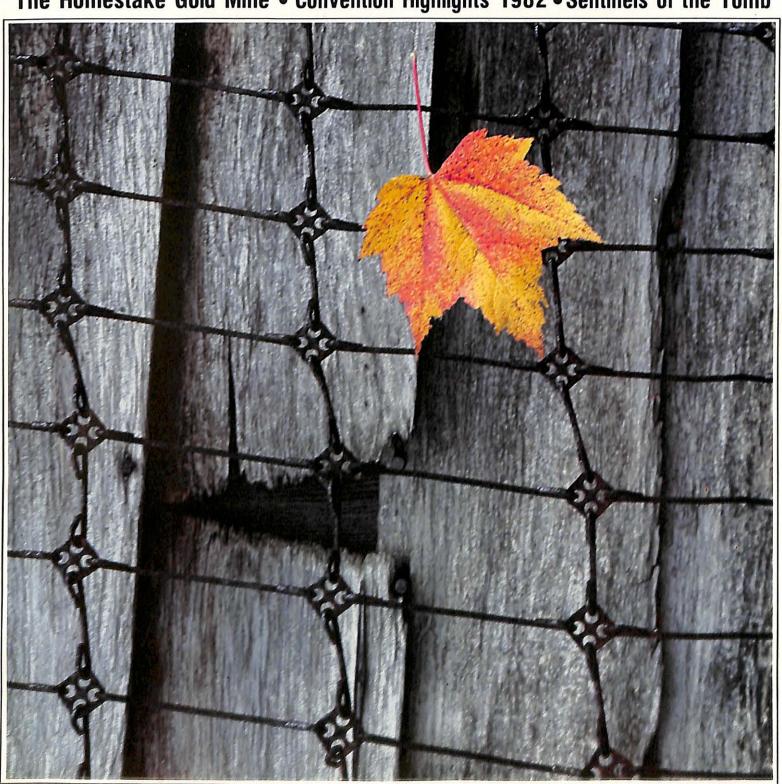
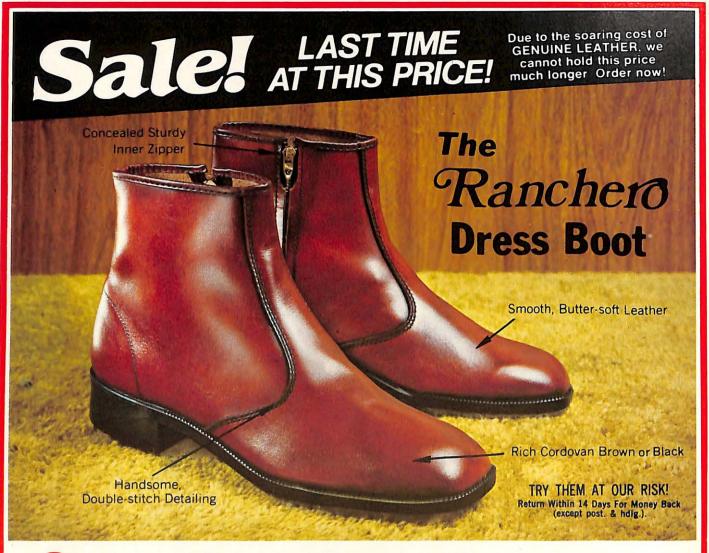


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These are a few of the many reasons I am proud to be an Elk. These are but a few of your accomplishments that make me proud to be your Grand Exalted Ruler. These are just a few of the results that prove to me and all of America that ELKS CARE.

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Marvin M. Lewis

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker



JOHN L. WALKER, Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1955-56 lodge year, died August 20, 1982, at the hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. He was born August 3, 1905, in Rockingham County, Virginia.

He received his A.B. degree from Roanoke College in 1925 and his LL.B. from the University of Virginia in 1928. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Delta Phi fraternities, the Raven Society and the Order of the Coif.

He was a senior member of the firm of Woods, Rogers, Muse, Walker & Thornton. He was a past President of the Virginia Bar Association, member of the American Bar Association, the American Bar Foundation, the American Judicature Society, a life member of the American Law Institute and a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was a member of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners.

His primary interests in life were his beloved family, his legal profession and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

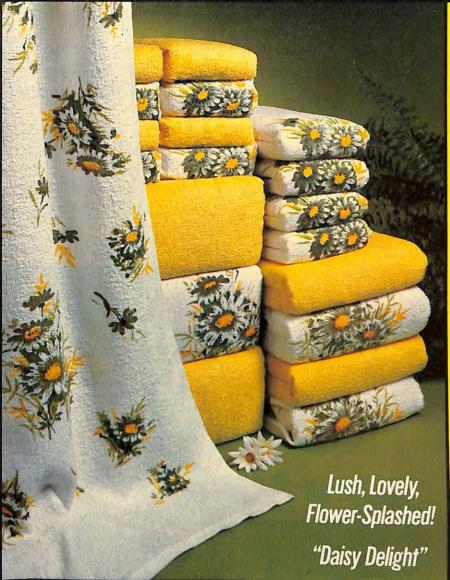
He was initiated into Roanoke, VA, Lodge No. 197 in 1931. He quickly exhibited a genuine interest in Elkdom and its high ideals of service which have characterized his life. In recognition thereof, his Lodge elevated him through the subordinate stations until, only five years after his initiation, he became Exalted Ruler. In 1941, he was elected President of the Virginia Elks Association. He was particularly interested in state scholarships and the Virginia Elks Boys Camp.

He was appointed DDGER for Virginia West in 1945-46. In 1947, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary and served for three years. In 1950, he was appointed a Justice of the Grand Forum, serving during his last term as Chief Justice, which office he resigned to become Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia, PA, in 1955.

He was appointed to the Elks National Service Commission in 1957, where he served as Secretary of the Commission. He became Chairman of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee in 1961, resigning in 1967. He became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation in 1966; and in 1967, he became Chairman, serving in that capacity until 1981, and then as Trustee until his death.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walker is survived by his wife, Katherine Crawford, a son, John L. Walker, Jr., a daughter, Jane, and two grandchildren. Services were held August 23rd at the 2nd Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

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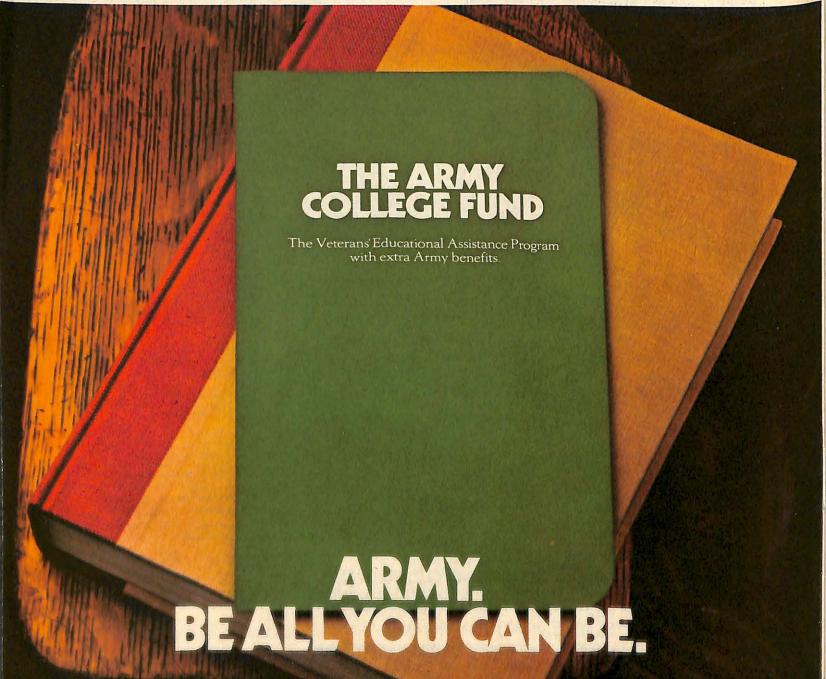
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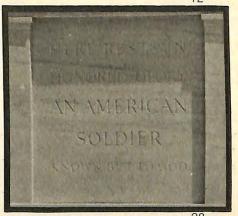
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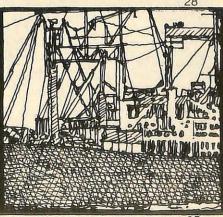


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From antiquity to the present time, gold has always been a magic word!

The "noblest of metals" has served as a basis for monetary systems since kings of old stamped out the first coins some seven centuries before the birth of Christ. Beauties through the ages have been adorned with lustrous ornaments of gold. Dentistry has not yet found a worthy substitute for it; and today new uses in the electronics industry, medicine and space travel have added even greater demands for the obsessive goal of alchemists and prospectors.

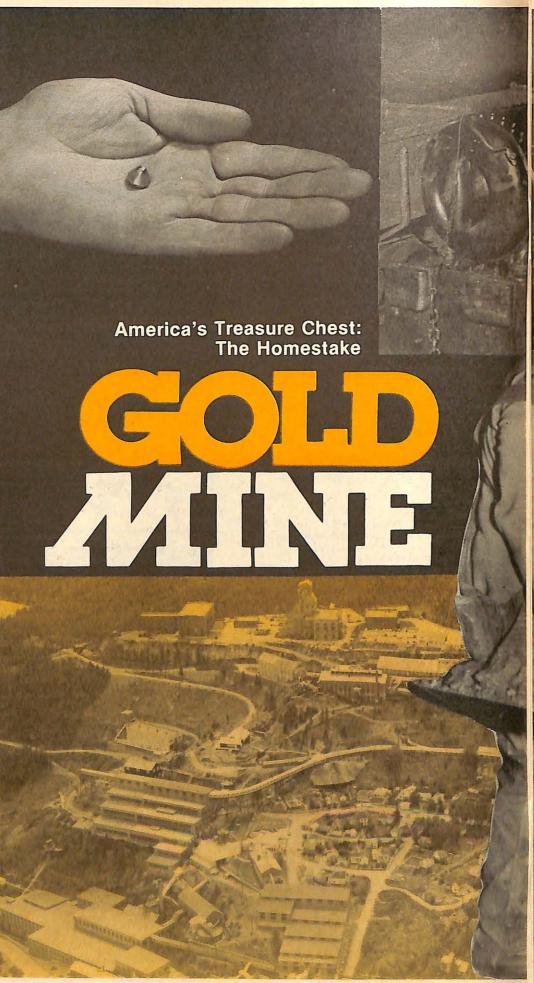
In recent years the roller coaster fluctuations of prices on the world market—and the widespread acquisition by individuals of coins and bullion as a hedge against inflation—have focused renewed attention on this gleaming product of nature to a degree seldom seen since the great gold rushes of the Old West and Alaska.

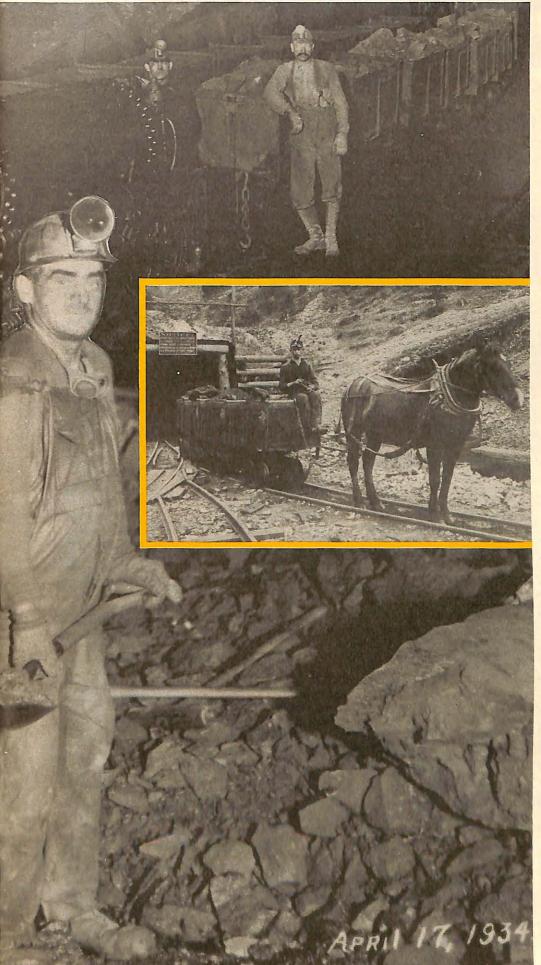
While the worldwide spotlight beams upon the markets of Zurich, Paris, London and New York-as well as on the phenomenally rich deposits of South Africa's Transvaal—the major source of gold in the United States remains relatively unnoticed. Somewhat off the beaten path in the scenic Black Hills of South Dakota, the 106-year-old Homestake Mine continues to produce more of the precious metal than any other lode on the continent, from depths now exceeding 8,000 feet. It is, without question, America's great treasure chest; and today still another generation of miners, with new techniques and more sophisticated equipment, carry on the complicated extraction process which began with the simple shovels and pickaxes of three hopeful prospectors in the spring of 1876.

The Homestake story actually had its beginning two years earlier when Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer led an expedition into the Black Hills, accompanied by a small group of newspaper reporters. While it was already known that streams in the region contained traces of gold, the "discovery" of promising deposits by prospectors who were part of Custer's retinue generated a wave of excitement throughout the nation. After that—despite Indian treaty restrictions—the rush to the Hills was on.

Among those who heard the news was Moses Manuel, an inveterate fortune-seeker, then in Portland, OR. En route to Dakota, he was joined by his brother Fred in Montana; and by the time they got to Deadwood Gulch in the northern Hills, hundreds of equally eager argonauts were also converging on the historic locale.

The Manuel brothers (and Hank Harney, who teamed with them) were lucky; on April 9, 1876, they staked out one of three claims in a small draw where





an outcropping of gold-bearing quartz was found. They called their mine The Homestake; and despite crude methods, they took out enough ore the first year to yield \$5,000 in dust and small nuggets.

Hank and Fred went to Chicago (presumably to spend a little of their poke), but Moses stayed behind to work not only The Homestake but the two other claims as well. By the time his partners returned, there was no question but that they had stumbled onto a potential bonanza. Their decision then was whether to sell out for a handsome price or look forward to lots of hard and heavy work to make their find pay off.

That's when another key character entered the picture. He was George Hearst, the wealthy California mining speculator who had made his first million by investing \$450 in a claim on Nevada's famous Comstock Lode. Father of William Randolph Hearst of journalistic fame and later a U.S. senator, the elder Hearst followed the rush to Lead City (rhymes with seed and named for a "lead" or vein of ore). He had with him enough cash to buy up the most promising claims his agent could locate. For \$70,000 he acquired The Homestake-then covering less than five surface acres-and the stage was set for the development of one of the richest mining enterprises in U.S. history. The Manuel brothers and Hank Harney, who also disposed of their other claims, took their money and faded into historical oblivion. Hearst, on the other hand, was in it for the long haul, not just for a quick profit.

On November 5, 1877, he and his associates formalized their Dakota Territory holdings as The Homestake Mining Company, a California corporation. Then, with seemingly endless money flowing in from his other ventures, Hearst wasted no time putting the Black Hills mine into production. A huge 80-stamp mill (an orecrushing device) was shipped via rail to Sidney, NE, and then hauled by ox teams almost 300 miles to Lead City. Other equipment followed along the same arduous route.

There were other problems, too. Legal complications arose over the acquisition of a proper title to the original mine, not to mention Hearst's efforts to buy adjoining claims—some already split up into small town lots. Lead and nearby Deadwood verged on lawlessness at the time, with more than 40 murders reported in the first 18 months of the gold rush excitement. George Hearst, then 58 years old, was a tough customer, but he knew he was in for a battle in his quest for control of the mother lode. Just how intense the situation had become was evident in an excerpt from a letter he wrote to James B.



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Hearst did not get killed, of course, and from then on The Homestake story became one of pioneer industrial development typical of the bombastic era which author Stewart H. Holbrook called "The Age of the Moguls." The glamor of the gold rush was quickly superseded by the drudgery of extracting the precious metal from the millions of tons of ore which lay beneath the mountain top.

The mining process required men, machines, water, timber and a dependable power source, all of equal importance. The tide of immigration brought miners from England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Finland, Germany, Yugoslavia and the Scandinavian countries. Lead quickly became a localized version of the giant American melting pot, as "Cousin Jacks" from Cornwall, England, worked beside voluble Italians and taciturn Finns, with

the language barrier adding to the other difficulties of the massive venture.

Company engineers erected sawmills and steam plants, diverted streams, built a narrow gauge railroad, hauled gigantic machinery overland by bull teams and endlessly studied the geologic formation to determine the best way to claim its treasure

At first the ore was laboriously chipped and shoveled from a giant "open cut," but it quickly became evident that underground shafts and tunnels (called "drifts") would be needed to follow the richest veins wherever they led. While miners burrowed into the earth by candle light, supporting their excavations with timber towers, other crews worked topside at the noisy stamping mills (with each of the hundreds of individual stamps weighing from 750 to 850 pounds and resounding like so many sledgehammers banging on railroad iron every second or so). The din of the crushing process echoed throughout the once-quiet Hills, as jagged chunks of rock clung to the almost invisible flecks of gold they contained.

Tracing the developments as they occurred would require book-length coverage, but by 1889-when South Dakota became a state—The Homestake had suddenly evolved into a giant in-

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THE CALCIUM CONTROVERSY

Not long ago the bulk of the medical community agreed that calcium was a mineral essential to the sound development of our children, but its role in the health of adults was downplayed. Now, however, nutrition specialists and health experts realize-adult bodies need calcium just as much as young bodies. Unfortunately, more and more American adults are getting less and less of the calcium they need.

Not only has the consumption of milk-a primary source of calcium-declined, the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of calcium is being labeled "too low" by a growing number of concerned medical personnel. These experts declare adults need more than the RDA of the mineral if they are to prevent the deterioration of bone tissue that begins to occur after age 35.

Women, especially, are being targeted by new research that shows the bone loss suffered by 25 percent of American women after menopause can be prevented by increased

calcium intake.

Calcium is one of the body's most essential minerals. It is also one of the minerals our diets are most likely to have in short supply. This is because as we grow older we tend to eat and drink less calcium-containing foods.

Specialists now say calcium is needed in the diet throughout the adult years to prevent osteoporosis, a slow loss of bone tissue that leaves bones weakened and easily breakable. Osteoporosis is one of the most common health problems among Americans past 50, causing shortening of the spinal column and bone fractures.

Once bone loss is well established increasing the intake of calcium can only slow the process-it can't reverse the damage. That's why prevention, through a diet with an adequate amount of calcium, is so critical.

The calcium controversy no longer centers on whether or not adults need large amounts of the mineral, just like children do. The controversy is over how much calcium adults actually need. Traditional advice has been that we need the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance of 800 mg, or about three glasses of milk a day. Some medical personnel say that half that amount is fine for healthy adults.

But a growing number of doctors and other health specialists disagree. They state that the RDA is too low and that adults need 1,000 mg. of calcium daily. These experts also point out that women, after menopause, should increase the calcium intake to 1,200-1,500 mg. The increase will reduce the risk of bone loss.

Most people realize calcium is important during childhood and adolescence, when bones are growing and the mineral is needed for strength. But the adult need for calcium up to the age of 35 can be crucial, since we add about 15 percent of our total bone mass between the ages of 20 and 35.

Calcium is the body's most abundant mineral. It is deposited in our bones, building them up and maintaining their strength. As solid as bones seem, the calcium in them can move in and out to assure a steady supply to the nerve and muscle cells that also depend on calcium. If your diet is inadequate in calcium, hormones remove some of the calcium from the bones to keep the other parts of the body operating efficiently.

When the diet is consistently short in calcium, too much calcium is removed from the bones and they eventually begin to deteriorate, causing rickets in children and osteoporosis in adults. In the elderly, a longstanding calcium deficiency causes bones to break more easily and the weakened vertebrae in the spinal column to compress. Dowager's hump and "shrinkage" in height are two common results.

Women are four times more susceptible to bone loss than men, because their bones are smaller and, after menopause, the low level of the hormone estrogen hinders the deposit of calcium in their bones.

Some studies indicate that periodontal disease-the deterioration of bones that support teeth-may be due in part to calcium deficiency. Dr. Leo Lutwak of Akron (Ohio) General Medical Center found that bone loss of periodontal disease was reversed in 40 percent of patients who were given a onegram daily supplement of calcium for 18 months

Good sources of calcium include sardines. canned salmon eaten with the bones, dark green leafy vegetables, citrus fruits, dried beans and peas. Foods from the milk group are definitely the ones with the highest amount of calcium. Calcium tablets can be used to supplement the diet, but only after consulting your physician to make sure you don't have other conditions that an excess of calcium would aggravate.

Other factors, besides the amount of calcium you consume, influence how much of the mineral enters and remains in your body. Too much phosphorus can hinder the absorption of calcium. This can be a problem among those who drink large quantities of soda pop.

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Highlights of the 118th **Grand Lodge Session** Held in Chicago, Illinois July, 1982



A total of 20 out of 22 of the members of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee (Past Grand Exalted Rulers) were present for the Sunday Night opening of the 118th session. PGERs Wade H. Kepner and Ronald J. Dunn were absent due to illness. Honorary convention chairman was PGER H. Foster Sears.



Chicago Session.

GER Raymond V. Arnold gave the opening address and also presided at each of the business sessions.

Convention Highlights

SUNDAY

The 118th Grand Lodge Session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was held in Chicago, July 18-22, in the Arie Crown Theatre at McCormick Place.

It gave Elks the opportunity to visit the famed Elks National Memorial Building and The Elks Magazine office. The magazine is observing its 60th anniversary this year. It was founded in June, 1922.

Delegates registering for the conclave received a souvenir copy of the June, 1922, issue with a reproduction of the original cover.

A welcome was presented to the delegates and their ladies by PGER H. Foster Sears, honorary convention chairman. He also introduced the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and their wives at the Sunday night session which was open to the public. The Pottstown, PA, Elks Drill Team served as escorts.

J.W. Wortman, Jr., chairman of the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee, led the Pledge of Allegiance as the flag was presented by the Junior ROTC Girls of Ray High School, Kearny, AZ. The unit is sponsored by the Elks.

The huge audience broke into waves of cheers as each state flag was presented. topped by Old Glory. Brother Wortman



introduced each flag by the date the state was admitted to the Union.

Featured speaker was GER Raymond V. Arnold, who told of the many accomplishments of the Order which he had observed. Outstanding were the treatment of cerebral palsy patients, rehabilitation of children and young adults suffering from mental retardation, Elks' therapy and treatment of eye problems.

One youngster, he said, gave him a check payable "To the Grand Exalted Ruler for the sum of one million good wishes."

The one dark spot, GER Arnold noted, was a loss of membership of one-half of one percent... "But records have been broken in all other categories," he said.

In spite of a downturn in the economy, Elks surpassed the goal for the Elks National Foundation. A total of \$3,586,948, or \$1.971/2 per member, was contributed. The goal had been \$1.75 per member.

The \$1.4 million paid out in scholarships by the Foundation makes it the second largest contributor of scholarship awards in the United States. The largest is the Federal government.

The Elks' \$20,000 first-place award is the largest single scholarship award given to any student in the United States, GER Arnold told the audience.

Charitable contributions by Elks totaled over \$46.9 million, of which the ladies contributed \$6.765 million. "You are truly making this an Elk Family project," he said.

He announced that he had received two invitations from the President of the United States to attend task force meetings on private sector initiatives. "I can unquestionably say, Mr. President," the GER told Mr. Reagan, "we as Elks have indeed formed partnerships in America's future.

"We are a part of America's future." The vast Sunday night crowd was especially thrilled by the special vocal musical presentations by the Elktones under the direction of Tom Haney. The Elktones are members of Hamilton, OH, Lodge and Middletown, OH, Lodge.

The Invocation and Benediction were



"Elks Care" is the slogan selected by GER Lewis to guide the Order during the coming year. He has set a goal of \$2.00 per member for the Elks National Foundation.



State presidents or their representatives presented each state flag at the Sunday night opening. Delegates and their ladies cheered, and the pageantry was topped off by the display of the American flag.



Waving American flags and carrying signs, delegates from California, Hawaii, Arizona and Nevada staged an enthusiastic and prolonged demonstration in support of the election of Marvin M. Lewis as Grand Exalted Ruler.

by the Rev. B. A. Erpen, Grand Chaplain. tion by California, Hawaii, Nevada and Grand Lodge organist.

MONDAY

Delegates from distant places were recognized, a Brawley, CA, man was elected Grand Exalted Ruler, new Grand Lodge officers were named and appointments were confirmed at the first business term). session.

Marvin M. Lewis of Brawley, CA, Lodge No. 1420 was unanimously elected to Elkdom's top office. He was nominated by Chief Justice of the Grand Forum Robert B. Webb of Santa Ana, CA. The seconding speech was by L.L. McBee of New Lexington OH, past Grand Trustee.

The election of Brother Lewis touched off an exciting and prolonged demonstra-

The organ prelude and recessional were Arizona Elks, who paraded with band performed by Col. Ramon "Red" Ringo, music and carried signs and American

> Other new officers named were: Frank O. Garland of Centralia-Chehalis, WA, Grand Est. Lead Kt.; Fred N. Reno of Wilkinsburg, PA, Grand Est. Loyal Kt.; J. R. Casanova of Watertown, WI, Grand Est. Lect. Kt., and Stanley F. Kocur of East Chicago, IN, Grand Secy. (sixth

> Also named were: Edward M. Schlieter of New Braunfels, TX, Grand Treas.; Edward R. Weimer of Bismarck, ND, Grand In. Gd.; Lucian A. Masur of Niagara Falls, NY, Grand Tiler; Robert E. Paine of Honolulu, HI, Grand Esq., and the Rev. Charles Neville of Corvallis, OR, Grand Chap.

to four-year terms on the Board of Grand Trustees. Clair L. Culver of Yuma, AZ, was appointed secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect.

The following appointments were confirmed by the delegates:

· PGER Edward W. McCabe to a fiveyear term as a member of the National Memorial and Publication Commission.

· PGER Willis C. McDonald to a sevenyear term as a member of the Elks National Foundation Trustees.

• PGER Robert E. Boney to a five-year term on the Elks National Convention Commission.

• Eugene F. Costello of Denver, CO, to a five-year term as a Justice of the Grand

Delegates also confirmed the appointment of PGER Leonard J. Bristol to an Ted Callicott of Paris, TN, and Peter T. interim six-months unexpired term on the Affatato of Hicksville, NY, were elected Elks National Service Commission. The



GER Marvin M. Lewis and his wife Gerry (seated) are shown with their children. From the left are: Marvin, Jr. and his wife Glenda, daughter Kimberlee, and her husband Scott Finnell. Grandson Stafford Lewis, 28 months, was not present, They are Elkdom's new first family.

James L. Dompierre of Negaunee, MI, chairman of the GL Auditing and Accounting Committee, urged District Deputies to give the auditing and accounting program top priority. He pointed out that last year 51 percent of the lodges operated at a profit. "Take steps," he said, "to make sure your lodge is on a sound financial basis."

PGER William A. Wall, chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, began the Tuesday preliminary report and introduced PGER Horace R. Wisely, vice-chairman, who told delegates that the new budget called for a distribution of \$4,422,925 for philanthropic purposes. This was the result of another year of record contributions. He said 32,148 persons signed new pledges, and 974 lodges attained the goal of at least \$1.75 per member.

PGER Wisely noted that the new computer changeover should be completed by the end of the year.

Success of the GL Activities Committee programs for the past year was outlined by Richard Stropes of Pekin, IL, chairman.

He particularly noted use of the Easter Bunny program and the publicity received. Over 10,000 Achiever Award Pins were awarded for obtaining new members, new Foundation pledges, Elk of the Year and other goals.

In addition, 1,532 Achievement Award certificates were given and thousands of award seals presented.

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

Reporting for the GL State Associa-

term expired in July, 1982, and was created by the death of PGER William J. Jernick, who had been chairman-treasurer of the commission for many years.

TUESDAY

Recommendations and referrals of matters to be considered were made at the opening of the second day's meeting by J. Paul Meyer of Puyallup, WA, lodge, chairman of the Distribution Committee.

More than 6,000 people visited the Elks National Memorial Building and the Elks Magazine Building since the convention started, PGER Raymond C. Dobson, chairman of the National Memorial and Publication Commission, said at the beginning of his report.

He cited several major steps taken during the past year to control magazine costs. Most notable was the centralization of advertising sales efforts in Chicago. This resulted in a saving of sales commissions and resulted in an increase of \$77,000 in sales to \$1,370,000—the second highest in history and in a recession year, too.

A check from the magazine for \$250,000 was presented to the Grand Lodge.



PGER Edward W. McCabe (center), treasurer of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, presented a check for \$250,000 from The Elks Magazine to the Grand Lodge. Receiving the check was Edward M. Schlieter, Grand Treasurer. PGER Raymond C. Dobson, chairman (right), reported on the commission and the 60th anniversary of The Elks Magazine being observed during the convention.

A huge birthday cake marked the 60th anniversary of The Elks Magazine.





Mrs. Arnold was given the honor of pinning the Past Grand Exalted Ruler's badge on her husband. At right is Michigan's sponsor, PGER E. Gene Fournace.

tions Committee, Robert L. Earnest of Russell, KS, chairman, said that the Officers Training Program had a 260 percent increase. The new State Association Officers Training Manual is now available.

stalled Marvin M. Lewis of Brawley, CA, as

Grand Exalted Ruler. Assisting in the presenta-

tion of his jewel of office were PGER Horace

Wisely (left) and PGER R. Leonard Bush, both

also of California.

Winners of the Veterans Rememberance Contest were: Greenwood Lake, NY, Bath, NY and Poughkeepsie, NY.

First-place winners in the State Bulletin Contest in the various categories were: California-Hawaii, Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Colorado, and Nebraska. Second-place winners were: Ohio, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Washington, and North Carolina.

Winners for the states whose lodges averaged the highest contributions per member in the Elks National Foundation were: Hawaii, first (\$4.936 per member);

North Carolina, second (\$4.409); Rhode Island, third (\$4.083); Maine, fourth (\$3.858), and Virginia, fifth (\$3.505).

North Carolina, Rhode Island, Virginia, Oklahoma and Maine all received awards for the greatest percentage of new pledges signed based on membership category. California and the Republic of the Philippines were given special awards for their donations.

Awards for the best state association displays at the Chicago Session went to: Florida, first; Illinois, second, and Kansas, third.

PGER Robert G. Pruitt, chairman of the GL Convention Commission, outlined plans for next year's first overseas Session to be held in Honolulu, HI, July 24-28. Travel arrangements are being made through Anchor International of Waltham, MA. PGER Pruitt urged the use of this travel agency. Other details and convention requirements were discussed. "There will be no switches, no unpleasant surprises," he emphasized.

Ted Butcher of Centralia-Chehalis, WA, Lodge, chairman of the Lodge Development Committee, announced that 11 new lodges were instituted during the last year. They were warmly welcomed to the Order. He expressed disappointment that for the second year there was a loss in membership. There was a net loss of 8,739. Total membership now stands at 1,631,508.

Winners of the Americanism contests were announced by J. W. "Bo" Wortman, Jr. of Albany, GA, chairman of the GL Americanism Committee.

State association winners were: Arizona, first; California-Hawaii, second, and Oregon, third.

The Americanism Committee emphasized the observance of National Patriotism Week, the third week in February.

Brother Wortman drew heavy applause as he urged Elks to... "Renew a sense of patriotic pride (in every American) and a tenacious desire that not one of our freedoms will ever be lost."

Ted Callicott of Paris, TN, chairman,



Amid cheers by delegates, the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Marvin M. Lewis (right) was presented on the rostrum following his election by GER Arnold. He was escorted by PGERs Horace R. Wisely, R. Leonard Bush and Gerald Strohm and a delegation of Elks from California, Hawaii, Arizona and Nevada.



Chief Justice of the Grand Forum Robert B. Webb (left) of Santa Ana, CA, nominated Marvin M. Lewis (center) as Grand Exalted Ruler. The seconding speech was made by past Grand Trustee L. L. McBee (right) of New Lexington, OH.



Shown above are the new Grand Lodge officers. Seated from the left are: Frank O. Garland of Centralia-Chehalis, WA, Grand Est. Lead. Kt.; Fred N. Reno of Wilkinsburg, PA, Grand Est. Loyal Kt.; Marvin M. Lewis of Brawley, CA, GER; J. R. Casanova of Watertown, WI, Grand Est. Lect. Kt.; and Stanley F. Kocur of East Chicago, IN, Grand Secy. Standing left to right are: Edward M. Schlieter of New Braunfels, TX, Grand Treas.; Robert E. Paine of Honolulu, HI, Grand Esq.; the Rev. Charles Neville of Corvallis, OR, Grand Chap.; Edward R. Weimer of Bismarck, ND, Grand In. Gd.; Lucian A. Masur of Niagara Falls, NY, Grand Tiler; Ted Callicott of Paris, TN, and Peter Affatato of Hicksville, NY, Grand Trustees, and Clair L. Culver of Yuma, AZ, Secy. to the GER.



Webb, Dick Elliot of Anchor, Int. and Bryan McKeogh, Director, Elks National Convention

Commission.

gave a preliminary report of the GL Ritualistic Committee and announced winners of the Eastern and Western Division national ritualistic contests. Placing first in the Eastern Division was Ocala, FL, with a score of 94.8392. Second was Huntington, NY, score of 94.6938.

Twin Falls, ID, took first-place in the Western Division with a score of 95.0139. Laramie, WY, was second with a score of 94.8756.

Winning coaches and candidates were: Eastern Division, E.L. Foster, Jr. of Ocala, coach, and Timothy E. Thompson also of Ocala, candidate. Western Division, Larry Norejus of Twin Falls, coach-candidate.

Photos of the All-American Eastern and Western Division teams are to appear in a future issue of *The Elks Magazine*.

Another portion of the preliminary ritual report dealt with a proposed general revision of the Ritual Blue Book and changes in the Rituals of Special Services.

After considerable discussion, delegates tabled the preliminary Ritual Committee report until the legislative portion of the session Thursday morning.



The District Deputies were sworn in by the new GER.

WEDNESDAY

Over 1.8 million young boys and girls, not counting those who participated in the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw

Contest, were reached and benefited by youth programs sponsored by Elk lodges.

Making the report was Edwin J. Maley of New Haven, CT, Lodge, chairman of the GL Youth Activities Committee. He also noted an increase in the number of Elks working on youth programs and the amount of money spent.

Robert McLain of Pasadena, CA, Lodge, a member of the Lodge Activities



GER Arnold thanks Brig. Gen. Gerald G. Sanderson (center), who told those in attendance that America could have "peace through strength." He was introduced by PGER Frank Hise, chairman of the Elks National Service Commission (right).

During his report for the Elks National Service Commission, PGER Frank Hise, chairman, introduced Brig. Gen. Gerald Sanderson, a member of Waukegan, IL, Lodge No. 702, who told the audience that the Armed Forces theme was "Peace Through Strength."

He said in part: "History has demonstrated repeatedly that military weakness simply invites attack from the enemies of free people..." He reported that there are more than 780,000

soldiers on active duty and nearly 622,000 in the guard and reserve. These troops are supported by nearly 372,000 civilian employees who participate in a wide range of services that keep the Army ready to fight.

"Strength is not solely men under arms," Gen. Sanderson said. "Strength is also the basic fabric and morals of the citizens of the country.

"The spirit that caused the Elks to create the first Veterans Hospital in the United States and provide the Army with its first two field hospitals in World War I is strength.

"The spirit demonstrated by the Elks War Commission that resulted in recruitment of so many seabees and engineers in World War II is strength.

"...To be born free is an accident. To live free is a privilege. To die free is a commitment, but in commitment there is strength.

"... You are committed through your actions, through your ongoing programs for hospitalized veterans. Your commitment demonstrates the strength in the beliefs of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

"That is the strength that must accompany the arms and the soldier to insure that there will indeed be peace through strength."



Participants in the annual Memorial Service included, from the left: PGER H. Foster Sears, chairman; Tom Haney, director of the Hamilton, OH, and Middletown, OH, "Elktones" chorus; the Rev. B. A. Erpen, Grand Chap., who provided the Invocation and Benediction; PER John M. Cline of Olney, IL, who gave the 11 o'clock toast; PDDGER Donald J. Hecktor of Festus-Crystal City, MO, general eulogy; Kenneth V. Cantoli, Grand Trustee, eulogy for the late PGER William J. Jernick, and Col. Ramon "Red" Ringo, organist.

Committee, reported that the Elks float in the 1982 Rose Bowl Parade won the Sweepstakes Award. The beautiful float was dedicated by GER Arnold. Next year's entry, with the theme of "Stars and Stripes Forever," is to be a dazzling display of patriotism for which Elks stand. Donations are being sought for the project.

When Emile J. Brady, national director, reported on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest, he announced an increase in participation.

There were 2,882,960 involved from 1,963 lodges in 50 states. One lodge, Redford, MI, had 60,243 participants. The immediate Past Exalted Ruler, William Hunter, was given a special award.

The boy and the girl who shot perfect scores (25 for 25) in the national contest were introduced to the audience. They were Chris Combs, sponsored by Kingfisher, OK, Lodge, 8-9-year-old boys division, and Doris Carie, sponsored by Effingham, IL, Lodge, 12-13-year-old girls division.

This was the first time in history that a girl shot a perfect score in a national contest. They each received the Getty Powell Award trophy, named after the first national "Hoop Shoot" director.

In his report, PGER Frank Hise, chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, stressed the loss of PGER William J. Jernick, the previous chairman-treasurer, who died in January.

PGER Hise also announced that the Service Commission office had been moved from New York City to 617 Highway 71, Brielle, NJ, 08730.

(The Elks National Convention Commission office has also been moved from New York City to 118-21 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY, 11375.)

PGER Hise emphasized the Elks' pledge that "So long as there are disabled

ATTENDANCE

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Alternate Representatives	
Past Exalted Rulers	
Other Elks, Ladies and Guests 1	
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veterans in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

PGER Wisely presented the second portion of the Elks National Foundation report, during which the top girl and boy winners of the Elks Most Valuable Student Contest were presented awards.

PGER John L. Walker of Virginia had planned to introduce the first-place girl winner, Rebecca Young, sponsored by Woodbridge, VA, Lodge. Unfortunately he suffered a broken hip in a fall just before the meeting. She was introduced by Alex Harman, Jr., also of Virginia, chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Rebecca captured the hearts of Elks and their ladies as she told of her plans to attend Harvard with her Elks scholarship.

PGER Francis M. Smith of South Dakota introduced the first-place boy winner, Jeffery Rykhus, sponsored by Brookings, SD, Lodge. He too received accolades as he told of his plans to attend Yale.

Both young people received a standing ovation as they thanked the Elks for their generosity.

PGER Wisely summed it up when he said, "Never have I been so proud of my Elks membership."

Donald O. Oesterling of Butler, PA, Lodge, chairman, outlined the various accomplishments of the GL Public Relations Committee. He urged lodges to participate by appointing their own committees. In addition, he announced a public relations contest for the best single effort by a lodge.

THURSDAY

Robert Paine of Honolulu, HI, chairman of the GL Committee on Credentials, reported total attendance at 15,523.

The final budget was presented by Alex Harman, Jr., Board of Grand Trustees chairman, and approved by the delegates.

Resolutions lauding Brother Harman and also Alfred J. Mattei of Worcester, MA, retiring members of the board, were

PGER Arnold announced that U.S. Sen. Steven Symms from Idaho has introduced a resolution in the Senate commending the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for its leadership role in a program of private initiative to support needy individuals and charitable organizations which have formerly relied on government support.

The resolution said, in part:

"From its inception in 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has assisted community service and charitable organizations across the nation. Such groups as the Salvation Army and the Red Cross have benefited for years from the active support of Elks members on a national and local basis.

"Today the Elks have 2,250 local lodges serving more than 1.6 million Elks members in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Through the efforts of its members, the Elks contributed \$20 million in 1980 alone to support cerebral palsy research, veterans hospitals, care for retarded children and to provide wheelchairs, recreational facilities and other aids to the handicapped.

"In addition, America's youth benefits from numerous programs offered by the Elks. Lodges and individual members sponsor more than 1,000 Boy Scout troops and 3,000 Little League teams, as well as Boys' Clubs and Campfire Girls. Scholarships are awarded to 500 outstanding high school students across the nation each year. The Elks also sponsor an annual free throw shooting contest for boys and girls from ages 8-13. In the past 10 years, this contest has provided some spirited competition, as well as a chance for the participants to develop new friendships with children from different parts of the country."

Sen. Symms urged the Senate to adopt the resolution.

"We have a responsibility as national leaders," he said, "to commend those groups or individuals whose efforts set an example of volunteerism which we would encourage all Americans to follow.

"In my estimation, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has set just such an example."



Laramie, WY, captured the national ritualistic crown. Kneeling from the left are: Jack Oppie, candidate; acting-ER Jack Gore; Gene E. Dunn, coach, and Richard Heston, coach, who also won the John D. Frakes Award presented by Tucson, AZ, Lodge. Standing left to right are: William Walzer, Est. Lead. Kt.; Doug Ankle, Est. Loyal Kt.; L. A. Wick II, Est. Lect. Kt.; Ronn Allaback, Esq.; Frank Miles, Chap. and Jack Cook, In. Gd.



State President Ken Moore (right), on behalf of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, presented the new Grand Exalted Ruler Marvin M. Lewis with the keys to a new Cadillac.



From the top to the low man on the totem pole—that's the position Raymond V. Arnold found himself as he was inducted into the "Usterwuzer's Club."



Robert McLain (right) of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, presented PGER Arnold with a photograph of the Sweepstakes-winning Rose Bowl Parade Float. Plans are being made for the Elks float in the January 1, 1983, parade with the theme, "Stars and Stripes Forever." Donations are being accepted to assist in this effort.



PGER Robert G. Pruitt, chairman of the Convention Commission, explained details of next year's session to be held in Honolulu, July 24-28.

given approval and applause by the delegates.

Heavy applause signaled approval of the GL Government Relations Committee report by Yubi G. Separovich of Sacramento, CA.

He urged concerned Elks to be vigilant for anti-club legislation, locally and in their states. He outlined various situations in some states and described the activities of Conference of Private Organizations (CONPOR) of which the Elks is a member and a leader.

"The determination to destroy all service clubs, private clubs, country clubs, social and fraternal organizations including the Elks is happening right now!" he said. Presently the problem is more acute in the states of Alaska, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Minnesota and Kansas.

"...We must be concerned Americans. We must be concerned Elks," he charged. "Government encroachment of private lives of citizens must end."

Delegates gave his report standing sup-

port

Eugene F. Costello of Denver, CO, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented several resolutions which the delegates considered. A digest of this legislative action appears elsewhere in *The Elks Magazine*.

The preliminary report of the Ritualistic Committee was taken off the table when Ted Callicott, chairman, made his final report.

Despite an attempt to partially amend proposed changes in the "Blue Book," there continued to be heated opposition. All proposed changes were strongly defeated.

All proposed changes in the Ritual of Special Services, as amended, easily passed.

In the ritualistic contest, the first-place crown went to Laramie, WY, with a score of 95.5863. Second was Ocala, FL, 95.3441; third, Twin Falls, ID, 95.1461; and fourth, Huntington, NY, 94.9526.

The PGER R. Leonard Bush Award, sponsored by Inglewood, CA, Lodge,

went to John Futch of Ocala for the highest exalted ruler's score in the contest.

Richard Heston of Laramie was awarded the John D. Frakes Coach's Award from Tucson, AZ, Lodge.

A resolution lauding the Chicago Convention Committee, the Elktones Chorus from Hamilton and Middletown, OH, and others participating in the conclave was approved by the delegates. Making the presentation was Daniel Tammany of St. Louis, MO, chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

PGER Gerald Strohm installed the new Grand Lodge officers. Assisting in Marvin Lewis' installation were PGERs Wisely and Bush.

A rising vote of acclamation was given a resolution commending immediate PGER Raymond V. Arnold for his service to the Order. The resolution was presented by PGER E. Gene Fournace, who also presented him with a life membership card.

PER Monty Montanye of Fresno, CA, Lodge provided vocal music throughout the entire convention.

AWARDS

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HIGHEST PERCENTAGE	
OF MEMBERSHIP GAIN	
Lodges with 300 or less members: 1. Perry, OK	336.969
2. Algona, IA 3. Oglesby, IL	178.95
Lodges with 301 to 600 members:	
1. Toccoa, GA	42.26
3. Warren, MI Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:	.36.10
1. Brooksville, FL	. 45.35
2. McKeesport, PA	36.61
3. Sun City, AZ Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members	: 32.04
Venice-Nokomis, FL Pompano Beach, FL	20.65
3. Englewood, FL	. 16.73
Lodges with over 2,000 members:	
1. Vallejo, CA 2. Sheridan, WY	F.38
3. Torrington, CT	
BEST YOUTH PROGRAMS Lodges with 300 or less members:	4 1 10
1. Kearny,AZ	
Gatlinburg, TN Gaylord Area, MI	
Lodges with 301 to 600 members:	
Blackfoot, ID Bountiful, UT	
3 Ainsworth NE	
Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members: 1. Mainland, TX	
2. Plantation, FL 3. Janesville, WI	
Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members	
1. Oswego, NY 2. Carlsbad, NM	
a Lincoln NF	
Lodges with over 2,000 members: 1. Des Plaines, IL	
Westminster, CO Vancouver, WA	
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1. Michigan	
2. Nebraska 3. California	
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2. Kearny, AZ 3. Tawas Area, MI	
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1. Hayward, CA 2. Hawthorne, NJ	
3. Downey, CA Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:	
1. Atlanta-Buckhead, GA	
Clovis-Portales, NM Plainfield, IN	
Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members	3:
1. Warren, OH 2. Norwood, MA	
3 Mesa AZ	
Lodges with over 2,000 members: 1. Carmichael, CA	
2. Gresham, OR	
State Associations:	
Arizona California-Hawaii	
3. Oregon	

	PERCENTAGE OF NEW PLEDGES IN THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUND	SIGNED
	Lodges with 300 or less members: 1. Braintree, MA	70 504%
0	Fayetteville, NC Midwest City, OK	.41.315
	Lodges with 301 to 600 members:	
	1. Toccoa, GA	.42.581
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	Detroit, MI	. 11.314
Ó	3. Arvada, CO	11 447
	Clawson-Troy, MI Johnstown, PA	11 221
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	Lodges with 300 or less members: 1. Oglesby, IL	148
	Oglesby, IL. Cairo-Durham, NY. Seminole, OK.	124
	Lodges with 301 to 600 members	
	1. Warren, MI	127
	3. (tie) Toccoa, GA Green Valley, AZ	131
	Lodges with but to 1.000 members.	
	Sun City, AZ McKeesport, PA	299
	Lodges with 1 001 to 2 000 members	288
	Englewood, FL. New Smyrna Beach, FL.	317
	3. Arvada, CO Lodges with over 2,000 members:	251
	1. Eugene, OH	330
	2. Vallejo, CA 3. El Cajon, CA	280
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	TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUND Lodges with 300 or less members:	ATION
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	Buena Park, CA Oceano/Five Cities, CA	17.846 12.692
	Lodges with 1 001 to 2 000 member	12.143
	Visalia, CA Southern Pines, NC	13.181
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	2. Kearny, AZ	
	Lodges with 301 to 600 members: 1. Fulton, NY	
	2. Holbrook, AZ 3. Gunnison, CO	
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	2. Van Wert, OH	
	3. Otsego, MI Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members	s:
	1. Falls City, NE 2. Mesa, AZ	
	3. Allegheny, PA	
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	2. Phoenix, AZ 3. Charleston, SC	
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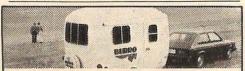
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YOU& RETIREMENT

by Grace W. Weinstein

IRA STRATEGIES

Last month's column described the new rules applying to Individual Retirement Accounts and discussed some specific investment opportunities. Whether you choose professional management (via a certificate of deposit or a mutual fund or an annuity) or your own self-directed investment account (via a brokerage firm), there are ways to make the most of an IRA investment. Here are some hints:

You may open as many IRAs as you like, as long as your total contribution in any calendar year does not exceed \$2,000 (or \$2,250 in a spousal account). This means that you may open different types of accounts to achieve different investment objectives. You might put part of your annual contribution into an insured bank certificate of deposit, for example, and part into a growth-oriented mutual fund. Almost 40 percent of those who have opened an IRA in 1982, according to a study by the Life Insurance Research and Marketing Association, have opened two accounts.

 You may borrow to invest in an Individual Retirement Account, and it may be worthwhile to do so, to reap the tax advantages.
 Just be sure to do some careful arithmetic first, comparing borrowing costs and the anticipated tax-sheltered yield.

Don't forget that administrative fees connected with opening an IRA are tax-deductible if you itemize your deductions on your Federal return.

Stay out of tax-free investments. While you are permitted to put your IRA contributions into municipal bonds or other tax-exempts, it does not make sense to do so. As the Internal Revenue Service has noted, income from an IRA is taxable upon withdrawal and you would actually be turning a tax-exempt investment into a taxable one.

• While capital appreciation is worth seeking, you should also be aware that profits—such as appreciation in shares of common stock or on real estate—that would otherwise be taxable at the lower capital gains rate will be taxed at the higher ordinary income rates if earned in an IRA.

 You may switch your money from one trustee to another as many times as you like, as long as you don't actually take possession of the funds. This provision makes it possible to take advantage of a changing investment climate.

You may also actually get your hands on your money, and use it for any purpose you like, as long as you do so no more than once a year and as long as you keep the money in your possession no more than 60 days. This provision makes it possible to use your IRA funds, without penalty, on a short-term basis. If your employer offers an IRA through payroll deduction, consider the pros and cons before you enroll: On the plus side is sheer convenience. There is also an element of forced saving, which you may appreciate if you would otherwise find it difficult to put money aside for retirement. On the other hand, you'll save far more if you can manage to put \$2,000 into your IRA at the beginning of the year. In an example contributed by E. F. Hutton: If you contribute \$166.67 at the end of every month to an account earning 12 percent, you would have \$2,113.79 at the end of the year; you would have earned \$113.79 on your contributions. If you contribute the entire \$2,000 at the beginning of the year, you would have \$2,240, or \$240 in interest, at the end of the year. The same figures apply, of course, to a monthly contribution plan you institute on your own. While it's better to contribute monthly to an IRA than not at all, it's better still to get your money working early.

 There are penalties for withdrawing money from an IRA, unless you're disabled, before the age of 591/2. But, if you're starting your IRA in your fifties, you should be reasonably certain that you won't have to tap the account and incur a penalty. In fact, if you start an IRA when you're past 591/2, you can use the account as a tax-sheltered loan from Uncle Sam. While you'll probably want to leave your IRA intact until you actually retire, you can have the reassurance of knowing that it's available if you need it. One cautionary note: While there are no Federal tax penalties for withdrawing money after age 591/2, some financial institutions have their own penalties for withdrawing funds before a stated maturity date; this is notably true with certificates of deposit. Banks are permitted to waive penalties if you are over 591/2, but they are not required to do so. Find out your bank's policy before you commit your funds.

• If you're locked into an old low-yielding certificate of deposit, and don't want to take the penalty for withdrawal, you have another option: Withdraw the accumulated interest—there's no penalty as long as you don't invade the principal—and use it to open a higher-yielding account. Once you do so, you can also instruct the bank to deposit future interest on your old certificate to the new account.

• Upon your death, the money in your Individual Retirement Account goes to your named beneficiary. That person then has some choices: The money may be taken in a lump sum, in which case it is considered as part of your estate. It may be withdrawn over

a period of no less than 36 months, and exempted from your estate, although the beneficiary will have to pay ordinary income tax on the money as received. Or it may be rolled over into the beneficiary's own IRA, prolonging the tax-free compounding. The \$2,000 ceiling on contributions does not apply in this instance. It also does not apply if you transfer your own accumulated pension benefits into your IRA.

 When you reach age 70½, even if you are still working, you will have to start withdrawing your money from your IRA. You can withdraw it in one lump sum, if you like, paying income tax on the proceeds. (While a lump sum payout from a pension is eligible for special 10-year income averaging, a lump sum from an IRA is not; the best you can do is the regular five-year income averaging available to anyone with a jump in income in a single year.) Or you can elect periodic withdrawals.

The timetable is based on a life expectancy at age 701/2 of 12 years for men and 15 years for women. As a male at age 701/2, then, you must withdraw one-twelfth of your balance each year. If you start your IRA at age 50 and put in \$2,000 each year at an assumed return of 12 percent, you would accumulate \$161,397 by age 701/2. With this amount, you'd have to withdraw \$13,449.75 (1/12 of the total) in the first year and one-twelfth of the remaining balance in each succeeding year. The money that remains in the account, meanwhile, continues to grow tax-free.

While the IRS tables deal with average life expectancy, you may live longer and outlive your IRA. One solution, if this possibility concerns you, is to buy an annuity. You can use an annuity as the funding vehicle for your IRA in the first place, although an annuity is itself a form of tax shelter. Or you can take a lump sum distribution from an IRA of any kind and purchase an annuity from an insurance company. The advantage: guaranteed lifetime payments, no matter how long you may live.

You may not become a millionaire in inflation-adjusted dollars, despite the glowing advertisements. Nonetheless, the Individual Retirement Account is one of the best ways to augment your retirement income.

Here is some literature that may be helpful: · Free, from the American Association of Retired Persons, a leaflet called "What...An IRA at My Age?" Write: IRA brochure, AARP, P. O. Box 2400, Long Beach, CA 90801.

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STATE COLLEGE, PA. Eagle Scout Bruce Sutherland received a certificate and a flag from his father, then-ER Robert Sutherland of State College Lodge. Also present for the ceremony were Bruce's mother and his paternal grandparents. The Sutherlands represent three generations of scouting.

MATTOON, IL, Lodge dedicated its new lodge building Sunday, June 27. Banquets and dances were held Friday and Saturday. The lodge was honored to have PGER and State Sponsor H. Foster Sears as a special quest for the entire weekend.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The 28th Annual Charles E. Price Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by Hagerstown, MD, Lodge, was held at the Elks Picnic Park. Some 350 youngsters and their parents participated in the event. All of the youngsters received prizes, with the six first-place winners receiving bicycles. Refreshments were also served.

AUBURN, NY, Lodge hosted a softball game against local radio station WHEN for the benefit of the state Major Project, treatment of cerebral palsy. With the help of area merchants, various prizes were given away, enabling the lodge to gather over \$300 in donations toward this year's goal.

In photo from left are Mike Ford, lodge Major Project Chm.; Ray DeOrio of station



WHEN; Kevin Rhodes, lodge team captain; and ER Frank Pinckney.

HARLINGEN, TX. The Elkhorn, official newsletter of Harlingen, TX, Lodge, has received many awards in recent years, and the man responsible for this success is 88-year-old Guy Kemmerling, editor of the newsletter.

Since Brother Kemmerling has been editor of the *Elkhorn*, it has won two first-place awards, one second, two thirds, and three Honorable Mentions at the national level. In state competition, the newsletter has won first place six times, second place four times, and third place twice.

The *Elkhorn* has won so many awards that a special display case was needed to display them. Brother Kemmerling purchased a trophy case and presented it to the lodge.

BRISTOL, TN. More than 300 persons attended the first flag retirement ceremony at

Bristol, TN, Lodge July 4. PGER Edward Mc-Cabe dedicated a flag disposal urn and memorial rose garden at the outside ceremony. The urn was dedicated for the use of all citizens of the Bristol area and will allow them to properly dispose of the American flag.

Also taking part in the ceremony were PSP Alfred Celia, Grand Trustee Ted Callicott, Bristol ER Joseph Nave, and U.S. Rep. William Wampler of Virginia. Rep. Wampler presented to the lodge an American flag.

PUEBLO, CO. PER Robert Blazich (left), historian of Pueblo, CO, Lodge, and Eric Johanson, PR chm. and free-lance writer, are proud that their joint efforts resulted in the publication of Brother Johanson's historical article "Way Back in 1916..." in a recent issue of Colorado Outdoors, a magazine published bimonthly by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

PER Blazich located a 1916 issue of *Ninety*, the lodge's bulletin, which contained much of the information used in the article. The bulletin reported how Pueblo Lodge helped purchase and bring to Pueblo County two elk herds during the years when elk hunting was prohibited so that wildlife authories could build up the species. Elks nearly became extinct because of uncontrolled outright slaughter around the turn of the century.

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Auburn, NY.

BELLEVILLE, IL, Lodge and other sponsoring units have presented to Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, a bronze plaque honoring the eight U.S. servicemen who were killed in April, 1980, during the unsuccessful attempt to rescue the American hostages then being held in Iran.

The plaque was cast by Carl Lenz, a 52-year member of Belleville Lodge, and is titled "Lest We Forget." It then lists the names of the eight deceased servicemen and lists as sponsors the City of Belleville, IL; VFW Post 1739; Belleville Elks Lodge; and Scott Air Force Base.





Manasquan, NJ.



Meadville, PA

MEADVILLE, PA, Lodge placed 144 American flags in various locations in the city on July 10 in observance of the survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor, who held their 20th annual reunion in Meadville. Many lodge members showed their patriotism and appreciation to these men by attending memorial services.

Shown placing the flags are (from left) Est. Lead. Kt. Jóhn Crytzer, Chap. Ronald Kuntz, Flag Committee Chm. James Fonner, ER Eugene Kucharski, and Est. Loyal Kt. Arthur Runkle.

MANASQUAN, NJ. The Crippled Children's Committee of Manasquan, NJ, Lodge staged a Fight Night to raise money for an electric wheelchair for a cancer victim. There were 10 matches of three rounds each, all sanctioned by the U.S. Amateur Boxing Association and the New Jersey State Athletic Commission.

Among the celebrities attending was Alex "Big Red" Webster (right), former coach of the New York Football Giants and a charter member of Manasquan Lodge. Brother Webster is shown interviewing Jim Lehman, who was the winner of the 178-pound weight class bout.

TRENTON, NJ. The Brothers of Trenton, NJ, Lodge donated 10 classroom mats to the Mercer Day Training Center. The lodge responded to a letter sent by the center's parents association requesting support from community groups. This new equipment will assist the center in carrying out physical therapy and gross motor programs with more comfort to the students.

GALENA, IL, Lodge donated \$1,500 to the Galena men's and women's softball leagues. The money will be used for construction of new restrooms and a concession stand.

SPRINGFIELD, MA. Over 640 youngsters from the New England area participated in the annual soccer tournament sponsored by Springfield, MA, Lodge. A total of 53 games were played, involving youngsters between the ages of 8 and 16. Following the tournament, all of the participants and their families were treated to a cookout at the lodge pavilion.

In photo (from left) Chm. Bob McIntosh and Brothers Carmen Calento, Hank Folvi, and Paul Spedero prepare to distribute trophies to the winning teams.

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A FALL CHRISTMAS STORY

Fall, 1982. If the weather's nice, it's a great time to walk among the leaves or drive into the countryside and watch Mother Nature "do her thing."

It's also the time when a businessman makes those final commitments for the largest sales push of his retail year: Christmas.

Each year he seems to start his preparations a little earlier. Each year he worries more about his decisions on marketing strategy, inventory, help and advertising, among other things.

He has to, of course. The profit margin is too narrow in many instances for any serious mistakes or miscalculations. And that makes Christmas, 1982, a bigger gamble than usual. The staggering number of business failures this year, which I discussed in an earlier column, could easily make him a statistic in early 1983.

Of the business owners I've talked to recently most are clearly uneasy about consumer spending this December. It's different than Christmases past, they insist. They want to believe, as President Reagan and his brain trust do, that the July tax cuts and the increase in Social Security payments will fuel a modest recovery.

Optimism has traditionally been a successful trait of the small business person. If he doesn't believe, the delicate network of goods and services can come apart at the seams. Yet no proprietor can afford much optimism these days. He reads the same grim prognostications most of us do...and he probably hears more if he attends his trade conventions.

Analysts are forecasting that the tax cuts, for example, may only offer a false sense of security. The psychology is good (give people 10 percent tax break they can see in their paychecks and you'll automatically pumponey into the economy), but the oppressed middle income householder may not buy it. He's come through a tough ten months or so.

He's trying to pay off college loans for his kids, holding on to a refrigerator that should have been out of service several years ago, driving a car that shows more rust than original color and trying desperately to hold down the monthly grocery bill. He's more cautious than he used to be about spending.

Adding \$6 to \$11 a pay period when he had to cash a CD in April to pay his graduated income tax bill may not send him out of the house to make more purchases this Christmas. "It's so insignificant I haven't even thought about it as a potential increase," said one northeasterner to a daily newspaper

reporter who inquired. "My husband figured it out and didn't think it was significant at all," said a housewife.

In fact, some Reagan counselors are now worried that a skeptical public will put its tax cut money into well-advertised savings plans rather than goods and services.

The business owner, whose sales have slumped in recent months, is banking on the availability of the consumer's dollar and the emotion of the traditional Christmas spirit to revitalize his cash flow. But the consumer, looking at his unemployed neighbor and the layoffs at local plants, may be much more conservative in the days and months ahead.

An Associated Press-NBC poll not long ago showed that the public sees little improvement in his condition, regardless of what government statistics reveal or what Reagan Administration officials claim. Only one in four Americans in the AP-NBC survey, for example, believes that the inflation rate is actually dropping. Only one in 12 thinks such a decline has helped him.

Yet the Consumer Price Index, which rose by 12.4 percent in President Carter's final year, has only risen 6.6 percent during the past 12 months. The inflation rate, economists estimate, will be about 6 percent in 1982, the best figure since 1976.

Some believe the public got the message. Consumer spending in April and May were up slightly as compared to previous months.

"Consumption and inventory liquidation are not going to sustain a recovery, but they will get us started," Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul R. Volcker noted.

"We have not seen the growing signs of recovery that I would have expected at this stage (spring) of the business cycle. However, a few welcome straws in the wind have been noted recently, such as the modest upturn in the leading indicators and the strong showing in auto sales," Murray L. Weidenbaum, the recently departed chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, told Congress in early summer shortly before he left office.

Jerry Jordan, another member of the Reagan economic advising team, told an audience in Nebraska a few months ago that unemployment and interest rates will decline by the end of 1982 if Congress works with the President's budget. But others don't believe such a chain reaction is that closely connected.

"Interest rates may be somewhat lower by the end of the year," says Allyn R. Earl, a New York financial analyst, "but unemployment will probably remain the same. It usually lags

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behind the other indicators. However, I can see interest rates at 14 percent for short term business if indications remain the same."

He is optimistic about the sound of cash registers during the upcoming Christmas season. "I think retailers can probably expect a pretty good season. There is a pickup of durable goods. Real income increases will help and car sales may continue to edge up.

The important factor, though, is that the consumer has got to bring us out of this in the short run. Real output of goods and services will then certainly increase. I expect 5 to 10 percent better sales than last year-that is, real sales after adjustment for inflation-this Christmas.'

What does he think a small businessman can expect in the first quarter of 1983?

"If the Christmas season is good—at least 5 to 10 percent-the final quarter will be much better than the past few quarters. But other factors also have to improve to lead to a solid recovery, in my opinion," he said.

Home building, he thinks, has to recover in 1983 to boost the predicted recovery. "Just .3 of a million housing starts would do wonders for the economy. A 10 to 20 percent increase in unit sales of domestic autos, coupled with housing industry growth, would certainly put us there.

But one person's optimism appears to be another's skepticism. A rise in interest rates, which some warn is yet quite possible this winter, could lead to yet another recession.

While an estimated \$32 billion is being returned to taxpayers as a result of the tax breaks this year, the government must raise about \$98 billion in private credit markets in addition to the normal turnover of securities. The excessively high federal deficit of more than \$100 billion, meanwhile, continues to worry money managers.

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Homestake

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dustrial complex, paying substantial dividends to stockholders throughout the nation. Meanwhile, the corporation had built a hotel, a hospital, a company store and a telephone system. Phoebe Apperson Hearst, George Hearst's wife, become involved in Lead's cultural and educational growth, providing—among other things—a library and a free kindergarten.

Railroad connections to the "outside world" were finally completed in 1890. No longer was it necessary to haul in supplies by wagon train or to travel to the mine site by stagecoach or horseback. Despite its isolation, The Homestake had already achieved amazing results; and when George Hearst died in 1891, the corporate organization was solidly established. Though the Hearst family owned the majority share of stock in the mine, William Randolph Hearst was more interested in his growing newspaper empire, while his mother's involvement was largely philanthropic.

The first decade of the 20th century brought extensive changes to The Homestake. Carbide lamps replaced candles on the caps of miners already working 1,000 feet into the earth. Locomotives driven by compressed air began to

haul ore cars previously towed by horses and mules, some of whom were born underground and never ever saw the light of day. A new chemical extraction process known as cyanidation succeeded the less efficient method of capturing gold particles in an amalgam of quicksilver.

By 1905, the company's surface holdings were spread over 2,600 acres. Since its first shovelful of ore 29 years earlier, the mine had produced more than \$75 million in bullion and paid dividends of over \$13 million.

The rapidly expanding venture was not without its problems, however. In 1907, a major fire closed down operations as 80 million cubic feet of water had to be poured into the mine before smoldering timbers were finally doused. Pumping the water back out was a monstrous project, but it was finally accomplished and only two mules and two horses were lost in the conflagration.

Two years later, the mine was shut down again during a labor dispute. From the beginning, Homestake miners had been working ten-hour days, seven days a week. Conditions were ripe for union intervention, but when pressures were applied, the company announced a lockout which lasted almost six weeks through the Christmas season. Tempers ran high, not only between union and non-union miners. In time, the economic squeeze on in-

dividual families was too great, and most of the miners—who had to renounce union membership—went back to work.

There had been a brief flurry of violence, a few saloon fights and some attempted sabotage, generally thwarted by Pinkerton detectives. While the confrontation was effectively squelched by the company, it did focus attention on working conditions; and The Homestake (with Phoebe Hearst's philosophy having considerable impact) began to broaden its employee benefits. It was not until 1966—some 57 years later—that the miners voted to approve the United Steel Workers as their bargaining agent.

Meanwhile, the mine was visited in 1911 by President William Howard Taft, the most famous personage to go below ground. During his surface tour, an estimated 15,000 people climbed onto roofs and other vantage points to get a glimpse of the rotund national leader.

Although World War I did not curtail gold extraction, Homestake workers were given another priority. Some of them were diverted to the mining of tungsten, so vital to the manufacture of steel for tanks, guns and other war materiel. The strategic mineral existed in an ore called wolframite found in workable quantity near the gaping Open Cut. Of a more tragic note, Lead was severely hit by the nationwide influenza epidemic of that period. The Homestake hospital was hard pressed to

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Allegheny, PA, Lodge presented a check for \$500 to the Aspinwall Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh. The money was for the purchase of a new washing machine for the use of the patients. From left are David Tomayko, VAVS; then-ER Walter Tschannen; Past GL Committeeman Fred Reno; then-DDGER Robert Landon, state chm., National Service Committee; PER and Lodge Chm. Larry Kanigieser; and Charles Schonning, state hospital chm.



Nutley, NJ, Lodge presented a color TV set and computer game with cassettes to the East Orange, NJ, Veterans Hospital. From left are Jerry Carnevale, co-chm, lodge Servicemen's Committee; Chm. Anthony Mascolo; and Ike Moore, hospital voluntary services administrator. accommodate the victims and 94 people died in less than a three-month stretch during late 1918.

From the earliest years, a continuing question persisted in the community: When would the mine run out? By the spring of 1919, The Homestake had grossed \$160 million and paid dividends totaling more than \$41 million. After the death of Phoebe Hearst in April of that year, it was disclosed that family members still controlled 51,000 shares of the stock, but their direct involvement in the Black Hills venture ended with her passing. Later that year a second extensive fire forced another flooding of the mine; but when it was pumped out, operations were optimistically resumed as the nation welcomed President Harding's hopeful "return to normalcy."

The next milestone for The Homestake came in the Dirty Thirties when the Great Depression spread across the land, and South Dakota was doubly buffeted by drought and dust storms. In Lead, however, a different economic phenomenon occurred. The demand for gold-the world's ages-old "security blanket"grew instead of diminishing. The mine was busier than ever, and unemployed workers from other depressed areas lined up at the company gates in hopes of getting a call.

A decision was made to reduce the workweek to 40 hours and increase wages at the same time. That meant more men could go on payroll when jobs were needed most. With the repeal of prohibition on December 5, 1933, the miners at Lead had two reasons for their boisterous celebra-

A month later, Congress passed the Federal Gold Reserve Act which raised the price of gold to \$35 a troy ounce. Even though the law took away the right of private citizens to own gold coins and forced The Homestake to sell its production directly to the government, the increased price added to the mining boom. While other stocks plummeted to worthlessness, Homestake shares climbed from \$50 at the time of the market crash to \$544 in 1936. Taxes paid by the company helped keep South Dakota solvent when most everything else went bad.

The Homestake rode the crest of prosperity until October 8, 1942, when the War Production Board ordered complete suspension of gold operations, and all miners were to be shifted to the extraction of strategic minerals. With 2,200 workers and their families involved, that dictum created considerable consternation in Lead. The company asked for and received a six-month grace period to handle broken ore already in process and to make the necessary switchover to wartime production.

When the transition was completed, a crew of 800 was retained in the machine shops and the sawmill. Hand grenades instead of bullion became The Homestake's principle product, while carloads of scrap metal were salvaged for the war effort.

Following the surrender of Germany and then Japan, the widely scattered miners gradually returned to the Black Hills. New workers had to be trained to fill the gaps, though; and the mine's longrange potential had to be reassessed. With the celebration of its 75th year in 1952, The Homestake could boast a total yield of 20,651,806 ounces of gold and 4,990,000 ounces of silver. Company officials estimated there were at least 19 million tons of ore remaining as miners worked on 23 levels, the deepest being 5.000 feet into the earth.

For the next 16 years, production at the mine continued at a relatively normal pace, although expenses began to eat heavily into the \$35-an-ounce return which the government continued to pay. Then, in 1968, the lid was taken off. The Homestake was free to enter the open but unpredictable market, and seven years later private ownership of gold was again permitted in the United States. Thus, as the Black Hills mine began its second century of operation, another new era was dawning.

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The Sentinels of the Tomb

America has a plot of ground hallowed above all other soil in the nation. Covering only a miniscule space, it is located just south of the Potomac River, close by Washington, DC. At one time this parcel was included in the estate of General Robert E. Lee.

This sacred bit of sod is the final resting place of three soldiers-"Americans known but to God." Highlighting this scene is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. And for 45 years a cadre of young soldiers, known as the Sentinels of the Tomb, have been ceaselessly patrolling the 63-foot-long strip fronting this monument.

Just back of the Tomb is the dazzling white Memorial Amphitheater, built of Vermont marble. On the marble benches of this open-air structure some 4,000 persons may be seated; another 1,000 can be accommodated in the stately Doric colonade that surrounds it. It is here that crowds gather for Easter sunrise services and observances on Memorial and Armistice days.

On March 4, 1921, Congress approved a Resolution providing for the burial, in the new Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Amphitheater, of an unknown and unidentified soldier of World War I-the ceremony to take place on Armistice Day of that year. This resulted in an interesting selection system to determine the one to be entombed.

Four bodies of unknown soldiers, one from each of the cemeteries at Aisne-Marne, Meuse-Argonne, Somme, and St.

Mihiel-were selected and brought to Chalons-sur-Marne, France.

On the morning of October 21, Edward F. Younger, U.S. Army, a man wounded in combat and highly decorated for valor, entered the room where the four flagdraped caskets were resting. Carrying a spray of white roses, he slowly circled the caskets three times, then placed the roses on the third casket from the left.

The Unknown Soldier arrived at the nation's capital aboard the U.S. Cruiser Olympia on November 9. The body was taken to the rotunda of the Capitol to rest in state until Armistice Day, November 11.

That morning the casket was removed and, with general officers of the Army and Admirals of the Navy as pallbearers, was conveyed to the Memorial Amphitheater. Following the caisson bearing the flag-draped casket walked such a concourse as never before followed a soldier to his final resting place; the President of the United States, Warren G. Harding; the Vice President, the Supreme Court Justices, members of the Diplomatic Corps, recipients of the Medal of Honor, Senators, members of Congress, General John J. Pershing, and senior officers of all Armed Services.

Following a simple but impressive service the remains were borne to the sarcophagus for brief committal rites, and the casket placed in its final resting place upon four inches of French soil.

The ceremony ended with three salvos of artillery, the sounding of Taps and

playing of the National Anthem, bringing to a close the completion of another dramatic page in American history.

The Tomb of the Unknown was not completed until April 9, 1932. The marble for the monument was mined in Colorado and shaped in Vermont. The detailed carving was completed in Arlington Cemetery after installation. On the panel facing the nation's capital are three figures of Peace, Victory, and Valor, commemorating the spirit of the Allies in World War I. On the side facing the amphitheater is an inscription known to all who have seen this impressive landmark: "Here Rests in Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God."

Later, following 12 years of legislation, the bill for the interment of the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and Korea was officially signed by President Dwight Eisenhower on August 3, 1956.

The Unknown of World War II was selected from two unknowns: one from the Trans-Atlantic Phase and the other from the Trans-Pacific Phase. Hospitalman First Class William R. Charette selected one of these as the Unknown.

Four unknowns from the Korean War were selected and Master Sergeant Ned Lyle chose one to be the symbolic Unknown for that conflict.

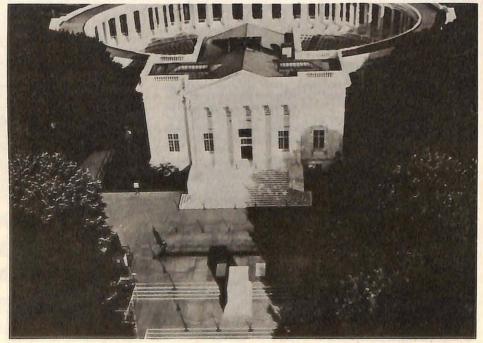
On May 30, 1958, these Unknown Soldiers were carried on a caisson to Arlington National Cemetery and placed in crypts beside their comrade of World War I.

One of the most honored assignments in the Army is that of guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In their ceremonial dress-blue uniforms these men proudly protect the United States' tribute to the 1,081,000 Americans who have given their lives to preserve the freedom of this nation. They guard the Tomb 365

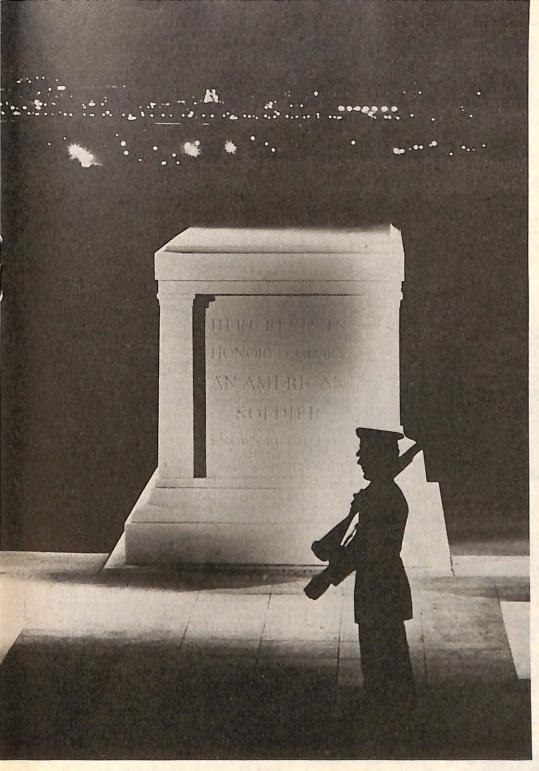
talion, 3rd Infantry Regiment was assigned to Ft. Myer, adjacent to Arlington, and on April 6, 1948, the unit was given the duty of guarding the Tomb.

the same unit, now designated as the 3rd United States Infantry (The Old Guard), the Army's official ceremonial unit, which

days a year, around the clock. Following World War II the 1st Bat-The Tomb Sentinels are still based with



An aerial view of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Memorial Amphitheater.







For 45 years, in fair weather and foul, a cadre of young soldiers known as the Sentinels of the Tomb have ceaselessly patrolled the sacred sod fronting the monument.

also has the mission of defending the President and the National Capital Region during military emergencies and civil disturbances.

It's not easy to secure an assignment as a Tomb Sentinel. A soldier must first be assigned to The Old Guard, a purely volunteer unit. After six months here he may volunteer for assignment to the Tomb Guards. Once selected, he undergoes two weeks of evaluation as to his potential for a Tomb Guard post. Further qualifications require that a candidate must be between 5 ' 10" and 6 ' 4" in height and of average build. He must also have perfect military and civilian behavior records.

His evaluation satisfactory, the soldier

is then given six months to finish all Tomb Guard training. The most rigorous aspect of this is intensive drill concentrating on developing the skills and discipline the soldier will need to successfully perform guard duty. When this training period is successfully completed, the candidate is given a set of 300 questions to study in preparation for a 100-question test, on which he must score 95 percent. This written test covers the history of the Tomb Guards, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery and a total knowledge of a guard's duties.

The Tomb Guard consists of a minimum of 16 enlisted men. These are organized into three reliefs, each consist-

ing of a Corporal of the Guard and four sentinels, plus the Sergeant of the Guard who is responsible for all training and management of the Guards.

Each relief is on duty for 24 hours, then off for 48 hours. In the summertime the Tomb Sentinel walks his post for half an hour, then has two hours off. In the evening the routine changes; he walks guard for two hours, has four hours off. During the winter the daytime Sentinel walks guard for an hour, then is off for two hours. The nighttime guard is the same as the summer evening guard duty.

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Sentinels of the Tomb

if he is late more than once for his duty call he is immediately dismissed from the Tomb Guard, no questions asked.

When on duty the sentinel is not permitted to speak, except to address visitors who are being disrespectful to the Tomb. He walks at a cadence of 128 steps per minute for precisely 21 steps, back and forth on the pad in front of the Tomb, stopping at each end, turning and facing the Capital for 21 seconds, symbolizing a 21-gun salute—the highest honored salute in the United States. Then, shifting his weapon away from the Tomb, he proceeds to march again. The weapon is always carried on the shoulder away from the Tomb to symbolize the Sentinel standing between the Unknowns and any possible threat.

Tourists often wonder how a Guard can be so mechanical. Sgt. David Jones, a two-year Sentinel at the Tomb, explains: "I don't feel like I'm a robot. I have a job to do and I perform it to the best of my ability. While walking post nothing enters my mind except my mission; it takes a great deal of discipline and dedication to do this well. Should a person challenge a Guard by trying to pass through the chains or causing any threat to the Unknowns, a sentinel must do what he thinks is best. Usually just bringing the rifle to port arms and issuing a warning is enough to embarrass the individual.

"The Sentinels are a proud group. On their two days off, they all come in at 7:30 each morning to train. After four or five hours of drill, they must take care of their uniforms. Never does a shoddy-looking guard appear on the plaza."

Many of the guards are married and admit that their jobs sometimes cause a bit of stress in their marital life. However, most wives soon adapt.

The quarters at the Tomb are used for sentinels who are on duty or are training. There is a kitchen, a game room equipped with a pool table, other games and a TV set. They also have plenty of shoe polish, brass polish, mirrors and ironing boards.

Discipline is all-prevailing, so duty mishaps are few. Not one sentinel has ever left his post. In severe weather, the guard has a sentry box he may seek refuge in, standing at parade rest. Nevertheless, he must walk his post every ten minutes.

The sentinels sometimes suffer from a rather agonizing problem in summer: insects, especially gnats. "There isn't much we can do about them, except to not wear cologne," explains Jones. "We don't use repellent because it usually doesn't help. Many sentinels are stung by bees, but never lose their concentration."

Night guard differs from day guard, in that the sentinel walks a 360-degree circumference around the Tomb, which is well lighted, so he can fully carry out his

mission, which includes walking on the mat for 10 minutes every hour.

Each time a guard takes his post during daylight hours there is an impressive ceremony called the "Changing of the Guard." Five minutes before the change takes place, an impeccably uniformed relief commander walks out by the plaza. Precisely three minues before the change, the oncoming sentinel unlocks the bolt of his rifle to signal to the relief commander that the ceremony is about to begin. The commander approaches, salutes the Tomb and addresses the audience, explaining what is going to take place. He then conducts a detailed white-glove inspection of the Sentinel and his weapon. Should the commander happen to drop the weapon, he is immediately dismissed from Tomb Guard duty. This is one of the greatest dishonors in Tomb Guard etiquette. After an exchange of orders and honors to the Tomb, the new guard begins his duty tour.

Besides walking guard, the Sentinels perform another duty. More than three thousand times a year American and foreign visitors pay their respects to the Tomb by placing a wreath in front of it in a solemn ceremony. With the aid of the Tomb Guards, this ceremony is performed with great dignity and precision, whether it be for a cub scout pack or a visiting head of state. And on Christmas Day the Sentinels display their own sense of dedication when all of them come to the Tomb for their own wreath ceremony, honoring all the servicemen whose memory they guard.

In recognition of their service, Tomb Guards are eligible to wear the Tomb Guard Badge, a silver badge worn on the right breast pocket of their uniform. The Sentinel initially receives his badge when he completes his training period, and wears it while serving as a guard. He is allowed to keep the emblem as a permanent award only after completing at least nine months of honorable service as a Tomb Guard, and upon the approval of The Old Guard Commander. Once he has received the badge as a permanent award, he may wear it for the rest of his military career. Since the awarding of the first badge in 1958, fewer than 350 of them have been given, making it the most exclusive award in the U.S. military.

What do the Sentinels themselves think of their unique duty? They come from all walks of life. Sp/4 Bill Kizziar, for instance, grew up at the famed Cal Farley's Boys Ranch near Amarillo, Texas-a ranch where hundreds of troubled boys from across the nation have come to get their lives straightened out. When he graduated in 1977 he joined the Army, later volunteering for an assignment as a Tomb Sentinel. Perhaps he speaks for all the Guards when he says, "I would not trade this duty for any other in the Army. It is the highest honor an enlisted man can hope to achieve while he is in the service."

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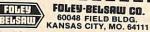
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NEWS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS

The 53rd annual convention of the New Mexico Elks Association was held at Albuquerque April 1-3. Attending were 258 delegates, 36 alternates, and 259 ladies.

Distinguished guests included then-GER Raymond V. Arnold, PGER and State Sponsor Robert Boney, and GL Committeeman Howard Nunez.

The fall meeting is scheduled at Clovis October 15-16, and the next annual convention is tentatively set for Carlsbad April 14-16, 1983

The new officers of the association are President Wandel Massey, Clovis-Portales; First Vice-President Dwight Ray, Los Alamos; Second Vice-President Richard Graham, Silver City; Secretary Fred Covington, Las Cruces; and Treasurer E. H. "Dutch" Jahraus, Albuquerque.

In state ritualistic competition, the championship was won by Carlsbad, closely followed by Raton, second; and Albuquerque, third.

Winners in the Best Youth Program Contest were 1-300 members, Lordsburg; 301-600 members, Silver City; 601-1,000 members, Alamogordo; 1,001-2,000 members, Carlsbad; and over 2,000 members, Farmington.

The Past Exalted Rulers' "Flag Charge" Contest was won by PER Ron Mathews, Carlsbad.

Elks National Foundation plaques were presented to the following lodges for the largest per capita contributions to the Foundation; Category 1, Artesia; Category 2, Grant-Milan; and Category 3, Farmington.

Champions in the state lodge bulletin contest in their respective categories were Tucumcari, Alamogordo, and Albuquerque.

The "Editor's Plaque," awarded for outstanding contributions used in the New Mexico Elks News, was won by Robert Van Driel of Albuquerque Lodge.

The 1981-82 "Elk of the Year" honors went to Cleo Shipler, Carlsbad, in recognition of the outstanding results Brother Shipler attained in raising over \$11,000 for the state Major Project, treatment of cerebral palsy, and in raising over \$4,000 for the National Foundation.

On behalf of the association, outgoing President Stuart Rucker presented a special gift to Brother Howard Nunez, who is retiring this year after having served over 10 years as secretary of the association.

The **Virginia** State Elks Association held its 73rd Annual Convention June 25-27 at Roanoke, VA. Registration of Elks and ladies totaled 409.

Honored guests included then-GER Raymond V. Arnold and his wife Eleanor; PGER John Walker and his wife Kitty; Alex Harman, Jr., Chm. of the Board of Grand Trustees; and SDGER Bill Scott and his wife Madge. The Welcome Address was given by Roanoke City Manager Bern Ewert.

The association's fall meeting will be in Front Royal October 22-24. A ritualistic clinic will be held in Charlottesville March 13, 1983, and a protocol meeting will be held in Bedford March 27, 1983. The 74th Annual Convention will be held in Manassas June 24-26, 1983.

Newly elected officers of the association are President Raymond Orndorff, Manassas; First Vice-President Richard Collier, Hampton; Second Vice-President Claude Matthews, Galax; Third Vice-President William Roudabush, Jr., Charlottesville; Secretary Ernest Wulzer, Norfolk; and Treasurer Cecil Duffee, Norfolk.

The Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest was won by ER Jimmy Lee Sutton, Martinsville. Norfolk Lodge was presented a trophy for being No. 1 in the state in new pledges to the National Foundation, with 213 new pledges.

Norfolk was also second in the nation in new pledges in the 601-1000-member lodge category.

The state Major Project is the Virginia Elks Boys Camp in Clifton Forge, VA. The lodges in Virginia send about 500 boys to camp for two weeks every summer. This past year the lodges spent \$75,000 to operate the camp and to repair and maintain the facility during the rest of the year.

The By-Laws of the Virginia Elks Boys Camp, Inc. were amended so that the election of officers will be held during the fall meeting instead of the June convention. The officers will then serve through the camping season.

A PER/ER Breakfast was held Saturday morning, with approximately 125 attending.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday morning. The Memorial Address was given by outgoing President Henry Self.

A huge parade was the highlight of the **New Jersey** State Elks 69th Annual Convention, held in Wildwood, NJ, June 3-6.

Over 5,000 Elks marched in the parade, and an additional 3,000 participated in the 60 musical units and 34 floats. The parade lasted for four-and-a-half hours along a two-mile route, and was observed by some 15,000 to 20,000 persons.

Distinguished guests at the convention included PGERs Homer Huhn, Jr., and Frank Hise. Both men spoke at the business session and the banquet. PGER Huhn is the new state sponsor for New Jersey.

Quarterly sessions for 1982-83 were

Quarterly sessions for 1982-83 were scheduled as follows: September 26, Lacey; December 12, Bound Brook (includes Memorial Service); and March 13, 1983, Boonton.

Newly elected officers of the association are President Bernard Giehl, Bordentown; Secretary Obert Stetter, Asbury Park, starting his 14th term; and Treasurer Fred Stevens, Colonia, starting his seventh term. Twelve district vice-presidents were also elected.

At the business session, the crippled children's scholarship award winners were presented with their four-year scholarships of \$2,000 per year. The four area handicapped poster children were introduced, and each received a \$1,000 savings bond.

It was reported that construction would soon begin on the new crippled and handicapped children's home in the southern part of the state. The camp is to be named Camp William Jernick in honor of the late PGER William J. Jernick. The present Elks Camp Moore was filled to capacity for the camping season.

During the past year, over \$700,000 was spent by the association and by individual lodges on behalf of crippled and handicapped children.

Diron Avedisian, director of the Elks National Service Commission, announced that for the first time a national agency would be located in New Jersey. The headquarters of the commission was moved to Brielle, NJ, June 15.



Then-GER Raymond V. Arnold (right) congratulates the new officers of the New Mexico Elks Association. From left are Second Vice-President Richard Graham, First Vice-President Dwight Ray, and President Wandel Massey.

The 57th Annual Convention of the **Texas** Elks State Association convened in El Paso June 17-19, with outgoing President Raymond Strom presiding.

Some 752 Elks and their ladies, representing 75 lodges, welcomed then-GER Raymond V. Arnold, PGER and State Sponsor Willis McDonald, Grand Treasurer Edward Schlieter, Grand Chap. Rev. B. A. Erpen, and Grand Trustee Robert Smith.

The convention was also honored to have Mrs. Gertrude Hall, widow of the late PGER George Hall, in attendance.

Newly elected officers are President Ellis Leatherwood, Houston; President-Elect Charles Williams, Plano; Secretary C. Ray DeBoard, Liberty; and Treasurer Hoyle Simes, Grand Prairie.

Texas Elks contributed over \$560,000 to the state Major Project, the Texas Foundation for Handicapped Children at Ottine. The center provides services to children—regardless of their handicapped condition—in a program of diagnosis and consultation for them and support and counseling for their families and schools

Association members contributed \$72,136 to the Elks National Foundation and 576 new pledges were signed, bringing Texas to 16th place for donations and 25th place for new pledges.

Liberty Lodge received top honors for highest average per capita of \$23.17. This average also placed the lodge No. 1 in the nation. Brownsville Lodge was first in percentage of new pledges with 15.2 percent.

Texas Elks contributed \$650,617 to other charitable, educational, and welfare programs, and donated more than 300,000 volunteer hours to civic and charitable projects.

Gonzales Lodge won a plaque for highest net membership increase, and Preston-Pottsboro, a new lodge, won an award for highest membership increase per capita.

The Veterans Remembrance Plaque went to Mesquite, and the Eleven O'Clock Toast Winner was ER Bill Robson, El Paso. (The state ritualistic contest was won by Plano Lodge at the fall conference in November.)

The association updated its By-Laws and voted to buy a computer to aid in judging ritualistic competition.

The state Elk of the Year Award went to Joe Solano, El Paso, for his outstanding work in local, district and state activities to further the principles of Elkdom.

A Memorial Service was held, at which a eulogy was given for PDD Fred Salmons, Mesquite, who died December 14, 1981. Brother Salmons was chm. of the state Major Project at the time of his death.

The 81st Annual **Washington** State Elks Association Convention was held June 17-20 in Bellevue, WA.

Attendance figures showed 1,148 delegates, ladies and guests present. Distinguished guests included then-GER Raymond V. Arnold, PGER Robert Yothers, and Oregon SP Judd Huntington.

The next annual convention of the association will be held June 16-19, 1983, in Yakima.

Homer Oberst of Lakewood Lodge was elected president of the association for 1982-83, and George Frye of Port Townsend Lodge was chosen president-elect.

Vice-Presidents elected were Alex Alexander, Spokane Valley; Bill Hansch, Tacoma;

and Joe Morrell, Kirkland-Bellevue.

Centralia-Chehalis Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest. Sherrill Henderson of Puyallup was chosen Exalted Ruler of the Year; Randy Brown of Yakima was chosen Elk of the Year; Borge Hansen of Lakewood was chosen Most Outstanding Officer of the Year; and Mrs. Joan Walker, sponsored by Renton Lodge, was voted Citizen of the Year.

Ryk Van Spoor was appointed Chairman of the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children.

During the money marches at the convention, over \$20,000 was donated to the Therapy Program, and \$6,000 was given to the Elks National Foundation.

The Rodeway Inn in Chicopee, MA, was the site of the **Massachusetts** Elks Association's Annual Convention June 11-13. Attendance totaled 1,400.

Distinguished guests included PGER Leonard Bristol, Grand Trustee Alfred Mattei, then-Grand In. Gd. Harry Sarfaty, and SDGERs Fred Quattromani and Edward O'Brien. Brothers Bristol and Mattei were guest speakers.

Quarterly meetings were scheduled for

September 19 at Springfield; January 9, 1983, at Randolph; March, 1983, at Saugus; and May, 1983, at Worcester.

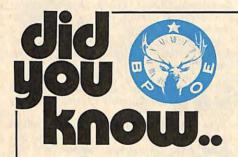
Newly elected officers of the association are President Robert Heman, Jr., Worcester; First Vice-President Robert Blomquist, Arlington; Second Vice-President Charles McWhinnie, Billerica; Third Vice-President Robert Shell, Watertown; Fourth Vice-President Albert Santinelli, Springfield; Secretary James Colbert, Somerville; and Treasurer Donald Podgurski, Norwood.

The association made scholarship awards of \$135,000 to 122 students. Donations came from lodges and individuals.

Another \$65,000 was given to hospitals for retarded and exceptional children, to homes for the elderly, and to pay for the transportation of hospitalized veterans to football and baseball games.

A golf tournament was held during the convention for the enjoyment of the members and their wives. Awards were presented to the winners. A gala parade took place on the Rodeway Inn grounds, with music furnished by the Springfield Lodge Band and Drill Team.

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Elks did it again. For the 32nd consecutive year, delegates at the 118th Grand Lodge Session in Chicago voted authority to levy an assessment of \$1.00 per member per year in the event of a national emergency or relief in case of a disaster. The resolution authorizing the assessment was introduced by PGER Frank Hise, when he made the report of the Elks National Service Commission. Although never invoked, the resolution would have raised more than \$1.6 million if needed.

Remember Doris Carie, sponsored by Effingham, IL? She became the first girl in history to shoot a perfect score (25 for 25) in the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest last March in Indianapolis.

Since that time, her dad, Larry Carie, has joined the Order and has graciously consented to serve as "Hoop Shoot" coor-

dinator in his area. Larry is an athletic director in his home town.

Speaking of the "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest, delegates to the Grand Lodge Session nearly flipped when Chris Combs, sponsored by Kingfisher, OK, Lodge, was presented. Chris also shot a perfect score in the "Hoop Shoot" (25 for 25). He was champ in the 8-9 year-old Boys Division.

When Chris was called to the stage by Emile J. Brady, national "Hoop Shoot" director, he declared he wanted to say something. Grand Esquire Robert Flynn, with the help of recorder George Covel, had to scurry to get a box for Chris to stand on in order to reach the microphone so he could say "Thanks."

GER Raymond V. Arnold had his hands full when he opened the 118th Grand Lodge Session in Chicago. He used four different gavels to open the convention. The first was presented to him by the Montana State Elks Association and made by a Brother in that state. The second was presented by Brother John Jensen of Ionia, MI, Lodge. The third by G. L. "Salty" Mountz, a past state president of the Kansas Elks Association. The fourth had been presented to Brother Arnold in 1959 when he took office as Exalted Ruler of his home lodge of Jackson, MI, No. 113.



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News of the Lodges

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LAND O'LAKES, FL, Lodge hosted the patients of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Hospital to a trip to Busch Gardens in Tampa. Following the trip, the children enjoyed a meal provided by the Sea Wolfe Restaurant before their return to the hospital.

Land O'Lakes ER Carl Mullis remarked, "It's not often that we get a chance to do this for the children. Being confined to wheelchairs does not alter their enthusiasm or spirit."

PEORIA, IL, Lodge No. 20, oldest lodge in the state of Illinois and 17th oldest in the nation, was originally instituted February 18, 1883. During the 1982-83 lodge year, Peoria Lodge is celebrating its centennial.

FREMONT, CA, Lodge recently donated \$5,000 to charitable organizations in the area. The recipients were the Association for Retarded Citizens (Dawn Center), Serra Residence Center, Shelter Against Violent Environments (SAVE), and the Salvation Army, Newark, CA.

Money for these and other charitable donations by Fremont Lodge is raised through its weekly bingo games.

WAYNE, NJ, Lodge held a very successful Second Annual Crippled Children's Charity Golf Outing.

The net proceeds from this function will be used to help handicapped children-to purchase braces, crutches, wheelchairs and other needed equipment, and to send these children to Elks Camp Moore for some fresh air and lots of love and attention.

The lodge's Crippled Children's Committee is most grateful for the community support of this event, including the 110 participating golfers, the companies and individuals who sponsored the 18 holes, all those who bought ads in the souvenir journal, and the companies and individuals who contributed an impressive number of quality prizes.

NEW LONDON, CT. "Ho Ho the Clown," an Oklahoma City TV personality, gave a special performance at New London, CT, Lodge. The show was for children of lodge members and for children from the Seaside Regional Center, which is operated by the state department of mental retardation. Ho Ho's brother, Joe Birchall, is a New London Lodge member.

PORTLAND, OR. ER Maurice Milsted of Portland, OR, Lodge donated a group of crocheted slippers to the Portland VA Medical Center for distribution to hospitalized veterans. Mrs. Bertha Ludolph, age 84, mother of a Portland Brother, has chrocheted and donated over 400 pairs of slippers for veterans.

GOLDFIELD, NV, Lodge paid tribute to 70-year-member L.O. Wynaught by dedicating its July Initiation Class to him.

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Ritual Information

The Grand Lodge in session rejected in total the revisions proposed by the Ritualistic Committee in the Ritual Blue

The revised Rituals of Special Services was accepted and approved after being amended in all Special Service Rituals as follows:

The phrase "The service shall be a public ceremony" will now read "The Service may be a public ceremony."

The Flag Retirement Service which reads "The Lodge shall deliver the service worn Flags in a box to a local mortuary for a dignified and private cremation" will now read "The Lodge may deliver the service worn Flags in a box to a local mortuary for proper disposal or any other method that is in accord with the Flag Code of Ethics."

Amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes Adopted at Chicago, Illinois, 1982

In convention assembled at Chicago, Illinois, the Grand Lodge on July 22, 1982, adopted Statutory Amendments which became binding upon members of the Order, Subordinate Lodges and their related facilities 30 days thereafter. The Amendments as adopted will be incorporated in a forthcoming supplement to the 1981 Reissue of the Grand Lodge Statutes. Hereinafter follows a digest of the Grand Lodge action as an aid to all concerned.

Section 110

Initiation which had been No. 8 in the Order of Business was changed to become No. 4 in the Order of Business so that all new Brothers might be able to participate.

Section 117

As amended, Installation of Officers may take place, when a dispensation has been obtained from the District Deputy, not earlier than March 15th or later than April 15th after election. However, any installation prior to April 1st will not be effective until April 1st.

The purpose to give a greater flexibility for the date of installation.

> Robert J. Sabin, Chairman Committee on Judiciary

In case you hadn't noticed, a lot of travelers are doing these days what they've threatened to do for years: They're escaping the humdrum of life by setting sail on freighters. Where to? Anywhere. The destination isn't as important as the chance to leave the cares behind. So if you've ever had the urge to chuck it all and say byebye, world, then read on.

For starters, there's young Edmund Kirk who operates his highly successful freighter business out of Flushing, NY. On the West Coast it's George Henck and Leland J. Fledger (but more about them later). Let's get started with Kirk, who has been sending landlubbers off on great adventures for the past 15 years, to ports that conjure up images of the action spots in a score of spy novels. Places like Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Istanbul, Alexandria, Casablanca, Tunis, Tenerife and Barcelona. These and scores of others. Dozens of destinations at every turn of the earth.

If you would believe Kirk, freighter travel is one of the few bargains in the world today. To prove his point, he lists trips to Japan for under \$50 a day. To East Africa, New Zealand and Australia for about \$45 a day. Other destinations stir the imagination, exotic landfalls well beyond the horizon and the crowded cities, the traffic snarls and the madness of the Uncivilized Eighties.

So just sit back on deck and relax. Fill the mind with the pleasure and the serenity of the sea. Forget the days. Forget cares, while today and tomorrow and the day after that become entwined, until time itself loses all meaning. By now, if you've grabbed the bait, Kirk is ready with the hook. Membership in his exclusive TravLtips Freighter Club entitles the individual to a bimonthly mini-magazine, leaflets and personalized travel consultations. It's worth the \$15 for the magazine alone. Even if one hasn't the time or money to run off on a cruise, the adventures told by other members make for nice dreaming.

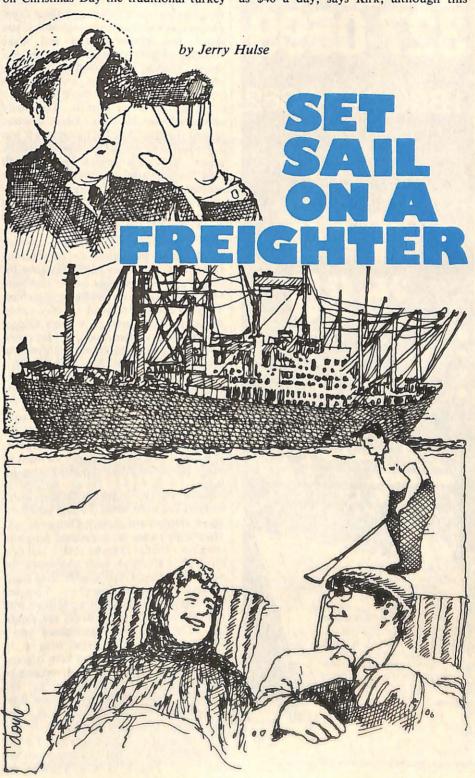
In a recent issue the John Echtemachs of Quarryville, PA, describe a trip they took to Africa aboard a Lykes Line freighter that carried a dozen passengers. "We were truly a family," they wrote. "With other passengers we played cards and cribbage. We worked crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Movies were shown in the afternoon. And there were happy hours each evening." The Echtemachs sailed to the Caribbean and beyond to Cape Town, Durban, Mombasa and Mozambique. Every cabin had a shower. There were ice buckets and card tables. Snacks were available around the clock. Passengers caught glimpses of flying fish. And they filled their souls with the memory of flaming sunsets that swept the horizon.

Another couple wrote of a journey aboard Nauru Pacific Lines' Enna G to Honolulu and beyond to Majuro, Ponape, Truk and Saipan. There were

Britishers, Australians, Tongans, Filipinos and Micronesians among the crew. And because it was a big freighter (103 passengers), a beautician was on board as well as a doctor. Passengers played shuffleboard and bingo, and when they reached Ponape, native dancers came aboard—a flashback to one of those old Jon Hall flicks that Hollywood made way, way back in the '30s. In another report in Kirk's magazine, Edna White of Akron, OH, told how the steward on the freighter she took to Australia put up a tree at Christmas time. Beneath it were gifts, and on Christmas Day the traditional turkey

dinner was served. And on New Year's Eve everyone wore paper hats and sipped champagne and danced to old Guy Lombardo records until nearly sunup.

Kirk's TravLtips club has 35,000 members, making it the world's biggest freighter organization. They come from every state as well as Canada and Mexico. Members are tapped \$15 for the annual dues, which is refunded if they buy a trip. Some freighters are booked up to two years in advance of sailing dates. TravLtips is taking reservations far into 1985. The good life can be had for as little as \$40 a day, says Kirk, although this





Sail on a Freighter

threatens to go higher as inflation nips away at freighter profits. While most freighter companies have a cutoff age of 72, Kirk's oldest customer is a 96-year-old woman from Lookout Mountain, TN, who travels with her 65-year-old son. In a rule established by the freighter lines, most companies request a health statement by a doctor if a passenger is past the 65th birthday.

The primary consideration among freighter travelers, however, is time. Companies don't guarantee pat schedules; you don't just climb aboard and make Casablanca in two weeks. You might. But again, chances are excellent that you might not. The longest cruise on the books last year took more than four months, start to finish. Originally scheduled for 80 days, labor troubles caused the snag. For the passengers it was a bonus. The extra days were on the house. This is a general rule with all freighter companies. Only if the ship returns home sooner than scheduled is there an adjustment—and it's usually in favor of the passenger. Refunds are given for those lost days.

As a general rule, passengers traveling by freighter are retired or approaching retirement age. They aren't looking for Ping-Pong tournaments or the night-owl bars associated with the big cruise ships. They're content to read or play cards. Boredom? Sure, some go bonkers. George Henck says freighter travel isn't for everyone. And he should know. His Freighter World Cruises ranks No. 1 on the West Coast. Last year his Pasadena office booked nearly 700 trips for California freighter buffs. Nearly everyone loved the life. Only a few squawked. When Henck freighter-talks a client, he kicks off the conversation on a negative note. Forget it, says he, if you want to dance all night or party till dawn. Take the Love Boat in-

Once at sea, some passengers won't budge—not even when the ship hits port. These are the card players. Or the readers. They'll go to see an occasional movie in the ship's lounge. Maybe soak a few rays on deck. Or just sit back and watch the horizon. Because that's what they came aboard for in the first place. They are passengers who've had it up to here with the rat race. They're seeking the simple life. The ones who get bored easily sometimes start the cocktail hour at 10 o'clock in the morning and keep it going all day. Warning: Freighter travel can be harmful to the liver.

As for those long freighter wait lists, Henck says rubbish. "If you want to go next week we'll find a ship for you. There is always one with an empty berth going somewhere." Like his counterpart on the East Coast, Henck publishes a newsletter.

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Only his comes out biweekly. It costs the customers \$18 a year to keep up with the latest goings-on in the freighter world. Henck praises and he damns. And woe be to the line that's done his people wrong. In a recent issue of his "Freighter Advisory" Henck castigated a line he said was responsible for a number of passenger complaints. "We will no longer be representing this company until necessary improvements are made," Henck told his readers.

Besides booking space, Henck helps passengers secure visas. He also keeps them advised of changes in departure dates. Freighter travel is a gamble; one is never certain of the sailing date. And the return is even more nebulous. His customers are forever asking Henck how much time they'll have in the various ports. He's never sure. On a container ship it could be a few hours. On the other hand it could be days. Last year a freighter was tied up in Egypt for three weeks due to a labor dispute.

Like Ed Kirk in New York, Henck figures the cheapest cruise costs between \$45 and \$50 a day. That's for meals as well as cabin. Interestingly, the most expensive freighters—those of the American President Line—are among the most popular. Eighty days at sea costs upward of \$6,000 per person in a double cabin. APL passengers seldom get more than two weeks' notice concerning where their freighter will be going. And that, say old hands, is half the fun. Freighter travel is supposed to be an adventure. This business of not knowing adds to the excitement. According to Henck, all five APL freighters are booked almost to capacity into 1984.

Likewise popular are Delta Line's cruises that sail every two weeks to the Caribbean and South America. These are 20,000-ton American-flag cargo liners carrying up to 100 passengers. Cabins are carpeted and air-conditioned. There are swimming pools, lounges and entertainment, along with shuffleboard, Ping-Pong, darts and golf. It's first-class all the way, says Henck. "Just like on the big cruise ships." These are 54-day voyages (or thereabouts) with calls at Puerto Vallarta, Balboa, Rio, Buenos Aires, the Galapagos and a lineup of other ports and attractions. On the smaller freighters, formality isn't a concern. Of his trip one passenger wrote: "We had no news of

what was going on in the world. The only bell we heard was the ship's bell or the dinner bell. No doorbells with solicitors or office problems. No television, no outpouring of commercials, no daily paper. Rest and relaxation was the order of the day."

In Salem, OR, Leland J. Fledger publishes a handy little bulletin titled 'Freighter Travel News' that keeps members of his Freighter Travel Club of America up to date on other freighter happenings. There is a Q and A column, with reports submitted by readers. One freighter buff wrote: "When we left our ship after 40 days, each passenger was given a complete setting of the ship's china, glassware and silver, a nice souvenir of the perfect passenger service that is no more." She should have added -only on freighters.

Here are the addresses of freighter offices named in this article:

- Freighter World Cruises, 180 S. Lake Ave. (Suite 335), Pasadena, CA 91101.
- Freighter Travel Club of America, P.O. Box 12693, Salem, OR 97309.
- TravLtips, P.O. Box 188, Flushing, NY 11358.

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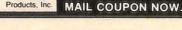
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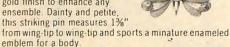
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Again this year, the Grand Lodge Activities Committee will conduct a Memorial Day Brochure Contest, and awards will be presented for first, second, and third places in each of the five membership divisions as listed in the Grand Lodge Activities Program. The following criteria will again form the basis for judging the brochures:

- 1. Arrangement and neatness
- Overall visual effectiveness
- 3. Lodge bulletin articles
- News releases to media
- Media coverage and articles
- Invitations to families
- Invitations to guests

- 8. Speakers
- 9. Other special guests
- 10. Escorts for widows
- 11. Printed program
- 12. Pictures (and captions)
- 13. Lodge Room arrangements 14. Other plans and arrangements

15. Thank-you letters

Again this year, there will be no limitation on the size of your brochures, and you are encouraged to use your own discretion in this regard.

All brochures must be sent to Carlon M. O'Malley, Jr., Lodge Activities Committee, RD #1, Deer Lake, Dalton, PA 18414, and must be postmarked no later than January 15, 1983, to be eligible for judging.

Every Exalted Ruler is urged to charge your Memorial Committee with providing an outstanding Memorial Service and submitting a brochure which will be on display at the 1983 convention reflecting your outstanding efforts.

Carlon M. O'Malley, Jr., Member **GL Lodge Activities Committee**

"Community Image" - Contest A

When your community thinks about Elks, what image does it see? Is it that of an exclusive social club, or is it that of a vital, caring organization-always looking for new ways to serve its country and its community and for new members to become active in its many programs of outreach?

The way in which our communities perceive our Order is extremely important to our continued growth and well-being. We must constantly be alert to make sure that our image is always a very positive one. Sometimes a single careless, unthinking action by a lodge or its membership can completely wreck a very carefully built-up image of our Order. We must always be proud of our membership in the Elks, and we must always be looking for ways to show our communities just how much "ELKS CARE."

There are many ways to be of service in our communities. Activities can include leading various fund drives, sponsoring and assisting in youth programs, providing needed support to veterans services and crippled children's homes, opening the lodge facilities for use by senior citizens and youth groups, and many others. The immediate challenge is to find the things that are needed in your community and to provide the leadership to get them done. Then, make sure that your lodge receives the proper publicity to let the entire community know how Elks are helping. We do not need to brag about what we do; but we should certainly not be shy about letting people know who we are, what we stand for, and why Elks are so willing to help others.

The Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge is sponsoring a contest to recognize the lodges in the various membership categories which foster the best Community Image Program during the year. All lodges are encouraged to enter this contest by preparing and submitting a brochure describing their efforts at improving their image. These brochures will be judged not only on the quantity, in terms of programs and numbers of members involved, but mainly on the quality of the programs, in terms of goals achieved and publicity generated. Remember, Community Image means what the community thinks of your lodge and of the Elks, not what your lodge thinks of itself.

The deadline for submission of entries in this contest is February 28, 1983, but each Exalted Ruler should appoint a committee right now to start planning and gathering material for the brochure. More complete details and rules for the contest will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Grand Lodge Newsletter. Be sure that your lodge secretary watches for this issue and makes it available to the committee. First, second and thirdplace plaques will be presented to the winning lodges at the Grand Lodge Convention in Honolulu next July

Remember - "ELKS CARE." As Elks, we care about our fellowmen and about our communities, and we care about the image we create in our communities. This includes not only the outward, physical appearance of our lodge facilities, but, more importantly, the lasting impressions we create in the mind of others.

Howard W. Nunez, Member GL Lodge Activities Committee

Homestake

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gold and 7,285,784 ounces of silver, well over a billion dollars worth of precious metal. Its miners had burrowed down to the 8,000-foot level, and still the veins of ore continued.

In the late 1970s, the market literally went crazy. By early 1980, the price of gold had soared to a phenomenal \$850 an ounce, and there were those who were predicting a thousand dollar top. For The Homestake that promised a level of return that even George Hearst could never have imagined. But the volatile, speculative nature of the market brought its drawbacks, too.

As quickly as the price had zoomed upward, it dropped back down again by as much as \$500 an ounce. The market instability made it difficult, if not impossible, to plan for future development. The governor of South Dakota and the state legislature cast longing eyes at The Homestake's seemingly new bonanza and raised the severance tax sharply. The Oglala Sioux Indians brought suit against the mine, demanding \$1 billion in actual damages and \$5 billion in punitive damages "for unlawful trespass of its property" under the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868, a legal football which has been kicked around for decades by the lowest to the highest courts in the land.

The tremendous costs of lifting ore to the surface from shafts sunk well over a mile into the bowels of the earth have cut the company's margin. At least five tons of ore must be broken, hauled, hoisted, crushed, ground, separated and refined to produce a single ounce of gold. Gargantuan blowers must force cool, fresh air 8,000 feet downward where miners would have to work in temperatures of above 134 degrees without it (an obvious impossibility). Underground railroad trackage which would more than span the entire state of South Dakota has to be maintained.

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News Of The State Associations

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The Missouri Elks Association's Annual Convention was held April 16-18 at North Kansas City, MO. Registration totaled 452 Elks and their ladies, with 15 special guests and their ladies.

Distinguished guests were then-GER Raymond V. Arnold and his wife Eleanor, and PGER and State Sponsor Edward McCabe and his wife Maggie. Other Grand Lodge representatives were Grand Trustees Ted Callicott and Gerald Powell; Donald Nemitz, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and his wife Dorothy; and Emile Brady, national "Hoop Shoot" director and his wife Joy.

The next state convention was scheduled for September 24-26 at Jefferson City, MO.

Newly elected officers of the association are President Kenneth McNeel, Warrensburg; Vice-President-at-Large Robert Todd, Springfield; Vice-Presidents, East Central, Robert Armstrong, Sr., Crestwood; Northeast, John Coatney, O'Fallon; Northwest, Art Glenwinkle, Trenton; Southeast, Randy Eaton, Potosi; Southwest, Charles Vaughn, Alton-Thayer; and West Central, Robert Rialti, Sedalia; Secretary Gary Kroeck, Warrensburg; and Treasurer R. Max Frye, St. Joseph.

Washington Lodge won the state ritualistic contest.

Tom Briggs, director of the Missouri Benevolent Trust, reported that the state Major Project Mobile Dental Units provided 1,200 handicapped and mentally retarded children and adults with approximately \$525,000 worth of dental treatment.

It was also reported that lodges throughout the state had raised more than \$39,000 for the National Foundation.

W. H. Stewart O'Brien announced that he was relinquishing his position as editor of

Shozem, the state quarterly magazine, to Joseph Bennett. Outgoing SP Bernard Watters recognized Brc.;her O'Brien for his dedication and skill as editor of Shozem since its inception.

Then-GER Raymond V. Arnold read an executive order appointing outgoing SP Watters as a Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. This was both a surprise and an honor to Brother Watters.

The convention was closed with an especially impressive Memorial Service under the direction of PSP Galen Marr.

Attendance records were broken at the 53rd Annual Convention of the Connecticut Elks Association, held June 4-6 at Swan Lake, NY. More than 900 delegates, ladies, and guests were registered.

Distinguished guests were PGER Leonard Bristol, SDGERs Arthur Roy and Thaddeus Pawlowski, and Edwin Maley, Chm. of the GL Youth Activities Committee.

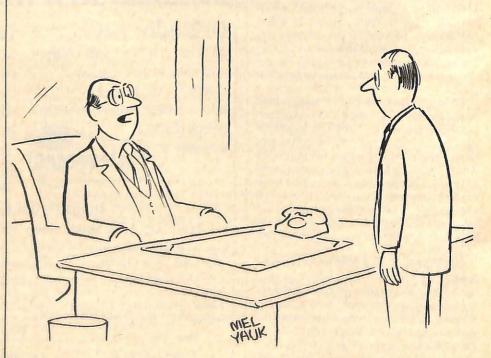
The site of the 1983 convention will be Waterbury, CT.

Newly elected officers of the association are President Douglas Murray, Milford; Vice-President East Charles Lusk, New London; Vice-President Northwest Angelo Rubbo, Waterbury; Vice-President South Central William Cullen, Hamden; Vice-President Southwest William Miller, Danbury; Secretary Thaddeus Pawlowski, Norwich, 27th term; and Treasurer Edward Szewczyk, Enfield.

Outstanding reports were submitted on membership and the National Foundation and by the Major Project and Charities Committee. The sum of \$75,000 was presented to the Children's Hospital in Newington.

The Arthur J. Roy Ritualistic Trophy was presented to the officers of Manchester Lodge, and it was announced that John Pugmire will receive the Thaddeus J. Pawlowski Scholarship Award, with presentation to be made at Willimantic Lodge.

The President's Reception was the closing event Saturday. The annual Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m. Sunday.



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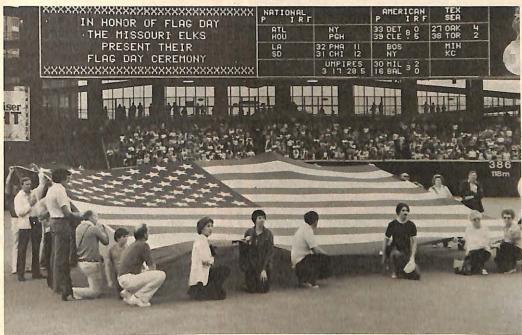
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COSHOCTON, OH. ER Fred Butts (left) of Coshocton, OH, Lodge presents a check for \$8,000 from the Ohio Elks Association to Cordell Brown, executive director of Echoing Hills. The money will be used for operational expenses of the Warsaw Camp Echoing Hills program for cerebral palsy patients. At right is Est. Lead. Kt. Jim Ryan.



REDFORD (DETROIT), MI. ER Robert Jasmer (left) of Redford, MI, Lodge received from PGER E. Gene Fournace (right) a plaque for having the highest turnout in "Hoop Shoot" competition, 60,243 participants. Offering congratulations was Louis Johnson, state "Hoop Shoot" director. The award was made at the annual Michigan state convention in Pontiac.





ST. LOUIS, MO. The Missouri Elks Association annually invites Elks from Springfield, IL, Lodge to join in their pre-game Flag Day Ceremonies at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Missouri Elks are happy to have Springfield Brothers and their ladies bring their 15-by-25-foot flag to the ball park. A total of 279 Elks and their ladies enjoyed the ball game and fellowship.



HENDERSON, KY, Lodge hosted the Henderson County High School baseball team to a barbecued chicken dinner at the lodge. The team and Coach Bill Wayne (a lodge member) were honored for reaching the quarterfinals of the state championship tournament. From left are Coach Wayne, Co-captains Mike Church and Derek Richard, and ER Windy Francis.



ANN ARBOR, MI. Then-GER Raymond V. Arnold (right) visited Ann Arbor, MI, Lodge for the dedication of the lodge's new building. Then-DDGER John Douglass, Jr. presented the then-GER with a picture of the Law Quandrangle at the University of Michigan, where Brother Arnold graduated from law school.



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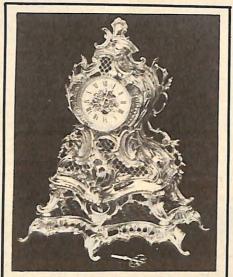
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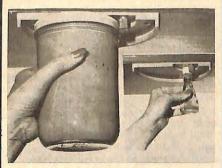
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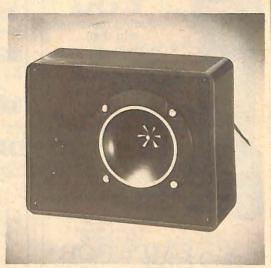
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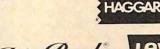
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Other areas go back to pre-Columbian times. El Morro National Monument in Ramah, NM, has a soft sandstone monolith with carvings dating from pre-Colombian days and inscriptions from the 17th century Spanish explorers and 19th century American emigrants and settlers.

And, of course, there are some places with bears. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Frankfort, MI, has two offshore islands. beaches, forests, lakes, and a vast sand dune that looks like a sleeping bear. The North Cascades National Park near Sedro Woolley, WA, does have real, live bears. Two hours from Seattle, this park also contains a half million acres of remote alpine peaks, mountain lakes and streams, glaciers, forests, plants, and other animals. There is fishing, hiking, mountain climbing, scenic drives, horseback tours, boat tours, charter plane tours, camping, and much more.

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Actually, according to the Food and Drug Administration, fat is fat, and cellulite itself is a myth. However, you could waste upwards of \$500 attempting to get rid of that myth. To find out how to protect yourself from spending your consumer dollar for nothing, send for your free copy of *Cellulite*. Write to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 560K, Pueblo, CO 81009.

Products that claim to be a remedy for cellulite include special sponges, cactus fiber washcloths, horsehair mitts, and rubberized pants. The costs can mount quickly, from a \$10 bottle of vitamin-mineral tablets, or a \$15 jar of cream, to a \$500 salon treatment.

Before spending money on any of these treatments, consumers should know there is no medical evidence that these remedies work. In fact, there is no scientific evidence that cellulite even exists.

Ordinary fat can look bumpy when the fat cells immediately beneath the skin increase in size. When this happens, the strands of fibrous tissue that connect fat cell compartments don't give, apparently causing that bulging, waffly appearance.

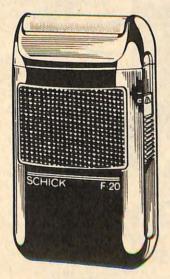
But if cellulite were really different from other fat, doctors should be able to see some chemical or structural variation. However, this isn't the case. A study of 100 people was made at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, to try to find out if cellulite is different from common fat. Needle biopsies were taken from people with lumpy fatty tissue resembling what the promoters call cellulite, as well as from people without cellulite. Pathologists were then asked to compare the samples. The results showed there was no difference.

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gold is constantly being adapted to new electronic, medical and other technological uses. While it is no longer merely being stockpiled at Fort Knox or in U.S. Mint vaults, hoarders and speculators manage to squirrel away a substantial quantity of coins, commemorative medallions and bullion.

For those reasons, The Homestake cannot possibly supply the nation's persistent demands, which means that six times more gold than comes from South Dakota's Black Hills must be imported from South Africa, Australia and other fortunate producer-countries. To complicate the world market, early in 1982 the Soviet Union began to sell off extensive quantities of its precious hoard to ease its own cash bind. All of this, of course, adds up to a growing concern: What happens if and when America's treasure chest finally peters out?

Experts estimate that all the gold mined in the world since Columbus first set sail could be amassed in a cube 50 foot square and weighing approximately 70,000 tons.

The Homestake's share of that production would be a 12-foot cube, but what the mine's future holds is Nature's secret and a supreme challenge to company geologists.

In South Dakota, of course, citizens hope that the mine will go on forever. Not only does it reduce individual tax burdens and bring in considerable out-of-state capital through bullion sales, but its above-ground tours attract approximately 60,000 visitors to the Lead complex each year, holding them in the area for at least an additional half day. Besides travel dollars, tourists shell out a substantial sum for the intricate and multi-colored jewelry bearing the renowned Black Hills Gold trademark.

Whether or not the fabulous Homestake will still be paying out when the 21st century dawns remains almost as much of a riddle as it did when the Manuel brothers and Hank Harney first speculated on the value of their find some 106 years ago. That mysterious unknown quantity—the hopeful quest—has always been the fascination of gold to those who seek it—and there's no reason to believe that human nature or the magic lure will ever change.



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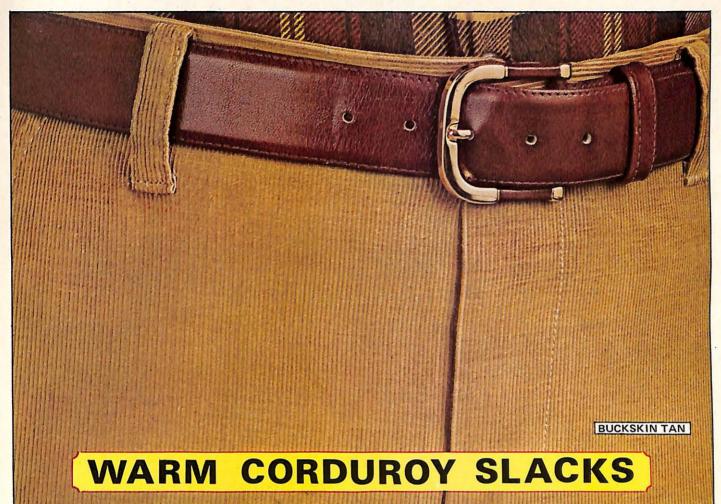
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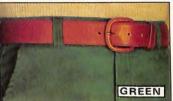
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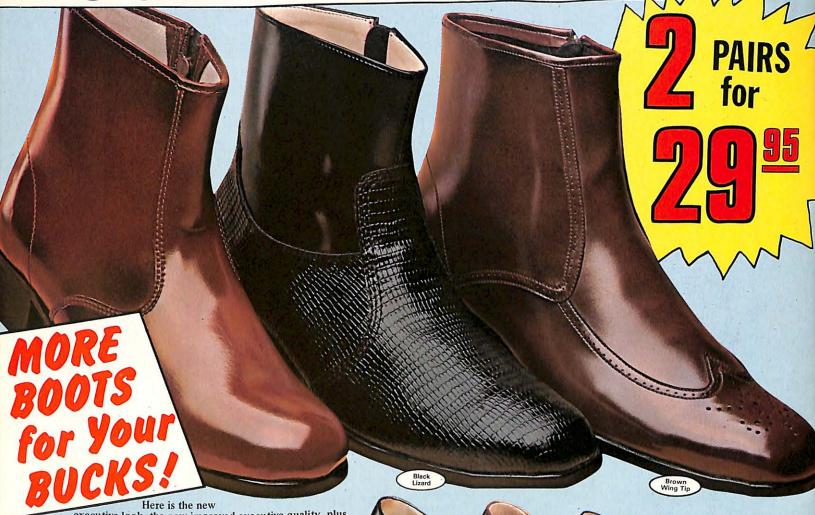
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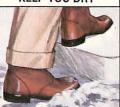
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