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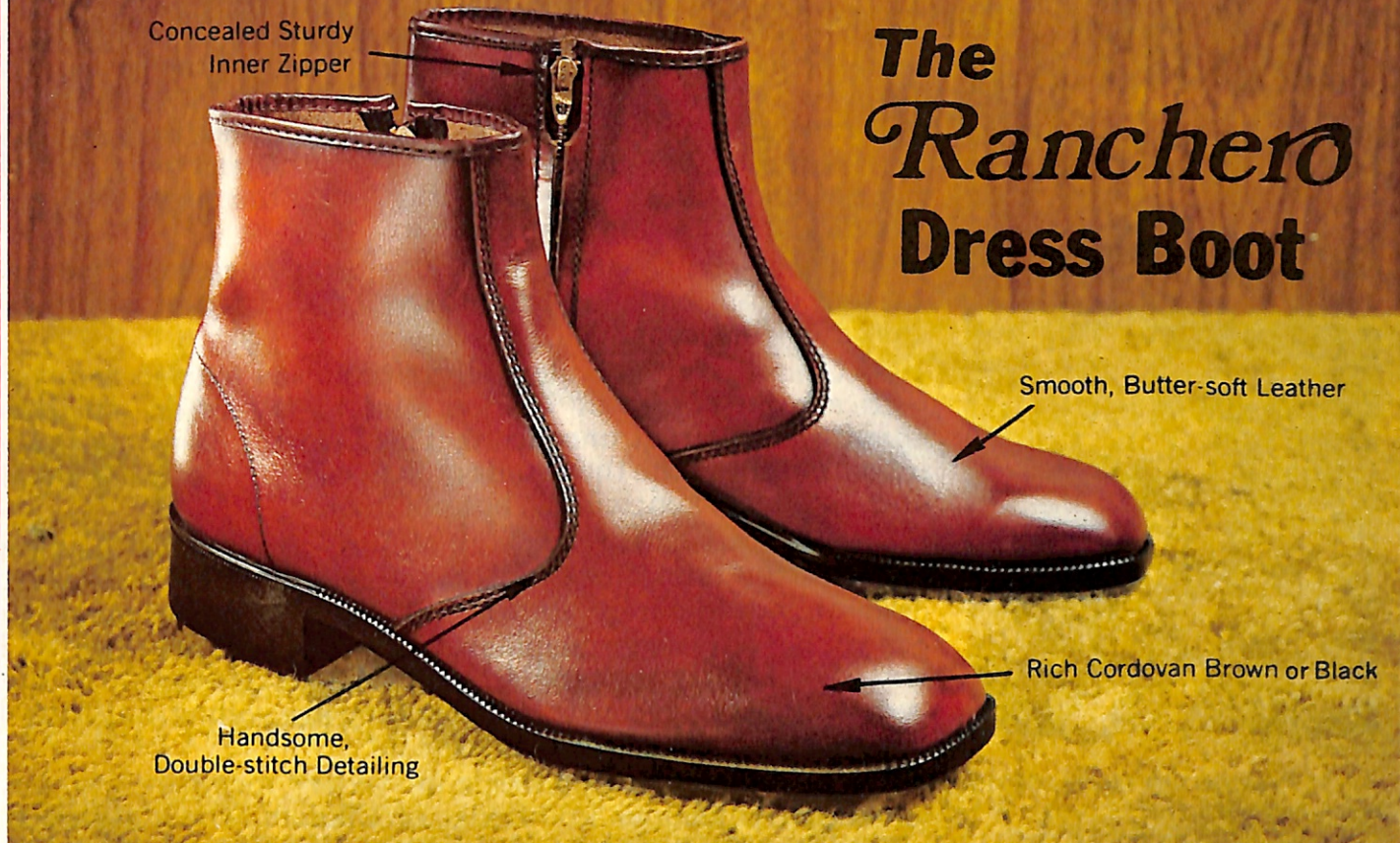
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## CONTINUED GROWTH



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MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
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EXALTED RULER

The endeavors of Elkdom have become so far-reaching, so sophisticated and so successful that many among us have simply accepted them as part of the ordinary routine of our Order. This is not exactly true. The successes that we have achieved are the result of much effort on the part of a relatively few members. This is not to say that other members are not interested; they are and very much so.

To some extent we have been unwittingly negligent; we have become complacent, unfortunately. This situation is unpleasant but not irreconcilable.

As Grand Exalted Ruler, I have promised to concern myself with all the affairs of Elkdom and to try to do something about this apparent unconcern. This I cannot do alone; I must solicit the aid of the thousands of "knowledgeable hands" available, but not asked; willing, but not invited.

My observation is that many of our successes are the direct result of the efforts of people who have been Elks for years. Seldom, indeed rarely, do we find any appreciable number of our young, our newer members, who are too deeply involved in any of our numerous programs. This is not necessarily of their own volition. I am convinced that they are willing, but they do not know what to do nor how to do it.

We have literally thousands of "older" members who have amassed tremendous knowledge of Elkdom. The statutes, the procedures, the aims, the traditions . . . the very heart and soul of Elkdom, these people know and have known and have lived for years. Their knowledge acquired through the years has been tempered with the wisdom that evolves with age. We cannot let this knowledge and wisdom continue to lie dormant. We can and must devise ways and means of having our older "scholars" of Elkdom impart their knowledge to the young.

Since there are really very few written documents in any Subordinate Lodge concerning procedures, traditions and Lodge customs why can we not have informal seminars, group meetings or simply casual "get togethers" and let the "older" men initiate and possibly involve the young in all the concerns of the Lodge? Such intimate association would generate a real *esprit de corps* among all Subordinate Lodge members.

We encourage such devoted teachers of Elkdom to stimulate the membership to formulate new ideas and projects indigenous to their respective localities but always consistent with the teachings and principles of our Order.

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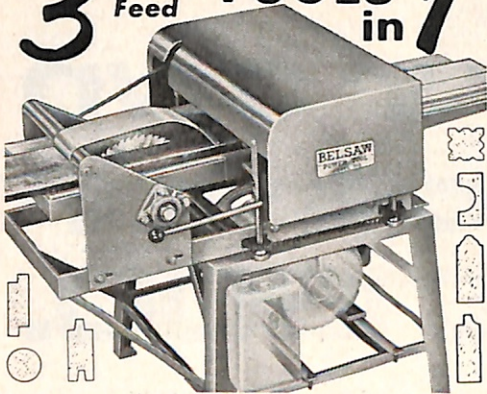






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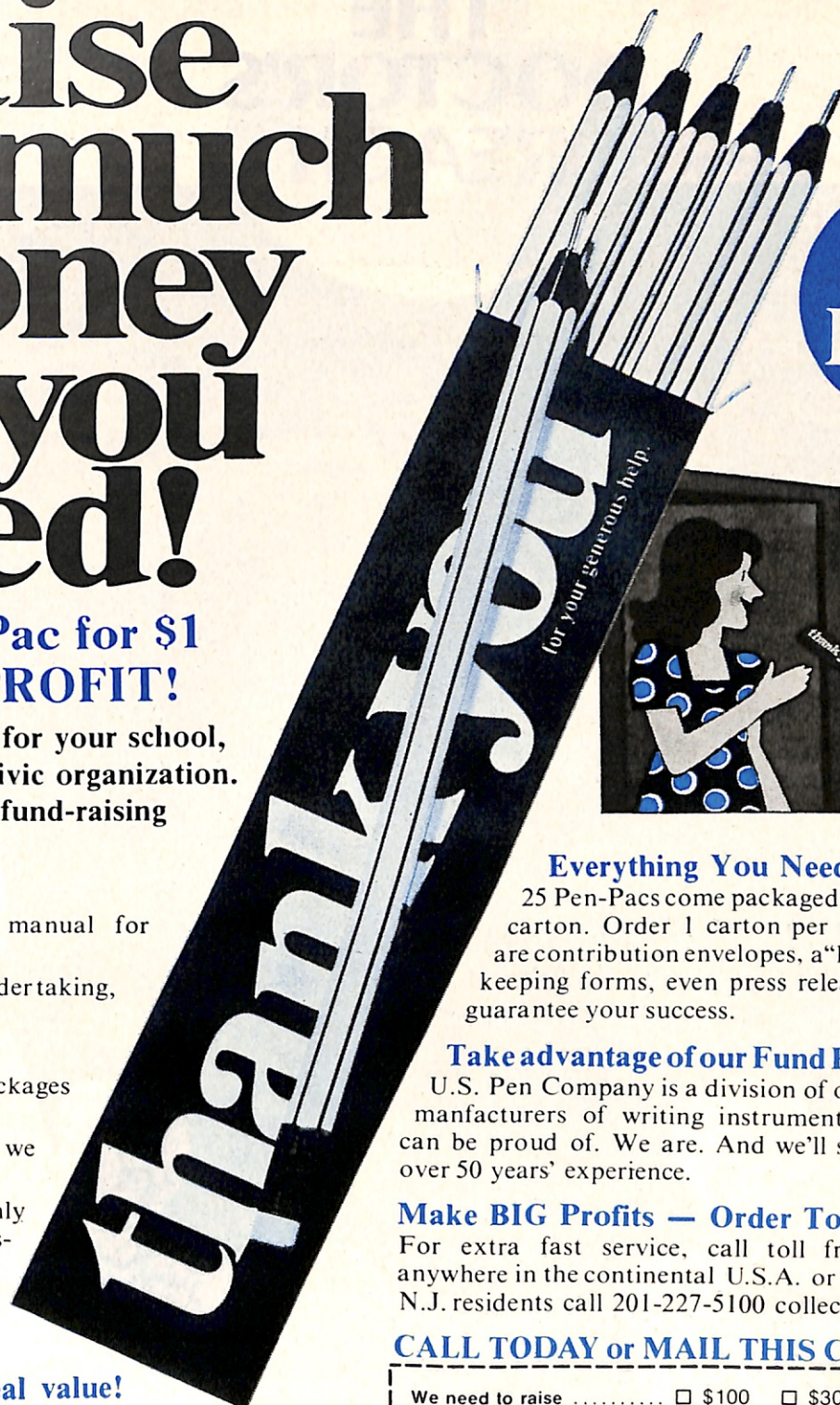
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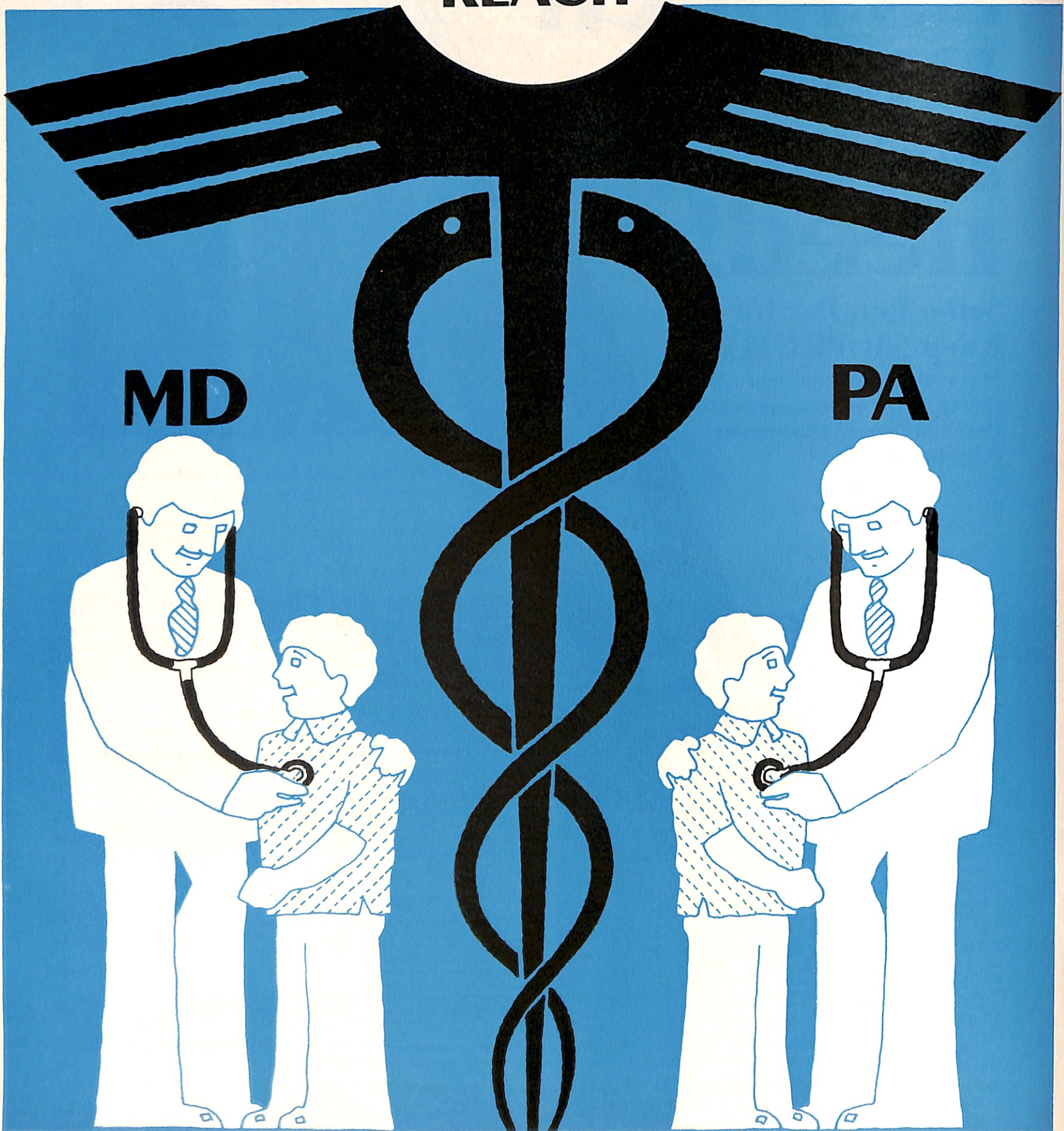
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# EXTENDING THE DOCTOR'S REACH





by Larry Holden

Rural towns commonly have a difficult-to-impossible time recruiting enough doctors—or, often, *any* doctor. Quanah, population 4,000, in West Texas had such problems. Now they have David Fraser. The energetic 29-year-old sees emergency patients, assists in surgery, works with therapists and performs scores of related medical duties. His job entails a good percentage of what a family doctor does. David is a PA—physician's assistant.

The PA is neither a doctor nor a nurse nor a paramedic. The physician's assistant is a new breed of health care specialist, and this "breakthrough" position in medicine could well be the key to dramatically boosting the *quality* and *quantity* of medical treatment in the United States.

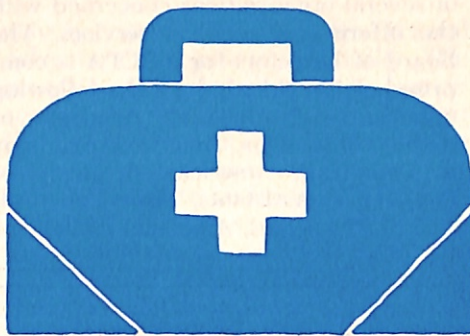
"The role of this newest member of the health care team is to relieve the physician of routine duties not requiring the expertise that the physician has developed over many years of education, training and experience," explains Dr. John W. Schermerhorn, dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences in Dallas, TX. A component of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, the School of Allied Health Sciences has one of the top physician's assistant programs in the country.

Dr. Schermerhorn strongly emphasizes that the role of the PA can't be underestimated. "In this way, the physician, supplemented by a professional assistant who has been trained by and for physicians, can spend more of his time seeing, evaluating, diagnosing and treating larger numbers of patients, as well as spending additional time with patients who have serious conditions."

The basic concept of a physician's assistant and the delegation of physician's tasks are not new. Physicians have been delegating tasks of all kinds to medical office assistants and nurses for years. What is new is the development of formal training programs in university medical centers and elsewhere to prepare personnel to extend the physician's capabilities in the diagnostic and therapeutic management of patients.

In December, 1970, the American Medical Association adopted the following working definition of the general term "physician's assistant:" The physician's assistant is a skilled person qualified by academic and practical training to provide patient services under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician who is responsible for the performance of that assistant.

Included under the generic term "physician's assistant" are persons being trained to work in a variety of medical



specialty areas, at different levels of responsibility and with different specific occupational titles, including "physician's assistant," "physician's associate," "MEDEX," "child health associate" and others. Thus the actual job functions of a physician's assistant will vary. A number of training programs are preparing physician's assistants who will work for the primary care physician (family practitioner, internist or pediatrician). Others are preparing individuals to work primarily in such specialty areas as general surgery, urology, ophthalmology, anesthesiology, obstetrics and gynecology and pathology. The American Medical Association's Council on Health Manpower has collaborated with the appropriate medical specialty societies in developing job descriptions for a number of different types of physician's assistants, including Assistant to the Primary Care Physician, Surgeon's Assistant and Urologic Physician's Assistant. Copies of these job descriptions may be obtained from the AMA's department of Health Manpower or the medical specialty society concerned.

The extension-of-the-physician concept is what gave birth to the PA. The "delivery" of the physician's assistant position into the medical world was aided by the inadequate physician-to-population ratio in many areas of the country. The national average is one doctor for every 700 people. But in some sections, the ratio is a shocking one for every 5,000 or more. Many U.S. counties have no practicing physician at all.

With the hope of alleviating the crisis in the provision of primary health care in the United States, Dr. Eugene Anson Stead, Jr., founded the first formal training program for physician's assistants at North Carolina's Duke University in 1965. "Like most things," recalls Dr. Stead, "my idea was not entirely original in its concept, and certainly not in its execution. Anyone who does anything that is fairly complex usually has people to help him. Prior to our program, doctors generally had assistants who were not formally trained. They lacked degrees and certification, but were given a form of on the job training.

"What we really did at Duke was to identify that there was a need for someone who was knowledgeable about the patients, someone who could work together with the doctor and be his right hand person. Our contribution to the PA concept was to establish a school that would assure the hiring MD of a certain level of competence from the graduates of such a program. The MD would know that the applicants had been carefully selected, that their studies had been duly supervised and that they were suitable for employment as physician's assistants.

Dr. Stead adds: "We examined the logistics between the nurses' and doctors' duties and attempted to fill this gap."

And fill the gap they did.

Within only five years from the initiation of the Duke University PA program, 14 programs were offering training for the assistant to the primary care physician. Parallel with this effort, the University of Washington in 1969 began training senior military corpsmen in a manner that would permit them to adapt their skills to a civilian population. Although the approach was necessarily different, the end product was not dissimilar to the physician assistant graduate of the more traditional two year program.

In the decade since the first Duke University physician's assistants graduated, the interest in a medical professional with a more expanded role than that of the traditional nurse has continued to mushroom. Today there are some 60 AMA-accredited PA programs at various institutions all across the country. The programs range from the Surgeon's Assistant Program at the University of Alabama to the Primary Care Associate Program at Stanford University Medical Center in California to the MEDEX/Pacific Program at the University of Hawaii School of Medicine to the Physician's Assistant Program at the University of Iowa College of Medicine to the Community Health Medic Program at the University of New Mexico to the Physician's Assistant Program at the Brooklyn Hospital in New York to the Physician's Associate Program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to the MEDEX Physician's Assistant Program at Medical University of South Carolina and on and on.

It is estimated that more than 4,000 graduate physician assistants are employed in the health system across the country with approximately 1,500 graduating annually. In general, patients have been receptive to this new member of the health team, and physicians





are appreciative of the time-saving services they offer.

In response to the need for a national certifying program, the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants (NCCPA) was formed in 1974 through a collaborative effort

of several organizations concerned with the offering of medical services. The Board of Directors for NCCPA is comprised of individuals from the following organizations: American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Physician's Assistants, American College of Physicians, American College of

Surgeons, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, American Nurses Association, American Society of Internal Medicine, Association of American Medical Colleges, Associations of Physician Assistant Programs, Federation of State Medical Board of United States, National Board of Medical Examiners and the United States Department of Defense. In addition, the NCCPA board membership includes three Directors-at-large: one physician knowledgeable about health manpower, and two public representatives.

Upon graduation from an approved program, graduate physician assistants may apply to take the National Certification Examination for Assistants to the Primary Care Physician administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners. Those who successfully pass the examination are eligible for certification by the NCCPA as "Physician Assistants—Certified."

The physician's assistant system that has been developed in the U.S. is designed to incorporate the PA into the doctor's operation. The basis for this system is that the PA is trained by the physician and, therefore, has access to all the information that the physician has. The nurse is usually trained by a faculty separate from the doctor, which simply does not have as wide a degree of competence in the medical area as the doctor has. So a difference in the performance levels of PAs and nurses exists.

The two-year period of PA schooling was established at Duke University and still stands as the most logical length. "We felt that for PAs, as well as medical and nursing students, the role of the school was to impart information and background in a way that projected the excitement and fun of learning," says Dr. Stead. "We decided that two years of interaction with background and material was the right amount of time to open up a cathedral of learning for the professional PA."

The relatively short period of intensive training results in an extremely cost-effective program. It requires seven years to educate an MD and only two for a PA. So it's possible to educate five PAs for the cost of one MD.

Although there is some variety in the different PA programs currently in operation, Dallas' School of Allied Health Sciences has what is known as a model curriculum. To qualify for the limited number of openings at the school, applicants must have completed 60 semester hours of college work in arts and sciences. Factors considered in the selection of applicants are: cumulative grade point average, science grade point average, consistency or improvement in academic performance, dem-

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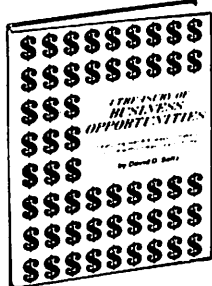
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onstrated empathetic attitudes, communication skills and personal qualities, such as maturity and career motivation. While not an actual prerequisite, previous or military medical training and experience also are highly desirable.

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The 20 credit hours in basic sciences are then followed by 15 months of clinical training in hospitals, clinics and physician's offices. The clinical phase consists of six 10-week rotations in general medicine, (two rotations), pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, surgery, cardiology, pulmonary—plus electives such as orthopedics, dermatology and infectious diseases.

During the clinical phase of the curriculum, the students participate in the activities of a health care team in order to apply medical principles and to gain experience in actual patient care. Four hospitals in the Dallas metroplex area participate in this phase of the program.

Also, a 10- to 13-week primary care preceptorship is an essential feature of the Dallas school's clinical phase. The primary care preceptorship places a student in a physician's private practice located in a medically under-served area.

After the two years of intensive study, graduates earn a B.S. degree in Health Care Sciences. With certification from the NCCPA they are then qualified physicians' assistants, ready to fill a special niche in the medical manpower spectrum—one never filled in such a way before.

Under all currently effective state laws, PAs are required to function under the supervision, direction or control of a licensed physician. However, both the state legislatures and the courts apparently have avoided defining acceptable physician "supervision" to any significant degree. Three operating levels of supervision are apparently being considered—over the shoulder (with the physician required to be virtually in the office area with the PA), on the premises (with the doctor required to be, say, in the same general proximity) and remote (with monitoring or communication between the physician and the PA while the PA is in a distant location). The laws of each state must be consulted to determine the degree of PA supervision in that state.

Legislation enabling the utilization of PAs by physicians has been enacted in more than 40 states. These laws

may be categorized as either general delegatory or regulatory authority. The general delegatory statute simply amends state medical practice acts permitting PAs to work under the supervision of physicians. The regulatory authority statute authorizes an organization, usually the state board of medical examiners, to establish rules and regulations regarding the requisite educational and employment qualifications for practicing PAs.

Upon graduation, the PAs go to work under supervision of primary-care physicians. Among the battery of tasks they perform are the taking of medical histories, applying and removing casts and bandages, sewing up lacerations, giving physical examinations, administering drugs prescribed by an MD and explaining diagnostic procedures to patients. The assistants can also deliver routine services to patients in homes, hospitals, nursing homes and other ex-

tended care facilities at the direction of their supervising physician. Again, individual state regulations determine the scope of a PA's duties.

"The generalistic nature of PAs' training should best qualify the assistants to help provide basic medical services in areas where they are needed most—rural sectors and heavily populated urban centers," points out Barry Bushman, coordinator of the PA program for Dallas' School of Allied Health. "In urban areas, many citizens live in unsatisfactory circumstances with little or no primary care available, and in the surrounding rural areas another cross-section of humanity is living in a sparsely settled area with little access to a physician."

Chuck Ward is among the steadily growing number of PAs who are choosing to serve in rural, primary care settings. Chuck does his work in a clinic  
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## The Acceptance Speech of Leonard J. Bristol

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Surely the hour is not for the head but for the heart, out of the abundance of which I may be able to express, however feebly, my gratitude for the many kindnesses I have received from the membership of this fraternity during the past twenty-eight years and from you delegates at this 114th Grand Lodge Session. Truly, I can say that I have lived my life in our beloved Order—perhaps too much! But whatever success I have had has come directly through it, and my devotion is only natural.

As I accept with pride this highest honor and offer thanks to all of you, I want you to know how much my spirit is bolstered and my emotions warmed by the loyalty and affection demonstrated here this morning.

Mindful of the manifold responsibilities inherent in the highest office of the greatest and strongest fraternal order in the U.S. of America, I earnestly ask Almighty God to guide me to discharge properly the obligations of the trust you have placed in me.

As the great opportunity of service to the Order unfolds and with my heart filled with sincere and deep apprecia-

tion, I, with a sense of humility, respond to your wishes by pledging my total commitment to the best interest of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

My personal goal is to serve you to the utmost of my abilities. The course for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks always must be set towards excellence. Only the highest standards of performance are worthy of this body of American gentlemen. I hope you will unite with me in a common effort to strive only for the absolute best which



Grand Treasurer George J. Balbach (right) nominated Leonard J. Bristol as Grand Exalted Ruler. Seconding speeches were made by Kevin Bristol (inset below), a son of Bro. Bristol and Inner Guard of Middletown, NY, Lodge, and George Malekian (above, left), of Valley Stream, NY.



Leonard J. Bristol,  
new Grand Exalted Ruler.

can be achieved for our Order.

Permit me to pay a well-deserved tribute and honor to our Past Grand Exalted Rulers who have so generously supported me during my journey through the Grand Lodge. I cherish their friendship and appreciate the helping hand they have always so willingly extended. I shall depend on their continued wise counsel and guidance.

Our Order has been led through a year of great progress and achievements by a dynamic Elk, a loyal and distinguished American and my good friend, Grand Exalted Ruler Homer Huhn, Jr., of the Keystone State of Pennsylvania. One year ago he pledged himself to the task of serving you and of insuring that Elkdom would grow, prosper and improve. He has been true to this trust and his mission. His leadership has added to the stature and prestige of our Order. His outstanding record and devotion to duty will serve as a challenge for me. I am deeply indebted for his whole-hearted cooperation and assistance with the intricate operation of this high office. I am happy and proud to succeed him. I realize I face a tall order.

It is essential for us at all times to keep in proper perspective our purpose and ideals; it is also wise to reassess the basic meaning of our Order and to reappraise its place and significance on the American scene. Our fraternity is an American organization founded in man's nobility. It breathes the spirit of



GER-Elect Leonard Bristol was escorted to the stage by PGER George I. Hall and a contingent of Past Grand Exalted Rulers, New York State Association PSPs and other distinguished New York Elks.



the age in which we live. Teaching loyalty to established government and obedience to constituted authority, it holds that just government exists only by the consent of the governed and that the free citizen who controls himself and his faith in his fellow citizens is the safest prop of such government. It believes in truth, in honor, in temperance and in comradeship. It has expended more than three-hundred million dollars in unostentatious charity. In every hour of its existence it has benefited humanity and smoothed the pathway of human life.

Yet I often think that you and I are enmeshed in an insidious web. It seems that the more good work we do, the more successful we are, the more caustic become our critics. We realize that success does frequently engender jealousy and bitterness, but we cannot help thinking that with far too many people *Bristol's* third law of inverse reciprocity—"Never leave any good turn unstoned"—is invoked too often in our regard. Be that as it may, we shall not curtail our efforts and enthusiasm for the works started by our founders. Our heritage precludes any such notion.

Oh! there are valid criticisms of our Order. We are not infallible nor do we have all the resources we need to do the job expected of us. Yet, we are a national organization, and we must expect warm interest, close public scrutiny and continuous debate.

Our concern is softened when we realize that we have had and presently have among us dedicated, God-fearing gentlemen—the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and leaders of our Order who understand that we must face alienation and disaffection head-on and find ways to win public appreciation and understanding.

Our strength lies not alone in our past record or in those who have achieved such accomplishments, but in our ideals, our goals and in our ability to develop a united effort of countless workers in the varied facets of our fraternity and who are linked and welded together by the strong bonds of the Elks' basic cardinal principle. With this in mind let us reflect upon our weaknesses and consider our basic strengths and contemplate what should be done to maintain and improve our present position in order to promote Elkdom's progress during the coming year.

By far the most dangerous foe we have to fight is apathy—indifference from whatever cause, not from lack of knowledge, but from carelessness, from absorption in other pursuits, from a contempt bred of self-satisfaction. Apathy and complacency are the greatest enemies of progress and well-being.

Today our Order holds more than 1,600,000 men in its fond embrace.

Every state of this mighty nation is represented on our roster. This fraternity may be likened to a large mosaic made up of thousands of separate pieces. Each piece represents an individual member—the rank and file. Men in high governmental position, captains of finance and industry, professional men, merchants, mechanics, farmers—men from every walk in life have taken the obligation at our altars and greet each other as Brothers in lodge and club rooms and in the market places of the world.

These are the Brothers among us who render their God-given talents and resources in order to enhance and promote our programs that assist all mankind. Can you question the fraternal spirit of such a brotherhood? Dare anyone challenge its right to exist? No man whose heart has been touched with the soothing influence of Elk comradeship and benevolence will say that fraternalism is dead. *This is but one of our many basic strengths.* It is a strength that evolves from within, a strength which is stimulated by a strong leadership espoused in honesty, dedication and purpose.

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My aim is best described as a sincere desire that we will be successful in our attempt to encourage effort and stimulate enthusiasm for the continuation and improvement of the multitude of proud deeds of our predecessors so modestly performed and so brightly inscribed upon the tablets of history.

These men had the faith and the courage and the inspiration to give birth to the "Great Heart of Elkdom," the National Foundation, which has, without question, proved to be the finest philanthropic agency of our time.

The founders of our Order kept faith with the youth of America by initiating, planning and supervising programs designed to develop their talents and abilities. Such activities have brought to our youth a greater understanding and appreciation of the American way of life. In this manner Elkdom has helped our youth to reach their chosen goals and to guarantee their future success and happiness as loyal and trustworthy American citizens.

While we have always kept the youth of our Nation in focus, realizing that they are the Elks and citizens of tomorrow, we have not nor can we ever forget the older members of our Order. The noble men who spent months and years of arduous effort and undying enthusiasm to bring the

establishment of the National Home to a successful fruition, can be truly proud.

Another area wherein our Founding Fathers showed their wisdom and concern for Elkdom was in the establishment of *The Elks Magazine*. This national journal has become an indispensable part of our Elk life. Through its columns, it sets forth the drama of Elkdom in action. This professional publication has given opportunity to bring our entire membership into close association and to become knowledgeable about our fraternal life and activities.

Along with a deep concern for our young and old, the Order has not forgotten the people who suffered and died for our country. The story of the construction of our beautiful edifice in Chicago, the Elks National Memorial Building, as a tribute to the Elks who served in the Armed Forces of our country and in memory of our thousands of heroic dead, will never grow old. It gives perpetual testimony of the strength, permanency and solidarity of our Order and is a tribute to those who conceived, built and preserved it as a symbol of individual liberty and freedom.

They recognized the obligation our Order had to the unfortunate, wounded and disabled veterans. Through the National Service Commission the Elks have fulfilled our solemn obligation, and to this very day we still bring cheer and comfort into the lives of the men who are alone in our veterans hospitals. *And we shall continue until our job is done.*

Yes, these are the major programs of our Grand Lodge, inaugurated and formulated so well by those who have preceded us and upon which we are still dependent for the good will and support of our entire membership—hence our slogan this year is "**Continued Commitment to Effort and Enthusiasm.**"

It is my intent to do all in my power to promulgate to the Elks throughout this wonderful land of ours the importance and significance of these and all other established Grand Lodge programs and to arouse the enthusiastic assistance of every Elk for the expansion and improvement of these endeavors.

During the dark days of the depression when the entire world was passing through trying times, we, the citizens of the greatest republic on earth, had at the helm of our ship of state one who took the obligation of our Order in Poughkeepsie, New York, Lodge No. 275 (and who upon numerous occasions manifested his interest in the welfare and work of the Order)—who during one of his famous "Fireside Chats" reassured his fellow citizens with the following words: "*The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.*" ■



# Extending The Doctor's Reach

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situated 35 miles away from the nearest hospital. The Clear Fork Clinic in Clairfield, TN, is a virtual health-care oasis. The clinic has several well-equipped exam rooms, a small emergency room, a laboratory, a stocked pharmacy and several administrative offices. A wide range of services is offered, including acute and chronic medical services, minor surgical care, a Black Lung clinic, well child care, family planning, pre- and post-natal care, home visitations and referrals, and transportation services.

"I looked for a satellite clinic situation because that's the kind of position," explains the graduate of the Western Michigan University PA program, "I was best trained to assume and because I felt a responsibility to serve a segment of the population that is for the most part medically underserved."

Chuck is no newcomer to the frontlines of health care delivery. He served as a medical technician in South Vietnam, and studied nursing and took some pre-med courses while working in an inner-city emergency room in Youngstown, Ohio. He found the gap

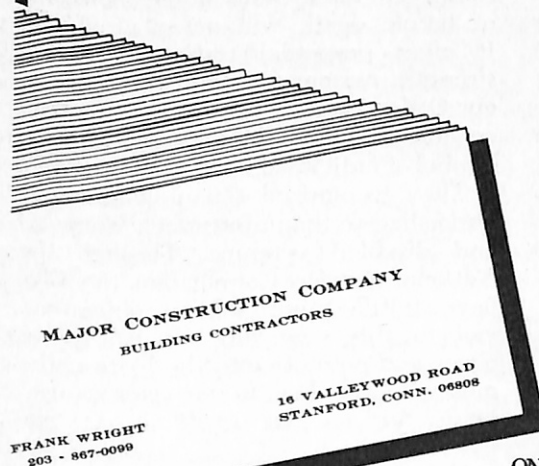
between his studies and his work to be a frustrating one: "I wanted to become a medical practitioner, not a medical scientist. At school I faced many of the irrelevancies of the classic pre-medical curriculum, at work I confronted the cold realities of a highly-stressed medical-care system that lacked sufficiently trained practitioners. The PA concept provides a unique compromise."

Chuck Ward is strongly committed to his work. He believes that rural settings like Clairfield, TN, are the frontlines of primary care for which PAs are ideally suited. He's hopeful that the needs of these communities, combined with the unique expertise that PAs can offer, can make a productive and exciting match.

If a physician or a community is interested in learning more about the current availability of physician's assistants, there are several good starting points for such information. A *Directory of Programs—Training Physician Support Personnel* prepared jointly by the AMA's Department of Health Manpower and the Department of Health Education and Welfare's Bureau of Health Resources Development is a comprehensive listing of all known training programs for physician support personnel in operation or planned as of September 1974. This directory is available from either source and contains information on over 80 programs. The directors of these various programs can also be contacted through the Association of Physicians' Assistant Programs in Washington, D.C. Two national organizations for physician's assistants are the American Academy of Physician's Assistants in Washington, D.C., established in 1968, and the American Association of Physician's Assistants in New York City, founded in 1971. The appropriate medical specialty society is another potential source of information on PAs trained in that specialty. Lists of Primary Care PAs who have successfully passed the certification examination are published after each administration of the exam by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants in Atlanta, GA.

Physician's assistants are now making their mark in many areas of the medical world. Boosters of the PA concept view this new type of health care specialist as a key to the future of medicine. The exact spot the physician's assistant will secure in medical history is still to be determined. But the next time you go to a doctor, you may say "ahhhh" to the physician's right-hand man or woman—the PA. Remember that this well-trained professional is backed by the supervision of the good doctor himself—and open W-I-D-E. ■

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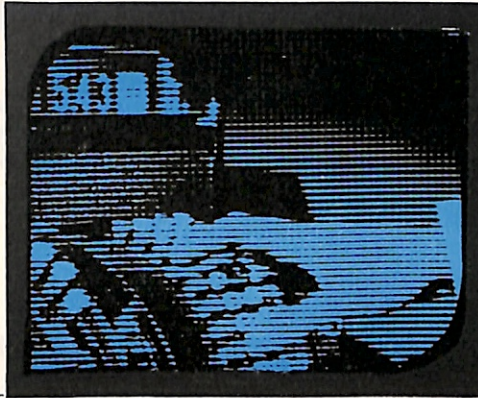
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# IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

by John C. Behrens



## SHOULD I INCORPORATE?

The significant changes in legal, tax and customer-business relations have prompted proprietors to look more closely at every aspect of their complex world of regulations, paperwork and commerce before making decisions to stay in business, to enlarge or even to sell out. Twenty to thirty years ago, many will tell you, a businessman could count on his customers and they could count on him . . . without a contract with such stipulations as "warranty covers first 90 days" . . . "only engine and steering column are covered by warranty" . . . "warranty does not cover labor, towing or transportation charges."

Today, lamentably, both customer and business owner are forced into printed contracts which carefully define every step of their relationship. Consequently, the businessman, concerned about what is and what isn't said in such contracts, may feel safer by incorporating.

Changing court rulings and sympathetic verdicts by judges and juries as reported by the media have caused those manufacturing or selling products like power tools, lawn mowers, snow blowers, various types of machinery and recreational vehicles and equipment to be concerned. If insurance is out-of-reach, they're worried about whether they have a future or not.

Product liability infers that a manufacturer and seller of a product can be held liable for injury caused by defects. Recent decisions, however, have expanded this to what is called "strict liability in tort." This theory says that manufacturers and sellers can be held liable for almost any injury whether a product proved to be defective or not.

"One of the principal reasons for incorporating is for the purpose of limiting liability and maintaining some or all of the personal assets separate from those of the business. Product liability suits are a major consideration depending upon the type of business the individual will be operating. As a corporation, only those personal assets which are pledged against loans, etc., would be accessible to the lenders in the event of foreclosure and/or bankruptcy proceedings," says James W. Lundy of the Small Industries Research Center at Pennsylvania State University.

A corporation, simply stated, is a legal entity consisting of one or more persons usually for a specific purpose. It can't be dissolved by death, withdrawal or legal

insolvency of any of its members. It may take and grant property and make obligations within the limits of its charter, which must be obtained from the state of residency. It may, of course, sue and be sued. A stockholder, whether he is the only one or one of hundreds, is not liable for the actions of the corporation.

Sounds good at first glance, but there is another side. Corporations, for example, pay annual franchise and income taxes, and if stockholders receive dividends they're also taxed. Shareholders are subject to stock transfer taxes. The corporate structure, in reality, creates a double taxation of income unless it qualifies for taxation as a partnership.

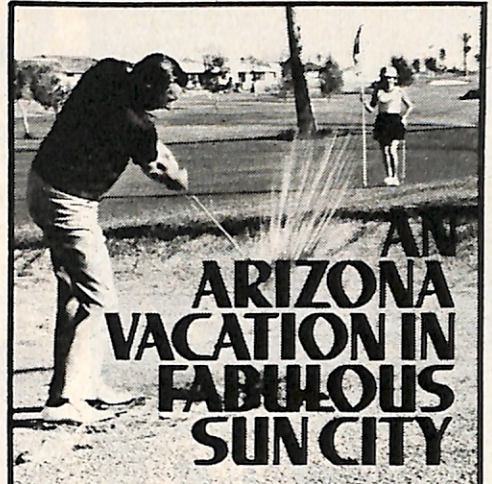
"Remember, too, that a corporation licensed in one state is a foreign corporation in another and, therefore, must register in each state and abide by that state's license and franchising arrangements and fees," one accountant advised.

"In operating as a corporation, once the business is generating income, the owner's salary will be a business deduction and taxable to the individual as income. Any money paid out to the stockholders which includes the owner will be taxable to the individuals involved. Since this amounts to double taxation, a businessman should seriously consider the question of incorporating versus some other avenue of operating the business."

The alternatives, most advisers say, are proprietorships and partnerships—and both offer tax advantages. Persons engaged in either pay only a personal tax on the net taxable income including business profits. Because in most cases their earnings are derived from the business profits, they escape income taxes in years of business losses.

However, if the business fails—a very real threat as we pointed out in the July, 1978 column—creditors have claims against assets. More importantly, if the proceeds of the business don't satisfy the creditors, the non-business assets of the proprietor or partners can be attached. Proprietors and partners have unlimited liability for the debts of the enterprise.

Accountants and business consultants don't believe that one form of legal entity is really that superior to another. "The bottom line is an individual matter: the type of business, level of income, form of operation and advice from people in law and accounting you trust," a proprietor told me not long ago.



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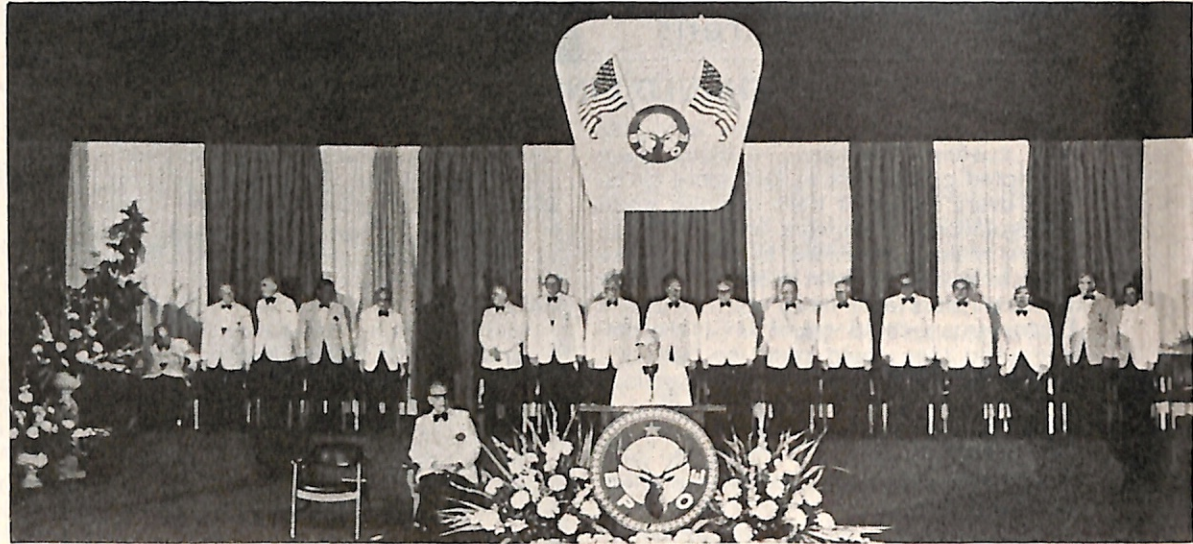


# CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



## '78

**Highlights  
of the 114th  
Grand Lodge  
Session Held  
in San Diego, CA,  
July 1978**



All 20 living members of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee (Past Grand Exalted Rulers) were present for the 114th Session of the Grand Lodge at San Diego. They were introduced at the gala Sunday night opening by PGER Horace R. Wisely, honorary convention chairman.

## Sunday Opening

For the first time in history and in near perfect weather Elks gathered in San Diego, CA, for their annual Grand Lodge Session. The 114th Session was held in the Convention and Performing Arts Center July 16-20. Events officially began Sunday evening with a public ceremony.

PGER Horace Wisely of California presided and introduced the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and their wives.

GER Homer Huhn, Jr., in the major address, spoke of the accomplishments during the past year.

"The Order stands today at the peak of its 110-year history," he said. Membership now stands at 1,634,488 with a net gain of 9,876. "There has been a gain in membership each year since 1938 and the record is still intact," he reported. A total of 16 new lodges were instituted during the year.

The largest amount of money ever contributed in a single year, \$2,879,785.03, was given to the Elks National Foundation. "Because of your extraordinary generosity more scholarships can be granted to deserving youngsters and more funds can be returned to state associations for financing major proj-



Delegates cheered as their state flag was presented at the Monday session. State presidents or their representatives paraded the flags to the stage while the Americanism Committee presented Old Glory.





ects," GER Huhn told the huge audience.

The various Elks' youth programs, including the ever-growing "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest, touched more than five million youths. "The Order of Elks does not stand idly by criticizing American youth. Instead, Elkdom takes positive and constructive measures to help our youth become valuable and useful citizens."

He stressed the work being done to assist veterans through the Elks National Service Commission and spoke with pride of the facilities at the Elks National Home.

It was announced that the Grand Lodge had been presented an honor certificate from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

GER Huhn expressed concern over the lack of attendance at lodge meetings and that some lodges do not have available responsible members to serve as officers. He further pointed out the potentially adverse influence of Elks Clubs upon Elks Lodges.

He reminded the delegates that an Elks charter carries with it many responsibilities and the responsibilities to the lodge are paramount.

He challenged the members to keep the slogan "Individual Responsibility Assures Progress" forevermore uppermost in their minds.

His remarks brought an ovation from the audience.

A welcome was extended by Robert G. Robb, president of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. He was introduced by Morley H. Golden, California-Hawaii PSP and honorary chairman of the San Diego convention committee.

Vocal selections were presented by the San Diego Chapter, Sweet Adelines Chorus, directed by Marvin Yerkey. The Marine Corps Recruit Depot Band, directed by Capt. H. E. Whitney Jr.,



The PGERs from California, all honorary convention chairmen, were on hand to greet GER and Mrs. Huhn, Jr., when they arrived in San Diego. From the left, are PGERs Gerald Strohm, R. Leonard Bush and Horace Wisely, GER and Mrs. Huhn, and PGER George I. Hall, convention committee chairman.



Delegates are shown registering at the convention. A record number of nearly 19,000 attended.

provided stirring instrumental music.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Grand Esq. Dan Davis of Van Nuys, CA, Lodge No. 2028 and the Invocation and Benediction was by the Rev. Father John Moeder, Grand Chaplain.

## Monday Highlights

Cheering delegates came to their feet as state flags and Old Glory were carried into the first business session.

GER Huhn recognized delegates from around the world, including: Puerto Rico, Guam, Canal Zone, Ha-

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot Band, directed by Capt. H. E. Whitney, Jr., brought the Sunday night audience to its feet with applause.

waii, Alaska and the Philippine Islands.

Delegates from new lodges chartered during the year were also welcomed.

Robert T. Flynn of Sterling, IL, Lodge No. 1218 reported that 16 new lodges were instituted and four additional dispensations were issued during the year.

Leonard J. Bristol of Saranac Lake, NY, Lodge No. 1508 was unanimously elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

Grand Treasurer George J. Balbach of Queens Borough (Elmhurst), NY, made the nomination. It was seconded by Kevin Bristol, a son of Brother Bristol and Inner Guard of Middletown, NY, Lodge No. 1097, and by George Malekian of Valley Stream, NY, Lodge No. 2164.

The acceptance speech of Brother Bristol, excerpted for publication, appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Elks Magazine*.



# FIRST FAMILY



GER Leonard J. Bristol and his wife, Virginia, are shown with four of their seven children. Standing, from the left, are Kevin, Mike, and Jim (all members of the Order) and Eileen. Not present for the photograph were Mrs. Donald (Noreen) Oslander, Dennis, and Mrs. Terry (Kathleen) Bailey. The Bristols have five grandchildren.

Other new officers named were: J. Paul Meyer of Puyallup, WA, Grand Est. Lead. Kt.; Fred A. Padovano of Kearny, NJ, Grand Est. Loyal Kt.; Chester O. Marshall of Kearney, NE, Grand Est. Lect. Kt., and Stanley F. Kocur of East Chicago, IN, Grand Secy. (second term).

Also, William H. Collisson of Linton, IN, Grand Treas.; Oscar Stutheit of Orange, CA, Grand Inner Guard; Kenneth P. Mann of Dickinson, ND, Grand Tiler, and the Rev. Fr. John Moeder of Manhattan, KS, Grand Chaplain.

Elected to four-year terms on the Board of Grand Trustees were Alex M. Harman, Jr., of Pulaski, VA, and Alfred J. Mattei of Worcester, MA.

Arthur Hoffer of Saranac Lake was appointed Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect.

The following appointments were confirmed by the delegates:

© PGER R. Leonard Bush to a five-year term as a member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

© PGER Robert A. Yothers to an unexpired three-year term of the late PGER H. L. Blackledge as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation.

© PGER Willis C. McDonald to fill the unexpired term of four years of PGER Francis M. Smith as a Trustee of the Elks National Foundation.

© PGER Glenn L. Miller reappointed to a seven-year term as Trustee of the Elks National Foundation.

© PGER Frank Hise to a seven-year term as a member of the Elks National Service Commission.

© PGER Gerald Strohm to fill an unexpired three-year term of PGER Smith as a member of the Elks National Service Commission.

© PGER George B. Klein to fill a six-year term of PGER Robert G. Pruitt as a member of the Elks National Service Commission.

© PGER Miller reappointed to a five-year term as a member of the Elks National Convention Committee.

© Robert Grafton of North Palm Beach, FL, to a five-year term as Justice of the Grand Forum.

## Tuesday Highlights

Recommendations and referrals were announced by Donald F. Nemitz of Clayton, MO, chairman of the Committee on Distribution, to open the second day's business meeting.

PGER Wade H. Kepner, chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, reported on the alarming increase in costs of paper and postage in producing *The Elks Magazine*.

Change of address fees have jumped up to \$42,000 during the past year, and delegates were urged to report changes promptly in order to help shave these costs.

Reporting for the GL Auditing and Accounting Committee, H. E. Stalcup of Storm Lake, IA, stressed the need for submitting an annual lodge audit on time and need for a budget. He recommended that lodge property be insured for replacement cost, not what

was paid for the building or furnishings some time ago.

Use of the GL Auditing and Accounting Manual for guidelines in the cost of food, bar supplies and labor was strongly urged.

In a preliminary report of the Board of Trustees for the Elks National Foundation, PGER John L. Walker, chairman, announced that to start the Foundation's 50th anniversary, contributions came to just under \$2.9 million last year. The goal of \$1.50 per member was exceeded and came to \$1.65.

A special 50th anniversary commemorative bottle is being produced by Jim Beam, and the Foundation will be paid a royalty.

The Foundation adopted the largest budget of distribution ever, amounting to \$1,640,000.

Winners in the Eastern and Western Division ritualistic contests were announced by Duncan McPherson of Ballard (Seattle), WA, chairman.

Muskegon, MI, won first in the Eastern Division and Charleston, SC, placed second.

Taking first in the Western Division was Kearney, NE, and Rapid City, SD, was second.

Special recognition was given to the state of Alaska, for their first-time participation in the contest, represented by Anchorage Lodge.

The GER Achievement Award program was a tremendous success, Charles E. McGinley of Oakmont, PA, chairman of the GL Lodge Activities Committee, reported.

Approximately 50,000 membership





Members of the GL Convention Committee announced that next year's conclave will be held July 15-19 in Dallas, Texas. Pointing out the site are, from the left, Glenn L. Miller, George I. Hall (Chairman), Robert G. Pruitt, Robert E. Boney and Robert A. Yothers, all PGERs, and Bryan J. McKeogh, director.



The Grand Forum was available during the 114th Grand Lodge sessions for counsel. From the left, are Alex M. Harman Jr. of Pulaski, VA, chief justice; Edward C. Alexander, Great Falls, MT; William J. Steinbrecher, New Hyde Park, NY; Sidney J. Nicholson, Florence, OR, and Robert B. Webb, Santa Ana, CA.



Members of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission met during the convention to review progress and future plans. From the left are Wade H. Kepner, chairman; R. Leonard Bush, vice-chairman; Raymond C. Dobson, secretary; Edward W. McCabe, treasurer, and Robert E. Boney, assistant secretary-treasurer. All are Past Grand Exalted Rulers.



Daily sessions for the Board of Grand Trustees resulted in a budget which was adopted on the convention floor. Seated, from the left, are H. Foster Sears, vice-chairman; Leonard Bristol, chairman, and Lewis A. Heisey, secretary. Standing, left to right, Edward M. Schlieter, pension member; Frank Garland, approving member; Robert Grafton, home member; L. L. McBee and Marvin Lewis, building application members.



The Elks' pledge to never forget hospitalized veterans has never been broken. The Elks National Service Commission is shown above. Seated, from the left, are Bryan McKeogh, director; PGERs George I. Hall, vice-chairman; Willam Jernick, chairman-treasurer, and Ronald Dunn. Standing, left to right, George Malekian, activities director; PGERs Francis Smith; E. Gene Fournace; Frank Hise; and Robert G. Pruitt, secretary, and Bud Hall, assistant director.



The GL Committee on Judiciary met and presented a number of changes in the statutes for consideration. Front row, from the left, are Raymond V. Arnold of Jackson, MI; Edward W. Connolly of Livingston, NJ, chairman; Daniel B. Tammany of St. Louis, MO, and Bertil E. Johnson of Tacoma, WA. Second row, left to right, Alfred J. Mattei of Worcester, MA; LeRoy J. Koos of Culver City, CA; Robert J. Sabin of Arlington Heights, IL, and Eugene F. Costello of Denver, CO.





Installing officer PGER George I. Hall presented GER Bristol with his jewel of office (above). Jo Huhn had the honor of pinning her husband's new PGER's jewel on him.



Each year, PGER R. Leonard Bush of Inglewood, CA, Lodge presents a trophy to the Exalted Ruler with the highest score in the ritual contest. This year's award went to Jerry L. Wiersma of Muskegon, MI, who had a score of 88.6720.

Veterans Remembrance Achievement Awards went to Rio Rancho, NM (under 601 members); Peabody, MA (601 to 1000 members); Houston, TX (over 1,000 members).

Gerald L. Powell of Peru, IN, director of the Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw program, reported that participation reached an all-time high.

Awards went to states with 100 percent participation. They were: Alaska, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Lodges with the highest number of participants also received plaques. They were: Denton, Texas (under 301 members), 13,931 contestants; Overland Park, KS, (301-600 members), 5,019; Durham, NC (601-1,000 members), 12,127; Boise, ID (1,001-2,000 members), 10,803, and Phoenix, AZ, (over 2,000), 7,681 contestants.

## Wednesday Highlights

Elkdom influenced the lives of millions of young Americans, according to the GL Youth Activities Committee report made by John T. Traynor, chairman, of Devils Lake, ND.

There was a 16 percent increase in the number utilizing the various programs. The cost was estimated at \$3,335,000.

A special citation went to Robert Keller of Roy, UT, for his work in the scouting program.

PGER William J. Jernick, chairman-

card seals were issued, 6,762 lapel pins and 2,753 certificates were presented for achievements in participating in the programs.

Many other lodge awards were previously announced in *The Elks Magazine*.

James W. Damon of John Day, OR, chairman of the GL Americanism Committee, presented plaques to Marland Deen, president of the Tri-State Elks Association, and Irving Rew of Severna Park, MD. The two led efforts which saw the successful passage of a bill in the Maryland legislature to permit the United States flag to be flown over the state capitol. Maryland had been the only state which did not do so.

His stirring report brought the delegates to their feet with applause.

Richard W. Squires of Dover, NJ, chairman of the GL State Associations Committee, reported an increase in participation in the Officers Training Program. An update in bylaws has been asked of state associations which have

not done so in the past five years.

The following state associations had the highest increase per capita in the Elks National Foundation: Virginia, 462 percent; Texas, 66 percent; Florida, 24 percent, and Washington, 36 percent.

Winners of the state associations' bulletin contest were announced. They were:

Division I (Publications which are sold): Class A (more than quarterly): California-Hawaii, first; Ohio, second. Class B (quarterly): Pennsylvania, first; Arizona, second.

Division II (Publications which are not sold): Class A (more than quarterly): Colorado, first; Minnesota, second. Class B (quarterly): New Jersey, first; Florida, second. Class C (less than quarterly): Missouri, first; Alaska, second.

Division III (advertising used): Class A (more than quarterly): Massachusetts, first; Utah, second. Class B (quarterly): Montana, first.





Shown above are the new Grand Lodge officers. Seated, from the left, are Fred A. Padovano of Kearny, NJ, Grand Est. Loyal Kt.; J. Paul Meyer of Puyallup, WA, Grand Est. Lead. Kt.; Leonard J. Bristol of Saranac Lake, NY, GER; Chester O. Marshall of Kearney, NE, Grand Est. Lect. Kt., and Stanley Kocur of East Chicago, IN, Grand Secy. Standing, left to right, are William H. Collisson of Linton, IN, Grand Treas.; Rev. John Moeder of Manhattan, KS, Grand Chaplain; Oscar W. Stutheit of Orange, CA, Grand Inner Guard; Kenneth P. Mann of Dickinson, ND, Grand Tiler; Alex M. Harman, Jr., of Pulaski, VA, and Alfred J. Mattei of Worcester, MA, Grand Trustees, and Arthur F. Hoffer of Saranac Lake, NY, Secy. to the GER.

treasurer of the Elks National Service Commission, emphasized the Elks' pledge that: "So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

For the 28th year, delegates gave approval to permit assessment of \$1 per member in event it is needed for defense or a major disaster.

PGER Jernick also appealed for lodges to observe November as Veterans Remembrance Month.

Remarks by Maj. Gen. Richard C. Schutz of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, drew a standing ovation as he told of Elks activities on behalf of veterans.

PGER Walker, in the second portion of the Elks National Foundation report, announced various bequests.

PGER Francis M. Smith, sponsor of the state of Wisconsin, introduced Dale Rogers Smith of Milwaukee, boy winner of the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student-Leadership contest.

Glenda Jane Eames of Falls City, NE, winner in the girls' division, was introduced by PGER Klein, Nebraska sponsor.

An enthusiastic audience gave them each a rousing ovation as the two first-place winners expressed their thanks.

## Thursday Highlights

Carl B. Quesnel of Montpelier, VT, chairman of the GL Committee on Credentials, reported a record attendance of 18,946, the largest in history.

Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, H. Foster Sears of Macomb,



New York Elks staged a parade and demonstration when their candidate Leonard J. Bristol was elected Grand Exalted Ruler.



Adding merriment as delegates registered were a number of costumed clowns. Shown above are Lori Powell, left, and Gina Powell, right, with one of the characters attempting to make baskets at the "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw booth. They are the daughters of ER and Mrs. Jim Powell of New Orleans West Bank Lodge.

IL, presented a resolution increasing the per capita tax 25 cents. Delegates approved the increase, setting the Grand Lodge dues at \$3.

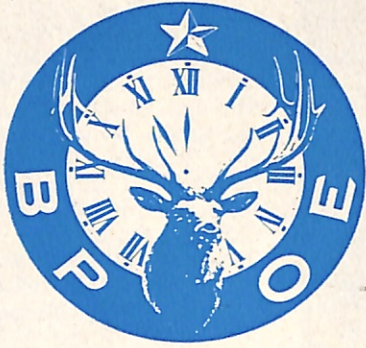
Delegates also approved amendments to the pension plan for Grand Lodge employees presented by Grand Trustee Edward M. Schlieter of New Braunfels, TX.

Resolutions honoring Leonard Bristol

and Robert Grafton, who are retiring from the board, were given unanimous approval.

Muskegon, MI, Lodge No. 274 captured first place in the national ritualistic contest with a score of 91.2011. Second place went to Kearney, NE, (91.1479); third, Rapid City, SD, (89.7091), and fourth, Charleston, SC, (87.6594). The winners were an-





nounced by Duncan McPherson, GL Ritualistic Committee chairman.

Edward W. Connolly of Livingston, NJ, chairman of the GL Committee on Judiciary, presented a number of amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes which were considered by the delegates. A digest will appear in a future issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Raymond Creith of Plymouth, MI,

**ATTENDANCE**  
As reported by the  
Committee on Credentials

Grand Exalted Ruler	1
Past Grand Exalted Rulers	20
Grand Lodge Officers	23
Grand Lodge Committeemen	71
Special Deputies	32
District Deputies Designate	239
Representatives	1,981
Alternate Representatives	47
Members of the Grand Lodge	1,596
Sub-total	4,010
Elks Members, ladies and guests	14,936
Grand Total	18,946

chairman of the GL Resolutions Committee, presented a resolution lauding the convention committee and participants for 1978 San Diego Session. It was given unanimous approval.

Enthusiastic approval was also given a resolution honoring GER Homer Huhn, Jr., for an outstanding year. It was presented by PGER E. Gene Fournace.

New Grand Lodge officers were installed by PGER George I. Hall.

PSP Francis P. Hart of Watertown, NY, on behalf of the Elks of New York state, presented newly-installed GER Leonard J. Bristol with a new color TV.

ER Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., of Colton, NY, a member of the New York state legislature, read a resolution, passed by the body, congratulating Brother Bristol.

A number of other gifts were also presented. ■



Past Secretaries to Grand Exalted Rulers got together during the session to talk about old-times. Seated, left to right, are Chester O. Marshall, secretary to H. L. Blackledge in 1957-58; Wayne H. Shenkle, secretary to Francis Smith in 1972-73; G. Clifford Whittle, secretary to Robert A. Yothers in 1973-74. Standing, from the left, Vincent Collura, secretary to George B. Klein in 1976-77; James Ebersberger, secretary to Homer Huhn, Jr., in 1977-78, and the secretary to the newly-elected GER Leonard J. Bristol, Arthur Hoffer.



Maj. Gen. Richard C. Schutz accepted a plaque presented by PGER William J. Jernick, chairman-treasurer of the Elks National Service Commission, right. The plaque acknowledged with pride the 203 years of service rendered to the nation during war and peace by the U.S. Marine Corps.



An Alaskan delegation presented Elks badges, dating to 1904, collected by PER Steve Sheldon, Sr., of Skagway Lodge for permanent display in the Archives Room of the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago. From the left, are, PGER Wade H. Kepner, chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission; Juneau ER Clifford L. Bundy; Charles Ingersoll, first vice president of the Alaska State Elks Association, and PSP Albert Maffei.





GER Homer Huhn, Jr., center, is shown with the acting Exalted Rulers of the top two ritualistic teams. Jerry L. Wiersma of Muskegon Lodge No. 274, left, is holding the PGER Raymond Benjamin plaque which was presented by ER Dwight Jensen. Right, is Robert Eckwert of Kearney, NE, Lodge No. 984, second place winners. National ritualistic champs (above, right) were from Muskegon, MI, Lodge No. 274. Kneeling, from the left, are James C. Varenhorst, state vice president; Ray Morency Jr., coach; William G. Miller, candidate, and Glen Leatherman, coach. Standing, left to right, are Esq. Richard Benton; Est. Lead. Kt. Joseph Buckingham; Est. Loyal Kt. Roger King; ER Jerry Wiersma; Est. Lect. Kt. Charles Rasmussem; Chaplain Al Bohland, and Inner Guard Jeff L. Martin.



The delighted audience at the Sunday night opening heard the San Diego Chapter, Sweet Adelines Chorus, directed by Marvin Yerkey.



The John Frakes Ritualistic Coach of the Year Award (above, right) was shared by Muskegon, MI, coaches PER Raymond E. Morency, left, and PER Glen Leatherman. The presentation was made by Tucson, AZ, ER Basil Lawson, right.

Delegates were greeted by huge billboards erected through the efforts of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Americanism Committee.



**HIGHEST NUMERICAL NET GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP**

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Naples, FL
  2. Seminole, OK
  3. Vidalia, GA
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Glens Falls, NY
  2. Meramec (Arnold), MO
  3. Atlanta, GA
- Lodges with 601 to 1000 members:
1. New Smyrna Beach, FL
  2. Oak Ridge, TN
  3. Trenton, NJ
- Lodges with 1001 to 2000 members:
1. Springfield, OR
  2. Arvada, CO
  3. Lakewood, WA
- Lodges with over 2000 members:
1. Clawson-Troy, MI
  2. Billings, MT
  3. Eugene, OR

**AMERICANISM BROCHURE CONTEST**

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Plano, TX
  2. North Las Vegas, NV
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Willcox, AZ
  2. Lake Havasu City, AZ
  3. Parker, AZ
- Lodges with 601 to 1000 members:
1. Sierra Vista, AZ
  2. Hudson, NY
  3. Mainland, TX
- Lodges with 1001 to 2000 members:
1. Paramount, CA
  2. Mesa, AZ
  3. Grand Rapids, MI
- Lodges with over 2000 members:
1. Albuquerque, NM
  2. Tucson, AZ
  3. Sioux Falls, SD
- State Association Winner:
1. Arizona

**FLAG DAY BROCHURE CONTEST**

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Lynn, MA
  2. Saugerties, NY
  3. Warner Robins, GA
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Lawton, OK
  2. Ridgecrest, CA
  3. Freehold, NJ
- Lodges with 601 to 1000 members:
1. Ludington, MI
  2. Westminster, MD
  3. Bethlehem, NY
- Lodges with 1001 to 2000 members:
1. Rome, NY
  2. Anderson, IN
  3. Orlando, FL
- Lodges with over 2000 members:
1. Vancouver, WA
  2. Vallejo, CA
  3. Long Beach, CA

**ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK WINNERS**

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. New Orleans West Bank, LA
  2. Mesquite, TX
  3. Kearny, AZ
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Fulton, NY
  2. Bayonne, NJ
  3. Slidell, LA
- Lodges with 601 to 1000 members:
1. Weirton, WV
  2. Maryvale (Phoenix), AZ
  3. Van Wert, OH
- Lodges with 1001 to 2000 members:
1. Falls City, NE
  2. Pomona, CA
  3. Huntsville, AL
- Lodges with over 2000 members:
1. Tucson, AZ
  2. Charleston, SC
  3. Kelso, WA
- State Associations:
1. Ohio
  2. Arizona

**HIGHEST PERCENTAGE MEMBERSHIP GAIN**

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Seminole, OK
  2. Vidalia, GA
  3. Ardmore, OK
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Glens Falls, NY
  2. Paw Paw, MI
  3. Meramec (Arnold), MO
- Lodges with 601 to 1000 members:
1. New Smyrna Beach, FL
  2. Oak Ridge, TN
  3. Trenton, NJ
- Lodges with 1001 to 2000 members:
1. Springfield, OR
  2. Lakewood, WA
  3. Arvada, CO
- Lodges with over 2000 members:
1. Clawson-Troy, MI
  2. Puyallup, WA
  3. Billings, MT

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES WINNERS For Year-Around Programs**

- Lodges with 300 or less members:
1. Holbrook, AZ
  2. Tenafly, NJ
  3. Mesquite, TX
- Lodges with 301 to 600 members:
1. Lawton, OK
  2. Ainsworth, NE
  3. Bayonne, NJ
- Lodges with 601 to 1000 members:
1. Mainland, TX
  2. Maryvale (Phoenix), AZ
  3. Stevens Point, WI
- Lodges with 1001 to 2000 members:
1. Longview, WA
  2. Oswego, NY
  3. Huntsville, AL
- Lodges with over 2000 members:
1. Auburn, WA
  2. Phoenix, AZ
  3. Lincoln, NE



The Manuel Verdugo Mariachi five-piece group entertained delegates as they arrived in San Diego's huge downtown convention complex.



Ladies attending the conclave were royally entertained by Lawrence Welk, center, and some of the members of his troupe. PGER Ray Dobson, left, emceed the show. Right, is Jack Imel, a nephew of the late Jack Imel of Portland, IN, a past state president of the Indiana Elks Association.



# SPEAKERS



**Charles E. McGinley,**  
Chairman, Lodge  
Activities Committee



**Robert Robb,**  
President,  
California-Hawaii  
Elks Association



**Richard W. Squires,**  
Chairman, State  
Associations  
Committee



**Carl R. Quesnel,**  
Chairman, Committee  
on Credentials



**Edward W. Connolly,**  
Chairman, Committee  
on Judiciary



**Robert T. Flynn,**  
Chairman, New  
Lodge Committee



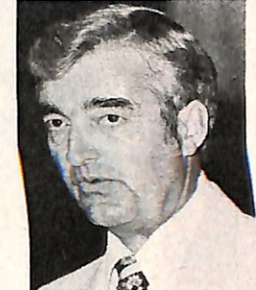
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Chairman, National  
Memorial and Publi-  
cation Commission



**Duncan McPherson,**  
Chairman, Ritualis-  
tic Committee



**H. E. Stalcup,**  
Chairman, Auditing  
and Accounting  
Committee



**John T. Traynor,**  
Chairman, Youth  
Activities Committee



**Rev. John Moeder,**  
Grand Chaplain



**PGER John L. Walker,**  
Chairman, Elks Na-  
tional Founda-  
tion Board of Trustees



**Dan Davis,**  
Grand Esquire



**H. Foster Sears,**  
Vice-Chairman,  
Board of Grand  
Trustees



**PGER  
William J. Jernick,**  
Chairman, Elks  
National Service  
Commission



**Gerald L. Powell,**  
Director, Elks Na-  
tional "Hoop Shoot"  
Free Throw Contest



**James W. Damon,**  
Chairman, Ameri-  
canism Committee



**Raymond Creith,**  
Chairman, Resolu-  
tions Committee



**Donald Nemitz,**  
Chairman, Committee  
on Distribution





As a new Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Homer Huhn, Jr., found himself from the top of the heap to the bottom of the totem pole.

Look-alikes PER A. J. Screeton of Houma, LA, left, and Grand Lodge Organist Ramon "Red" Ringo of the Elks National Home got together for a photograph.



PGER Francis Smith, right, collected the "initiation fee" in the Usterwuzers Club from new PGER Huhn. PGER Robert A. Yothers, left, assisted.

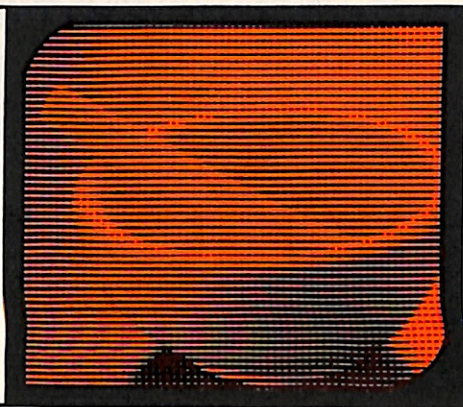


The Nebraska Elks Association won first place for its major project display. California-Hawaii took second and Florida was third.



# MEDICINE AND YOU

by Larry Holden



## AID FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED

*There's an ancient legend that a man will starve to death if he doesn't have someone to cook for him, and that a woman will starve to death if she doesn't have someone to cook for.*

Now that saying can be viewed as being extremely sexist, especially in the wake of today's wave of feminist liberation. But the legend is still a modern-day truism for the physically disabled, both young and old. Why? Because for an estimated 19 million Americans with physical disabilities—from mild arthritis to severe paralysis—being able to prepare meals at home is the key to preventing social starvation in this country. It is the key to independence, to being able to stay at home. Just as men and women everywhere yearn to be free, so do they want to be as self-sufficient and productive as possible. Homemakers with disabilities are no exception.

To aid those Americans with physical disabilities, a revised edition of the *Mealtime Manual for People with Disabilities and the Aging* is now off the presses. This new book is an up-dated version of the popular manual that evolved from research initiated in May, 1968. At that time the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine at New York University Medical Center received a grant from the Campbell Soup Fund to study the meal preparation problems of the handicapped and elderly.

This new 269-page spiral-bound manual is illustrated with more than 100 photos showing equipment and cooking techniques. Approximately 65 percent of the originally published material has been revised. The revamped edition is being published by the Campbell Soup Company as an extension of its special services to consumers.

The research that served as background for both volumes concentrated on the packaging and use of convenience foods and the design and use of small appliances. These areas appeared to present possibilities as well as problems. Testing focused on container openings of the most popular types of packages, finding techniques that would facilitate handling. The testing of appliances concentrated on design features which offered the most help in meal preparation.

During therapy sessions, members of the rehabilitation team taught techniques to help people perform tasks more easily and make maximum use of their energy

and abilities. The experts taught participants proper (and indeed essential) self-care and personal hygiene methods. And, above all, they instructed the people on the importance of good nutrition. However, knowing all the facts about proper nutrition is not enough. People must be able to utilize this knowledge.

The book includes specific information on food preparation for people in wheelchairs, for those using crutches, canes or walkers, for those with arthritis or the use of only one hand, for people with visual difficulties and for people with limited strength and energy.

"We all want to streamline tasks, but for people with physical disabilities, safe shortcuts are essential. This second edition, like the first, is directed to all of you with chronic conditions caused by disability or aging, as well as to people with a new disability," explains Judith Lannefeld Klinger, editor of the *Mealtime Manual* and an occupational therapist.

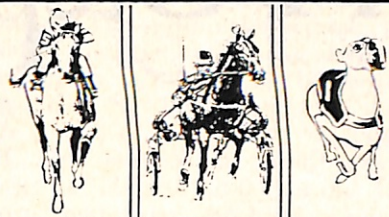
"With help in planning and learning specific techniques—using kitchen utensils, opening jars, cans and frozen packages, chopping vegetables, measuring—people with physical disabilities manage well, even joyously, in their own homes."

Basic kitchen design, recommendations on counter heights, appliances and easy-to-reach storage areas are some of the special sections included in the manual. Suggestions from first-edition readers on serving food, entertaining, shopping and managing alone have been included.

The fully-indexed *Mealtime Manual* also includes a variety of listings for sources of additional information, equipment, prices and manufacturers' addresses—plus information on "Meals on Wheels" and other community-based programs for older people. "If you face serious problems in handling your kitchen and home, you may want to seek additional help," states editor Klinger. "Depending on where you live, your physician may be able to refer you to a therapist or nursing service through your local health department, a rehabilitation center or hospital out-patient service."

Copies of the new *Mealtime Manual for People with Disabilities and the Aging* can be obtained by mail order for \$3.25 each. Just send a check or money order to *Mealtime Manual*, Box 38, Ronks, PA 17572. Allow six to eight weeks for delivery.

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# NEW ENGLAND

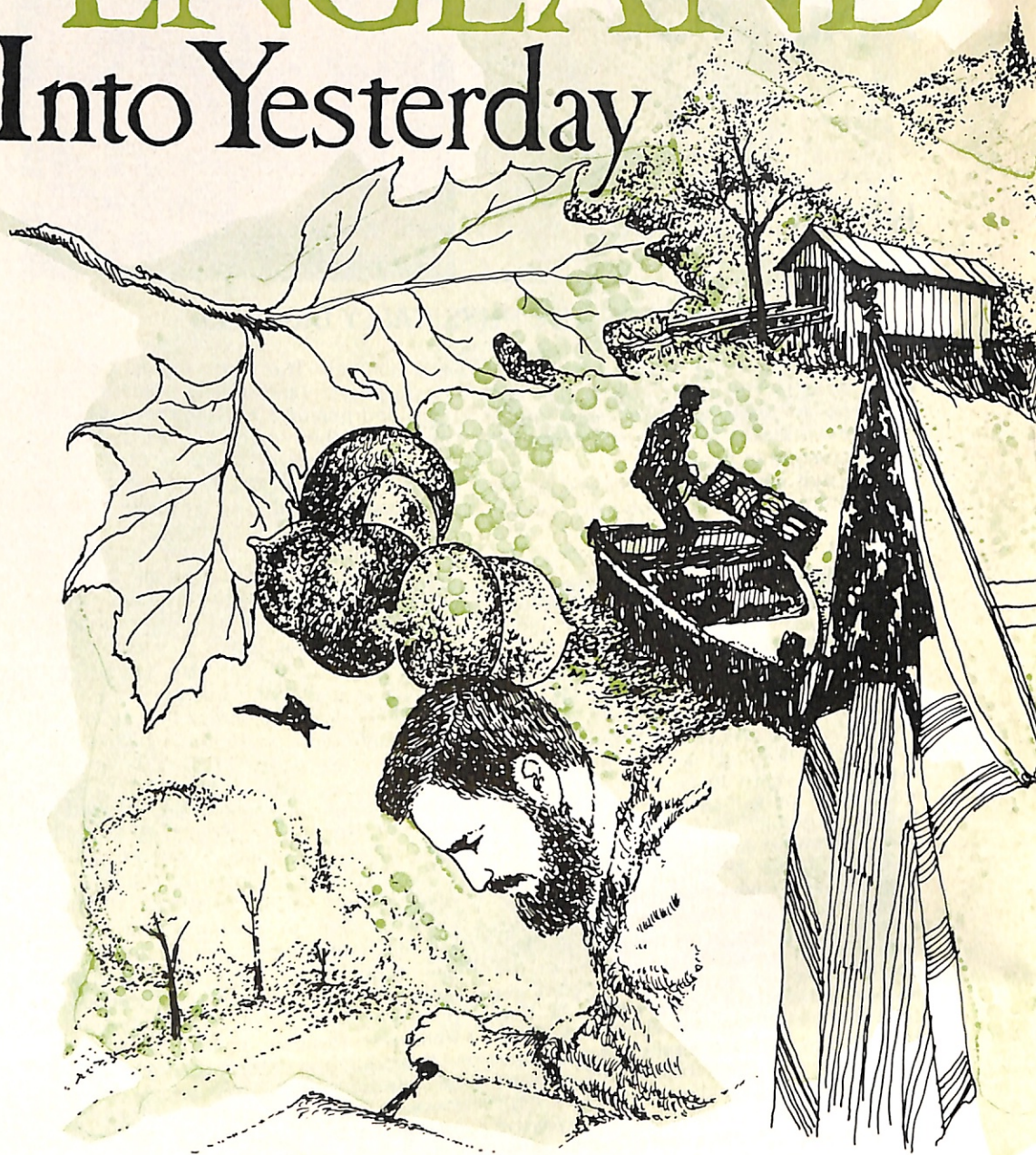
## A Step Into Yesterday

By Jerry Hulse

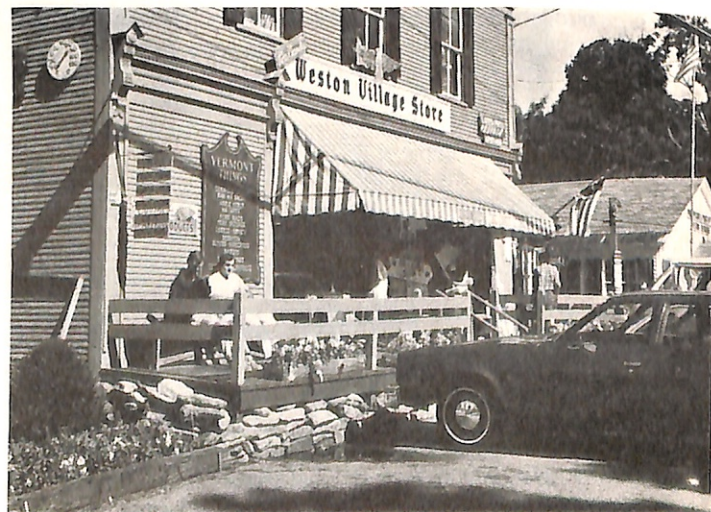
New England: What better place to spend autumn, now that summer is all but a melancholy memory? In New England the maples and beeches soon will turn, and puffs of smoke will pour from chimneys in an old-fashioned scene that evokes memories of less hurried times. Pumpkins will lie ripe in the fields and the air will become crisp and, quite suddenly, the world will turn scarlet and gold.

Autumn appears first in northern New England. Then moving south, the foliage reaches its peak during the first weeks of October. It is a picture which stirs the soul. Lining the roadside are dozens of country inns—inns which are filled with antiques, warmth and good cheer. There is a bid for the visitor to pull up a chair and relax in this Old World peacefulness. Bite into an apple fresh from the orchard. Sip a glass of cider. Doze if you wish.

For those starting their holiday in Boston, there is no better beginning than the *Inn for All Seasons* nearby at Scituate. Dating from the 18th century, the old three-story farmhouse overlooks Scituate Harbor with its sleek sailing vessels and funky little fishing boats. The air tastes of salt and logs blaze in the fireplace. Let it storm; the Inn for All Seasons awaits the guest with rockers, good wine and seven cozy rooms. While none is with bath, modern showers are just down the hallway. Formerly an old barn, the Inn for All Seasons is noted for its dining room, with a menu that lists black bean soup, quiche Lorraine, mushroom caps, crabmeat crepes, sweetbreads, shrimp and crab Dijon, broiled fresh scallops and a bouillabaisse bubbling over with mussels, perch, cod and scallops. Together with their wives Elaine and Dorothy, the brothers Ed and Stan Wondolowski



**In autumn, folks gather at Weston's country store for checkers or just a friendly visit.**







have poured their very souls (as well as their salaries) into this inn.

"Step into yesterday," invite the young Wondolowskis, which is exactly what occurs as the guest sweeps through the heavy oak door at the Inn for All Seasons. (Address: 32 Barker Road, Scituate, MA 02066.)

Of all New England's inns, none is cheerier than the *Homestead* at Sugar Hill, NH. Indeed, it deserves five stars in anyone's rating. In the same family for nearly 100 years, it is a living museum crammed with antiques. Of its star exhibits there is a four-posted bed that was hauled by oxcart from Richmond, NH nearly 200 years ago. Esther Serafini's ancestors arrived at Sugar Hill in 1781. A century later the family farmhouse opened as an inn. Essie, now nearing her 70th year, carries on a tradition which makes the Homestead one of New Hampshire's leading attractions.

Antiques fill every corner of the 17 guest rooms. Occupants of No. 3 snooze in a Jenny Lind bed. A Salem rocker occupies one corner of No. 5, and No. 9 boasts a birdcage table as well as a dresser handed down by Essie's great-grandmother. The Homestead is as spotless as it is charming. Its birch and maple floors shine. Its bedspreads are as white as the snows which soon will be falling. Throughout the inn, kerosene lamps have been converted to electricity, and old-fashioned prints cover each wall. In the parlor Essie proudly displays a hand-hooked rug. She made it herself, using 35 pounds of clothing handed down by five generations of ancestors. She's proudest, though, of her kitchen, boasting how

"people drive from miles around for my mushroom soup."

Besides homemade soups Essie bakes bread, pies, cakes and other pastries. And this being the autumn season, she's serving a harvest breakfast. (And if you count calories, forget it.) Essie's menu lists brown bread and baked beans, pancakes, sausage, potatoes and apple pie. The syrup is homemade, provided by the tree outside her door. For reservations write to the Homestead, Sugar Hill, NH 03585.

A couple of hours away at Jackson, NH, Bill and Synda Zeliff pamper guests at another 200-year-old farmhouse with the fetching name of *Christmas Farm Inn*. In truth, it's the wedding of the farmhouse and the town's oldest church. Out behind, other accommodations are provided in a charming salt box (Circa 1771) as well as a log cabin and a sugar house currently serving as a cottage for honeymooners. Altogether, Christmas Farm Inn contains 25 rooms, each named after St. Nick's reindeer or other Christmas-related subjects. For example, I spent the night in Dasher, which is across the hall from Vixen, which is just down the hall from Prancer, Comet and Blitzen.

If you like your vacation low key, this could be the place. Written on a parlor wall in the farmhouse are the words: "There are no strangers here—only friends we haven't met." The Christmas Farm Inn: it's all sugar 'n' spice. (Address: Jackson, NH 03846.)

Dozens of similarly charming inns await the traveler throughout New England. In Marblehead, *Yankee Holidays* has lined up 80 inns throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine for vacationers taking part in fly-drive holidays. By day the wayfarer fills the mind with autumn scenes and by night enjoys the warmth and joy of yet another inn. Besides car and accommodations, Yankee Holidays sends the vacationer off on a New England holiday with a one-pound kit containing maps, guides and other paraphernalia. From a 40-page brochure travelers line up their own inns. (For copies write to Yankee Holidays, Towne House Square, Marblehead, MA 01945.)

Of all the inns I visited, my favorite was in Weston, VT. You get the idea that Norman Rockwell painted it and somebody came along and copied it. That's Weston. A river runs behind town and an old gristmill rests on its grassy banks. Ed Gazda hand dips chocolates at the Fudge Shop and the parish church still welcomes worshipers, just as it has since 1803.

Some places you fall in love with immediately. This was the case with Weston; there's a neighborliness and a

## A quaint antique shop flavors the feeling that Weston, Vermont never left the 19th century.





gentleness that's seldom found anymore. Nestled in the Green Mountains of Vermont, Weston is like an old-fashioned Christmas card come to life. Smoke curls from the chimneys of homes a century old or more. Sometimes deer graze in the yards and bears roam the hills. The little village is a classic example of other peaceful New England towns. Only in Weston there is a feeling, somehow, that the calendar never got beyond the 19th century. In the autumn when the air turns crisp folks gather beside a pot-bellied stove at the country store to play checkers or just visit.

It's a wondrous place, this old store. Shelves are stocked with mackinaws and suspenders, pipe tobacco and maple syrup. Jars of rock candy and loaves of whole grain bread are neatly displayed. And dead center of one aisle is a huge crock swimming over

with dozens of dill pickles which the grocer sells for a quarter apiece.

In springtime the meadows around Weston turn yellow with black-eyed susans. Corn and other garden-fresh vegetables ripen behind the quaint, two-story, New England homes. Finally with autumn the entire countryside is set aflame by the changing colors. And after this the snows cover the land and residents strap on cross-country skis to explore the white world of Vermont.

No village would be complete without an old-fashioned inn. Weston is no exception. Off down a winding road the snug old *Inn at Weston* welcomes visitors whatever the season. With 11 guest rooms, home-cooked meals and a special warmth, it rates five stars.

Guests awaken to the song of birds and the voice of the river; and during the Christmas season, carols are sung

around the fireplace and a homemade wreath is displayed at the door. It's the sort of scene that recalls Yule logs and frost on a windowpane. If I were to name the friendliest inn in all of New England it would have to be the Inn at Weston. It appeals to all ages, this rambling old frame with its black shutters and antique beds. Originally a farmhouse, it dates from 1848, surrounded by deep grass and a garden and magnificent old elms.

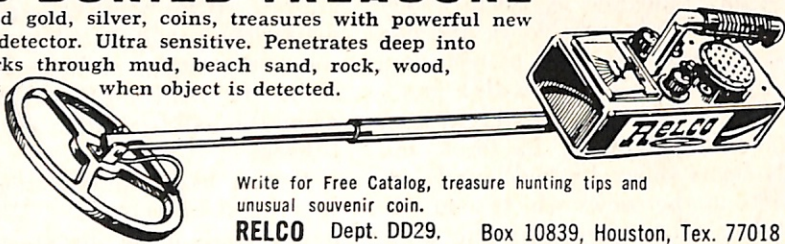
Stu Douglas, 35, the proprietor, and his wife Sue, 30, turned the farm's old hayloft into a bar with a fireplace. Guests gather here to exchange tales of adventure in the lovely Vermont countryside.

The menu changes daily. Vegetables are garden fresh and the entrees would delight the fussiest gourmet. Sue's menu lists homemade soups (cream of beet, country vegetable and Belgian herb), Swiss onion quiche, spinach salad, tomato cheese pie, haddock with shrimp sauce, roast marinated leg of lamb, veal provencale and desserts ranging from apple strudel and a Vermont maple parfait to bread pudding and grasshopper pie.

Besides breakfast and dinner, the tariff includes afternoon tea and hot chocolate along with a platter of Sue's homemade cookies. (Address: Inn at Weston, Weston, VT 05161.) ■

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Games, coffee, leather, and a check were among the many items donated to the local veterans hospital by members of Walla Walla, WA, Lodge. (From left) Ralph Bailey, state hide committeeman, Leroy Allen, VAVS representative, Robert Brunk, hospital director, and David Munzert, chief of voluntary service, were on hand for the presentation.



Milwaukie, OR, Lodge Vets Chm. John Herrle was congratulated by Oregon's Senator Robert Packwood for his involvement in programs for hospitalized veterans. The local Kiwanis organization presented an award to Brother Herrle in recognition of his work for veterans with Milwaukie Lodge's vets committee.



# YOU AND RETIREMENT

by Grace W. Weinstein



## LIFELONG LEARNING

Fall brings thoughts of school days; but the nice thing about being an adult is that you can learn anytime, under any circumstances, anything you want to learn. You can go back to school. But you don't have to.

You can, like Cornelius Hirschberg, set out a learning plan for yourself. Hirschberg, a New Jersey salesman, achieved a full classical education by reading during his daily subway trips to and from the office. He also got some reading in during lunch hour. Ten hours a week for forty years of serious reading—he saved his light reading for the evening hours at home—add up, he figures, to at least five college degrees.

Such disciplined self-directed studies may not be what you have in mind. But Cornelius Hirschberg's road to learning, detailed in a fascinating and useful new book by Ronald Gross, *The Lifelong Learner* (Simon and Schuster, \$8.95), is only one way.

You may know exactly what you'd like to learn. If you don't, *The Lifelong Learner*, in addition to its profiles of men and women who have never stopped learning, offers advice to help you get started. You might, for instance, clip newspaper articles for a few weeks; see what subject areas seem to interest you most, and start your reading there. Keep a daily log or journal, in writing or on tape, to record thoughts, ideas, feelings, and observations.

You can develop your own reading program, following your own inclination from subject to subject. You can seek the help of a librarian. Or you can consult another new book, *College On Your Own* (Bantam, \$6.95), by Gail Thain Parker, former president of Bennington College, and Gene R. Hawes. *College On Your Own* is an organized study guide, along the lines of a college catalog (and, I'm afraid, with equally small print), with suggested readings on subjects from East Asian Civilizations to Physics to Women's Studies.

Or, you can join the thousands and thousands of older adults who are going back to school, taking part in organized educational programs. The leisure dol-drum of an unstructured retirement can be combatted with mind-awakening education, according to Wilbur Cross and Carol Florio, authors of *You Are Never Too Old to Learn*, a new book sponsored by the Academy For Educational Develop-

ment (McGraw-Hill, \$4.95).

Formal education programs can lead to a college degree. But there are other, equally worthwhile goals. Cross and Florio spell them out: Completing a challenging course of study can strengthen your sense of self, clarifying your personal goals and your place in society; a class setting provides welcomed social contact and communication with others with similar interests; courses can lead to income-producing activities or, at least, help you conserve the income you have.

You don't have to wind up teaching a course, or earning a degree, or earning money—although all of these end results are possible once you start to learn again. But you can develop an absorbing new interest in life. You can do so

through study on your own, at your own pace, as described in *The Lifelong Learner*. You can do so in a host of organized ways, detailed in *You Are Never Too Old to Learn*:

- Outdoor programs, field trips, and expeditions are sponsored by such national organizations as the Sierra Club and the National Audubon Society, as well as by The American Museum of Natural History in New York City and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. These trips may be on the strenuous side; find out in advance.

- Learn-and-travel trips, sponsored by many universities and by some museums, take travelers through art galleries in Europe or Roman ruins in the mid-East, with a knowledgeable lecturer along.

- On-campus college programs during the school year, for credit or not for credit, may often be taken either free or at reduced tuition by older citizens. A two-page chart in the Cross and Florio book spells out state-by-state policy in state-funded colleges and universities.

- Non-credit adult education courses, often free or at minimal cost, in libraries and Y's and community centers.

- Weekend and summer programs, often on college campuses, some of which are specifically designed for older people. The low-cost Elderhostel program, detailed in this column when it began in New England two years ago, had reached 13 states by 1978. For information, write to Elderhostel, 55 Chapel St., Newton, MA 02160. ■

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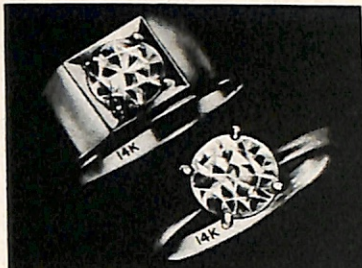
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Glenda Jane Eames of Falls City, NE, and Dale Rogers Smith of Milwaukee, WI, were present at the 114th Grand Lodge Session where they addressed the delegates and their guests. They are the first-place winners in the Most Valuable Student Contest.



Glenda and Dale accepted their awards at the Wednesday morning session which was open to the ladies. They are shown with the Elks National Foundation Trustees and their sponsors. Seated, left to right, are PGER George B. Klein; Glenda Jane Eames; PGER John L. Walker, chairman; Dale Rogers Smith, and PGER A. Wall. Standing, from the left, are PGERs Horace R. Wisely, William Robert A. Yothers was not present for the photograph.

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# NEWS OF THE LODGES

In addition to a \$100,000 bequest made by the late Brother John Peters of Oakland, CA, Lodge to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, a check for \$139,698.87, representing part of the late Harriette Peters's trust fund, was presented to the major project. On hand to receive the contribution were then-GER Homer Huhn, Jr., PGERs Horace Wisely, R. Leonard Bush, and Gerald Strohm, and then-SP Donald Luce, Secy. Paul Haines, and PSP Jim Spence. One of Brother Peters's other bequests to the project was the balance of his estate in the form of a trust fund.

An evening of entertainment and a dinner were provided by Brooklyn, NY, Lodge for veterans from the metropolitan area. On hand as hosts for the event were District Chm. John First and then-ER Domenick DeCaro.

One thousand dollars was pledged by Marysville, OH, Lodge to the Union County Mental Health and Retardation Board for the new mental health building now under construction. A check for \$500 was recently presented to Dr. Rodney Hurl of the Board by then-ER James Payne on behalf of the Brothers in fulfillment of their pledge to the Board.

An awards dinner was held by Pembroke-Hanover, MA, Lodge recently. Among those honored was the Massachusetts State Police force for its service during the blizzard of '78. Lt. Col. Robert Wills accepted the public service award on behalf of the force. Bryantville's postmaster Everett Reed received the Citizen of the Year award and Brother Herb Kitchner was named Elk of the Year. The Pembroke-Hanover Brothers also honored their Past Exalted Rulers during the evening, which concluded with dancing to music provided by a local band.

A check for the amount of \$3,395 was presented by Ann Price on behalf of the Elks' ladies of Ft. Pierce, FL, Lodge to the Brothers for the improvement of the facilities and the support of the charity program. Then-ER David Riley thanked the ladies, who had contributed a total of \$7,492 to the lodge during the year, and the Brothers for their continued support.

Money-raising efforts of the Northeast District of Texas were met with success through its interlodge Sweetheart Dance held at Mesquite Lodge

recently. Mrs. Mamie Del Baker led Marshall, TX, Lodge's drive, which raised \$2,850 for handicapped children. The revenue from the dance supplemented that sum for a total of \$18,000.

In honor of PGER William Jernick, Washington, NJ, Lodge introduced a new class of initiates to Elkdom. On hand for the ceremony were then-SP Kenneth Cantoli, PGER Jernick, then-ER Peter Ruggerio, Est. Lead. Kt. Jerry Stametz, and then-DDGER Bruce Bailey.

A 75th Birthday was celebrated by Winsted, CT, Lodge recently. The highlights of the occasion were the initiation of 20 candidates and the presentation of the lodge's initial payment on its fifth \$1,000 pledge to the National Foundation.

Appreciation was expressed by Chadron, NE, Lodge for aid extended to their Brother Edgar Connery by Evergreen, CO, Elks. Brother Connery underwent heart surgery in Denver and was in need of 11 units of blood, which were supplied by Evergreen Brothers.

Moses Lake, WA, Lodge held a groundbreaking ceremony in preparation for the construction of a new building to replace the one destroyed by fire in 1971. On hand for the event were PERs Vernon Nuss and R. N. Robinson, then-ER Edward Ribbeck, then-SP Ivan Harlan, then-VP Alex Alexander, and then-DDGER Lee Bowden.

A dance was held at Front Royal, VA, Lodge in honor of Paul Kelly and his wife Elizabeth. Brother Kelly, an officer for ten years and a charter member, was involved in the construction of the new lodge building.

Old Timers Night, during which three Brothers received 25 year membership pins and two were awarded life memberships, was held at Westwood, NJ, Lodge recently. The Westwood Brothers also honored Tiler Peter Bowers for his service to the order.

A founder's certificate was awarded to Brother Bill Hanson of Overland Park, KS, Lodge recently. The presentation was made by PGER George Klein, state sponsor, and witnessed by then-Grand Trustee Leonard Bristol, PGERs Frank Hise, Edward McCabe, Robert

Yothers, Willis McDonald, and PER and Secy. Robert McKown and K. R. Larrick. Brother Hanson is the first Overland Park Elk to receive the certificate. Garden Grove, CA, Lodge also awarded one of its members a founder's certificate for the completion of a \$1,000 pledge. Brother Joe Farquhar was congratulated by his fellow Elks.

Detroit Tigers bat boy Al Serridge Jr. (left) was honored by Michigan Elks recently for his accomplishments in the sports field. Brother Emmitt Alley presented a plaque to the young man, who is the son of PER Albert Serridge of Ferndale, MI, Lodge.

The Distinguished Flying Cross, the fourth highest military honor, was recently pinned on the chest of Brother Roy Tooman of Muscatine, IA, Lodge by Lt. Col. George Jones III, who also presented him with a poem. Muscatine Brothers congratulated the honored Elk for the award, which was received 34 years after a bombing mission accomplished during World War II.

The Brothers of Saugus, MA, Lodge paid tribute to Brother Arthur Cahill in recognition of his kidney donation to his ailing sister. Saugus Elks demonstrated their support of the honored Elk by presenting him with \$1,600 to defray his hospital expenses.

*Michigan Elks salute Tigers bat boy Al Serridge.*



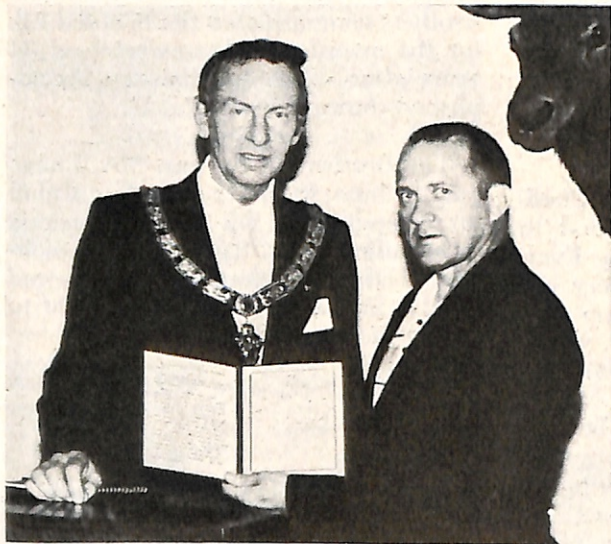




**GOODING, Idaho**, Brothers welcomed Homer Huhn, Jr. (standing, second from left) while he was visiting the West during his term as Grand Exalted Ruler. An official greeting was extended by ER Thomas Miller (standing, right) and Mrs. Miller (seated, right) to their visitors, who included (from left) SDGER Philip and Mrs. West, then-GER and Jo Huhn, and PGER Frank and Betty Hise.



**REPRESENTING** the fourth generation of his family to have been a member of Connellsville, PA, Lodge, Gary Wandel (right) is also his family's second generation Exalted Ruler. PER Lewis Wandel was on hand to welcome his son to his new position and to congratulate him for carrying on the tradition of participation in Elklom.



**A MEMORIAL** booklet certificate printed in memory of the late Brother Jim Culley was presented by Washington Elks Therapy Association Trustee Cecil Cleveland (right) to Spokane Valley, WA, Lodge's ER Pat Jensen. It was the first memorial booklet given on behalf of Spokane Valley Lodge in relation to the state major project.



**THE FIRST** Exalted Ruler of New Braunfels, TX, Lodge, Grand Trustee Edward Schlieter (right), was on hand to perform the mortgage burning ceremony, which freed the lodge from debt for the first time in nine years. Then-SP Joe Matthews (left) and ER Larry Rosser joined 300 Elks and 10 new members, who were initiated in honor of the occasion, for a celebration barbecue dinner and dance.



**THE MAJOR** project of New York, aid to the cerebral palsied, benefited recently from a \$4,500 check donated by Poughkeepsie Lodge. Joelle Singer, who has cerebral palsy, accepted the check from PER Howard Long (left) and lodge Chm. and PER James Palumbo on behalf of the project.





**THE SMILES** of glee on the faces of winning participants in the Middlesex County Special Olympics were thanks enough for Lexington, MA, Lodge, which sponsored this particular group of youngsters. Youth Chm. Richard Samaria (standing, second from right) organized the lodge contingent's trip to Framingham, MA, where the Olympics were held.



**THE AGE** of elegance was the theme of a show given during an Elks' ladies luncheon held at San Mateo, CA, Lodge. Ms. Elizabeth Phillips presented the affair, which is a theatrical performance done in the style of a fashion show, with the fashions being restored costumes of over 100 years ago. Hostess May Broughan (seated, third from left) and ER John Broughan (seated, right) were among the San Mateo ladies and Brothers who enjoyed the afternoon of history and entertainment.



**A REMATCH** basketball game between Rio Grand Boy Scout Troop No. 130 and Boy's Ranch Troop No. 310 was sponsored recently by Belen, NM, Lodge with a \$50 donation towards the cost of the event. ER E. Wayne Poindexter (left) presented the loser's prize of \$20 to Scout leader Clarence Fisher and one of the members of the Rio Grand Troop. The winners, Boy's Ranch Troop, received a \$30 prize.



**A BANQUET** was held at Fort Pierce, FL, Lodge for Paul Green (right), an officer on the local police force. ER Paul Testa presented an award to Officer Green for his outstanding service to the community. Among the policeman's accomplishments are his organization and direction of the Fort Pierce junior police and his directorship of the safety programs in area schools.



**KELLY PESVEYC** (second from left), North Central District poster child, was the guest of honor at Cedar Grove, NJ, Lodge's 12th annual crippled children's bowling tournament. The proceeds of over \$800 were contributed to Elks Camp Moore, the state major project, for the construction of a new building. On hand to present a champion's trophy to Kelly were (from left) Chm. Sal Monaco, ER Robert Brannan, and Carl Cordasco, building fund chairman.





**HIS SEVENTY-YEAR** membership in the BPOE was a cause for celebration by David Roberts (center) and his fellow old timers of Grand Junction, CO, Lodge. During Old Timers Night, the 92-year-old Brother received his 70-year pin from ER Merritt Hinshaw (right), while Brother J. J. Grant offered his congratulations to the guest of honor.



**A SPINET** was a gift from Daytona Beach, FL, Elks to the Gainesville VA Hospital for use in its recreation auditorium. J. Smith, VAVS representative, accepted the piano from Secy. Arthur Birchmeyer, ER Richard Haas, lodge Vets Chm. James Masters, and E. B. Sapp, vets committeeman.



**TRACE BRAYMER** (second from right) was lauded by the members of Meadville, PA, Lodge during a dinner given in honor of the 98-year-old Brother. ER Robert Brown (right) joined Brothers Clifford Stone (left) and Harold Hart in extending congratulations to the long-living Elk.



**A CHARITY** ball was sponsored by Hillside, NJ, Lodge recently. Among those who donned their formal wear for the benefit were (from left) Chm. Victor Kaspar, then-SP Kenneth Cantoli, then-DDGER Arthur Cutillo, and Hillside ER Charles Ritz. It was the lodge's 23rd annual fund-raising affair.



**STUDENT** winners of a Know Your State Government contest sponsored by the Alaska State Elks Association met with Governor Jay Hammond (center), who congratulated them on their political knowledge. The young visitors to Fairbanks represented 14 of the 15 lodges in Alaska.

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# BOOK COOKING FOR THE BLIND

Think about the pleasures of reading. Most of us take them for granted. We lose ourselves in a novel, or pass time in our favorite magazines. We read voraciously, whether we want to or not. Traffic signs, newspapers, billboards, junk mail, cereal boxes and a million other printed objects surround us in our daily lives. As likely as not we read them.

Now think about the blind. Locked in a world of total darkness, reading by sight is an unknown luxury. Yet the blind are not necessarily deprived of reading pleasures. The pleasure merely flows through different channels. Instead of seeing words, the blind feel them. I'm talking, of course, about braille.

Maybe you've run a finger over a sample page of raised dots and marveled that someone might find meaning in that exercise. Have you ever realized the full significance of those dots—the countless hours of transcription, the laborious production and reproduction process, the cost? Limited editions of braille texts are not financially feasible for commercial braille presses. Luckily this doesn't stop the thousands of special interest books that are available to the blind. For this we must thank the dedicated members of the National Braille Association.

The NBA was formed in 1945, originally to bring together all who were interested in the production of braille

for the blind. Membership has since swelled to 3000, and they've added taping and large print programs to serve an even larger number of visually handicapped people. The NBA is a huge sprawling organization with braille production facilities, a magazine, braillests, and tape recordists spread all over the country. They are all volunteers.

"There are millions of dollars of work done by our volunteers," says Betty Epstein rather proudly. She's the current volunteer president of NBA. "The blind would be even further handicapped if it weren't for the generosity of these people. Public schools take care of materials for blind elementary children, but there is no commercial production of textbooks at the college level. Press braille is practical only when hundreds of the same books are needed at the same time; and how much demand is there for advanced calculus in braille? The Braille Book Bank provides texts when and where they are needed."

The amount of work that goes into a single volume of Braille is phenomenal. A word of mouth network matches up student needs with a transcriber who happens to be free. A check is made to see if a braille version of the text already exists. If not, the work begins.

For instance, a blind student in New York desperately needed his professor's notes transcribed for a logic course in mathematics. He was referred to Maxine Marks, a volunteer in Manchester, Vermont, who specializes in math.

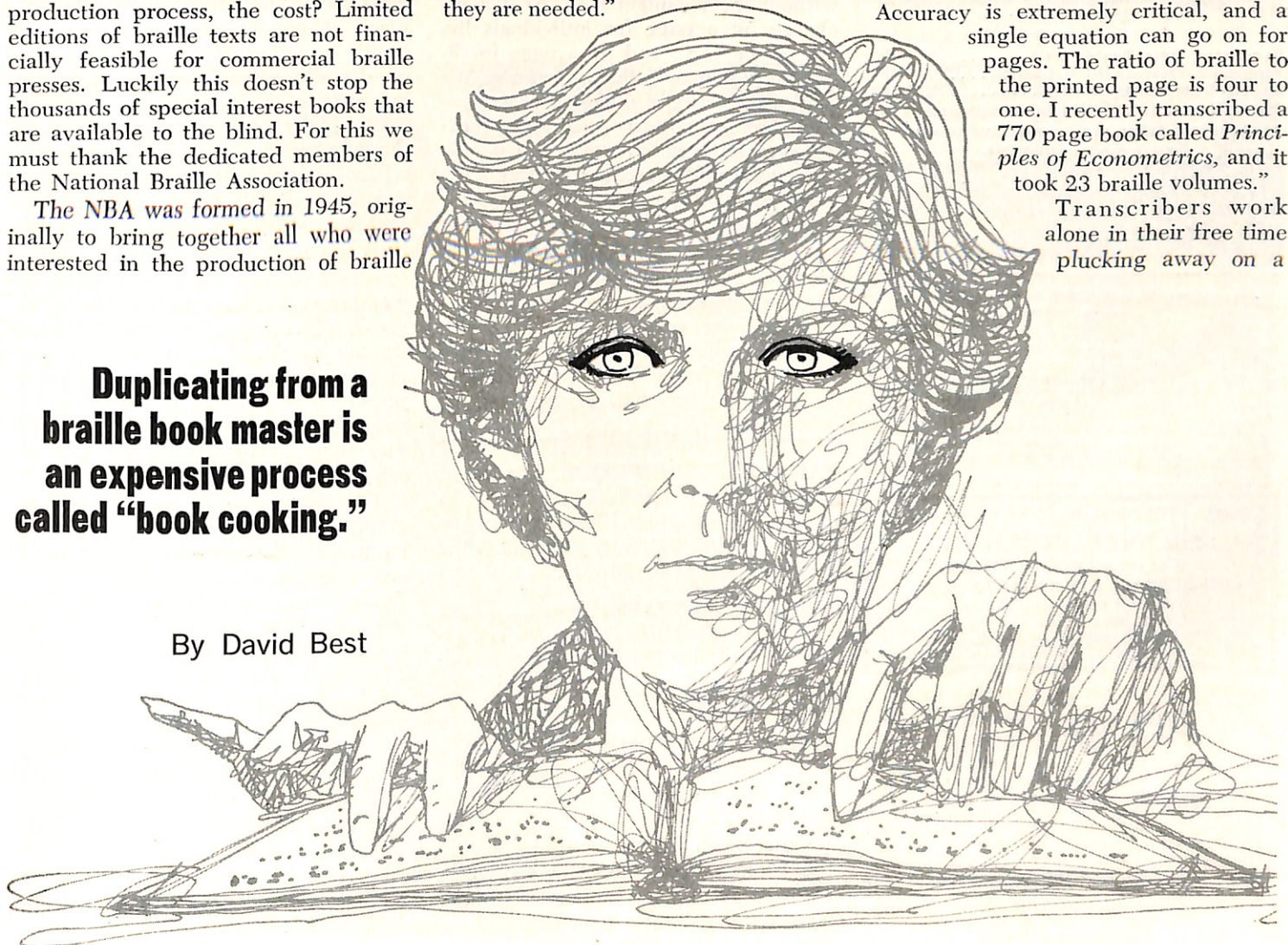
"I'm the world's worst mathematician," Mrs. Marks admits. "But once you know the terminology it doesn't matter if you don't understand the material. The math code is rather complex, but I know a lot of shortcuts now. It keeps your mind going, that's for sure."

Mrs. Marks, who has been doing volunteer transcribing for twenty-five years, says math is more difficult than other subjects, "It's painstaking work. Accuracy is extremely critical, and a single equation can go on for pages. The ratio of braille to the printed page is four to one. I recently transcribed a 770 page book called *Principles of Econometrics*, and it took 23 braille volumes."

Transcribers work alone in their free time plucking away on a

**Duplicating from a braille book master is an expensive process called "book cooking."**

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machine that looks something like a small typewriter. They produce a master which, after proofreading, is filed

away at the Book Bank until a copy is needed. All the volumes in the Bank are listed in a catalog, available free of charge to anyone who wants one. The catalog can be obtained from: National Braille Association, 654A Godwin Ave., Midland Park, NJ 07432.

When a braille book is ordered, volunteers take out the master and perform "book cooking." This is the way they describe the process of duplicating. A film of plastic called Brailon is put over the master and the two are pressed together with heat on a machine called a thermoform. Brailon is a wonderful substance. It won't burn and will stand up to many handlings. Unfortunately it is also expensive, which can make a voluminous braille text very steep.

"It's quite costly to run the Book Bank," says Barbara Tate, chairman of the Textbook Format Braille Committee, and treasurer of NBA. "The equipment is terribly expensive, and so are the Brailon pages. We couldn't do it without the volunteer help. As it is we charge 5¢ a page for individuals living in the U.S., and 9¢ a page for libraries and people living overseas. We think that's a lot of money. But as treasurer I'm sorry to say we're not breaking even at those figures."

Last year NBA received a foundation grant which allowed them to lower prices from 6¢ a page. Another grant permitted the free distribution of the catalog. Most funds come from private foundations—from people who, because of family or personal affliction, wish to bequeath money for the assistance of blind students. They couldn't find a better good for their money.

## Obituaries

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** O. A. Ehrgott of Delta, CO, Lodge died recently. In 1937-1938 Brother Ehrgott held the post of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West District.

**PAST GL COMMITTEEMAN** Denis A. Lyons died June 13, 1978. A member of Passaic, NJ, Lodge, Brother Lyons served on the Grand Lodge American Committee in 1963-1964.

**PAST GL COMMITTEEMAN** Julian C. Smith of Tallahassee, FL, Lodge died June 18, 1978. Brother Smith was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1947-1948 for the North District and President of the Florida State Elks Association in 1968-1969. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee in 1974-1975.

Who uses the Braille Book Bank? "Brailon books go all over the world," says Mrs. Tate. "Our clients are usually individual college students, so most of our work has been with textbook material. Now that the blind population in college is falling off, we are slowly moving into general interest kinds of books, like how-tos, and popular works that aren't available elsewhere. We're not going to compete with the Library of Congress, or the American Printing House for the Blind, or that kind of circulating library. Our texts are for sale, so we deal in material that someone is likely to keep."

The Book Bank recently underwent a major move. For ten years books had been "cooked" in New Jersey at national offices. However, through the years, the population of the area has changed. There were no longer the large numbers of volunteers needed to keep the thermoforms rolling. After careful consideration of all alternatives, the NBA board members concluded the bank would have to be moved to another community.

Since the BBB is entirely reliant on volunteer effort, it took a careful scrutiny of many communities to determine one which would be able to provide a workforce. The NBA board needed a place of goodly size, with plenty of braille resources. It also needed a community which would volunteer for the task without feeling coerced.

Of all the places considered around the country, Rochester, NY was selected for its braille situation. There were five active braille groups already transcribing, and plenty of expertise in textbook format and the special braille codes. "The more I got to thinking and working with these gals in Rochester," says Barbara Tate, "the more I thought it's too good not to ask them. A few of our officers approached the ladies, presented our pitch, if you will, outlined their duties and NBA responsibilities, then left them to decide for themselves if they wanted the job."

The answer was a unanimous "Yes!" Within weeks, trucks laden with equipment and braille masters were rolling out of Midland Park on their way to Rochester. A branch office in Manchester, VT was similarly packed up so all book duplicating is under one roof. The Book Bank was in full operating condition by the time the fall demand for braille books began.

Most people who take the time to learn braille transcription have a special reason for their commitment—a friend or relative who is blind. But even the sighted volunteer transcribers never learn by touch. They learn to read braille with their eyes.

"Braille is a very difficult thing to  
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# Grand Lodge Memorial Service

Slowly the acolytes lighted the candles. A reverent hush fell over the audience as Elks and their ladies paused to honor their departed brothers.

The annual Memorial Service was held in Golden Hall of the Convention and Performing Arts Center during the 114th annual Session of the Grand Lodge in San Diego, CA.

A huge floral clock, with hands stopped at 11, highlighted the stage with simulated cathedral windows.

"While this is a solemn occasion," said PGER George B. Klein, chairman, "it is not with sorrow that we meet, but rather with a spirit of remembrance that recalls those who have gone before us. They are absent but not forgotten."

Eugene F. Costello of Denver, CO, a member of the GL Committee on Judiciary, gave the general eulogy. "We are gathered here to speak well of

those who have gone on before," he said solemnly.

During the past year, death called PGER H. L. Blackledge. His eulogy was presented by PGER Klein, who outlined many of his accomplishments.

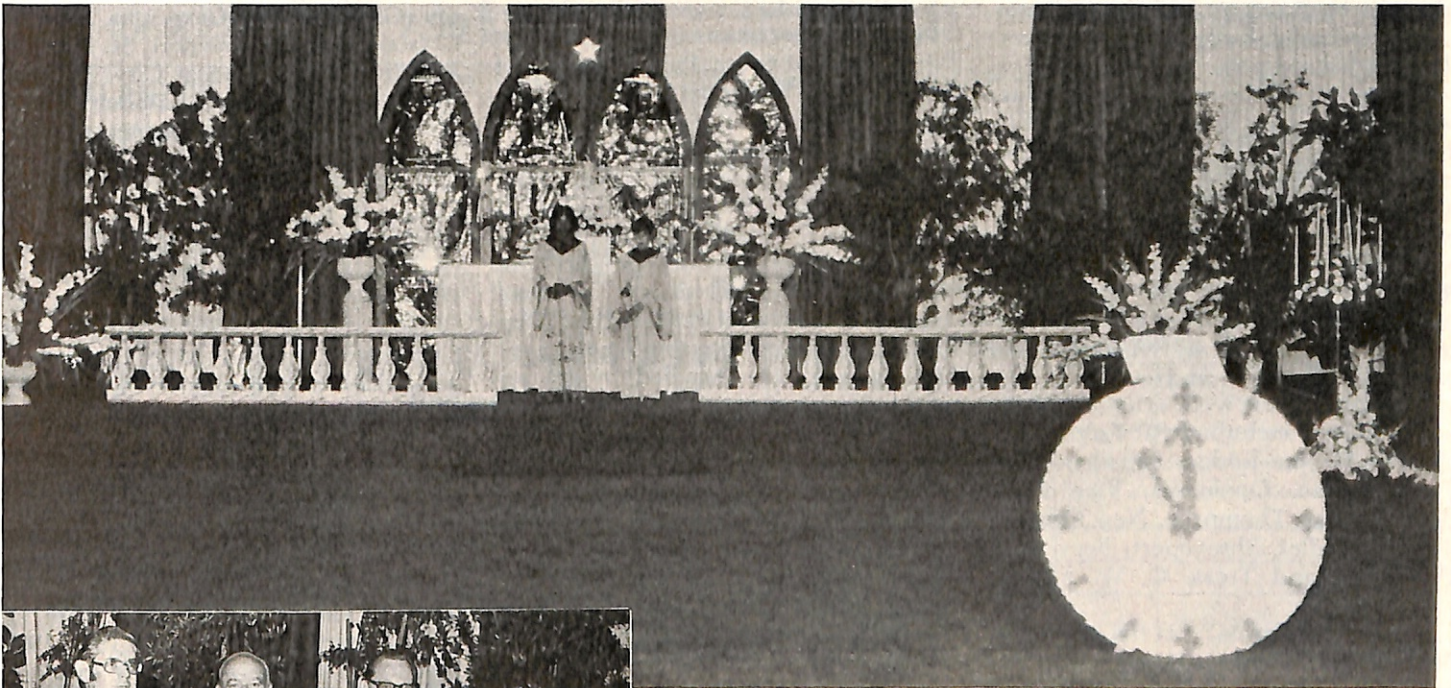
"We cherish and honor the memory of this great Elk we called 'brother,'" he said. ". . . We will all miss him."

Vocal selections were by the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Chancel Quartet accompanied by Dorothy Sale.

PSP Donald W. Luce of the California-Hawaii Elks Association gave the 11 o'clock toast.

The Invocation and Benediction were by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Fr. John Moeder.

GL Organist Ramon Ringo provided the organ prelude and postlude.



Beautiful floral arrangements accented the stage for the traditional Memorial Service at the 114th Grand Lodge Session. The star of Fidelity shone above an altar while the hands of a huge clock were stopped at 11, with Elks the Golden Hour of recollection.

Participating in the impressive service were, left to right, Eugene F. Costello, member of the Committee on Judiciary, who gave the general eulogy; Donald W. Luce, California-Hawaii Elks Association PSP, who gave the 11 O'Clock Toast; Rev. John Moeder, Grand Chaplain, and PGER George B. Klein, chairman, who also presented a eulogy for the late PGER H. L. Blackledge.



# NEWS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS



During the Louisiana convention (from left) PGER Willis McDonald, then-GER Homer Huhn, Jr., Shreveport ER Richard Jones, outgoing SP Ray Majure, Betty Majure, Jo Huhn, Frances Jones, and Elizabeth McDonald took time out from business meetings and activities to exchange greetings.

The teams from Slidell and Baton Rouge Lodges were the ritualistic contest competitors during the recent Louisiana Elks Association convention. Two hundred seventy people attended the April 7-9 meeting which was hosted by Shreveport Lodge. Then-GER Homer Huhn, Jr. was the guest speaker and PGER Willis McDonald, state sponsor, was on hand as a guest of honor.

The upcoming lodge year's goals were discussed during the business meeting, with the establishment of new lodges taking precedence as a motivating state activity. Instead of the annual mid-season conference, the Brothers decided to hold a workshop at Alexandria Lodge on November 4. It was announced that over \$30,000 was collected for the Southern Eye Bank, the state major project, during the year. The next annual convention was scheduled for March 23-25, 1979, at Houma.

Congratulations were extended to the new officers, including SP Fulton Machan of Houma Lodge; President-Elect Fred DeJean, Opelousas; Vice Presidents Thomas Thompson, New Orleans; Steven Beadles, Shreveport; Secy. Ellis Ponthieux; and Treas. C. W. McGill.

Fresno, California, was the site of the May 17-20 California-Hawaii Elks Association convention. The highlight of the gathering was the Exalted Rulers' march to the stage with over one million dollars for the state major project, care and therapy programs for handicapped children. A capacity crowd witnessed the presentation of the largest amount contributed in the 28-year history of the major project, a gain of 13 percent over last year. Honolulu, HI, Lodge was the top contributor, having donated \$50,505. San Jose and Salinas, CA,

Lodges were the second and third highest contributors with their donations of \$38,628 and \$31,786. On a per capita basis, Fairfield, Trona, Honolulu, North Tahoe Sierra, and Oakland were the top five lodge donors.

Then-GER Homer Huhn, Jr. and PGERs Horace Wisely, R. Leonard Bush, and Gerald Strohm were among the distinguished guests who also included Past Grand Chap. Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Scott, Publisher/General Manager of *The Elks Magazine* John Ryan, Arizona SP Harold Browne, Nevada then-VP Blair Jolliff, and Mayor Dan Whitehurst of Fresno. Brother Huhn addressed the 3,900 Elks and Elks' ladies at the convention ceremonies.

Among the business projects discussed by the Brothers was the redistricting of the association's lodges. Plans for increasing membership for the coming year will be handled by an appointed commission.

Robert Robb of Garden Grove Lodge heads the state association for the 1978-1979 year. He will be assisted by Vice Presidents Glen Johnston, Oakland; James Flynn, Livermore-Pleasanton; Boyd O'Quinn, Coalinga; Clarence Baker, Hilo; Robert Herbert, Lancaster; Hans Niedermann, Glendale; Don Deter, Chico; Tom Mitchell, Ontario; Lewis Johnson, Gilroy; J. R. Schroer, Placerville; W. C. Gaskill, Nevada City; Edward Martinelli, Petaluma; Leonard Slade, Huntington Beach; Milo Summerhays, West Covina; David Lutes, Indio; Phillip Merchant, Bellflower; William Robertson, Westchester; William Ijames, Vista; William Ashbrook, Santa Maria; Secy. Edgar Dale, Vallejo; and Treas. C. Drexall McCulley, Redondo Beach.

The mid-term conference will be held

in Palm Springs November 10-11, and the annual convention for 1979 will convene May 16-19 in Anaheim.

The redistricting of Missouri lodges was announced by PGER Edward McCabe during the Saturday business session of the state association's 73rd annual convention. Other salient decisions made at the April 21-23 meeting included plans for expanding the major project and a program for instituting several new lodges. There were 570 Brothers registered for the convention, which was held in Fenton, MO.

State sponsor PGER McCabe and his wife Maggie were joined by distinguished guests then-GER Homer Huhn, Jr. and his wife Jo and Daniel Tammany of the GL Committee on Judiciary and his wife Norvel. Brother Huhn addressed the approximately 820 people who attended the Saturday night banquet. Congratulations were offered to the new state officers, who included SP Arthur Bone of Farmington Lodge; Vice Presidents Edward Mullen, Jefferson City; Melvin Carpenter, Festus-Crystal City; Ron Newport, St. Charles; Bernard Watters, Kansas City; Kenneth McNeal, Warrensburg; Robert Todd, Springfield; Frank Nentrup, Poplar Bluff; Secy. C. A. Tesreau, Festus-Crystal City; and Treasurer R. Max Frye of St. Joseph Lodge.

First place in the ritualistic contest went to Washington Lodge, second to High Ridge, and third to Nevada. All three of the teams scored over 90. The Grandview-Hickman Mills team was announced as the winner of the state Elks annual bowling tournament, and individual awards were presented to doubles, singles, and all-events champions. Announcements were made for two upcoming state competitions, the golf tournament scheduled for August at Blue Springs and the fall fishing derby at Lake of the Ozarks Lodge.

Total contributions for the 1977-1978 year to the state major project (support of five mobile dental units) exceeded \$15,000. It was also reported that the Elks and Elks' ladies of Missouri donated \$45,173 to the National Foundation, a per capita average of \$2.348, which was well over the state's goal for the year.

The fall, 1978, meeting was scheduled for Jefferson City on September 29-30 and October 1. Cape Girardeau will be the site of the 1979 convention on April 6-8.







# NEWS OF THE LODGES

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**THE AUBREY WARREN** Memorial Scholarship was recently awarded by New Mexico Elks to Kathryn Mallon (center). The \$500 will help Ms. Mallon continue her study of construction drafting while she raises two children. Est. Lect. Kt. Ray Lackey (left) of Albuquerque Lodge presented the check, while Louis Saavedra observed.



**THE DEDICATION** of Long Beach, CA, Lodge's National Foundation showcase took place recently. Immediate PER Roy Ramsey (left) greeted then-DDGER Victor Vidal, who observed the completed display of the names of the Foundation members.



**AN ORGAN** to provide music for Portland, OR, Elks was purchased by the PERs of the lodge. The final payment on the instrument, a check for \$500, was presented by PER Joseph Stone (back row, right), president of the PER Association, to ER James White (second from right), while (back row, from left) PDD John Andrew, Brother Ted Offsted, PERs John Finley, George Helzer, Leroy Benson, Ben Harlow, PDD Alfred Moreau, Jerry Wilson, Ervin Thoreson, Robert Hibbitt, Henry Clemo, and (front row) PER Lauren Smith and Dick Locke observed.



**POLICE** officer James O'Harra (left) was honored by Tucson, AZ, Lodge for his meritorious service to the community. Officer O'Harra lost a leg and suffered a hip injury in the line of duty, and yet refuses retirement. ER Basil Lawson (right) presented a plaque of commendation to the honored policeman, while Trustee Darrell Gilman, Americanism chairman, waited to offer his congratulations.



**CUB SCOUTS** from Pack No. 400 joined the Brothers of Spokane Valley, WA, Lodge for dinner recently. The Scouts are all handicapped and (back row, from left) ER Pat Jensen, Chm. Jerry Combs, Arlene Madson, den leader, Esq. Paul Drake, and Joan Lewis, assistant den leader, gathered to commend (standing, from left) Ronnie Yseu, Kenney Lewis, Roy Barrows, Jeff Smasal, and (seated) Johnv Semman and Jimmie Johnson for their accomplishments.





**THE PRESENTATION** of a National Foundation award board took place at Tacoma, WA, Lodge recently. (From left) Committeeman Bob Wilson, In. Gd. Ted Ziemneak, who constructed the display, Chm. Arnie Williams, ER Lee Peterson, and State Chm. Joe Morrell gathered to view the exhibited names of the honorary and participating members.



**FIFTY TICKETS** for the Kramien Magiczam Show were donated by Carmichael, CA, Lodge to the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home. Chm. Gil Smith (left) presented the tickets to Janet Johnston, social activities chairwoman at the Home, on behalf of all the Carmichael Brothers.

**FOR HIS** fifth \$1,000 contribution to the National Foundation, Trustee Sam Koeysan received a certificate of commendation from Indio, CA, Lodge. Chm. David Lutes and ER Allen Lewis presented the certificate and thanked Brother Koeysan for his generous donations.



**THE NINETIETH** anniversary of Pueblo, CO, Lodge was celebrated recently with the initiation of 28 candidates followed by a dinner and a dance. Among the 400 guests attending the affair were Ruth and PGER George Klein (left) and then-SP Edgar McMechen, who were welcomed by ER Charles White (right).

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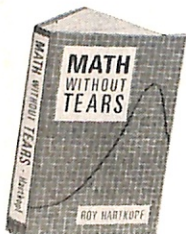


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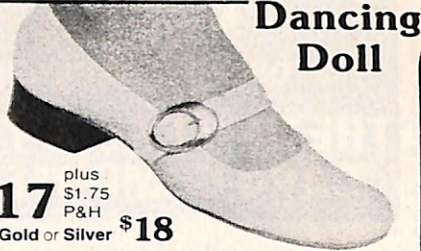
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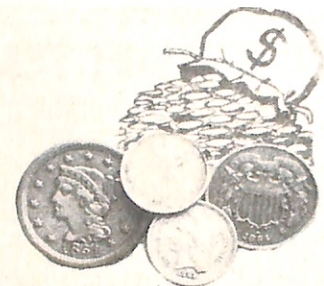
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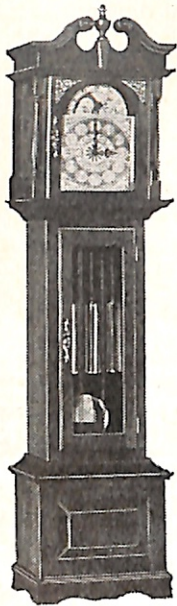
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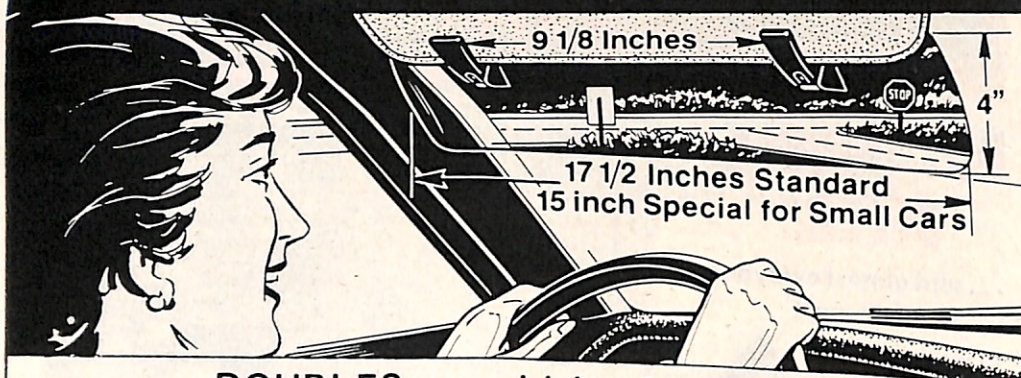
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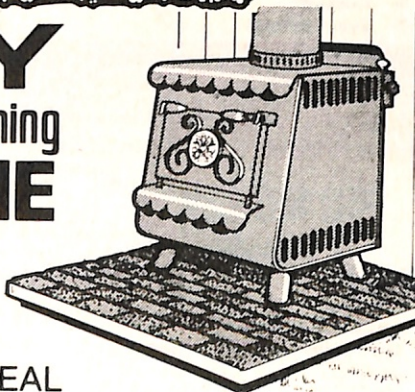
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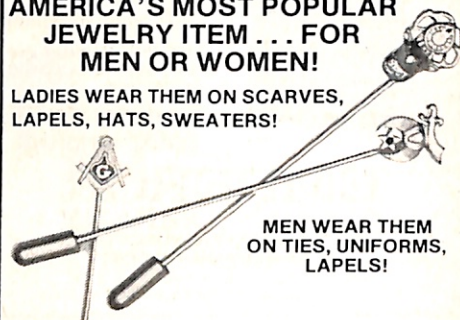
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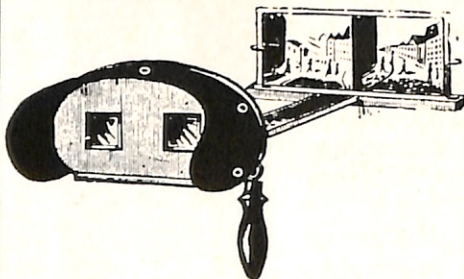
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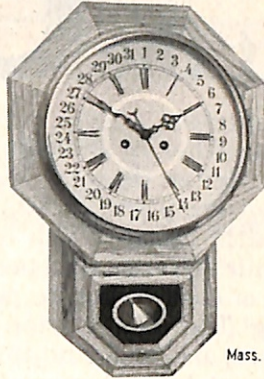
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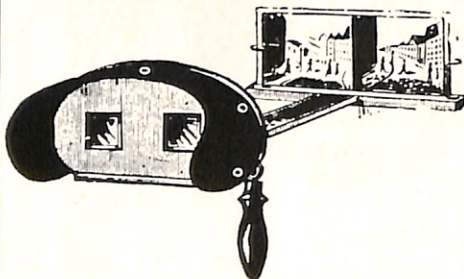
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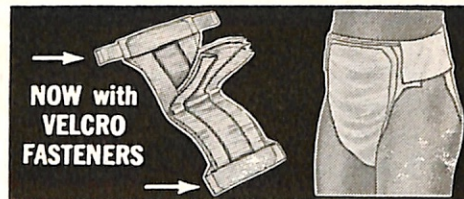
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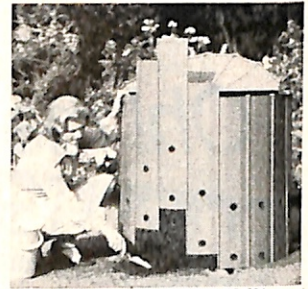
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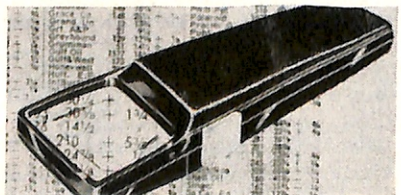
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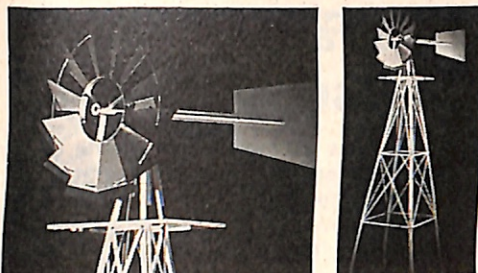
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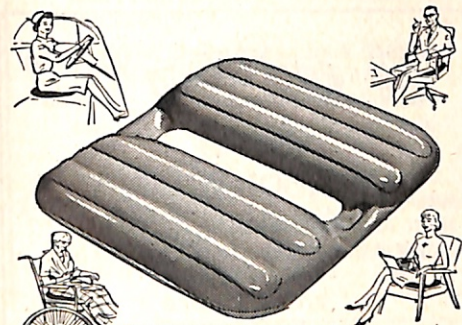


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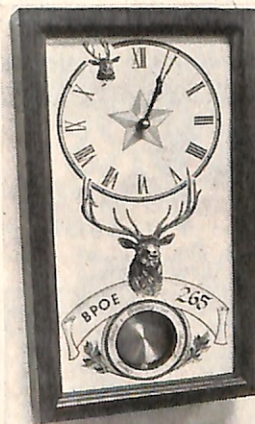
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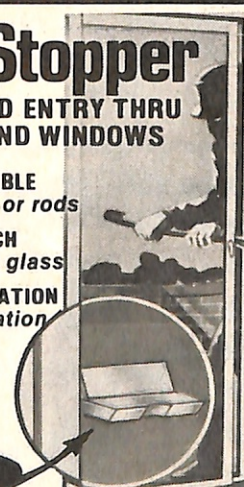
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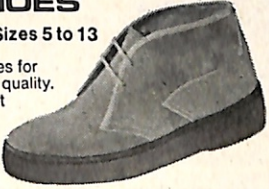
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learn," says Martha Rice, editor of the NBA quarterly magazine *Bulletin*. "The normal person who does learn is someone who was born blind or who lost their sight as a young child."

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Surprisingly, nearly all braille transcriptionists are women. Martha Rice thinks this is because braille takes a lot of time. "To learn braille you have to go to school for nine months, and that's a big effort," she says. "It is mainly women who are willing to do this. Interestingly enough, we do get a lot of men in tape recording."

Mrs. Rice has two possible explanations for the interest men show in recording. "I think companies are getting civic minded and encouraging their employees to do more volunteer work."

"Don't forget," Mrs. Rice continues, "most blind people don't read braille. A good majority of visually impaired people are those who have gone blind in their later years, and they never learn touch braille. Many people who are legally blind can use large type books, but tape recordings are the most common form of communication for older people who have gone totally blind."

Until now, the major effort of the NBA was preparing textbook materials for college-aged blind people. This was the age where most of the blind population had been concentrated. Huge numbers of congenitally blind babies were born in the early 1950's. Over-oxygenation of premature infants was one contributing factor. Rubella also took its toll. For the past twenty years this block of visually handicapped children has been a major concern for the NBA.

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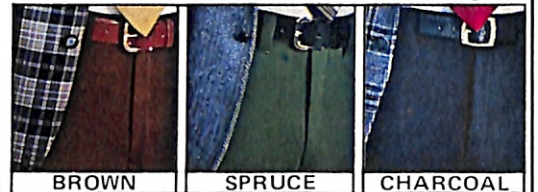
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