

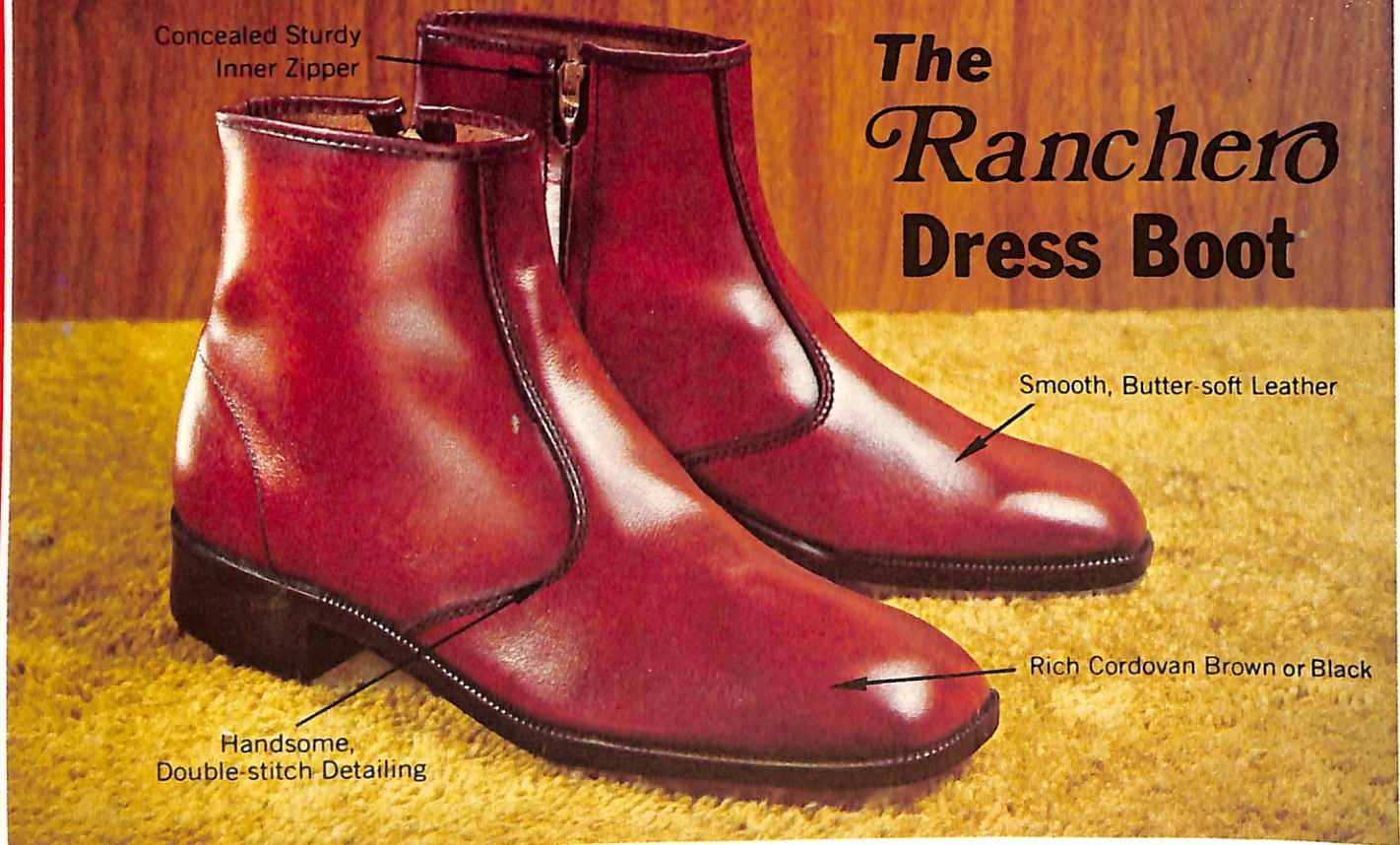
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THIS MONTH of December is a busy one for our Lodges and their members.

DECEMBER 25 marks one of Christianity's most sacred days: Christmas. It is a time of the year when, traditionally, we make every effort to gather our families together to celebrate the birth of Christ and exchange gifts symbolic of those brought to Bethlehem by the Magi from the East.

DECEMBER 5 marks the beginning of Hanukkah, one of Judaism's happy Holy days. This "Feast of Lights" remembers the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Maccabees after they had defeated the forces of the Syrians.

DECEMBER 3 is the day on which we pause to pay tribute to "our absent brothers," those whose virtues we write upon the tablets of love and memory.

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THE MONTH ENDS on a more social note with the traditional New Year's Eve parties.

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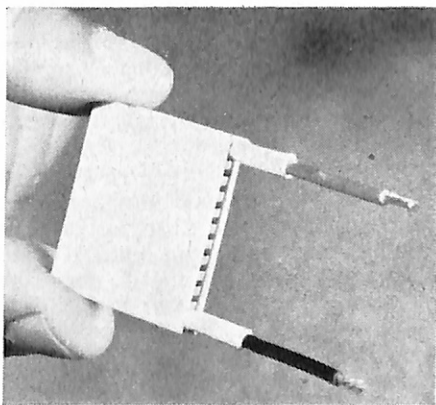
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MERGER TALK

Do mergers and consolidation proposals improve a business climate?

The answer, I suppose, depends a lot upon which kind of corporate headgear you wear: felt or hard hat. The answer also depends upon how astute you are as a proprietor in a community where such discussion is taking place. The outcome will undoubtedly affect you, indirectly or directly.

And the answer will hardly be as promising as those optimistic statements made to media by the principals.

My business dictionary says that a merger is when two or more businesses join together and form a single company. A lawyer friend embellishes this by saying that ideally a merger is a blending of two firms, regardless of size, to create a stronger company—not always larger—to face a future that has changed. It's an altered game plan for survival.

But, as some will tell you, the reasons for merger don't always involve survival. There are many smoke screens that take place in the name of consolidation.

There was a day, decades ago, when merger talk was heard only in boardrooms or back rooms and the public as well as those with vested interests were conveniently kept in the dark until the signatures and seal made it a *fait accompli*.

The 60s, 70s and probably the 80s are changing all that. Today, a corporate secretary or switchboard operator can leak most, if not all, of the details before the chairman has a chance to photocopy the plan for his board. That's especially true if the plan abolishes jobs or threatens relocation. An eager army of reporters jumps on it before the ink is dry, and the public is left to sift and sort among the gamut of opinions and accusations—much of which is carefully crafted to slant the story—to decide what's happening.

Furthermore, as the lack of trust permeates every level of society as well as business, the media fuels the issue, hardening opinions until the subject brings sharp division in a community . . . but no solutions. The result, regardless of how enterprising the media may have been in uncovering the story, is that business and community relationships may be permanently destroyed.

And the small business owner certainly can't be a bystander on such an issue. The stakes are usually too high.

Recently, Roger J. Buckley, chairman and president of Allegheny Ludlum Industries, spelled it out concisely for Sen. Ted Kennedy's Sub-Committee on Anti-Trust and Monopoly. "Hostile mergers or acquisitions should be outlawed. They simply are not in the business interest, the customers' interest and, really, not in the public interest."

At the same time, Buckley and other witnesses insisted that merger is not necessarily a bad word. Friendly mergers, for example, do benefit the firms involved because both companies agree to the acquisition. Said the Allegheny board chairman: "I subscribe to the need for companies to be free to merge or to acquire other companies. And I strongly believe the government intrusion into the regulation of most mergers has been inept, irrational and often self-defeating. Let businessmen merge companies at their own risk, but give them a consistent and rational law."

Stockholders, of course, see nothing wrong with acquisitions of any kind. And most would concur with one investment analyst who told me, "management of the company being sought will rarely cooperate in a merger proposal. Stockholders normally won't support current management in opposition to merger if they receive an attractive offer."

Others disagree, though. Syracuse *Herald-Journal* Business Editor Joseph A. Porcello described such opposition in a front page story about the possible merger of United Technologies Corporation and Carrier Corporation of Syracuse not long ago. The air-conditioning firm, a major employer in Syracuse, turned down a merger proposal only to find UTC more determined to acquire it. UTC responded with a tender offer to Carrier stockholders. Once it obtained 49 per cent of the air-conditioning firm's stock, UTC would proceed with merger plans. Carrier replied with a suit in U.S. District Court charging UTC with violation of federal anti-trust laws.

Businessman Philip D. Anderson, president of Anderson Metals Co., said the natural reaction of the small business community in Syracuse is that they have become "extremely anxious and very upset." He estimated that between 2,500 and 5,000 companies—about one-half of the smaller concerns in central New York—could be affected.

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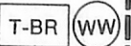
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THE WOOD BURNER IS BACK

by Gary Turbak

Ever since Norman Neanderthal carried that first flaming ember into his cave, man has kindled fires in his home. From the huge and smokey bonfires that blazed in medieval castles to the pot-bellied heaters of our western saloons, indoor wood-burning has warmed many a generation. Of late, coal and oil and electricity have heated the majority of American homes, but—make no mistake about it—the wood-burner is back.

Last year, 500,000 wood stoves were installed in American homes. According to the Fireplace Institute, half of all single family homes in the U.S. now sport a wood-burner of one type or another, and that figure is expected to rise to 60 percent by 1980. Charles Martin, president of the institute, says that industry is having trouble satisfying the surge in demand for wood-burning devices. Stoves and fireplaces are being sold as fast as they can be made.

And being made they are! It sometimes seems that the number of wood-burner buyers is only slightly greater than the number of wood-burner makers. At least 60 companies are presently cranking out stoves and fireplaces in this country. In the past few years, many new names, models, devices, and claims have flooded the market...and confused the consumer.

There are stoves of cast iron and stoves of steel. There are tall stoves and short stoves, round ones and square

ones. There are stoves with thermostats and stoves without. There are freestanding fireplaces and traditional fireplaces and fireplaces that convert into stoves and stoves that replace fireplaces. There are more choices available than you can shake a poker at. Yes, shopping for a wood-burner can be an exercise in frustration and bewilderment, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Basically, there are three classes of wood-burning devices for the home: the old-time fireplace, the freestanding fireplace, and the airtight stove. Before you rush out and buy the same model that Harry across the street put in or throw yourself at the mercy of the sales people, ask yourself some questions. Carl English, author of *Buying a Wood Stove*, says that "whether you like it

or not, you have to make your choice by weighing four factors: 1) what you want, 2) how much you can pay, 3) what it will cost, and 4) what it will do for you." Since most of us know how much we can afford to spend and the dealers can tell us how much the devices cost, let's concentrate on the other two considerations.

What kind of wood-burner you buy will depend on why you want it. Most homeowners turn to wood either to take



An old favorite for efficient area heating is the cast iron freestanding fireplace heater (above). It features a wide leg spread, a large feed door, and a sliding hearth plate for draft control.

the sting out of heating bills or to add another dimension to the coziness and "atmosphere" of their homes. These two uses for wood-burners are not mutually exclusive, but some devices will provide one service and not the other.

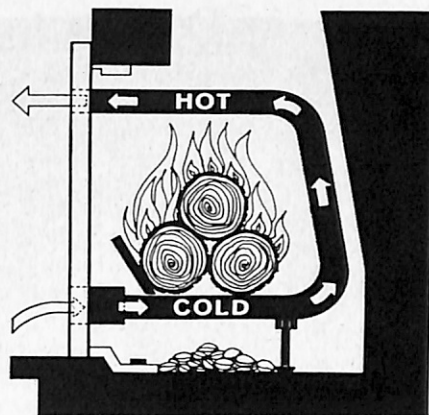
Probably the best example of this is the traditional built-into-the-wall masonry fireplace. While they do add an old-time quality to the home and are cheery to gather around, fireplaces are not good heaters. "Traditional fireplaces," says the Montana Energy and MHD Research and Development Institute (MERDI), "are usually negative contributors to heating residences. Often they draw more heat from the room than they can contribute." To understand this apparent contradiction, one must understand the nature of fire.

In order to burn, a fire needs two ingredients—some combustible material, say wood, and oxygen. When both of these are available in unrestricted quantities, the fire burns at its fastest pace, consuming as much wood as is present and huge quantities of oxygen. The open fireplace gets its wood from the homeowner and its oxygen by literally sucking air out of the room. As this air rushes toward the fireplace, it is replaced by air drawn from other rooms and from outside the house via cracks around doors and windows. It's this action that accounts for the draft one often feels throughout the house when a fire is blazing in the fireplace.

Now, all this would not be totally bad except for the fact that most of the heat created by that fire goes straight up the chimney. The portion of the fire's heat which is radiated into the room hardly makes up for the loss of pre-heated (by gas, oil, or electricity) room air. Thus, the traditional fireplace is anything but an efficient heater.

The word "efficient" is one you'll run into again, and perhaps it needs some explaining. Efficiency simply refers to the rate at which a wood-burning device turns the potential heat of the fuel into actual heat in the room. A stove or furnace that is 100 percent efficient would burn its fuel completely and send absolutely no heat up the chimney. Such a device has yet to be invented. The best we can do is to stay as close to 100 percent as possible. A typical oil or gas furnace, for example, is 60 to 70 percent efficient in burning its fuel. The MERDI rates masonry fireplaces as being between negative and (plus) ten percent efficient.

There are ways, however, to increase the output of the traditional fireplace. The MERDI offers three suggestions: 1) By providing air for combustion from a source other than the room (from the out-of-doors or the basement via special ducts), pre-heated air isn't wasted. 2) By limiting the available oxygen (through the use of glass or screen doors), the intensity of the fire is decreased and the rush of heat up



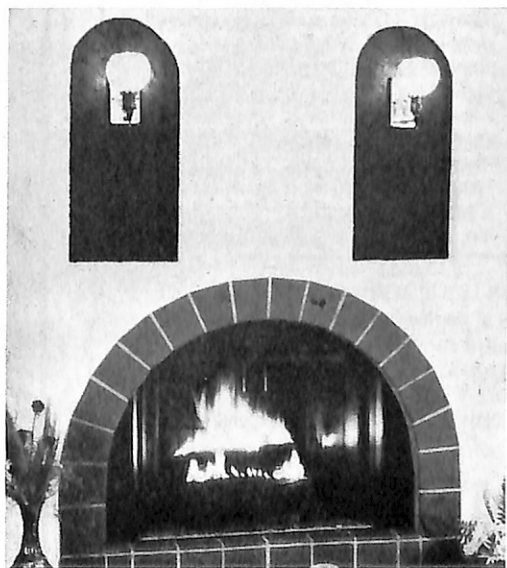
The Thermograte fireplace heater (above) works on the natural convection principle, drawing in cool air, heating it, and forcing out heated air.

the chimney is slowed. 3) By installing a heat exchanger of some sort (most involve "C"-shaped pipes which take cool air from the floor, route it near the fire, and then send it back into the room), at least some of the heat is extracted from the fire. Even with all these devices in effect, though, the old standard brick built-in will rarely approach 30 percent efficiency.

Most homeowners, however, will not be adding a masonry fireplace to an existing home. What they are buying is one of the other two basic types of wood-burners—freestanding fireplaces and airtight stoves.

Freestanding fireplaces are exactly what their name implies: fireplaces that stand on their own out away from a wall. They come in various styles and even in decorator colors. Some are round; some are square; some are conical; some are mostly glass; and some can even be hung from the ceiling. Majestic and Malm are two of the most popular brands in modern styles, and many companies manufacture what are marketed as Franklins.

The three basic wood-burning devices for the home are: the freestanding fireplace (below, left), the traditional fireplace (below, right), and the airtight stove (far right).





The stove—or, more correctly, the fireplace—that carries old Ben's name has lost most of the efficiency that wise Mr. Franklin designed into it. Recognizing even then that the masonry fireplace was not very practical, Ben created his Pennsylvania Fireplace to take more of the chill out of the colonial winters. Not wanting to limit its use, Ben declined to patent the device. Today's Franklins bear little resemblance to their namesake and can be manufactured by anyone.

All freestanding fireplaces—including the Franklin—are quite closely related to their masonry forebears and, in that respect, are not particularly good heaters. Their one main flaw is that they don't effectively limit the amount of air reaching the fire. They do, though, exhibit a couple of advantages over their built-into-the-wall ancestors. First, freestanders have a fairly large steel surface area from which to radiate heat into the room. Second, some models—like the Franklin—have doors that can be closed to help control the flow of air into the fire. The MERDI rates a freestander's efficiency at around 30 percent.

This is not to say that your Franklin can't warm the den or basement or whatever. It can. It will, however, re-

quire a lot of wood to do the job and is likely to draw cold outside air into the house. There must be, you say, a better way. And you are absolutely correct.

Way back in 1836, a gentleman named Issac Orr patented the first airtight wood-burning stove. The myriad models clammering for your attention today are all variations of Orr's prototype. According to Paul Stegmeir, wood-burning expert, member of the board of directors of the Wood Energy Institute, and resident of frigid Minnesota, you should be shopping for an airtight stove if you're serious about heating with wood. He's not alone in making this recommendation. Virtually every expert in the field points to airtights as the way to go for heat. Bill Day, Oregon author and stove repairman says simply that the "efficiency of all wood heaters depends heavily upon having airtight door openings."

The reason for this relates directly to the foibles of the traditional fireplace. When the amount of air reaching the fire is controlled, so too is the rate of burn and the amount of heat puffing up the chimney. The slower a fire burns, the less wood it consumes. And a decrease in the heat heading skyward indicates an increase in heat reaching the room. Buying a wood-burner, then, is as simple as asking to see the nearest airtight—right? Not quite!

Within the general category of airtight stoves lie features and models and materials and designs all claiming to do the most for you. By choosing to invest in an airtight wood-burner, you have already made the larger of your decisions.

The first major distinction to be made among airtights is between the radiating and circulating type stoves. Now, all stoves perform both functions to a certain extent, but each wood-burner heats primarily in one way or the other. The heavy, black, flat-topped or pot-bellied variety of stove that pops into most minds is the classic radiator. It simply radiates its heat outward.

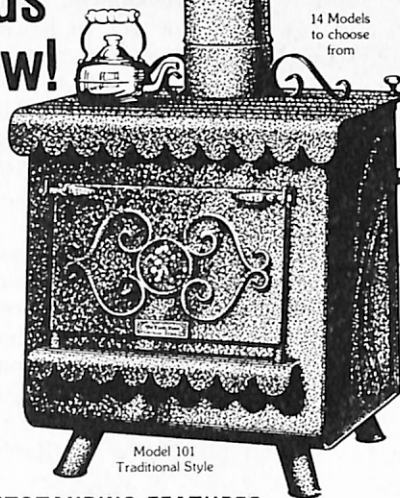
A circulating stove is usually a radiant type stove with a shell around it. As air moves between the shell and the inner stove, it warms and rises into the room. More cool air is drawn in and eventually hot air has been circulated throughout the area. Most of these stoves, such as the Shenandoah and the Wonderwood, have modern-looking thin sheet metal jackets, and many of them have pipes through which water can be heated, or fans. Some will even plug into a home's existing forced air ductwork. Most people who put in circulating stoves do so strictly for heating purposes and not for aesthetics.

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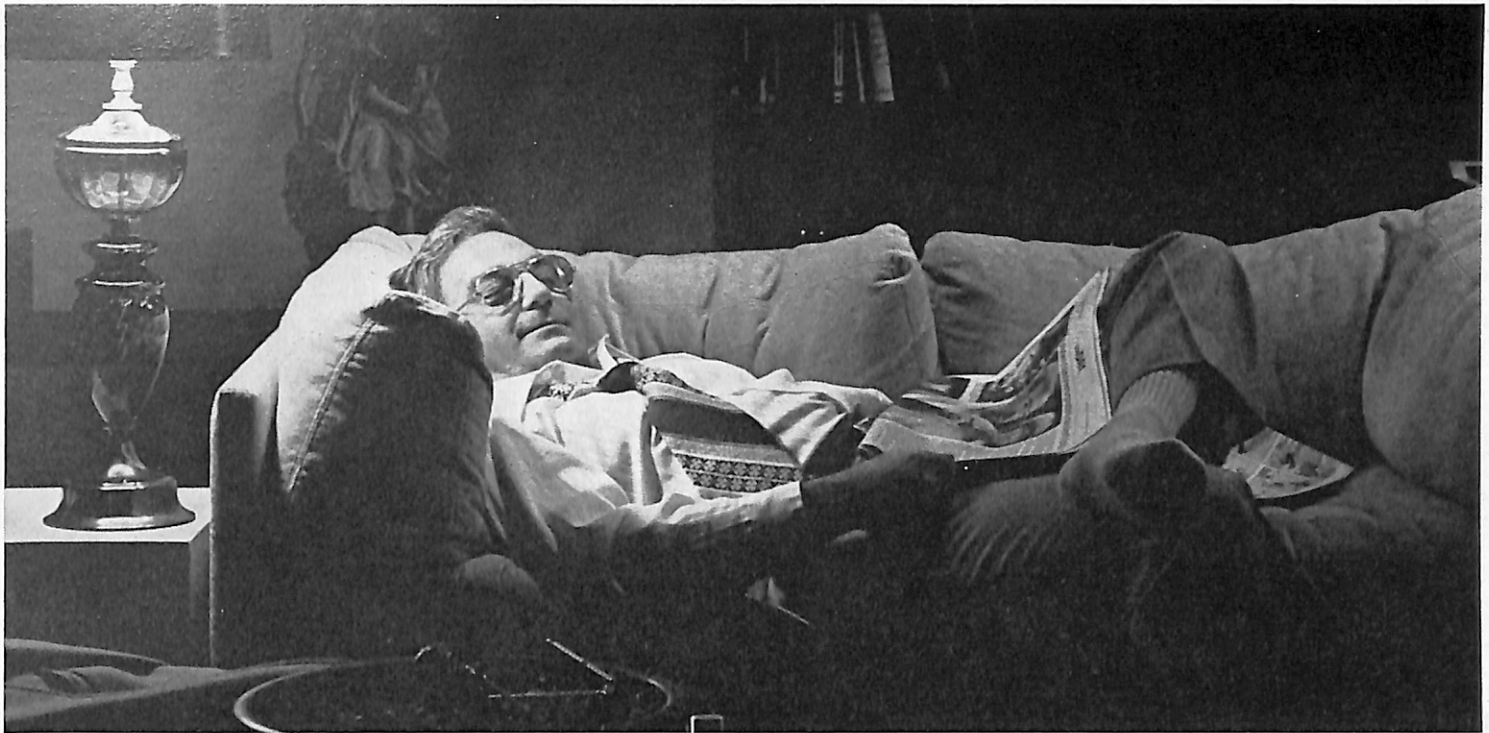
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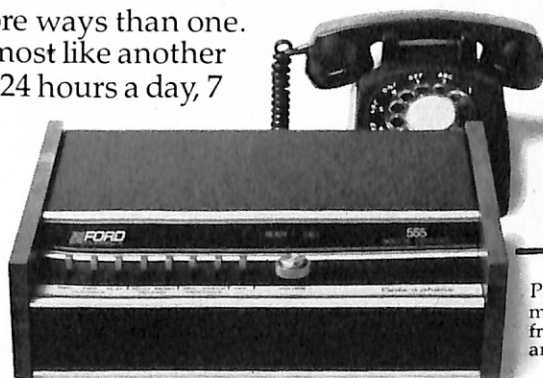
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**"That in my age as cheerful
I might be
As the green winter of
the Holly Tree . . ."**

by Robert Southey

Christmas, the holiday that ushers in cold, bleak winter, also introduces a colorful tradition of the season that was in vogue in ancient times. The twigs and wreaths of holly, their green shining leaves and brilliant red berries speaking a universal language of joy and excitement, have long pointed up the happy zest of the Yuletide season.

Holly is one of our oldest plants. Because its history goes back 30 million years, all sorts of supernatural powers have been attributed to it. Since the heyday of the Romans, the Greeks, the Druids, and the American Indian, hollies have played an exciting role in medicine and legerdemain, science and superstition, legend and lore. They are an ancient ingredient in sex orgies, black magic and hopped-up tea.

Holly served as the first lightning rods. Ancient Romans surrounded their homes with the trees in the firm belief they had powers to ward off lightning and evil spirits. Their reasoning was sound—a holly hedge is about as easy to penetrate as a spiked stone wall. The Romans also used holly as an antidote for poison and as a treatment for epilepsy. The Persian Magi considered it a necessary element in their religious ceremonies.

Many of the superstitions concerning holly developed in the time of the Druids. This venerable Celtic religious order had a special affinity for the occult. Its members gathered holly for their festivals and considered the plant sacred. In the dead of winter they brought branches of holly into their homes to protect the woodland spirits dwelling in the boughs from the misery of the bitter cold outside.

In medieval times the forerunners of modern physicians believed that a concoction of holly leaves, berries and bark was a cure for such ailments as colic, gout, and gallstones.

Down through the centuries holly

has been credited with having many other medicinal properties. A tonic is often made from the leaves for the relief of fevers; the leaves are also frequently prescribed as a cure for pain of the spleen. The Chinese brew a tea from their holly plants which is famed for its blood-purifying powers. In England, more than 300 years ago, the leaves of holly were recommended in making poultices for healing broken bones and for reducing the swelling of joints that had been thrown out of place.

There was also an old tradition centuries ago that suggested wives should give holly tea to their husbands "to stop their wandering."

Wood of the holly is prized for its fine hard grain and light color. In early times it was used for chariot shafts and tomahawk handles. Colonial carpenters found the holly wood so strong they often used it as a substitute for iron in making hinges and bolts.

As early as 1785 George Washington began using holly trees as part of his landscaping scheme at Mount Vernon. Many of these may still be seen today. Because the wood is so white it resembles ivory, the false teeth which he wore in later years were carved from a holly branch.

When the Pilgrims reached Plymouth in 1620 they were thrilled to find holly growing in the snow-covered forests. They discovered that the Indians wore it as a badge of courage and as a talisman to avert evil and bring success in battle. They also brewed a tea from the plant which the tribal medicine men vowed would give the warriors increased strength and indomitable courage.

Two hundred and forty years later, holly leaves were accepted as the most common substitute for making tea during the Civil War. During World War I holly tea was served to Allied troops as a stimulant.

It might be said that the holly is the precursor of the Christmas card. At the Saturnalian festivals some 700 years before the birth of Christ, the Romans sent sprigs of holly to their friends as

tokens of affection. It was also during the Roman orgies of the Saturnalia that the holly became connected with sex. If you caught a girl under a holly wreath you could kiss her. Newlyweds were given holly to insure fertility.

The use of holly to celebrate Christmastime is older than Christmas itself. The Teutons and Celts of northern Europe gathered the evergreen holly late in December for pagan festivals on the premise that a plant that could stay green in winter must be favored by the supernatural powers.

Early Christians believed that holly was used to make the Crown of thorns for the crucifixion. The plant became known as the "righteous branch" or "thorn of Christ," for the little red berries supposedly symbolized the drops of blood on Christ's brow. One of the first traditions of the early Christian church came from adoption of the practice of using holly and other greens for special celebrations and feast days. The church found it easier to accept a heathen custom and turn it to Christian use than to ban the practice.

In early England the huge halls of the feudal lords were decked with holly during the holiday season. Great feasts, drink, and merrymaking became the practice in the 11th to 17th centuries. These revels, lasting from Christmas to Twelfth Day, became such orgies that they were outlawed in 1644. Today we still retain the more refined aspects of these celebrations. The feast, yule log, and the use of holly for decorations are all descended from the feudal halls.

A holly wreath on the front door has come to be the accepted symbol of Christmas. Fortunately, the plant has a variety of habitats and can be grown in the United States from Massachusetts to Oregon and from Florida to Texas. A tiny seedling at the time Columbus discovered the New World has since grown up and is recognized as the oldest holly tree in America. It stands near New Bern, North Carolina and is 72 feet high and 11 feet in circumference near its base. North Carolina has dedicated the tree and the land sur-



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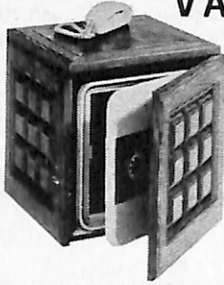


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Another of ancient vintage is the 350-year-old "Shoemaker Holly Tree" just south of Ocean City, New Jersey, which was discovered by Captain Cornelius Mey when he explored the Jersey Cape in the early 1600s. The Holly Society was instrumental in saving this tree a few years ago. It stood directly in the path of the proposed Garden State Parkway and was to be destroyed. The Society quickly initiated a movement to save the tree, with the result that the North and South lanes of traffic now pass on either side of it and the area is designated as the Children's Shoemaker Holly Park. During the holiday season the tree is beautifully decorated with amber lights and a Christmas service is held there.

Probably the most famous holly tree in all America is found between Philadelphia and Washington, alongside the tracks of the affiliated Chesapeake and Ohio and Baltimore and Ohio railroads near Jackson, Maryland. Because of its proximity to the tracks and to U.S. Route 40, the giant holly has long been known as "The Travelers' Christmas Tree."

In 1930, the late George M. Shriver, senior vice president of the B&O, was aboard his train when he happened to glance out the window and saw this magnificent pyramid-shaped tree, which is over 60 feet high. He immediately issued instructions to buy the 20-acre farm on which the tree stood. Each year since, on the second Saturday preceding Christmas, the railroad has staged a big tree-trimming party. Employee volunteers and their families gather at the site to decorate the giant holly with 5,000 lights and ornaments. There is a colorful Yuletide ceremony which attracts people from every state in the Union and many foreign countries. The tree remains lighted from dusk to dawn through New Year's Day.

Sand and holly may seem a strange combination, but Clarence R. Wolf intermingled the two in establishing a unique and successful business. In 1923 Wolf resigned his position as principal of the Millville, New Jersey, High School to open a plant for processing industrial sand. Holly grew profusely on his properties. Disliking the prevalent custom of distributing liquor and cigars to customers at Christmas time, Wolf began gathering great clusters of holly, packaging them in peppermint-stick paper, and shipping the colorful foliage as Yuletide greetings to the customers of his New Jersey Silica Sand Company. During the next several years

the demand for his holly became such that it was impossible to fill the requests from the nearby woods. In 1939, Wolf began planting his own holly orchard.

Horticulturist Dan Fenton has supervised this holly plantation since 1945. In 1971, following the death of Mr. Wolf, he and a group of local businessmen purchased the orchard from the New Jersey Silica Sand Company.

The grove now contains 4,400 trees about 20 feet in height and is the largest American Holly orchard in the United States. Fenton ships out some 100,000 pounds of cut holly to markets each year. The company also produces 200,000 holly plants annually, which are sold throughout the entire country.

Familiar with the history of every tree in the orchard, Fenton treats them almost as his children. Many times he has stayed up all night to protect his charges from frost.

One of his favorite trees is the "Eleanor." Standing tall and stately, and clothed with shiny green leaves and bright red fruit, the tree is named for the late Eleanor Roosevelt. Political impartiality thrives in the holly orchard, however, and not far from the "Eleanor" is the "Mamie," named for Mrs. Eisenhower. They differ in that "Mamie" has a blue-green leaf and light red berries.

Situated in the midst of the 68-acre holly grove is the Holly House Museum. It is a mecca for holly enthusiasts and contains the world's largest collection of artifacts connected with holly. Thousands of people from all over the world visit it each year. Among the exhibits is a Nativity scene with holly-wood figures hand-carved in North Carolina. The Lord's Prayer, carved on a holly board, was done over 150 years ago. There are chairs, tables and benches made of holly.

Robins are listed as both an asset and a liability at the holly orchard. The fences surrounding the grove are generally clustered in December with fat Robins, down from Canada and stopping over in Millville to feast on the gleaming smorgasbord of holly berries.

To discourage the hungry horde, firecrackers are set off at intervals, and every few minutes a harsh horn sounds to frighten the birds. This defensive action continues until cutting ends in mid-December. Then the remaining berries are left to the visiting flyers—and they swarm in to strip the trees of their fruit.

It's all part of nature's scheme. The robins in turn scatter the seeds far and wide, brightening the landscape in distant places with the dazzling green and luscious red of the holly tree. It is their contribution to the future—a glorious legacy to many joyous and colorful Yuletide seasons yet to come. ■



Mrs. Lillian Carter and Secy. Roger Waters publicize Council Bluffs' Christmas fund-raising program.

Mrs. Lillian Carter (left), mother of the president of the United States, visited **Council Bluffs, IA, Lodge** at the beginning of the Brothers' annual drive to raise funds for Christmas gifts and parties for area handicapped and underprivileged children. In conjunction with the fund-raising program, Secy. Roger Waters presented Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls to Miss Lillian for her granddaughter Amy.

Aluminum cans have been collected by Sylvester Murray, who brings them to **Jerome, AZ, Lodge**. The Brothers sell the cans and donate the proceeds to help pay for leukemia stricken Becky Vickers's medical expenses. Several businesses save cans for Murray's pickup, but he also finds cans in parks and along sidewalks.

The proceeds from **Vallejo, CA, Lodge's** bazaar and raffle, held recently, amounted to over \$11,000 and will augment the lodge's youth program and charity funds. Brother Lee Antrim, who now resides in Alaska but continues to support Vallejo Lodge's charity programs, won the raffle's first prize, which was a one-week trip to Hawaii.

An unusual way to encourage contributions to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital, Florida's major project, was thought of by Chm. Ronald Ekberg of **Seminole Lodge**. Brother Ekberg owns a restaurant, and in ex-

change for a contribution to the hospital, stencils the names of the donors on the white tiled ceiling. Thus far, the appeal of personalized tiles has raised over \$600.

A rummage sale run by the Elks' ladies of **Tucson, AZ, Lodge** raised \$1,815.84 for the Arizona Elks Association's Long Term Care Unit. All the proceeds from the ladies' many fund-raising events go to the major project.

A father and son of **Bellingham, WA, Lodge** were honored with life memberships. Brothers John Oberg, who is 94 years of age, and Ernest Oberg, who is 66 years old, thanked their fellow members for the distinction.

News from Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago concerning the death of Mike the polar bear was of special interest to the Brothers of **Alaska**. In 1956, the Alaskan Elks donated Mike to the Zoo in honor of the National Convention held in Chicago. Weighing 840 pounds and standing more than eight feet high, Mike was the largest of the zoo's polar bears, and delighted visitors with his antics to earn marshmallows, his favorite treat.

Nearly 100 Illinois Brothers gathered

at **Highland Park Lodge** to honor 42-year member, Past GL Committeeman, and PSP Raymond Sheahan and to wish him a happy retirement to Naples, FL. Those who extended their good wishes to Brother Sheahan, who was lodge secretary for 30 years, included PDD Carroll Snyder, master of ceremonies, GL Committeeman Robert Sabin, SP Fred Sheehan, and Brother Daniel Pierce, state representative.

Six high school seniors received John J. Stewart Scholarships from **Rensselaer, NY, Lodge** recently. The presentation was the first time the awards, named after state trooper Stewart, who has been a trooper for 40 years and active in the youth program, were proffered. ER Peter Benko and Scholarship Chm. Marv Tonkin congratulated the youngsters for their academic achievements.

Ohio Elks gathered in Columbus for the 49th annual fall conclave recently. SP James Ekelberry presided at the four-day session, guest speaker for which was GER Leonard Bristol. The conference concluded with a ritualistic workshop conducted by Robert Lace, GL Ritualistic committeeman, and State Chm. Dwight Smith.

The Brothers of **Boston, MA, Lodge** held a gala affair in celebration of their 100th birthday. Joining Boston Elks for the birthday toast during the banquet were many dignitaries, including PDD and GL Committeeman Alfred Mattei, SDGER W. Edward Wilson, and then-SP Albert Murphy. Boston Lodge was the tenth to be instituted in the order and has had distinguished members, including U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

Among the charter membership of **Gateway (Portland), OR, Lodge** there were nine deaf Brothers; now there are 22. Gateway Elks' involvement with the deaf goes beyond relations within the lodge, where initiation ceremonies are followed in sign language, to the sponsorship of two bowling teams for the deaf and sign language classes for interested members and their wives.

A testimonial dinner sponsored by the PERs of **Westwood, NJ, Lodge** was held for chef Louie Gaggero recently. An Elk for 32 years, Brother Gaggero has been chairman of the kitchen committee for more than 20 years. The honored Brother received a plaque, a diamond Elks pin, and a National Foundation award, and a donation of \$240 was contributed to the Foundation in his name.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



APPLAUSE greeted 13 Bluefield, WV, Elks when they received their 50-year membership pins during a lodge meeting. PDD Reaford Murphy (left) and ER Bernard Wills (right) presented the pins to C. R. Hawley (second from left), M. K. Otey (third), PER A. C. Hoilman (fourth), W. O. Creswell (fifth), and PER Charles Tickle.

THE KEYS to a station wagon were presented by ER Ed Meindersee (second from right) of Concord, CA, Lodge to Major Projects Chm. Don Dapelo (second from left), while PGERs Horace Wisely (third from right), R. Leonard Bush (left), and Gerald Strohm (right), and PSP James Spence (right) admired the new major project mobile therapy vehicle. The gentlemen were at Concord Lodge along with Grand Trustee Marvin Lewis for a luncheon in honor of SP Robert Robb and his wife Norma. Funds for the car were raised through the lodge bingo games.



THANKSGIVING dinner at Prince George's County, MD, Lodge is an event for local senior citizens. Every year the Brothers welcome 300 people to the affair, which has gained praise from the county government and the local press. Brothers who enjoyed the company of their guests included (standing) Walter Piechowicz, ER William Moore, and Est. Lead. Kt. Robert Hess.



WITH A PITCHING record of nine wins and one loss and a batting average of .614 to his credit, Bryan Hartman (second from right) was acknowledged as his team's most valuable player by Passaic, NJ, Lodge. The Brothers entertained the championship team, whom they sponsored in the Deich Junior Baseball League, at the lodge recently. On hand to present a trophy to Bryan and to congratulate his teammates were ER Rudolph Messineo, Youth Chm. and PER Michael Kopec, and PER Joseph Cataffo.



NEW COLLEGE student Clyde Easterling Jr. (second from left) received the congratulations of Jersey City, NJ, Lodge for winning a Most Valuable Student Scholarship and a \$100 savings bond in recognition of his scholastic accomplishments. The young man joined (from left) ER Paul Runge, PDD and District Chm. D. Paul Davis, and lodge Chm. Edward Meehan at the lodge's 87th birthday celebration.



The publicity concerning youth activities and lodge activities geared to the interests of middle-aged Brothers inspired a group of Elks at Plymouth, MI, Lodge to begin their own organization within Elksdom. The Senior Elks group belies the image of older citizens as inactive and reclusive; instead, its members are forward-looking people whose actions illustrate their progressive attitudes. Presently, the 45-member group is comprised of couples, widows, and widowers who are either members of the order or spouses and widows of members.

The Senior Elks contribute to the National Foundation and other charitable causes. Formal activities for the members include three annual get-togethers: a picnic in June, the anniversary celebration in September, and a Christmas party in December. Dues are minimal, but adequate enough to cover the Seniors' expenses. The members also enjoy visits to other lodges, overnight tours to state-wide festivities, and visits to local areas of interest. Recently, they spent three days in Toronto, Canada.

One outstanding benefit of membership in the group is the feeling of fellowship that is apparent in all of its activities. The Senior Elks of Plymouth Lodge may be retired, but they are still active in Elksdom.

The anniversary celebration of the Active Senior Elks of Plymouth, MI, Lodge was a successful barbeque. Chefs Bill Johnstone (left) and Bill Milne prepared the hamburgers.



THE TEENER baseball team trophy displayed by ER Joseph Shovlin (center) was presented to Mahanoy City, PA, Lodge. League and division titles were won by the team, which is sponsored by the Brothers. Also on hand for the presentation were (from left) Youth Chm. and PER Harold Kern, who exhibited a citation given to the lodge by Governor Milton Shapp, Committeeman John Fowler, PER Walter Seibert, and Thomas Olbas, baseball coach.

A YOUTH GOVERNMENT day awards dinner was sponsored by Binghamton, NY, Lodge recently. During the affair, bonds were presented to eight Teenagers of the Month, the Teenager of the Year, and eight local scholarship winners. Among those present to congratulate the young people were Est. Lead. Kt. Clyde Williamson and Mayor Alfred Libous.



RED CROSS instructor Joyce Nitsche (left) and Program Chm. Burt Swan (third from left) observed while students Ron and Patricia Maul and Bob Clarihew practiced the lifesaving technique of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Organized by Brother Swan, the CPR classes were held by St. Petersburg, FL, Lodge for Elks and local citizens.





SEVENTY-FIVE years after John Ballaine founded the town of Seward, AK, the local lodge joined the townspeople and Ballaine's daughters Florence Andrews and Sophronia Kalin in celebrating the anniversary. (From left) PDD Hal Gilfilen, Don McCloud, ER Harold Davis, and Borough Mayor Don Gilman were among those present for the dedication of a monument designed and built by Brothers Luke Kuller, Robert Richardson, and Dick Beissner. The monument was erected near the beach where the founders landed in 1903.



WHEN THE PLAYOFF tournament for 23 Massachusetts lodge softball teams was over, the Peabody Elks emerged the victors for the third year in a row. Falmouth Lodge hosted the tournament and gave a banquet for the teams. Peabody manager Dick Nelson (center) accepted the trophy from Falmouth ER William Lyons (left), while DDGER William James applauded Peabody's softball know-how.

A WELCOME was extended to DDGER Gordon Stephens upon his official visit to his home lodge. Among the special activities scheduled for the event was the presentation of the jewels of office by ER Don Skaife and PER William White to Brother Stephens on behalf of Platteville, WI, Lodge members.



FREEPORT, New York, Lodge began the 22nd year of a youth bowling program which they sponsor with the Village of Freeport Recreation Department and the Freeport Bowl-A-Mat. On hand when the first ball was rolled out were (from left) Chm. Richard Homic, DDGER James Fountain, Brother James Chila, Bowl-A-Mat manager, ER Clarence Ahnemann, and PER and Youth Chm. William Tschirhart.



A MEMBERSHIP pin was presented by ER George Long (left) to his father George H. (second from right) upon his initiation into Schenectady, NY, Lodge. Congratulations were extended to the new Brother by his grandson Thomas (second from left) and his brother PER Richard, who came from Florida to participate in the initiation ceremony.

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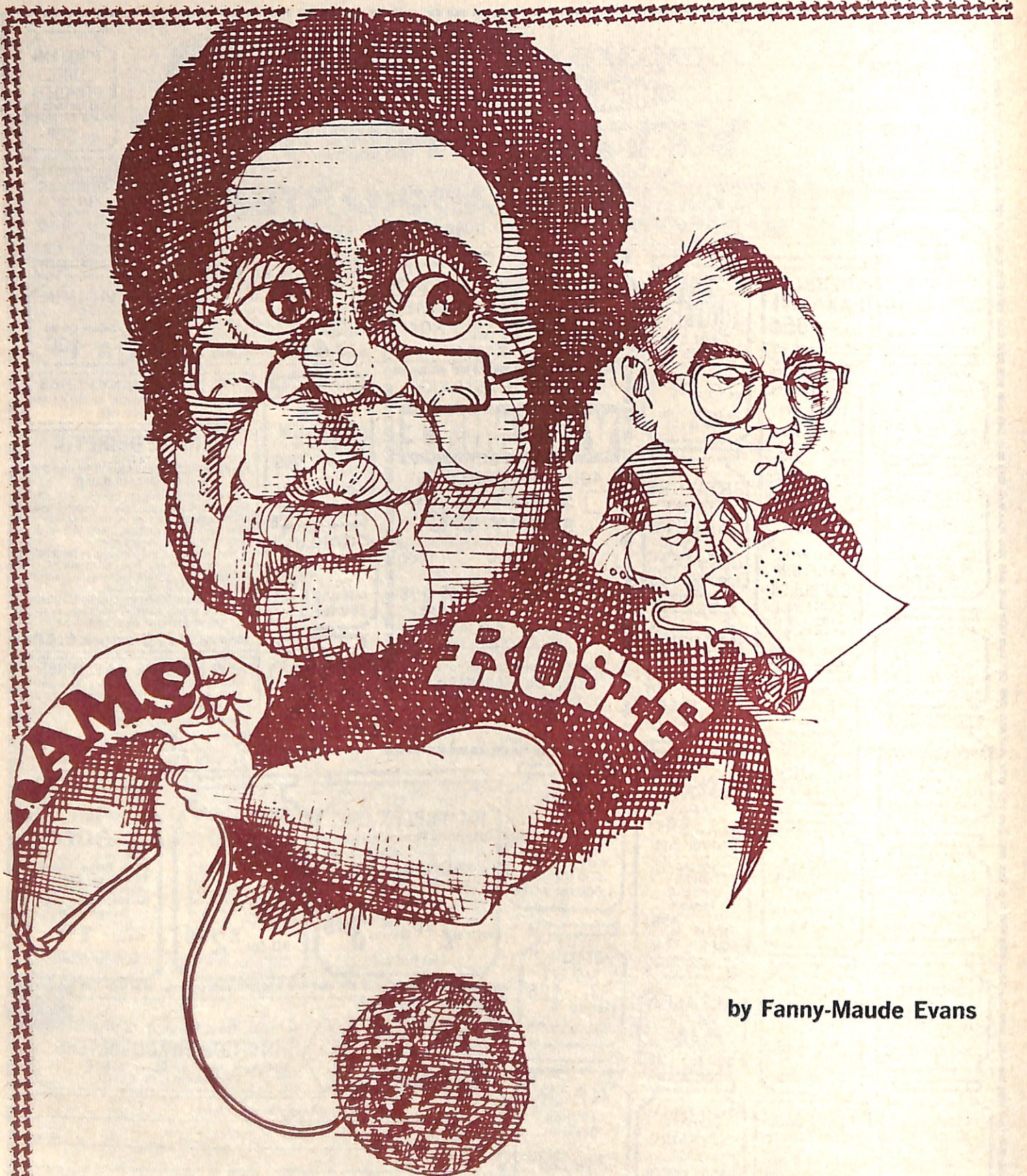
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THESE MEN ARE IN STITCHES

Today's modern man has discovered the challenge and reward in creating an elegant garment, needlepointing a picture, hooking a rug or knitting a sweater.

What do an ex-football player, computer programmer, roofing contractor and paper company executive have in common? They all sew. These men make their own shirts, knit sweaters, embroider wall hangings and hook rugs.

When former football player Rosie Grier announced that he did needlepoint, he-man types across the nation went into shock. But sewing is no longer strictly female. Liberation goes both ways, and men in every job and profession are learning the art of stitchery.

Some are finding their way into sewing schools and yardage and stitchery stores. They want to save money, have hard-to-fit frames or can't find what they want in shops. Nancy Roscoe, a clerk at a needlepoint store, says men sew as well or even better than women. But some are still reluctant to broadcast their interest; like the customer who insists she keep a supply of plain brown paper bags just for him.

"It's a cinch," he says, "I'm not going out on the street carrying your bag with those pink flowers all over it."

He's not like Rosie Grier. This former Los Angeles Rams and New York Giants superstar talks to everyone about his hobby. Sitting crosslegged on his carpeted floor, he grins as his big hands deftly push the needle in and out on a needlepoint canvas.

How did this six-foot-five, 300 pound football giant ever get interested in needlepoint?

As a joke, he says. He hung around a Beverly Hills needlepoint shop where a friend worked, watching the women go in and out with their little bags of yarn and needles. When one of them challenged him to try it, he thought it would be fun to accept.

Now, he's so turned on to needlepoint that he's parlayed his hobby into a business: needlepoint kits just for men with designs like guns, pipes and cars. And he's written a special book, *Rosie Grier's Needlepoint For Men*, published by Walker & Company. He says, "I try to turn other guys on to needlepoint wherever I go. . . . 'Smile all you want,' I tell them, 'but if you try it once, you'll keep on coming back for more.'"

He seems to be right, for more and

more men are into needlepoint. And they're all ages. One late starter, James Gould, is 82 years old. Retired from work in a railroad office, he took up needlepoint about five years ago. He'd had a stroke and was looking for something to do to keep busy.

Sitting in front of a sunny window high above the neighboring rooftops, he bends over his canvas.

"It's my work now," he says, with a trace of a Scottish burr, "from about 8:30 in the morning to 3:00 in the afternoon."

And his work shows. Rows of needlepoint pictures splash across the living room walls. Huge red strawberries, daisies, birds, a bicentennial liberty bell. And pillows. Lots of pillows. He's made them for gifts for friends and grandchildren and even sent some back home to Scotland.

At the opposite end of the age spectrum, a young chemist, not long out of graduate school, has joined the needlepointers. But, though he, too, is proud of his work, he doesn't want the world to know. He feels there is still a certain onus attached to men doing stitchery.

"Most of my best friends don't even suspect that I do needlepoint," he explains.

He does it because it gives him a sense of achievement, a feeling of really creating something. "In that sense," he says, "I don't see that it's any different from other types of masculine activity such as carving or painting."

His wife was the first to take up needlepoint. One evening she was doing a pillow. He thought it might be interesting to try and ended up finishing it.

Leaning back in his living room chair, he crosses one knee over the other and begins to explain the different needlepoint stitches. He points to a portrait of his basset hound in shades of brown and white, a pillow to match the wallpaper in the den, and his present project, a wall hanging to pick up the colors in the sofa.

He likes to give away much that he makes. "It's a gift you can't buy in a store," he says. "You're giving something of yourself."

He considers needlepoint a great way to relax and sandwiches it in between his hobbies of furniture refinishing and gardening. He believes many men in top jobs keep a piece of needlepoint in their desks to pick up when they have a moment to get away from the humdrum activities going on around them.

And he feels that perhaps some day no one will be surprised at men doing stitchery. But change comes slowly. "Men still feel they must play a certain role—and women, too," he comments.

Paul Walker, a big man who looks like someone you'd enjoy having as a neighbor, is almost exuberant about stitchery and doesn't care who knows it. He does his sewing on a machine and his hobby grew out of his job.

When he went to work for a firm manufacturing outdoor clothing kits for do-it-yourselfers, he'd never done anything with his hands before, not even carpentry. He had to learn to sew in order to sell. Before long, he liked it so much that he was making jackets, shirts, back-packs, vests and sleeping bags at home for his family and for gifts. His down jacket, brown with orange trim, cost thirty dollars. It would be about a hundred in a retail store. "When I wear it, people don't believe I made it," he says.

His seven-year-old son sews, too. When his dad first brought kits home, the boy and his friends would gather round to watch, fascinated by the novelty of a father who sewed. But, before long, they wanted to try it. Now the son sews so well that he makes things like sleeping bags for stuffed animals and butterfly nets for his classmates.

Though he's manager of the store, Paul still does as much sewing as he can. He likes to help customers when they run into problems.

"It's like learning to use a saw," he tells them. "If you've never sawed a piece of wood, you can't expect to make a straight line at first. A sewing machine takes practice just like any other tool."

And Paul practices. Besides making sportswear, he uses his sewing machine for another hobby. He makes kites. Not out of ordinary plastic or paper but exotic nylon creations like his 32 foot dragon with scary, blue-green eyes and a long, red tongue. He also gardens and keeps bees. But often, in his free time, you'll find him at his old sewing machine working on a jacket, back-pack or new kite for his family or friends.

Another stitchery fan who sews from kits makes rugs. Though he's enthusiastic too, and doesn't mind friends knowing about his hobby, he doesn't want to share it with everyone.

An executive in a large paper product firm, he comes home at night ready to relax. After dinner, he sets up a card table in the family room, spreads out the rug he's working on and begins to unwind. For about an hour he pushes his latchet hook in and out to make two or three rows of stitches.

"It's the most relaxing thing," he says, smile lines crinkling around his eyes.

When he first began, about five years ago, he thought it could be a hobby to share with his wife. They'd each

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start on a row and progress toward the middle. "But I was always way ahead of her," he chuckles. "It just didn't work out."

Opening a new kit, he unfolds the canvas on the table. "It's very much like needlepoint," he explains, "only the squares on the canvas are bigger."

He's made so many rugs he's lost count. One for each of his adult children, one for his mother, several for friends as well as those for rooms in his home. He orders the kits twice a year, buying three at a time. And if he eventually gets tired of the purchased patterns, he plans to send the company a picture of a design like his photo of an Indian arrowhead. They will make up a kit for him.

How did he get started in this hobby? A friend in Portland who made rugs convinced him it was easy as well as a great relaxer.

"It is, too," he says. "And it's really a wonderful feeling of satisfaction to give them as gifts."

Perhaps the most surprising men who sew are those who make their own clothes. Cal Vargus, a roofing contractor, uses time when it rains and he can't work to add to his wardrobe. He began sewing when he quit smoking and needed to find something to do with his hands. Because he couldn't buy clothes he liked, he decided to try making his own.

First, he made a robe from towels, using Velcro tape as fasteners. Since he loves to sunbathe, he next decided to try a bathing suit. Ripping up an old one, he used it as a pattern. He then cut out a shirt and has since made 38 of them in material with dots and checks and geometric designs. He stitches up pants, too, jackets and matching shirts for his bathing suits. And he's even made bathing suits for girl friends.

"I never use a purchased pattern," he says, "and I've never taken a sewing lesson. I like a challenge."

How does he feel about others knowing he sews?

He doesn't exactly go around ad-

vertising it but usually waits until people really know him before he tells them he makes his own clothes. It blows their minds, he says, especially the women.

Willy Johnson makes his own wardrobe, too, and he is glad to tell you about it. Retired from the army, he now sells and repairs sewing machines. With this job it's really natural for him to sew, but he points out that a lot of men who deal in sewing machines don't know how to use them.

His blue eyes twinkling above his sandy beard, he looks much too young to be retired, and he says he had to find some way to spend his time. When he started his sewing machine business he decided to sew as well. Like Cal Vargus, the first thing he tried was a robe.

"Those you buy only come down to your knees," he explains, "and I wanted a longer one." Burnt orange with a shawl collar, it's quite sensuous, he thinks, but he wears it anyway.

He brings out white duck trousers he's made. They look very professional, as well as a western shirt with red and green triangles on the cuffs.

"I got the buttons backward on this one," he shrugs, "but it doesn't really matter."

He likes to look at materials in yardage shops but waits for sales to buy. When women ask him if he's really going to sew, he answers, "Of course."

Though he bought a sewing book that helps with simple details, he doesn't fully understand patterns. "I found out what those little notches meant the first time I cut them all off," he laughs. He'd enjoy attending a sewing class but is afraid, in the rural area where he lives, that he'd be the only man.

Cassius Smith makes clothing, too, but not on a machine. His hobby is knitting and he is a master at it. He began when he was in the sixth grade in Australia.

"It was an all boy's school," he explains, "and everybody in that grade had to learn to knit. After all, wool is a big industry in Australia." He finished a brown pullover sweater but soon lost interest in knitting.

It was not until 1975, on his honey-

moon in Carmel, California, that Cassius picked it up again. He and his bride stopped at a yarn shop and he got really excited about all the good wools he saw. The women clerks kept looking at him like he was an intruder but he didn't care. He bought yarn to make matching navy blue ski sweaters for himself and his wife. They were both quite pleased when the work was done.

"I was real hot on knitting," he says. "Every spare minute I was at it."

Since changing jobs and moving twice, he doesn't have as much time but he still knits occasionally. As a computer programmer he sometimes needs to relax, but that's not his main reason for knitting.

"I really respect handmade clothing," he says. "I know the amount of work that goes into a sweater. To me, one of my sweaters is warmer than one made by machine even if it's the same yarn. It's like he who chops his own wood is warmer."

Besides his own and his wife's sweaters, he knits socks, gloves and caps and gives many away as gifts. He has developed an expert knowledge of stitches, often combining them in an intricate pattern. Part of his interest in knitting comes from his heritage. His mother is half Irish and he has studied the meaning and history of the Erin knitting style.

"All the stitches have a special significance," he explains, pointing out the honeycomb and the diamond on a fisherman sweater. Honeycombs and diamonds, plenty of food and plenty of money were the greatest riches the Irish could wish for their children and grandchildren.

Though women who know of his hobby often come to Cassius for advice, he doesn't tell people about it until he really gets acquainted. He finds some of their reactions strange. One clerk in a yarn shop remarked that it was a good thing he didn't talk with a lisp. And a girl at work who found out that he knitted, whispered, "You don't mind if people know?"

Six feet tall with a sandy mustache, Cassius doesn't apologize for his hobby. He learned from studying history that men have been knitting for centuries. In the Middle Ages they were the only ones allowed to knit. The women did the spinning.

How, then, did knitting and other forms of stitchery become primarily a feminine occupation? There are many theories but no one really knows. Yet we do know that today more and more men are going back to it. They are discovering the challenges and rewards of creating a fine garment, needlepointing a picture, hooking a rug or knitting a sweater.



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From June 8th to the 11th over 1,100 delegates and guests gathered in Monroeville for the Pennsylvania Elks State Association conclave. PGER E. Gene Fournace, state sponsor, and then-GER Homer Huhn, Jr. were on hand to speak with the delegates about their goals for the new year. Congratulations were offered by delegates and guests to State President Carlon O'Malley Jr., Scranton; Vice President Robert Mitchell, Johnstown; Secy. Howard Schran, Etna; and Treas. Joseph Waroquier, Clearfield.

Pottstown Lodge received the first-place ritualistic contest award during the meeting. It was reported that Pennsylvania Elks raised over \$87,000 in the past year for the National Foundation. Also discussed during the business meeting was the Cerebral Palsy Home Service Program, the state major project. The project fund-raising committee proudly announced that they had surpassed their goal by collecting over \$260,000 in contributions for the Home Service Program.

The fall workshop was held at Tamiement in the Poconos on September 8-9, and Philadelphia was chosen as the site for the June 7-10, 1979, convention.

Topeka was the site of the Kansas Elks Association's 73rd annual convention, which began on May 4. Then-GER Homer and Jo Huhn, PGER George and Ruth Klein, and Grand Chap. Rev. John Moeder were the distinguished guests welcomed by the Kansas delegates. Six hundred eighteen people attended the four day convention, which featured daily bowling games, a reception for the then-GER, three dances, and a banquet in honor of the guests, as well as daily business sessions and the presentation of district and youth activities awards.

Among the officers who assumed their duties for the new year were State President Donald Hebert, Concordia; Deputy State President Clarence Strickland, Ottawa; Secy. George Tracy, Manhattan; and Treas. Raymond Bull, Clay Center. The team from Beloit Lodge was pronounced the winner of the ritualistic contest. May 3-6, 1979, were the dates set aside for the next annual convention, which will be held in Wichita.

It was announced during the June 9-11 convention of the Virginia State Elks Association that approximately \$53,000 was expended on the Elks Boys' Camp, the state major project, this year. Brother Cecil May, executive director, described the past year as a successful one for the Camp, which served over 500 boys. The state lodges pledged themselves to care for one cabin each, to handle necessary improvements on the cabins, and to continue to bring the camp experience to young boys who will profit from it.

Guests then-GER Homer Huhn, Jr., PGER John Walker, state sponsor, then-Chief Justice of the Grand Forum Alex Harman Jr., North Carolina PSP Ralph Pitts, Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia PSP Bruce Bryden, SDGER B. M. Scott, and local Mayor Vincent Thomas were greeted at the Norfolk convention site by 411 members and friends. The annual grand ball, which was held on Saturday evening, was the social highlight of the gathering. During this affair, gifts were presented to the distinguished guests on behalf of the Virginia Elks.

The Arlington-Fairfax Lodge team won the first-place ritualistic trophy, and the Norfolk team was awarded

second-place honors. Among the other activities sponsored for the Brothers was a golf tournament. Mr. Sidney Oman was the guest speaker for the memorial service. At the business meeting, it was decided that the raise in state membership dues was to be effective as of April 1, 1978.

The state association began its 1978-1979 year with Robert Pannell of Clifton Forge Lodge as State President. Serving with Brother Pannell are Vice Presidents Donald Netschke Jr., Alexandria; Walter Edmonds, Portsmouth; Henry Self, Martinsville; Secy. Charles Curtice, Petersburg; and Treas. Cecil Duffee, Norfolk.

The fall meeting was scheduled for Newport News Lodge on October 20-22, and the yearly convention for June 8-10, 1979, at Lynchburg.

Elected to office during the annual convention of the New Hampshire State Elks Association were State President Joseph Landry, Laconia; Vice Presidents Douglas Roberge, Littleton; Joseph Mauro, Concord; Herbert Cornell, Lebanon; Hazen Hayward, Portsmouth; Leighton Washburn, Franklin; Secy. Maurice Daniels, Rochester; and Treas. Gerard Gravel, Rochester. The gen-



After handling the convention business issues, the Elks of Kansas enjoyed themselves at banquets and dances. PGER George Klein (right), state sponsor, introduced guest speaker and dignitary Homer Huhn, Jr. during one of the evening affairs. The then-GER arrived at the podium sporting a fisherman's hat, proof that not all convention activities were serious ones.



West Virginia scholarship winners present at the state Elks convention received the praise and good wishes of (standing, from right) State Scholarship Chm. Leslie Jones, PGER Wade Kepner, GER Leonard Bristol, outgoing SP Charles Dunnington, West Virginia Secretary of State A. James Manchin, and Past GL Committeeman Carl Schimmel. On hand to accept the awards and to thank the Brothers for their assistance were (seated, from right) Steven Helba, Steven Hendrick, Melissa Semmon, Jodi Edge, Karen Wilkinson, Cynthia Santrick, and Gary McCutcheon.

tllemen were welcomed to their positions of leadership at the May 26-28 meeting of approximately 250 Brothers.

The further development of Copper Cannon Lodge, the state major project, was discussed by the delegates. Their fund-raising goal in the new lodge year for the summer home for underprivileged children is \$30,000.

Future gatherings of the New Hampshire Elks include a January 21 conclave at Keene and a March 18 meeting at Laconia.

The state ritualistic trophy was awarded to Princeton Lodge during the August 10-12 convention of the West

Virginia Elks Association. Distinguished guests who joined the 590 Brothers at Fairmont for the conclave included new GER Leonard and Mrs. Bristol, PGER Wade Kepner, and GL Committeeman Lester Hess Jr. The special guest speaker was A. James Manchin, secretary of state of West Virginia.

Discussions held at the business meetings focused on achieving an increase in membership and on ways to increase attendance at lodge meetings. It was reported that \$6,560 was expended on the major project, the sponsorship of two camps for crippled children. The South District camp received \$3,391 and the North District camp,

which also serves the Central District, received \$3,169.

A dance held on Friday was a send-off for outgoing SP Charles Dunnington, and a Saturday night dance welcomed new SP Thomas Thornton. Brother Thornton of Princeton Lodge will be assisted by Vice Presidents Albert Yanni, Moundsville; W. C. DeWeese, Morgantown; Hobart Owens, Huntington; Secy. Donald Finnegan, Weirton; and Treas. Ralph Adams, Huntington.

A mid-year meeting is scheduled for April 20-21 at Huntington, and the 1979 convention will be held at Princeton on August 9-11.

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

"So long as there is a disabled veteran in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget him."

Deer hides obtained by Elkins, WV, Lodge were processed and then presented to the Martinsburgh Veterans Hospital for use in the rehabilitation program. On hand for the presentation were (from left) ER Don Barger, Dr. F. Ferguson, chief of staff, Ms. Susan Berry, chief of voluntary service, hides Chm. Myron Gibson, I. V. Billes, center director, and Garnett Shipley, VAVS representative. West Virginia's Central District's hide program also serves the Clarksburgh VA Hospital.



An arts and crafts competition for residents at the Hampton Vets Center was sponsored recently by nine lodges in Virginia's Southeast District. State Vets Chm. William Deaver (left) presented cash awards to first-place winner John Bell, second-place winner Ted Shafer (seated), and Arthur Bickhardt and James Rooks, both honorable mention winners. The veterans, eight of whom received awards totaling \$145, were judged on the basis of their creative efforts.



Casting off the bow line, the Elks of New Jersey's East Central District Vets Committee and veterans from Lyons VA Hospital began their tour of New York Harbor on a Sea Explorers' ship. The all-day affair included dinner served by the Brothers to the veterans.

YOU AND RETIREMENT

by Grace W. Weinstein



THE RV LIFE

Want to follow the sun when you retire? Without overwhelming your retirement budget? Try a recreational vehicle. The RV way of life, with new and improved vehicles on the market every year, is attracting more and more retirees.

RVs range from the simplest fold-down camping trailers and pickup covers, suitable for an occasional roughing-it fishing trip, to the most luxurious of motor homes. They range in style from the unit pulled behind the family car to the self-propelled home-away-from-home. And they range in price as well, from the \$200 or so minimum cost of a pickup cover to \$40,000 or more for a motor home.

For extended travel or year-round living, you will want a unit that is self-contained, one that has space for dining and sleeping plus a water supply and heater, light and power. You will probably want either a travel trailer or a motor home. Look at your own needs, your budget, and these basic differences:

© Travel trailers, the most popular RVs according to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), are towed by another vehicle. That means that you can leave your trailer behind and fully set up at your destination, while you sight-see or shop in your car. It also means that no one is allowed to be in the RV while it is being towed—no naps for one person while the other does the driving.

Travel trailers range from 12 to 35 feet in length, including the hitch, and are usually eight feet wide. They can be full-size and rigid in construction, or they can have telescopic sections. They range in price, depending on construction and on the interior options you choose, from \$2,600 to about \$21,000.

© Motor homes are self-powered units. They may be easier to maneuver on the road than a car-plus-trailer, but have the disadvantage of inseparability. You can't leave your traveling home in a campground and tour by car; the whole unit must move with you. This can be a problem if you plan big-city sight-seeing. It also means possessions must be tightly fastened down each time you move. But passengers can ride in comfort, even take a nap while on the open road.

Motor homes come in three types. Conventional units are designed as motor homes; they range in length from 16 feet to 35 feet and in price from about \$14,500 to \$40,000 or more. Van conver-

sions, which are more compact than conventional motor homes, start at about \$4,500. Chopped vans, currently the leader among motor homes, have the driver's compartment of a van plus a special RV body, often with a sleeping area over the driver's section. Chopped vans retail for about \$13,000 to \$18,000 or more.

Some of the price differential will hinge on the conveniences you decide you need. You should determine, in any case, just what you must have to live in comfort and what you can do without. For example: Do you need a bathtub, or will a shower be adequate? How much storage space must you have? Are beds comfortable? And do you want a bed that stays a bed, or one that must be converted each night? Gordon and Janet Groene, in their excellent guidebook, *Living Aboard Your Recreational Vehicle*, point out that convertibles save both space and weight. But they rule out afternoon naps and make things awkward if someone is ill.

Before you commit yourself to this major investment, you might try renting an RV for a test run. Rental rates depend on the geographical location, the season, unit size, and so on. But typical rates, provided by the RVIA, are \$60 to \$95 a week for fold-down camping trailers, \$100 to \$150 per week for travel trailers, and \$275 to \$300 per week, plus a mileage charge, for motor homes. You can cut costs, and reduce travel time, if you want to take your test run on a vacation trip: fly to your destination and rent your unit there. You can rent through a travel agent or airline, or directly from an RV dealer. You can also, in some locations, rent a unit from a private owner. Just be sure that your insurance is adequate.

When you decide to buy, you'll probably find that a down payment of at least 25% is required. Interest rates vary (and it pays to check around) but, for new RVs, have been running upwards of 11%. Loans run, most often, from five to seven years. The shorter the period of the loan, the less you pay in interest charges over the long run.

Living aboard an RV is, in itself, relatively inexpensive. The RVIA offers this comparison: If you travel by car and get 15 miles per gallon, on a 1,000-mile two-week vacation gasoline will cost you \$42.90. The same distance in a 9-mile-

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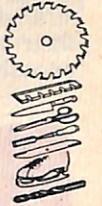
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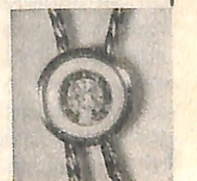
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CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

A Story of an Elk

Once upon a time in a forest of the Adirondack Mountains there lived a somber and thoughtful elk. He was known as Beop to his friends and family, who considered him to be odd. Meditative is a more appropriate adjective to characterize young Beop. His contemporaries romped in the woods testing their strength and agility and, after practicing their feats, performed for the elks of the opposite sex in expectation of winning the



spouses of their fancy. Unlike them, Beop wandered alone, ignoring the flirtations of many does. He would often stand by a brook near a particularly old oak, which housed a particularly old and wise owl, and bemoan the fate of their kind, of the forest, and of the whole planet.

What bothered Beop most was the behavior of the species homo sapiens. They seemed to be the most powerful of all animals and the stories he heard about them were very frightening. He heard they fought terribly among themselves, defying all sense of species preservation.

"This brook empties into the river at the base of our mountain," he said one winter morning to the owl, "and that river flows southward to empty into the ocean. But by the time it joins the sea, it has passed through those cities with their factories, and it gets dirty. The cities are crowded with homo sapiens who don't care about, and are even hostile towards, each other. How can I be carefree and think of having a family like the others when the homo sapiens may one day come to our mountain, disrupt our tranquility with their fighting, and spoil this brook from which my children would drink?"

The owl, who had heard this type of lamenting questioning from the elk many times before, blinked his particularly round eyes and answered, "Indeed, young Beop, your worries are not unfounded. I do not understand that queer species any more than you do. However, I'm not quite sure that they are as sinister as you perceive them to be. Perhaps you need to see their ways for yourself and formulate a first-hand judgement. I know of a group of the species who have as their emblem

the image of our species. Perhaps their holiday celebrations will show you some goodness." The owl closed his eyes, signaling the end of his counsel.

Beop mulled over the owl's suggestion for a week and then set to work in preparation for his travels. He decided to tour the continent in pursuit of an encouraging example of the human's ways. The owl had told him that the end of December was a good time to catch them in diligent activity.

With the full moon, Beop started on his journey. His first stop was the Elks Lodge in Great Neck, NY. He was surprised by what he witnessed. This first group of homo sapiens traveled to a place where they helped tend the ailing of their kind and attempted to bring them cheer. Along with gifts presented to the patients, a check was given to the hospital. On he went to Bloomfield, NJ, where he saw the first of three festivals in progress that had an atmosphere of great warmth and



friendship. A rotund old man dressed in a red suit was present. During a conversation Beop had with a deer on the roof of Bloomfield Lodge, he discovered that the bearded gentleman visited children at a hospital, that baskets of supplies were distributed to the community's unfortunate by the human Elks, and that books were passed out to patients at a veterans hospital during a special show. Another red dressed fellow attended the affair held in Scranton, PA, where shoes, stockings, pants, coats, and toys were given to the children. In Red Lion, PA, he laughed with the children at the antics of a clown, and he overheard a conversation about the distribution of food to needy families. These impressions contrasted so with Beop's image of the species that he became more confused than ever.

He pressed on to Robinson, IL, and Muskegon, MI, and arrived at both lodges in time to see dozens and dozens of boxes full of food and clothing being prepared for the less privileged of the communities. When he reached the West Coast, he visited El Cajon, CA, where he observed the elderly of the species feast-

ing on a banquet made especially for them. After his last stop at Tacoma, WA, Lodge's party, where the gleam in the children's eyes reflected the joy that a gathering of families generated, Beop was quite baffled, but he felt the tingle of something new growing inside him.

He returned to his mountain in time to catch the owl before he went to sleep with the dawn. During his long trek home, the tingle developed into excitement and his habitual melancholia diminished.

"Owl!" Beop pranced around the old oak and cried "Owl" until the sage turned his wide eyes to the elk.

"How was your trip, young Beop?" Owl asked.

"Baffling sir, very much so. But I found I was mistaken. During my visits to the human Elks they exhibited qualities such as generosity and consideration. This side of human behavior is encouraging to me. I still don't understand them. They are quite paradoxical. But I'm not as worried as I was."

Owl blinked his eyes and nodded in an acknowledging manner, and Beop took his leave with a toss of his head and leaped over the brook in a most agile fashion. "I'll have to practice that," he remarked to himself. ■



Young Beop witnessed a charitable contribution in Great Neck, NY.



Beop attended his second Christmas party at Scranton, PA.



Santa was present at a party held in Bloomfield, NJ, where he added gifts to holiday baskets.



A clown entertained the elk and children at Red Lion, PA.



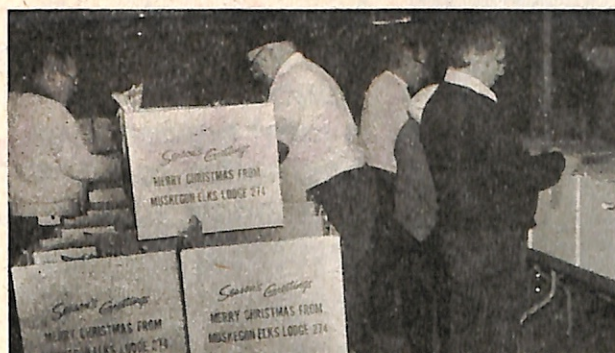
Beop's visit to Tacoma, WA, was the final stop of his journey.



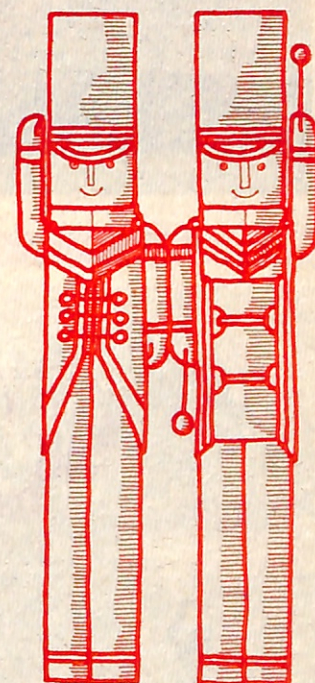
In El Cajon, CA, Beop witnessed a grand feast.



In Robinson, IL, baskets for the underprivileged were being prepared.



Boxes of food and clothing were what Beop saw in Muskegon, MI.



ELKS CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

It will soon be the joyous season of Christmas and time for all the good things that go with it. It is also the time of year when our lodges can enhance the image of Elkdom by seeing that our less fortunate and our hospitalized veterans are not forgotten.

If your lodge does not have a Christmas Charity program, now is the time to get one started. There are so many things you can do. Decide which project you want to undertake and formulate your plans. We have many lodges that have participated successfully in Christmas Charity programs for years, and they know how heartwarming and gratifying it can be. Our lodges' successful projects have included parties for underprivileged children, orphans, and the handicapped. It is most important not to forget the children of

your own Brother Elks as well. Local movie houses will usually cooperate with you by allowing you to use their facilities if you desire.

Lodges have delivered baskets of food, clothing, and toys to the needy. They have served Christmas dinner to senior citizens and veterans and have visited hospitals and nursing homes with gifts and entertainment. If there is an orphan's home in your community, what better program could you have than sending Santa to the orphanage with gifts and candy?

The above projects or any others that you decide to use will enhance the image of Elkdom. Local publicity and the feeling of doing a worthwhile job is more than enough satisfaction for you and your lodge.

Although the Grand Lodge does not

sponsor a contest for this program, a limited number of subordinate lodge pictures and captions will be published by *The Elks Magazine* in the December 1979 issue.

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Offbeat Wanderings

by Jerry Hulse



Forget the Sheratons and the Hiltons, it's back to the little grass shack. The Tarzan-Jane routine. Drums beating in the bush. High-talking chiefs spilling their legends. Fire-walkers. Spear dancers. The old South Seas image is being revived. At least one tour operator figures the tourists have been pampered long enough. The way Richard A. Goodman sees it, anyone can live in one of those air-conditioned boxes that litter the beaches all the way from Raiatea to Rarotonga. So Goodman is putting up vacationers in thatched-roof shacks, right alongside the natives. In some cases, living with the natives. In Fiji it's in a bure, in Samoa a fale and in Tahiti a fare. Whatever the language or locale, it's all the same: warming up a love affair with Polynesia.

In a South Seas island resort on Fiji (top), vacationers often live alongside the natives, even taking part in a bonito and red snapper fish drive (left).

As president of Goodtravel Tours of Oakland, Goodman specializes in indoctrinating travelers in the simple off-beat pleasures of the South Seas. At the same time he's the first to admit that the Goodtravel way for some visitors would be the Badtravel way for others. For example, the couple hooked on creature comforts would be utterly miserable. (There are just too few hot showers and cold martinis in the jungles.) Instead, Goodman's flock bathes in rivers and streams and gets its kicks out of sipping kava. They eat taro and coconut and chew sticks of sugarcane; they gather bananas and papayas, breadfruit, almonds and cashews—and from the sea they take their fill of lobster and clams, mahimahi, tuna and turtle.

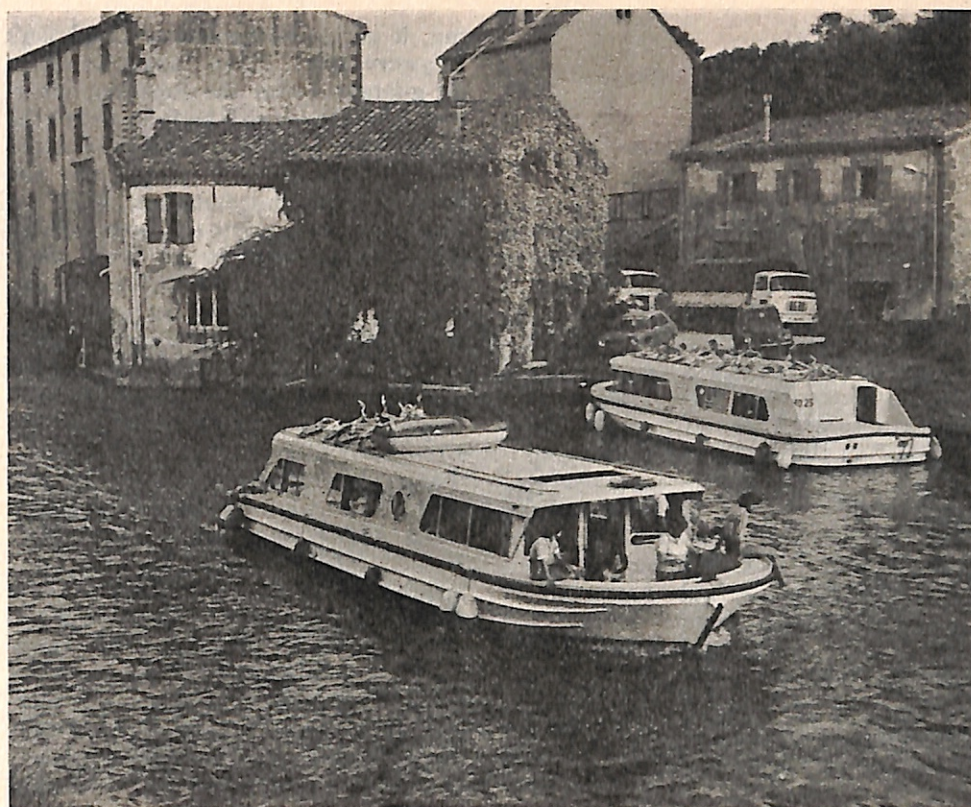
Goodman insists that the village meals are superior to those at any island hotel. On the other hand, when sacrificing comfort for culture, one occasionally comes up short in other areas. Sleeping is a perfect example. While some villages provide mattresses (indeed, even sheets), frequently the traveler has to make do with a grass mat or a sleeping bag. But, with a velvet breeze, perfumed air and a skyful of stars, who's to complain?

Goodman offers this axiom: One can vacation in a hotel and be lonely; with Goodtravel it's impossible. The reason is simply that the natives are friendly. Samoans, Fijians, Tahitians, whatever—they smother the visitors with kindness, taking them snorkeling, fishing, crab-hunting, dancing. Yes, even fire-walking. At night they perform for their guests under a canvas that droops with stars. Often the party goes on 'til dawn.

Ordinarily, tours are confined to 20 persons. The cost for a 24-day romp through Tahiti, Samoa and Fiji comes to \$1,879, including air fare and most meals.

To get an idea of the action, picture the Goodtravel group landing in Apia, the capital of Western Samoa. After overnighing in a hotel, everyone transfers to a Samoan longboat. Then, while Samoans paddle to the rhythm of drums, there's a 3-mile cruise to the neighbor island of Manono—so small it can be circled on foot in less than an hour. It's right out of an old Jon Hall flick, complete with frangipangi leis, haunting melodies and a beach crowded with attractive girls, naked kids and wrinkled old men.

Following the welcome, Goodtravel's people store their belongings in a couple of fales and attend a kava ceremony hosted by the village chief. By the third day it's back to the longboat for a visit to the villages of Lalomalava and Fa'ala on the island of Savai'i. Once again, the old ritual: drums, kava, more spear fishing—plus a picnic beside one



Travelers weary of exhausting tours and jet-age schedules seek escape from a world of action and anxiety by wandering off the beaten path.



Colorful barges (above), carrying a cargo of tourists who yearn to relax, drift leisurely through the canals and rivers of France and England past vineyards and medieval villages.

of Polynesia's loveliest waterfalls.

Savai'i turns out to be pure luxury, what with mattresses on the floor and nets to confound the mosquitoes. Still, not all is perfect in paradise. During a recent journey a Goodtravel guest complained of being awakened by a rooster. It crowed like a banshee, he told the chief. The chief apologized and then sent a subordinate to look for the bird. The search was successful: its neck was wrung, and by noontime it was featured on the luncheon menu.

After the visit to Savai'i, Goodtravel's crowd flies off next to Fiji where the grass shack routine is traded for a night in the venerable Grand Pacific Hotel. Later, in the village of Naivuruvuru, Goodtravel joins in a fish drive. Guests

toss nets, just as the natives do in those dreamy travel brochures. They scoop up bonito and red snapper. Then more drums. It is the chief announcing a huge fish fry.

But back to Richard A. Goodman, the 39-year-old high-talking chief of Goodtravel. How did this Boston-born graduate of Dartmouth and UC Berkeley spin off from teaching to touring? Well first off, as a student he spent some time with a French family during a foreign study program. It's where he got the idea for a culture tour. Later for graduation his family gave him a freighter ticket to the South Seas. Goodman spent 55 days sailing island to island. Samoa, though, was his love. In Apia he left the group, going off to

Offbeat Wanderings

explore the various villages. Crewmen from the freighter introduced him to the chiefs. In turn, the chiefs invited him to return. And return he did. With \$3,000 he had "festering in the bank," he hurried back to Samoa, living for a year exactly like a native. He wore a lava lava, drank kava, ate breadfruit and breathed in the beauty of flaming sunsets and the spectacle of peaceful dawns. With the year up, Goodman decided it was time to share. Returning to the United States, he launched Goodtravel Tours. His first tour was a "smashing success" despite the fact that several guests described it as a "mystery trip." The reason was, well . . . the itinerary was loose, to say the least. Although prearranged, it changed day by day. Granted, guests spent the first night in a fale. But it wasn't the fale Goodman had negotiated for. In the South Seas, he learned, one can't count on the natives keeping up a schedule. The locals are involved in more important business. A kava ceremony perhaps. Or maybe they'd rather just go fishing. Besides, who needs money? The trees are heavy with fruit and the sea gives generously of fish.

So because the itinerary kept chang-

ing, it got to be known as Goodman's "mystery tour." Even today he offers no guarantee that the itinerary, wherever it might be, will be followed to the letter. Now Goodman is planning other tours to Tonga, the Marquesas, the Cook Islands and Rangiroa. He's got new ideas to occupy the hours. Shark hunts for one. Chasing eels for another. And of course the one thing you can count on—you'll always get your fill of kava on a Goodtravel tour. For details, write to Goodtravel Tours, 5332 College Ave., Oakland, CA 94618.

Meanwhile, in another area of the world two other adventurers are conducting another kind of offbeat tour. Richard Parsons, a 39-year-old Britisher, and his French side-kick, Guy Bardet, 32, figure they've found the answer to cutting back on stress. Try a slow boat, they advise. Particularly one of the colorful barges that drift leisurely through the canals and rivers of France and England. Since the mid-'60s they've been barging Americans through fields of blood-red poppies, vineyards, pasturelands and medieval villages.

Operating as the fleet's flagship is an old French peniche, the *Palinurus*. Parsons and Bardet converted her in 1966 to provide a floating hotel for up to 17 passengers. "Seeing France at a Snail's Pace" was their sales pitch. It's the same in 1978-79. Traveling by barge makes hurrying an impossibility. The *Palinurus* and other vessels move

at a speed of 4 or 5 miles an hour, stopping frequently while their skippers navigate the locks. As a result, passengers have the time to exchange pleasantries with the locals. Meanwhile, the crew buys garden-fresh vegetables from lock-keepers and fishmongers come aboard with trout and sole.

I did this leisurely voyage seven years ago and it was a joy. Our days were spent studying ancient chateaux, charming hill towns and forests sometimes so dark the day became night. We dined on quenelles and cheeses, escargots, frog's legs, magnificent salads and French pastries. The *Palinurus* covers nine itineraries during its two-month voyage, circling Burgundy via half a dozen canals as well as the Saone, Yonne and Seine rivers. Dinners are served by candlelight. Each cabin has a night table with a rose. And the chef still pedals into small villages, buying groceries from country stores.

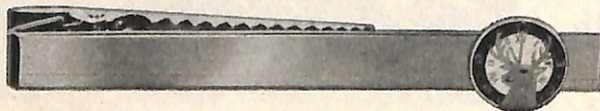
For more than 30 years the *Palinurus* had hauled coal. It took a \$120,000 scrubbing and face-lifting to convert her to a passenger-carrying queen. Parsons and Bardet installed four double cabins, two twins and five singles as well as a bar, a salon, three showers, a bath and three WCs. Well, things are so peachy that today the boys represent six other barges. Besides the *Palinurus* the fleet includes *La Guepe*, the *Mark Twain*, the *Virginia Anne*, the *Bonjour* and a couple of others named the *Water Wanderers*. Except for the *Bonjour* (she's confined to the Thames in England) all sail the canals of France. Together, the two *Water Wanderers* travel as a team, moving leisurely along the Canal du Midi in the South of France, traveling near the Pyrenees, cruising beneath umbrellas of plane trees and offloading passengers at the old walled city of Carcassonne.

La Guepe, the largest of the barges, sails with 28 passengers along the River Yonne into Burgundy country south of Paris. With 14 twin cabins, she's Europe's queen of hotel barges. That is to say, the largest. Smallest of the fleet is an old Dutch estuary barge, the *Virginia Anne*. Operating charters only, she prices out roughly at \$1,800 a week. While passengers luxuriate on deck, the *Virginia Anne* putters along the canals of eastern France, drifting by farms, vineyards and near-forgotten villages. Joining the others this season was the *Mark Twain*. She (or is it he?) carries six passengers in grand style. Scattered throughout the vessel are antique pieces and 17-century furniture.

Skippering the *Twain* are 64-year-old Norman Riddle and his wife Anna—both Britishers and both in love with the waterways of France. Their travels take them through a wide area of eastern

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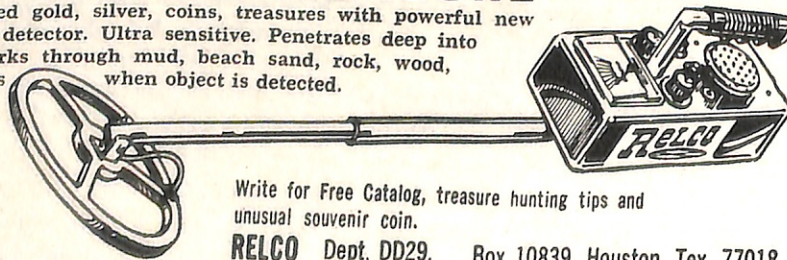
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MAJOR PROJECTS

This is part of a continuing series on the state major projects. All state chairmen have been contacted by The Elks Magazine and have been asked to forward information for upcoming articles.

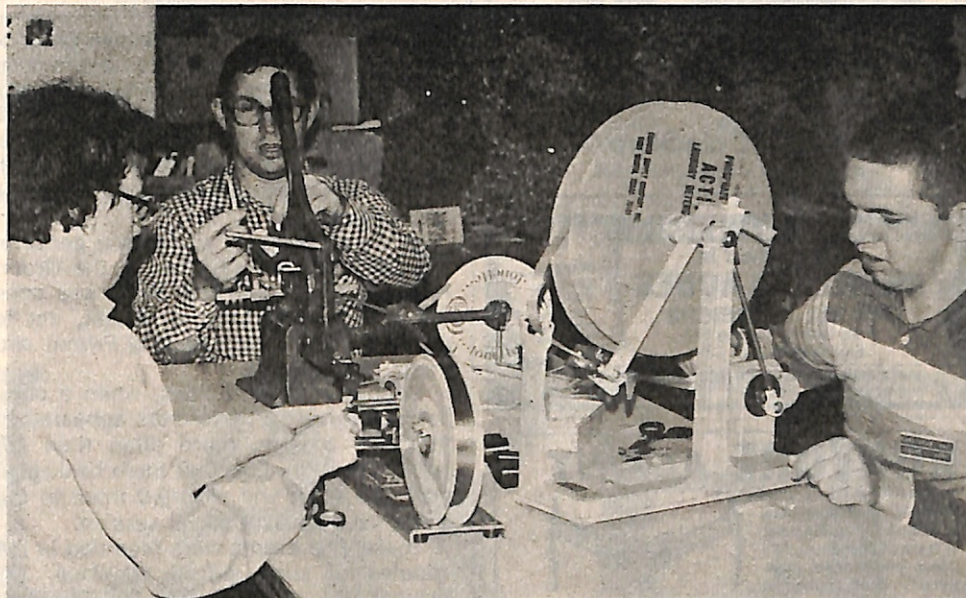
The clients of the Arkansas Children's Colonies are encouraged to learn and develop skills, to apply their creativity, and to produce artistic and useful objects. Located in Conway, Arkadelphia, Booneville, and at the Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center in Warren, the Colonies are residential facilities for developmentally disabled and mentally retarded people. The complete arts and crafts workshops are equipped by the Elks of Arkansas, who not only purchase supplies, but replace equipment and handle minor maintenance.

Thirteen full-time professional employees operate the workshops in the four colony locations. They are assisted at times by qualified volunteers. Each colony, or unit, has its own equipment and operates its own programs or special projects.

All of the arts and crafts facilities of the Conway unit are in the Elks Building, which was financed by the Elks and constructed in 1962. It consists of six rooms, four of which are class and shop rooms, and houses the general shop program and the sheltered workshop area. The program is designed to instruct residents in the construction of items from wood, plastic, and metal. The students are taught to use the hand tools and, to some extent, to operate the power tools. Work benches, hand saws, a radial arm saw, sanders, bench grinders, drill presses, a wood lathe, planer joints, a table saw, electric welding machines, a jigsaw, and a stationary air compressor are among the tools and equipment furnished by the Elks for this building.

The Arkadelphia unit's workshop and art building is approximately 2,000 square feet. The area is divided into two classrooms. Ventilated and well-lit, the shop is also planned according to safety rules. All power tools are enclosed in an area surrounded by wire mesh. Here, the emphasis is on artistic craft designs and items. Six potter's wheels, two electric-fired top loading kilns, a pug mill for mixing and recycling clay, and a ball mill for mixing glazes are available for stoneware potting. Also contained in this area are small hand tools, manipulative craft and power tools such as a wood lathe, drill press, shaper, belt and disc sander, grinder, miter saw, and scroll saw. The second room is the art area, where easels, a mat cutter, a table top paper cutter, silk screens, and a small kiln for Raku firing are available to the clients.

A work activities program, as well as a sheltered workshop, is managed for the



The students of the Conway unit are taught to use power tools in the construction of items from wood, plastic, and metal. While learning how to make artistic and functional objects at Conway, mentally retarded and developmentally disabled people develop skills, apply their creativity, and pursue careers. Equipment at the center is supplied by the Brothers of Arkansas.

people at the Booneville unit. The workshop is for production work done on sub-contract from local industries. The residents are paid the going rate for the work that they perform. Two full-time staff members supervise about 30 people who are enrolled in the workshop. A pallet jack and handlift truck for the loading and unloading of trucks, which deliver and pick up the work performed by the 30 production employees, were purchased with funds presented by the Elks.

Booneville's work activities program has three full-time instructors who help the residents develop work-related skills through the pursuit of a crafts program. The program has been operating successfully, especially since the purchase of a potter's wheel and a kiln.

The newest unit, in Warren, was scheduled for completion in 1978. Arkansas

Elks were prepared in advance with the purchase of kilns, molds, paints, a lathe, and innumerable tools and supplies necessary for the program to function professionally.

The Arkansas State Elks Association maintains its major project on an annual budget of \$5,000. Because of the new facility at Warren, they expect their expenses for the past year to reach about \$10,000. A major project contribution of one dollar per member, together with funds contributed by the Elks National Foundation, supports the program.

Mentally retarded and developmentally disabled people of Arkansas learn skills and pursue careers through their training at the Children's Colonies workshops. Their abilities exist already; that they have an opportunity to develop those abilities is a responsibility which the Elks of Arkansas have willingly shared.



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The Fraternal Corner

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was originally founded to promote, protect and enhance the welfare and happiness of the theatrical, minstrel, musical, equestrian and literary professions. As the Order grew, members became affiliated who were not associated with the amusement field.

In the early years, well-known performers often held high offices in the Order. Al G. Fields, of minstrel fame, was once Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, not to mention Tony Pastor (Deputy Primo) and many, many others.

In smaller communities, when a company of traveling performers appeared at the local theatre, more often than not members of the Elks met them backstage after the show and escorted them to the lodge for a rousing social session.

These gala events were recorded in the minutes of such lodges as Waco, TX; Newport, RI; Kingston, NY; and Trinidad, CO.

It was inevitable then, that Ehrich Weiss, the son of a rabbi, joined the Elks as soon as he could. He began his theatrical career doing magic and feats of leg-erdemain at the age of 17. Appearing as "Eric the Great," he performed in beer halls, cheap vaudeville houses, neighborhood socials and at lodge meetings.

He made the magnificent sum of \$12 a week—sometimes.

Eric was always working to perfect his act. He began to concentrate on escape tricks and soon he was able to free himself from almost anything. He astounded audiences by getting loose in record time after being handcuffed, tied in a cloth bag and stuffed into a wooden crate, which was chained and locked.

For you see, this "man of mystery" was now performing under the stage name of Harry Houdini.

It took a tour abroad at the turn of the century, however, to bring him fame and acclaim back home. By 1905, he was making the fabulous sum of \$1,200 a week—and that was in the days before income taxes.

Houdini passionately hated fake mediums who claimed to be able to communicate with the spirit world. He spent much of his time exposing them. Oddly, he believed that a breakthrough from the spirit world might be possible and arranged with his wife, Bess, to attempt to give her a secret predetermined message on the anniversary of his death.

In the meantime, his fame as an escape artist continued to spread. Audiences were thrilled and breathless by his tremendous feats. For instance, he was immersed in a large milk can filled with

water. The can was sealed with a number of padlocks. The Great Houdini escaped in one minute flat, leaving the can filled to the brim with water and the locks untouched.

He left his admiring public aghast, time after time, by his death-defying acts.

Strangely, Harry Houdini died at the age of 52 on Halloween, Oct. 31, 1926, as the result of an injury sustained in one of his escapades. The entire world was shocked.

Where would they find a place big enough to hold the funeral? The New York Hippodrome, perhaps?

Then someone at Elks Lodge No. 1 remembered that Brother Harry had left an envelope in their safe some 10 years before. It was marked to be opened at his death.

Inside were detailed instructions for his funeral. Even in death, the master showman was still in charge.

The funeral was held in the giant ballroom of the Elks on West 43rd Street, just off Broadway. Approximately 2,000 people jammed into the room. At the final curtain for Harry Houdini there was standing room only.

The service began promptly at 11 o'clock, the golden hour of recollection for Elks.

Sharing in the two-hour service with his brother Elks were the Masons, the Society of American Magicians, the National Vaudeville Artists, the Jewish Theatrical Guild and the Mount Zion Jewish congregation.

The funeral procession slowly made its way through the Broadway area. Thousands lined the streets in a fond, final farewell to a famed Elk who had captured their imaginations with magic, mysteries and the unknown.

At Machpelah Cemetery in Brooklyn, Harry Houdini's body was lowered into a grave next to his mother. Her letters were in a cloth bag under his head.

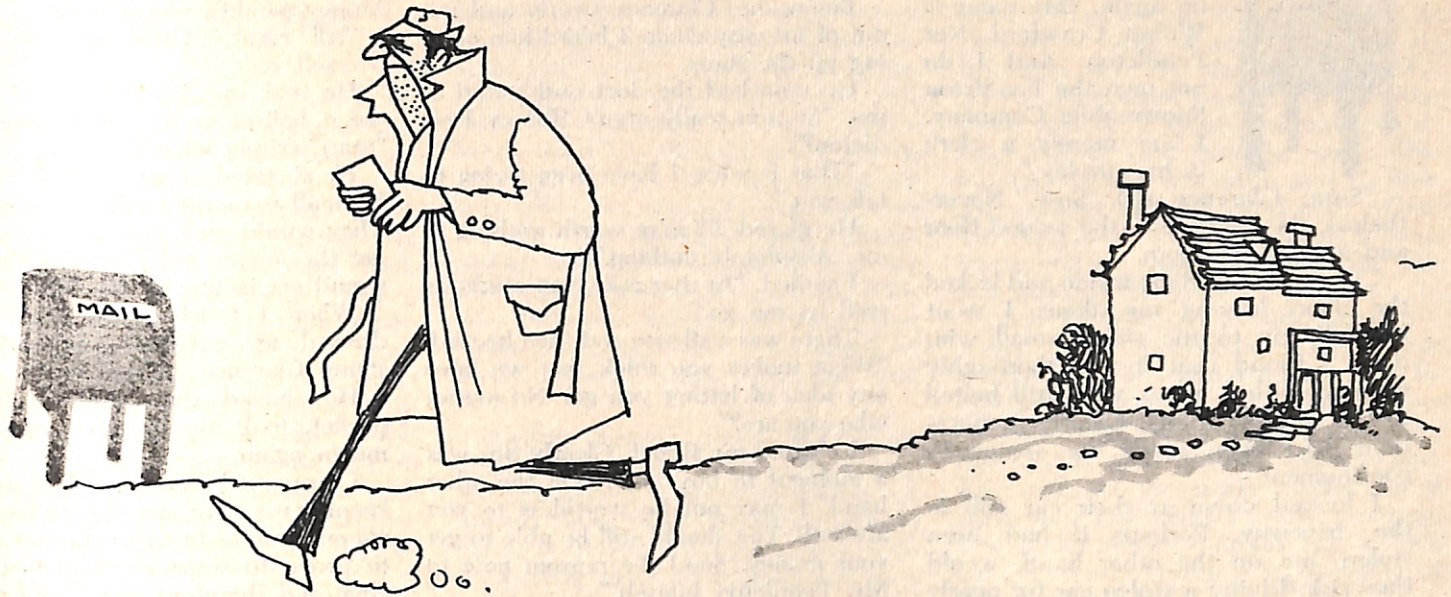
He was buried in the huge casket from which he had so often escaped during his act.

Was Harry Houdini able to communicate from the spirit world on Halloween, the anniversary of his death?

Probably not. But then, only his widow and close companion of 32 years, Bessie Weiss, could really have told you that.

One of the tales of Elkdom, back in the good old days.

These exciting moments from the days of yesteryear were brought to us by courtesy of Brother Sam Fitzsimmons, Van Wert, Ohio, Grand Lodge Americanism Committee.



DELAYED MAIL



by Jack Ritchie

■ It was clearly a case of mistaken identity.

They thought they'd kidnapped Harvey Pendleton. We do look a bit alike, I suppose, but he is the owner of the Pendleton Snowmobile Company and I am not. I am merely one of his clerks.

It had been near noon on Monday when Mr. Pendleton opened his office door, looked out, and discovered that I was the nearest human being.

He tossed me his car keys. "Wilbur, gas up my car and have the oil and tires checked. I'll be driving to Madison this afternoon and I won't have time to do it myself."

"Yes, sir," I said. I put on my topcoat and went downstairs to the parking lot behind the plant. I approached the Lincoln in the parking space clearly labeled *Pendleton*.

Just as I inserted the key into the car

lock, a green and white sedan drew up behind me and two large men leaped out. They seized me and shoved me onto the rear floor of their automobile.

One of them planted his feet firmly on my back so that I could not rise and the other jumped behind the wheel of the car and we sped off, tires squealing.

"Now look here," I demanded. "What is this all about?"

The man with his feet on my back said, "What does it look like?"

I tried an intelligent guess. "A kidnapping?"

"That's right, mister."

I allowed myself to chuckle. "You have the wrong person. My name is Crawford. Wilbur Crawford. I suspect that you are really after Mr. Pendleton."

The man above me was not buying. "Shut up."

I tried several more times to tell

them that they had the wrong man, but all it got me were some kicks in the ribs, so I resigned myself to giving up for the time being.

It was a rather long drive, especially for me on the floor of the car. According to my wrist watch, it was nearly two hours before the car finally pulled onto a crunching driveway and came to a stop.

From the little conversation the two of them exchanged en route, I learned that the man driving was Max, and the individual with the feet, Clarence.

He removed them from my back now. "All right, get out."

I saw that we were in a rather dreary countryside and parked in the driveway next to a farmhouse. My first thought was to make a run for it, but Clarence had a firm grip on my arm and pushed me toward the house.



Once inside, I spoke up again. "My name is Wilbur Crawford. Not Pendleton. And I do not own the Pendleton Snowmobile Company. I am merely a clerk in his employ."

"Sure," Clarence said. "Sure." Nevertheless, they led me to the second floor and a small bedroom.

Clarence shoved me inside and locked the door, leaving me alone. I went immediately to the single small window. I found that it was thoroughly covered with a heavy wire grill bolted to the window frame. Clearly preparations had been made for someone's confinement.

I looked down at their car still in the driveway. Perhaps it had been stolen, but on the other hand, would they risk driving a stolen car for nearly two hours with a kidnap victim inside? Perhaps the car really did belong to one of them. I decided that there might be some point in memorizing the license plate number.

I noticed a small ventilation grating in the floor and got down on my hands and knees. Below me I saw Clarence and Max watching TV.

Eventually the TV programing reached the five o'clock news.

A Wilbur Crawford had been kidnapped this afternoon from the parking lot behind the Pendleton Snowmobile factory. A witness had seen him being hustled into a car by two men. The witness had been too far away to get the license plate number, but he described the auto as being a late model green and white sedan.

The police theorized that the kidnapers might have abducted the victim in the mistaken belief that he was Harvey Pendleton, president of the

Pendleton Snowmobile Company.

Below me, Clarence swore, and got out of his easy chair. I heard him coming up the stairs.

He unlocked the door and stared at me. "So you really aren't Harvey Pendleton?"

"That is what I have been trying to tell you."

He glared. "You're worth nothing to me. Absolutely nothing."

I smiled. "In that case, you might as well let me go."

There was a silence and then he said, "What makes you think that we have any idea of letting you go? No matter who you are?"

I cleared my throat. Clearly this was a moment to buy time. "On the other hand, I may not be worthless to you after all. You should still be able to get your money. Send the ransom note to Mr. Pendleton himself."

"What good would that do? Why would Pendleton give us \$200,000 for your hide? You said yourself that you're only one of his clerks."

"Yes, but do you think that Mr. Pendleton would dare *not* pay my ransom?"

"Why wouldn't he?"

"Because of the publicity involved. What would the newspapers say about him if he flatly decided not to ransom me and left me to my fate? Whatever that might be. People would be upset by his lack of humanity. They would stop buying his snowmobiles. His factory would have to close. Do you think he would want that to happen just because of a measly \$200,000? But if he came up with the money, he would be hailed by the entire nation."

Clarence rubbed his jaw. "You might have something there at that."

I nodded eagerly. "The entire country would begin buying his snowmo-

biles. He'd have to expand his factory. Money would come pouring in."

"All right," Clarence said. "Don't oversell it."

He took me downstairs and handed me a ball-point pen and some paper. "Start writing what I tell you."

He dictated. They wanted \$200,000 in small unmarked bills for my return. They would give Pendleton a week to get the money together and then they would get in touch with him again.

When I finished the letter, I addressed an envelope and affixed a stamp Clarence handed me.

He shoved the envelope into his pocket, took me upstairs, and locked me in again.

I suspected that now Clarence was keeping me alive just in case he needed me once more—to write another note, or to prove to someone that I was still alive and therefore worth the ransom.

Monday passed. Tuesday. Wednesday.

By Thursday morning, I began to wonder if the letter had ever gotten to Mr. Pendleton at all.

At two o'clock that afternoon I was at the small window when I saw the cars parking about a half a mile down the country road. Men began getting out of the vehicles and fanning across the fields, sneaking up to the house.

I was at the floor grating watching Clarence and Max before their television set when the state troopers stormed into the living room. Clarence and Max were caught completely by surprise and they surrendered meekly.

When I got downstairs, Clarence was still blinking at the suddenness of events. "How did you find us?" he asked the captain of the state troopers.

The captain smiled. "It was the envelope you used to send the ransom note. The zip code was wrong and so it was delayed. In fact the zip code was so wrong that we wondered if maybe Mr. Crawford wasn't trying to tell us something—like an automobile license plate number. We ran it through the Motor Vehicle Department and came up with your green and white sedan."

Max looked at Clarence reproachfully. "How could you mail a letter with my license plate number on it?"

Clarence shrugged. "Why am I supposed to remember the license number of *your* car?"

When I returned to my job, I was something of a hero. But only until the next Monday morning when Mr. Pendleton opened his office door, looked out, and discovered I was nearest.

He tossed me his car keys. "Wilbur, gas up my car and have the oil and tires checked. I'll be driving to Madison this afternoon and I won't have time to do it myself."

This time I was not kidnapped. ■

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The Wood Burner

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One variation that you'll encounter with airtights involves the material from which they're made. There are two—steel and cast iron—and each has its proponents and its detractors. Essentially, the differences are these: cast iron may crack but will not warp, heats slowly but stays hot longer, and is used by most European but few American manufacturers; steel may warp but won't crack, heats and cools quickly. Most U.S. stove makers use it.

The two metals are not really as different as manufacturers would lead us to believe. Carl English says that "each will hold and radiate heat as effectively as the other," and Jay Shelton

Departed Brothers

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY C. E. Hayward of Mobile, AL, Lodge died recently. Brother Hayward held the post of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1956-1957 for the South District.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Marion P. Boulden of Carbondale, IL, Lodge died recently. Brother Boulden served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1937-1938 for the South District.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Alfred B. Eichmeier of Clear Lake (Kemah), TX, Lodge died September 9, 1978. In 1972-1973, Brother Eichmeier held the position of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Gulf Coast District.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Ray C. Hare of Salisbury, MD, Lodge died recently. Brother Hare served the East District in 1941-1942 as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Harold W. Dorness of Glen Burnie, MD, Lodge died recently. In 1969-1970, Brother Dorness was appointed to the position of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Central District.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Daniel E. Hartung died September 9, 1978. A member of Sandusky, OH, Lodge, Brother Hartung was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the North Central District in 1968-1969.

PAST GRAND ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT W. K. Swanson died October 10, 1978. A member of McCook, NE, Lodge, Brother Swanson was State President in 1956-1957 and was appointed to the position of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1957-1958 for the West District. He served as Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight in 1959-1960.

learned in his extensive wood-burner tests at Williams College, Massachusetts, that "stoves of the same design and the same wall thickness will perform the same whether made of cast iron or steel." In the end, price may be your guide, since cast iron stoves are generally more expensive than the steel models. The Swedish Jøtul, Danish Morsø, and the American Defiant are three popular cast iron types. The Rite-way, Schrader, Fisher, and most other American brands are constructed of steel, although some have cast iron doors.

Another feature you'll likely hear much about once you start frequenting the stove shops is the thermostat some models have. Draft control on airtight stoves is accomplished by starting with a relatively small air opening and then providing some means of closing that orifice completely. The Europeans and many Americans simply have an adjustable control built into the stove, usually in the door. If the fire is burning too fast, you must manually reduce the draft slightly. If you've over-compensated, the fire will start to go out and you must reset the control so that more air is allowed inside the stove.

Some models, such as the Earth Stove, Defiant, and Downdrafter, have a device that controls the draft for you on the same principle as does your

furnace thermostat. When the stove is first lit, a large amount of air is allowed in and the fire burns rapidly. As the thermostat on the back of the stove warms, a spring expands to reduce the air flow into the stove. The intensity of the fire drops and so does the amount of heat produced. When the thermostat begins to cool, it contracts, letting more air get to the fire and starting the cycle over again.

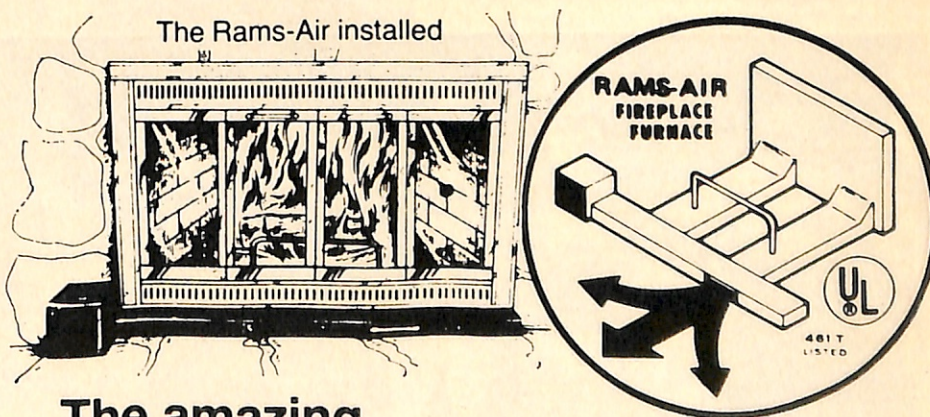
Most airtight stoves with large fireboxes (some European models have relatively small compartments) can be expected to burn all night. This is done by decreasing the draft to a minimum and filling the firebox with wood. The reduced air intake makes for a slow, slow burn and a warm morning. The Locke Stove Company has, in fact, chosen "Warm Morning" as the name of one of its models.

Another detail you may have tossed at you is the discussion of whether something known as "secondary air" is important. It can get kind of complicated, but here's essentially what it means. When air comes through the draft control on the stove, it reacts with the fuel and causes combustion. That air is referred to as "primary air," and the resulting combustion is incomplete.

Given off from the wood are unburned gases called volatiles (in ref-

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It's Your Business

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Anderson believes that Carrier jobs wouldn't be the only ones at stake, either. Smaller companies that have relied upon Carrier and benefited from the air-conditioning manufacturer's commitment to doing business with small firms could cause cutbacks in employment or loss of some shops because of UTC's centralized computer purchasing system.

"Dealing with a computer is not only impersonal, it thwarts innovation—and innovation is the reason for small companies' existence. You can't negotiate with a computer when it says 'buy from this company because its price is a cent or two or three lower,'" he explained.

But corporate mergers aren't the only ones that worry observers. Government interference and acquisitions raise more serious questions. The field of education is a good example. In Utica, New York, about an hour's drive from Syracuse where I teach on Syracuse University's Utica campus, the State University of New York, after spending 10 years discussing a home for an upper division college it created during the boom years of higher education, continues to talk with Syracuse and Utica College officials when it's politically expedient for the state.

Twice in a decade the talks terminated and the private college, unlike the mas-

sive state system, bounced back to balance its budget, attract students and remain in the black.

Yet, while the institution has demonstrated its success and strives to compete in the diminishing educational marketplace, SUNY strategically reopens talks to defuse its own problems in resolving the campus issue. Worse, it causes the college to drain its resources, strain its credibility and continually deal with morale problems without accepting any responsibility for the consequences. Each time the talks end inconclusively the private college suffers more setbacks. Plans are held up, faculty retention becomes more difficult and student recruitment becomes much tougher. It's a frightening example of what government can do to private enterprise.

Michael Pertshuk, chairman of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, believes there may be no legal answers short of legislation. He noted that business acquisitions in the first half of 1978 increased 46 per cent over the same period in 1977. "The competitive health of our economy and our very social well-being are threatened today more than ever by the steady growth of economic concentration. Conglomeration raises more concerns. It contributes to the disappearance of locally owned and operated enterprises, and the consequence is dominance by absentee corporate control, with potential for political, social and even psychological costs to local communities." ■

You and Retirement

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per gallon RV will cost \$72.15 for gasoline. But then compare costs for hotels against campground fees, and restaurant meals against home-cooked fare. And compare the comfort of staying in familiar surroundings, among your own possessions, as the scenery shifts.

Recreational vehicle sales were hard hit by the gasoline shortages and increasing gasoline prices of a couple of years ago. The same thing may happen again. But the RV life is, nonetheless, very attractive to many people. With an RV, the entire country is yours.

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A lodge appreciation night for the National Foundation was held at Southern Pines, NC, Lodge recently. Among those who received certificates were (from left) Bobby Brooks and David Gensburg, first-time participating members, John Bartlett, fourth-time member, GL Committeeman John Sullivan, ER William Oakley, and PER Walter Harper, all honorary founders, and participating member C. A. McLaughlin.

Sturgis, MI, Lodge held a steak fry in honor of Brother Elmer Faulkenstein (left), who received an honorary founder's certificate, a plaque acknowledging his contribution of the lodge's first \$1,000 donation to the Foundation, a diamond studded, gold lapel pin, and the Foundation's commemorative bottle. PDD Erik Jacobson made the presentations on behalf of the lodge Brothers and the Foundation.



A donation of \$1,000 to the National Foundation was recently made by Bryan Lyerly (left) of Tucson, AZ, Lodge. PER and Secy. George Kroehl congratulated Brother Lyerly, who intended the contribution to mark his 74th birthday and his 42nd year as an Elk.



LODGE VISITS

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In the land where the buffalo once roamed, GER Leonard Bristol (center), accompanied by PGER Raymond Dobson (right) and ER Daryl Hanson, paused in his travels to view what is claimed to be the world's largest statue of a buffalo. The GER was visiting Brother Hanson's lodge of Jamestown, ND, with PGER Dobson, who is the state sponsor of North Dakota.



A welcome to the Green Mountains was extended to GER Leonard Bristol (center) by Montpelier, VT, Elks recently. (From left) DDGER Stephen Kendrick, GL Committeeman Carl Quesnel, SDGER Raymond Quesnel, and DDGER Kenneth Kiser were among the state dignitaries who joined Brother Bristol for a luncheon at the lodge.



SP James St. George (third from right) and State Major Projects Chm. Edward Van Vooren (right) welcomed GER Bristol and his wife Virginia (fourth and fifth from right) to Elks Camp Moore, the New Jersey major project. Elks dignitaries and New Jerseyites who joined the Bristols at a reception at the summer camp for crippled children included (from left) Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Fred Padovano, PGER William Jernick, and GL Committeeman Arthur Fellner.



A guest of the Wisconsin Elks at their recent fall conference, GER Leonard Bristol (third from left) spoke to the Brothers on the importance of Elks charities and continued work with youth and veterans programs. Other dignitaries in attendance at the Fond du Lac meeting included (from left) PDD Robert Smithers, DDGER Francis Truymen, PGER Francis Smith, state sponsor, SP Wendall Smith, and PSP Joseph Kovacs.



North to Alaska was the direction taken recently by a Grand Lodge party for the dedication of Sitka and Homer Lodges' new facilities. Along the way, the dignitaries visited Anchorage, Kenai, Palmer, and Valdez Lodges. Guest of honor GER Leonard Bristol (third from left) was accompanied by (from left) PGERs Robert Yothers, state sponsor, and Horace Wisely, and ER Ernest Kamckstedt of Kenai Lodge, Alaska SP Ralph Magnusson, and Washington SP C. J. Hauge.

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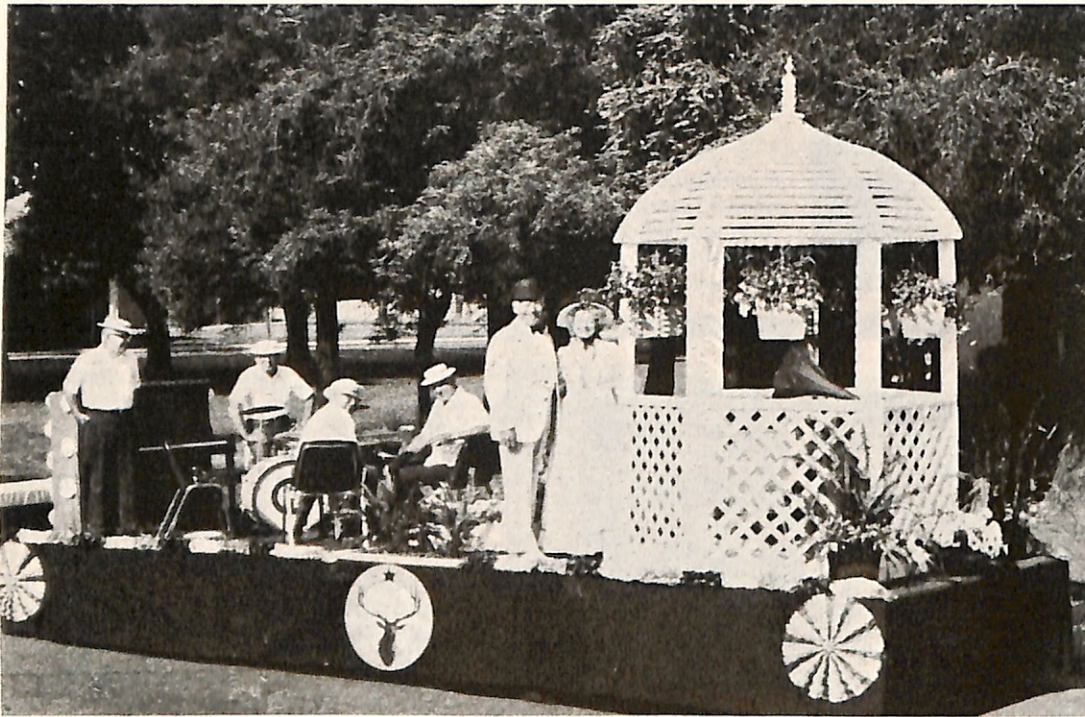
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THE RESIDENTS of the Veteran's Home at Yountville, CA, thanked Alameda Lodge for its contribution of needed items. (From left) Brothers Henry Law, Charlie Hansen, Fred Champion, Chm. Dan Robinson, Larry Wagner, and Dave Hartman collected the articles and delivered them to the vets.



THE LAWSON family of Tucson, AZ, is actively involved in the local lodge. New member Chris (center) was congratulated by his brother Al (left) and his father ER Basil following his initiation. Also a participant in Tucson Lodge activities is Chris's mother, Elks' lady Eileen Lawson, who joined the lodge members in welcoming the new Brother to the order.



DAYS OF PARASOLS, promenades, and sparking in the gazebo were recalled when Vallejo, CA, Lodge's float participated in a local parade. The truck which hauled the old fashion garden scene carried a piggy bank representing the state major project, aid to handicapped children. Lodge charity programs received the monetary award given to the first-place float.

THE ANNUAL Northwest Elks Camper Rally was hosted by Gresham, OR, Lodge recently. More than 900 Brothers and their families gathered for the affair, which included a 64-foot-long barbecue pit. On hand to enjoy the feast were (from left) PGER Frank Hise, ER E. L. Smith, Chm. Ed Robison, Chef Ed Wiebold, PERs Lee Akins and Marvin Gee, and Trustee Bill Louderback.



OLD TIMERS Night held at Wallace, ID, Lodge was proclaimed Bill Rullman Night in honor of the PER, who served as Exalted Ruler fifty years ago. About two hundred Brothers were present for the event, during which ER John Cantamessa (right) presented a plaque to Brother Rullman (center), while (from left) PSP James Lynn Jr. and PERs grandson Bruce and son Dale Rullman observed.





IN CONJUNCTION with San Diego North County Junior Golf Association, Oceanside, CA, Lodge sponsored a junior golf tournament. Andy Peila (left), youth activities coordinator, and Chm. Bob Melendez worked with the 290 boys and girls who competed in the sports event held at the Oceanside Municipal Course.



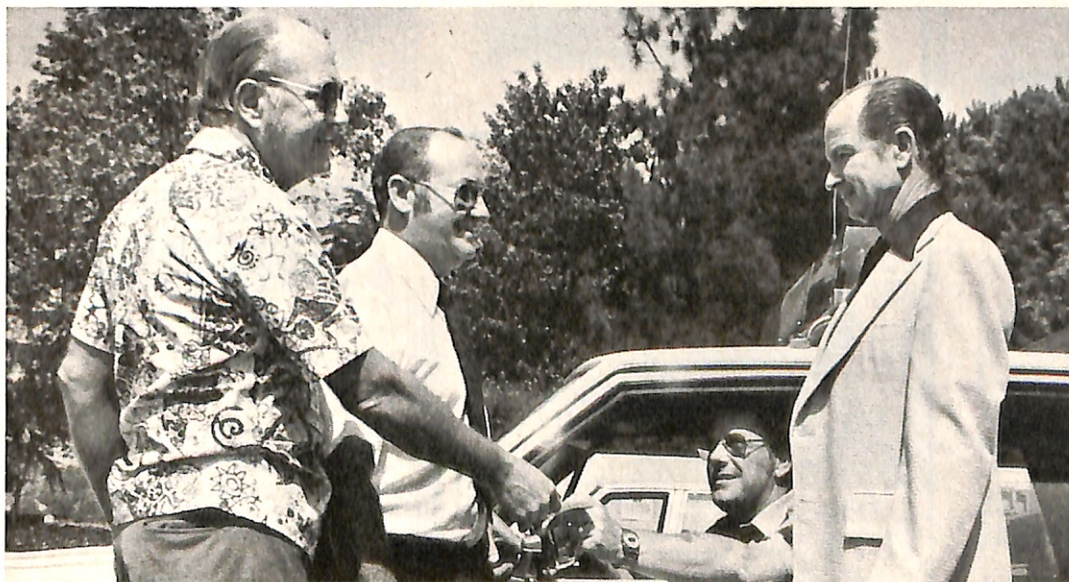
THE BROTHERS of Torrance, CA, Lodge held their annual Press and City Officials Night recently. ER Walter Nitz (right) presented a media recognition award to Herb Vida (left), editor of the Los Angeles Times, Centinella-South Bay edition, and former Mayor Ken Miller received a plaque of recognition for his service to the community. The guests for the event included Mayor James Armstrong.



IN HONOR of the Coast Guard's anniversary, Sitka, AK, Lodge held a banquet. ER Jon Shennett (center) presented plaques to Comdr. Robert Ginn (left) of the Sitka Coast Guard Air Station and Lt. Comdr. Bill Clark, skipper of the Cutter *Clover*, in commendation for the Coast Guard's service to the community.



AN INITIATION ceremony at Gateway (Portland), OR, Lodge introduced Ron Thompson (center) to Elkdom. The new initiate's brothers Doug (left) and Mike (right) and father Sgt. Ernie Thompson (second from right) of the Portland Police Bureau are members of the lodge. The family joined ER Dennis Benthin in welcoming Ron to the order.



TICKETS to Arcadia, CA, Lodge's annual city appreciation luau were passed out in the community by the Brothers recently. (From left) ER William Kling and Chm. and PER Rex Dondlinger took advantage of the opportunity to ticket policemen Bill Alcorn and Billy Oliver, captain.

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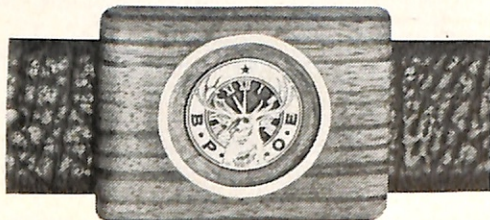
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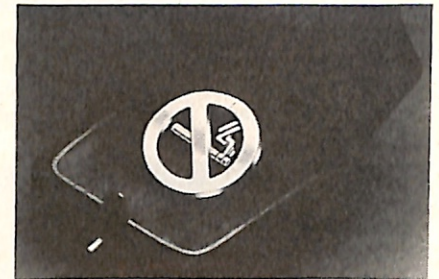
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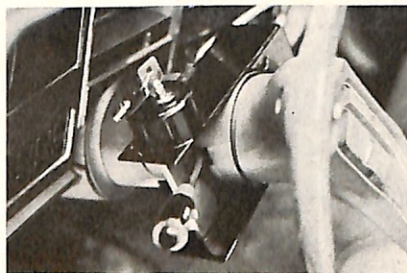
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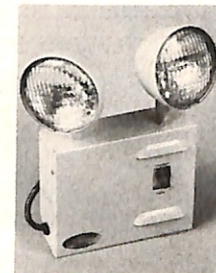
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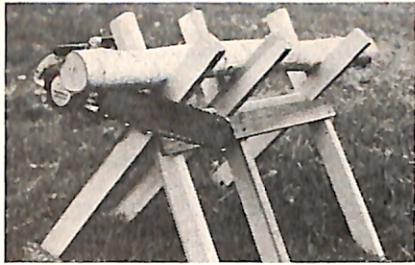
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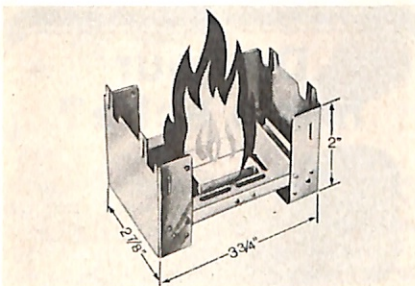
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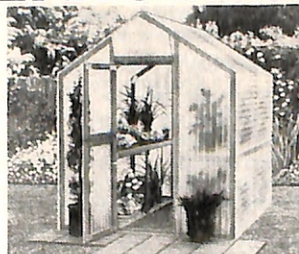
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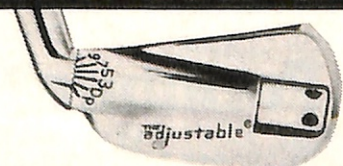
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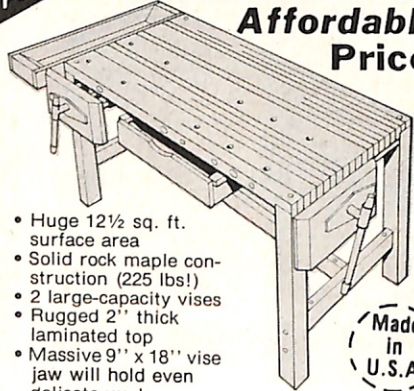
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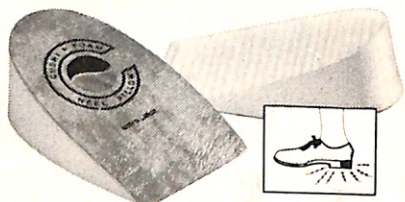
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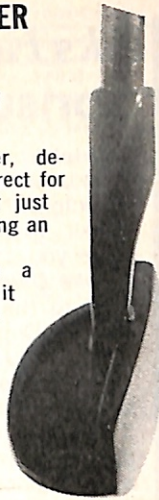
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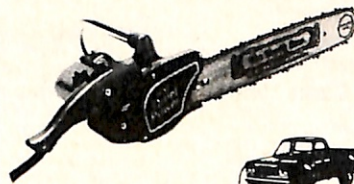
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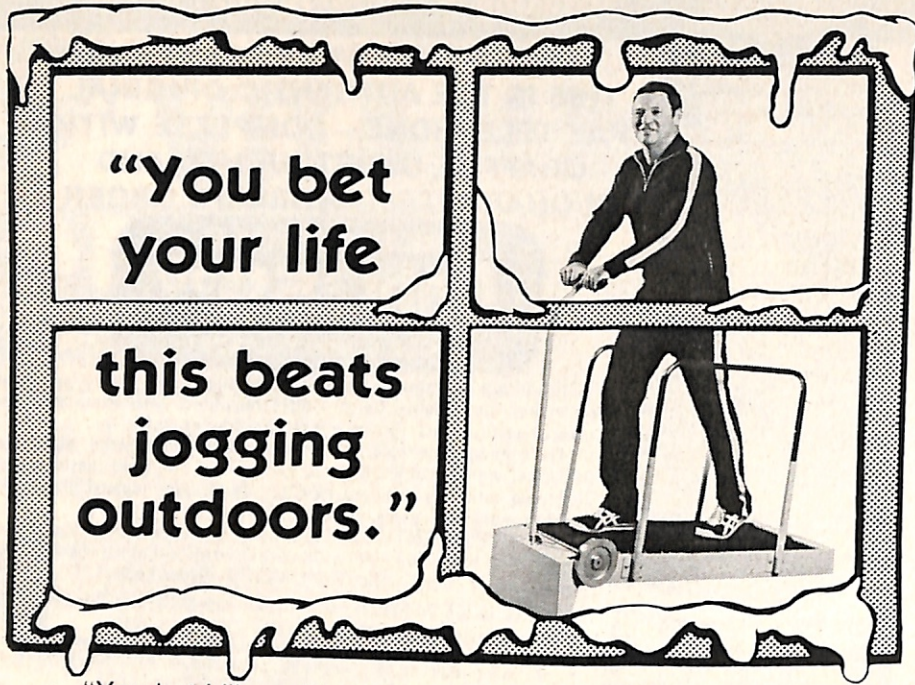
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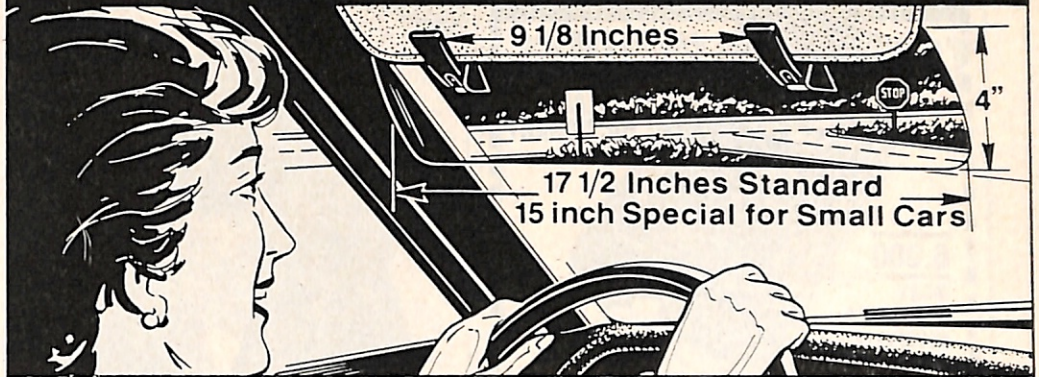
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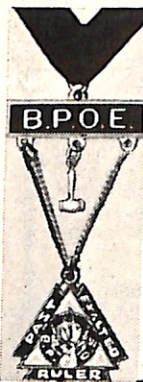
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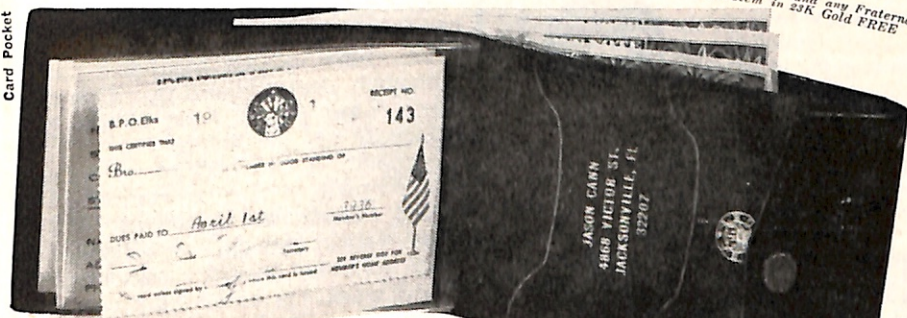
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Some national parks offer special activities, like the Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna, Virginia. This park has picnic facilities and a "theatre under the stars" where nationally known performers entertain visitors.

Other national park facilities are historic structures, like Abraham Lincoln's birthplace in Hodgenville, Kentucky.

If you're a history buff, the guide includes a list of parks that let you see how things were done in the old days. You'll be able to see blacksmith demonstrations, 17th century cooking, Civil War musket firing and pioneer agriculture.

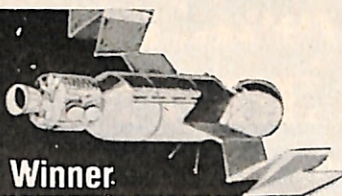
Consumers spend \$50 billion a year on car care. And \$20 billion of that is wasted on poor, needless, or fraudulent maintenance and repairs.

That startling figure comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHSTA), which says new laws and services to cut this waste are on the way. Twenty-one states now have some kind of auto repair law. And some communities have new consumer programs to help prevent repair rip-offs. These include mechanic certification, dealer licensing, rating of auto repair shops, even clinics to diagnose car ills before you see a mechanic. A new booklet from the Department of Transportation entitled, *Consumer Problems With Auto Repair*, lists car repair tips, repair laws, and services available in some areas. For a free copy, send a postcard to the Consumer Information Center, Department 704F, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. ■

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Dianne's undergraduate study was made possible by scholarships to the University of Pittsburgh where she majored in Nuclear Physics. Her father, Joseph J. Kasnic, recalled his daughter's early anxieties about entering a male-dominated field like physics, and being the only woman in some of her classes



at Pitt. But the influence of her mother, the late Anna Mae Kasnic, who was a substitute teacher, and the encouragement of Dr. Michael Serene, who was principal at Ambridge High School when Dianne was in attendance, kept her determination alive.

It was at Pitt that she met Gary Prinz of Cleveland, who became her husband. After graduation from Pitt in 1960, Dianne received a fellowship to Johns Hopkins University where she continued her education, earning a doctorate in 1967.

Dianne and her husband are research physicists at the U. S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C.

In August, 1978, NASA announced that Dr. Prinz, 39, and three other scientists have been chosen to serve as "payload specialists" for the 1981 mission. Two will be selected to ride in the space lab some 250 miles above the earth,

performing 13 scientific experiments during the nine days they are in orbit. The other two will run ground-based experiments and help the on-board pair. Dr. Prinz said she is not likely to know her role until about a year before the mission. It has, however, been her ambition to go up in a spacecraft. "It's got to be the most exciting thing I can envision happening to me," she said.

Dr. Prinz is already the first woman to be named a "finalist" for a payload specialist position. Although six female astronaut candidates are available and could precede her into space, a NASA spokesman said her chance for a place in history is excellent—that she very likely will be the first American woman in space.

The selection of payload specialists has been going on for about a year. First NASA had to pare down some 220 proposals for experiments aboard the space lab.

In her work at the Naval Research Laboratory, Dr. Prinz is a specialist in solar-terrestrial relations, and she also designs optical instruments for scientific work. Of the 13 experiments to be performed aboard the space lab, four involve observations of the sun, and two are being prepared at the research lab where she works. She is a co-investigator on one of them.

Dr. Prinz and her father both are enthused about her historymaking potential, but, as Dianne remarks, "I don't care if I'm the first or hundredth, I'd just like to go."

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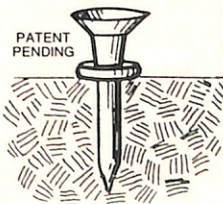
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Wanderings

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France—to Strasbourg, Besancon, Nancy and other areas. When day is done aboard the Twain and other barges, wines are poured in a salute to sunset. The vessels' slow pace attracts travelers weary of exhausting tours and jet-age schedules, those seeking surcease from the world of action. The barges carry bicycles, and so I recall pedaling away at Avril sur Loire among fields yellow with buttercups and white with daisies, the entire scene framed by shocking green pastures and fields of wheat. Later I found the barge tied up downstream alongside a riverbank. That night the captain led us into a village where we joined the locals for a wine tasting session in a small, friendly bar.

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While the barges once may have carried coals to Newcastle, the cargo today is the happy wanderer. Parsons and Bardet can attest to that. ■

The Wood Burner

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erence to their potential combustibility). In many wood-burning situations, a large portion of these volatiles shoots up the chimney and is wasted. The reason they don't burn in most fireboxes is because all the available oxygen is being hogged by the wood coals at the bottom of the stove. Some manufacturers have tried to capture the heating potential of the volatiles by introducing more oxygen into the stove slightly above the position of the main fire. This air comes through special holes in the wall of the stove and is referred to as secondary air.

There is not yet any hard evidence that secondary air inlets add much to a wood stove's efficiency. The temperature of the gases must be very high (about 1,100 degrees F.) before they'll ignite, and the rush of secondary air is thought by some to cool them below that point. Jay Shelton's initial tests have indicated that stoves with secondary air inlets are no more efficient than those without that feature.

Another claim that is constantly bandied about is the efficiency rating of various stoves. Testing conditions vary widely, and it's understandable that a manufacturer will be shooting for the highest possible figure. It would perhaps be wise to ignore all specific

claims and judge potential efficiency for yourself, based on design, workmanship, and—especially—reports from owners. The MERDI rates airtight stoves at between 40 and 80 percent efficient, although that high figure will not likely be approached.

One method manufacturers have used to increase efficiency is to keep the hot gases in the stove longer, thereby extracting more heat from them. A flue exiting from the top center of the stove often allows very hot smoke to waft wasted up the chimney. One way of retaining the smoke longer is to force the gases, by means of baffles or arches, to take a circuitous exit route. The designers of the Downdrafter stove have even devised a flow system in which the gases are forced to leave the stove by passing through the hot coals. The idea here is that all the volatiles will be burned in the process.

Now that you are armed with a modicum of information about wood-burners, you should be ready to enter the arena of the sellers. "Even if you can't check out all the information and factors," says Geri Harrington, author of *The Wood Burning Stove Book*, "at least ask questions."

Part of playing it smart will include a measure of comparison shopping, because prices do vary among dealers. Bargain basement deals are available, to be sure, but they'll likely come back to haunt you. Expect to pay at least \$400 for a quality American airtight and as much as \$1,000 for the best European imports. Freestanding fireplaces are generally less expensive, and traditional masonry jobs are more costly. To the cost of the wood-burner itself you can add another \$150 to \$200 for installation materials (chimney, roof flashing, etc.) and the expense of whatever decorating you may plan.

Your money, though, will likely have been well spent. That wood-burner blazing in your living room may signal the end of overpowering fuel bills. In some areas of the country, firewood is free for the taking from our national forests. In most other places it's still considerably cheaper to burn wood than precious fossil fuels or fossil-produced electricity. According to the Cooperative Extension Services of the Northeast States, a cord of hardwood will yield about the same amount of heat as a ton of coal, 240 gallons of fuel oil, or 290 therms of natural gas.

And so it looks like wood stoves may be here to stay. That blackened wood-burner and stack of firewood will likely be as much a part of your great grandchild's life as they were of your great grandmother's. The wood-burner is one of the few accouterments of "the good old days" that has come back to make our days better too. ■

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