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## A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler

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This is Spring in Illinois. Soil has been tilled and seeds have been planted. Farmers planted a variety of seeds in their fields, while home gardeners sowed everything from lettuce to squash. Did you plant anything this year? What type of seeds and plants do we sow and later reap? How do the seeds grow? We all have room to grow in some way. Have you ever noticed how a gardener wants to share his plants and produce? Weeds are also part of a garden and field. Just as there are weeds in our fields and gardens, there are obstacles in life. This month's "seeds" are important days beginning with Law Day and ending with Memorial Day. Sandwiched in between are Mother's Day and Elks Youth Week.

It is merely symbolic that Law Day occupies only a single calendar day. This annual observance serves as a reminder that the principles embodied in this day are constant and must not be taken for granted. They must be nurtured and sustained by each citizen every day of the year. It was Dwight D. Eisenhower who said, "It is fitting that the American people should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and



# Plant Some Seeds

equality under law. It is our moral and civic obligation as free men and as Americans to preserve and strengthen that great heritage."

Elks Youth Week is only one week out of 52; however, we recognize our young people's achievements throughout the year. We sponsor youth events and athletic teams, along with contributing to worthy organizations for our young people during the year as well as aiding handicapped children. Remember, our youth of today are building the foundation for their tomorrows. Let's help them make it strong.

Mother's Day is another symbolic day on the calendar. We have set aside the second Sunday in May to honor mothers. Emerson said, "Men are what their mothers made them." Remember mother on May 10.

Memorial Day is a day for memories about the wars, and for decorating the graves of those who fought in them. These may not be pleasant memories, but it is reassuring to know that Americans cared enough to defend liberty and freedom! Remember them—show that you care.

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H. Foster Sears

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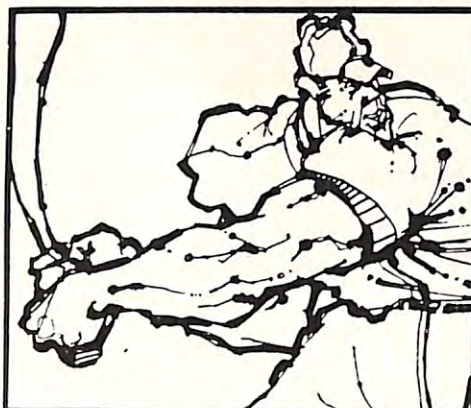
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Bill Thomas



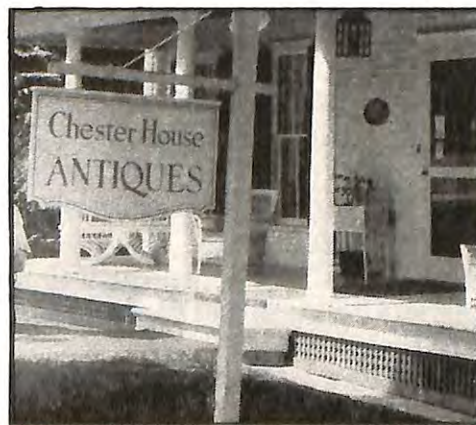
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# IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

## REDEFINING WORK FOR THE YOUNG

I watched the three teenagers come in the store. Two boys and a girl all about 16 or 17. I was talking with the manager as they approached us. He asked what they wanted and the more aggressive of the group, an amiable young man with a ready smile, said it all in one word: "jobs."

They were looking for summer employment, he explained.

I listened as the manager mentioned that he might have an opening for a night person stocking counters and handling the cash register. The person would have to work some weekends, too. The job paid minimum wage, he added.

The girl and one boy didn't change their expressions as they mumbled "no thanks" and beat a hasty retreat as if the manager might make it more appealing if they stayed. The amiable youth, however, asked for an application and said he'd like to try. "I'm pretty sure I can do it . . . and I'd like to learn the business," he said in a quiet voice as if he was afraid his friends might overhear.

His comment struck the right chord with the manager. After the youngster had left, the manager told me that unless the application produced a serious problem he'd probably hire him because "he was the first one who appeared enthusiastic about the work and I think he's trainable."

The scene in that central New York store offers a more realistic slice of life than the many stories, chock-full of statistics, that have appeared in recent years lamenting the lack of jobs for youth. There's no question, I believe, that there are never enough opportunities to accommodate the huge pool of available youth. The bigger issue, however, is finding a way to motivate young people to want to work.

The problem? In some instances, no understanding of the real meaning of "work." In others, little need to understand because of the comforts and luxuries that have been and probably always will be supplied; and still a third reason for such a difficulty is that young people who might like to work if they tried it don't know how to go about finding a job. And, no doubt, there are other reasons, too.

As a college professor for 20 years, who teaches the competitive skills of

journalism and public relations, I'm still amazed at second term seniors who haven't started the job search a month before graduation; college graduates who actually turn down offers without other leads because they may interfere with their outside interests or cause them to move away from home. Even worse are those who go to interviews without any questions to ask and no idea what they want to do.

But while we can point an accusing finger and shake our heads in disbelief and disgust, we had better awaken to the currently unpopular view that we must work together to launch a new era of firmness, enthusiasm and policies to guide a number of undisciplined, less skilled potential workers, as well as offer better rewards for the ambitious, if we are to turn the youth labor market around.

The warnings have sounded for some time. Two years ago, the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education released a report that still applies to today's conditions. Said the council: "Young people who are failing to learn how to function effectively in a democratic society present a problem to the entire society. We all pay a price in terms of safety of our streets and our homes; in terms of heavy social costs for unemployment, law enforcement and prisons; and in terms of social malaise that stems in part from the recognition that we are not meeting the problems of many of our youth."

At a conference in Boston less than a year ago, Stuart Eizenstat, a former Carter Administration aide, told an urban youth employment group that the job scene for young people "is one of the worst domestic problems we have."

He wasn't overstating the case, either. In Boston last summer, for example, better than 35 percent of all minority teens were unemployed. Teen unemployment among minorities in New York City was 10 percent higher than in Boston.

This year, President Reagan's efforts to trim the federal budget will undoubtedly trigger more problems for beleaguered agencies trying to cope with neighborhoods and whole communities filled with young people not working. The government, in other words, isn't planning to bail us out if there is a long, hot and troublesome summer. The hope, of

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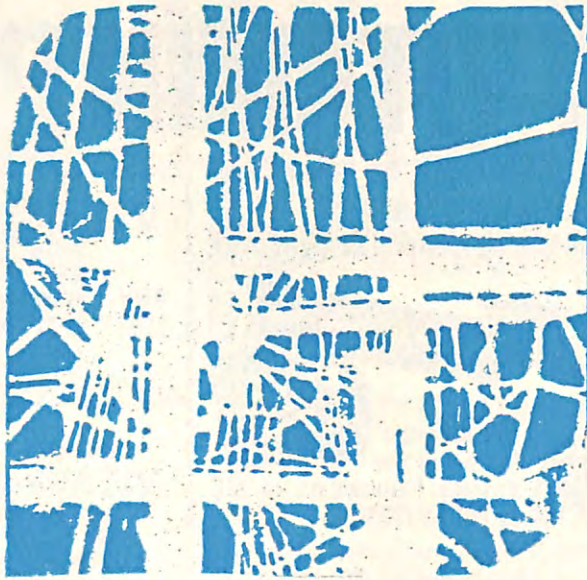
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# BEAR

by Robert L. Williams

In the summer of 1883, the famed Greely Expedition, sent to the Arctic regions to study climate and animal life, was hopelessly stranded in the frozen wastelands. Their ship, the *Proteus*, had become completely surrounded by ice, and the pressure of the frozen mountains rapidly ripped the fragile ship to pieces.

Although all officers, crewmen, and the two Eskimos on board were safely evacuated, food supplies were running dangerously low, and it was apparent that since no rescue ship known to man could penetrate the ice, it was only a matter of time until the 25 men, who had set out on the expedition with such visions of glory, would perish of starvation or exposure.

The expedition was part of the International Polar Year Project of 1881, and the fate of the men became an object of





worldwide concern, since the venture had been widely discussed and applauded. And the *Proteus* men had been instructed to leave the Ellesmere Island area by September 1, 1883, if they had not been visited by a supply ship.

When the supply ship could not make its way through the icy waters and the *Proteus* did not return, the entire marine world turned its attention to the rescue efforts, and a reward of \$25,000 was offered to any ship and crew that could brave the dangers and rigors of the polar regions to locate and save the men. As a result, virtually every whaling vessel and sealer in the Arctic waters abandoned their quests for blubber and fur and concentrated on the cash prize which, in 1883, was a staggering treasure.

Unfortunately, each and every whaler and sealer was forced to turn back hundreds of miles short of their destination. In fact, only three ships in history had been able to penetrate as far north as Cape Sabine during the cold season and one of them, the *Proteus*, had already been destroyed.

So all hope of rescuing the victims of the Arctic hell had been abandoned.

But in April, 1884, another ship was given orders to attempt a rescue or, as nearly everyone expected, to return the bodies of the men to the United States for burial.

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When the ship reached the treacherous waters near Cape Sabine, Commander Shely of the *Bear* briefly considered turning back and abandoning the

search. But the ship proceeded onward to Prayer Harbor where a message from the Greely Expedition was found. The message stated that the crew and officers had only enough supplies to last for 40 more days.

And the message had been written eight months previously!

In spite of the bleak outlook, the *Bear* continued to smash its way through the ice, and one day crewmen spotted a grotesque and frightening apparition: a human being, sunken-eyed, hollow-cheeked, dirty, emaciated, and weak was floundering along the icy ground. His hair was long and unkempt and his beard was filthy. When the man spotted the rescuers, he was unable to separate hallucination from reality and attempted to run from the *Bear's* crew.

When the man was finally able to talk coherently, he told the rescuers that he was Lt. Adolphus Greely and the other survivors of the party were camped nearby.

The rescue party rushed to the site and were horrified at what they saw: Men lay in every stage of life—and death—and in every imaginable level of existence. One man, armless and legless, was propped up in one corner of a tent. A spoon had been strapped to one of his arm stumps and the man was trying to feed himself. Another lay dead in a tent torn down by the wind. Still others were so deranged that they could not comprehend being rescued.

The only "food" left in the camp was some tins of boiled leather from boots and a sleeping bag. The men could not possibly have lasted more than a few more hours.

On board the *Bear* the survivors were given careful medical attention and slowly nourished back to health, with one exception. The multiple amputee, whose wounds had been spared a fatal infection by the incredibly cold temperatures of the Arctic, ironically fell victim to the warmth of the ship, and he died before the ship was out of the ice. The others, however, returned to a heroes' welcome in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where they were met by another marine legend, the *Constitution*, better known as *Old Ironsides*.

Soon, ironically, the *Bear* surpassed the legendary feats of *Old Ironsides*. In another bit of irony, the *Bear* became a floating law enforcement agency and spent her time patrolling the coastal waters of the Bering Sea. Oddly enough, the *Bear's* first voyage was on a seal hunt, and the crew had slaughtered more than 12,000 baby seals in one day! But now the ship was the nemesis of illegal hunting activities and the archenemy of poachers, bootleggers, and smugglers.

The ship also became a floating hospital, and on numerous occasions broke





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In the other categories, Todd Haynes, nine years of age, from Shaftsbury, VT, won the 8-9 age category with a score of 23 out of 25.

Justin Anderson, 11, of Valley City,

ND, sank 22 of 25 to tie Kyle Wombolt of Kellogg, ID, and Junebug Rakes of Catlettsburg, Ky. In a five shot tie-breaker, Anderson sank 4 of 5 to win the title over Wombolt and Rakes who made three and two, respectively.

In the girls' 12-13 age group, Tonya Jorgenson, 13, of Douglas, WY, sank 23 of 25 to win the national title.

Mary Lee, 11, of Sparta, TN, sank 19 of 25 to win the 10-11 group national title.

Donna Williams, 9, of Bokchito, OK, sank 21 of 25 to tie for first with Erin Maher of Davenport, IA. Williams sank 4 for 5 in the tie-breaker to win the title over Maher by one shot.

The winners were honored at a half-time ceremony during the Indiana Pacers-Detroit Pistons basketball

game on March 14. Former NBA star Rick Barry was on hand during the contest to serve as a consultant, and spoke at the awards banquet prior to the game.

This year over 3,000,000 youngsters, ages 8 thru 13, competed in the contest at the local levels for the chance to advance thru district, state and regional competition to be one of 72 youngsters to compete in the national finals. The winners will have their names inscribed on plaques permanently displayed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield, MA.

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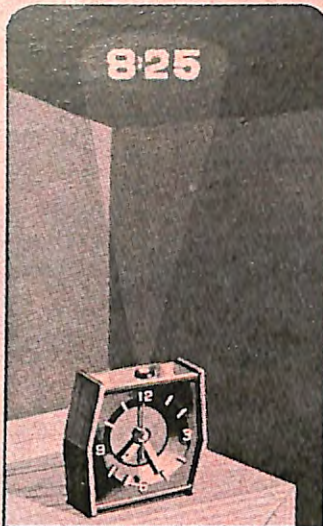
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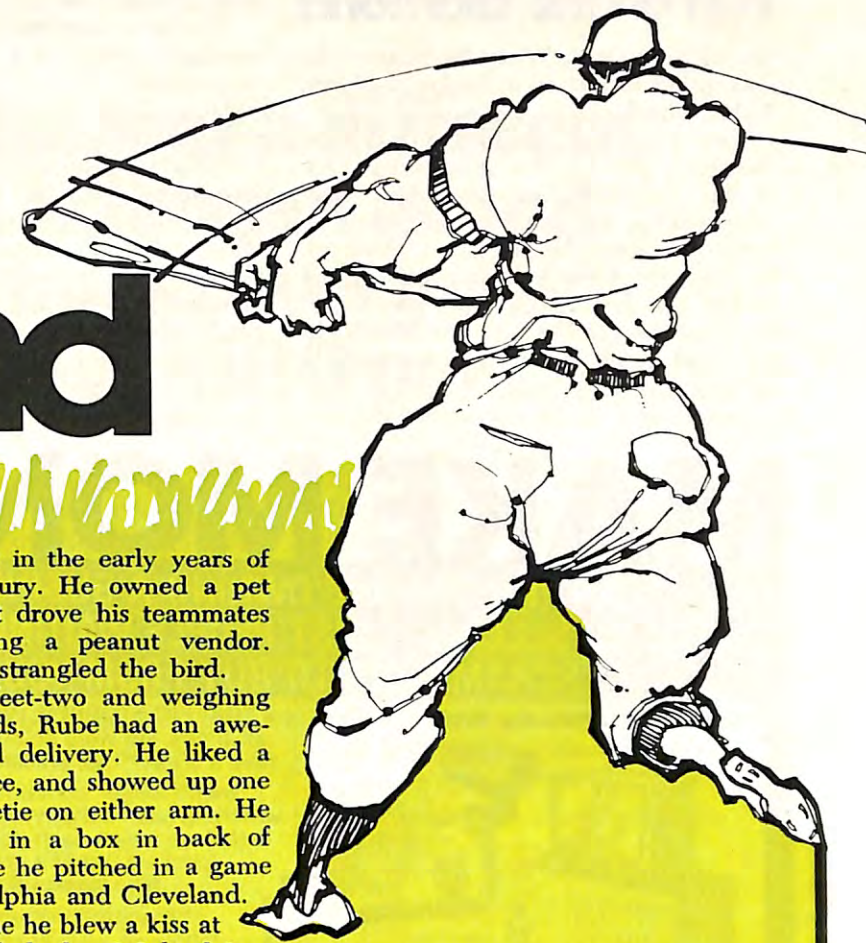
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# Fun on the diamond



Baseball became popular in the latter part of the 19th century, along with beer gardens, bicycles built for two, strawberry festivals, and ragtime.

by Stewart Marsh

**A** distinctly American sport, baseball became popular in the latter part of the 19th century, along with beer gardens, strawberry festivals, bicycles built for two, ragtime music, chewing tobacco labeled with tin tags, and cigars with paper bands. In the early days of the sport, there was considerable confusion among members of the public about the nature of the game.

For example, the dynamic president of Harvard University, Charles William Eliot, was caught off base so to speak. When a star player was left off the varsity team because of low grades, Eliot allowed it was just as well, because the player attempted to deceive others and was obviously therefore of low moral fiber. "Why," Eliot was heard to remark, "they boasted of his making a feint to throw in one direction and then throwing in ANOTHER!"

If some very intelligent men lacked baseball savvy, a great many women were bewildered about the game in those days before feminists had begun to invade the so-called men's world. "I hear awful things about this new breed of baseball players," said one shocked matron. "Why, they even steal bases.

And it must be a terribly dangerous game. I'm told that players have died on the bases before they could get home."

After a young woman had attended her first baseball game with a boy friend, she asked him in a disappointed tone of voice, "Is that all you meant when you said you were trying to get to first base with me?"

A husband took his wife to a baseball game but, arriving late, play was in the 5th-inning. "What's the score?" he asked an usher.

"Nothing to nothing," was the reply. "Oh, goody!" squealed the spouse. "We haven't missed anything."

Unlike football, the professionals have dominated baseball over the years. Baseballs were used sparingly in the old days by pros as well as college teams. It wasn't like today when, if the ball becomes smudged or scuffed, the umpire immediately puts a new ball into play. In the fading daylight of a late afternoon before the age of overhead lights, the old-time pitcher or catcher might generously apply tobacco juice to the ball, rubbing it in. The discolored ball could be seen only as a dark streak by the batter!

Upon one occasion, the pitcher and catcher even improved on this. It was the 12th inning and the score was tied. Two men were out, and there were two strikes and three balls on the batter. The pitcher was growing wilder; and in a conference the catcher said to the pitcher, "You wind up and pretend to pitch. I'll smack my glove and make like I'm catching the ball. Maybe in the darkness we can get away with it."

The pitcher cranked his arm and gave a good imitation of throwing. The catcher then smacked his glove as though the ball had come across the plate waist high. "Str-r-ike three," bawled the umpire.

"Why you—you blind robber," yelled the batter, "that one missed the plate by a foot!"

In a book about his life, the immortal Ty Cobb relates some of the other illegal tricks that players occasionally tried to get away with in the old days. Pitchers and infielders might sew emery paper into their gloves. They used this to rough up the ball, so the pitcher's stuff would bewilder the batter with unpredictable curves. Or the pitcher might rough up the ball with the sharp point of his belt buckle, or scrape it with a small nutmeg scraper that he kept concealed in his pocket.

The home team might even go so far as to sew BB shot into one seam of the ball, pounding it down with a mallet. The home pitcher would know just where the ball had been weighted with shot, and could use this knowledge to put over some weird pitches. On the other hand, the visiting pitcher would go crazy wondering why his shots were so wild!

Even when the ball became a tired old tomato which batters had trouble hitting out of the infield, the umpire might refuse to put a new ball into play. Upon one occasion, the Detroit Tigers were playing Cleveland. Hard-hitting Larry Lajoie of the Cleveland club demanded a new ball after several innings, but umpire Tom Connolly replied, "You'll hit against the same ball as the Tigers did."

A shouting match ensued. Lajoie called Connolly an Irish immigrant, and Connolly called Lajoie a French chowderhead. Then they wrestled for the ball, Lajoie got it, and threw it into the grandstand. "Now it's out!" he cried in triumph.

"And so are you!" roared Connolly, jerking his thumb toward the clubhouse.

Over the years there have been many great baseball players and fine competitors. The sport has produced also quite a number of colorful characters to say the least. Let's mention a few of them.

Rube Waddell pitched for the Phila-

delphia Athletics in the early years of the present century. He owned a pet mockingbird that drove his teammates wild by imitating a peanut vendor. Someone finally strangled the bird.

Standing six feet-two and weighing about 200 pounds, Rube had an awesome left-handed delivery. He liked a feminine audience, and showed up one day with a sweetie on either arm. He seated the girls in a box in back of home plate while he pitched in a game between Philadelphia and Cleveland.

From time to time he blew a kiss at the girls. The A's had a 1-0 lead in the 9th-inning, but the Indians filled the bases with no one out.

At this point Waddell astonished everyone by walking over to the seats occupied by his ladies. Bowing graciously, he told them: "Girls, I'll be with you in just a minute." Then on nine pitches he struck out Larry Lajoie, Elmer Flick and Bill Bradley, three of the league's best hitters!

The great Babe Ruth has been called not only "the Sultan of Swat," but also "the Sultan of Suet." Possessing a king-sized appetite, Ruth turned in a remarkable performance at the chow table as well as on the baseball field. It is reported that for breakfast he often began with a quart mixture of bourbon whiskey and ginger ale. This was followed by a large steak, four to six fried eggs, fried potatoes, bread and coffee.

What a way to start off the day! A coach commented that had Ruth paid more attention to training rules he could have improved even upon his own mighty home-run record.

While managing the New York Yankees, Casey Stengel was noted for his astute stratagems, and also for his double talk and tall tales. According to Bennet Cerf, one of the latter concerned the pitching prodigy from Alabama who failed to show up for spring training. Inquiry brought a reply from his irate pappy: "Forget that scoundrel

In the early days of baseball, players might sew emery paper in their gloves to rough up the ball, making the pitcher's stuff unpredictable.

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son of mine, suh. When he boasted he was going to put on a Yankee uniform, I shot him."

Leo Durocher, colorful player and manager, also loved a good story. One of his favorites was about the horse who wanted to play for him when he was managing the Brooklyn Dodgers. He gave the horse batting practice, and taking the bat in its teeth the horse knocked the pitches into the stands. In the field the horse cleanly caught fly balls between the teeth.

Durocher was greatly impressed. Fi-

nally, he said to the horse, "But one more thing. Can you run?"

The horse neighed in disbelief at this question, "Run? If I could run I'd be at Belmont!"

Dizzy Dean was still another legend-maker. He pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals in the days when they were known as the Gas House Gang. No paragon of modesty, Dean would brag about what he was going to do, and then go out and do it. In 1934, the Cardinals played the Detroit Tigers in the World Series, winning 4 games to 3.

In one game where Dean was not pitching, manager Frankie Frisch—to the surprise of everyone—put him into

the game as a pinch runner. It was Frisch's belief that even as a runner Dean would have an inspirational effect on the team. With Durocher on second and Dean on first, Pepper Martin grounded to Gehringer, whose toss to Bill Rogell forced Dizzy. In trying for a double play, Bill's throw hit Dean on the head, knocking the big pitcher out cold. The ball caromed away, and Durocher scored the tying run.

Later when Dean regained consciousness, and the matter was explained to him, he commented, "Well, I guess I broke up *that* double play." There's more than one way of using your head!

Dean was sent to the hospital to be checked over. Fearing that he would not be able to play again in the Series, St. Louis fans were about in the mood to lynch Frisch. But Dean showed up at the next game ready to pitch!

Over the years rhubarbs between players and the umpire have been one of the game's traditions. When Leo Durocher was managing the Brooklyn Dodgers, he used Hugh Casey as a relief pitcher in a game with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Umpire George Magerkurth called a balk on Casey.

Casey protested, and as might be expected Leo the Lip joined in the heated argument. Magerkurth adamantly refused to change his call. According to the famous sports announcer Red Barber, Casey then became so mad that he conspired to hit the umpire with a pitched ball when play was resumed. Casey told the catcher to stay down low, and he threw high, trying to nail the umpire. But Magerkurth was too alert and got out of the way of the ball!

A Cleveland rookie used more finesse in trying to put the umpire down. Tough George Moriarty behind the plate called a close strike on the rookie, without any protest from the latter. Then the umpire called another close strike. "I beg your pardon," said the rookie politely to the umpire, "but how do you spell your name?"

Surprised, the umpire obliged and spelled out his name: "M-o-r-i-a-r-t-y." The rookie sighed, stepped back in the batter's box, and said gently, "Just as I thought, sir, only one 'i'."

During a World Series, fans with the series fever have been willing through the years to camp out all night in order to have a chance of buying a bleacher's ticket when the ticket office opens in the morning prior to the game. One fan is reported to have sat on a camp stool all night, and to have expressed delight on being able to buy a ticket the next day. When the gates opened, he took his bleacher's seat with great anticipation, made himself comfortable, dozed off, and in spite of all the cheering and yelling slept through the entire game!

Rooters are often fickle. In *The Story* (Continued on page 44)

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# LETTERS

• Thank you for a fine magazine well done each month. After reading "The Elks Magazine at Work" (Dec./Jan., 1981) on putting the magazine together, I now have a better understanding. Thanks for the tips on sending lodge activities photos.

Especially interesting was "On The Other Hand," by Gary Turbak. As a teacher of business machines, I find the left-hander consistently doing more work in a given time than his right-handed counterpart. The lefty operates the ten-key machine with his right hand and writes the answer with his left. But the right-hander, operating with his right, takes it off the machine, picks up a pencil, writes the answer, puts the pencil down, then relocates his hand on the machine. It's a time-and-motion-study nightmare.

We attempted to have the right-handers operate the machines with the left and write the answers with the right; but they are not as adjustable as left-handers. In a study of personality traits, I'd bet the lefties have the most desirable ones—hands, both left and right, down.

John M. Cowart  
Ventura, CA

• I really enjoyed "On The Other Hand." As a left-hander I can relate to all the things in the article. I had most of my trouble in grade school trying to write on the blackboard. Although it wasn't mentioned, left-handers hold their writing tools either: (1) hand held straight up, or (2) hand curved around.

J. H. Blackburn  
Roswell, NM

• In "News of the Lodges" (Dec./Jan., 1981), you had an item on "Harvey, the Hound." It stated that Harvey is the only dog owning an Elks National Foundation Certificate. Not so! We have a member in our Oregon City, OR, Lodge with a paid up participating membership since 1977. "Tiger" Hoerling (a dog) lives with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hoerling. His membership number is 818 in our Elks National Foundation files.

J. W. Orfield  
Oregon City, OR

• In "Did You Know? . . ." (March, 1981), there is an error regarding the career of Jack Dempsey. The "long count" occurred in Dempsey's second fight against Gene Tunney, not in 1926 when Tunney won the title.

Raymond E. Byrne, Sr.  
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A contribution of 827 deer hides was made by Eureka, CA, Lodge to the nine veterans hospitals in California. Pictured from left are Chm. and Est. Lead. Kt. Fred Tatka, VP Dale Colson and Co-chm. Capt. Frank Mills.



Leigh Weider, (right), PER of Portage, WI, Lodge and a member of the state National Service Committee, presents checks to Thomas Stranova, director of the veterans hospital at Madison, WI. In the year 1980, \$3,150.06 was donated to the hospital by the state association for the entertainment and recreation of patients.



Augusta, ME, Lodge donated a stereo sound system to the VA Medical Center in Togus, ME. From left are then-ER John Seymour, Nurse Evelyn Kubicki, Elks Representative Adjutor Pare, and Richard Gross, chief of voluntary service.



Veterans Remembrance Night at Gilroy, CA, Lodge was attended by 30 patients from the veterans facility at Palo Alto, and over 100 members and representatives of local veterans organizations. Standing from left are Art Marsh and Jim Worley, American Legion Post 127; then-ER Frank Gonzales; and Paul Voorhees and Tony Adame, VFW Post 6309. Seated are Harry Porter (left) and Anthony Alvers.



Greenwood Lake, NY, Lodge collected 15 deer hides and sent them to the California-Hawaii Elks Association tanning program to be distributed to veterans hospitals throughout the U.S. In photo from left are Peter Maceda, lodge National Service Committee Chm.; PER Bill Lockett; Brothers Tom McCormack and Mickey McCarthy; Charlie Barnes, Secy. and PER; and Est. Lead. Kt. Peter O'Connor.

# The Bear

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repair their damaged ships so they could sail for home as soon as weather permitted.

When the final rescue operations were completed, it was obvious that a major miracle had occurred. During the entire process, including the overland trek, not one life was lost! It was an astonishing feat. Even the dogs survived!

But the ordeal nearly proved to be the undoing of the *Bear*. While the majestic ship was at anchor during the mission, the packed ice had built up so tightly around the hull that the ship was slowly being forced out of the water. For over three weeks the ship was captured, and even the dynamite used on the ice was not enough to dislodge it. Finally, with a break in the weather and with the power of the ship, she broke loose and returned to safer waters.

Stories about the *Bear* continue to amaze modern scholars, and it is a standing joke among Coast Guardsmen that they took their basic training on board the *Bear*. But the true stories far outweigh the fables, and the narratives about the *Bear* are sufficient to elevate her to the level of total naval greatness.

But even legends must eventually come to an end and, in 1926, after over half a century of service, the *Bear* was retired from active service. As the ship made one last voyage down the coast of Alaska, she stopped at every port of call. The inhabitants of the towns and villages turned out in overwhelming numbers for one last look at the ship that was a courtroom, a hospital, a floating law enforcement agency, and an Angel of Mercy to the hundreds and thousands who survived because of her unbelievable strength, grace, and speed. And as the vessel that served as a link between the people of the frozen North and the rest of the world departed, there were few dry eyes among those on shore—and even fewer on board when the ship was purchased by the city of Oakland and turned into a museum.

In retirement, too, the *Bear* continued to amaze, as thousands of curious people swarmed over her decks and lingered to hear the stories of fantastic adventure the ship had experienced. The spectators found the workmanship, the 30-inch hull, and the beautifully designed body to be no less impressive than when the ship was launched half a century earlier.

Then came the *Bear's* next career. After having served in so many previous capacities, the ship became a movie star. When Hollywood decided

to transfer Jack London's novel of high adventure, *The Sea Wolf*, into film, the producers looked around for a ship worthy to be used as the vessel of villainous Wolf Larsen. Naturally the *Bear* was their choice.

After movie glory, the ship was retired from service and scheduled for the scrap heap, because Oakland could no longer afford the cost of maintaining the ship in the face of a dissolving economy. Again, the ship's charmed life continued. Admiral Richard Byrd, planning a second trip to the South Pole, needed the best ice ship available, and bought the *Bear* for slightly more than a thousand dollars.

The *Bear* did not seem to find a difference in the South Pole that could keep her from performing magnificently, and when Byrd's ship, *Ruppert*, was unable to penetrate the ice in the bay leading to Little America, the *Bear* took over and carried out the explorers and scientists who had been stranded there for over 18 months.

Unemployed again after the South Pole adventure, the *Bear* was once more scheduled for salvage; but once again she managed to find a new life, this time in the service of the United States Navy, which bought her for one dollar and put her on active duty during World War II.

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# Okefenokee:

## *"Land of the Trembling Earth"*

by Bill Thomas

Cloaked in a shroud of spring morning fog, the swamp is ominously silent. Giant cypress trees, their limbs draped with strands of Spanish moss, and clumps of bay bushes become imaginary creatures of a prehistoric era. Except for the occasional splash of a warmouth or largemouth bass somewhere in this gray void, only the swish of the canoe paddle tethers the visitor to reality.

Fading into the mist on every side are watery prairies spiked with golden club or neverwet lily pads, their virgin white flowers half-closed, waiting for the morning sun to open fully.

The Okefenokee Swamp is the great water dome of southeastern Georgia, an artesian teacup that forever overflows. Although the movement of water is imperceptible, the swamp is, in fact, the headwater for two rivers—the Suwannee which drifts southwestward through Florida to the Gulf of Mexico, and the St. Marys, flowing southeast through Florida to the Atlantic Ocean near Cumberland Island.

Covering more than 600 square miles astraddle the Florida-Georgia border, the Okefenokee is one of America's few remaining wild places. And it is the most classical of the nation's great swamps. At no other place will one find the great variety of plants and wildlife growing from a blackwater expanse such as this one. It is a primordial place, filled with magic. And the best way to see it is by canoe, floating silently through groves of cypress, sweet and black gum and loblolly bay. There's no other way to adequately experience the swamp, to realize the greatest impact from this wonderfully elemental, marvelously primeval place.

The Okefenokee, derived from Creek Indian words meaning, "land of the trembling earth," was not always the serene refuge for wildlife and nature lovers it is today. Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto came here in 1539 and turned his back promptly on this place, calling it "a great morass." Perhaps it was the trembling earth, or the great populations of mosquitos and other pesty insects. Perhaps it was the



poisonous snakes or the great alligators, or just the trembling earth itself. The earth still trembles to this day. The surface of much of the swamp is not land, but floating batteries of decayed vegetation which subterranean gases have blown loose and pushed up to float to the surface where they give root, ultimately, to trees. Whole forests can be made to tremble by stamping your feet in such a place.

Once I went fishing with old-timer Johnny Hickox, a fishing guide in the

life forms have begun to take shape.

This Land of Pogo, as it's often called after Walt Kelly's popular comic strip a few years back, is forever changing, building up, tearing down and bringing together. Here the forces of nature, subtle as they may seem, actually create new land. All over the prairie portions of the swamp are floating patches of peat, the result of the constant hidden work of plant life. They represent one of the many stages of its eventual consolidations into something approach-

**The Okefenokee is the most classical of America's great swamps, thriving with plants and a variety of wildlife.**



*Canoe and fishing boat remain the most popular means of transport through the Okefenokee Swamp; while alligator and blue heron look on with curiosity.*

swamp, and to prove the instability of the land, Johnny parked the boat and stepped out onto a floating land mass which supported trees 20 feet tall and lots of shrubs. As he walked, the land mass began to tremble, and to sink. Even the trees soon were standing in water three feet deep and Johnny had his feet wet. Once he boarded the boat, the land again began to rise back to its original position.

There are many mysteries in the swamp, among them the sources of the Okefenokee's water, for the swamp, unlike virtually any other swamp in America, is higher than its surrounding territory. There's no hard evidence of artesian supplies, either, or even percolation. Some say the major source is simply rainwater. The Okefenokee has many faces—open watery prairies, lakes with clear water that harbor largemouth bass and a fish sometimes called the Okefenokee's "shark"—the jack pickerel. There are cathedral stands of tall cypress protecting the open waterways with a canopy so dense the sunlight seldom penetrates. It is sprinkled with islands and islands-to-be—floating masses of matted roots on which major

ing dry land. Plant generations follow each other with such rapidity that the cycle of life, death and decay—the process of rendering living matter back into chemical biota—goes on continuously. Gas, formed in quantity by the decay of sunken, dead vegetation and trapped under the peat, gathers so thickly that it lifts an entire chunk of the bottom material to the surface and keeps it afloat. Aptly, the swamper dub this phenomenon a blow-up. The larger ones are called batteries, measuring 25 feet or so wide and sometimes a hundred feet long. Once newly exposed material floats to the surface, it accepts seed sown by the winds, by birds and by other creatures of the swamp.

As the smaller life forms grow—tiny grasses and aquatic weeds—larger ones, such as bayberry and elder, take hold, extending roots downward into the water until they reach the peat bottom. There they anchor themselves and their floating islands to the swamp. But it may take years for the mass to become solid, before there is no more water passing under it.

Aside from the canoe and boat trails (there are 13 canoe trails traversing the

# Okefenokee:

*"Land of  
the Trembling  
Earth"*

swamp), the Okefenokee is a massive lake with varying degrees of vegetation. Except for several open bodies of water and gator holes, one can walk throughout most of the swamp, for the peat bottom offers fairly firm footing. Virtually no one explores the swamp on foot, however. Instead, the swamp attracts canoeists by the thousands each year, mostly during the fall, winter and spring months. During that time, the insects are bearable, and so are the temperatures. In the summer, clouds of mosquitoes discourage most visitors. Also the heat and humidity during the months of mid-May through September are oppressive. If you wish to take a canoe into the swamp, rentals are

available at Stephen Foster State Park near Fargo, GA, and at the Suwannee Canal near Folkston. A permit must be obtained from the Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge headquarters at Waycross, however, for all overnight trips; and sometimes reservations are booked up four to five months in advance.

No question about it, Okefenokee is an enchanted, mysterious place filled with subtle beauty. Here live more than 10,000 alligators, some of them granddaddies more than 15 feet long and weighing 600 to 700 pounds. Bears and bobcats roam the swamp. Otters play in the deep, dark, bourbon-colored water. The highly endangered Florida sandhill crane nests here, as does the osprey, the common egret, the snowy egret and the white ibis. Eagles sometimes are seen in the area, but none are known to nest there.

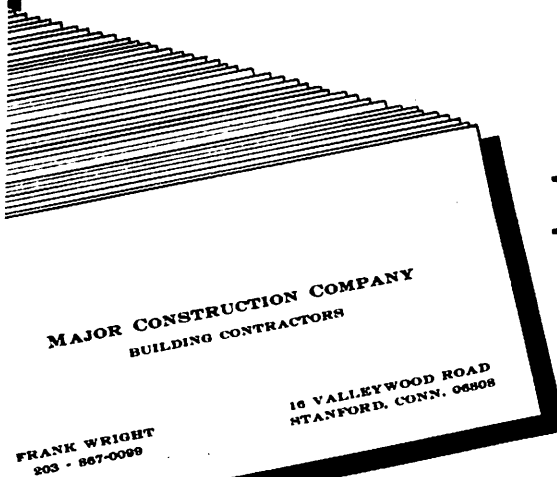
The swamp is filled with legend, as well as a rich and colorful history. Shortly after the turn of the century, 2,000 men were working and living in the Okefenokee. A steam locomotive had penetrated the very heart of the swamp to haul out cypress trees, some as much as 900 years old. Just one of these great giants sawed into more than 13,000 feet of lumber, enough to build several houses.

Deep in the swamp on Billy's Island stood a lumbering town of 600 inhabitants in the 1920s. There was a movie house, church, school and hotel on the island which today lies vacant once again, all of the houses having been hauled away or burned after the last of the cypress was cut and the people moved away.

On the east side of the swamp, the Suwannee Canal, dug in the 1890s, sneaks nearly 12 miles into the Okefenokee. The men who dug it dreamed of draining the swamp, cutting off the timber and developing an agricultural boomland in the rich dried muck. Fortunately for the Okefenokee and its natural denizens, the canal became too expensive, and the digging was stopped before the swamp water started running out. Today the deep canal channel is overhung with moss-draped trees, and largemouth bass, pickerel and bream are the only beneficiaries of the folly.

Fifty years ago there was a duck-hunting camp on Floyd's Island which flourished because the hunters could bait the watery prairies with corn hauled up the canal on barges and carried across the island on a wooden boardwalk. Today the old camp stands empty under the huge spreading live oaks, used only by occasional canoe parties who seek haven when the weather turns bad. The boardwalk has rotted away. The last shots were fired

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at ducks in 1936, before Okefenokee became a national wildlife refuge.

Sometimes, during drought periods of extensive duration, the swamp catches fire and the smoldering peat beds burn for days. In fact, that's what created the 60,000 acres of prairie in the swamp. The peat soil was burned so low that woody plants could not grow back. Recent fires swept parts of the Okefenokee in 1932 and again in 1954-55, the peat base along the western edge of the swamp burned deeply. When the swamp refilled with water, these deep burns eroded and the flow of the Suwannee River increased to the point where it threatened to drain the swamp. To hold back the water, a five-mile sill was constructed in 1960 from Mack's Island to Pine Island. This ridge of sand holds back the water, and a deep channel with a sandy bottom lies in back of it.

Many who begin their canoe trips on the east side of the swamp, upon reaching the sill, take them across to launch in the Suwannee River for a continued adventure downstream. For the canoe is a craft giving one as much a sense of belonging in the upper Suwannee as it does in the Okefenokee.

To see the Okefenokee in its proper perspective, one must travel through the swamp slowly and quietly. With this in mind the administrators of the refuge designated sizeable portions of the swamp for canoe use only in 1971 and established trails through some of the most beautiful sections of the swamp. No motors are permitted on those trails and they are reserved well in advance, of course. Wooden platforms have been built at spots a day's canoeing apart, where parties may stop to sleep overnight. But many of those who come this way complain that they're not able to sleep. Seems there are raccoon, opossum and great barred owls, in addition to the steady chorus of frogs and alligators to keep them awake.

One thing is certain: once you've experienced the Okefenokee, you'll always want to come back. Even the natives admit it holds a compelling spell over those who come this way, whether it be for a day, a week, a month or a lifetime. The Okefenokee is a most enchanting place. (Additional information can be obtained on the swamp by contacting the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 117, Waycross, GA 31501.)

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# NEWS OF THE LODGES



**PROVO, UT.** The December Initiation Class at Provo, UT, Lodge was entitled "The Tony De Marco Class," in honor of Brother De Marco, who is a very active member and a devoted worker. During the initiation, Brother De Marco's four sons became members of the lodge.

**SALEM, OH,** Lodge has been very helpful to the Louis Tobin (youth) Attention Center in Lisbon, OH, during the five-and-a-half years it has been in operation. The lodge has kept the center well-supplied with equipment and supplies for its recreational and craft programs and has brought Christmas joy to youngsters spending the holiday at the center.

**COLONIE, NY.** "Armenian Night" at Colonie, NY, Lodge featured authentic Armenian food and dancing by two members of the Yallah Dance Ensemble. From left are Co-chm. Russell Kilidjian, dancer Mary Bejian, then-ER Louis Doodian, dancer Susan Schultz, and Co-chm. Adam Simonian.

**ST. PAUL, MN.** Elks' ladies from St. Paul, MN, Lodge who have recently joined the National Foundation include Betty Marchio, Bernice O'Connor, Norma Huelsman, Hattie Williams, Phyllis Ramstrom, Kathy Carlson, Dorothy Ernster, and Mary Jo Heitzinger. The Elks' ladies organization received its second participating membership.

**KINDERHOOK, NY,** Lodge gave gifts of portable radios and fruit baskets to 26 veterans in a ward of the Veterans Hospital in Albany, NY. Members also gave radios and fruit baskets to 14 vet-

erans residing in the Bornwell Nursing Home in Kinderhook.

**HOUSTON, TX,** Lodge kept 52 American flags flying during the imprisonment of the American hostages in Iran. When the former hostages returned to the U.S., the flags were taken down and each one was sent to one of the former hostages, along with a suitable message.

**NUTLEY, NJ.** The Pageant of Charity Committee of Nutley, NJ, Lodge sponsored a gala Italian feast. The purpose of the affair was to raise funds for the earthquake victims of southern Italy. Approximately 275 members, families, and friends attended the event.

The lodge's fund-raising efforts netted a total of \$1,500, which was presented to the Town of Nutley Italian Earthquake Fund.

**BRADENTON, FL,** Brothers have successfully raised money in a number of ways during the past two years. Brother Tom White has held two "Harry-

*Colonie, NY.*



Anna Days" at his Lloyd's Restaurant, making possible a total donation of \$1,693 to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital, the state Major Project.

The lodge has held two pancake breakfasts, raising a total of \$1,783 for the hospital. A flea market, run in conjunction with the pancake breakfast, raised \$2,203 for lodge improvements.

**PASO ROBLES, CA,** Lodge held an auction and a fund-raising breakfast, raising a total of \$2,241 for the state Major Project, aid to handicapped children. On the night of the auction, a \$1,500 scholarship was presented to Rosemary Dobbins, a young lady who has cerebral palsy and is in her last years of training to become a physical therapist.

In recognition of the lodge's fund-raising efforts, the mayor of the city declared February "Elks Major Project Month" in Paso Robles.

**MIDDLEBORO, MA.** Fire destroyed the historic Middleboro, MA. Elks

Lodge building in late November, 1980. The lodge held its meetings at the Lakeville Lions Club while renovation of the building was under way.

**WOBURN, MA.** The third annual senior citizens "Appreciation Day" was held at Woburn, MA. More than 700 senior citizens were wined, dined, and entertained. Woburn Lodge members, under the direction of Lodge Manager William McGarr, prepared the dinner. They spent all Saturday night preparing the 500 pounds of sirloin tips which were consumed at the Sunday afternoon dinner.

**KISSIMMEE, FL,** Lodge held a picnic for veterans from the VA Hospital in Tampa. All 10 lodges in the South Central District joined in honoring the veterans. The proceeds from the picnic, totaling \$2,500, were given to the hospital for recreational activities for the veterans.

**PORT TOWNSEND, WA.** At its recent Past Exalted Rulers' Night, Port Townsend, WA. Lodge entertained 21 PERs,

of whom four were PDDs, one was a PSP, and one is now serving as a state VP. Oldest by membership among the 21 was PER Felix McLarney, who served in 1936-37.

**LEESBURG, FL.** A playhouse raffled off by the local chamber of commerce was won by Peni Heffrin, wife of Leesburg Lodge Secy. George Heffrin. Mrs. Heffrin donated the playhouse to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital, where it is thoroughly enjoyed by the youngsters undergoing treatment.

**MOUNTAIN BROOK (BIRMINGHAM), AL,** Lodge presented 24 American flags to the Mountain Brook elementary school system, so that each classroom in the district would have a flag. Flagpoles and mounting brackets were also supplied. In photo Henry Greenberg (left), PER and lodge Americanism Committee Chm., makes the formal presentation of the flags to the school board.

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Leesburg, FL.



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Last month we talked about summer programs on college campuses. Maybe you can't get away during the summer; or maybe you simply don't want to travel during the hot and muggy months. Even at home, however, you can stretch your mind, find stimulation, and get out of a rut. All you have to do is use your local library.

Public libraries all across the United States have gone well beyond pure book-lending. Many circulate records and prints, show movies, sponsor book discussion groups and lectures, and have in-library musical performances. Many reach out to the community and deliver books to the home-bound. And more and more are developing programs especially for seniors. Some, according to the American Library Association, have assembled staffs devoted solely to programming and services for the aging.

Here's a sampling of what's available in some libraries:

● The Chicago Public Library has a Health Information Desk, which collects and disseminates information on good health practices to seniors. Co-sponsored by the library and Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the service also provides information on insurance and helps people fill out complicated medical forms.

● In Brooklyn, New York visitors and callers can ask the library's Senior Stop for answers to questions on everything from housing to health; librarians will refer questioners, when necessary, to a local agency or organization.

● Back in Chicago, a Senior Citizen's Humanities Enrichment Program has brought educators to senior groups at branch libraries. The library supplies books and lecturers for such topics as "Search for Black Identity" and "Faces and Places in Chicago." An added dividend: although the subjects were selected to appeal to older adults, high school students also attend, thereby adding an intergenerational note to the discussions.

● Similarly, the Life Journeys Program at the Pierce County Library in Tacoma, WA, invited high schoolers to sit in with seniors for reading and free-flowing discussions about what life was like "back then" compared to today. Older citizens in Tacoma are viewed as vast reservoirs of experience and serve as living historians for the library.

● Volunteer nurses provide monthly free

blood pressure checks at the Kirtland (OH) Public Library.

● In Tulsa, OK, the Morning Callers group, coordinated by the Tulsa library, telephones solitary shut-ins each morning to make sure all is well.

● An exercise program aimed at people over 60 is taught at the Dallas library by a couple in their eighties. The program includes exercises specifically designed for those confined to wheelchairs.

● In Monroe County, Rochester, NY, Project Libra helps seniors learn to become lobbying advocates. Their goal: to speak up, effectively, on behalf of the aged.

● The Tucson (AZ) library runs classes in fiscal responsibility, planning for retirement, and cooking for one or for two. On another front, the Tucson library also sponsors a writer-in-residence program. Under this program, the library is assembling a book of poetry written by people age 60 or over.

● The New York Public Library, in a program co-sponsored by the Institute of Study for Older Adults, has a nine-week program of courses, including such diverse subjects as tai-chi, art history, problem-solving, and sexuality in the aging.

● Videocassettes on travel, hobbies, sports, and other subjects may be borrowed (along with necessary equipment) by seniors in San Diego County.

● In Oklahoma City, similarly, the Metropolitan Library System loans audio tapes and recorders to older folks in the community; subjects range from self-help to music.

● The Kirtland (OH) library loans special prism glasses for reading in bed. It also loans special projection equipment, including a machine that throws images on the ceiling, to keep bedridden patients in touch with the news.

● In the same vein, lighted magnifiers are circulated by the Muscatine (IA) library and a Visual-Tek machine is available at the Monroe County Library in Rochester, NY. Designed to enlarge print sixty times its size, the V-T may be used for reading, writing letters, and looking at stamps.

● Informative newsletters are available at such libraries as those in Plainedge, NY; Baltimore, MD; and Monroe County in Rochester, NY.

All of the above, and many programs like them, are designed specifically for

older adults. But you can also take advantage of the many library programs designed for every member of the community.

⊙ In Caruthersville, MO, an adult literacy program is helping local residents improve their reading skills.

⊙ The St. Clair Shores, MI, Public Library has a College Without Walls, where residents can earn college credit towards a degree at an institution of their choice.

⊙ In Port Washington, NY, the libraries host graduate programs in business administration taught by faculty of Adelphi University. MBA candidates attend Saturday and evening sessions at the libraries.

Many libraries, in big cities and small towns across the U.S., offer non-degree independent study programs for personal enrichment, job advancement, or basic learning. You can take advantage of programs offered, year-round, in your own community. You can also urge your library to start such programs. And you may be able to help them do so, by joining a local "Friends of the Library" group or by working through other local organizations.

"Libraries," says Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Director of the American Library Association, "exist to provide access to information records of the past, the creative thinking of others, and the information needed for daily survival." The American Library Association encourages libraries to offer a wide range of programs . . . and encourages you to participate. ■

## Departed Brothers

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** Lawrence R. "Larry" Meyer, Jr. of Leavenworth, KS, Lodge died January 20, 1981. Brother Meyer served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast District of Kansas in 1971-72. He was also a past president of the Kansas Elks Association.

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** Louis Gorman of Jerseyville, IL, Lodge died December 4, 1980. Brother Gorman served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southwest District of Illinois in 1965-66.

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** Anshal I. Neihouse of Newport News, VA, Lodge died February 17, 1981. Brother Neihouse served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District of Virginia in 1964-65.

**PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY** Carl R. Ajello, Sr., of Derby, CT, Lodge died September 19, 1980. The news of his passing was received by this magazine only recently. Brother Ajello served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southwest District of Connecticut in 1976-77.



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# Candidates For Grand Lodge Office

**Idaho Falls, ID,  
Lodge Presents  
Bob J. Bybee  
for Grand Esteemed  
Leading Knight**



*Whereas:* Brother Bob J. Bybee has faithfully and honorably served the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Lodge, District, State, and Grand Lodge levels for the past 33 years; and

*Whereas:* He is one of two life members of Idaho Falls, ID, Lodge No. 1087, having served as Exalted Ruler in 1954-1955. He has served all elective offices of the Idaho State Elks Association, serving as State President in 1963-1964. He was elected to the Idaho State Elks Association Hall of Fame in 1968. Brother Bybee has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lodge No. 1087 since 1955; and

*Whereas:* He has further distinguished himself as a member of the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1968-1969. He was a certified Ritual Judge serving the Grand Lodge in 1962. He has judged many ritual contests in Idaho, Utah, Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming. He served as Grand Tiler in 1971. He served on the Grand Lodge New Lodge Committee for four years, one as Chairman; served on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee for six years, two as Chairman; and

*Whereas:* Brother Bybee has been a successful leader in his community for many years, was President of the Idaho Falls Golf Association, helped initiate the KIFI Ski School; and is now serving his 16th year as a member of the Board of Directors for the Intermountain Ski Instructors Association. Brother Bybee has been associated with ski instruction in the Intermountain area for the past 35 years. At the present time he is serving on the City of Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation Committee;

*Now therefore be it resolved* that the Officers and Members of Idaho Falls, ID, Lodge No. 1087 are privileged and honored to present to the Grand Lodge Convention to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in July, the name of Bob J. Bybee as a candidate for election to the office of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight.

Richard Ackerman, Exalted Ruler  
Larry Bergschneider, Secretary

**St. Paul, MN,  
Lodge Presents  
Victor Angerhofer  
for Grand  
Esteemed Lecturing  
Knight**



*Whereas:* Brother Victor Angerhofer has been a Member of St. Paul, MN, Lodge No. 59 since his initiation in 1946 and has served actively, with honor and distinction, for over 30 years; and

*Whereas:* He has served his Lodge as Exalted Ruler in 1952-1953 and again in 1963-1964, as Lodge Trustee for eight years, and was granted an Honorary Life Membership for his leadership and service in 1966; and

*Whereas:* He originated the official publication of the Association, *North Star Elk*, in 1957, has been editor since, and was honored as Minnesota Elk of the Year in 1980 for his work on this publication; and

*Whereas:* He has served the Association on various district and state committees, Chaplain for two years, President of the Metropolitan District for four years, and was President of the Association in 1974-1975; and

*Whereas:* He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler by then-Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Bohn in 1956-1957 and Special Deputy to then-Grand Exalted Ruler Horace Wisely in 1957-1958;

*Now therefore be it resolved* that St. Paul, MN, Lodge No. 59 is honored and privileged to present to the Grand Lodge Convention the name of Victor Angerhofer as a candidate for Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

James R. McFarland, Exalted Ruler  
Paul B. Williams, Secretary

**Boston, MA,  
Lodge Presents  
Harry Sarfaty  
for Grand Inner  
Guard**



*Whereas:* Brother Harry Sarfaty has faithfully and honorably served the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at the Lodge, District and State levels for the past 57 years; and

*Whereas:* He is an honorary life member of Boston, MA, Lodge No. 10, having had the privilege of serving as Exalted Ruler in 1970-71, and having served all of the elected offices in the Massachusetts Elks Association, serving as its President in 1975 and 1976, and as the General Chairman of the Charity Football Game for the State of Massachusetts since 1970; and

*Whereas:* He has further distinguished himself as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Elks Association for two consecutive terms; and

*Whereas:* Brother Sarfaty has been a successful businessman as a registered, professional engineer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for many years, and has during his many years of membership in our Grand Order been recognized and accorded honors for his participation in humanitarian works throughout the New England area;

*Now therefore be it resolved* that the Officers and Members of Boston, MA, Lodge No. 10 are privileged and honored to present at the Grand Lodge Convention the name of one of our most distinguished Past Exalted Rulers, Harry Sarfaty, as a candidate for the Office of Grand Inner Guard.

Phillip Hennesey, Exalted Ruler  
Thomas E. Donlan, Secretary

**San Rafael, CA,  
Lodge Presents  
Dale Blanton  
for Grand  
Esteemed Loyal  
Knight**



*Whereas:* Brother Dale Blanton has faithfully and with great devotion served his Lodge, his Northwest District, the California-Hawaii Elks Association and the Grand Lodge for many years; and

*Whereas:* He has been a Member of San Rafael, CA, Lodge No. 1108 for 28 years. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1959-60, then served as Lodge Trustee for three years. He has chaired many lodge and district committees, and for many years served as Chairman of the Audit Committee of San Rafael Lodge; and

*Whereas:* Brother Dale Blanton served on the Ritual Judges Panel of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for

eight years. He then served the State Association as Ritual Chairman for three years; and

*Whereas:* Brother Dale Blanton was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the California-Hawaii Elks Association's Northwest District in 1969-70 by then-Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Hise. He further distinguished himself by serving on the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee for five years, the last two years as Chairman. He has served as Lodge Advisor and has been designated District Leader of his district;

*Now therefore be it resolved* that San Rafael, CA, Lodge No. 1108, its Past Exalted Rulers and Members are honored and privileged to present the name of Brother Dale Blanton to the Grand Lodge Convention as candidate for the office of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight.

Elbert W. Bean, Exalted Ruler  
Robert B. Finn, Jr., Secretary

**Marlow Heights, MD,  
Lodge Presents  
Jerry G. Stegman  
for Grand Tiler**



*Whereas:* Brother Jerry G. Stegman has distinguished himself as a man of honor and integrity; he has championed the principles of Elkdom; he has helped to guide Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks for over 37 years; and

*Whereas:* Brother Stegman in 1962 became Exalted Ruler of St. Mary's County, Maryland, Lodge No. 2092, and during the years of 1962-1963 held office of Tiler in the State Association and during 1963-1964 3rd Vice President, 1964-1965 Three Year Trustee in the State Association; and in 1964-1965 became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Maryland Central District, and in 1966-1967 he became President of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association; and

*Whereas:* Brother Stegman has been an active participant in Association activities such as Chairman, Special Committee of Youth Camp 1967-1968, State Membership Chairman 1968-1969, State Chairman of Trustees 1969-1970, State Ritual Chairman 1971-1972, Secretary of Trustees 1974-1975, New Lodge Development Chairman 1974-1981, Grand Lodge Ritual Judge 1972, and Member of Grand Lodge Credentials Committee 1973-1974; and

*Whereas:* Brother Stegman during his tenure as Chairman of the New Lodge Development Committee has been responsible for the institution of 12 new lodges; and

*Whereas:* Brother Stegman is very active in Gateway Lions Club and Charter President of Crystal Mall Toastmaster Club No. 3889;

*Now therefore be it resolved* that Marlow Heights, Maryland, Lodge No. 2332 presents Jerry G. Stegman to the Grand Lodge Convention for Grand Tiler.

Walter C. McNamee, Exalted Ruler  
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## It's Your Business

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course, is that the tax relief program for business which Congress is examining will create the possibility of expansion for small business and medium-sized and large corporations and, consequently, the need for more workers.

It's the trickle-down theory that economists talk about, and it's obviously risky. That's why the private sector needs to accept it as top priority. A working population is less likely to become a Watts district in California or a Miami Liberty Street overnight. It's no time to ignore it as someone else's problem.

"These kids want to work," William Spring, another former Carter aide familiar with the problem, said. "And private industry wants good employees . . . The planning should not be done by the federal government, but by the schools and employers on a local level. But it's just not catching on the way we had hoped."

Catherine Stratton, executive director of the Boston Private Industry Council in 1980, believes the response has got to come from the private sector. "It's up to all the private employers out there to make a move." They are reluctant to hire from the under-25 age group, she suggests.

"I think a mutual distrust still exists," Spring adds. Young people fear mistreatment and disrespect for their views from employers and their supervisors, while

those hiring believe young people still lack a sense of responsibility and maintain indifference toward work.

I've found such conditions quite prevalent, but this may be an excellent opportunity for those in business and education to re-instill faith in the need for labor, pride in one's work whatever it may be and an ideal time to reshape the workplace in the more traditional format. Applicants should be chosen on the basis of motivation and ability, and those selected should get the benefit of good on-the-job instruction. At the same time, poor habits should mean dismissal, not continuance, regardless of the level of performance or the lack of it.

One of the obvious reasons that many government-sponsored programs fail to help a youngster is that there is little or no incentive to work. In such programs, sign-in and sign-out are major chores because nobody cares, and the supervisors realize that there are too many hassles trying to get youngsters to do their tasks. And worse, nobody is fired because of the paperwork and the fear of repercussions that might occur.

Private enterprise, therefore, has a chance to join with those in education to do society and American youth a great service, as well as reap benefits themselves if they embark upon a program that features a sound back-to-the-basics approach to work.

One step certainly would be to redefine work to millions of those who expect to be employed in the years ahead. ■

## The Bear

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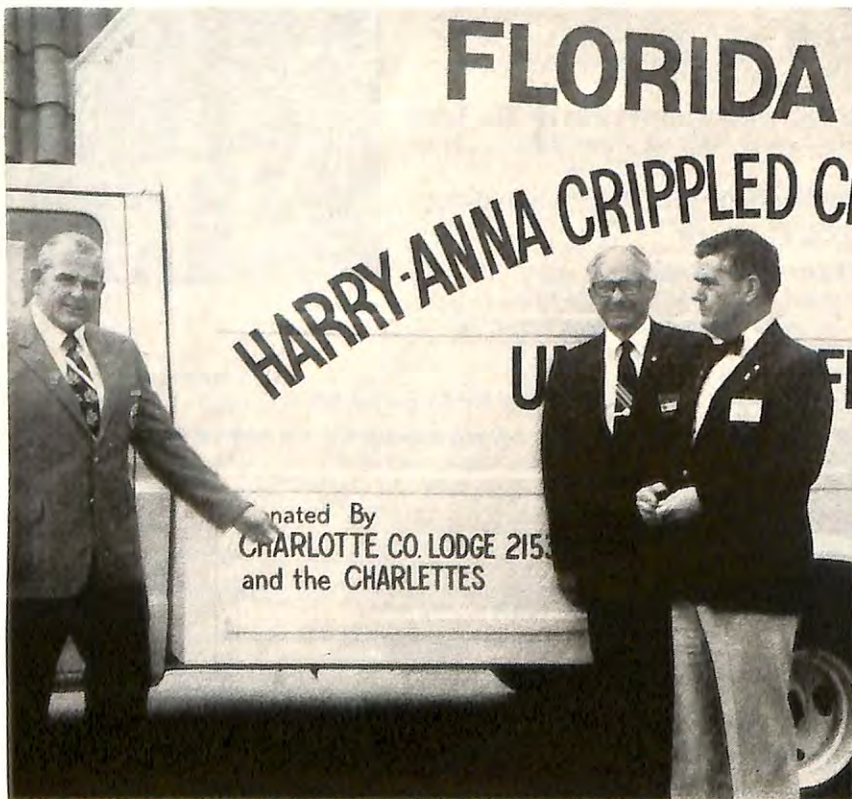
She was sent to the area of Greenland as part of the Northeast Greenland Patrol and, fittingly, was given the assignment and privilege of towing back to America the very first German ship captured during the war. But when the war ended, there was no need for a ship that was now seemingly ready to come apart at the seams, one that had taken the worst punishment the most savage climates had been able to dish out for over 70 years.

So once again the ship was put into mothballs at Hingham, Massachusetts. There she was stripped of her rigging and finer touches, until all that remained was the hull. At this point it appeared that the *Bear* would win again, however, when several businessmen proposed to buy the ship and convert her into a floating restaurant. The deal never materialized, though, and a Philadelphia firm bought the vessel and made arrangements to have her towed to that city.

Now, finally and tragically, the *Bear* would be defeated, not because she was unable to take the punishment any longer but because of man's carelessness. Since the voyage was to be short

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## On Tour With H. Foster Sears



GER H. Foster Sears (third from left) recently visited Balboa and Cristobal Lodges in Panama. Accompanying the GER on the trip were PGERs George Klein (left), Robert Grafton (second from left) and William Wall (right). Also in picture are Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Ronald Angermuller (second from right), a member of Cristobal Lodge, and Panama Canal Administrator D. P. McAuliff.

During his visit to the Florida Elks Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital in Umatilla, FL, GER H. Foster Sears (center) admired a cargo van that was donated to the hospital by Charlotte County, FL, Lodge. At left is hospital administrator Jim Oliver and at right is H. Robert Reinhard, then-ER of Charlotte County Lodge.

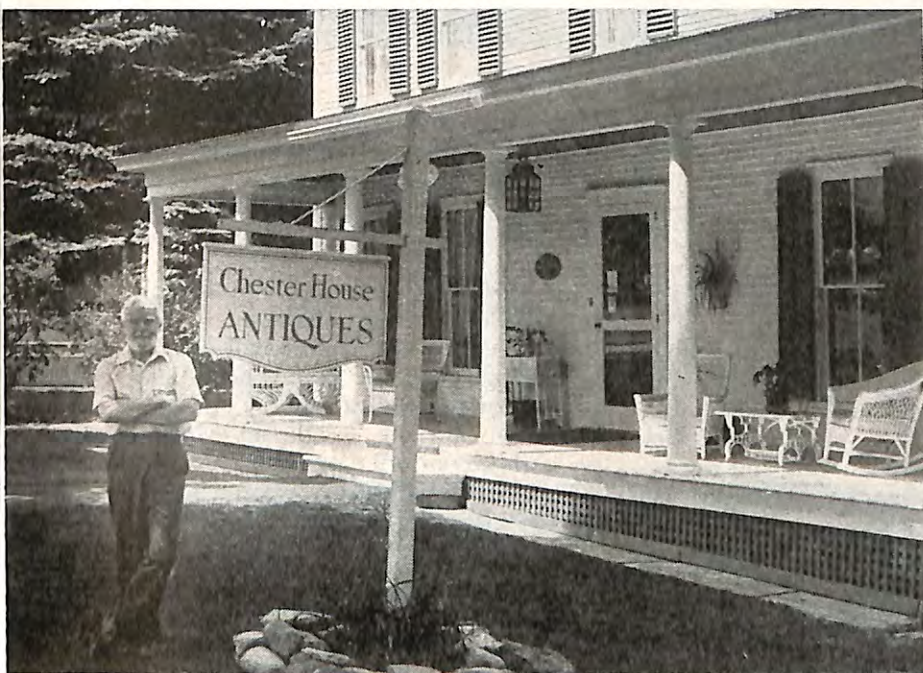
Like fine wine, the charming village of Woodstock, Vermont, endures. It is an anachronism, a wistful dream, a flashback to another time when America was young and life seemed simpler. Yes, particularly in New England. Only a few hours by car from Boston, Woodstock is a Currier & Ives print set in the Green Mountains of Vermont. If the soul is weary and the burdens appear heavy, think of Woodstock. Once here, the tone and sweetness of 19th-Century America unfolds in a sequence of stately homes, leafy elms and concerts on the green.

What is it about Woodstock that draws the crowds? Simplicity, I suppose, in a world gone mad. Woodstock seems more fiction than fact, more false than real, a small measure of 19th-Century American faith in a future that failed to fulfill all our hopes and dreams. Returning to an old love can be fraught with disappointment. With

Woodstock, though, it is different. It has been 11 years since the last visit and little has changed. Not the graceful buildings or the country back roads or the flowering window boxes. Not even the residents themselves. Granted, the police department has grown from three officers to four, and the fire department has a new (used) hook-and-ladder truck. Population figures reveal a 10 percent increase. And the service station operator has put in a flower garden. Otherwise, this is Woodstock, circa 1800, where the postman still pedals to work on a bicycle and the stately spires of New England churches poke out of groves of elms. Youngsters still line up for pie-eating contests on the village green, and villagers do their shopping from catalogs at the Sears store.

Somehow in the pressure of 20th-Century living the little village has failed to be influenced by stress. Sev-

eral years ago, when movie makers arrived to film "Peyton Place," Woodstock ushered them out of town. Woodstock remains a 19th-Century village with the New England warmth of another time and an earlier America. It has been called one of America's loveliest towns by the American Association of Architects, and National Geographic once named it one of the nation's 10 prettiest villages. Covered bridges span the Ottauquechee River and there's a town crier who announces daily events on a blackboard on the village green, telling of church socials, antique shows, flea markets and arts and crafts fairs. During summertime, flower boxes once used for gathering sap from trees spill over with violets and geraniums, and visitors pile into a hissing Stanley Steamer to go sightseeing. With winter's arrival, horse-drawn sleighs turn Woodstock into a Christmas-card scene, while skiers race down Suicide Six.



# HOLIDAY IN VERMONT

by Jerry Hulse

*Woodstock, VT (below), seems like a town out of the past, where residents still smile and wish one another good morning. In Chester, inns like Chester House (left) retain an Old World charm and a wealth of antiques.*



# VERMONT

Woodstock is a Norman Rockwell scene—a town where residents still smile and wish one another a good morning when they pass on the street. Church bells cast by Paul Revere echo through the foothills; and running through town is a musical stream that evokes memories of hot summer days, of bees and birds and butterflies. Old two-story brick and frame homes with their black-and-green shutters rise up amongst the elms. With the coming of autumn, maples turn crimson and pumpkins lie golden in the fields.

Maple syrup and popcorn still crowd the counter at the local market; and when Christmas arrives, trees are tied to the parking meters outside. John Heidt's Prince & Pauper with its continental cuisine occupies the oldest building in the business district. Yellow lights glow from its frosted panes, and there's Bentley's with its old-fashioned bar, antique lamps and Victorian sofas.



*Autumn in Vermont is a very special season of warmth and good cheer.*

## State Association Conventions

State	Date	Place
AL	5/29 to 5/31	Mobile
AK	5/13 to 5/17	Anchorage
AZ	5/7 to 5/9	Tucson
AR	5/15 to 5/17	Eureka Springs
CA & HI	5/13 to 5/16	San Diego
CO	9/10 to 9/12	Boulder
CT	6/5 to 6/7	Hartford
FL	5/21 to 5/23	Orlando
GA	6/11 to 6/13	Jekyll Island
ID	6/11 to 6/13	Burley
IL	5/22 to 5/24	Decatur
IN	6/4 to 6/7	French Lick
IA	5/1 to 5/3	Davenport
KY	5/28 to 5/30	Hopkinsville
MD, DE & DC	6/26 to 6/28	Marlow Heights, MD
MA	6/12 to 6/14	Bretton Woods, NH
MI	5/15 to 5/17	Lansing
MN	6/18 to 6/20	Albert Lea
MS	5/1 to 5/3	Biloxi
MT	7/22 to 7/25	Billings
NE	5/29 to 5/31	Kearney
NV	6/18 to 6/20	Tonopah
NH	5/22 to 5/24	Whitefield
NJ	6/4 to 6/7	Wildwood
NY	5/14 to 5/17	Kiamesha Lake
NC	6/5 to 6/6	Wilmington
ND	6/14 to 6/16	Minot
OR	5/7 to 5/9	Seaside
PA	5/6 to 5/10	Mount Pocono
RI	6/12 to 6/13	Providence
SC	6/18 to 6/20	Florence
SD	6/5 to 6/6	Watertown
TX	6/18 to 6/20	Austin
UT	5/15 to 5/17	Provo
VT	6/5 to 6/7	Jeffersonville
VA	6/26 to 6/28	Portsmouth
WA	6/19 to 6/21	Pasco
WV	8/6 to 8/8	Morgantown
WI	5/1 to 5/3	Wausau
WY	5/15 to 5/17	Jackson

Facing the village green, Woodstock Inn traces its roots to 1773. Once called Richardson's Tavern and later the Eagle Hotel, the charming Colonial-style inn was completely rebuilt in 1969 by Laurance Rockefeller. Its 120 guest rooms feature handmade quilts, period furnishings and king-size beds. Logs glow in the lobby fireplace and blueberry muffins and pancakes with maple syrup are served in a country-style dining room. A few blocks away, Bob and Sally Reilly's New England Inn occupies a nearly century-old home that provides fireplaces and hearths, stained-glass windows and an old oak bar. Guests sip drinks on a screened porch and snooze in rooms furnished with antiques.

Others seek solace in the sprawling old Kedron Valley Inn that's operated by Woodstock's seventh-generation Kendall family. Says Barbara Kendall: "We are still country people at heart. We still look up when a plane flies over—but we don't have to look both ways before crossing the road, except during the tourist season." Out back, there's a pond where guests swim in summertime and go ice skating in winter; and next door, frozen daiquiris (peach, banana and strawberry) are served in a tavern that functioned originally as a general store and later as the village post office. With winter's arrival, guests take off for cross-country and downhill skiing and are whisked away in horse-drawn sleighs through peaceful snowfields. Weather permitting, others try their hands at golf and tennis at the Woodstock Country Club.

It is the village, though, that is the

major attraction. Woodstock is red, white and blue, a town that hasn't forgotten the men and boys who laid down their lives in the service of their country. Woodstock always has been law-abiding, which is why it has such a small police department. There's simply little crime. Frank Teagle, Woodstock's tree warden, can't recall when a murder occurred in Woodstock. Likewise, there's seldom a robbery and only an occasional theft. Teagle, an ex-printer, is the town crier as well as Woodstock's tree warden. In his blue sneakers (red shoestrings), Teagle is the epitome of Mr. Good Citizen. During the foliage season he works the kiosk on the green, handing out tidbits of information to the tourists. Otherwise, as tree warden, he surveys the elms and maples and aspens for pruning and spraying. White-haired Teagle carries a pocket full of pencils and a piece of chalk, scratching out notices on the town crier's blackboard in the heart of Woodstock. Has Woodstock changed in the last decade? Teagle considered the question at length. Yes, of course, he said, "but less than most communities." Only one home has been built this century near the green. Others date from the 18th and 19th centuries.

In Woodstock, movies are shown not in a theater but at Town Hall, and the Chamber of Commerce still sponsors the big July 4th celebration with its concerts and races and booths spilling over with good things to eat. Joggers sign up for a seven-mile marathon on the Fourth and the Lions Club turns out in force. It is leaf season, though, when the big tourist push begins. Thousands

pour into Woodstock and other Vermont villages, leaving behind upward of \$30 million for food and lodging. Whatever the cost, the scenery is worth every nickel. Hillside turns yellow and orange and a shocking scarlet. This is the season when Woodstock is its busiest.

And then there is the town of Chester and other peaceful Vermont villages. Autumn in Vermont is something special. This is when smoke curls from the chimneys of hundreds of New England inns as leaf season spreads itself across the land—inns filled with warmth and good cheer. None, though, is cheerier than Ty Jurras' simple Chester House with its Old World atmosphere and wealth of antiques. It is, indeed, a combination inn and antique shop, a rambling old two-story place that evokes thoughts of gracious living and less hurried times. With the coming of the fall foliage season, Chester House and scores of other inns provide shelter for hundreds witnessing the spectacle of a world turned crimson and gold.

Chester House is a place filled with the love of its proprietor as well as his antiques. Ty Jurras, ex-Hollywood press agent turned inn-keeper, settled in Vermont four years ago to pursue a hobby of antiquing that spanned 40 years. As

a result, every last item of furnishings inside Chester House is for sale. Yes, even the bed one sleeps in, the chair one rocks in and the pictures that grace the walls. Jurras, with his white beard and impish smile, is the consummate host, a scholar, a raconteur who provides his guest with the joys of a true New England holiday. Guests doze beneath thick comforters and dine on delights prepared by their host. Among his other talents, Jurras is a master chef. Quiche is a breakfast regular and there are marvelous lamb stews, chops and homemade pumpkin pies.

Dating from the 18th Century, Chester House is the picture of quaintness, a rambling, white frame structure that bids the visitor relax, forget the world of stress and unwind in an atmosphere of peacefulness and congeniality. Let the world spin by. Chester House awaits the guest with rockers, good wine and five cozy bedrooms. Across the green, Chester Inn with its 33 rooms and huge stone fireplace is an ex-stage stop dating from the 1800s. Chester Inn lacks the warmth, though, of Jurras' cozy place with its old barn, its verdant meadow and a shaggy dog that snoozes just inside the parlor.

Less than an hour away, The Old Tavern at Grafton is another gem, a

19th-Century stagecoach inn with canopied and four-poster beds, fine antiques and modern plumbing. The Old Tavern is filled with prints, pewter and charm. One scribe called it "the choicest inn of all," while another terms it "the most elegant little inn in all New England." Indeed, it is without flaw, a rare discovery in a state renowned for its plethora of excellent inns. The Old Tavern has played host to Daniel Webster, Theodore Roosevelt, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Woodrow Wilson, Henry David Thoreau, Ulysses S. Grant, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Rudyard Kipling. Additional rooms are provided in four white frame cottages; and behind The Old Tavern guests lounge in a barn with fireplace, good books and a bar.

It is Grafton itself, though, that begs attention. Drawing visitors from around the world, it is the picture book village that comes to mind whenever one envisions the typical New England town. Giant elms line its quiet streets, towering over Grafton's ancient homes, blacksmith shop, antique stores and cheese factories. Arriving in Grafton is like turning back the calendar to the horse and buggy of a century ago.

Equally popular, the village of West-

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Virginia State Elks National Foundation Chm. Kendrick Herndon (second from left) presents an Honorary Founders Certificate to John Curran, PDD, PSP, of Portsmouth, VA, Lodge at the fall meeting of the Virginia State Elks Association. Looking on are Alex Harman, Jr., Grand Trustee, and SP Walter Edmonds.



Mainland, TX, Lodge signed up its youngest participating member in the National Foundation. Then-ER Ted Fox (left), Mrs. Muff Wooldridge, and Brother Billy Wooldridge look over the pledge card for Danny Lorren Wooldridge. Danny was born at 3:31 a.m. At exactly 3:32 a.m. the proud grandparents had him enrolled in the National Foundation. This made him the youngest member at Mainland Lodge. Danny's sister, Julie Ann, had held the record of being the youngest member until Danny beat her record by two minutes.



Fritz Katz (second from right) became the first member of Lake City (Seattle), WA, Lodge to receive an individually subscribed Honorary Founders Certificate. Others in photo are (from left) PGER Robert Yothers, National Foundation Trustee; then-ER Ryk VanSpor; and John Gordon, lodge National Foundation chm.



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# MEDICINE & YOU

by Larry Holden

## MANMADE HEARTS: THE ULTIMATE TEST

In a Salt Lake City laboratory an artificial heart has been flawlessly pumping out its proof of durability since April 7, 1978. The numerous manmade hearts being tested in the lab are tributes to the readiness of a special research team at the University of Utah Medical Center. The team is in daily preparation for an event of mind-boggling significance—equipping a human with an artificial heart. And the milestone in medicine could occur later this year.

The operation would follow 20 years of experiments at the University of Utah in which progressively more sophisticated manmade hearts were implanted in calves, sheep and ponies. When the medical center team implants one of the air-driven, polyurethane hearts in a human, it will be only the third such operation in history. And the revolutionary procedure will have the benefit of utilizing the most successful artificial heart available in the world.

Many medical groups have sought to perfect a manmade heart as a last resort tactic to battle heart disease, the nation’s No. 1 killer. If a patient’s heart is failing completely, the only alternative available now is a human heart transplant. There are just 30 to 50 heart transplants performed annually due to limitations in the supply of donor hearts and because of the problems of rejection. Neither of these limitations would apply to the use of an artificial heart.

An estimated 5,000 American heart patients die after surgery each year because they cannot be weaned from the heart-lung machines that sustain them during the operations. In the long run, a far wider patient group will most likely be considered if the artificial heart becomes a proven success. A federal study acknowledges that 17,000 to 50,000 patients a year might be suitable candidates.

The amazing plastic heart was designed by Dr. Robert K. Jarvik, a research assistant professor of surgery and bio-engineering at the University of Utah. It houses two pumping chambers—equivalent to the natural heart’s two ventricles—that are driven by compressed air. The artificial heart will allow its user to move about with some freedom, but the power system, attached to the body by six-foot tubes, must be pulled along on a cart. The user’s home

will also have to be fitted with an air compressor and smaller air cylinders for emergency use or travel outside the home.

“Dr. Jarvik and the research team are now developing a new model which will be totally self-contained except for a thin wire from a battery pack worn on a belt around the user’s waist,” notes Ann Bollinger, a research team spokesperson.

Like a natural heart, the artificial heart is only a pump. But, also like the natural heart, it is a pump that must work for a lifetime without fail. If it stops for only 10 seconds, the person will lose consciousness. If it stops for more than five minutes, the person will usually die.”

Along with longterm reliability, the artificial heart has two vital requirements. It must not produce blood clots that could break loose and pass through the circulatory system. These could be fatal. It must not harm the blood that flows through it at the rate of seven quarts or more a minute for the rest of the patient’s life.

When Dr. Willem C. Kolff, inventor of the first successful artificial kidney machine and currently director of the University of Utah’s Artificial Organs Division, first put an artificial heart in a dog about 24 years ago, the animal could be kept alive only 90 minutes. Not until 1976 did any artificial heart keep an animal alive longer than six months. The Utah team has now prolonged the life of animals for almost a year by implanting one of the plastic hearts.

Dr. William C. DeVries, who heads the research team and will do the actual surgery, says he expects the artificial heart to be more effective in a human than in an animal because it was designed for human use. During the past year Dr. DeVries has performed about one animal implant a week, with the average survival rate well over two months. He has also done several implants in human cadavers to test surgical techniques.

Artificial devices that assist a faltering heart without totally or permanently replacing it have been used more than 200 times over the past five years. But a completely artificial heart has been used only twice before—and then only temporarily. In 1969, Dr. Denton Cooley of the Texas Heart Institute put an arti-

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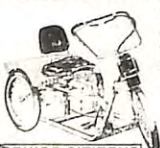
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ficial heart in a 47-year-old man who was on the brink of death. It kept the patient alive for more than 60 hours, providing the time needed to locate a donor for a natural heart transplant. The patient died 32 hours after the transplant from pneumonia. In July, 1980, an Argentine doctor placed an artificial heart in a man who could not be removed from a heart-lung machine. He died eight hours later.

Unlike the previous two attempts, when the Salt Lake City researchers implant their plastic heart the intention will not be temporary. The goal will be permanent replacement of a human heart, with a resulting "suitable and acceptable life style" at home.

No one can predict how long it will be before the patient for the artificial heart implant is chosen. The decision will come only in the operating room when the heart of a patient who has undergone conventional surgery just cannot be revived. Before the operation, the patient will have been told that there was a strong chance that his or her natural heart could not be repaired. At that time, the patient, if suitable, would be given a chance to volunteer for an artificial heart.

Approval by the Food and Drug Administration for investigational use of an artificial heart in humans is the last procedural step before the manmade heart can be used in an attempt to give life back to a dying patient. The sturdy reliability of Dr. Jarvik's plastic heart holds merciful hope for millions of heart disease sufferers. Medical science seems poised on a new era in heart research.

In the event of a heart attack, you could make the difference between life and death by knowing what to watch for and how to respond to the signs. To help, the National Institute of Health has put together a booklet detailing how the heart works, what to do in case of a heart attack and ways to decrease your chances of an attack. *Heart Attacks* is available free of charge by writing to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 586J, Pueblo, CO, 81009. ■

## The Bear

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and uneventful, no one remembered to put any ballast into the hold, and when the two ships encountered a vicious storm, the tow cable was severed. The *Bear*, with no power, no sails, and no crew, was left to wallow helplessly in the raging seas.

Even under these conditions the ship put up one last valiant struggle. For 15 hours the ship that had endured the worst that the polar regions could inflict fought the storm, and on the evening of March 19, 1963, the ship sank, still undefeated after 83 years of battles.

Undefeated? Assuredly! If she had been properly equipped and manned, the *Bear* would have survived the storm

easily. It is ironic that the ship which endured so much should have been destroyed while being towed by a tugboat. But it is, after all, of little consequence how the ship perished. Many Coast Guardsmen who knew and loved the *Bear* are just as happy that the ship sank instead of being converted into a restaurant or fishing boat. Those who

loved the ship know that she never lost the fight; the error was man's.

And as long as men love the sea and the vessels that conquer it, the *Bear* will not die in memory. She will continue to exist as a legend and as proof positive that nothing but carelessness could have destroyed the greatest ice ship of all time. ■

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Memorial Day is observed across the nation in the month of May. Originally known as Decoration Day, it was first observed on May 30, 1868, by order of Gen. John A. Logan, commander of the G.A.R. Back in the 20's, if a kid didn't march in the Decoration Day Parade honoring the dead and carry a small American Flag, he just plain didn't pass to the next grade. It didn't take long for the word to get around that if you didn't show your "respectfuls" on Decoration Day, you were going to be stuck with the same teacher next year.

Some Elks lodges have an Elks Rest, a cemetery, or a portion of a cemetery reserved for Elks only and perhaps for their families. More often than not, these cemeteries or portions of cemeteries are marked with an inspiring monument which features an elk and other Elk emblems.

For instance, in Hope Cemetery in Boston, MA, the Elks Rest features a bronze elk, according to the records. PER Rollen Morgan of Toledo, OH, Lodge reports that the portion of Toledo Memorial Park cemetery reserved for Elks is marked with a huge full-sized monument of an elk. At the Elks National Home Cemetery, the focal point is a beautiful monument, 11 feet tall and 5 feet wide, embossed with a full figure of an elk. There are also two small monuments on either side.

Special ceremonies are often held by the Order of Elks on Memorial Day in May at these retreats known as an "Elks Rest."

Oregon Elks are participating in the

expansion and renovation of the Elks Children's Eye Clinic at the University of Oregon. The university is also entering into the expansion program. The size of the Ophthalmology Department is to be doubled. The name, "The Elks Ophthalmology Center," is to be given to the entire wing, which is adjacent to the eye clinic. The Oregon Elks hope to raise \$500,000 for the project. They are Reaching Out With Elkdom to provide "Vision for the Future" for all ages.

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All funds are devoted to providing hospital and medical service, vision screening and therapy treatments to children with physical handicaps. The estimated major projects expenditures this year are \$1.9 million.

Ever wonder who the Elks are?

The median age is 50.6 years and his median income is more than \$23,000. Eighty-eight percent are married; 89 percent are homeowners; 97 percent own automobiles; 46.2 percent are college educated; 49.7 percent are professionals, executives or proprietors; 36.2 percent play golf; 26.4 percent enjoy boating; 25.6 percent are hunters, and 36.6 percent are bowlers.

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# NEWS OF THE LODGES

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**NEW BRITAIN, CT.** In recognition of the local lodge's many contributions to the community, a bridge in New Britain, CT, was named by city officials "The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 957 Memorial Bridge." Shown unveiling the plaque are Grand Trustee Alfred Mattei, dedication speaker, and Chm. Francis Joyce, PDD, PSP. New Britain Lodge observed its 75th anniversary this year, and this was one of the highlights of that celebration.



**WARREN, PA,** Lodge held its 30th annual Warren County Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. A commemorative plaque was presented to the lodge for its contributions to scouting. From left are scout official Robert Zimmerman, Eagle Scouts Barry Resh, Scott Haines, and David Chase, and then-ER Peter Amberson, who accepted the plaque.



**ROCHESTER, NH.** A dinner-dance was held by Rochester, NH, Lodge to raise money for the Jimmy Fund. The guest of honor was Patrick Morgan, representing the Sidney Farber Cancer Institute. Through the generosity of lodge members and citizens of Rochester, the lodge raised \$2,314, which was donated to the Jimmy Fund Association in Boston, MA. Pictured from left are then-ER Richard Tremblay, Patrick Morgan and father Skip Morgan, Co-chm. Bucky Leonardi and Don Belanger, and Mike Andrews, former second baseman for the Boston Red Sox.



**NORTH MIAMI, FL.** Fred Stoltzfus (right), then-ER of North Miami, FL, Lodge greeted David Poole, Est. Lead. Kt. from Pahokee, FL, Lodge. Brother Poole is one of 100 state troopers sent by the governor to relieve the crime problem in Dade County. At left is North Miami PER Joe Kuhar.

**LAKELAND, FL,** Lodge held a "Joe Niekro Appreciation Night." Niekro, an All-Star pitcher for the Houston Astros and a Lakeland resident, was honored for his contributions to baseball and to the community. From left are PERs Don Murray and Bill Wedlock, Niekro, then-ER Doc Copeland, Lakeland Mayor Brother Larry Turnipseed, DDGER William Fields, and PER Charles Kain.





**WAYNE, NJ.** Numerous Grand Lodge and state officials were on hand for the mortgage-burning ceremony at Wayne, NJ, Lodge. From left are PER Lou Messercola, PVP Jack De Vries, PDD Gary Van Decker, GL Committeeman Edward Van Vooren,

PGER William Jernick, then-ER Anthony Sabeh, DDGER Raymond Slonieski, State Trustee Joseph Di Stephano, and VP Paul Bonzkouski. The mortgage-burning ceremony was truly a memorable event.



**LEWISTON, ME.** The local lodge pledged its support to the Madison Street School of Auburn, ME, in the Special Olympics competition to be held in Waterville in June. From left, Special Olympics Chm. Archie Casey, who is also president of the school's Parent Teachers Organization, is shown with Brothers Roland Pleau, Eugene Mynahan, Bob Dionne, and then-ER Jim Lovely.



**WOODBIDGE, NJ.** At the annual Crippled Children's Ball held by Woodbridge, NJ, Lodge, Brother Julius Zhadani (left) donated \$1,000 to the Crippled Children's Fund. Others pictured are (from left) Ball Chm. Denny Courtney, Crippled Children's Committee Chm. Walt Habich, and Brother John Di Blasio.



**LAKE HOPATCONG, NJ.** The local police force received two more bullet-proof vests from Lake Hopatcong, NJ, Lodge. From left are Patrolman Thomas Bencivengo, Councilwoman Joyce Lewin, Orrin Barnes, Police Chief William Morgan, Patrolmen Rick Giacobbe and Bruce Sibee, Lt. George Hicoock, and Richard Kay.



**GREAT NECK, NY.** Lodge is planning a "Fireman of the Year" award program to honor individuals in the three volunteer fire companies which serve the area. The first step toward this program was a dinner held at the lodge at which plaques were presented to the three fire chiefs. Each year the names of the award recipients will be inscribed on the plaques. From left are then-ER Raymond Pontillo, Fire Chiefs Robert Lincoln, Arthur Rypka, and Edward Bennet, and Chm. Staley Bukunt.

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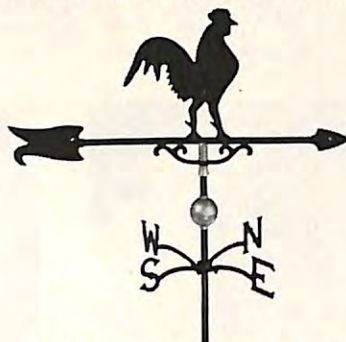
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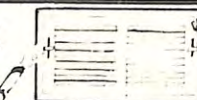
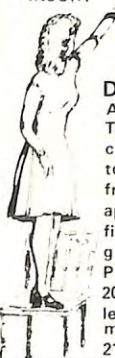
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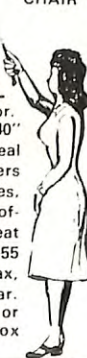
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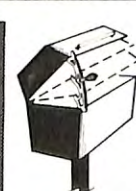


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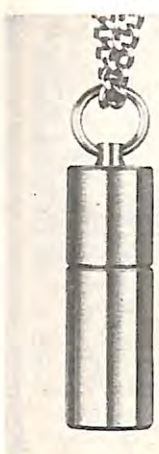
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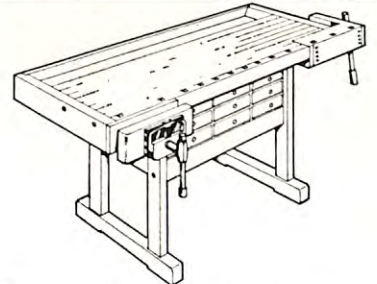
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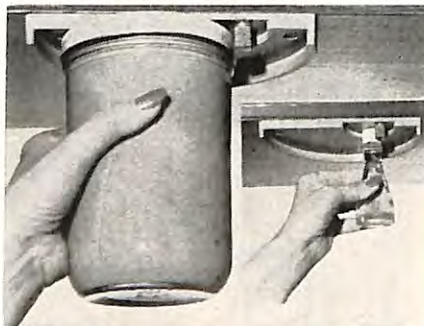
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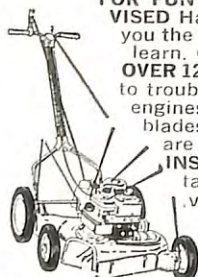
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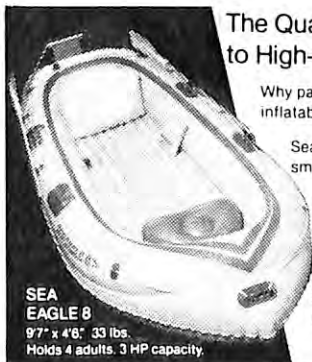


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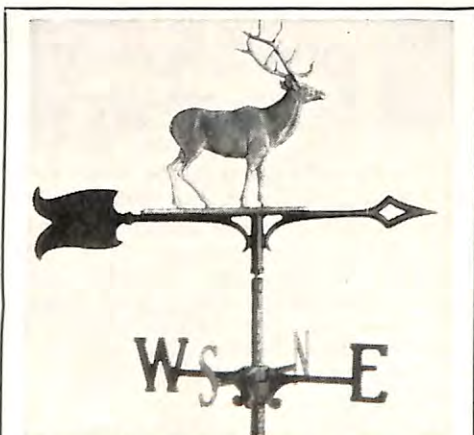
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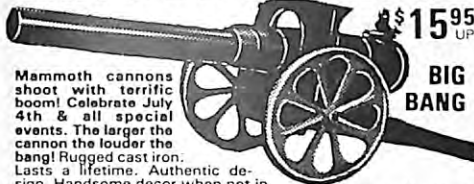


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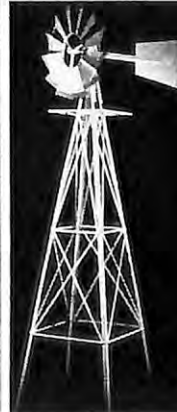
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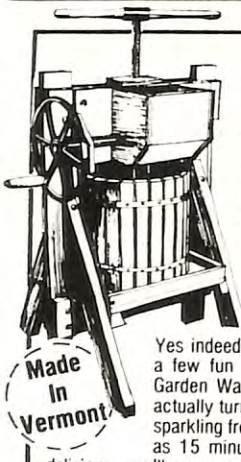
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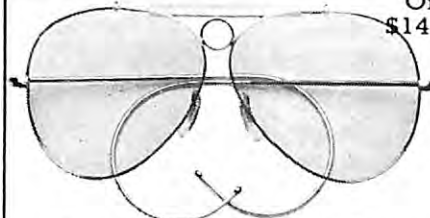
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# Vermont

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on features summer theater, a country store, an ancient grist mill and a parish church that dates from the early 1800s. A river runs behind town and chocolates are hand dipped at the Fudge Shop. Sometimes deer appear in the streets and bears appear in the hills. Visitors gather at the Inn at Weston, a rambling old frame with black shutters, antique beds and home-cooked meals. At Christmastime carols are sung around the fireplace and frost covers the windowpanes. Earlier a farmhouse, the Inn at Weston is famous throughout the state for its garden-fresh vegetables, Swiss onion quiche, lamb dinners and home-baked pies and cakes.

Others rave over the Four Columns Inn at Newfane. This 150-year-old farmhouse and barn boasts one of New England's finest restaurants. Proprietor-chef Rene Chardain, a Frenchman from the Champagne country, raises his own pheasants and herbs and farm-fresh vegetables. Trout are caught in a pond behind the inn and geese summer in the meadow. Chardain turns out duck a l'orange, frogs legs Provencale, roasted partridge, steak poivre, fresh salmon and an Indonesian-style curry

that sets both heart and soul aflame. Chardain's Four Columns Inn—it has been compared to a French relais with good plumbing—has entertained the likes of Henry Kissinger, William F. Buckley Jr., Paul Newman and Dick Cavett. John Kenneth Galbraith was ecstatic, describing the Four Columns as "the greatest inn in the world."

Also in Newfane, the 18th-Century Newfane Inn gets high points for its Swiss-French cuisine prepared by German-born Eric Weindl. Newfane, described by one visitor as "a picture perfect New England country town," faces a common with white spired church and a Georgian courthouse. Peter and Mary Loring operate a turn-of-the-century country store stocked with pickle barrels, rock candy, licorice whips, fresh ground coffee, homemade bread, herbs, calico aprons, handmade quilts, hand-woven rugs and ribbon that's sold by the yard.

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## Fun on the Diamond

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of the World Series, Frederick G. Lieb tells how one fan changed sides in the World Series of 1906. It was the first series to be confined to one city. The Chicago White Sox—dubbed the "Hitless Wonder"—met the Chicago Cubs, winning 4 games to 2.

A West Side Irishman, who didn't know much about baseball, attended one series game with every intention of rooting vigorously for the Cubs. But then he took a close look at the club rosters. He noted that the White Sox battery was Walsh and Sullivan. Backing them up were Pat Dougherty and Jiggs Donahue. The Cubs line-up was sprinkled with Teutonic names like Schulte, Shechard, Steinfeldt, Reulbach, Pfiester, Hofman and Kling.

Said the Irishman, "Why should I be rooting for all those Dutchmen against a team of good Irishmen? Come on Walsh and Sullivan!"

Turning from the past to the present, it is not unusual today for a man to have a female boss at the office and a spouse who thinks of women's equality in terms of ruling the roost. But hopefully he can still be the authority in the realm of baseball. "I make all the important decisions at home," said one husband, "—things like who the Yankees ought to pitch in their crucial game with the Orioles, and what the batting order should be."

We live in a world of changing customs and values, and the rapid whirl of events may sometimes disturb and shock us. But we can relax as we watch the baseball game at the ballpark or on television, listening to the familiar chants: "You're out!" and "Are you blind? He never even tagged me!" We are comforted that in this respect at least things are still as they have been over a period of years in our great country—the land of the free, and the home of the Braves and all other thriving baseball clubs. ■

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