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✻ Christmas is a time to ponder the thought that no one worth trust would deprive children of their right to childhood. In the face of modern fanaticisms, cynicisms, perversions and cruelties, let our charity, our outreach and our faith be channeled with this thought in mind.

✻ Rae joins me in wishing all of you peace and joy this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.



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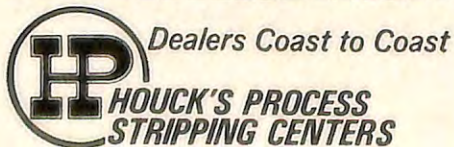
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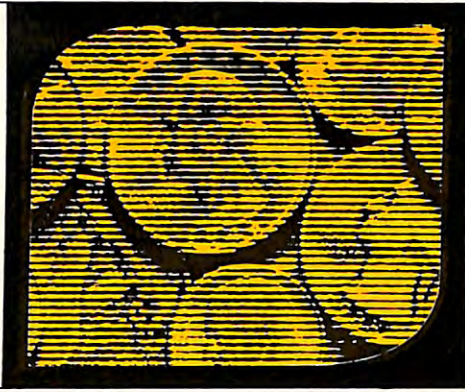
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

by J. L. Slattery/R. Gosswiller



Early last October, Anthony G. Chase, deputy administrator of the Small Business Administration told about the growth of the SBA's financing to small business and about the changes that have occurred in the way this operation is handled. At the end of the 1960s, said Chase, the SBA was providing between \$500 million and \$600 million a year in direct loans and guaranteed bank loans combined. This year, he estimated, the SBA will provide only about \$150 billion in direct loans, but the volume of guaranteed bank loans should reach \$3.5 billion. In 1969 there were only about 2,500 banks associated with the SBA's loan program. Today there are more than 10,000 in it. Under its loans-through-banks program, the SBA guarantees 90 percent of the loan that a bank makes to a small business.

Chase went on to say that the SBA has been able to "cut out much of the red tape" in which a would-be borrower was certain to become entangled a few years ago, when a total of 46 forms were involved in completing an SBA loan. That figure, he said, has been reduced to 17.

Looking to the future, Chase hoped that in five years the SBA's loan volume "will reach \$7 to \$8 billion a year."

All too many small businessmen view the SBA simply as a source of loan financing. It is in fact much more than that. In remarking on the SBA's already-reduced loss-ratio on loans—it is now down to around 4½ to 5 percent—Chase said that it was the SBA's aim to bring that ratio down still further not by imposing more stringent borrowing conditions but "by better service and help to the borrower after he has his loan." A major function of the SBA is to provide education, information, and guidance to small businessmen. It has published an impressively varied list of excellent low-cost publications and it has conducted seminars on small-business management.

Several times in these articles we've emphasized the importance of financial management in overall business management. It appears that more and

more small businesses are coming to recognize the importance of financial management. According to Walter E. Heller & Company, the big business-financing firm, more and more small and medium-sized companies are getting interested in learning and using modern financial-management concepts and methods. Franklin A. Cole, president of Heller, and Allen Kerr, senior vice president, said last September that this development has occurred because of the financial effects which the years 1969-1970 had on many of those businesses. In those years, many small and medium-sized companies found themselves suddenly faced with a "liquidity" crisis. The shortage of credit and the recession-caused drop in their sales income left those companies in a poor quick-cash assets position, even though in many cases their overall assets position wasn't bad.

We were particularly struck by Mr. Kerr's report that a growing number of small and medium-sized firms are thinking in terms of **financing for growth** rather than simply to cover short-term needs. This is all to the good, when done soundly. It means that the small company that's doing this is using the kind of strategy that is fundamental in the best-managed big companies.

The firms that the Heller executives were referring to in their remarks have annual sales volumes in the range of from about \$1 million to about \$20 million. But even quite a few companies that are below the \$1 million level can make profitable use of some basic ideas about economics and finance. And some of them will just about have to do so if they wish to survive, to say nothing of prospering, in the years just ahead.

In our next article, we'll be offering some of our views on the prospects—good and bad—that we feel the economy holds for small business over the next few years. Our remarks in the rest of this article may be helpful as some background for that survey.

The Economy—and Your Growth

The best-managed large companies

are organized and operate in a way that is calculated to take some advantage of just about any social, economic, or financial trend. The overall idea can roughly be summarized as "Heads we win . . . tails we win" and "Put bets down on all the horses in the race." But obviously the big companies don't apply those ideas in the simple-minded way of the man who is always thinking up schemes for playing the stock-market or the ponies—but keeps losing. You can be sure that there's nothing simple-minded about the ways in which the big insurance companies and other big money-smart companies apply the ideas we very roughly summarized in those two phrases we just used.

Take the years 1969-1970. In that period a lot of basically sound companies were caught in the squeeze between a drop in their sales income and a tightening up of the credit sources. Well, that situation is just made to order for the big money-smart company. It will have money to lend—at high interest rates—and it will have cash and other resources for buying into or buying up some of those temporarily distressed companies on highly advantageous terms. This kind of strategical operation offers two basic kinds of financial-growth opportunities. One is the overall gain that is promised by any sound loan or investment. The other is the opportunity to diversify ever more widely into the many different subsectors of the economy—and to do this **without** trying to diversify **operationally**. A big insurance company doesn't try to set up and run its own fast-foods franchising operation or its own pharmaceuticals manufacturing operation—what do insurance executives know about the technicalities of such businesses? But through the use of investment financing, the insurance company is able to get into all sorts of industries besides insurance. In this way it is able to gain from the various growth trends in the economy. And at the same time it is using its large amounts of quick-cash assets to take advantage of various financial trends as interest rates and bond prices and so on fluctuate.

The small company is less well protected than is the big company from the effects of inflation, taxation increases, various "extraordinary losses," and other factors that are not related to this or that industry in particular. Many small businesses are justly proud of their efficiency in the production and other physical aspects of their operation. But efficiency in these fields is no guarantee of bottom-line profitability nor does it guarantee financial growth for a company. That's a different matter entirely. ■

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• We enjoyed reading the article "Jungle School" in the September issue.

If it is at all possible we would like more information on this. Our son's desire is to be a fish and game warden and Africa is where he wants to go.

He is now in his second year of high school and is taking all the classes he can having to do with animals and wildlife.

We look forward to receiving the magazine every month.

Joyce Smith
El Cajon, Calif.

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Emil Borgen
Warroad, Minn.

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• The opinion expressed in the editorial "Pornography and Revolution in High School Text" [October, 1972] seems to be poorly thought out, and borderlines on advocating censorship, but it goes much deeper than just that. The key word in the entire article is "undisguised." My mind boggles at the possibilities of such a book that was cleverly written. These books are open. They state their beliefs and intents. Being open, they can be coped with by the average high school or college student. As a senior at Oregon State, majoring in political science, and an Elk, I have found that discussions along this line do not spear students into revolutions. In treating the violent overthrow of our government in an academic light, regardless of the authors, a better understanding of motivating forces of revolutionaries is attained in a non-emotional atmosphere. By reading the books of professed revolutionists, it is even easier to spot ambiguities contained in their doctrines.

Today, 18 year-olds can vote. College is no longer the political impressionist it once was. Political education in the high

school is vital. While high school students are impressionable, they are mentally aware and desire the responsibilities of an adult. High school students resent the "future citizen" label. They were citizens the minute they were born. "Future leaders" would be more applicable.

In regards to the pornography in school, I ask would you rather they be exposed to this nuisance under guidance and supervision in a classroom; or visit the porno shops and "adult" theatres, behind your backs, to satisfy their curiosity?

The B.P.O.E. puts much stress on the cultivation of our youth. In the light of such a positive attitude, it is rather sad that the author of the editorial attributes youth with little, if any, brains.

Thomas J. Gianelli
Tillamook, Ore.

Famed historian Edward Gibbon wrote almost 200 years ago about five basic reasons great civilizations die. Two concerned taxes and armaments; the other three seem to apply here:

1. *The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.*
2. *The mad craze for pleasure . . . the arena becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.*
3. *The decay of religion—faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.*

These, too, boggle the mind when one looks at what is happening in America today.

• An editorial in the October, 1972, issue of *The Elks Magazine* contained error in fact and a clear misunderstanding as to the purposes for which *The Movement Toward A New America* was to be used. The editorial is also defamatory against me, the teacher in question. For these reasons I ask for a retraction.

No filth was used or was ever intended to be used as instructional material. None of the articles to which you alluded were ever given to the students. The book was not used as a text book, was never ordered as such, and never intended as such.

The regularly prescribed curriculum was followed and texts were used when appropriate.

There were no obstructionary procedures used by school authorities to thwart the efforts of the Americanism Committee of the San Rafael Lodge; rather, regular procedures were followed which are mandatory for everyone having such complaints.

I was never fired from Paradise, nor ever asked to resign. The school board supported me at all times.

I was never turned down in any school district, let alone 62! There were no vacancies in 62 districts, thus I was fortunate to be hired when a vacancy did occur. This fact may be documented by court records.

Your editorial is detrimental to the teaching profession. If you really knew how I teach and what I teach, I am certain you would not hesitate to retract your editorial. I respectfully ask that you do so.

Dr. Virginia Franklin
Berkeley, Calif.

Our information was based on a written report and a telephone conversation with the Chairman of the San Rafael Lodge Americanism Committee, substantiated by a number of editorials and news stories from the San Rafael Independent Journal and the Oroville Mercury.

Our review of the questioned book only causes us to reiterate our opinion.

In view of the fact that 35 copies were ordered as a class set and that a student brought one home from the school, it is difficult to accept it as anything other than a textbook.

An article in the Oroville Mercury says that the teacher in question "was turned down by 62 boards of education . . ."

We regret the circumstances which prompted our remarks, but if the book had not been used, the editorial would not have been written.

We do not question the teacher's character or ability—only her judgment.

• On page 58 of the September article, "So Long as There Is a Salmon," author Timon Covert states that the Corps of Army Engineers built dams without fish ladders every time there was no howl of protest. I would very much appreciate knowing of any dam so constructed where a fish ladder would have been useful.

Covert also says that on one dam so much protest was received that officials called for a hearing but that the Corps of Engineers began construction on the dam before the hearings could be held.

On the same page the statement is made "The Corps has built dams that were not needed, or necessary, and some of those dams did nothing but fill up with silt and subsequently had to be abandoned."

I have been a resident of the Northwest my entire life. I have been very well informed as to water resource development in the entire Northwest. If the incidents referred to above ever occurred the citizens of the Northwest were not informed.

Carl C. Moore
Lewiston, Idaho

*Like most writers, I get my information
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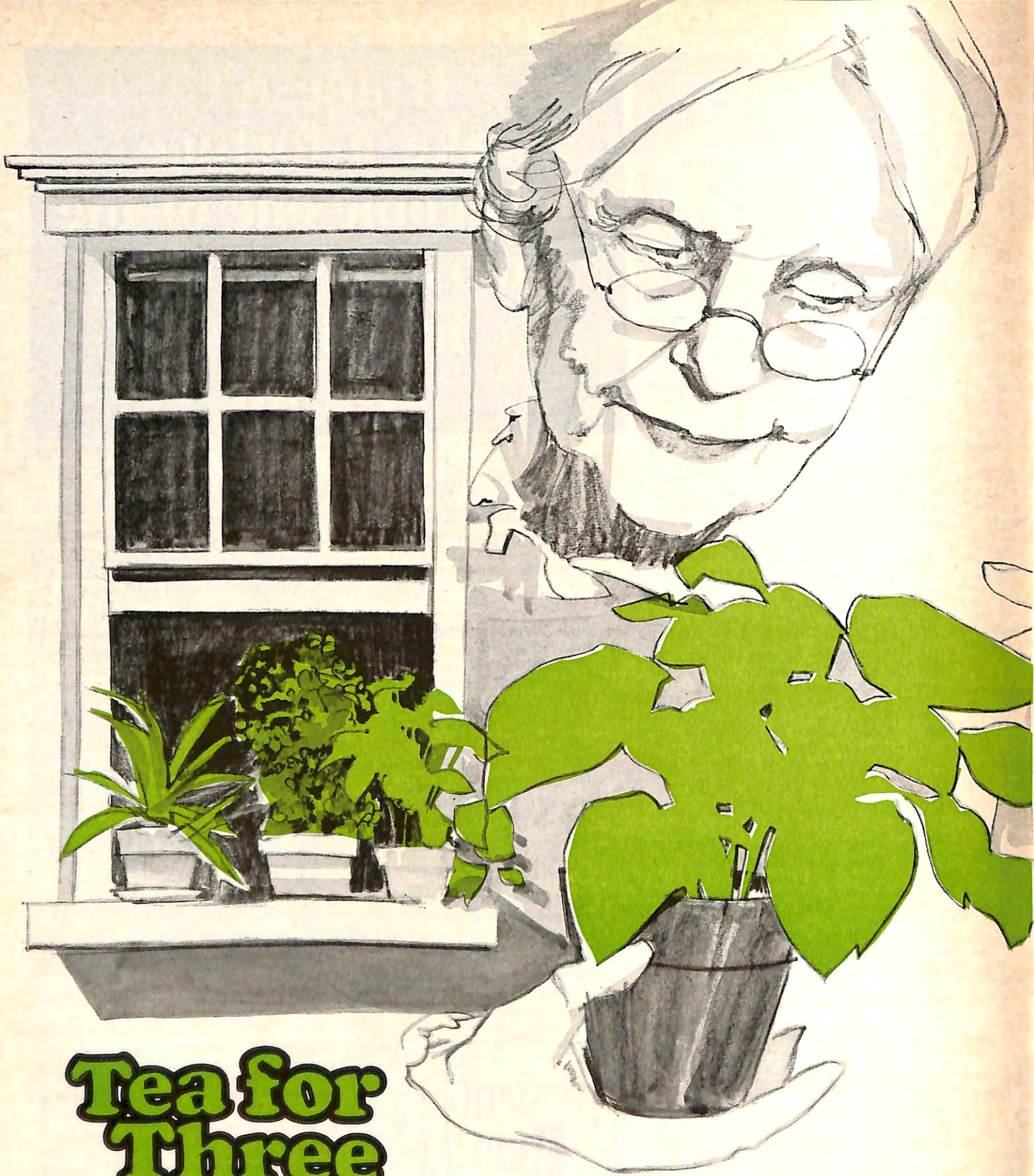
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Tea for Three

by Frank L. Remington

**Invite your philadendron out to lunch?
It's not as ridiculous as it sounds.**

A FEW weeks back a wife wrote to "Dear Abby" about the singular behavior of her husband. He regularly sits in their backyard vegetable garden and sings to the tomato plants, claiming music helps plants to grow. Worried,

the wife wanted to know if there was any truth to her spouse's contention.

"Dear Abby" answered that according to her agricultural experts the husband's assertion is indeed true!

In the last several decades, particularly in the past few years, plants have been creating more stir and interest than Raquel Welch's profile, President Nixon's wanderings, Teddy Kennedy's political pronouncements, or even the astronauts' moon meanderings. Today, practically for the first time in the eons since a green leaf initially poked its head out of an antediluvian swamp, we are beginning to demonstrate a profound interest in these fellow inhabitants of our planet—the "people" of

botany, our relationship to plants, and other fields. Most surprising of all, these studies indicate that plants exhibit striking similarities to us. Recent investigations and studies have come up with some surprising results on the human-like qualities of plants. One botanist commented, "Plants are the queerest people, with personalities as distinct as we humans."

We all recognize, of course, that we're entirely dependent on plants. Indeed, we nor any other animal could exist one moment without the essentials they provide. They take carbon dioxide out of the air and put oxygen back into it. No matter what food we eat or what product we use, we can ultimately trace it back to some form of plant life. Plants inhabited the earth millions of years before we appeared on the scene. And it's a safe bet that they'll

emit gaseous compounds that counteract specific pollutants. Finding them number among the Forest Service's current research projects.

Likewise Dr. Franklin Adams and Dr. Herbert Cole, biologists at Pennsylvania State University, are searching for plants which like to eat certain types of water pollutants. They have strong reasons to believe such plants exist. Once identified, the plants could be developed to enhance their pollution-absorbing qualities and then used to help cleanse streams and lakes.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has learned to make plants shoot up quicker than Jack's beanstalk, but it stooped to playing a dirty trick on a bunch of little pine trees to do it. For a long time the Department has known that plants have some mysterious way of hastening their own growth when they feel winter approaching.

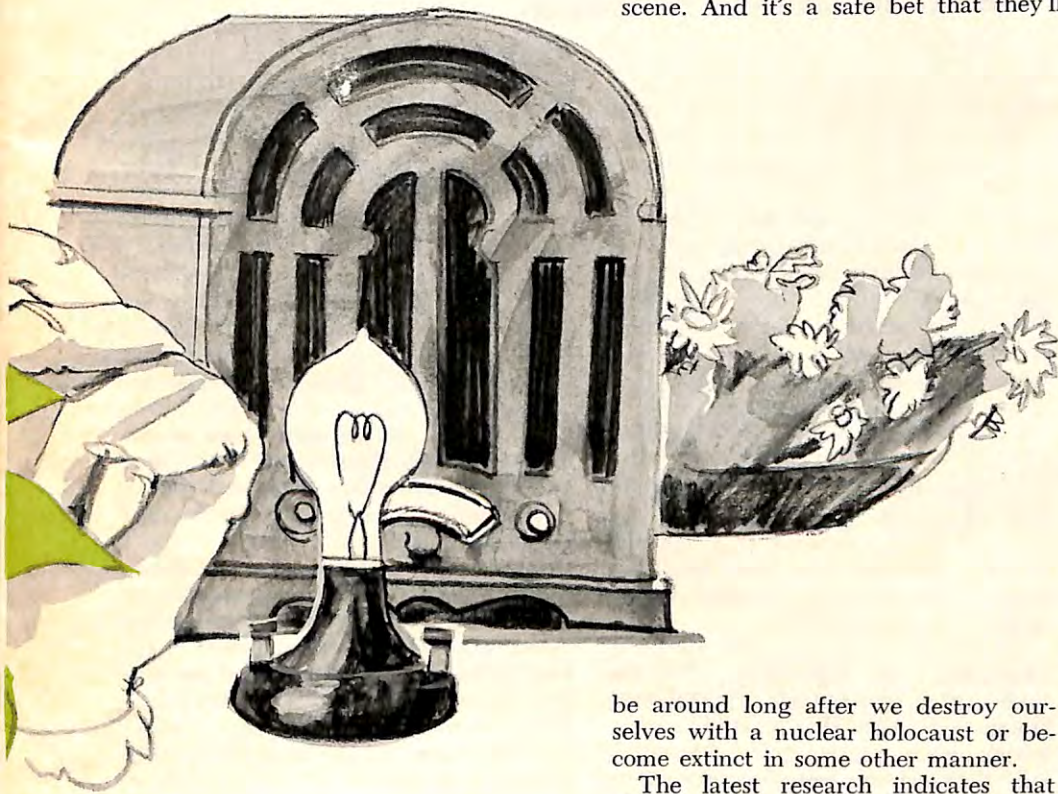
So researchers began bamboozling innocent sprouts into "believing" that nights were getting shorter. They did this by shading the plants during part of the day with opaque cloth. Sure enough, the sprouts "thought" winter was approaching and bloomed months early.

Recent studies show that plants have . . . well, not a mind as we know it . . . but something. They apparently "know" more than we think and possess some sort of intelligence. Consider the series of tests carried out by an English researcher. Planting a vine in an area utterly devoid of any object on which it could climb, he erected a pole quite a few yards away. Almost immediately, the vine began to grow towards it.

Before it arrived, the experimenter moved the pole some distance in the opposite direction. Not to be "fooled," the vine reversed its course, creeping towards the new position. The investigator repeatedly moved the pole and each time the vine attempted to reach it. Finally, though, the vine became "frustrated." It simply stopped its efforts to reach the support, even when the researcher placed the pole very near to it.

Some plants are as sensitive as a blushing bride, responding to a touch or loud noise by drooping their leaves for as long as thirty minutes. Some respond by closing their leaves instantly and only opening them again when the disturbance has disappeared. One school of research holds that this latter reaction simply demonstrates a reflex action. But does it?

Any doctor will explain that a reflex action is like the blinking of an eye when something comes close to it. A sensitive plant, however, doesn't react in this manner. It shrivels up its leaves the first several times it is touched or otherwise menaced. After



the plant kingdom.

These days people not only sing to plants but also play music for them. Indeed, there's a new record album out, "Music To Grow Plants." Without fear of being bundled off to the booby hatch, many plant lovers christen their potted petunias and other plants with names like Peter and Paula or Fred and Flora. They pray for their plants, talk to them, tell them jokes, and, in fact, treat them like people for the purpose of promoting their health and stimulating their growth.

Research by scientists, amateur investigators, and just plain plant lovers continues to proliferate. As the upshot, new discoveries are bringing important developments in horticulture, ecology,

be around long after we destroy ourselves with a nuclear holocaust or become extinct in some other manner.

The latest research indicates that plants, like us—or we like them!—respond not only to light, temperature, and moisture, but to love, hate, tension, talk, Bach and Beethoven, and some plants can seemingly "recognize" human beings and differentiate between them.

Present plant investigations point toward the idea that plants can be cultivated and developed in many ways to aid us and we've scarcely scratched the surface of the possibilities. Several months ago, for instance, Dr. Lee Dochinger, a plant pathologist with the U.S. Forest Service, said trees help rid the air of dangerous metallic particles and other pollutants. Some of the harmful particles trees help control are lead, cadmium, zinc, and asbestos. Dr. Dochinger says there may be plants that

that, if no harm comes to it, the leaves will remain open no matter how often it encounters the same stimulus. Other plants seem only mildly affected by so intense a stimulus as a clap of thunder, but to light and radio vibrations they show a super-human sensitiveness. Doesn't this type of behavior indicate some kind of intelligence?

Recent research tends to confirm the astonishing assertions of Luther Burbank, the renowned horticulturist, more than fifty years ago. Often dubbed "the man who talked to flowers," Burbank believed plants to be more akin to human beings than anyone ever imagined. They possess, he declared, a sensitive nervous system and are capable of feeling and expressing the universal emotions of love, hate, fear, pain, and pleasure. Occasionally, if a plant pleased him with its progress, he would tie a white ribbon about it. He called this the plant's reward—"a badge of honor."

Once while escorting the Indian mystic, Parhansa Yoganda, through his gardens, Burbank paused before a bed of edible, *spineless* cacti and nodded. "Yes," he murmured, "I have often talked to my plants in order to create a vibration of love. While working on the cacti, I would tell them, 'You don't need your defensive thorns. You have nothing to fear, for I will protect you.'"

Likewise, Dr. George Washington Carver, the famed botanist who produced such amazing results from his work with sweet potatoes and discovered over 300 peanut by-products, "talked" with plants. A reporter once asked him how he did this. "You have to love plants enough," Dr. Carver replied. "Anything will give up its secrets if you love it enough. . . I have found that when I talk to the little flower or to the little peanut they will give up their secrets."

Music, just plain noise, and talk affect plants according to botanical investigators. They like sound of various kinds, provided it isn't too loud or too close. If you place a vase of flowers too close to a blaring radio or television, the flowers tend to turn away from the music. They will, however, recover when the racket subsides or if they are moved away from it.

Dr. Edwin A. Menninger, who made a study of the subject, reports that an Australian recorded a remarkable growth in her garden plants after playing violin concertos for them every day. Her flowers preferred the high notes, vegetables the low notes, and weeds didn't seem to care.

Dr. T. C. N. Singh, head of the botany department at Annamalai University in India, experimented with tapioca, tobacco, rice, and sweet potatoes, as well as various flowers. He found a

definite response by them to music of the flute as well as some stringed instruments. By broadcasting music to field plants, he brought up production some 40 to 50 percent. And the flowering plants that were subjected to continuous music while growing produced larger flowers that kept much longer than normal after cutting. Dr. Singh concluded that vibrations within the plant's cells are created by music. Sensitive protoplasm and nuclei are agitated and growth speeded.

Sound engineer Les Harsten of New York conducted a controlled experiment with two boxes of banana plants. Although he gave both boxes the same light, warmth, and water, he exposed

Plants react to love, hate, and understanding and even respond to prayer.

the plants in one to a high-pitched hum for an hour each day. At the conclusion of his experiments he found the banana plants subjected to the hum had grown seventy percent taller!

Harsten explains that the sound stimulates a plant's breathing cells or "stoma" to remain open longer. As the upshot, they absorb more nutrients than normally and this accelerates their growth. However, if played continuously the sound would cause the plant to grow so fast as to kill itself.

For home use Harsten has developed a record "Music To Grow Plants." Quite a few commercial growers, including Dole Pineapple, hope to produce bigger and better crops by playing such records. Too, the New York Botanical Gardens has installed speakers among its plants to play records.

The Smithsonian Institute, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the University of Ottawa corroborate Harsten's findings that plants like some music above others. Acid rock music kills them; they prefer peaceful music to dissonant, strings to horns, and female voices to male.

Jim Atkins, a Washington, D.C., communications theorist, tells jokes to several tomato plants in his backyard to find whether plant growth may be centered in a "funny bone." He tells a joke to one plant and disregards the other. Mr. Atkins hopes his research will demonstrate that all life responds to communication and that words constitute only part of the message an audience receives. "One reason for the lack of understanding in this country," he says, "is that people, and maybe plants, react to more than just words making up a literary composition. I hope to get at the root causes of some of our communications problems," he says.

Actually, evidence continues to stack

up that there is a form of communication between us and plants. Indeed, Mr. Atkins and research scientists are trying to prove the theory that all living cells, both plant and animal, have a "primary perception," that they are linked into one huge complex of sensitivity and communication.

"A lie-detection expert," Atkins said, "has proved that plants actually react to what people say." He referred to Cleve Backster, a former polygraph specialist for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, who now runs his own New York school to train private investigators, police, and government personnel to use lie detectors. A couple years back, Backster, for some un-

known reason, attached a polygraph to one of his office plants. To his amazement, the plant's tracings formed a pattern similar to those he recognized from his lie-detection work. If they had come from a human being, the tracings would have indicated evidence of emotional distress—anger, fear, and the like.

Mr. Backster's experiments tie in with research at Moscow's Agricultural Academy. Working independently of each other they arrived basically at the same conclusions. When plants are hooked up to lie detectors their polygraph readings show a marked "emotional" response to external stimuli, quite similar to the results that might be expected from any of us!

Backster says he has received hundreds of letters from people who have "talked" to trees with amazing results. "Once you recognize that plants have some level of consciousness and are not just decorations, sincerely acknowledge this and believe it," he says, "your thoughts seem to get through to the plants. . . It appears to be the positive type of thinking that is getting to the plant. Plants seem to thrive because of this." Backster also says some people tried experiments with negative thinking towards their plants and "were actually able to kill the plants."

Early in 1972 the Wall Street Journal carried a story on Mr. Backster which stated that polygraph electrodes "are attached to three fresh vegetables and someone picks one and drops it into boiling water; the one selected seems to 'faint' before it is even touched (that is, it registers on the polygraph chart a sudden upward bound followed by a straight line), but the other plants don't react (their polygraph squiggles continue uninterrupted)."

In one of his most startling experiments, Mr. Backster had six of his stu-

dents draw lots to see which one of them would uproot and tear to shreds one of two plants alone in a room. Later, the surviving plant showed no reaction on the polygraph when five of the students reentered the room one by one, but when the culprit entered the plant immediately displayed an emotional reaction.

Mr. Backster says that plants often react to loving care. "Some people have a special touch with plants," says Dagny Erda Hansen of Terrestris, a unique greenhouse in Manhattan. There is probably not a successful grower who does not speak with affection and tenderness about the plants he grows. If past and current experiments are correct, perhaps he's getting results because of his very attitude.

Miss Hansen believes some people shouldn't own plants. She says these persons ask for plants that won't be any trouble and that will be all right to leave when they go on vacation. "I suggest that they may be better with plastic flowers." Putting a plant in the right place in a house or apartment apparently has some importance to it. According to Miss Hansen, a good rule of thumb is, "Would you be happy sitting there yourself? Would you like sitting in a dark corner or on top of a radiator?"

When plants become ill, people with green thumbs apparently have greater success in curing them. Luther Burbank, for example, frequently cured sick ones by his gentle and soothing words. In Los Angeles, a young girl rescued a very sick marginata plant which her mother had planned to dump in the garbage. Feeling sorry for it, the youngster expressed her sympathy, caressed it, and tranquillized it with soft music. Next day the hopeless marginata appeared to be healthy again.

Plants, too, respond to prayer, according to Rev. Franklin Loehr, a Los Angeles minister and author of a book, "The Power Of Prayer On Plants." He concluded that plants will grow when prayed over, be retarded in growth if cursed.

Rev. Loehr, who earned a degree in chemistry from Monmouth College in Illinois, used 150 persons and 27,000 seeds and seedlings in 700 experiments. He spent three years with testing, two years analyzing the results.

His basic technique was simple. He asked one volunteer to pray, requesting that the seedlings in one pie pan grow. Another person "negated" the plants in another pie pan. Typical of the results, in one prayed over pan sixteen seedlings sprouted, only one in the negated pan. The lone seedling received additional negative prayers and stopped growing. A mathematician calculated the odds of this happening as

a probability factor and came up with odds of two million to 1!

If we accept the conclusions advanced by Rev. Loehr's book, it is obvious that prayer is a scientific fact. And, as he points out, "This was a qualitative analysis of the power of prayer. It shows that prayer has mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual power."

What does all the recent plant research mean? Probably that the more we find out about the "plant people" the better our lives will become. Talking to plants, playing music for them, praying for them, and researching in various other lines will doubtless continue to bring advances in crop pro-

duction, ecology, new products, and a greater appreciation of our fellow inhabitants of this planet. Perhaps much of this seems miraculous. But it's a miracle that we're all here, isn't it?

A word of caution. If we want to work with plants, we'd better make sure we know what we're doing. One amateur green thumbist praised his rubber plant, told it jokes, prayed for it, and played music for it, all to no avail. He complained to his wife that the latest scientific findings about plants just weren't true.

"Well," his spouse replied, "why don't you try some of these things on my petunias. After all, your rubber plant is plastic!" ■

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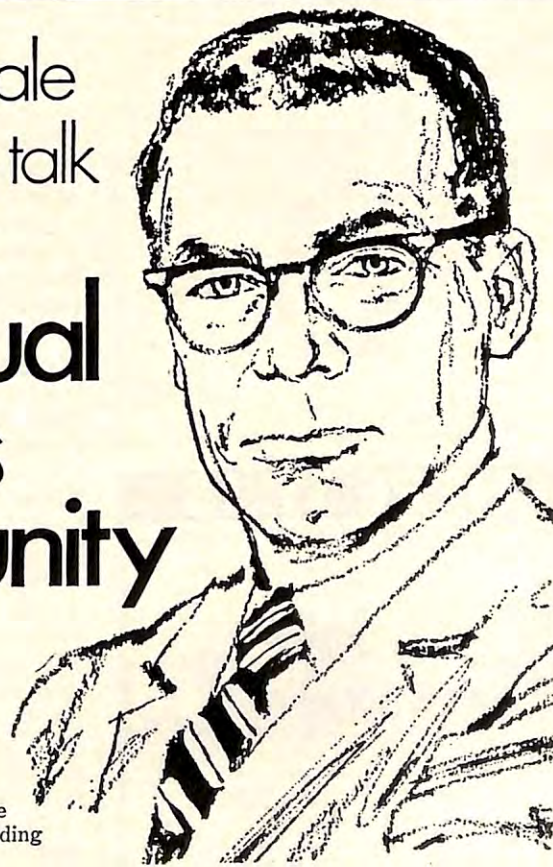
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Think hard, now . . . what do the NFL, NHL, NBA, ABA, WHA, and baseball's American and National leagues have in common? Yes, I know they're all sports-oriented organizations composed of teams of professional players actively engaged in their respective sports for money. But that's not what I had in mind—not quite, anyway.

Actually, the point I'm trying to make is this: Each one of these organizations is now or has been recently hotly embroiled in at least one legal predicament serious enough to shatter the concept of American sports as we know it today.

Another seething pot of turmoil is the threat-counterthreat of legal action currently flying between the NBA and the ABA. For years, the National Basketball Association was content to coexist with the ABA and even surrender a certain amount of ticket revenue to a limited number of dedicated ABA fans. It was content, that is, as long as the ABA received little or no press coverage or publicity and limited itself to signing whatever cagers were too old, too young, or too poor to play in the NBA.

Once the ABA began hitting its establishment rival right in the breadbasket by signing contracts for major-market TV coverage, opening new franchises, and beating the NBA out of promising young draft choices with lucrative, multi-year contracts, the NBA began to squawk. A merger, similar to that of the NFL and AFL several years back? Could be.

And speaking of the National Football League, more than one player has jumped his contract this year and tried to sign with another team or the rival Canadian Football League, only to find himself so befouled by the courts, he's had to sit out one, two, even three seasons, waiting for his contract to expire.

Still, while all these organizations have had their share of misery and grief, none can compare to what the

National Hockey League and the World Hockey Association are suffering to-day in intensity and longevity. And, even more important, money.

Never before in the history of sports has one league offered so much money to so few for so little. The WHA has advanced millions of dollars in salaries and bonuses to Derek Sanderson and Gerry Cheevers, whose leap from the NHL Boston Bruins for greener pastures surprised everyone. But the biggest blow of all came when hockey's hottest draw, the interminable Bobby Hull, signed recently with the Winnipeg Jets of the WHA for an estimated **three million dollars**. Oh, where's the justice in it all?

The NHL Chicago Blackhawks immediately sued Hull for breach of contract. The WHA, in turn, countersued the Hawks and the NHL for violating federal antitrust laws via the option clause in their players' contracts. The option clause states a player remains the property of his team for a specified length of time after his contract expires. And that is where the real trouble lies. All these suits and countersuits, all these threats and counterthreats—they are an external manifestation of the never fully explored player-team binding called "contract."

Obviously, no one can force the NBA to merge with the ABA, or the NHL with the WHA—just as no one forced the old National Football League to merge with its fledgling rival, the AFL. The established league, the papa organization, always has the edge. It signs the players from our colleges, it draws the crowds to our stadiums, it makes the money and calls all the shots. But, in an era when a Los Angeles Rams' or a Chicago Bears' fan can't buy a single ticket to a regular-season game—even after years of trying—there's obviously room for expansion. But how can a rival league compete?

The old AFL was lucky—as lucky as the old NFL was dumb. The two

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The Gift of the Magi

by O. Henry

ONE DOLLAR and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas.

There was clearly nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl. So Della did it. Which instigates the moral reflection that life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles, with sniffles predominating.

While the mistress of the home is gradually subsiding from the first stage to the second, take a look at the home. A furnished flat at \$8 per week. It did not exactly beggar description, but it certainly had that word on the lookout for the mendicancy squad.

In the vestibule below was a letter-box into which no letter would go, and an electric button from which no mortal finger could coax a ring. Also apper-

taining thereunto was a card bearing the name "Mr. James Dillingham Young."

The "Dillingham" had been flung to the breeze during a former period of prosperity when its possessor was being paid \$30 per week. Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20, the letters of "Dillingham" looked blurred, as though they were thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D. But whenever Mr. James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called "Jim" and greatly hugged by Mrs. James Dillingham Young, already introduced to you as Della. Which is all very good.

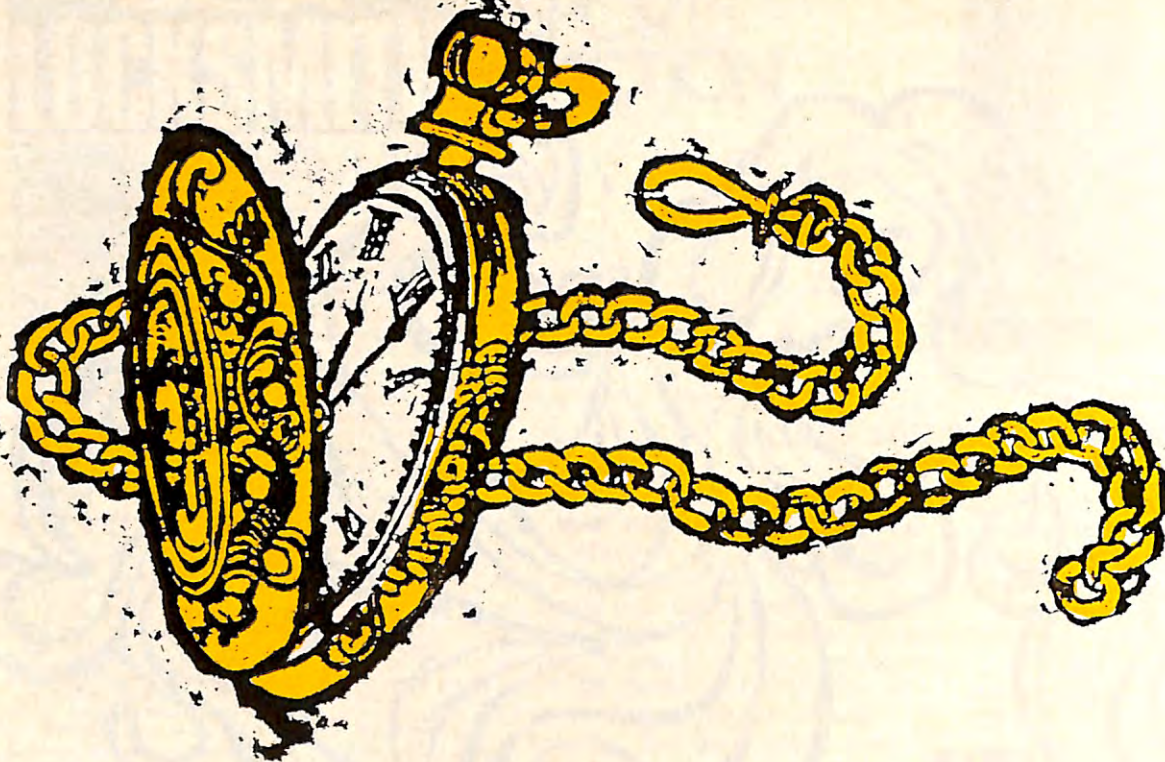
Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks with the powder rag. She stood by the window and looked out dully at a gray cat walking a gray fence in a gray backyard. Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far. Expenses had been greater than she had

calculated. They always are. Only \$1.87 to buy a present for Jim. Her Jim. Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him. Something fine and rare and sterling—something just a little bit near to being worthy of the honor of being owned by Jim.

There was a pier-glass between the windows of the room. Perhaps you have seen a pier-glass in an \$8 flat. A very thin and very agile person may, by observing his reflection in a rapid sequence of longitudinal strips, obtain a fairly accurate conception of his looks. Della, being slender, had mastered the art.

Suddenly she whirled from the window and stood before the glass. Her eyes were shining brilliantly, but her face had lost its color within twenty seconds. Rapidly she pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

Now, there were two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took a mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's. The



other was Della's hair. Had the Queen of Sheba lived in the flat across the air-shaft, Della would have let her hair hang out the window some day to dry just to depreciate Her Majesty's jewels and gifts. Had King Solomon been the janitor, with all his treasures piled up in the basement, Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed, just to see him pluck at his beard from envy.

So now Della's beautiful hair fell about her rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee and made itself almost a garment for her. And then she did it up again nervously and quickly. Once she faltered for a minute and stood still while a tear or two splashed on the worn red carpet.

On went her old brown jacket; on went her old brown hat. With a whirl of skirts and with the brilliant sparkle still in her eyes, she fluttered out the door and down the stairs to the street.

Where she stopped the sign read: "Mme. Sofronie. Hair Goods of All Kinds." One flight up Della ran, and collected herself, panting. Madame, large, too white, chilly, hardly looked the "Sofronie."

"Will you buy my hair?" asked Della.

"I buy hair," said Madame. "Take yer hat off and let's have a sight at the looks of it."

Down rippled the brown cascade.

"Twenty dollars," said Madame, lifting the mass with a practised hand.

"Give it to me quick," said Della.

Oh, and the next two hours tripped

by on rosy wings. Forget the hashed metaphor. She was ransacking the stores for Jim's present.

She found it at last. It surely had been made for Jim and no one else. There was no other like it in any of the stores, and she had turned all of them inside out. It was a platinum fob chain simple and chaste in design, properly proclaiming its value by substance alone and not by meretricious ornamentation—as all good things should do. It was even worthy of The Watch. As soon as she saw it she knew that it must be Jim's. It was like him. Quietness and value—the description applied to both. Twenty-one dollars they took from her for it, and she hurried home with the 87 cents. With that chain on his watch Jim might be properly anxious about the time in any company. Grand as the watch was, he sometimes looked at it on the sly on account of the old leather strap that he used in place of a chain.

When Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason. She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by generosity added to love. Which is always a tremendous task, dear friends—a mammoth task.

Within forty minutes her head was covered with tiny, close lying curls made her look wonderfully like a truant schoolboy. She looked at her reflection in the mirror long, carefully, and critically.

"If Jim doesn't kill me," she said to herself, "before he takes a second look

at me, he'll say I look like a Coney Island chorus girl. But what could I do—oh! what could I do with a dollar and eighty-seven cents?"

At 7 o'clock the coffee was made and the frying-pan was on the back of the stove hot and ready to cook the chops.

Jim was never late. Della doubled the fob chain in her hand and sat on the corner of the table near the door that he always entered. Then she heard his step on the stair way down on the first flight, and she turned white for just a moment. She had a habit of saying little silent prayers about the simplest everyday things, and now she whispered: "Please God, make him think I am still pretty."

The door opened and Jim stepped in and closed it. He looked thin and very serious. Poor fellow, he was only twenty-two—and to be burdened with a family! He needed a new overcoat and he was without gloves.

Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a setter at the scent of quail. His eyes were fixed upon Della, and there was an expression in them that she could not read, and it terrified her. It was not anger, nor surprise, nor disapproval, nor horror, nor any of the sentiments that she had been prepared for. He simply stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face.

Della wriggled off the table and went for him.

"Jim, darling," she cried, "don't look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have

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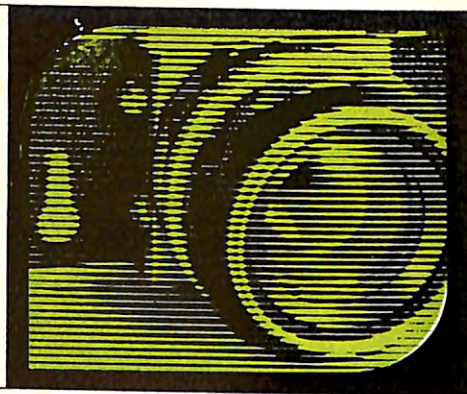


THE CHILDREN'S WARD of Saratoga Hospital received a shipment of toys from Saratoga, N. Y., Lodge. ER Raymond Waldron (center) and Est. Lead. Kt. D. Vaughn Woodworth enjoyed a game with one of the patients.



PART OF THE CELEBRATION of the 75th anniversary of Crookston, Minn., Lodge was the voting of honorary life memberships to two Past State Presidents. (From left) PSPs Floyd Spence and Chet Nelson accepted their membership cards from ER Stanley Osborne.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



TWO WINNERS of the Lancaster, Pa., Lodge Junior Golf Tourney participated in the Elks' state finals at Sharon. Henry Kline (left) and Ron Metsger were congratulated by Youth Activities Chm. Bob McCowan for their low scores.



A GUEST SPEAKER at Willows, Calif., Lodge was Jagat Raj (center), who was born in the Fiji Islands, moved to California with his family, and won an Elks National Foundation scholarship this year. VP Andy Jensen (right) and ER John Thompson Jr. welcomed him to the lodge.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN Golden Gloves Boxing was renewed under the sponsorship of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge. Governors from four states were invited to serve as honorary chairmen. Discussing the details of the event were (from left) Brother Clyde Miller, Utah Secretary of State; ER Joe Cronin; Brother Gene Fullmer, former world middleweight champion, and Gov. Calvin Rampton.

A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY was held to mark the start of construction for the new \$600,000 Walla Walla, Wash., Lodge home. At the future site were (from left) VP Leo Paquin; PDD Jack Huntington; Frank LeRoux, downtown development association; ER George Davison; PER William Medlar Jr.; DDGER Robert Lee; PER Art Schoessler; SP Alvin Berman; Mayor J. D. Swank, and Secy. Thomas Shearer.



A CEREBRAL PALSY MOBILE UNIT provided by the New York State Elks Association for home therapists was dedicated recently in memory of the late VP Joseph J. Liguori of Mount Kisco, N. Y., Lodge. Admiring the wagon were (from left) Mrs. Liguori; Martin Traugott, chairman, major projects directors; Joel Goldstein, Westchester-Putnam home service director, and Brother Joseph Barbera, Mamaroneck Lodge.



FREDERICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL received three "revolv-o-trac" machines from Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Md., Elks. One of the \$1,500 machines was demonstrated by Katherine Hotz, hospital staff member, for (from left) Brothers Alfred Cox, Lee Ehrheart, and Earl Brooks.

GEORGIA ELKS have donated funds for the purchase of special wheelchairs to be used by disabled veterans in sports events such as basketball and bowling. PER James Kaigler (left) of Atlanta Lodge presented a check to Dr. G. O. Bern at the Atlanta Veterans Hospital.



THE SALVATION ARMY Wayside Home for Girls received a \$1,000 check from Valley Stream, N. Y., Lodge for the purchase of new clothes for the girls. A representative from the home (center) accepted the donation from ER John Dibble (left) and Est. Lead. Kt. Christopher Botticelli.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS PARTICIPANTS and their parents were guests of El Centro, Calif., Lodge before leaving for Los Angeles to compete in swimming and track events. Their expenses were paid for by El Centro Elks, under the direction of Est. Lead. Kt. C. L. Maness (background).



NEW JERSEY ELKS honored PGER William Jernick by dedicating a dormitory at Elks Camp Moore, the state major project, and naming it Jernick Hall. The participants included SP Thomas Rhodes, PSP Fred Padovano, Brother Jernick, PDD Richard Squires, Camp President George Schultz, State Secy. Obert Stetter, and a number of local officials.



A FLOAT entered by Brick, N. J., Lodge in the New Jersey Elks' state convention parade won first place in the 400 class. Riding on the float to depict the areas of youth activities were Marie Rogers, Carolyn Rogers, Karen Aktemose, and George Rogers.



ELKS' LADIES of Bloomfield, N. J., Lodge presented a \$200 check to Est. Lect. Kt. John H. Smith for the "fresh air fund." President Helen Bonnefond (left) and Past President Delores Uzzolina delivered the check, which will be forwarded on behalf of the lodge to the Glenn Ridge Independent Press, sponsors of the fund.



THE CHARTER OFFICERS of New York's newest lodge—Guilderland No. 2480—were installed recently. They include (seated, from left) Esq. John Debbie; Est. Lect. Kt. Ernest Spencer; ER Wallace Towle; Est. Lead. Kt. Lawrence Pisarski; Est. Loyal Kt. Joseph Statile; Organist Roderick Cripps, and (standing) Tiler Fred D'Amelia; Trustee Henry Beaver; Trustee William Cross; Trustee John Davis; Trustee Kenneth Kannes; Treas. Robert Phinney; Trustee Robert Wood; Secy. Daniel Statile; In. Gd. Bertram Myers, and Chap. William Schaf Sr.



DR. MARGARET BRAYTON, principal of the Massachusetts Hospital for crippled children, received a \$1,000 donation from the Massachusetts Elks Association for scholarship aid for students at the school. Joining in presenting the check were (from left) PSD Michael McNamara, GL Credentials Committeeman Donald Podgurski, and Past State Chap. Peter Stupak.



LODGE NOTES

PEORIA, Ill. The 53rd Elks National Bowling Tournament will be hosted here by Peoria, Ill., Lodge, running February 23 through May 6, 1973. All members in good standing are invited to participate in the contest for some 2,800 cash prizes and trophies in separate events. Anyone wishing to enter can obtain information by writing to R. F. Sutton, Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 217, Battle Creek, Michigan, 49016, or by phoning 616-965-5615.

BREMERTON, Wash. Fifty patients of the Seattle, Wash., Veterans Hospital and the Puget Sound Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Wash., were treated to a dinner at the lodge and then a rodeo at the fair grounds. The Kitsap County Fair and Rodeo Royalty presented a decorated cake to welcome the patients and to thank the lodge, represented by Servicemen Committee District Chm. Stan Sarver and ER Richard Weaver, for sponsoring the event.

SHREVEPORT, La. The lodge recently began flying the American flag 24 hours a day to encourage patriotism. A lighting system timed to go on at dusk and off at dawn has been installed to spotlight the flag, according to ER Charles E. Scott.

PARAMOUNT, Calif. The lodge's youth activities committee helped sponsor three free swimming days. A total of 1,939 children were the happy participants, according to Chm. T. J. Hansen.

CHELMSFORD, Mass. A successful one-day blood drive was organized recently by Brother Ed Moriarty, producing 342 pints of blood. A goal to cover all Chelmsford residents for one year was reached by the lodge, whose ER is Claude Harvey.

VENTURA, Calif. The lodge volunteered to organize the Ventura County Fair with only 19 days preparation time. ER John Armstrong said that the lodge was happy to help with the traditional event, when no group could be found for sponsorship.

CORVALLIS, Ore. The lodge Americanism committee recently sponsored a dinner with an informative program on drug abuse. Three films were shown in an adjoining conference room and a display was arranged for examination by members and their families. Sponsors of the program were Brother Howard H. Hillemann, Est. Loyal Kt. Ed Jeffreys, Esq. Frank Cary, and Chap. Dave Hevener.

OXNARD, Calif. An all-volunteer unit of the Army stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and the lodge have begun a program of mutual cooperation. The unit will provide patriotic displays, color guards at parades, and publicity for the Elks' programs in exchange for the lodge's support and publicity of its search and rescue teams and new community service philosophy.

BOCA RATON, Fla. The annual initiation was performed at the lodge in the presence of five Past Exalted Rulers. PER Ed Balme, PER Steve Datzyk, PER Ted Mann, and PER Woody Starr assisted in the ceremony. PER Dick Stevens proudly helped initiate his son.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J. A picnic to honor the lodge-sponsored little league team in Bloomfield was organized recently by the lodge. At the event ER Charles Doherty awarded a baseball to each of the players.

WILMINGTON, Del. The lodge recently presented a kidney machine to the Jay Hughs Kidney Foundation of that city. Proceeds from the lodge social and community welfare committee and the Elks' ladies made the purchase of the machine possible.



QUARTERBACK JOE NAMATH helped launch Elmont, N. Y., Lodge's campaign to raise funds for the Shield of David Institutes for Retarded Children. Others at the fund raising event were (from left) Poster Chairlady Connie Raccuia, Parent Assn. President Hermann Bennhausen, poster child Joseph Raccuia, Esq. Joe Cangelosi, and John Raccuia.



RED LION, Pennsylvania, Lodge sponsored Steve Bradney in the recent York County Soap Box Derby. Inspecting the car were (from left) Est. Lead. Kt. William Wise, DDGER Carl Ferree, and ER Dale Chronister.



NINE NEW MEMBERS joined Decatur, Ga., Lodge and all were proposed for membership by Brother Howard M. Griffith (fifth from left). ER Andrew Olsen performed the initiation.



BARRY LAUGHLIN (center, in wheelchair), a cerebral palsy victim, was made an honorary member of the baseball team sponsored by East Liverpool, Ohio, Lodge. His biggest thrill was playing in a real game, where he was walked, stole second and third, and came in to score on an error. His father is a member of the lodge.



BROTHER ROBERT DEHORITY, who has held numerous state and Grand Lodge offices, was honored by members of Elwood, Ind., Lodge in a ceremony marking his 50th year as an Elk. He was presented with an honorary life membership and a scrapbook with his past accomplishments and letters from Grand Lodge and state officials. At the festivities were (seated, from left) ER Floyd Hayden, PGER Glenn Miller, Brother DeHority, SP George Stutzman, DDGER James McCune, and the lodge officers and trustees.



THE DEATH of Senator Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) saddened the members of Houma, La., Lodge. Sen. Ellender was a member of Houma Lodge since 1914, and he took an active part in many of the Elks' Flag Day programs. ER Thomas Cobb led the lodge officers in conducting a ritual ceremony at his wake.



THE GOLF TOURNAMENT held each year by Jamestown, N.D., Lodge was won this season by Brother Richard Nierling (center). ER Jack Brown presented the championship trophy as Chairman Cliff Herrick displayed one of the prizes awarded after the competition.



THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Board of Grand Trustees was held at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., recently. Attending the session were (first row, from left) Trustee George B. Klein; Trustee Chm. John B. Morey; Grand Secv. Homer Huhn; GER Francis M. Smith; PGER Robert Pruitt; Trustee W. Edward Wilson; Trustee Robert Yothers, and (second row) Trustee Edmund Hanlon; Trustee Lewis Gerber; Trustee Melvin Junion; Home Supt. Doral Irvin; Wayne Shenkle, secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler, and Trustee Wayne Swanson.



THE ORIGINATORS of the Elk of the Year program—Past Grand Est. Lead. Kt. C. P. Hebenstreit (right) and PDD Steve Compas (third from right)—were honored by Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge at a reunion of all past Elk of the Year winners and PERs from the lodge. Joining them were (from left) PER Clyde Cobb, Mayor Herb Hennes, PER Mel Hoeffliger, and ER Marco Tauson.



HONORING THE 100th BIRTHDAY of Brother C. E. Jones (center), the members of Antigo, Wis., Lodge made a donation to the Elks National Foundation on his behalf. The 63-year member was congratulated by ER Robert Klessig (left) and PER Harold Klessig.

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POTPOURRI

by Jerry Hulse

THERE IS no sure-fire method of escaping the frustrations involved with travel, minor though they may be, but proper planning will eliminate the majority. In a few paragraphs I will get down to the subject of basic travel tips, but first a word of advice: travel light and arrive at your destination, whenever possible, in the afternoon or early evening. I'm speaking now of long-range trips—say from New York, Chicago or Los Angeles to Europe. Those who arrive in the morning generally are gasping by evening. The reason is simple: first, they'll have been up the entire previous day back home. Then they'll have flown all night and after this will face a brand new day, exhausted and weary from the jet lag.

Weary though they may be, chances are their hotel room still will be occupied. At least that's how it usually works in Europe. Guests seldom vacate until noon or later. Arriving in the evening is another matter. You can register immediately, have dinner and be off to bed. And psychologically, at least, you will lock in on the new time, helping to beat the jet lag.

Three points to remember when flying: drink plenty of water, little alcohol and eat sparingly. I was given this advice by the crew on a TWA flight to Rome recently. Too much liquor and food aggravates the problem of jet lag, especially on long flights. The reason for drinking great quantities of water (a glass for every hour you're in the air) is because passengers become dehydrated due to the pressurization and air-conditioning of the jet.

I mentioned traveling light: Unless you do you'll be weary throughout your trip. You can't always depend on bellmen or porters to lug those heavy bags to and from taxis, buses, trains and hotels. On a two-week trip I take along one suit, one sport coat, and a pair of slacks, placing one outfit in a garment bag to be carried aboard the jet. Similarly, I take along one small suitcase, placing it beneath the seat. It holds everything else I'll need: socks,



shirts, shorts and toilet articles. Most travelers are overburdened with luggage. So remember—travel light. And now for some basic tips:

FREIGHTER TRAVEL

For those considering a vacation by freighter, get a copy of Ford's Freighter Travel Guide. It's still the best in its field. The Guide lists freighter trips from ports throughout the U.S. The paperback contains tips on passports and visas; there is a directory listing travel agents in the freighter-passenger business. Price is \$3.75. Write care of Post Office Box 505, Woodland Hills, Cal. 91364.

AIR BARGAINS

Jim Woodman's ninth annual edition

of Air Travel Bargains is available at book stores—a 384-page paperback packed with money-saving details. Says Woodman: "There are many ways to save money when you travel, and this book will show you what I consider are the best fares, stopover plans and tour packages to enable you to get the most value and enjoyment for your travel dollar." Woodman writes about air fares with the same authority that Temple Fielding writes about hotels. He offers dramatic illustrations of the differences in air costs. Example: Two passengers flying on a scheduled air line between Los Angeles and Lisbon may be paying anywhere from \$316 to \$1,222—depending whether they are riding first class or steerage and the time of day and the day of the week. If you can't find a copy of Woodman's book locally, mail \$2.95 to Air Travel, Box 897, Coconut Grove, Fla. 33133.

TRAVELING BY TRAIN

Marvin and Kathryn Salzman's new edition of "Eurail Guide" is on the book shelves. It tells how to plan a European train tour. The book contains maps of rail lines in all 13 Eurailpass nations, plus detailed itineraries for 40 European rail stations; also tips on Eurailpasses, Student Railpasses, luggage and fares. There are advantages to traveling at night, according to the Salzmanns (like saving a franc or two on hotels). The 168-page paperback sells for \$2.75. If your bookstore doesn't have a copy, write to Eurail Guide Annual, 27540 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California 90265.

IRISH INVITATION

The Irish are seeking those travelers who are tired of being herded Hilton-to-Hilton in Europe. "Gracious Living in Ireland" introduces guests to hearths with an unusual warmth. They're both comfortable and filled with cheer—just as the guest will be when the host gets around to uncorking the bottle. Cost per person is \$250 a week. That includes meals.

ITALY BY HORSEBACK

There are dozens of specialized tours

for "single-purpose" groups: psychic tours, ecology tours, yoga tours, antiques tours. Among the offbeat is a "rent-a-horse" caper created expressly for Americans eager to see Italy via horseback. There are two choices. One zeroes in on the Chianti region: each morning riders gallop off to see something of Italy besides the big cities. By night they unsaddle at snug inns, castles, farmhouses and ancient villas. The Chianti tour begins near Florence; the other ride concentrates on the coastal country of Maremma, visiting farms dating to the days of wine and Romans. Groups are limited to 20. They've rounded up both spirited horses and gentle nags. Prices begin as low as \$30 a day—breakfast, lunch, dinner, room and horse included. Ask your travel agent for details.

CARIBBEAN LIVING

A new organization calling itself Worldwide Accommodations is taking the sting out of the Caribbean. They're looking for the traveler of humble means who can't afford those \$50-a-day (and up) rooms. The basic rate is \$79.50 per person (double occupancy) for seven nights and eight days, including private bath and breakfast. Rates range up to \$149.50 for Worldwide's "superb" inns and guest houses. Worldwide has selected 400 small hotels, inns and guest houses on 20 islands: Aruba, Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Curacao, Dominica, Grenada, Grand Bahama, Guadalupe, Jamaica, Martinique, New Providence (Nassau), Puerto Rico, St. Croix, St. John, St. Lucia, St. Maartens, St. Thomas, Tobago and Trinidad. The inns all have swimming pools or beaches nearby. Others provide golf, tennis, horseback riding. Worldwide Accommodations took a flier at the tourist dodge with an earlier listing of inexpensive guest houses and private homes in London (bed and breakfast \$6.50). Write to Worldwide at 76 Dorrance St., Providence, R. I. 02903.

DOWN ON THE FARM

A new company is arranging two and three week tours outside London with overnight stops at farmhouses. They list locations of more than 150 farms, the idea being you meet the REAL Britishers, sample farm fresh food and snooze in the quiet of the English countryside. Cost for a two-week trip for two couples is \$250 per person, including car, shelter and meals. (Each day you're sent off with a picnic lunch). Write to Farmhouse-Auto Tours, Speyton Crediton, Devon, Eng. EX175AN.

THE VILLA GAME

Villa renting is big business in Eu-



rope. Now comes London's Rentavilla to provide shelter "in the most romantic and historic part of Britain." A maid goes with each villa. They've 80 properties along England's West Coast and in Devon and Cornwall. Some are converted farmhouses. Others are 14th and 15th-century private homes. Some stand in Old World picture postcard villages. Activities include fishing, boating, riding and golf. There's a 15th-century thatched cottage at Dolton in Devon with walk-in fireplace and original bread ovens. Another at Penzance has its own trout stream. Stand on the porch and fly cast.

Rentavilla expects to reach into Scot-

land as well. Already it lists 1,000 villas in Spain. The address: Rentavilla, 7-9 Hammersmith Broadway, London W6, Eng. TWA has joined the rent-a-villa boom with listings in Portugal, Spain, France, Switzerland and Greece. Selections for "singles" as well as families. Included are dishes, cooking utensils, stoves, refrigerators, sheets and blankets. Move in for a week or a month. Here's an example: a villa on Portugal's Algarve (living and dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, two baths) rents between July 1 and Oct. 31 for \$194 a week. Off-season rate drops to \$142. TWA has illustrated booklets.

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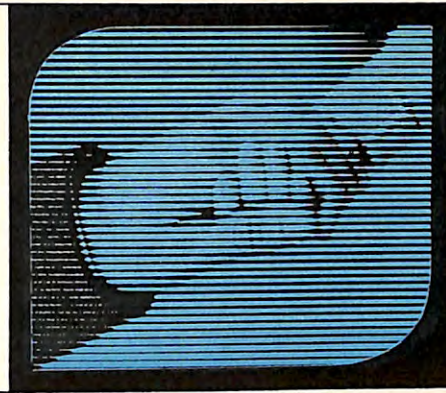
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The National Foundation corner at Ludington, Mich., Lodge lists the names of 135 members who have joined the Foundation during the past year. PER Frank Hamilton (left) and PER David Reinhoehl were active in pledging new members.



An honor roll plaque is inscribed with the names of all current Foundation members at Portsmouth, Ohio, Lodge. Admiring the listing were (from left) SP L. L. McBee; PER Victor Morgan; ER Burt Hanson; Brother James Morgan, who provided the plaque, and PDD Harold Scott.

PER John L. Perrone (left), National Foundation chairman of West Haven, Conn., Lodge, presented a paid up membership to Brother William R. Hawley in honor of the memory of his father, Frank W. Hawley.



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HIDEAWAY IN MEXICO

There's a new seaside resort at Kino Bay in Sonora, Mex.—the Posada del Mar. Fifty-two rooms and six bungalows priced for \$10 single and \$14 double. No television or phones. Just sea and sun, plus good fishing and solitude. "Peace for Sale" is the pitch. If you decide to extend your visit, they're selling condominiums starting at \$17,000. Other than the hotel there is little else at Kino Bay. It's a desert country smack on the Sea of Cortez, 180 miles below the Tucson-Nogales border. Roberto Gaona Valencia of the Mexican Tourism Department stopped by to tell us about it. Besides

sea and sun the fishing is good, he said. Nearest neighbor is Hermosillo, 55 miles above Kino Bay. For reservations write to Box 314, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex.

MORE ON MEXICO

"All about Camping" is the title of a new guide to camping and trailering in Mexico. Besides such basics as border crossings, highway signs, etc., authors Ed and Patricia Andrews have compiled a list of campgrounds and trailer parks as well as hotels and motels which permit camping on their property. The couple did the research while conducting dozens of caravan trips into Mexico. The guide was prepared with the cooperation of Campgrounds Of America (KOA), which opened the first of a chain of American-style camps in Mexico this year. Copies of "All About camping in Mexico" are available in most bookstores. Price is \$2.95. Or else write to Rajo Publications Inc., P.O. Box 1014, Grass Valley, Calif. 95945. (Add 5% for sales tax.)

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did you know...



The Elks provided vocational rehabilitation for thousands of returning American soldiers by establishing a revolving fund which made loans without security to over 40,000 veterans. It was used as a model for the present "G.I. Loan" program of the Federal government.

Subordinate Lodges of the Order have spent over a quarter billion dollars on charitable projects since the Order began to keep records, beginning in 1880.

Since it began 44 years ago, the Elks National Foundation has distributed well over \$9-million for such philanthropies as scholarships, cerebral palsy, handicapped children, hospitalization, youth leadership and others. None of the principal funds of the Foundation are used, only the money earned through prudent investments.

Upon being asked to help, the Elks sponsored recruiting programs and refresher courses for potential pilot trainees for the Army Air Force in World War Two. The Order was commended by the government for its splendid job.

The Montana Elks Association provides a mobile speech and hearing clinic and professional services, free of charge, to children and adults. They are using full-time professional help.

Be Proud Of Elkdom

Christmas Charities



THE SPIRIT of Christmas is magical. There is happiness, beauty, and charity in the season.

THE ELKS wanted everyone to have a nice Christmas last year, and there were several programs sponsored to provide some of the items that make for a happy holiday—food for the needy, parties for poor and handicapped children, presents for the little ones whose parents couldn't afford such luxuries, and outings to movies for children who have perhaps never been to a theater. It was all in the spirit of giving, but then, charity is a foundation of Elkdom.

FROM THE REPORTS to the GL Lodge Activities Chairman's office, a total of 798 lodges spent \$600,000 to help others during the 1971 Christmas season. Some 285,000 children and adults were treated to

a happier Christmas, thanks to the Elks.

BROTHER OMER C. MACY, Chairman of the GL Lodge Activities Committee has asked that every lodge have some kind of a Christmas charities program in order to help many have a meaningful Christmas and then submit a report to his committee. This report form will be mailed to each Exalted Ruler soon after the first of the year. In addition to the report, pictures (8 x 10 glossy) showing as much as possible of the program itself should be included. Some of these pictures will be used in the Elks Magazine for their 1973 Christmas display.

SEND THE PICTURES along with the report to Omer C. Macy, Chairman, GL Lodge Activities Committee, 47 Elm Ridge, Mattoon, Illinois 61938, not later than February 15, 1973.

A profile of 1971 Christmas charities.



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call. Winston Churchill was born at the Duke of Marlborough's Blenheim Palace. There are castles in Scotland participating in Open View, too.

HOTELS

A reader in New Hampshire wants the names of inexpensive hotels in London and Lisbon. There are dozens, of course, but I like the Westland in London at 154 Bayswater Road. Looks off on Hyde Park. I stayed there the first time in 1951. It's not as nifty as Claridge's or the Hilton—but you won't go into shock when you see the bill at check-out time. In Lisbon try the Principe Real on Rua da Alegria, 53 Lisbon. The proprietor is Jose Louzada de Rezende.

MEDICAL

Vacation planners want to know where to write for a directory listing names of English-speaking doctors overseas. Drop a line to Intermedic, 777 Third Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017. There's a charge for membership. Write first. Send money later. There are several of these organizations, but this one seems to lead the popularity poll.

LUGGAGE

If your suitcase ends up like a crushed paper bag on a flight, don't run home and brood. Go to the airline counter, fill out a form and explain the details. The airlines will pay the repair bills. You fix it or they fix it. Either way, it costs you nothing. Be

sure, though, to make your claim before leaving the airport. The luggage makers themselves aren't responsible for damage due to mishandling by the airlines. Sometimes I think those airline luggage handlers play a game. It's called "Bury the cosmetic bag under the steamer trunk."

VOLTAGE CONVERTER

Don't blow a fuse over travel. A company in Los Angeles is ready to keep your trip from getting short-circuited. While 90% of the world operates on 220 volts, the United States is plugged in on 110 volts. That means your electric razor, hair dryer, etc., will go haywire practically everywhere but the United States, Canada, Central America, Japan, Colombia, Venezuela and Brazil. Mario Aceituno's Pacific-King Co. has transformers guaranteed to keep your electrical gadgets humming wherever you are. He also stocks brand new products already wired for 220. This includes everything from washing machines to toothbrushes, toasters, and air-conditioners.

Some electrical products come equipped with dual switches for both 110 and 220 volts: curlers, irons, shavers, coffee makers. Even an "immersion heater" you can use for heating instant coffee. Besides this, Pacific-King packs and ships everything from small gifts to an entire houseful of furniture. (It goes along with you as air cargo—cheaper than overweight charges for "accompanying" property.) The company also sells disposable suitcases (price is \$2.95). Just toss the suitcase away after you arrive overseas. Great for anyone moving to a foreign country. Write to Pacific-King, 1215 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 90017.

CURRENCY CONVERTER

The Parker Pen people have come up with a brand new gadget to help you translate dollars into francs, lire, etc. It's a ballpoint pen with a window showing exchange rates for four different countries. Each flip of the cap button turns the barrel to a new country. One pen gives the currencies of Britain, France, Germany and Italy. There are others for Latin America and the Pacific. Cost: \$2.95 each. You can always write postcards after you've memorized the currency rates: "Having a wonderful time—send more money."

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NEWS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS

GER FRANCIS M. SMITH was a special guest at the 64th annual West Virginia Elks Association convention at Morgantown. He received a key to the city from Mayor J. Thearle Jamison and was welcomed to the state by Gov. Arch Moore Jr.

PER Frank P. Corbin, 96, received a special citation from outgoing SP D. W. Gregory. He is one of the oldest living PERs in the Order.

Important business decisions made during the meeting included setting up a committee to work on the drug abuse program, selecting an outstanding citizen of the state, and increasing the per capita dues from the lodges to the state association.

The new state officers will be led by SP William Rosen, Williamson. His fellow officers include VP Donald Stokes, Sistersville; VP Grover Smith, Mannington; VP H. E. Curry, Huntington; Secy. Garnett W. Shipley, Martinsburg; Treas. Ralph C. Adams, Huntington, and Trustee Douglas Gregory, Martinsburg.

The 1973 convention will be held at Huntington August 9-11.

ELY LODGE hosted 300 delegates and guests for the 48th annual Nevada State Elks Association convention. PGERs E. Gene Fournace, Horace R. Wisely,

and R. Leonard Bush, and California-Hawaii SP C. Wallace Ericson attended with representatives from all 14 lodges.

The budget for the state major project—speech therapy programs—was announced as \$17,390.50 to be spent during the coming year in conjunction with the Nevada State Easter Seal Society.

Reno Lodge placed first in the ritualistic contest with Las Vegas Lodge second. The Memorial Service included a eulogy by PSP Earl Nygren of Fallon Lodge.

The new officers include SP J. Gordon Hoopes, Las Vegas; VP Jack Bailey, Hawthorne; VP Art M. Olson, Ely; Secy. Blair Jolliff, Las Vegas; Treas. Carl Merrill, Boulder City; Trustee Lloyd Drennen, Las Vegas; Trustee John Jutte, Reno; Trustee Ernie Hall, Elko; Chap. Darwin Bible, Henderson; Sgt.-at-Arms Frank Way, Henderson, and Tiler Eugene Hoban, Las Vegas.

The mid-year meeting will be held January 20 at Tonopah, and next year's convention is scheduled for June 14-16 at Reno.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELKS gathered at Woodstock June 2-4 for this year's annual convention. During the meeting the following officers were elected: SP William Pforte, Dover; VP Harry Mul-

len, Derry-Salem; VP Howard Parker, Lebanon; VP Joseph Hebert, Rochester; VP Samanto Quain, Franklin; VP George Sargent, Nashua; Secy. Roger Chantal, Nashua, and Treas. Dana Emery, Littleton.

A public relations committee was set up to help advertise the state youth programs, including Copper Cannon Lodge. PER Joseph Landry of Laconia was appointed chairman.

THE FALL REUNION of the Ohio Elks Association included a visit by GER Francis M. Smith, PGER E. Gene Fournace, Grand Secy. Homer Huhn Jr., National Foundation Director Nelson E. W. Stuart, and a number of Grand Lodge committeemen.

State Chm. Harry Scholtz, Willoughby, presented the first-place community service award to Warren Lodge, which also took first place in the state for its youth activities program. The Northeast (North) District won the PGER Edward J. McCormick membership trophy, while Parma Lodge received dual honors for the most members gained and the highest percentage of new members. Four National Foundation emergency scholarship grants totaling \$2,800 were announced.

The annual convention was set for May 3-6 at Dayton.



Brother Frank Corbin (center), 96, was honored at the West Virginia Elks Association convention. PSP D. W. Gregory (left) read the citation, noting that Brother Corbin is one of the oldest living PERs in the Order. Sgt.-at-Arms Hubert Curry accompanied him.



Members of Morgantown Lodge met to discuss final plans for the West Virginia Elks convention. Organizers included (from left) Brother Rex Hartley, ER Robert Buck, Secy. Perry Sapp, Co-chm. W. C. DeWeese, Brother Rex Wolfe, and Co-chm. John Lavery.



Distinguished guests attending the Nevada State Elks Association convention at Ely included (from left) Mrs. Tom Johnson, PGER E. Gene Fournace, PSP Johnson, and Mrs. Fournace.

SportsAction (Continued from page 10)

leagues had played one another for years in a "Super Bowl of Sorts"—dominated by the NFL.

Until one day.

Then the fledgling New York Jets and cocky young quarterback Joe Namath beat the best team the NFL could muster, and that was a signal for a merger. Within the year, plans were completed. It was the best thing that could've happened to pro football.

Now, in order to resolve the problems within professional baseball, hockey, basketball, and all the other major league sports, the courts need to take a long, hard look at players' contracts. If they strip away the option clause, allow for the formation of unions, establish uniform scales of pay and fair advancement and controlled bonuses, there'll be real competition between players, teams, leagues. If

they don't the American sportsman—and the fan—is destined for a long, hard fall.

Let's be honest. Sports is big business, no matter how you look at it. If it's to succeed at all, it must succeed under the same guidelines as big business. Then, with the senseless rules and ridiculous exemptions stripped away, we'll see once again some real competition in America. For once and for all. And, after all, isn't that what sports is all about. ■

The Gift of the Magi (Continued from page 12)

lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It'll grow out again—you won't mind, will you? I just had to do it. My hair grows awfully fast. Say 'Merry Christmas!' Jim, and let's be happy. You don't know what a nice—what a beautiful, nice gift I've got for you."

"You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim, laboriously, as if he had not arrived at that patent fact yet even after the hardest mental labor.

"Cut it off and sold it," said Della. "Don't you like me just as well, anyhow? I'm me without my hair, ain't I?"

Jim looked about the room curiously. "You say your hair is gone?" he said, with an air almost of idiocy.

"You needn't look for it," said Della. "It's sold, I tell you—sold and gone, too. It's Christmas Eve, boy. Be good to me, for it went for you. Maybe the hairs of my head were numbered," she went on with a sudden serious sweetness, "but nobody could ever count my love for you. Shall I put the chops on, Jim?"

Out of his trance Jim seemed quickly

to wake. He enfolded his Della. For ten seconds let us regard with discreet scrutiny some inconsequential object in the other direction. Eight dollars a week or a million a year—what is the difference? A mathematician or a wit would give you the wrong answer. The magi brought valuable gifts, but that was not among them. This dark assertion will be illuminated later on.

Jim drew a package from his overcoat pocket and threw it upon the table.

"Don't make any mistake, Dell," he said, "about me. I don't think there's anything in the way of a haircut or a shave or a shampoo that could make me like my girl any less. But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while at first."

White fingers and nimble tore at the string and paper. And then an ecstatic scream of joy; and then, alas! a quick feminine change to hysterical tears and wails, necessitating the immediate employment of all the comforting powers of the lord of the flat.

For there lay The Combs—the set of combs, side and back, that Della had worshipped for long in a Broadway window. Beautiful combs, pure tortoise shell, with jewelled rims—just the shade to wear in the beautiful vanished hair. They were expensive combs, she knew, and her heart had simply craved and yearned over them without the least hope of possession. And now, they were hers, but the tresses that should have adorned the coveted adornments were gone.

But she hugged them to her bosom, and at length she was able to look up with dim eyes and a smile and say: "My hair grows so fast, Jim!"

And then Della leaped up like a little singed cat and cried, "Oh, oh!"

Jim had not seen his beautiful present. She held it out to him eagerly upon her open palm. The dull precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her bright and ardent spirit.

"Isn't it a dandy, Jim? I hunted all over town to find it. You'll have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. I want to see how it looks on it."

Instead of obeying, Jim tumbled down on the couch and put his hands under the back of his head and smiled.

"Dell," said he, "let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em a while. They're too nice to use just at present. I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs. And now suppose you put the chops on."

The magi, as you know, were wise men—wonderfully wise men—who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi. ■

Elk of the Year

TO: All Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers

In every Elks Lodge there is at least one outstanding member who deserves to be elected as the "Elk of the Year."

The rules are quite simple. Appoint a committee capable of evaluating fairly the performance of each candidate for this award. Establish a deadline of February 28, 1973 and notify Grand Secy. Homer Huhn Jr., 2750 Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60614 of your decision and request that he send you a certificate signed by GER Francis M. Smith designating the winner.

Arrange a special meeting or ceremony for the presentation of

this citation. A special initiation could be planned to be known as the "Elk of the Year" class to honor the winner. Local news media, State Association and Lodge Bulletin editors should be furnished with news releases and photographs of this event.

Remember—any member not a current officer who has made an outstanding contribution to the progress of his lodge is eligible. Make your lodge one which shows its appreciation for the loyalty and efforts of its members by recognizing the "Elk of the Year."

Paul J. Manship, Member
GL Lodge Activities Committee
Do not send any Elk of the Year material to the Magazine.

LODGE VISITS

GRAND EXALTED RULER Francis M. Smith



GER Smith met with a number of Rhode Island Elks for lunch at Westerly Lodge recently. Joining him were (first row, from left) Grand Trustee W. Edward Wilson; ER Thomas Lombardo; SP Howard Surber, and (second row) DDGER Antonio Cabral; Past Grand Tiler Fred Quattromani; GL Auditing Committeeman Clifton Higham, and DDGER Francis Day.



During his visit to Palmer, Alaska, Lodge GER Smith was escorted on a tour of the Mantunuska Valley experimental station by (from left) PGER Raymond C. Dobson; GL Americanism Committeeman Louis Odsather, Anchorage, and SP Phil R. Holdsworth, Juneau.



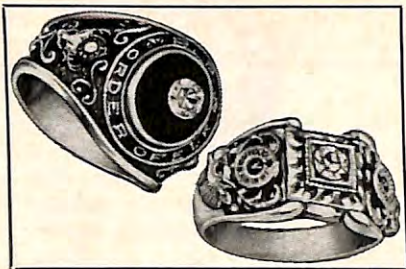
PGER Raymond C. Dobson (left) and two crew members helped GER Francis Smith board a helicopter after his visit at Kodiak, Alaska, Lodge.



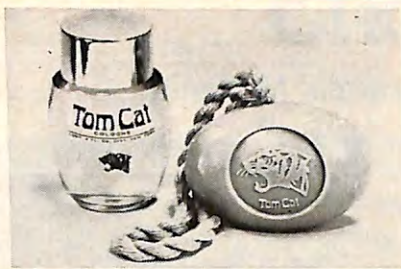
A group of distinguished guests attended the fall reunion of the Ohio Elks Association at Columbus. They included (from left) Grand Secy. Homer Huhn Jr.; VP and Mrs. F. H. Niswonger; SP and Mrs. L. L. McBee; GER and Mrs. Francis Smith, and PGER and Mrs. E. Gene Fournace.



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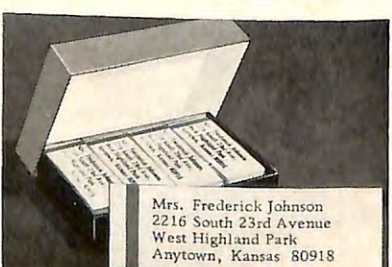
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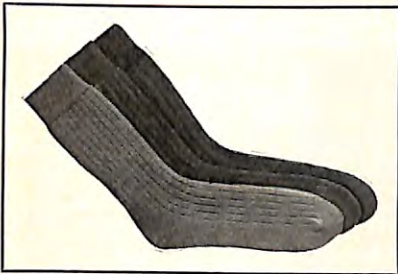
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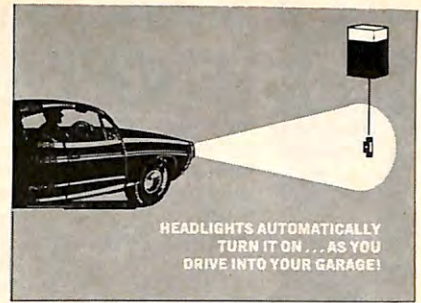
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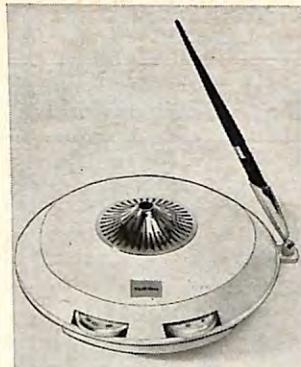
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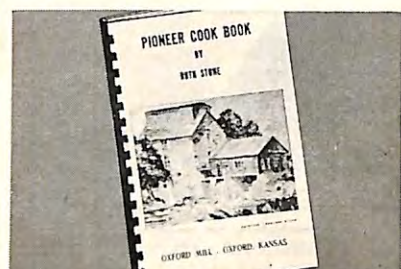
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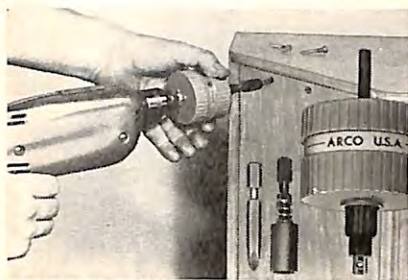


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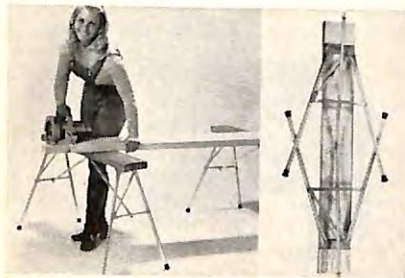
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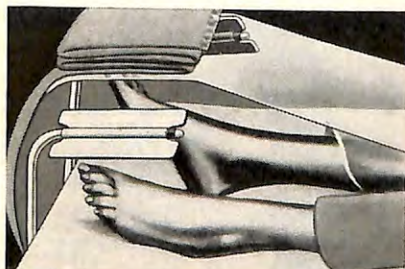
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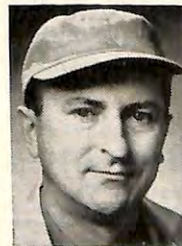
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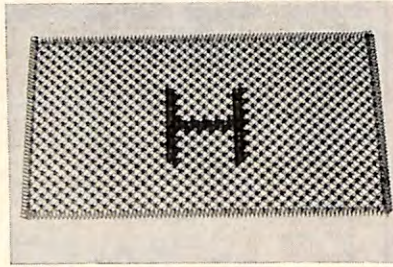
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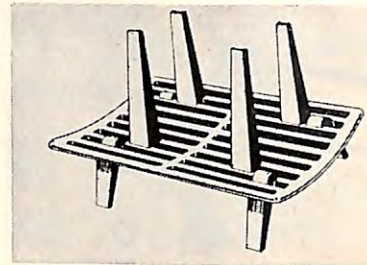
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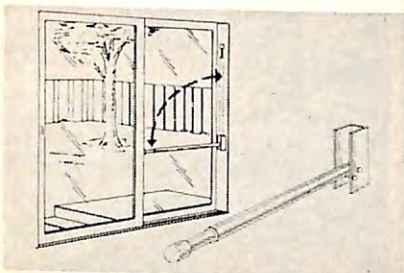
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from experts. The background on the salmon article in The Elks Magazine was provided by Allan Pearce, who has only recently completed a study on salmon.

Mr. Pearce is currently heading a study on the drought in the Southwest. He is also involved in a study on desert bighorn sheep and is working on revolutionary water concepts.

Regrettably, his files on salmon and the Corps of Army Engineer projects are at his home in Oregon, and he is currently working in the Southwest.

However, he was able to answer your

questions, but was unable to provide the specific details you request. He suggests that you might find these by reading past editions of darn near any major newspaper in the northwest. He says his files are filled with such articles.

To answer your first question, Pearce refers you to Hells Canyon. The dams there were built without fish ladders. Elevators were later installed, but didn't work and are now abandoned.

To answer question number 2, Pearce clipped an article from the Los Angeles Times that appeared, coincidentally, the same day I showed him your letter.

To your third question, he said, "Awh,

hell, check any dam in the country."

I followed this advice and got the following figures from Hoover Dam.

Lake Mead is currently losing more than one-million acre feet of water annually through evaporation, leaving behind nearly 600 million pounds of salinity. Beneath all this, the dam is being filled by more than 137,000 acre feet of silt yearly. If the Glen Canyon Dam had not been constructed to stop a large percentage of the silt carried by the upper Colorado River, Lake Mead would have been a mud flat in a few more years. The Glen Canyon Dam extended its life from 20 to 30 years. T.C.

Potpourri (Continued from page 26)

are 16 campsites altogether. You move from camp to camp. They have showers, electricity, telephones and swimming pools. The camps range from Jerusalem to Jericho and from Eilat to the Golan Heights. You explore archaeological sites at Masada and Caesarea, scuba dive at Eilat and swim in the Mediterranean. Tours can be booked through a travel agent. El Al Israel Airlines put the plan together.

LIVING LIKE A KING

At Versailles the other day I was introduced to one of France's finest hotels, the Trianon Palace. At the Trianon even the commoner feels like a king. The hotel rises near those private palaces the old French kings built for their mistresses. Rules of the Treaty of Versailles ending World War I were drawn up in the dining room where I had lunch with Jean-Pierre Marcus, the director general. It's one of those rooms with crisp linen, crystal, fresh flowers and chandeliers. Both lunch and dinner will cost you \$8 plus 15% tax.

Built in 1910, the Trianon Palace has known the footsteps of dozens of famous visitors: President Eisenhower while he served at SHAPE, Queen Elizabeth, French automobile manufacturer Andre Citroen, billionaire Paul Getty, the Rockefellers, Lady Ducker, Barbara Hutton, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Egypt's Fouad, Marlene Dietrich and Cary Grant. For such a spiffy hotel it's remarkably inexpensive. Singles start at \$21, doubles at \$27. Windows overlook the park of Versailles. You're just 12 miles from the heart of Paris, but the city seems a lifetime away. Just behind the hotel Madame Pompadour built the Petite Trianon. Later Louis XV handed it over to Madame du Barry, another of his mistresses. He was a busy king. Earlier King Louis XIV paddled a canoe along a canal to seek out the charms of Madame Montespan (she had a nasty habit of poisoning her enemies). Each room at the Trianon Palace contains a mini-bar. Write your

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AN INN SOUTH OF PARIS

Near Fontainebleau I found a gem of an inn in the village of Barbizon. It's called the Bas-Breau, about 20 miles south of Paris. Chestnut trees outside, flowers inside. Vegetables fresh from the gardens are served in the dining room. It rates a star by Michelin for its heavenly meals. The old inn with its 30 rooms rests in the center of gardens in a corner of the forest of Fontainebleau: four-poster beds, ornamental lamps. None of this comes cheap. The least expensive single is priced at \$30 a day. A double comes to \$50. The sign outside says Stevenson's House. It means Robert Louis Stevenson stopped here on a tour of the continent. Guests are greeted by a doorman in top hat. Napoleon III with his mistress once stopped at the old inn. It's been operating since 1820. Each room is different. Fresh flowers are delivered daily to guest rooms as well as the restaurant. It also has one of those snug bars with a fireplace like you long for on a rainy day. Windows look out on the courtyard. If you can't feel romantic here you'd better see your doctor. Besides Stevenson, the village of Barbizon was the home of dozens of French painters. Among them—Corot, Rousseau, Millet, Charles Jacques, Decamps, Paul Huet, and many others. Earlier the forests of Barbizon were wild with wolves. Now you may ride horseback or take a horsecart into the forest.

FOR PARIS ROMANTICS

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points you win. You say, "Hey, babe, watch me turn on the Arc de Triomphe." Then it happens. Suddenly in all that darkness there it is bathed in light. You're a hero. There are dozens of other monuments, boulevards and fountains on the list. You can ignite Place de la Concorde for \$15. Sacre Coeur or Notre Dame for \$10. Place Vendome is a bargain for only \$5. Drop a line to Nicole Garnier at the French Government Tourist Office, 8 Ave. de L'Opera, Paris. She'll give you all the dope.

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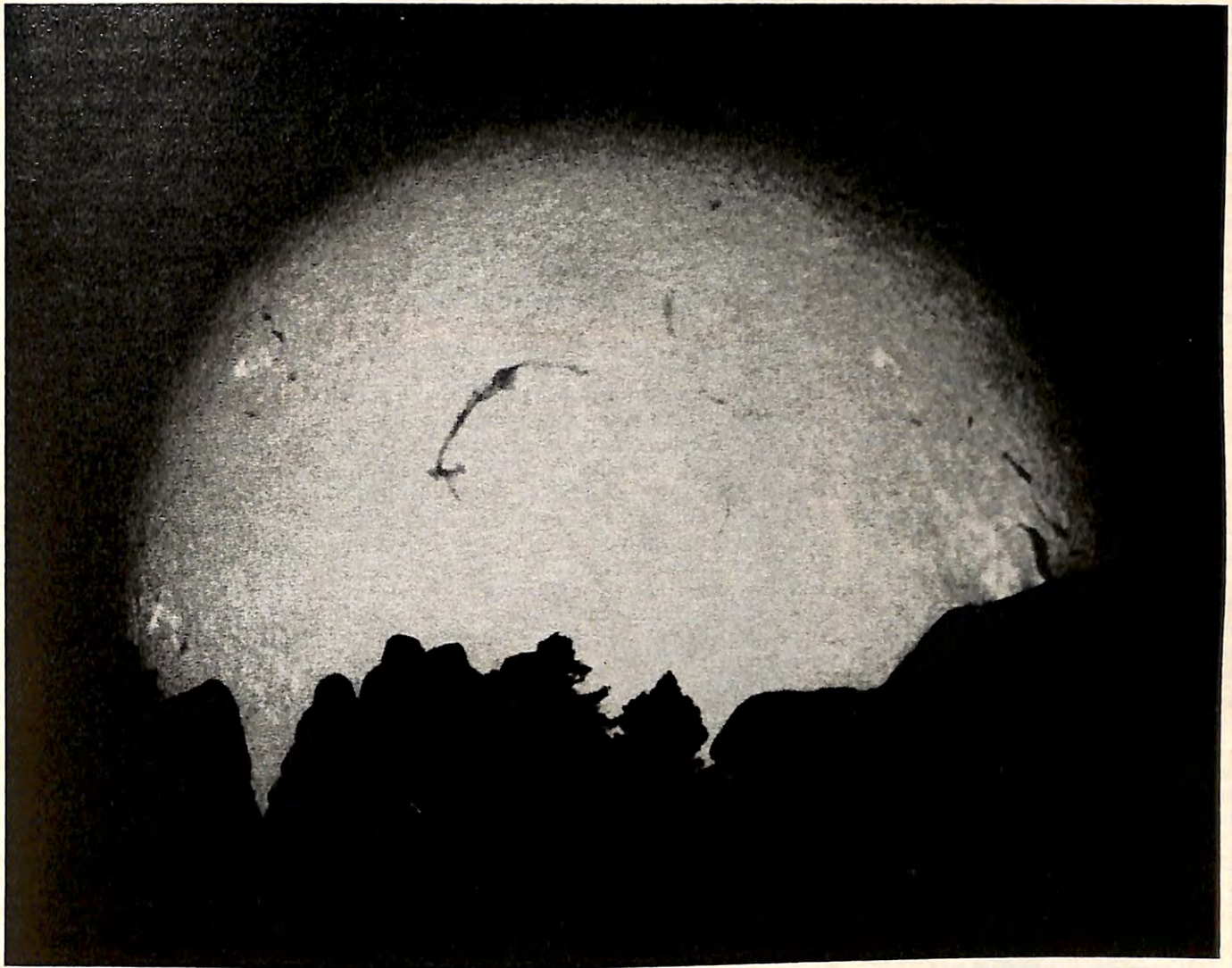
I've a favorite new restaurant in Paris called El Maravedi at 64 Rue de la Montagne Sainte-Genevieve. Small and romantic. Just behind the Pantheon. Dinner for four of us came to \$20, wine and tip included. It's one of those places the French keep to themselves. Few tourists go there, simply because they don't know it exists. It occupies an old cobbler shop. A two-stool bar, candles and wine together with classical melodies. The French love the place. Sometimes you must wait for an hour or more for a table. Call for reservations: DAN 07-42.

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EVELYN BONEY

The Elks Magazine notes with regret the death on October 8 of Mrs. Evelyn Boney, wife of PGER Robert E. Boney. Private services for Mrs. Boney were held on Wednesday, October 11.



A threat to men and machines in space, an awesome sight, the fury of the sun poses grave hazards to the earth.

BY B. E. TAYLOR

storm on the sun

DID YOU ever hear a forecast about a storm on the Sun? What would you do if you did?

For most of us basking in the Sun or working in our summertime gardens, the hazards of a sunstorm seem quite remote. But for others—people on trans-polar flights, scientists gathering information from a delicate satellite, astronauts in space, and people in charge of keeping electric power flowing steadily through the miles and miles of transmission lines—an impending solar storm can mean quick, emergency action.

A storm on the Sun can have sweeping effects on the Earth. It can trigger an electric power brownout in cities dependent on massive, interlocked long-distance power transmissions. It can totally black out radio communications

in the polar regions for days. It is a threat to men and machines in space. Just like medical X-rays fog film so can radiation from a solar storm ruin unprotected photographic film aboard expensive, scientific spacecraft in orbit high above the protective blanket of our atmosphere.

Even if you're not directly affected by a solar storm, you may see the final show—aurora borealis. As the aurora, or Northern Lights, brightens the nighttime sky and turns it into a fireworks display of color, a two-day-old Sun storm is drawing an end to its earthly effects.

We still have a lot to learn about the Sun and its influences on Earth. Because the Sun gives light and heat as it dominates the daytime sky, ancient men almost always worshipped

the Sun. The Egyptians called it Re, the Sumerians called him Utu, the Indians, Garuda, and the Japanese made the Sun a goddess, Amaterasu.

In these ancient religions, the Sun was often the beginning of all earthly power. Egyptian rulers were said to be descended from Re. Japanese mythology taught that the first member of the Imperial family was the grandson of Amaterasu, and the Chinese sky god, T'ien, the greatest diety in ancient China, provided the energy for the entire world. All these personifications of the Sun were based on its daily outpouring of heat and light.

But heat and light are not the only energy or radiation produced by the Sun. Everything modern scientists know about the Sun has been discovered by studying solar radiation.

Working with only the visible light or radiation from the Sun, early astronomers decided correctly that it is a rotating ball of burning gas made up almost completely (99%) of hydrogen and helium. As studies of visible light continued, oxygen, nitrogen, carbon and most of the other elements found on Earth were also found on the fiery Sun.

Twentieth century astronomers are not confined to studying visible light and measureable heat radiation from the Sun. They can study many other

radiations such as: ultra-violet, the radiation that gives us a nice sun tan; radio noise, a sort of cosmic static; and the streams of high-energy radiation from stormy solar flares that cause the Northern Lights. You cannot see a solar flare, but through a specially equipped solar telescope, it shows up as an intense white area on the Sun.

Solar flares are much like explosions on the Sun's surface. Since the Sun is a giant hydrogen furnace that is always burning, its surface could always be described as "stormy." Solar gases move about in the solar atmosphere just as air circulates and moves about above the Earth. But, since the Sun is much, much hotter, there is one big difference—the Sun's atmosphere circulates much, much faster than ours. Velocities of 90 miles a second, or 324,000 miles per hour, are not uncommon in the solar atmosphere. Here on earth any wind greater than 75 miles an hour is a hurricane. So, an ordinary atmospheric motion on the Sun could be said to be like 4,320 hurricanes blowing together.

What could be more "stormy" than this? A solar "storm" that does not stay in the Sun's atmosphere but reaches out into space to envelop the Earth some 93 million miles away is called a solar flare and qualifies, for those of us on Earth, as a solar storm. These

flares or eruptions on the Sun cause a blast wave that roars across the solar surface and moves outward into space.

As the bursting cloud of solar gases leaves the Sun, it rains a great deal of material back toward the surface. However, a great deal of invisible radiation and tiny solar particles also escapes into space forming what scientists call a plamma cloud. This cloud expands as it travels through space and envelops all the planets in its path.

Scientists are not sure what causes such flares but they have some theories. The Sun has a magnetic field with north and south poles just as the Earth does. The huge ball of the Sun, 864,000 miles across, rotates about its burning axis. Since the Sun is a gaseous ball, it does not move in the same way that the solid Earth does. The Sun's equator rotates faster than its poles. The bulging midsection, or equator, of the Sun makes one complete rotation every 25 days, but because of the Earth's own changing location as it moves around the Sun, we see the same face of the Sun only once every 27 days.

On the Earth, the imaginary lines that represent magnetic lines of force flow around the surface and out into space from pole to pole in smooth, equally separated lines. On the Sun, a different thing happens to these lines of force because the poles spin faster than the solar equator. The magnetic lines of force begin to warp and twist on the Sun's surface. Sometimes, one of the lines of force will actually kink about itself and create a region of very strong magnetic field that holds the hot solar gases very rigidly. These rigid areas, actually islands of calm on the stormy Sun, cool down, darken and become what astronomers call sunspots. Sunspots often occur in groups or clusters and can be seen from Earth. In fact, these dark blotches on the Sun's disc were noticed by Chinese astronomers in 28 B.C. They explained them as the shadows of flying birds. Modern astronomers believe the spots are really intense magnetic fields which harness the solar gases. The smallest spots are only a few hundred miles wide and the largest can easily be seen by the naked eye.

"Pressure" builds up in the trapped gases and they finally break out of the sunspot's magnetic harness in a huge eruption that pours solar energy and material out into space. This energetic, ionizing radiation can damage men or equipment in its path. Thus, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is vitally interested in both forecasts and warnings of solar flares. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New York Central District Elks presented a pool table to the VA hospital in Syracuse. Taking part in the presentation were (from left) PDD Robert Sprague, Utica; Director Milton Michaels; PDD James Hanlon, Fulton; PDD Charles Barnes, Little Falls; District Vets Chm. Kenneth Sheridan, Fulton; Lois Sprague, and L. Barnes.



An interest free loan fund for veterans was established at Spokane and Spokane Falls Community Colleges by Spokane, Wash., Lodge. The fund enables vets to attend school between the time they apply for veteran's benefits and the time they are received. Originators of the fund are ER Lee Bowden (left) and financial aid officer Robert LaLonde, a lodge member.



The Elks of Agana, Guam, Lodge provided transportation for a disabled veteran who wanted to travel from Guam to San Diego. Pedro San Nicolas (in wheelchair), after waiting for five days for an opening with the Military Air Transport Service, contacted Vets Chm. John Webster (left), who purchased a ticket on a commercial airline for him and made sure he boarded the plane safely.

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Storm on the Sun (Continued from page 40)

(NOAA) operates a worldwide solar observing network, (fig. 5) issues forecasts of flare probabilities and telegraph warnings of actual flares, their intensity and direction.

These warnings go out as soon as a flare is seen by one of the radio or optical telescopes at an observing station because, despite the fact that the Sun is 93 million miles away, some of the higher energy particles travel at the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, and can arrive near Earth in eight short minutes. Depending on the direction of the flare, high energy protons start arriving anywhere from the eight-minute minimum to 20 minutes. Lower energy particles then straggle in and the bulk arrive in 40 hours. Sometimes, too, the flare particles spew off into space in a direction that totally misses the Earth.

Fortunately, those of us on Earth are protected from these radiations by two things—the blanket of our atmosphere and the Earth's magnetic field. You can understand how much radiation our atmosphere filters out when you try to look at the noontime Sun overhead. You cannot do it. It is too bright. Yet you can easily look at the setting Sun at night. Why? Because its light and radiation must travel through much more atmosphere than the noontime Sun and enough of it is filtered out that it no longer hurts your eyes to look at the Sun.

Our second guardpost against solar radiation, the Earth's magnetic field, girdles the Earth in giant loops reaching from the north and south poles as far as 60,000 miles out into space towards the Sun. This is actually a magnetic fence. Most of the solar particles thrown into space by solar flares are electrically charged. They are the remnants of hydrogen atoms on the Sun—positively charged protons and negatively charged electrons.

When the solar stream encounters the magnetic field of the Earth, the charged particles are deflected from their headlong dash through space. Solar particles which are electrically charged are trapped by the Earth's magnetic field and start to orbit around the invisible magnetic field lines of the Earth. Eventually they will slow down in this orbit and begin to spiral in toward the magnetic poles of the Earth itself.

All this extra energy warps the geomagnetic field and can have noticeable effects on modern civilization. An extra-high energy particle finding its way toward an electric power transmission system can cause a surge of power that will trigger a circuit breaker in one substation. The other substations are

then near overload and, if another substation goes down, a widespread brown-out of power begins. If the electric power companies are warned of impending solar interference, they can be prepared to close the circuit breaker immediately without having to make a lengthy check for a more compelling earthbound problem in their system.

Millions of charged solar particles swirling about in our atmosphere can create obvious problems with electromagnetic radio transmissions. These communications problems are most marked over the polar regions of the Earth where the bulk of the solar particles find their way into the atmosphere.

As the solar particles start their descent into our atmosphere, they have easy going through the rarified upper atmosphere. About 250 miles above the Earth, they enter denser atmosphere—a region of more closely spaced atoms and molecules. Here, some 30 hours after the solar flare, is where the Northern Lights begin.

When high-energy particles collide with atoms or molecules of our atmosphere, they knock an electron or two loose. This turns the original atmospheric molecule into an ion which has an electrical charge. Because of the collision, the ion has a great deal of extra energy which scientists call "excitation energy." The excited ions must get rid of their extra energy and they do this by turning it into light.

Different ions emit different colors. The usual greenish shade in aurora comes from oxygen atoms, although an oxygen atom hit extra hard will glow red. Nitrogen, the most abundant molecule in the atmosphere, produces a

deep red glow when it has been hit and excited.

One of the most common aurora is a circular belt of light stretched over the northern sky. Some of these arcs may only glow faintly like an incandescent rainbow, while other aurora may produce bright patterns of light that shift slowly as if a giant fire were burning at the top of the world. The whole vivid light display lasts from five to ten hours.

If you live in a city, you must go north of the city lights to get a good look at the aurora. You should know when one is due because the newspapers report major solar flares.

Usually aurora will start the night after a big solar flare. Obviously, the best views will be from the northern states, but aurora can be visible from the south. In fact, even people who live near the equator have seen aurora on rare occasions.

And, don't forget there are two poles. People in South America, Australia and New Zealand see aurora too. There the lights are in the southern sky. These "Southern Lights," called aurora australis, are caused by particles drawn in toward the south magnetic pole of the Earth.

If you want to take pictures of the aurora, you'll need a camera with a fast lens. Use it wide open on a tripod for the best results. Color pictures take about 30 seconds, but black and white film needs only a few second exposure to get an impressive auroral portrait. Aurora can vary a great deal in brightness. Sometimes only a faint glow will appear on the northern horizon and other times the aurora will light half the sky. So, if the aurora seems faint, leave the lens open a little longer. Happy aurora hunting! ■

Obituaries



PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY George Carver, who belonged to Live Oak, Fla., Lodge, died recently.

As State President from 1956-1957, Brother Carver also was administrator of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital at Eustis, a major project of the association. He became a member of the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee in 1966 and served as chairman from 1968-1969.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Ernest C. Simpson, a member of Waterville, Maine, Lodge, died recently.

The Exalted Ruler of his lodge from

1935-1936, he was named District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1938-1939. Brother Simpson also served as State President for Maine.

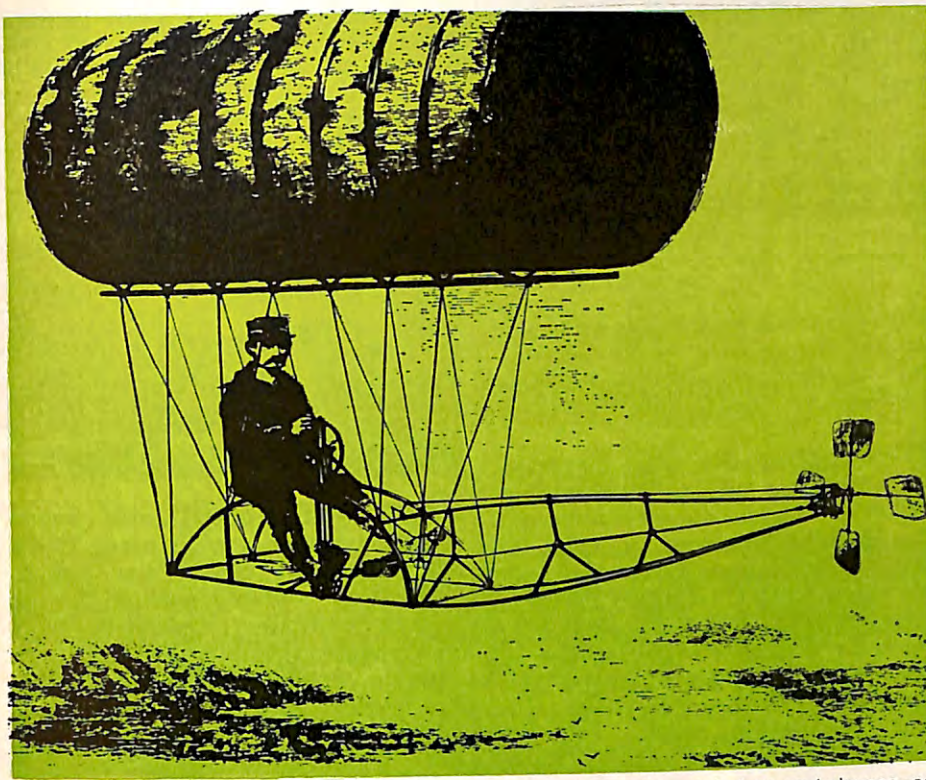
PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY John C. Linczer, an honorary life member of Honolulu, Hawaii, Lodge, died August 24, 1972.

He served two terms as Exalted Ruler of his lodge from 1945-1947 and then was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the territory of Hawaii in 1947-1948.

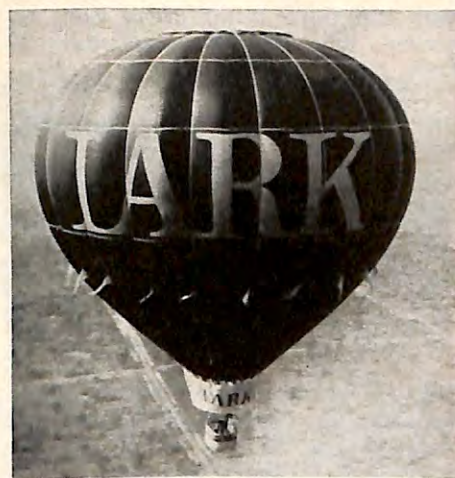
PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Andrew R. McBride, a Williston, N. D., Lodge member, passed away October 5, 1972.

In his lodge, Brother McBride served as Trustee and as the Exalted Ruler. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1968-1969 for the state's West District.

Hot Air Affair



Balloon development led to many experimental sizes and shapes, as demonstrated by the engraving (above, left) of Professor C. E. Ritchell flying over Hartford, Conn., in 1878. Bob Waligunda, star of the TV special "The Great American Balloon Adventure," is shown inflating his hot air balloon, a 5 to 10 minute job. The Lark cigarette balloon (lower right) is typical of today's models. It pops up over state fairs, festivals, parades, and other events across the country.



What's that, fellow? There's a bag of hot air in your future? Well, don't let it get you down. Twenty-six-year-old Bob Waligunda says there's a "bag" in his, too... and he's ecstatic. If that sounds a bit strange, let's backtrack a moment. Bob's "bag" is ballooning.

"It's the absolute purity of flight," he says, "that intrigues me the most. You have no noise except for the wind. You can hear everything on the ground, dogs yapping, traffic. It's just the balloon and me drifting along that I love."

An unusual way to spend one's time? Not according to the Balloon Federation of America (honest, fellas!). They claim more than a faddish interest in the sport here and abroad and cite statistics from a dozen different balloonist schools throughout the country where hundreds of enthusiasts are earnestly engaged in learning how to ply their skills in the ancient art of aerostatics.

"What good could a balloon be?" a skeptic once asked Ben Franklin as they watched the first manned flight in Europe.

"What good is a newborn baby?" Franklin replied.

Ten years later, in 1793, a Frenchman, six bottles of wine, and a black dog ascended amid cannon fire and flag waving in the first American flight. George Washington and most of Congress gazed on as Jean Pierre Blanchard soared 15 miles to a field near Woodbury, New Jersey, in 46 minutes.

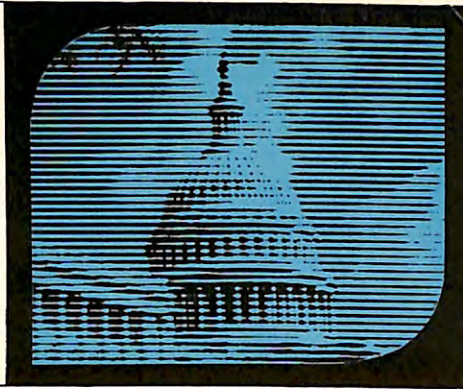
Early balloons were awkward, hot-air affairs. Their open fires of straw, coal, or wood needed constant stoking, and the threat of the fire spreading to the cloth bag hung over them like the plague. Yet the thrill of flight fed the sport, and it continued to grow.

By the early nineteenth century, the popularity of ballooning in Europe was soaring. Each aeronaut rose to the challenge of previous feats. Even the English Channel couldn't dampen balloonists' spirits (though it handled several *balloonists* with ease). Soon after the Channel was crossed and the Alps conquered, English aeronaut Charles Green made an amazing flight from London to Nassau, 480 miles, in 18 hours.

The "Sport of Gods" rapidly replaced sword swallowing and bearded ladies as the major attractions at fairs and expositions, with stunts, aerial acrobatics, and races unfolding for a fee. The games ended, though, as balloons pioneered a new form of warfare during our own Civil War. The Union troops used balloons for observation, forcing the Confederates to waste time, manpower, and resources camouflaging their camps and establishing false bivouacs. Later, during the blockade of Paris, the Parisians successfully undermined the morale of the Prussian troops with aerial maneuvers of their own.

Today, after 100 years of near dormancy, ballooning is finding a resurgence in popularity. Safer (and cheaper) gases have replaced their precursors; and lightweight, reusable bags provide the portability today's aeronaut needs to enjoy his sport. The result? Both individuals and large groups are well in the swing of things. Who was it who said "What goes up must come down"?

AROUND WASHINGTON



AMERICA'S SUBURBS have become the favorite target of robbers. The latest FBI report notes that in 1971 robberies increased in the suburbs 17 percent compared with an 8 percent increase in cities with a population over 250,000. Rural areas were hit harder, too. Robberies increased in them by 11 percent.



BELLY DANCING which is recommended by some for toning up the stomach muscles has quite a following here. Some housewives and office secretaries are so eager to learn it they have enrolled in a course that costs \$100. Their teacher, a belly dancer named Lalin, shows them how she used to do it in Egypt where, she says, she was King Farouk's favorite dancer.

A JAY WALKER who is seen by a policeman as he ignores lights and cuts through traffic at any point in the block to get across the street gets a ticket on the spot here and has to pay a \$5 fine. More than 10,000 jay walkers have been given tickets this year. The stepped up police department drive against them is intended to reduce traffic fatalities.

MORE JUNK of higher quality is given away here than in any other U.S. city, according to the two charity organizations that collect it. This is partly because defeated congressmen and diplomats leaving for new posts often find it more advantageous to make a tax-deductible donation of old clothes, furniture and books rather than pay the cost of moving them. The donations, sold in thrift shops, are used by Good-

will Industries to provide jobs for handicapped workers, and by the Salvation Army to finance Mens' Social Service Centers.

INAUGURATION DAY when the President takes his oath of office in front of the Capitol does not come until next month. But it has posed a problem for the past several weeks for those congressmen and their staffs who normally park in front of the Capitol. They have had to find some place else to park on crowded Capitol Hill as 160 East Front parking spaces were lost when construction began on the inaugural platform and seats for congressmen and other VIP guests.

RARE VIEWS. The earliest known photographic images of the White House and the Capitol were included in a set of six daguerrotypes discovered in a San Francisco flea market. The Library of Congress paid \$12,000 for the set of small silver plates believed taken in 1846 by John Plumbe, Jr., a prominent daguerrotypist of that time.



IMAGINATION. That's what the distillers used in the new drinks they have invented to try to increase sales of cordials and brandies. The "Hobo's Wife," a prepared cocktail offered by Heublein, contains apple liqueur and vodka. The "Ben Hertz," promoted by Schenley Industries, is made of orange juice, white rum, Strega and grenadine. The "Harvey Wallbanger," composed of orange juice, vodka and Galliano liqueur, is advertised by Foremost-McKesson.

MANICURES are a must for the elephants in the National Zoo here. Visitors have grown accustomed to the fascinating sight of an elephant lifting its huge feet one at a time while a trainer works on the nails with a foot-long elephant file full of iron teeth. The big beasts can not walk right unless their nails are manicured regularly. There is no need for this in the jungle where they keep their nails in trim by catching them on underbrush while foraging for food.



SENATE RESTAURANT now serves Louisiana Creole gumbo every Thursday in memory of the late Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana, whose favorite hobby was cooking. The gumbo is made according to the recipe Ellender used when he invited his fellow senators in for a meal in his Capitol hideaway office.

THEATER TICKETS have caught on this year as a popular new idea in Christmas presents. There never have been as many good shows available as in the current season. With the Eisenhower and Opera House in Kennedy Center, the National, Arena Stage, Ford's and the Washington Theater Club all going full blast, it is no longer necessary for Washingtonians to go to New York to see outstanding entertainment.

CHRISTMAS MAIL this month may prove to be an important test for the U.S. Postal Service. Some congressmen are growing dissatisfied with the way the government corporation has performed since it was created. If it falls down on the job in handling the Christmas rush, that may be the last straw. It could lead to an attempt by the critics to take back much of the power Congress gave the Postal Service two years ago.

GERMICIDE BANNED. The FDA has put an almost complete ban on the use of hexachlorophene, a powerful germ killer, in soaps, cosmetics and talcum powder. Products containing it may only be sold now on prescription. The FDA acted after the deaths of 30 to 40 French babies who suffered brain damage after they were dusted with talcum powder containing an overload of hexachlorophene.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

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THE ANNUAL BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME held by Windsor, Conn., Lodge raised over \$700 for the Crippled Children's Fund. After the game, the team visited with youngsters from the Newington Children's Home.



YOUNGSTERS who will be attending Elks Boys Camp for two weeks were treated to a banquet at High Point, N. C., Lodge. The boys and their parents viewed a film on camping and asked questions about camp life. ER Kenneth Carpenter got acquainted with four of the boys who have been selected to make the trip to the camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains.



NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS were awarded to two outstanding students by ER Jack A. Barcelona (left), Chaleroi, Pa., Lodge, and Trustee John Culmer. Receiving the grants were Yvonne Luketich (left) and Janet Knappenberger. Yvonne will continue her education at the University of Pennsylvania, while Janet will enter the university as an education major.



AT A RECENT SPORTS BANQUET Plantation, Fla., Lodge honored its summer basketball league. Trophies were presented to 66 youngsters, and films of the season's highlights were shown. Posing with the junior team were (back row, from left) Emcee Jerry Walley; Rick Miller, head coach; PER Tom Ryan; Vern Rodgers, South Plantation High School coach, and Randy Everly, Broward Community College coach.



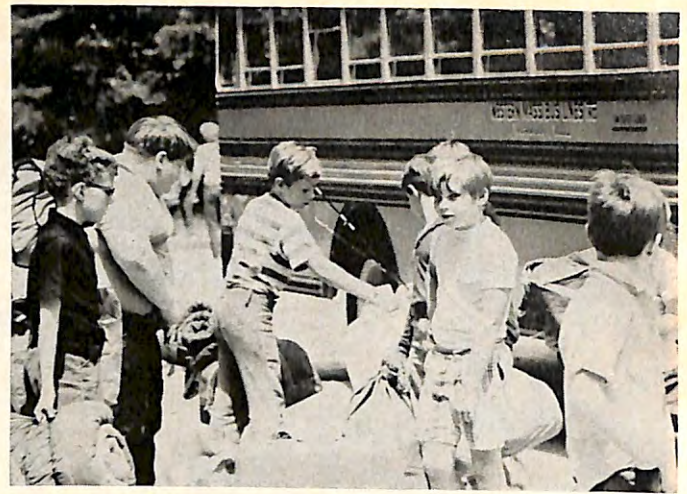
SCHOLARSHIPS WERE PRESENTED to two students by Easton, Md., Lodge. Patricia Ross (left) received her third year scholarship to the State Teacher's College at Towson and Janet Cronshaw (right) accepted her first year scholarship to McQueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing at Easton Memorial Hospital. Attending the presentations were (from left) H. T. Slaughter, committeeman; ER H. Mac Brittingham, and Arthur Higginbottom, committeeman.



SENIOR CITIZENS from the Odd Fellows' Home of Pennsylvania recently enjoyed an outing to the State Police Rodeo. Transportation was provided for the group by Middletown, Pa., Lodge. Assisting with the arrangements were Secy. James L. Harold; Brother James Walls; Esq. Ross E. Seltzer Sr., and Brother LeRoy Wittle.



A FISHING TOURNAMENT was recently sponsored by Pompano Beach, Fla., Lodge. Over 100 contestants enjoyed the outing. Supervising on the pier were (from left) Brother Jack Trainor; Brother Michael Ryan; Brother Eugene Tucker; ER Gilbert N. VanHorn; Est. Loyal Kt. Al Caponi, and PER John P. Bennett.



A GRANT FOR \$500 was donated to the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare by Northampton, Mass., Lodge. The grant generated \$2,000 for the financing of local camp programs. Benefiting from the contribution were 42 local children.



A LARGE CROWD OF ELKS watched Third King take the trophy during the Elks' Day at the Races sponsored by Woodbridge, N. J., Lodge. In the winner's circle were (from left) W. C. Reese, trainer; Irene Reese, owner; Miguel Rivera, jockey; ER and Mrs. Charles Blum; Esq. John Sahr, and PER John Nagy.



BROTHER HAROLD DAILY (left) stood proudly as his two sons Don and Michael were initiated into Dublin, Ga., Lodge by ER Robert L. East (right).

FOURTEEN MEMBERS were initiated at Florham Park, N. J., Lodge in honor of DDGER George Streisguth of Fairfield. ER Leroy Lippmann directed the ceremony.



ER PAUL P. BARRASSO, Wakefield, Mass., Lodge, presented \$100 checks to scholarship committeemen of several high schools. Accepting the donations were (from left) Edythe Dell'Orfano, Wakefield High; Stanley Robinson, Lynnfield High; William Brennan, North Reading High; James Nagle, Reading High; Winthrop McCarthy, Devlin Scholarship Foundation committeeman, and Dr. Thomas Devlin, director of the Devlin Scholarship Foundation of Stoneham.





FORT PIERCE, Florida, Lodge presented \$1,000 to the Harry Anna Crippled Children's Hospital. Est. Lead. Kt. Arthur Frecka (second from left) presented the check to DDGER John Causey at a dinner in his honor. Other lodge members present were (from left) James Oliver, Est. Lect. Kt. John Slaughter, ER Gilbert Pipes, and Esq. Richard Clagett.



THE YOUNGEST EXALTED RULER ever to be elected in a New Jersey lodge is Nicholas Lordo. DDGER D. Paul Davis congratulated newly-elected Brother Lordo after the ceremony at West New York, N.J., Lodge.



THE CORNERSTONE for the new Hillside, N.J., Lodge was laid in ceremonies before some 400 persons. Participating in the program were (from left) Brother Anthony O. Rullis, who donated the stone, PGER William Jernick, ER William Kennedy, and PER Harry Loria, who was chairman of the Cornerstone Laying Committee.



PHOTOGRAPH, a drug rehabilitation center, received \$200 from Toms River, N.J., Lodge. Presenting the check were (from left) ER John T. Larsen and Americanism Chm. Charles Nelson.

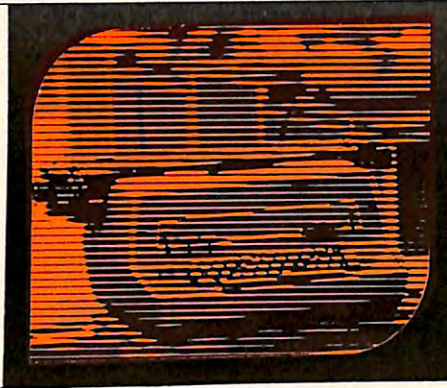


FOUR POLICE CHIEFS from cities in Florida received American flags for their staffs' uniforms from Winter Garden, Fla., Lodge. Americanism Committee District Chm. Norman Williams presented a flag to the police.



PAST EXALTED RULER Ira Gray proudly assisted with the initiation of his son Bruce into Point Pleasant, N.J., Lodge. Others present at the ceremony were (seated, from left), DDGER Paul Paone, Bruce Gray, PER Ira Gray, and (standing) PER Frank Schroeder, ER Raymond Gurley, PDD Walter Whelan, PER Charles Pettit, PDD Diron Avedisian, PER William Bolger, and PER Ronald Gahr.

EDITORIALS



Dynamite Under Our Institution

In searching for some needed material, we ran across a speech by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edwin B. Hay which is just as pertinent today as when he made it in Buffalo, New York, at the 1892 Grand Lodge convention.

Hay referred to the relationship between the club and the lodge and he said, "... The hour has come to analyze the dynamite under our institution, and to discover if in it there is not sufficient force and power to blow us into atoms and entirely destroy our grand structure. The fuse is already lighted and every time a club is organized having direct communication with a lodge of Elks, another match is ignited to increase the certainty of explosion."

Hay then went on to say, "It was never the intention of the founders, with all their ideas of fraternalism, to make the Order of Elks an Order of Clubs, and it is not the intention of their successors to have it so. A lodge of Elks is not a social club. There is both a dif-

ference and a distinction, and if out from the Grand Lodge meeting we send no other sentiment than that, then our coming together will be fully compensated by the knowledge of having done a duty to the future of this Order."

Hay then referred to the bankruptcy of a lodge in a large city and the resulting headlines which reflected shame not only on the lodge but the entire Order. Then he said, "Club ostentation, extravagance and *forgetfulness* was the cause. This is not a blow at goodfellowship and sociability... but it is the appeal from the heart of honest thinking, conservative brothers of the Order to separate forever the club and the Lodge. Make them two different institutions, governed by different officers and different laws. Keep the funds apart. It is our duty now to draw the line..."

Brother Hay served our Order as its Grand Exalted Ruler for three years, 1891 to 93 and 1894-95. It is easy to see why he merited such confidence.

Christmas All Year 'Round

A Christmas gift, no matter how small or inexpensive, is an expression of love or esteem (or both) from the giver. Receiving a gift in return is totally unimportant... the real joy is in giving.

With Elkdom, it's Christmas the year around. Every day of every year, someone is the recipient of a gift from Elks. It may be a young scholarship winner studying to become a doctor, a nurse, an engineer, a teacher or any other profession or occupation. It may be a child receiving treatment at an Elk-supported hospital or clinic, one who is enjoying a stay in a camp, one who has received the blessed gift of good eyesight from glasses provided by Elks, a veteran who is made more comfortable in his hospital bed by an air conditioner provided by Elks, boys and girls who take part in the various Scouting programs sponsored by Elks Lodges, boys who take part in all sorts of sports on teams sponsored by Elks, those who are given dental care, speech and hearing therapy, medical schools which receive funds to carry on research, and so on and on with the

hundreds of things Elks so nobly do for others.

One of the greatest gifts of Elkdom is service to our beloved nation and dedication to its high goals of freedom of thought, word and deed. Thousands of our members serve their community, state and nation in the affairs of government we call politics, many achieving such high plateaus as presidents, senators, representatives, governors, mayors, aldermen and so on... all servants of the people.

Elks give to the needy and to those who merit our benevolences. We care not what race, religion, national origin, sex, age or anything else the recipient is... all we use as our guide is need and merit.

So, as we said earlier, with Elkdom it's Christmas the year around. But especially during this holy holiday, we send to each of you and yours our warmest best wishes for

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2 pounds sugar	1 pint Cognac
1 quart Old Crow	1½ pints milk
	¾ pints heavy cream

Beat egg yolks. Then beat in the sugar. Slowly stir in the rum and Old Crow. Next, stir in the cream, the milk and the Cognac. Fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Sprinkle with Nutmeg. And, Merry Christmas!

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