became a member. Both are now members of Arlington, Tex., Lodge.



1,000 PAPERBACK BOOKS were collected by Scout Troop and Explorer Post No. 72 and delivered to South San Francisco, Calif., Lodge. Veterans Committee Chairman Gus Hennig (standing right) will distribute them to Bay Area Veterans Hospitals. Participants in the project are (front left) Jim Jones, Explorer; Paul Kaiser, Scout, and (standing, from left) Michael Kaiser, scout committee chairman; Sig Johnson, institutional representative, and ER Robert G. Donnelly.



GOVERNOR FOR THE DAY of North Dakota was Margaret Ulmen. Gov. William Guy (right), a member of Bismarck Lodge, participated in an Elks youth program when young people from the four local schools were elected to serve as state officials for the day.



MISS ILLINOIS TEEN-AGE Poppy Queen is Karen Schrey (center), daughter of Brother and Mrs. Calvin Schrey of Olney, Ill., Lodge. Karen is shown with Trustees Robert Weber (left) and George Brazitis when she was at the lodge to speak about the origins of the American Legion Poppy.



THE UTAH ELKS National Service Commission has donated an AM-FM stereo radio to the state recreation department. (From left) Jesse W. Carter, chief of the recreation physical medicine and rehabilitation service, accepted the gift from Tom Whiting, veterans commission co-chairman; Myron B. Johnson, state veterans service chairman, and John C. Hale, veterans commission co-chairman, all of Salt Lake City Lodge.



THE MEDICAL CENTER at Scott Air Force Base received a portable color television from the National Service committee of Belleville, Ill., Lodge. Taking part in the presentation were (from left) Col. H. V. Swindell; Brother John Moreiko, chairman; Dr. N. Feder; Brother A. Schmid; PER Richard Gundlach, and ER Roger Wagner.



TWO WINNERS of Illinois' South District scholarship contests proudly accepted their awards recently. The presentations were made by District Youth Activities Chairman Don Dashka of Chester, Ill., Lodge during a special meeting.



A PIGGY BANK at Cottonwood (Murray), Utah, Lodge held \$155 that was contributed to the Primary Childrens Hospital in Salt Lake City to help start a pre-school program for cerebral palsied children. (From left) Est. Lead. Kt. Fred Shaddick and ER Ronald W. Smith presented the funds to the directors of the hospital's pre-school program.



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS in Mansfield, Ohio, Lodge were presented to (from left) Brother Charlie Plue and PER M. A. Mihalick. ER Thomas Zook welcomed SP Earl Sloan of Elyria and DDGER John Kepple of Mt. Vernon, who made the presentations to the honored members.



A CHECK from The Dalles, Ore., Lodge, was presented by Est. Lead. Kt. Stuart R. Baird to H. T. "Ted" Walker (left) for The Dalles swim team. Brother Walker has been the swim team committee chairman for 39 consecutive years. At the presentation were (standing, from left) team members Mary Dick, Tod Byrnes, Kim Lundell, and Andy Dick, and ER Frank Zaniker.



CHICO, California, Lodge gave away 200 American flag kits at the City Plaza recently. Brother Larry Grossart, a marine sergeant, is shown presenting one of the kits to a citizen of Chico. All arrangements for the flag give-away were made by Est. Lect. Kt. Jack Thorpe and Brother Cliff Shields.

OFFBEAT AMERICAN CAMPOUTS

by Don Bacue

LET ME put it to you this way: if you're a camper (or a would-be camper) who enjoys the mundane, the common, and the boring in camping trips, this article is not for you.

But if you're in the mood to hear about some intriguingly fresh and, in many cases, brand-new campsites—and plenty of offbeat ways to enjoy them—you've come to the right place, pardner. Pull up a chair and "set" awhile.

Like everything else in America these days, camping is undergoing an ever-continuing metamorphosis—it is changing while it grows. Whereas once the word stirred up connotations of Yosemite and Grand Titan, today camping means ever more unusual—and unusually exciting—treks into nature's wilderness.

Not that there's anything wrong with "sticking to the beaten paths," of course;



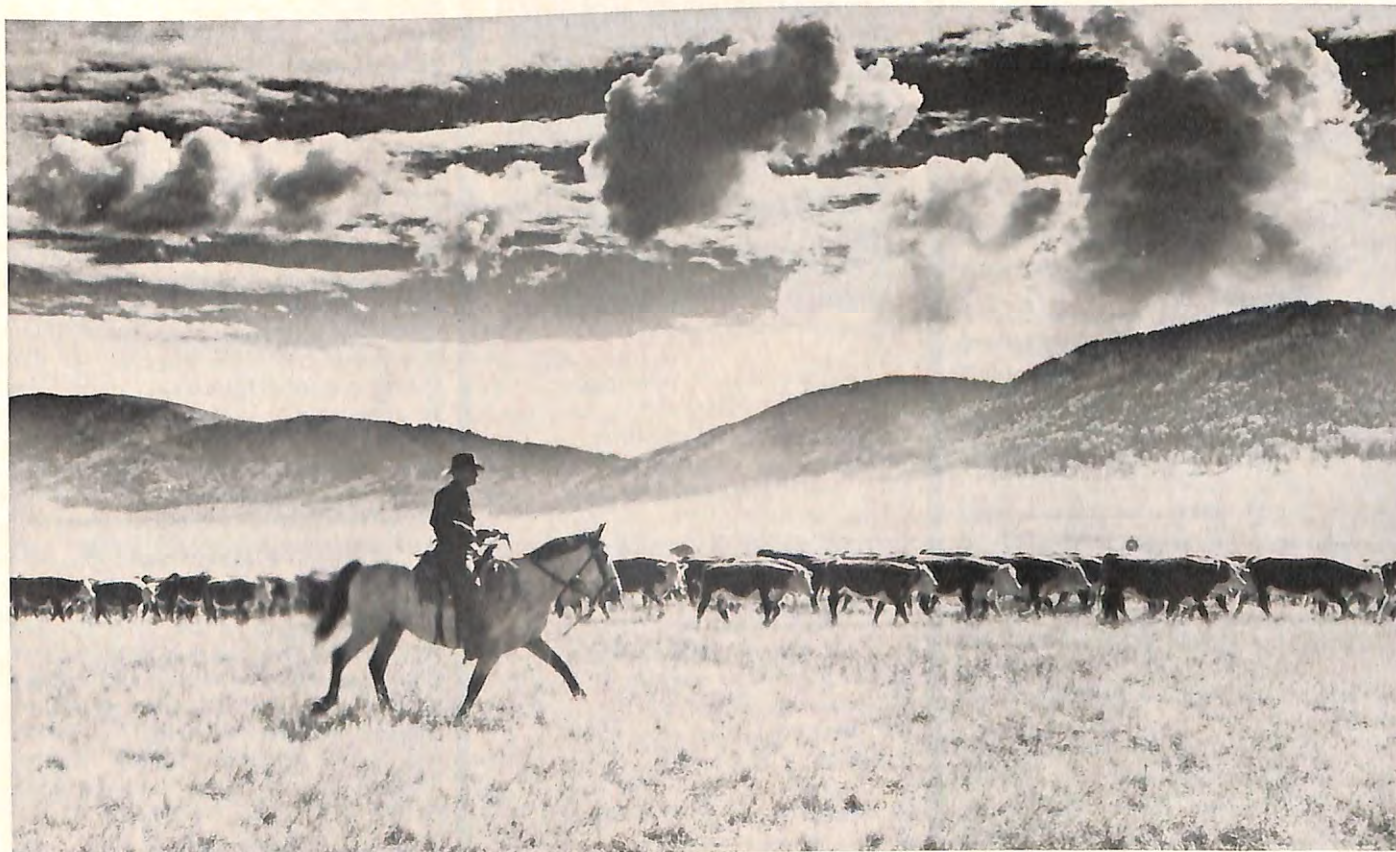
For those who fancy natural means of locomotion, camping by horseback adds excitement and increased fun.

everyone should make a point of visiting our nation's natural wonders at least once in his life. They're both educational and, often, awe-inspiring. But if you're gradually tiring of fighting traffic, other campers, and the bears to find that old, familiar campsite year after year, maybe it's time you broadened *your* "camping horizons" and sought-out the unusual in the American way of life.

Camping by horseback and camping by mule, for example, add two new ingredients that mean more excitement and increased fun to this fall's wilderness sojourn. Likewise camping via airplane and inflatable rubber raft. Let's take a closer look.

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If flying back to the days of the Old West is more to your liking, Robber's Roost Ranch has a 2,500-foot airstrip bordering on Canyonlands National Park just waiting for you. (Robber's Roost, if your Old-West memory serves you right, is the stomping grounds of the famous and infamous, alike, in American legend and lore. Butch Cassidy and his Wild Bunch Gang hid out there for many a year . . . and so did Zane Grey—in spirit, if not in flesh—while immortalizing the town in his famous Western Tales.)

Once you arrive, plan on staying for a while. Ranch hands can accompany you through the wilderness on four-wheel jeep, horseback, or hiking trips (from two to 14 days).

For additional information, contact the Ranch c/o the Ekkers, Outlaw Trails, Inc., P.O. Box 336-F, Green River, Utah 84525.

If you're a flying buff but don't own your own plane, perhaps you'd like to consider hiring a pilot to taxi you into the wilds. For an up-to-date list of air taxi services operating in the U.S. and Canada, contact the National Air Transportation Conference, 1156 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Horseback Campouts

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"You don't have to be an experienced canoeist," you can learn on vacation, above. The Coleman Ranch, below, offers seclusion and adventure.



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Heard enough about offbeat *fall* campouts? Fine. But if you're looking for something more exciting to do this winter than shovel a path in the snow from your house to your garage, read on.

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Hong Kong

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ing between the island and Kowloon. Across the street was the terminus of the Hong Kong-Canton Railway. It was possible to hop a train and travel all the way to Europe, stopping in Peking and Moscow. Soon, if the travel bans are lifted, such a journey will be possible again.

Presently everyone comes to Hong Kong by plane or ship. Each year the figure gets bigger. The tourist crowds are why the Peninsula came to lose its potted palms and why the fans stopped spinning. A facelift was necessary.

Brand new is the 800-room Hong Kong Hotel, rising 17 stories beside the Ocean Terminal, the single largest shopping center in the entire Far East. Hilton, of course, is already here.

One of the best buys in Hong Kong is still the nickle ride on the Star Ferry. Another: the four-cent tram journey along three miles of the Victoria waterfront. For a daylong outing Friendly Tours International has produced a new \$12.50 tour that begins by rail in Kowloon, transfers to a junk for a harbor cruise and later goes by bus to a brewery, a Taoist temple, a famous textile factory and other Hong Kong landmarks. The \$12.50 tab includes lunch at the Chinese Country Club. So even if Red China decides to keep its gates locked, Hong Kong can count on remaining one of the brightest lures the Orient has to offer. ■

TAPES OF KONKLE SPEECH AVAILABLE

Tape recordings of the speech by Indiana State Police Superintendent Robert K. Konkle, which thrilled thousands of Elks who heard him at the Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans July 19, are available from the Grand Secretary's office at \$3.50 each. Mail orders with checks payable to Grand Lodge to 2750 Lake View Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60614.

Tapes are on seven-inch reels and running time is 24 minutes. With each tape is a biographical sketch of this concerned citizen who knows the forces that are attacking America from within and isn't afraid to pinpoint them or say what must be done to defeat them.

Tapes are suitable for broadcast and it is suggested that after playing it at a lodge meeting it be offered to your local stations.

"Fever Time"

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gens to new career highs . . . but it'll take more than a year to get things rolling.

Central Division: Without a doubt, this is one of the toughest Divisions in both conferences, what with the Chicago Bears and Gale Sayers a constant threat, as are quarterback Greg Landry and Mel Farr of the Detroit Lions. Still, it looks as if the Vikings, the stingiest team in 1970 (they gave up a total of only 143 opponents' points all season), will do it again, though Coach Dan Devine and the Green Bay Packers, with such veterans as Bart Starr, Lionel Aldridge, and Ray Nitschke, will do their best to foil things for their northern neighbors.

Western Division: This race isn't nearly as tight as the others. I count the Los Angeles Rams high on the ratings pole, not so much because they beat Division-winning San Francisco 30-13 in their last encounter last year, but more because of recently acquired Jerry LeVias from the Houston Oilers. He should prove to be just the spark the immortal Roman Gabriel needs. Add such old familiars as Larry Smith and Travis Williams and new head coach Tommy Prothro, and lo and behold, L.A. is on the move. Look for the New Orleans Saints to improve over last year, too, under rookie quarterback Archie Manning; while head coach Norm Van Brocklin promises brighter tomorrows for the Atlanta Falcons.

So from Baltimore, Cleveland, and Kansas City to Dallas, Minnesota, and Los Angeles . . . these seem to be the best bets for Division champs as of this writing. ■

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Grand Exalted Ruler Opens Fight Against Drugs

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Brother Fournace is Vice President of the Ohio Power Company, and as such is the first utility executive to hold Elkdom's highest office. He is also the sixth Elk to be so honored from Ohio, a State which has 18 of the Order's first 100 lodges.

Brother Fournace takes the helm at a very critical time for the Order as well as for the country. His experience in business and long training in Elkdom are valuable assets. So too is his capacity for innovative thought and action, his ability to pioneer new trails not rashly but after careful planning.

This side of Brother Fournace is well illustrated by the fact that back in 1937 he headed the movement that created the first group hospitalization plan in Ohio, when he was a young executive in Newark.

Grand Exalted Ruler Fournace has been for many years in the forefront of efforts to protect the environment and conserve the nation's water resources. It was only natural that a man who has devoted so much time and energy to the conservation of natural resources

should be deeply concerned with the conservation of our greatest of all resources—our youth.

His seven years as a member and as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, gave him scope for his talents and interests in this sphere, but nothing could be more revealing of his concern than the program that he has announced to put the Order of Elks actively in the lists against the rising menace of drug abuse by young people.

His is an educational program aimed primarily at informing parents, arming them with the knowledge that will enable them to take timely preventive action that will protect their children from whatever source, and also to cope with the situation should a child become a victim of the drug culture pushers.

This is timely. This is vital. The Elks can and must play an active part in this attack on an evil that has the capacity to destroy our society. Let's not waste time and effort on half-way or half-hearted measures. It is time to go the limit with all of our resources in cooperation with other organizations and government at all levels. This is a summons to which every one of us must respond.

We congratulate Brother Fournace and all members of his administration and wish them well.

Red Carpet For Red China?

IN A FEW WEEKS the United Nations General Assembly will vote again on the admission of Red China. If as now seems likely our Government gives its tacit support to such a move it will undoubtedly succeed. In that case, the descent of the United Nations from majestic aspiration to ignominious failure will be greatly speeded.

The UN was created in the hope and for the purpose of bringing peace to the world through orderly procedures for avoiding disputes if possible and for settling them should they arise. For this reason the UN Charter specifically limits membership in the organization to peace-loving nations—not all nations mind you, but just the peace-loving ones. The common sense behind this provision scarcely requires any explanation or justification, and it effectually disposes of the spurious argument of "universality," that is, that all nations ipso facto should belong to the UN, so often advanced on behalf of the Communist Chinese regime.

Instead of admitting Red China to the UN, the General Assembly ought to address itself to the problem of correcting the weaknesses and errors that have increasingly robbed the UN of its effectiveness as an instrument for peace. Instead of welcoming another aggressor, the truly peace-loving nations should join forces to oust from the world organiza-

tion every country that overtly or covertly sponsors, promotes, finances or in any way supports subversion of its neighbors or armed aggression in any form.

The UN is fast becoming as limply ineffectual as was the League of Nations in its day and for much the same reasons. Among them now as then are the hypocrisy and evasions practiced by nations in the name of diplomacy, their futile attempts to build on the sand of expediency while ignoring the rock of principle.

Unfortunately, our own country is saddled with a large load of guilt for the state of disrepair into which the UN has fallen. We shall only add to it if we fail to exercise our leadership to oppose UN membership for Red China, which to this day stands indicted by the General Assembly as an aggressor for its attempted conquest of South Korea in 1950-53.

It may be that Red China will make it quite clear that it wants no part of the UN or will demand concessions so impossible that the move to admit it will be blocked. That would not alter the fact that the move sacrifices sound principle, does violence to the UN Charter and dangerously weakens an already weakened organization to which millions throughout the world look as their hope for peace.

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