

down to the banquet in our main dining room. They were refreshed with the same food and beverages as were the men, and regaled with the same entertainment that had caused the boys at REAL stag parties to sit and sigh, "Alas, we were born 30 years too soon!"

Of course, there was much more to the report, but it will give you a general idea of the way things were done in 1934. . . Brother Gustav Hjelm, Assistant United States District Attorney, was principal speaker at our President's Birthday Ball Night. "Party lines were forgotten and politics given no thought as we listened to the message of hope and cheer which our brother from Modesto Lodge brought to us." In commenting on the meeting, the Bee gave us almost half a column . . . Visiting Elks accompanied by wives were accorded privileges of our hotel rooms for the first time . . . Bridge parties were off to a good start, and Fred Sprague showed several reels of Boulder Dam pictures one night . . . "El Noche en Espana" was our first dinner dance and more than 300 enjoyed this somewhat different party . . . Open house to celebrate opening of the Third Floor on February 24th also brought out the largest lodge attendance in a long, long time. It was a rollicking night that is still well remembered . . . Drill Team Frolic on March 10th was another very successful event that elicited from "Cap" Perkins the statement that the frolic was a success both socially and financially, and while their coffers were not filled to overflowing, a "goodly number of shekels" had been added to the fund . . . Sacramento officers journeyed to Marysville to initiate, and P.E.R. Misphey presided over our lodge the night of their absence, being assisted in subduing the Ruffnekks by P.E.R.'s Gannon, Meyer, Blair, Reese and Rader, and Brother Lafferty . . . Number Six regretfully announced the departure of Brother and Mrs. Harry Lilly for Oakland, where they were to make their home . . . Our first "Baseball Dinner" specially honored Brother Earl McNeely. "Gabby" Street was also one of the honor guests, and he "gabbed" at the dinner in a manner to prove he had been aptly nicknamed. Earl and "Gabby" both addressed us also in the lodge session that followed . . . And on the last day of March we "christened" our jinks room on the 4th floor that was later to become a popular rendezvous for intimate pre-lodge get-togethers.

### *New Officers Installed; Program Being Laid For October State Convention*

Installation of officers for the 1934-1935 term was not held until June, due to a new grand lodge ruling . . . Glamorous was the Neapolitan Night dinner dance. It excelled "El Noche en Espana" for it gave to us 12 Melodious Street Singers who entertained between dances . . . Spring outing at Globins May 27-28 had an attendance of 102, with Inner Guard Cox, Esquire Holmes and Lecturing Knight Brendel leading the way and making proper arrangements to get the party off to a grand start. The entire week-end was one of complete success . . . Usual "fun-fest" of past exalted rulers was unavoidably cancelled, nor were they able to perform our initiatory work. But speaking for the past rulers as a body, Billy Meyer called Ted Hall to the floor and Jack Haley asked for Bill Fingado. For the unselfish work done for our lodge there were given substantial tokens . . . Judge Plummer delivered a beautiful tribute to Our Mothers at the annual observance . . . Good Will Ambassadors from the grand lodge visited us, and 20 local autos joined in the parade which brought them into town. All were welcomed at south entrance to State Capitol by Governor Merriam—himself a member of B.P.O.E. . . . Flower Day found flowers very scarce, continued unseasonable warmth having forced out most of the usual blooms.

To the melody "I Love a Parade," the new exalted ruler, Alex Ashen, was escorted to his station, and with other new officers escorted to the posts they were to fill, P.E.R. Bill Quinn (Stockton 218), acting for the grand exalted ruler, installed them for the 1934-35 term at the June 5th meeting. Officers elected and appointed for that term were: Exalted Ruler Alex Ashen, Leading Knight Dal M. Lemmon, Loyal Knight Frank P. Brendel, Lecturing Knight Walton E. Holmes, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler P. B. Ward, Trustees—August Rodegerdts, J. G. Berger, Harold J. Thielen; Esquire Don Cox, Inner Guard Frank Mir, Organist Cy Graves, Chaplain Chas W. Kuchman . . . Mike Richert changed the name of the Ruffnekks to "Sunshine Boys," and it was feared the blow would prove an unbearable one to their past leader, Harry Lilly, who had removed to Oakland. It is needless to add that the change in name did not also reflect a change in character even though Mike had equipped them with wings—they were still the same rough necks as before. But we loved them then, and we still do, for they are always among our hardest workers . . . A letter from our first exalted ruler, Brother Lewis H. Brown, told that he was regularly visiting members of No. 6 hospitalized in San Francisco or residing there. Though then well past 70, Brother Brown was visiting our S. F. Shut-Ins each week, including F. O. St. Denis, Bill Melarkey and Harry van Cleave. Brother Brown concluded his letter to our secretary with these words: "Command me at any time, for visiting these members of No. 6 is truly a labor of love" . . . Bill Quinn, though a member and past ruler of Stockton Elks, attended No. 6 sessions with such regularity that we "unofficially" adopted him as our own, and Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon had not only appointed him District Deputy, California North, but State Association General Chairman Misphey also named him to the chairmanship of our Ballyhoo Committee for the forthcoming State Convention to be held in Sacramento . . . KFBK started a series of weekly broadcasts from our lodge room and auditorium functions . . . One of our constant habitues, Dan Barr, was taking a 2-month tour of "land and sea."

### *Colorful Ending To Great Convention; \$10 Free To Delinquent Or Suspended Members*

Twentieth annual Convention of Elks State Association that had proven one of the most successful in State Elk History came to a colorful close on October 6th when 2000 B.P.O.E.'rs and their ladies attended the grand ball in Municipal Auditorium, led by the newly elected State president, Milton Standish (San Bernardino) and his wife, and directed by Jess Hession and Doc Brendel. Inasmuch as we have a State Conclave but once in a couple of decades, we'll here reproduce a few of the close-ups, knowing full well they'll help renew your interest in No. 6, Best People on Earth:

The eleven o'clock toast by State President Milton Standish; and General Chairman J. Fred Misphey and the Mrs. JFM at dinner with the man with the dough—Association Treasurer Glenn Rood and lady; Mrs. Jess Hession and Walton Holmes (lecturing knight) giving an exhibition dance; and our ex-president (young and handsome) J. Thomas Crowe who says "Now I'll have to go to work"; and Brother McCormick, PER of Modesto lodge tripping the light fantastic; and a number dedicated to our reliable PER John Thomas Stafford who was shaking a wicked foot; and the boys from Long Beach 888 very much in evidence; and Monrovia on parade in Doc Herspring's dining room; and Mrs. John Hines (yes, wife of Bro. Jack Hines) entertaining with musical selections; and Roy Higgins giving a bridge lesson in the hall of the auditorium; and PER "Cher" Gannon—senatorial candidate, with lovely Ruth (his wife) doing the latest steps; and PER Alex Ashen, PER Charlie (Little Giant) Kuchman, PER (Judge) Glenn, PER Hal Willis—all doing their stuff; and PER Jack Haley, chairman of the grand ball, who had a right to be proud of his part in the convention program; and PER DA McAllister—official greeter, doing his greetings; and Glen V. Slater of Fresno Lodge with broken arches; and another Fresnan, Assistant District Attorney Ray Carter, accompanied by the lady editor of the Reedley Exponent, Helen Burk; and Art Day sitting on the side lines; and several of the "Brudders" looking for "just one more" (drink); and 1990 other Elks and friends (ladies) all deserving personal mention but space will not permit. But a good time was had by all. . . . In addition to the grand ball, entertainment features included a Bowling Tournament, Coloma Trip, Drill Contest (won by Oakland, our own team as a courtesy matter being barred from competing), Radio Address by Retiring President Tom Crowe (Tulare), Hi Jinks in Municipal Auditorium, Tom Scollan "demonstrating his beautiful brogue and masterful blarney," a Giant Parade and a Magnificent Banquet, Handball Contest (Los Angeles entry winning), Organ Recitals, etc. . . . PER Willis was elected State Trustee, and Santa Monica named next convention city.

Every delinquent or suspended member was given a \$10 credit for aid in disposing of a book of Charity Ball tickets, and also a chance on winning one of the cash awards totaling \$1000. . . . Chief Cato addressed us on the "Red" Menace. . . . Five "5's" appeared in a friendly poker game between Bert Peterson, Ned Farr, "Deacon" Case, and "Ote" St. Denis, with Jim Kennedy, Bill "Old Man" Dupen, Bill Fingado, Dave Weiner, Eddie Griffing and Cap Perkins kabitzing. So far as we know, the miscreant who shoved in the extra 5-spot is still nameless, but you might read over the foregoing list and judge for yourself. Incidentally Bert Peterson had not yet gone to Burma. . . . Through the nimrodic ability of G. D. P. Francis, 30 Ruffnekks were given a grand duck dinner. . . . Beer and sandwiches were served in the club rooms as an Election Night feature of one of our best-attended lodge sessions, and a special loud speaker had been set up. . . . Their "wings" had not lasted long, and Mike Richert importuned us to hereafter refer to his "Sunshine Boys" as Ruffnekks—and Ruffnekks they still remain. . . . Bridge parties were again going strong, and an organ recital was a prelude to the games. . . . Halloween Carnival started our dinner dances. . . . Football Open House on November 24th with Jerry McDonald "arranging" gave us another afternoon of real fellowship, packing our club rooms during the broadcast of the Big Game. . . . P.E.R. McCormick (Modesto) again our speaker at the Lodge of Sorrow. . . . District Deputy Quinn made his official visit. . . . Brother Arthur Mart was making weekly trips from Placerville just to attend lodge—a most worthy example. . . . Paul Taylor and Ed Brown were making plans to send our best handball players to compete in the Harold Lloyd Invitational Tournament, Los Angeles. . . . George Kaminsky and Harold Scott were among first winners of the radios being given in connection with our Charity Ball. . . . Sacramento Firemen were mending broken toys to provide Christmas gifts for children who might not otherwise be remembered. . . . While our boys were at lodge one night, the ladies were being entertained at bridge, and at 10 o'clock dancing occupied the rest of the evening. . . . "Elks Not Wanted" headed a short note to the effect members of our order were neither desired nor permitted at the Communist trial then holding in Judge Lemmon's court. . . . Brother Gus Owens, first editor of Number Six, and secretary from August 14, 1906, until his resignation "account matrimony incurred in October of that year as a result of the Yellowstone Excursion and Grand Lodge at Portland in 1912." Whereupon we had the "assumption" of Secretary Leitch, who has since continually served us. Gus had become secretary upon the resignation of M. J. Sullivan, himself resigning the post of organizer to become secretary. Following Brother Owens' marriage he removed to Oakland account business affiliations. . . . Frank Wilcox was "off to Manila" where Uncle Sam had placed him at Nichols Field. . . . Christmas party gave cheer to many poor urchins, as well as some of our own children, and Billy Peterson was again Saint Nick, with Ralph Francis, Ted Hall, Herb Grow, A. L. Case, J. H. McMahon and Babe Bottaro doing their own swell parts. . . . Doc Brendel put on his after-lodge one-year-delayed Christmas party with real noggy eggnoggs. . . . Cap Perkins' boys of the Escort Team put on their best New Year's Eve dinner dance that wound up the grand year of 1934 and further added to their "On To Santa Monica" fund.

## Crusaders In 1935 Created Much Interest

Pictured on the front page of January 1935, Number Six were our "Crusaders," all decked out in appropriate costume typifying the Knights of Old. Exalted Ruler Ashen was out to beat down Old Man Depression who was then sticking his ugly nose into every fraternity, and Alex argued that a bit of lively, good cheer would aid in bolstering our own sagging spirits. So came the "Crusaders" to be born, and this gladsome group was made up of several Sir Knights who were to head individual battle formations. They were: Frank Mir Gladiators, Walton Holmes Knights, George Chambers Barons, Lloyd Buchler Princes and Mike Richert Jesters. The Barons were Elks of many years standing; the Knights represented our officers and past rulers; the Gladiators were boys from the basement; the Jesters were all Ruffnekks, and the Princes composed of our younger members. Much good was accomplished. . . . 15-minute organ recitals were continuing in popularity, with Cy Graves coming in from his Oak Park theatre each Wednesday night to preside at the console of our wonderful organ, his melodies being aired over KFBK. . . . Our auditorium was almost filled to capacity at the first dinner by the Crusaders on January 29th, and we were on our way to the desired half hundred applications for the March initiation. . . . Paul Taylor was getting his handballers—Mir, Vanina, Zoller, Blake, and Vasutin, in shape for invasion of the San Francisco "Y". . . . The "Haunting Melodies of Hawaii" lured a quarter thousand

devotees to our first dinner dance of the New Year . . . Attorney General Webb appointed Neil McAllister special prosecutor for the Communist trial . . . Mesdames Berger, Meyers, Reed, Oakley, White (H. C.), Cooke, Alexander (Walter), Schaefer, Noonan, Veon, Brown (Art), Mir, Kinney, Wilcox, Farley, Rawlins, Pratt (Parley), Geisler, Kaminsky (J.), Johnston, Murray, Watts and Punshon, and Miss Stern put on a really worthwhile Ladies' Night in the Athletic Department, featuring aquatic events and a simply marvelous lunch . . . Washington's Birthday Ball and a "Night In Killarney" wound up winter dances . . . Final bridge party was held April 10th, and tournament winners were Mrs. E. R. Anderson and Secretary Leitch in auction; Mrs. Evan Roy Higgins and Evan Roy himself in contract.

### *Reno Visits Us En Masse; After-Lodge Feast Honors McNeely's Solons*

A "rarin', tearin', rootin', tootin'" gang came down via SP from Reno to help us open the baseball season, and to initiate a class of candidates that included Assemblyman C. Don Field for Glendale lodge, two of their own from the Nevada metropolis, and several for No. 6. O, it rained—of course—but what an afternoon and night it was. There were no chilling spirits in our Temple "when Reno came to town," even if the opening of our ball season did have to be delayed . . . Sacramento officers initiated for Stockton, and the night they were gone we featured an Appreciation Night for Brother Earl McNeely and his ball club, which wound up with a big after-lodge beer-and-weeny bust, and real old-time barber shop harmony . . . Our Handballers showed much improvement against the South End Rowing Club . . . Flag Day was observed in Dixon with Sacramento and Woodland Elks holding a joint ceremonial . . . Spring outing was held at Ziegler's Hot Springs, and Maury Rotholz reported the event in his usual breezy style . . . \$344 was netted to Escort Teams' "On To Santa Monica" fund through cooperation of Brother Frank Murray who donated the profits from our direct sale of tickets to his June 21st motorcycle races . . . Installation dinner was held June 11th, and these are the officers who served us for the 1935-1936 year: Exalted Ruler Dal M. Lemmon, Leading Knight Frank P. Brendel, Loyal Knight Walton E. Holmes, Lecturing Knight Don Cox, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler P. B. Ward; Trustees—August Rodegerdts, J. G. Berger, Harold J. Thielen; Esquire Frank Mir, Inner Guard R. F. Gilbride, Organist Cy Graves, Chaplain Alex Ashen.

With new officers on the job at approximate beginning of the new fiscal year, things began to happen. Bill Watts was appointed athletic chairman, we undertook to dispose of a flock of scrip books as a patriotic gesture for the State Fair and a "Show Boat" tour of San Francisco bay to see the progress on both bridges was arranged by Oakland Elks . . . In September plans were begun for our 40th Anniversary . . . Also one of our first fall activities was a "lagerfest" that brought out a thirsty, but melodious crowd . . . A late September event was the Dal Lemmon Night in the basement which was an evening of athletic and swimming events, followed by eats and dancing—a wonderful tribute to the new exalted ruler . . . Mike Richert showed evidence of return-to-form when he proposed an "Excursion To Ethiopia" as a counter attraction to a certain great ruler's suggestion of a trip to Panama and way ports . . . Exalted Ruler Lemmon's report on the grand lodge convention was a masterpiece . . . Escort Team knocked down all comers in the State Convention competition and came out first with a 96 score, runners-up gaining 93 and 89. Cap Perkins was justly proud . . . Due to the death of Johnny Berger, an election for trustee to fill his unexpired term resulted in Clovis La Grave being named to the post . . . Two past exalted rulers were lost to us within but little more than two months—Charley Kuchman on August 7th and Jack Stafford on October 8th . . . But one dinner dance was scheduled for the fall season—November 16th . . . P.E.R. Ing was made general chairman for our 40th Anniversary . . . Secretary Leitch and Babe Bottaro went a-calling on our Shut-Ins one chill October afternoon and left a flask of mellowed cheer with each sick brother as a calling card for the occasion—the gift, of course, of Babe . . . Rev. Moats was speaker and Johnny Rivolta chairman of the memorial day program . . . Our still blushing bridegroom presided at the piano and Walton Holmes led the mixed harmony at a pre-lodge dinner on the 4th floor that was the second in the series of intimate get-togethers, the first having honored Earl Lee Kelly as its special guest . . . Christmas party for children was a very successful venture . . . Campaign for volunteer contributions for charity was disappointing.

### *"Forty Years Of Achieving" Keynoted Our 40th Anniversary*

Mighty proud was John Ing the night of December 21st when he saw how the brothers literally swarmed in upon him to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of this lodge. Never has there been a more enthusiastic gang of the boys assembled together in our Temple for an event of this kind, and never do we recall a larger one confined exclusively to members. No wonder this grand Elk's heart was overflowing with pride. At the banquet where elk meat was the entree, there was not even one vacant seat, and the crowd attending the lodge session filled that beautiful room to bulging. P.E.R. Haley was toastmaster, and Brother Robert Devlin speaker of the evening, and also presenting Life Memberships to Brothers Billy Mullenev and Dr. Atkinson. Fred Adams, who had also been similarly honored, was unable to attend as his wife was very ill. For lighter entertainment Honor-Host P.E.R. John Ing had provided a comedy skit, Ancient and Esoteric Order of Hens, who performed a mock initiation. A great birthday cake with 40 lighted candles was placed on the altar, and Ethiopian Ambassador Mike Richert presided at the "cutting," with Escort Team members serving a liberal portion of the cake and a glass (paper cup) of wine to every one present. Personal observations by our special reporter, Maury, were:

Sheriff Don Cox discovering two of the hidden "kitty-cans" in pockets of S. Luke Howe . . . The Noon Volley-ball Gang all there in person (but not in their undies) . . . "Believe it or not" before and after the dinner, the card tables were minus the usual players . . . Past-Exhausted Ruler Jack Lynn organizing his own private quartette. Or was it a sextette? . . . All Past-Exhausted Rulers without tuxedos . . . Forrest Laugenour

and his stooge "Bunny", hitched-hiked up from the "hot-room" . . . Sam Dyson, hale and hearty, after three weeks renovating his hacienda in Fair Oaks . . . Ernest "Ham-and-Eggs" Bacon, former Organizer of rummy games, now organizer de luxe . . . Toastmaster Jack Haley in all his glory introducing our distinguished speaker, Robert T. Devlin . . . Chester "Joaquin Marietta" Gannon speechless . . . Past-Exhausted Rulers "Connie" Mahoney and Eddie Reese, and others in the bald-headed row, trying to get the phone number of "Miss America Betricia Peterson" . . . Head-waiter "Hawkins" Richert with my spats . . . Tom McAuliffe reminiscing (or trying to) with an article "A Royal Time Under the Oaks" from the Western Elk of June, 1901 . . . All hail Past-Exhausted Ruler Johnny Ing for his pageant and mock initiation of the "Rise and Fall of the Hens and Roosters" and all his cohorts . . . "Rooster" Notch Parino and the little chickies Thor Jensen, "Cap" Perkins, Irving Schwartz . . . "Peanuts" Ashbury, "Omar the Tentmaker" Janak and Ed Brown.

## Drill Team Again National Champs In 1936

Highlighting 1936 was the winning of National Championship honors by our Escort Team under the able leadership of Cap Perkins at Grand Lodge in Los Angeles, and the grand bull's head stag breakfast in September. However, our boys got a little careless at State Convention in Oakland and were only successful in gaining a tie with Huntington Park . . . "Steamer To Be Our Home for 19 Glorious Days" headed announcement of No. 6's cruise to the Cross Roads of the World—Panama, on the Talamanca beginning May 15 . . . Weekly pre-lodge dinners which had begun in the fall under chairmanship of Ernie Bacon were increasing in popularity. Extra tables were often required to accommodate our hungry Elks, and the chairman announced there was a "waiting list" of fellow members anxious to provide wine for these dinners, among whom were:

First sponsor for 1936 was "Jack" Sherman (Sherman, Howell and Wittig), and at the next dinner "Jack" Johnson (Palace Laundry—"Don't Kill Your Wife; Let Jack Do It!") was host. Other wine hosts for these happy and long-remembered intimate dinners included: Royal Miller and Mike Richert (Miller Automobile Company), Dr. Frank P. Brendel (leading knight), Ed Boyle (Boyle Cleaners), Jimmy Garlick (funeral parlors), Walton Holmes (loyal knight) and Doc Gilbride (inner guard) with Bill McQuillan providing an added attraction in a suckling pig, Si Hornstein (Columbia Market), Herb Grow (laundry and towel supply), Neil McAllister (P.E.R.), Jerome Clark (Cascade), Byron Holland (welding works), Hal Willis (P.E.R.), Ted Lester (Lester Autos), Earl Schnetz (Old Home Bread), Chet Gannon (g.p.e.r.o.t.a.), Tony Marty and Carl Indercum (Home Milk Company), Chairman Ernie Bacon (Western Air Conditioner Company), A. H. Davies (sign painter), Alwyn Clark (Calvert—only he didn't furnish wine, but a miniature bottle of his firm's best to each brother at the dinner), Doc E. E. Kendall (dentist at 1012 8th), Guy Hamilton (McClatchy Syndicate), Heine Winter (sign painter), Secretary Leitch, and House Manager Herspring.

In addition to the foregoing there were other hosts whose names presently escape us. These intimate weekly dinners were a true gathering of good fellows, and it was unfortunate that trying conditions of the time finally forced their discontinuance . . . First dinner dance was a "Snowball Party" . . . Woodland came over February 18th to initiate for us and Brother Frank Gabe presented his dog "Keith" as the entertainment feature . . . Bridge parties were continuing popular under chairmanship of Brother Tarbell . . . We went down to Pittsburg March 19 to help christen their new home, and from reports Sacramento Elks all but wrecked the quiet composure of that village.

## Unusual Ladies' Night; State Presidents Visit; Installation; Spring Outing

An unusual ladies' night was featured by mixed events in the basement from 7:30 to 8:00, a strictly stag affair (also in basement) from 8:15 to 9:15 while a presentation of Brother Ing's "Ancient and Esoteric Order of Hens" initiation was given in the lodge room at the same hour for ladies only, and from 9:30 until midnight we provided dancing and refreshments for free . . . State President Smith (San Jose) made his official visit, and Stockton and Woodland Elks joined us in honoring this fine officer . . . Fritz Kaminsky received a Diploma of Graduation from the Federal Law Enforcement Training School at Washington. J. Edgar Hoover reported there were only six successful candidates for the honor . . . Bill Watts became the "publicist" for Athletic Department . . . P.E.R. Carl B. Sturznacker (Redondo Beach) was chief installing officer for the following 1936-1937 official family: Exalted Ruler Frank P. Brendel, Leading Knight Walton E. Holmes, Loyal Knight Don Cox, Lecturing Knight Frank Mir, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler P. B. Ward; Trustees—August Rodegerdts, Harold J. Thielen, C. T. La Grave; Esquire Roderick F. Gilbride, Inner Guard Arthur E. Brown, Chaplain Dal M. Lemmon, Organizer Ernest F. Bacon . . . Sixteen past rulers attended the installation—Blair, Lynn, Meyer, Kay, Yoerk, Straub, Reese, Ing, Brand, Thielen, Hicks, Gannon, Misphey, Rader, Willis, Glenn, McAllister and Ashen . . . 700 bouquets were put into the sick rooms of Sacramento by our lodge, and of this great number Brother Al Leavitt personally delivered more than half . . . Dr. Harvey Veon was named chairman of the 9-man Athletic Committee. Joe Averill was chief publicist with Cliff Anderson, Ed Brown, Fred Corfee, Jack Kinney and Bill Taylor reporting specific sections . . . To Ted Lester was given the chore of looking after all entertainment features . . . An early May event was the special dinner honoring Phil Bartelme and his Sacramento Solons . . . Brother Clarence Larkin was appointed warden at Folsom Prison . . . Brother Ing's "Esoteric Order of Hens" were invited by Stockton Elks to present a "command performance" . . . Jack Inman was appointed Superior Judge of Sierra County . . . Brother Frank Lauppe was chairman of the highly successful spring outing at Globins . . . Charley "Two-Keg" Gallagher was back making a nuisance of himself again after a long illness. Always a hard worker for our lodge, he was truly welcomed.

## Lodge Saddened By Tragic Death Of Exalted Ruler Brendel

Resulting from a slip off the gangplank to his houseboat, Exalted Ruler Frank P. Brendel met his death by drowning but little more than one month following his accession to the highest office within the gift of our lodge. "Doc" (as he was lovingly called by us all) had barely got

the wonderful program under way that had lain so close to his heart during the years of his service in the various chairs of our lodge. Concerning our loved ruler, Number Six said:

For himself, as our exalted ruler, he sought no honors; for his lodge he sought and worked for the highest success in civic standing and community prosperity. In the fraternal welfare of No. 6, there lay his heart; in its financial independence, there lay his every ambition.

Now, the realization of his hopes he will never see, for the waters of the Sacramento, though placid at times, are often treacherous and cruel, and without warning they snatched him from us, holding him fast for a while, but finally yielding him into our hands that we might bury our dead. So we took him to our Temple, and there covered him with flowers—Flowers of Memory for the many deeds of true devotion that he had done as a brother in our lodge; Flowers of Memory for the boundless charity that had ever been a part of his life in his work as a physician and a surgeon—a work devoted to the rich and to the poor alike.

Of our late exalted ruler and of his charity work "C.J.L." (himself not an Elk) wrote in his column in the Union:

Dr. Brendel was an able medical man and a popular citizen . . . He was widely known in the community. He was liked and respected. Many an occasion was brightened by his presence and his irresistible good humor. Many a charity patient is sound of limb today because of the treatment given without charge by this specialist in shattered and diseased bones . . . Sacramento Elks are saddened by losing their exalted ruler . . . Sacramento has been deprived of an able medical man.

Our Services were simple. The officers followed but the ritual—Brother Ashen read the prayer, Brother Graves lifted our thoughts with eloquent music at the organ, Brother McAllister recited Thanatopsis, and a guard of honor from the Knights Templar stood at attention at the bed wherein we had laid him with loving hands and heavy hearts.

To fill the unexpired term, an election was held which named Leading Knight Holmes to the vacancy, all other chair officers were advanced, and "Cap" Perkins started his official career in the post of inner guard.

### *Past Exalted Ruler Willis Also Answered Final Summons*

Within a few days following the death of our exalted ruler, a much-loved former ruler was called to his Eternal Reward. Concerning the sudden passing of this highly-regarded, hard-working Elk, Number Six said, in part:

Answering a Summons that was sudden in its call, Brother Hal E. Willis, past exalted ruler, ceased his dictation of a letter for his company early one morning in June. And his Books of Life were closed . . . Hal has been one of Elkdom's most tireless past rulers, his interest in his order and his lodge never ceasing, his last great undertaking being the excursion to Panama Canal, which he made such a happy event for the guests of our lodge who were fortunately able to attend . . . Hal has gone. But his memory will live with us long; our honor to him will be ever-enduring.

At the graveside P.E.R. Thielen paid Brother Willis a touching tribute, and the Elks Hall Association (of which he was a member) eulogized his memory in a resolution that eloquently bespoke their sincere sorrow.

### *Flag Day Exercises; 10th Anniversary In New Temple; Bull's Head Breakfast*

State Commander Warren Atherton was principal speaker at our Flag Day observance in the Stadium, and practically every fraternal and patriotic group in Sacramento helped us make this a truly memorable occasion. These included:

Post 61 Band, Firemen's Band, Camelia City Band, Manhart Drum Corps, V.F.W. Drum Corps, Sacramento N.S.G.W. Drum Corps, O'Reilly-Bluett Drum Corps, Ben Ali Shrine Patrol, Ben Ali Shrine Chanters, Ben Ali Shrine Wrecking Crew, Sacramento Elks, Woodland Elks, Canton Sacramento 1, M.W.A. Senior, M.W.A. Junior, Sacramento Scouts, Sunset N.S.G.W. Drill Team, Auxiliary Post 61, S.P.R.S.I., N.D.G.W. Drill Team, Sacramento N.S.G.W., Auxiliary Spanish-American War Veterans, American War Mothers, American Red Cross, Spanish-American War Veterans, '49 Log Cabin Club, Shrine Band, G.A.R. Veterans in car, Three Spanish-American War Veterans in uniform, Three World War Veterans in uniform, Three Cadets in uniform, Three Eagle Scouts in uniform, Three Japanese Scouts in uniform, Three Chinese Scouts in uniform, Three Colored Scouts in uniform.

Something new in stag entertainments was offered in our Bull's Head Breakfast that Eddie Reese was chairmanizing and Brothers Holmes, Elliott, Ruhstaller, Hugh Walls, Waugh, Richert, Shorrocks, Scollan, Chambers, Sheriff Cox, "Docs" March, Gilbride and Webber assisting. The "breakfast" was held at Natoma Grove near Folsom, and the trip made via S. P., the fee of a dollar fifty carrying everything—railroad fare, barbecued meats, beans, beer and entertainment, and if our memory is not too faulty, nearly 500 attended the strictly stag affair. Jack Lynn—never in better form—introduced committee workers to the half-thousand who had been-hungry Elks, and well-lubricated tonsils of "Wild Bill" Elliott, Art Brown, Bill Watts, Doc Gilbride, Bert Peterson, Bill Peterson, Secretary Leitch and, betimes, your editor mixing up Down By the Old Mill Stream, I've Been Working On the Railroad, Sweet Adeline and other grand old barber shop harmonies . . . Thor Jensen took up publicizing the Escort Team, and we visited Woodland with them . . . Big dinner for Brother Frank Buck was an October event . . . Tom McAuliffe was chairman and Brother John Burnett (San Jose) speaker at memorial services . . . \$2,200 was raised for our Christmas charity . . . Usual Christmas Party for the little ones was held, and Drill Team closed the year with a highly successful New Year's Eve Frolic.

### *1937 Gave Us Our First Big Football Game*

Sponsored by our lodge, but really a public affair, the testimonial dinner to Brother and Mrs. V. S. McClatchy was highly successful, bringing to our Temple civic and fraternal leaders seldom seen at public gatherings in those days . . . A formal ball was held January 22d with that grand and loyal Elk, Jack Johnson, and Exalted Ruler Holmes doing the "hosting" honors . . . Our new and enlarged club bar was getting a big play . . . Robert E. James was made chairman of our weekly pre-lodge 4th Floor dinners at 55 cents . . . Art Waugh got out Number Six for your editor when a throat affliction kept him from lodge sessions . . . "Give a prayer for Walter Dyrebor so that the miracle needed to keep him one among us may come about" was the closing paragraph in a tribute Steve George gave our athletic director who lay desperately ill in a hos-

pital. However, all our prayers availed but naught, for Walter was taken from this earth in two short weeks from the onset of an abscess in the ear that quickly reached brain cells. Walter was a man popular with young and old alike, and he will always be missed. Doc Visser was appointed temporary director . . . Milt Ervin chaired the February bridge . . . Though formally inducted into the Past Exalted Rulers' Association at their annual dinner in May of 1936, junior Junior Past Ruler Lemmon and senior Junior Past Ruler Ashen were not given their "fun" initiation in open lodge until February of 1937, when "that grand old boy, P.E.R. Hank Thielen" put on a real surprise evening, the main feature being the burlesquing of court procedures, and all manner of absurd charges were made against the two candidates. "More laughs were uncorked this night than there are bubbles in a bottle of joy water, and Alex and Dal were properly initiated to the great glee of all . . . During the same month Fred Misphey, Jess Hession, Roy Higgins and Jeff Mugford got stuck between floors in one of our elevators. They have since been released . . . A group of our boys went over to Woodland to attend a meeting honoring that grand old man of Elkdom, Bob Lawson—their first exalted ruler . . . "Bob Dupen, the non-working chairman of the dinner dance committee," headed our successful Easter dance. (The other members of the committee did the work, but Bob got the credit! He has never improved!) . . . Brother "Jack" Johnson presented the Athletic Department with new bar bell weights and "curling irons" complete with all accessories . . . "A Neat Nest Egg" for the journey of our Escort Team to Denver was their reward for the annual frolic Cap Perkins' boys handled in March . . . "Ben Ali Wreckers" put on a fun initiation for Exalted Ruler Holmes' final night.

### *New Officers Installed; Publicity Started For Football Game; Spring Outing*

"Sunset and Dawn" indicated the death of the old lodge year and birth of the new as Past District Deputy Bill Baldwin (Oroville) was installing officer for the 1937-1938 group which consisted of: Exalted Ruler Don Cox, Leading Knight Frank Mir, Loyal Knight Roderick F. Gilbride, Lecturing Knight Arthur E. Brown, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler Pliny B. Ward; Trustees—August Rodegerdts, Harold J. Thielen; Clovis T. La Grave; Esquire A. R. Perkins, Inner Guard Wm. L. Dupen, Jr., Chaplain Walton E. Holmes, Organist Wilkie Ogg . . . Charley Paine, for 35 years secretary-manager for the State Fair, retired . . . Flower Day was unusually successful . . . Alex Ashen was chairman and Otis Babcock orator at the Mothers' Day program . . . Steve George was generous in his advance publicity for our first Big Game of football—the Santa Clara-Gonzaga game that was to be a late November event . . . Father and Sons Night in the athletic department was an outstanding feature of the May activities. "They ought to have more nights like this" was a remark made to your editor by a father of three boys who were participating in the special events. "I never before realized what this department (athletic) can mean to our children." There were many more proud fathers there that night whose boys—and mine—were reaping unmeasured benefits by reason of our membership in No. 6. And what was true then will be even more true today in the changing world of our post-war life! . . . Spring outing was again held at Globins, and again proved a sprightly event. Socially every one had a marvelous time, but athletically "Mir's Magnificents" were infinitely too much for "Brown's Nondescripts." A golf contest was also played at Glenbrook between our topnotchers and those of Reno lodge . . . Flag Day services attracted 10,000 to our stadium. P.E.R. Straub was chairman and National Commander Colmery, American Legion, orator, much of his address being broadcast over the national hook-up of the Blue Network. Woodland Elks co-sponsored the pageant, and most of the fraternal and patriotic groups who participated in the 1936 ritual again joined in our tribute to the Flag. Later, a testimonial dinner was given to State and civic executives and leaders of the several fraternal and patriotic groups who had toiled with us in making our 1937 Flag Day the outstanding success that it was.

### *Drill Team "Wins, But To Lose" At Denver Grand Lodge Convention*

It was a heart-rending loss our drill team suffered in national competition at the grand lodge convention in Denver in 1937. Out-drilling their nearest competitor in every way, they were finally given an illegal penalty of 2 points that permitted another team to take top place by 1.1—and this in spite of rules which had been sent to every competing club that no such penalty would be charged for any error whatever. Cap Perkins had been taken seriously ill that spring and was neither able to accompany them, nor to drill them before leaving—a task which was placed on the shoulders of Brother Dana Hooke. It was sad to have our boys win fairly and squarely, only to have a "political penalty" imposed that cost a hard-worked-for championship. The entire front page of Number Six was devoted to details of the "Win-Lose," and our members were very proud of the wonderful showing Cap Perkins' Boys had made.

### *Steak Dinner and Football Don Cox's Big Fall Events*

The "Delta King" was our home for a day when Exalted Ruler Cox's fall stag party was made "the event of the day" on Sunday, October 10th, and Doc Webber, major domo of the grand get-together, really went "all out" in giving members of No. 6 an affair such as they never will forget. "Wild Bill" Elliott again got his harmonizers together for a tonsil-fest that has never been equalled. In addition these other couldn't-get-along-without-em faithfuls—Frank Ruhstaller, Bernie Scollan, Bob Shorroch, Wally Shepard, Al Zehnder, Billy Ford, Bill Hickey, Archie Mull, Mike Strazzo, Fritz Kaminsky and Mike Richert—more that did their part. It was a glorious day! (Do you suppose we can ever again have such a completely satisfying stag outing?) . . . Jack Kinney was chairman of the Athletic Committee and Bill Bening basement publicist . . . "Only over my dead body will any convict escape" were the words spoken by Clarence Larkin when he was made warden of Folsom Prison, and these were the words which Exalted Ruler Cox repeated as

he eulogized our loved brother who had met his death so few short months after taking office, and we here quote from the October 1937 Number Six:

His life he sacrificed, but his trust he saved, and though they buried their knives deep in his body with fourteen cruel thrusts, not only did those seven burly convicts fail to intimidate our brother, but they could not escape. Our warden had issued orders when first he became head of that penal city that in event of attempted escape the guards on the towers must shoot, and shoot to kill, no matter whom they might be holding as hostage. And two convicts felt the sting of the guards' bullets in their hearts and in their brains. So they lay dead—mute evidence of the full meaning of their warden's words.

An appreciation night for our drill team was an early November pre-lodge dinner . . . P.E.R. Ashen was elected a vice president of the State Association Convention in Pasadena . . . Frank Seymour was chairman of the bridge parties that began October 20 . . . Auto caravan trips were being made around the valley to bally-hoo our Santa Clara-Gonzaga Game . . . Thor Jensen resigned his reporting of Drill Team activities, as he was leaving to make his home in the east . . . Weekly pre-lodge dinners were changed to a monthly schedule . . . Art Brown was named chairman of a Boy Scout committee that finally resulted in organization of our troop.

### *"Gold Peach Bowl" Football Game Over, But Glory Lingered On*

Bing Crosby touting his Gonzaga Bulldogs, and Edmund Lowe fathering his Santa Clara Broncos, with Andy Devine as an extra attraction and Bing's brother Everett, also among the notables present, featured No. 6's first BIG football game that poured sixteen thousand five hundred dollars into the combined tills of the two teams and the two lodges, San Jose having joined with us in presenting this mammoth gridiron spectacle that was of so much importance Associated Oil Company sent its ace sportscaster, Ernie Smith, to broadcast the game and carried over KLV. Santa Clara won 27 to 0, but the score does not reflect the interest or worthiness of the game, and a contract was signed with that college to play a return engagement the next year with a strong eastern team (Detroit University was finally selected). Bay cities sportswriters had been liberal in publicising the event, and we returned the compliment as best we could by doing all possible for the Shrine East-West game at Kezar. Net profit to our lodge was in excess of \$2,000 . . . 3500 attended the open house pre-game rally the night preceding the game, and was actually one of the finest—if not the finest—open house we ever had, with dancing and floor show in the auditorium, and, of course, bar and sandwich service in the club rooms . . . District Deputy Mueller (Susanville) was an official visitor initiation night . . . Alex Ashen was chairman of the memorial service and Dr. Kirchner speaker . . . Christmas party for the little ones was held without Bill Peterson's Santa Claus services as Bill was traveling in the east . . . Drill Team again wound up the year's activities with another of their great New Year's Eve dinner dances that lasted from "9 until 4"!

## *Many Great Pre-Lodge Dinners And Football For 1938*

Exalted Ruler Cox broke his leg, and while suffering under the tender ministrations of beautiful nurses at the hospital we put on a State Night pre-lodge dinner with Jack Welsh as chairman that gave us a capacity house, and though the lodge had donated \$100 for entertainment, not one cent was used as the dinner paid all its own expenses. Prominent among the committee workers for that wonderful occasion were George Jeffers, Roy Higgins, Roy Nielsen, Gerald Desmond, Chet Gannon, Jess Hession, Fred Taylor, Al Willett, Henry Lynn, Art Day, Glen Slater, Fred Misphey, Ken Hammaker, George Stout, Tommy Dunn, Bert Foster and Wes Platt. Not only was there a capacity crowd at the dinner, but lodge was also filled to overflowing . . . State President Nichols (San Francisco) made his official visit here in January with Woodland sending over a large delegation . . . Percy West was appointed township justice vice Judge Shelley, deceased . . . Brother Royal Miller announced that his radio, KROY, would hereafter be a Columbia outlet . . . Steamed clams and accessories were an after-lodge feast in February . . . News Publishing Company moved into their new home at 1213 H . . . Elmer Poffenberger's gift of a Standard Amateur Athletic Union diving board was finally installed after many delays and joyfully "christened" with appropriate ceremony . . . Judge Thompson was Washington Day speaker . . . City-County-Federal dinner was a joyous success, with "corned beef and." Judge Martin Welsh endeared himself to our members at the lodge session. Inasmuch as the dinner "followed on the heels of one of our worst storms in years" many who had planned to be with us were kept at storm clearance labors . . . "In spite of the downpour, sixteen hundred Elks, families and friends" attended the Drill Team's annual frolic, "Country Store. No great profit resulted, but a little was added to their fund . . . "New Members Dinner," limited strictly to Elks and arranged by chairman Dud Fortin in special recognition of the boys who had been received during the lodge year then ending, was a real success . . . Three generations of Elks were represented one night at lodge—Edward M. Wright, the son (just initiated), Will C. Wright (the father) and Charles E. Wright (grandfather) . . . Woodland celebrated its Silver Anniversary March 30 and a host of our members and officers celebrated with them . . .

### *Football, Spring Outing, And Barbecue Main Themes Of New Officers*

A gay dinner dance on Saturday night preceding installation gave a "social" welcome to the ruler-to-be and a cheering farewell to the one who soon would belong to that select group whom we regularly deposed . . . P.E.R. Misphey was grand installing officer, and these are the brothers upon whose shoulders he "laid the burden" for a year: Exalted Ruler Frank Mir, Leading Knight Roderick F. Gilbride, Loyal Knight Arthur E. Brown, Lecturing Knight A. R. Perkins, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler Pliny B. Ward; Trustees—Harold J. Thielen, Clovis T. La Grave, Frank Lafferty; Esquire Wm. L. Dupen, Jr., Inner Guard

Fritz Kaminsky, Chaplain Don Cox . . . P.E.R. Kay, having reached the age of 70, retired from his post with the State Board of Equalization . . . Fred Corfee was made chairman of the athletic committee and Gene O'Brien became the "Steam and Stuff From Below" publicist . . . Brother Ken Hammaker was named North Sacramento's mayor . . . Walton Holmes was the victim and Walt Hicks prime torturer at the past rulers' fun initiation. Mike Richert was presented with a beautiful electric alarm clock by these rulers of the past . . . Jess Hession was named Deputy Director of Finance . . . Doc Veon was chairman and Dave Weiner secretary of the spring outing committee that staged a highly successful weekend at Sonoma Mission Inn—our first visit to that spot . . . Flower Day was interfered with to some extent by stormy weather . . . Chairman Seymour's bridge parties concluded by "the best of all" and season's top winners were: Auction—Mrs. Harry Swain and Dr. E. O. Brown; contract—Mrs. Ray Oakley and her well known husband . . . Host Corfee served a *dainty* stag lunch at conclusion of a singles handball tournament to the participants and spectators, said dainty morsels consisting of his own famous brand of beans, prawns, cheese, sardines, rye bread and a half barrel of suds . . . And continuing with basement affairs, the Mixed Night attracted more than 200 . . . Our handball team, after six years of earnest trying, finally defeated San Francisco's South End Rowing Club 5 to 3.

### Flag Day Streamlined; Eddie Reese's Barbecue; Murray's Motorcycle Races

Approximately 40 organizations joined in our great civic observance of Flag Day at the stadium. State Commander Long (American Legion) was orator . . . Little Eddie Reese's Spring Barbecue SP Train pulled up at the little grove midway between Folsom and White Rock. All day was a riot of fun for the boys, with lots of good eats, plenty of beer and entertainment. Besides the always reliable committee workers—Webber, Scollan, Shorrock, Ruhstaller and Reichert—Dr. June Harris again put on his apron, and Tony Marty, Wally Shepard, Mike Strazzo, Frank Bottaro, Archie Mull, Walt Newman, Dick Lawrence, Bob Zarick, Dud Fortin, Bart Cavanaugh, Frank Reed, Clarence Lockett and Gene O'Brien were added workers to the crew . . . For the third year our drill team profited from Elk's Night at Brother Frank Murray's motorcycle races . . . A change in the price schedule for our November football classic was posted—\$2.20 to \$1.10 in place of all seats \$1.65 . . . Alameda Softball Team came up to "meet and defeat us" (which they did). But the night itself was one of glory enough for all. A mixed party was held after the games, and the Alamedans and ladies (who had come up in "an illuminated bus about 300 feet long!") were well pleased with our hosting . . . Brother Martin I. Welsh was speaker at September 14th Americanization meeting . . . Footprinters' Night started our pre-lodge dinners October 18. Other important October dates were bridge the 19th (Ray Oakley, chairman), Nite In Old Mexico dinner dance the 22d, Father and Sons Night in Athletic department the 28th, and Oroville Elks came down to initiate for us . . . Swimming pool walls were repainted in aluminum, and Swim Commissioner Poffenberger got a swimming team in training, with many members and some promising sons of our members as a nucleus . . . Santa Clara-Detroit Football netted our lodge about \$2,000. Doc Gilbride was chairman and again the bay area and local dailies were most generous in publicity for the game . . . Judge Lemmon was chairman and Brother Dick Lawrence speaker at our Lodge of Sorrow . . . Dr. J. J. Frey, vice president of our "2000 Club" gave an interesting talk on "Old Bossy"—the cow who gives us milk—at a Friday noon luncheon meeting on the 2nd floor. Ernie Bacon was club president and Bill Richards secretary, with Dave Weiner as "spark plug" of the organization which had been formed with the intent of returning our membership to at least 2000 . . . Usual Christmas party for children was held . . . Drill Team staged New Year's Eve dinner dance to augment their "St. Louis In '39" fund.

### 1939 Football Was Colorful, But Unprofitable

You may as well have the bad news first, so we'll tell you now that the SFU-Creighton game on December 3rd brought our lodge no profit. More about this later . . . First important event of the new year was the meeting in our lodge room on Wednesday, January 11, of the Sacramento Assembly—an Americanization program undertaken during the term of P.E.R. Lemmon by P.E.R. Ashen following successful Flag Day observances. At the meeting just referred to, the youths who made up the assembly held a true-to-life city council meeting, with "mayor" and 14 councilmen, city manager and all. Brother Bing Maloney, city superintendent of recreation, was in charge of the plans, and several State and Sacramento notables were present including Judge Martin Welsh who had devoted so much of his time to this grand movement ever since its inception . . . "Seymour Is a Smart Guy; Wimmin Doing His Work" headed our announcement of January bridge, and Mesdames Ray Oakley, Swain, Cuilla, Benjamin, Lockett, Seamans, Parino, Seymour, Punshon, Kay, Corfee, Brown (E. O.) and Roy were the gals who did his chore, and they did it better than Frank, himself, had ever done . . . Art Brown moved his "Brown Brothers Adjusters" into commodious quarters in ground floor of our Temple . . . Embryo orators from Sacramento and McClatchy high schools were principal speakers at the combined Lincoln-Washington birthdays meeting, and the sincerity of their talks, coupled with excellent delivery, impressed us much. Leonard McWilliams represented McClatchy and John Brown Sacramento High . . . "The Gay Nineties" dinner dance brought to a happy close the colorful series of fall and winter dancing parties . . . A half hundred officers and members went to Oroville March 4th to conduct the first initiation that lodge had had in their new home . . . 75 Elks came down from Klamath Falls on a "surprise" visit. But, with almost no notice at all, we received them royally and treated them well . . . P.E.R. Jack Lynn presided over the fun fest initiation of Junior P.E.R. Don Cox at our past rulers' night which P.E.R. Gannon had secretly(?) arranged . . . Cap Perkins closed the year's Boy Scout activities with a report that total cost to the lodge for the preceding year had been but \$109.80—and we had never put money to better advantage.



## *Golf Tournament; Installation; Spring Outing; Flag Day; Bridge Parties*

Four hundred brothers bid Godspeed to retiring ruler Frankie Mir and a hearty welcome to the incoming—Brother Roderick F. Gilbride, at the great dinner which preceded installation. District Deputy Frank L. Reese brought his corps of Woodland officers over to install the following: Exalted Ruler Dr. Roderick F. Gilbride, Leading Knight Arthur E. Brown, Loyal Knight A. R. Perkins, Lecturing Knight W. L. Dupen, Jr., Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler Pliny B. Ward; Trustees—Harold J. Thielen, Clovis T. La Grave, Frank Lafferty; Esquire Fritz Kaminsky, Inner Guard Edward Grebitus, Chaplain Frank Mir, Organist Horace Wilkie Ogg . . . Senator Slater gave a “masterly presentation of the problems besetting this Nation” at our Americanization Assembly, and Seth Millington “that fiery Commander of American Legion” gave a wholly extemporaneous, but ringing talk on our duty to this country. To show how thoroughly democratic and wholly American our Order is, a representative of Jehovah’s Witnesses was permitted to explain the position of that sect in their refusal to salute the Flag. The speaker was accorded quiet attention for the 15 minutes requested, but when he asked for additional time, Judge Martin Welsh, president of the Assembly, refused permission . . . Bill Desmond’s golf committee got themselves a mess of glory in the success of the April 16th tournament which gave “dark horse” Eli Van Waggoner top honors and Dr. Fred Adams, Bob Zarick and Jack McMahon a tie for second place . . . Milt Ervin’s bridge party set an attendance record and in addition to players’ prizes, half a hundred swell door prizes were given . . . Many beautiful floral remembrances found their way into several hundred sick rooms on Flower Day . . . Bob Zarick was Mothers’ Day program chairman . . . Testimonial dinner to Frank Ruhstaller was a splendid success. Was given on a Wednesday night as a public function . . . Spring outing at Sonoma Mission Inn did not have the buoyancy of the previous year, due in no small degree to the death of dear old Dave Wiener less than a month before, as Dave had been a real spark plug for these affairs . . . Flag Day Pageant at Stadium was announced in a red, white and blue edition of Number Six, and as in previous years, we were joined by Sacramento’s other fraternal and patriotic organizations . . . State President Hebenstreit (Huntington Park) made his official visit in June at a joint session with several near-by lodges.

## *Membership Committee Active During Summer; Stag Party Revives Old Orpheum*

“Membership In Elks Means Fellowship With Half a Million” was the summer slogan of our membership committee, and it is a truism that will continue to endure so long as this Nation shall last, excepting only that its significance becomes greater with each passing year as the half million must eventually become the full million, and the worth of our membership increased many fold . . . Brother Martin Welsh was elevated from superior court judgeship to Federal bench . . . California Elkdom was surpassed only by the membership in New York State—46,433 to 43,951 . . . Sciots put on an intersectional football game between South Dakota U and COP. Our lodge supported them liberally as a return courtesy for what local Masonic societies had done for us during the two previous years . . . “Old Orpheum Days Were Revived” at our October 6th Stag, for George Moran (the old Black Crow of Moran and Mack) and his new partner, Billy Van, certainly brought nostalgic memories as well as many laughs. All that our auditorium would hold attended this wonder night . . . South Seas dinner dance and bridge parties began the fall social activities. But it took 5 chairmen to put on the first bridge game—General Chairman Johnny Hines, Auction Chairman Jack Collins, and Contract Chairmen Carl Tarbel, Frank Seymour and Harry Punshon . . . Ladies’ time in the tanks on Tuesday nights was stretched to 3 hours—from 7 to 10.

## *Our Most Colorful Football Game Showed No Profit To Lodge*

“Creighton’s Back Is Nation’s Top Ground Gainer” was the headlines in the dailies so wondrously publicizing our coming football game . . . Alameda Joys came up for another fun initiation, that started with a grand dinner, eye-bulging entertainment and general good fellowship. Alameda officers also officiated at the regular ritual . . . In spite of all the wonderful publicity given us by Sacramento and bay area dailies, no profit accrued to this lodge from the SFU-Creighton game, yet in their stories of the game all the sports writers were unanimous in declaring it had been the most colorful game on the Coast that year . . . Brother George B. Hjelm was the memorial speaker . . . District Deputy Snyder (Grass Valley) was a December visitor . . . Nick Culjis saw to it that copious quantities of Elks’ Milk and et ceteras was supplied for our pre-Christmas after-lodge party . . . We had our usual Christmas Tree for children, and the year was closed with one of our increasingly popular New Year’s Eve dinner dances, which this year included San Francisco professional floor shows. Herb Bronner was chairman.

## *John Ing “Turned Back The Universe” In 1940*

We opened the cornerstone box from our old Temple at 824 J Street for the first time the night that P.E.R. Ing “turned back the universe for 35 years” at his Old Timers’ Night in January 1940, and on which memorable occasion there were present the following past exalted rulers and other brothers who were then members of this wonderful lodge:

Past Exalted Rulers J. A. Blair, J. W. Haley, John C. Ing, J. E. Lynn, W. A. Meyer, Edw. E. Reese; Brothers H. B. Bradford, John Clauss, Sr., F. T. Dwyer, Albert Elkus, Henry Feldhusen, B. M. Hodson, G. Edw. Hook, S. Luke Howe, A. R. Johnston, H. A. Kidder, F. A. Lafferty, Clovis T. La Grave, Geo. J. Meister, T. W. McAuliffe, H. K. Orman, W. F. Peterson, Frank J. Ruhstaller, Clifford Todd, A. T. Trainor, and H. C. White Sr.

Features of the evening were the Early 1900’s Quartette of Brothers Art Day, Perry Bridgers, Verne Hodge and Doc Mullen and a group of characters well known to the night life

of the time were portrayed by Earl Janak, Ted Hall, Bert Peterson and Doc Lee. In opening our report of this event Number Six said:

It has been the happy privilege of this lodge to have Brother John C. Ing, dean of our active past exalted rulers who are resident in Sacramento, present some evenings of entertainment that were outstanding in merit, but his "Old-Timers Night" on January 23d was so very different that it commanded special attention and will live long in our memory as an historical occasion that can never be repeated, for it brought to our lodge room not only mellowed memories, but the presence of many old-timers whose years are not only fast descending, but circumstances of life will probably make it impossible for them all to meet again at one time in our lodge, as you realized as you perused the list of Old-timers present on this memorable night . . . P.E.R. Gannon read the early histories of No. 6 as related to him by Went T. Crowell, first exalted ruler of the original lodge. (It is republished elsewhere in this Souvenir) . . . The evening closed with a feature, fragrant with memories, but too often neglected—a toast "To Our Absent Brothers" drunk from small cups of sherry. It was a beautiful tribute to the old-timers who could not be present, and "to those who will come no more."

State President Maze (Merced) selected the final appearance of Nick Culjis and his Food and Refreshment Cohorts as the occasion of his official visit. He had heard of their uncanny ability to rustle up the grub and essential liquids . . . Frankie Mir was initiated into the P.E.R.'s Association right proper in a manner that reflected his every day work—that of pill rolling . . . Athletic Department was March 12th host at the pre-lodge dinner . . . Ginger Leitch was high lady and Doc Brown winning man in auction bridge the 20th while Fred Murphy took the male high honors in contract and Mrs. Huth the leading femme . . . Tommy Lee put on a real St. Patrick's dance that was a lulu. Shillalahs were in evidence, but none were used for shillalah purposes . . . Sacramento Americanization Assembly paid special compliment to the Elks.

### *New Exalted Ruler Challenges Fritz; New Deal In Officer Appointments*

According to the informing reporter in Number Six, one of Junior Past Exalted Ruler Gilbride's first acts after the "mantle of authority" had been divested from his shoulders, was to challenge the new lecturing knight, Fritz Kaminsky, to "swim across Tahoe" at the Brockway Spring Outing. It was also reported that Fritz accepted the challenge, but we have no record of the race actually being "swum" or "swam" or "swimmied." Nevertheless rumors were circulated that when the J.P.E.R. went to the appointed starting place that Sunday morning as the bracing(?) breezes came down from off Mt. Rose he found no competitor, and so retired to the snugness of his fireplace-warmed boudoir! It was our first outing at Brockway, and most enjoyable, albeit many of our "bloods" took a little trip down to Calvada on Saturday night after the dance, returning to their hotel in the wee sma' hours, wiser, but poorer, men! Colorful prelude to the evening proper was the Exalted Ruler's Cocktail Hour on the Sun-deck, presided over by wives of officers and committee workers attired in beautiful formal gowns . . . But before we go on with the rest of the new lodge year activities, let's go back and install the officers who were to serve during 1940-1941. These were: Exalted Ruler Arthur E. Brown, Leading Knight A. R. Perkins, Loyal Knight W. L. Dupen, Jr., Lecturing Knight Fritz Kaminsky, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler Pliny B. Ward, Esquire Edward Grebitus, Inner Guard M. J. Richert, Chaplain Hugh Roddan, Organist Horace Wilkie Ogg; Trustees—Harold J. Thielen, Clovis T. La Grave, Frank Lafferty. The ceremony was presided over by P.E.R. Jim Shanly (Oakland)—a veteran of almost 90 installations! . . . At the Saturday night preceding installation, a special lodge session to initiate 45 candidates was presided over by Exalted Ruler Gilbride—a fitting close to a year of earnest endeavor . . . Frank Murray opened his cabin near Whitehall to a weekend for our Boy Scouts . . . A new plan was initiated for appointing inner guard and chaplain. Long custom had decreed that appointment as inner guard would be necessarily followed by progressive steps on through 6 years of service to exalted ruler, and custom had also dictated appointment of the retiring ruler to the chaplain's chair. Under the new idea, appointment to either of these offices would be made without regard to established procedure, though current appointments would not be affected . . . Nicholas George Culjis was reappointed chairman of the "after-lodge snacks and entertainments" . . . Doc "Blue-Jay" Oliver, Felix Gabrielli and Don Ricci threw a stag breakfast for the hot-room gang on a pleasant Sunday morning . . . Drunken Drivers In Action was a police movie shown by Capt. Kaminsky . . . Pre-lodge 4th floor dinners were resumed by the new ruler, "Farmer" Arthur Brown. To give this dinner proper zest, Art provided "the juice of the vine." 120 attended . . . 1940 Flower Day was very successful. Ken Hammaker sent in hundreds of finest roses from State Fair grounds and Frank Killam loaded us with beautiful blooms from Capitol Park, while Frank Lafferty worked with school children and brought their offerings to our Temple . . . 1940 golf tournament resulted in Esquire Grebitus copping first honors, Davidson and Bennett tied for second, and Wilbur Polk third place winner. Over 100 entrants finished our thus-far most successful tournament . . . Pliny Ward was presented with a fine lounging robe in appreciation for his long service as tiler. Tom McAuliffe, "in his BEST verbiage," made the presentation . . . Howard Markwart was chairman of the Mothers' Day program which featured solos by 12-year-old Raymond De Groat from St. Patrick's Orphanage . . . Culjis's Conjurers featured fried chicken as an after-lodge feast . . . Bill Poindexter's aggressive membership committee was really getting results, and lodge attendance was showing around 200 . . . Judge Shields was given a public testimonial dinner that again brought out many of our most prominent citizenry, including Supreme Court Chief Justice Waste, Appellate Court Justice Thompson and Superior Judge Glenn . . . Don "Betty" Cox, "Pansy" Blair, "Gretchen" Yoerk, "Flora" Lynn, "Millie" Kay, "Cissy" Hicks, "Lizzy" Misplay, "Sonja" Ashen, "Dilly-Dally" Lemmon, "Baby" Mir and "Tillie" Gilbride were the beautiful and dainty waitresses who served us at the Walt Holmes dinner . . . Exalted Ruler Brown entertained all committee chairmen; also Publicist O'Brien and your editor . . . A "traveling mike" featured a June lodge session, and was taken to each member present for the purpose of introducing himself to the lodge. Much fun resulted, and the idea was repeated at other times . . . Flag Day was observed jointly with Woodland at the stadium in that city.

## Bert Kidder's 80th Birthday Observed; Barbecue Held At Fair Grounds

At a grand dinner for Elks only, Brother Bert Kidder—always one of No. 6's most active members and for many years our *unofficial* sick visitor—was honored on his 80th birthday. A great cake, inscribed to him and appropriately decorated with antlers and all, brought added joy to this fine old Elk. A group picture appeared in Number Six with inset showing P.E.R. John Ing, Bert Kidder and his great cake, Chairman Bob Dupen and P.E.R. Fred Misphey . . . Card and billiard tournaments were supervised by Frank Coyle, Ed Davis, Johnny Hines, Doc Lipp, Wally Heisen, P.E.R. Fred Johns, and Tom McAuliffe . . . Ed Brown was appointed athletic director, continuing as such until his enlistment in the Marine Corps . . . Midsummer meeting of all lodges in California North was held at Susanville . . . Bridge season opened October 16th. Frank Laferty and Mrs. Si Hornstein topped contract winners, with Jimmy O'Rourke and "Ginger" Leitch high in auction . . . First dance of the season featured La Conga and our dancing devotees given opportunity to master the rumba "in six easy lessons." *How to woo Dogpatch* style was an added attraction . . . P.E.R. Kay regaled us one night with three early Sacramento sports anecdotes, "The Battle of the Century"—a battle of one round lasting 22 minutes—being the most important, and was reprinted in Number Six. The battle was between Captain "Red Jack" Sullivan of the police department, and Ed Snook. You should have heard Brother Kay relate the tale. Truly, we did have vigorous men "in them there days" . . . Nice compliments were sent Sheriff Cox's way for the work of his air patrol—organized by a group of civic-minded citizens who flew their own planes. All were sworn in to Don's office as deputy sheriffs . . . Doc Herspring was a ribbon winner with his horses at the State Fair—two blue, one red, one pink . . . County supervisors appointed P.E.R. Eddie Reese to the post of county treasurer, vice Brother Frank P. Christophel whose demise occurred July 2d.

## "Tune In On Your Memories" Featured Famous Elk Beauties

The beautiful Ed Grebitus and Demure Bert Peterson certainly brought envy to the lovely Earl Janak and voluptuous Wally Heisen, and caused strong men's hearts to flutter at our "Tune In On Your Memories" program when such songs as In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree, A Bicycle Built for Two, Moonlight Bay, In My Merry Oldsmobile, Come Josephine In My Flying Machine, were sung by Art Day, Louie Vienna, Al Reid, Ralph Lui, Sam Cuilla, and our silver-toned ballad singer of Acme Nickelodeon days—Walter Leitch. Nor shall we forget petite Tommy Lee—one of the cutest babes! The "6 Beautiful Dolls"—Walt Holmes, Bill Hickey, Bill Pahl, Nick Culjis, Harold Murphy and Mike Richert! Can't you see them now in their pretty silken underthings with delicate lace embellishments? Then the amorous can-can dancers—Drs. Frank McDonald, Gilbride, Kendall, and Exalted Ruler Brown—left *very little* to be desired. And to recall a few more of the Stars of the Night, we had a burlesque song, "Heaven Will Protect the Working Gail," by Milt Arnold and the Gay Nineties quartet—Tom Farewell, Art Day, Bill Watts and Heinie Winters. And these stellar performers—all of them—appeared on our stage in one night as a part of the "surprise night" promised by the exalted ruler for a family party. The entire production was staged under direction of Dudley Fortin, and supervision was by a professional producer. Mrs. Bill Rawlins and Mrs. Jack McMahon were chiefly responsible for the makeup and costuming of the adorable girls who so deliciously entertained the 900 Elks and ladies attending this wonderful Friday Night Family Party.

## Stag Barbecue, Night Of Waltzes, Athletic Mixed Party, Elks Milk

Some of our old windjammers had expressed their opposition to the strenuous La Conga dances, so Louis Vienna was instructed to give a Night In Vienna with waltzes predominant. Josef Hornik's NBC orchestra furnished the music, and decorations were in complete harmony with the motif. It is doubtful if this lodge has ever given a more delightful evening than was this "Night In Vienna with Vienna," and he was warmly thanked for the glorious night . . . The stag barbecue at Fair Grounds was a real success, thanks to the constant work of the committee headed by Percy Webber and the ardent support of Brother Ken Hammaker and our soon-to-be-incapacitated exalted ruler.

## Exalted Ruler Brown Loses Argument With Equine

In his monthly letter Exalted Ruler Arthur E. Brown told of having had a serious misunderstanding with a certain equine specimen he was riding one day on his farm. He knew, of course, that his letter would be published. But what he did not know was that we took advantage of his incapacity, and prevailed upon Gene O'Brien to caricature the incident, which clearly depicted what happens when the rider wishes to continue a forward movement, the while his mount grows weary and decides to stop—but abruptly! Art's mare won the decision, and our 1940-41 exalted ruler remained many weeks in the hospital, thereafter wearing a plaster-of-paris corset for half a year. Moral: Never argue with a horse! . . . Athletic Mixed Party featured the first indoor swimming meet to be held in Sacramento. Athletic Commissioner Mir, Elmer Poffenberger and Jack Steiner had reason to be proud of their achievement. Other general events were also featured, followed by refreshments and dancing . . . Bill Poindexter was given a tough assignment when he undertook to present an election night pre-lodge dinner. But he achieved unexpected success—it was one of our best attended . . . "With the vigor of youth," Father Richard Dwyer delivered an inspired Memorial Day message. State Trustee Fred Misphey chaired the Lodge of Sorrow, Alex Ashen "Called the Roll" with great depth of feeling, and Brother John C. Ing paid touching tribute to "Those Who Had Left Us" during the preceding year . . . Culinary Culjis sure trotted out Elks Milk and plenty of sandwiches at the annual egg-nogg after-lodge feast . . . Ed Brown headed the Christmas party of children, and the Drill Team profited—but moderately!—from the New Year's Eve dinner dance.

## Moonlight Picnic, Grand Ruler's Visit, Feature 1941

Even if nothing else transpired to endear 1941 to us, the visit of Grand Ruler McClelland (Atlanta) in December will ever be a highlight in the annals of No. 6. Not only was he a great Elk, but an outstanding citizen of our country—a forceful speaker, yet a good fellow withal. In serious words he made us look deep within ourselves and take inventory of our virtues, and measure our loyalty to our country and to our lodge. In lighter vein he had us rocking with laughter. Commenting on his visit the December 1941 Number Six said:

Coming to us with the reputation of being not only an entertaining speaker, but also with that rare ability to "put over a real message," though couched in pleasing words, Brother McClelland proved that the advance notices were too conservative—he was all that had been told of him, and a very great deal more. No Elk could have heard him address us without feeling exalted in his fraternal ties to our grand and patriotic fraternity, and no layman could have heard him without being lifted to greater heights as a true American. The Elks in particular, and the United States in general, have cause to be proud of Judge John S. McClelland of Atlanta. And today—with Japan which proffered the hand of friendship but craftily concealed the blade of destruction—every American has need to be grateful for men like our grand exalted ruler, and for loyal fraternities like the Elks.

But here—we're starting at the end of 1941, so let's backtrack to events that did start the year . . . First bridge party was January 15th and doesn't seem to have had any winners. At least Chairman Collins listed none. But they played better February 19 for we find winners listed for that party. However, just to be different, we'll give the low players—John Backman and Mrs. Lipp in contract; Tom McAuliffe and Mrs. O'Connor in auction . . . State President Reddington (Los Angeles) was an official visitor January 28, and 200 attended the lodge session. An unusual number of lodge dignitaries were present . . . Hank Thielen and Fred McGee moved their insurance business to the Financial Center . . . Exalted Ruler Brown's letter said "after-lodge refreshments and entertainment were put on in great style by Fortin and Culjis"

### Doc Wilson, Del Watkins And Jack Winn Staged Relaxation Party

"Relaxation Party" was staged by Doc Wilson, Del Watkins and Jack Winn. It was another of those dollar-a-couple nights, with a "hot" orchestra for dancing and a pleasing buffet dinner . . . Harry White, Sr. was honored at Past Exalted Rulers' Night, and was given an illuminated scroll and a fine radio in recognition of his long service to Sacramento Elksdom. P.E.R. Meyer presented the radio and P.E.R. Haley the scroll. Of unusual interest was that Brother White had brought into No. 6 three sons—Harry White, Jr., Mervyn and Lloyd; one grandson—Milton, and one grandson-in-law—Wilmer Morse, all of whom (if we remember aright) were present in lodge that night. At their meeting on this occasion, the 17 past rulers who were present also put on the initiatory work for 21 candidates . . . Washington's Birthday was another Happy affair with a new committee—Jack Parsons, Dr. Alf Oliver, Eddie Brown, Lafey Sherman, Geney O'Brien and Jimmy O'Rourke . . . Roderick "Patrick" O'Gilbride was chairman of the St. Patrick's Dance that also had on the committee these stalwart Sons of Erin: Terry O'Mulligan, Patrick Eugene Michael O'Brien, Michael James Patrick O'Rourke, Patrick Jule O'Kaminsky, Edward Michael O'Brown, John Earl Patsy O'Higgins, Dudley Terrence O'Fortin, Dr. Michael O'Herspring, Walter Dennis Clancy O'Leitch and Larry Patrick Michael O'Vienna—with Joey O'Hornick's NBC orchestra. "Twas a gra-and night, indade! . . . And another affair that gave everybody a good time and attracted a large crowd was the Drill Team Frolic . . . March 25th gave us the "Exalted Ruler Arthur E. Brown Class of '41" that brought out a smashing attendance to honor our ruler who had so successfully carried on in spite of physical injuries—*horse vs. man*—and which kept him in a "straight jacket" for half a year or more. Officers were in fine fettle and initiated 47 candidates. The auditorium then beckoned and there Nicholas George Culjis had provided a half fried chicken, French fried potatoes, fresh asparagus, etc., with a highball at every plate; and Dudley Thomas Fortin offered a dazzling floor show from San Francisco that almost made our soon-to-retire exalted ruler take off his steel girdle. *And all for free!*

### "We Shed The Old; We Don The New" Gave Us New Officers

At a rousing complimentary dinner to the "old and the new" we prefaced installation ceremonies that gave us this new corps of officers for 1941-42: Exalted Ruler A. R. Perkins, Leading Knight W. L. Dupen Jr., Loyal Knight Fritz Kaminsky, Lecturing Knight Edward Grebitus, Esquire Dudley T. Fortin, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler Pliny B. Ward; Trustees—Harold J. Thielen, Clovis T. La Grave, Frank Lafferty; Inner Guard Dr. John C. March, Chaplain Louis B. Stober, Organist Emil Martin. In his salutatory address the new exalted ruler stressed the items he hoped to make highlights of his term, and paid sincere compliment to the ruler whom we had deposed. (It may be of interest to our newer members to know that "Cap" served four years with the Royal Canadian Infantry, having enlisted for World War I in 1915, and came to Sacramento to establish his residence in 1919. Always active in affairs of our Drill Team, he piloted them to two National championships, and State championships as well. This faithful warrior is now in the hospital, and very seriously ill) . . . Past Exalted Ruler Kay was chairman of Old Timers' Night and P.E.R. Haley toastmaster. More than 40 brothers who had been members of No. 6 from 35 to 40 years attended the dinner and lodge session. The chairman also gave a brief summarization of results from three charity shows—an interesting recital of these important events . . . Fred Montez, faithful Eagle Scout of Troop 31, was presented with a \$10 merchandise order . . . First 5th Tuesday was so much enjoyed by the ladies—and men—that the officers decided to make each 5th Tuesday a regular event from then on. Dancing and refreshments of all kinds featured this free night that complimented Our Ladies as a reward for "letting the old man out" once a week . . . Elk-Legion pre-lodge dinner May 20 had an attendance of more than 500 . . . Applications for membership received from June through September gave the applicant privilege of our athletic facilities until September balloting . . . Brockway was again the locale for our spring outing, and while attendance was larger, the

service at the resort was not up to the previous year. But in spite of that, every one had a really marvelous time . . . Flag Day rites were held at Municipal Auditorium. P.E.R. Hicks was orator, P.E.R. Ashen master of ceremonies, a grand officer of the Odd Fellows—J. A. Hagerman—who was visiting in Sacramento made a short patriotic address; "Cap" Perkins was narrator for the Flag Ritual; Ken McGilvray presented Ashen to the audience; Legion and Shrine hands stirred our patriotism with their martial airs, and there were other usual vocal and instrumental features. Woodland co-sponsored the observance . . . Gus Brudigan was chairman of our end-of-the-season pre-lodge dinners in early June that reflected a deal of credit to his energy . . . Brother and Mrs. Warren E. Burgess observed their 50th wedding anniversary . . . A mid-summer feature was the picnic at V-J ranch that Exalted Ruler Perkins and "Het" hurried home from Philadelphia Grand Lodge to attend. Provisions had been made for an expected crowd of 300. More than 600 showed up. We ran out of everything. Rush trips were made to Sacramento for beverages, hot dogs, etc., and some dealers were actually routed from their beds to "open up and produce more food." That was OUR FIRST MOONLIGHT PICNIC! But in spite of all, it was an outstanding success from the point of "a good time was had by all!" . . . P.E.R. Ashen was appointed district deputy by the new grand exalted ruler, Judge John S. McClelland, and he made his official visit here in early October . . . Gene O'Brien returned to his normal habitats after several months conducting schools of instruction for telephone operators of the new dialing system in Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield and other cities . . . Frank Gabe dived in a manner *he shouldn't ought to have done*, and broke his back or something. He was hospitalized for many months . . . A new membership roster was published . . . P.E.R. Misphey showed colored movies of his trip through Mexico . . . Ladies of the Elks Card Party raised \$218 for Fairhaven Charity . . . Brother Dick Davis was badly hurt and his wife killed in an auto accident while returning from vacation . . . Wonderful time was had by the score of delegates from No. 6 to State Convention in Los Angeles . . . Our membership teams—the Blues captained by Lowell Smith and the Reds with Frank Bottaro driving them—were accomplishing good results . . . Ray Oakley, chairman of the City-County-Federal pre-lodge dinner did himself proud under very difficult conditions due to the early date—September 16—when vacations were hardly ended and deer season on in full swing . . . "By the Sea, By the Sea, By the Beautiful Sea" was the title of the musical extravaganza featuring our BEAUTIFUL GIRLS of the "Tune In On Your Memories" program of 1940. This melodic feature can best be described by the caption we used under the double-spread cut that pictured our buxom and voluptuous "piffawmers." It follows:

*In the Picture* Reading from left to right, straight across, we first see the assistant director (a gentleman whose name we've forgotten); Al Reed, the brazen hussy with knee a-showing, stands immediately next to the nameless individual; Fritz Kaminsky, sweet and demure in dainty gown, is next and Wally Heisen, in sunbonnet and curls, is next. Comes then Tom Farewell in beanie and bow, while Hugh Roddan in silk hat and long linen duster has just spurned the love of the sweet maiden, Dr. March; George Lofquist and Herman Mueller coquettishly lift their skirts. "Cap" Perkins in long red flannels and handle-bar moustache stands close to Irv Schwartz, who was so croo-elly left "Waiting at the Church." Ken McMain, in dashing habiliment seems just ready to burst into song, but Herman Eckstein beggars description (mebbe that's what caused the ptomaine!); Bill Pahl is just too ducky for words, and Walter Leitch seems to be all that any mother could be; Ed. Brown, certainly has that naughty swing and Steve Marietta just can't wait to get into the water. Frank Bottaro is "More to Be Pitied Than Censured" as Art Day prepares for a mean rendition of "Alexander's Rag Time Band." Bill Ficker is itching for the beach as Alex Ashen is happy because he can soon sit down and "narrate" the "Elks Musical Album" while Emil Martin prepares to "pound out them melodies!" Standing high in the rear we see Heinie Winters, George Fleming and John Tofaneli just prior to their part in the Album, and Bert Peterson doesn't look like the abused wife "Cap" has made him. Jerry Abbott easily portrays the part of the spoiled brat (Baby Snooks) that our secretary tried so hard to sing to sleep, and Del Watkins seems to be the prettiest of them all. In the foreground soft-voiced Earl Janak smiles happily beside Miss Wynestock, the producer, and Nick Culjis seems pleased with it all.

Aside from the fun—and the music—that the evening provided, the real feature was the "Elks Musical Album" from which Brother Alex Ashen, in his pleasing, sonorous voice, narrated the several songs and skits. Esquire Dudley Fortin was chairman . . . Opening dinner dance was October 11th, with Louie Vienna, our singing merchant from California Street, trotting out his second best. Louie was reserving the top ranking affair for a late November offering, when a bottle of California champagne was served to every guest and Josef Hornik served up his best waltz music. It was our most "stupendous" terpsichorean achievement . . . Stockton Lodge celebrated their Golden Anniversary, and a half hundred Sacramento Elks (including a certain well-loved hat-thief) went down in a chartered bus. Everybody—except ye scrivener—raised hell . . . Elks and American Legion staged a Navy Day spectacle in Memorial Auditorium that completely filled that edifice. Thrilling patriotic addresses by Kenneth McGilvray and J. W. S. Butler were carried over KFBK and KROY. Hugh Roddan was chairman . . . Mrs. Mary Rosa and Anthony Dichiarra were low in auction and the Mr. and Mrs. Milt Ervins were low in contract at October bridge . . . A strictly stag Elk and He-Man Guest dinner was another feature of November activities that packed 'em in. Jimmy Lane was chairman. Snappy entertainers came up from San Francisco. "Corned beef and" with all essentials, was the dinner inspiration attracting more than 400. A dollar-fifty covered the entire cost for both the Elk and his he-man guest . . . Father Dwyer was again memorial service speaker . . . Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland honored us with his presence on December 2d, and of his wonderful visit considerable mention was made in our comment at the beginning of this year . . . Drill Team accompanied District Deputy Ashen on his official visit to Grass Valley . . . Ed Brown was the enthusiastic chairman of our Christmas Tree party . . . Nifty Nick, the Culinary Conjuror, saw that no Elk went hungry or thirsty at our after-lodge eggnog party a couple of days before Christmas . . . And as usual, Drill Team closed our year with one of their unbeatable New Year's Eve dinner dances, which provided more joy—ininitely more joy—for the revelers than it put money into their coffers . . . So ended the lodge and social activities of 1941! But the last month of this year for our lodge saw the beginning of nearly four years of the most terrible war civilization—God save the word!—has ever known. It meant three hundred and five of our members would shoulder arms in defense of this land that we love so well, and even more tragically it also meant

that four of these would never return — Brother Oilar was to lay down his life in Africa during battle; Brother Carl E. Lee, Jr., passed on while in England in line of duty; Brother Da Roza died at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver and Brother Lammerton lost his life in an accident near Hamilton Field.

## “Hello Americans” Pre-Lodge Dinner; Bob’s 5th Tuesday In 1942

Typical of the spirit and thoroughness with which the Elks of No. 6 tackle any major project, January 1942 found the membership engaged in an all-out program to aid the National defense and other war-time emergency requests made by the government. Ted Lester was named chairman of Elks’ Defense Bonds and Stamps Committee composed of Wilbur Polk, J. Wesley Platt, Claude Kean and Hugh Roddan. Under direction of Exalted Ruler A. R. Perkins No. 6 pulled the throttle wide open as work was started by the National Defense Committee. Assisting in the project were Dr. R. E. Gilbride, Hugh Roddan, Tom Valentine, Orlin Wallace Jr., Herb White, Harry Kennedy, Chairman Lester, Hilton F. Lusk, Tom Metcalfe, Terrence Mulligan, J. D. O’Connor, Platt, Polk, Dr. Herman Davis, A. J. Delano, Dr. Aaron Gourse, C. G. Harshner and Kean . . . A large crowd turned out for the first pre-lodge dinner of the new year, titled “Hello Americans.” Jimmy Garlick was chairman . . . Sacramento Elks were guests of Stockton Elks and members of the way-back-when club were at their best as memories of 824 J Street were revived . . . The third bridge party of the season was conducted with a large crowd in the lodge room . . . Tinfoil campaign was in full swing . . . Wires were crossed somewhere in the circuit, and the dinner dance slated for February was postponed until March. Chairman Lester reported No. 6 had purchased \$45,475 in War Bonds and Stamps . . . Honoring those so-called old-timers—Elks for 35 years or more—and past exalted rulers attended a dinner and lodge session in large numbers, and it was declared a “swell meeting.” Among those who gathered at the festive board and partook of the fun in the lodge rooms were Old-Timers Dr. F. L. Atkinson (charter member), George Born, Hugh Bradford, Frank Conn, George Cowles, Mark Ebel, Henry Feldhusen, Joe Frank, Charles Geiger, Ed Hook, P.E.R. John Ing, A. R. Johnston, P.E.R. Ed Kay, Bert Kidder, Fred Keisel (charter member who missed the celebration, but came to Lodge the following week from his home in El Cerrito), Frank Lafferty, Walter Leitch, P.E.R. Jack Lynn, Charley Mier, Tom McAuliffe, Walter McLaughlin, Harry Orman, P.E.R. Ed Reese, Frank Ruhstaller, Al Trainor, Dr. Webber, H. G. Waterman and P.E.R. George Yoerk . . . Ernie Bonham, ace twirler for the New York Yankees, was given a set of horns at a special initiation witnessed by several of his baseball colleagues . . . March was ushered in with an initiation in honor of Walter Leitch’s 30 years service as secretary . . . A “good neighbor dance” was staged under the able leadership of Louis Vienna . . . A Father and Son Night, Boy Scout affair, were among the March activities as well as the monthly bridge tournament . . . Quarterly meeting of the Association of Elks, California North, was held in Woodland . . . William Carmody wore the green as chairman of the St. Patrick’s dinner . . . Cap Perkins final social event was a grand success with a 5th Tuesday celebration.

## Dupen Jr. Became Ruler; Spring Outing At Del Mar; Record Golf Tournament

New officers seated at the April meeting were Exalted Ruler W. L. (Bob) Dupen Jr., Leading Knight Fritz Kaminsky, Loyal Knight Edward Grebitus, Lecturing Knight Dudley T. Fortin, Esquire Frank Seymour, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler Pliny B. Ward, Inner Guard W. A. Callister, Chaplain A. J. Wichert, Organist Emil Martin, and Trustees Harold J. Thielen, Harry White, Jr. and Frank Lafferty . . . No. 6 golfers were triumphant over Woodland Lodge on the Yolo County course, 27 to 12 . . . Exalted Ruler Dupen held his social curtain-raiser on May 12th. Bob’s pa was chairman; cocktails were featured, and the Old Man disposed of a flock of hams and bacon and other things via the lucky paddle route to help offset expenses . . . Earl Janak was in the driver’s seat at the Defense Program which was featured by a demonstration by members of Sacramento Fire Department . . . Annual Spring Outing was a grand event at the Rio Del Mar Country Club, and marked our first excursion to the sea . . . No. 6 reglers were defeated by Alameda at Capital Bowl . . . Flag Day was observed in fitting fashion at Sacramento High School Auditorium on Sunday, June 14th, with a very elaborate presentation to a disappointingly small attendance. The exalted ruler and Chairman Harold Scott had put their hearts into this observance of the 165th anniversary of Our Flag, and your editor feels that our members and families let these faithful servants down unmercifully. There were more non-Elks and families present than there were members and families. Originally planned to be held in Woodland, the change in location was made because of transportation difficulties . . . A record number of entries registered for annual golf tournament on the municipal course. The second pre-lodge dinner honored Mike Richert, Commissioner for Ethiopia . . . The fifth Tuesday party packed El Rancho to the limit, even clear out into the highways. Such a wonderful time was had that Number Six devoted a half column of fine print to the gossip of the night. For instance, your reporter observed Dud Fortin, Jim Hickey and Jim Garlick indulged in verboten conversation—politics; Milt Rosenberg rescued a beautiful waitress from disaster when she dropped a platter of his spun steaks; Frank Bottaro couldn’t keep away from the swimming pool edge; Gene O’Brien disporting himself in the pool at midnight, together with his wife, Ann, and Trix Pearce; and numberless other small, but interesting items. More than 600 attended . . . The Alex Ashen drill team frolic provided fun for Elks and their guests. During June No. 6 sponsored northern California table tennis tournament, which attracted leading paddle wielders from all cities in this section of the State. P.E.R. George Yoerk took over the duties of the athletic director in the basement in September. Ed Brown, former director, had joined the Marines. Several Sacramento

members at the 28th Annual Convention in Fresno in September. The ever-welcome 5th Tuesday with the committee underestimating the attendance. Tish, tish, Brother Vienna! . . . Doc Her-spring was honored by a special initiation conducted in his honor October 6th, and Woodland Elks were entertained in true No. 6 style . . . First fall bridge party was presented under the di-rection of Milt Erwin . . . Second annual Elk-Legion night attracted 400 to the Temple . . . Ralph Francis presided at the duck dinner for servicemen Elks at Mather and McClellan Fields . . . Our lodge leading the campaign for blood donors. Another of the many war activities engaged in during December, but never materialized in spite of the backing of every fraternal, labor and civic group in Sacramento . . . Eggnoggs, turkey and extra-special entertainment featured our usual after-lodge pre-Christmas party, and a dinner dance that was a wow ended 1942!

## Gov. Warren's Visit; Don Cox Dep. G.E.R. Highlights 1943

We had proposed a pre-lodge dinner in special honor to P.E.R. Don Cox who had been named District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and we naturally expected there would be many of our more prominent members present. But we had not expected—and therefore most happily surprised—to have an added special honor guest—Governor Earl Warren. He came in un-an-nounced, and took a seat at one of the tables along with the "run of the herd." But, even if he was just a *Brother Bill*, he was also governor of our great State, and so was immediately estab-lished at the head table beside our new district deputy. The governor paid warm tribute to Don, and stated that in his long association with Don in peace officer work, he had always found Brother Cox "to be the highest type of public servant, never flinching in his duty, forthright in his actions, and just in whatever he felt the duties of his office required that he do." It was a real honest-to-goodness pre-lodge dinner, and the governor proved what a he-man he was by joining our gang in a group of old-time high-harmony songs—Down by the Old Mill Stream, My Wild Irish Rose, My Gal Sal, etc., and The Star Spangled Banner—to which grand anthem he knew the words far better than most of us . . . Mrs. Fred Corfee and Harry Swain in contract, and Mrs. E. Marks and Sam Cuilla in auction were consolation prize winners at our first bridge games of the year. The party was handled entirely by the women, and these comprised the committee: Mesdames Ed Kay, Fred Corfee, Punshon, Bill Rawlins, Bob Dupen, Tom McMahan, A. Diciara and Louie Vienna (chairman) . . . The "Athletic Mixed" in February was an outstanding party and brought a bigger-than-ever gang to the Annex. Dancing and swell refreshments after the contests and exhibition features were in charge of Mesdames Ben Collins, J. F. Parrish, Mary Rosa and Punshon. Usual contests were held, and in addition Swim Commissioner Poffenberger presented a swim ballet by the Deb Marine Club of Grant Union. It was a really large night . . . A "glad-to-get-rid-of-him" party was held in honor of Exalted Ruler Dupen Jr., with Nick Culjis serving up southern fried chicken, and all the etceteras, and a right fancy bit of fancy entertainment . . . The last Tuesday in March being a Fifth Tuesday, our wives and sweethearts were royally enter-tained with dancing and buffet supper. It was Bob's last fling before he "shook off his weari-some robes."

## "Goodbye, Bob; Hello Fritz" Dinner Precluded a New Corps of Officers

Said Loyal Knight Grebitus to himself one night in March, "I hope to be exalted ruler some day, so I'd better get busy and hustle up a swell dinner and a hotsy-totsy show for Bob and Fritz's Outgoing-Incoming Party. Which he did—with emphasis—and was aided in the doing thereof by Curly Abbott, Shorty Seymour, Pa Callister and Soldier Eckstein . . . Our own Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Don Cox headed the grand officers who installed these 1943-44 workers: Exalted Ruler Fritz Kaminsky, Leading Knight Edward Grebitus, Loyal Knight Dudley T. Fortin, Lecturing Knight Frank Seymour, Esquire W. A. Callister, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Tiler Pliny B. Ward, Inner Guard Nick Culjis, Chaplain Hugh Roddan, Organist Emil Martin; Trustees—P.E.R. Harold J. Thielen, Harry White Jr., Frank Lafferty. And one of the very first things the new ruler did after ascending the dais was to cruelly declare all chair officers were to have a real chore to do during his term, and assigned to each some definite activity or activities—which they did. "No more loafing on the job," quoth Fritz. And results told of how effective were his words . . . Brother Ernie Oldham (Grass Valley Lodge) took over duties of Boy Scout chairman which had been vacated by Brothers Herb Briggs and Arthur Nathan upon entering military service . . . Trophy winners for the 1942-43 bridge season were: Contract—L. Rosenberg and Hugh Zenor, Mesdames Milton Ervin and Harry Swain; Auction—Jack Collins and Walter Leitch; Mesdames Jack Collins and J. Marks . . . Myron Nathan was chairman of Flower Day activities, but due to limited gas rationing had to change usual routine. Nevertheless many hundreds of bouquets were made up, and by some manner or other were finally delivered. More than 100 beautiful bouquets were left over, and these were sent to the Old Men's Home and the Home for Elderly Ladies . . . Crabs and prawns were hard to get, but Nick and Sam and Johnny and Joe got 'em and we had 'em—in plenty—for our May after-lodge feast . . . Our nice junior past exalted ruler, Bob Dupen, got in a draft or something when we took the mantle from his shoulders installation night, and acquired for him-self a mess of measles. Such a boyish trick! And Lorraine had to nurse him through it all! . . . Mothers' Day was observed May 11th, with our measles-infested j.p.e.r. in charge. The program was very interesting, but as usual Brother Dupen had some one to do the work for him. Only this time Bobby wasn't at fault . . . First pre-lodge dinner of the new term was enjoyed June 8th with Lloyd F. White the chairman who made the dinner really enjoyable. He had some very alluring entertainment . . . Elks Ladies started entertaining the military boys at USO each fourth Friday.

## Golf Tournament; Flag Day; Fifth Tuesday Featured June; Fritz Polishes Things Up

One hundred fourteen entrants made our annual golf tournament (chairmaned by Ed Grebitus) a very successful venture. Bart Cavanagh and Joe De Vincenzi were top winners at 64, with Bart gaining the perpetual trophy. War bonds and war stamps were prizes . . . Flag Day in Municipal Auditorium gave us Brother Gordon H. Garland, director of vehicles, as principal speaker. Ben Ali Chanters, directed by Clifford Mott, and several artists of radio fame came in from McClelland and Mather Fields to add their interesting features. P.E.R. Perkins was chairman . . . "Our June '5th Tuesday,' being exclusively for members and their ladies, will be put on as a NO CHARGE night," is the way the exalted ruler expressed the matter. So the officers arranged for a capacity attendance, and Esquire Callister hit the jack pot with a general good time—dancing, and a midnight feast. More than 200 attended . . . "There'll be no more 'after-lodge feeds and beer' from now on," quoth Exalted Ruler Fritz—"such appellations are too plebian," said he. "From now and henceforth they shall be known as 'buffet lunch with malt beverage,'" the which we will begin at our September 7th meeting." And so they came to be, and our first high-toned "after-lodge refreshments," was put on with all the oldtime vigor and careless abandon that had characterized Nick's "lagerfests" of the past. But Fritz had fun, and we all enjoyed our brief excursion into "classy realms"! . . . Incidentally our exalted ruler had been so tied down with police and lodge affairs that he could not attend Grand Lodge Convention at Boston, so he sent his alternate, the had-been measle-infested (but by then fully recovered) Bob Dupen. Lorraine went with him so Bob did a good job, and gave a splendid report to the lodge.

## Special Initiation Given For Boys In Military Service

A special initiation was a September 3d event to take care of several boys resident in the Sacramento military area, but elected to membership in other lodges throughout the Nation . . . Cap Perkins and George Sainsbury took our Scout Troop to Bolinas Bay on a one-week outing. Brother Herman Davis sent over a "couple of pound cakes about a yard long," and Brother Dr. Frank A. Russell personally conducted physical examination of each Scout at no cost whatever to the Troop or the Lodge . . . Exalted Ruler Kaminsky and Secretary Leitch were our official representatives at Los Angeles . . . Senor Bernardis Bianco, Mexican Counsel, sent a letter warmly commending the lodge for our Flag Day program . . . "Them Fried Oysters—and raw ones, too—with malt beverage" featured an after-lodge banquet . . . General Howard Lidster, General Bill Cubberly and General Lafe Sherman had marshaled their membership forces and were really "bringing in the sheaves" . . . 700 soldiers were served coffee, cakes and sandwiches by our Elks Ladies at USO at their October night presided over by Mesdames Fritz Kaminsky, Jack Collins, Nick Culjis, Jules Kaminsky, Frank Mir, John Parrish, Louie Vienna, Harry White and Harry Wilson . . . October 29th was first Family Party night that attracted almost 250. Dancing was the feature, and a buffet supper at midnight—all for 50c per each. November 27th gave us a similar night with another happy crowd and another wonderful time . . . No use talking, these "family pairs" had become habitual winners at bridge, our first party of the fall giving Brother and Mrs. Gene Anderson top spots in auction; Harry Swain and Mrs. Hazel Keating contract winners, while November gave us Leon Rosenberg and Mrs. Harry Swain again winners in contract with Sam Cuilla and his "Missus" topping the auction players.

## District Deputy Tener Compliments Officers; Stag Party Brought Grand Results

District Deputy John K. Tener (Stockton) visited with us officially in early November. He complimented our officers on their fine **exemplification** of the initiatory ritual . . . Annual Elk-Legion Dinner was—as had been all **preceding ones**—an outstanding success with a hundred or more unable to be accommodated. Past **Commander** Leon Happell (the Red Terror from Stockton) was speaker . . . In November **our officers** and several members went over to visit Woodland and perform their initiatory chores for them . . . Big stag party departed from our usual 5th Tuesday affairs, and was given as **an aid** to the membership committee. Everything was free—only restriction being that each Elk was required to bring with him a prospective member. There were three hours of riotous fun, a grand dinner, and infinite good resulted from the get-together. "Field Marshall" Fortin arranged for the nifty entertainment and "**Generals**" Lidster, Cubberly, and Sherman really went to work to get out the crowd and the "**prospects**"—the which they **got**, as was attested by the final report of the membership committee at the **end** of the term, showing 313 new members . . . Chaplain **Hugh** Roddan gave us another **beautiful** memorial service, and we made mention of his special **work** of fraternal devotion in providing each of our deceased **brothers** with an appropriate **eulogy** . . . Elks Ladies USO Canteen had a Christmas tree for enlisted personnel with committee members **Mesdames** Fritz and Jules Kaminsky, Louie Vienna and Frankie Mir, and assisted by **Mesdames** Bert Peterson, Oscar Kistle and Gladys Ringer serving 78 dozen homemade cookies, 15 **pounds** of fruit cake and 13 homemade cakes and coffee, together with apples and oranges to more than 900, thus bringing to those lonely boys a bit of homey cheer most of them would not have otherwise enjoyed . . . Our own corps of officers had grown tired, so they prevailed upon that tireless group from Woodland to come over and initiate 43 candidates just before Thanksgiving . . . Elks Ladies served their usual USO party as a distinct Christmas Eve party that radiated cheer to our boys which can never be adequately measured, for the wonderful **memories** carried to their homes by the boys we thus **cheered will live on** for a long, long **time** . . . Cap Perkins was named head of the Canadian Legion . . . Nick again trotted out his turkey sandwiches and **wonderful egg** noggs. Emil Martin pounded the piano for the high-harmony boys as long as their **tonsils remained** unsplit . . . And a grand dinner dance that crowded our auditorium to the ultra-limit **was the end** of the year event.



## G.E.R.'s Visit; Membership Committee Success Boosted 1944

Had this lodge received advance notice, the inspiring address of Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan (Portland) on January 11th would have been "aired." True, the G.E.R.'s publicity staff did notify us, but their notice came the day after our grand officer's visit. He gave a wonderful talk that should have been available to all—Elk and non-Elk alike. But we had a fine meeting, and Stockton officers were our guests at a dinner to Brother Lonergan, who returned home with them after our lodge session, the next day being his date for the official visit there . . . A large class of candidates was our greeting to the new year at the initiation January 4th—21 by initiation and 4 by demission . . . No. 6 joined in the movement to obtain canes, crutches and artificial limbs for incapacitated boys returning from our front lines . . . "The Old Masters of the Past" took over for the February 1st class and did a right proper job of initiating 38 novices. The program was in charge of P.E.R. Perkins, and P.E.R. Gannon gave the Flag tribute and final instructions to the class. Besides Perkins and Gannon, these past rulers aided: Walter Hicks, Art Brown, Don Cox, Walt Holmes, Eddie Reese, Fred Misphey, Frankie Mir, Doc Gilbride. Attending also as "guests" for the night were: Past Rulers Jack Lynn, Ed Kay, Dal Lemmon; and Bob Dupen (the junior past ruler who was initiated into the Past Exalted Rulers' Association—measles residue and all) . . . Boy Scouts presented a special program . . . Ladies Bridge Night—one of the finest of the series—had a very good attendance, and almost 50 door prizes. Chairman of the night was Mrs. Louie Vienna. Mrs. Jessie Keating and Robert Powell were high in contract, and Mrs. Verna Staudte and P.E.R. Ed Kay topped the auction players . . . Top winners for January had been Eli Van Waggoner and Mrs. Marie Bachman in contract; A. Dichiaro and Mrs. Jack Collins in auction . . . Instead of the usual lodge program to honor the birthday of the Father of Our Country, a "Family Dance" was held after short lodge session at the established 50c per person. A fine buffet supper followed . . . On March 7th a class of 50 candidates were initiated, and 2 received my demission . . . Chairman Wichert reported that a letter from New York told of the infinite good our War Fund was doing . . . Final event of Brother Kaminsky's social year was the Exalted Ruler's Dinner Dance with 300 merrymakers toasting his future and pleasant memories of the year then ending . . . On the final lodge night a large class that netted 35 new names to our roster was initiated, and at this time General Chairman Lidster reported there had been 313 members added for the term, for a net gain of 247 after deducting losses from death and other causes. His own Blue Team was top with 118 initiated, and of which number Milt Rosenberg (our left-handed catching athlete of the basement) had successfully presented 35 candidates. Bill Cubberly's White Purity Squad—(ever so pure) were runners-up with 110, in which group Doc Herspring—our 70-year-young boy—was easily top man; and Lafe Sherman's Red (and not so pure) Rascals—who had got off to a slow start—came in on a whirlwind finish with 85, Hale Warn "tee-ing in" with top score.

## Grebitus Installed; Antlers Instituted; Kal Kutta, and Golf Tournament

A magnificent dinner, a delightful entertainment program, a spirit of true good fellowship, and a quarter thousand well-wishing brothers who had come to welcome the new ruler and bid fond farewell to the old, featured the start of installation ceremonies for these 1944-45 officers who were to serve this grand lodge whose 50th year was "just around the corner": Exalted Ruler Edward Grebitus, Leading Knight Dudley Fortin, Loyal Knight Frank Seymour, Lecturing Knight W. A. Callister, Esquire N. G. Culjis, Inner Guard Wallace Heisen, Tiler Pliny B. Ward, Secretary Walter Leitch, Treasurer Charles Geiger, Organist John Blakkolb, Chaplain Hugh Roddan; Trustees H. J. Thielen, Frank Lafferty, Harry White, Jr. In his address to the lodge the new ruler said: "This lodge has given me many things . . . Friendship and Good Fellowship . . . Permanence in Values . . . for as the years pass by we more than ever realize the emptiness of all material possessions . . . we discover that Things of the Spirit alone endure," and in retiring, Brother Kaminsky gave voice to these words: "I am more than happy that the close of my term has come at a time when I am still enjoying the work, and not at a time when I wished it would hurry to an end." . . . Number Six published a group picture of most of the "tireless after-lodge workers" who served our feeds and our drinks at the regular once-a-month get-togethers following lodge sessions. In the group were: Doc Herspring, Nick Culjis, Sam Lota, Del Watkins, Louie Vienna, Harry Johnson, B. E. Doidge, Wally Heisen, E. A. Ott, Johnny Tofanelli, Jack Collins, Herman Eckstein, Lawrence Salerno, Louis Norcia, Milt Rosenberg, Charley (1-keg) Gallagher, and Bill Cubberly . . . To start his first complete lodge night, the new ruler arranged for an early lodge session, followed by cards and other sociable games, with turkey sandwiches and coffee served throughout the evening . . . Final bridge party April 19 found A. Dichiaro and Mrs. Eugene Anderson tournament winners in auction; Fred Murphy and Mrs. Milt Ervin highest in contract. Chairman Jack Collins had a very successful season, and merited our "pats on the back" . . . Lawrence Erwin was chairman of our Flower Day activities.

## Marysville Burned its Mortgage; Antlers Instituted; Biggest Golf Tournament Held

Marysville Lodge burned its mortgage, and our officers took a trip up to that thriving lodge to help them celebrate the momentous event . . . Mothers' Day was observed as part of the regular lodge session. Hugh Roddan was chairman and Judge Ray Coughlin speaker . . . Antlers Lodge No. 6 was instituted, Donald Elliott being named exalted antler, and his chair officers were: Ed Sprague, Don Suggett, Don Lavine, Rodney Pemberton, Martin Bussio, Durham Sprague, Darrel Duane, Edward Farr, Hugh Connelly and James Bowman; Harry Ogle was Antler chairman, representing our lodge . . . "Cap" Perkins presented final report of Boy Scout Committee. Other active committee members were George Walker, Ed Fortado, and E. L. Phillips of Salt Lake Lodge . . . Joe Compagno was appointed chairman of the after-lodge feasts . . . Deputy Attorney General Allen Martin was made chairman of the Elk-sponsored war loan drive which had a

very successful conclusion, especially when it is remembered that three-fourths of our membership was already on some payroll savings plan . . . G.E.R. Lonergan paid his second visit to northern California, this time including Woodland, Marysville, Chico and Redding . . . 1944 Golf Tournament was best attended in our history—120 entries. John Rivolta won top honors with 65 net, and Joe Dewey runner-up with 66. "Kal Kutta Proved a Generous Host," and Bob Zarick and Art Criss received a tidy sum for their skill in picking low scorers. Several other brothers were good pickers, and pocketed a bit of change for their skill. At conclusion of the "business session," a big feed with Fred Corfee's beans a feature . . . Lawrence Erwin was giving much attention to Our Youths' Saturday Swims . . . Western States Life gave Doc Herspring \$250 in appreciation for profit he had made as house manager during the year . . . Flag Day was observed in our lodge room, P.E.R. Dupen was chairman, Judge Paul Peek orator and P.E.R. Gannon, assisted by the drill team, gave the Flag's history. There was no lodge session, the ceremony was open to Elks and ladies, and cards were enjoyed until eleven, after which sandwiches and other refreshments were served. The attendance was very large . . . Mike Strazzo was elected grand president of the International Footprinters . . . Howard Lidster took our Scout Troop on an interesting and instructive overnight hike up the American River. George Walker assisted.

### *Picnic At Old Elk Grove Started Fall Fun; 62 Candidates Started Fall Membership Gain*

Originally intended as a "repeater" at V-J Ranch, the fall picnic committee found the attendance would be too great and larger grounds necessary. So it was that we went to Old Elk Grove, where the *greatest picnic we ever had* was held and—to quote our heading over a report of the outing—" \$700 Worth of Picnic All for Free" was indeed the truth. Free watermelons, free beans, free dancing, free ice cream for the kids, free hot dogs—everything free but the beer. Wally Heisen was chairman, and his assistants were Past Ruler Mir, Leading Knight Fortin, Lecturing Knight Callister, Treasurer Geiger, Secretary Leitch, and Casper Kolb, Perry Clark, Milt Rosenberg, Wallace Glycer, Harry Swain, Frank Luttig, Del Watkins, Howard Lidster, Al Wichert, Joe Campagno, "Bones" Elliott, Jack Collins, Bill Cubberly, Johnny Tofanelli, Bert Livingston, Louis Norcia, Verne Hodge, Ed Fortado, and Mesdames Kolb, Mir, Campagno and Cangi . . . Word was received of injury by shrapnel to Brother Eddie Tofanelli . . . Howard Lidster arranged for a week's summer outing at the Kyburz Camp Ground, and Cap Perkins, George Walker and Edgar Reese looked after the 24 active, always-hungry Boy Scouts. The outing included a 14-mile hike into Wright's Lake . . . Exalted Ruler Grebitus made an interesting and informative report on the Grand Lodge Session and War Conference at Chicago. An amendment to the grand lodge constitution was offered *expressly prohibiting branches or degrees of membership in the order, nor any insurance or mutual benefit features, or adjuncts or auxiliaries other than an Association of Past Exalted Rulers* . . . Ex-Chaplain Wichert was again in charge of the War Fund campaign, which finally resulted in a reasonably satisfactory response . . . Fred Misphey re-elected State Trustee . . . On October 3d a class of 59 was initiated and 5 accepted on demission—a right hefty lot of candidates to start the fall season . . . One of our old, old-timers, Brother Eugene Sutcliffe, wrote that he had one son and six grandsons in military service . . . "Your Bridge Committee Reporting" through Chairman Leavitt Powers told us their opening party was very successful as a season-starter, nearly 100 being present. War stamps were the prizes. The chairman and Mrs. Walter Buehler were winners in contract, and Sam Cuilla and Mrs. Annabelle O'Connor bottom winners in auction. At the November party Mrs. Ed Kay and Gene Anderson were at the bottom of the column in auction winners, and Fred Murphy and Mrs. Jo Huth trailed in contract . . . Capt. Queisser, of McClellan Field Officers Club, furnished several very tasty after-lodge feasts . . . 500 attended the 4th Annual Elk-Legion Dinner that had Seth Millington as speaker, Chet Gannon as M/C and 5x5 Seymour, chairman . . . Dinner dances were increasing in popularity, and were, of course, for Elks only and their ladies . . . Our brothers enjoyed two swell tours through McClellan Field and assembly lines . . . Judge Paul Peek eulogized the memory of our dead at annual Lodge of Sorrow. Chaplain Roddan was in charge . . . 1200 turkey sandwiches, gallons and gallons of eggnogg (with plenty of nogg—and a gallon or so without the nogg) attracted more than 400 brothers to our December 19 lodge meeting . . . Christmas tree party was too successful. Arrangements had been made by Paul Kuchman and Lawrence Erwin for 250 children. More than 400 showed up. But somehow these two brothers *managed*, and every one had a good time . . . A faithful Scout worker and diligent committeeman, George Walker, established a fine retail liquor and tobacco store at 3718 J Street . . . Paul Marchi moved his music business from 16th near Broadway to 1208 J Street . . . More than 100 were turned away from our New Year's Eve dinner dance, chaired by Wally Heisen. And so we ended One Nine Four Four!

### *1945 — The Year of Our Golden Anniversary*

As we ended "One Nine Four Four" in an unprecedented blaze of activities, so also we began "One Nine Four Five"—the year of our Golden Anniversary. And the first of these was a grand initiation on January 9th for a total of 39 candidates, 30 of whom were by initiation, and 9 by re-instatement or demission. All of which was followed with an unusual after-lodge feed put on by Capt. Queisser of McClellan Officers Club. However, Exalted Ruler Grebitus was determined that as his closing months were fast running their course, his own tempo would be increased. So it was

that just four weeks later our officers put on another and even grander night, and on February 6th a class of 48 were initiated, with two others being received through reinstatement and demission, and in the February issue of Number Six 54 applications were printed—truly a wonderful start for the Golden Year. But that was only the beginning, Brothers—ONLY *the beginning*—of the final quarter of the Grebitus term. For instance:

A well-attended bridge party with lots of prizes was a mid-January night of pleasure . . . Then on January 29th we observed Fathers' and Sons' Night for the Antlers . . . But on January 30th was the really BIG event, when 800 Elks and ladies made merry on the first 5th Tuesday of the new year. Quoting from Number Six we find: "Things DID happen \* \* \* one of the finest floor shows ever presented in Sacramento by ANY organization was the tantalizer for the fun that followed. Of which there was plenty. And ample. And also a helluva lot! \* \* \* The thrills and excitement of the "interludes" in the lodge room \* \* \* The food served in the banquet room at midnight was completely satisfying \* \* \* The hour for home-going came all too soon \* \* \* The large crowd was superbly handled," and heartiest congratulations were accorded our exalted ruler and his splendid committee . . . A letter was received from a brother of Providence (Rhode Island) lodge, then sojourning in Florida, but who had been visiting here, to the effect that the meals served in our dining room were the best he had had anywhere in all his travels . . . And our February issue carried a beautiful tribute to Past Exalted Ruler George Yoerk who had suddenly died on January 18th. From this tribute to him who had served us so well and so long we quote:

"Each Sunday morning in the handball gallery a familiar voice used to stimulate the team fighting below to rally a trailing score. No matter who the players were—champions or bums—the encouraging voice rang out—"Comin' up!"—and hearing this, the team making the uphill battle always seemed to find some thing, some where, and made a gallant if not a winning stand. They knew the man behind the voice had seen fifty years of handball, and if he thought they had a chance, who were they to think otherwise! . . . Now the voice is stilled, and is but a spirit that hovers unseen over the handball courts. Yet it is heard out of the memory of the past. It has become part of the saga of other days to be whispered about in the shadows of the locker room and among the warm, fleshy smells that go with sweating men . . . The only epitaph fitting to the stone that marks his resting place would be this: GEORGE P. YOERK—HE PLAYED THE GAME TO THE LAST POINT."

Bob's Pa (Mister W. L. Dupen the Sr.) and Our Ethiopian Expert (Mister Michael Richert) put on one of the really great Old Timers' and Past Rulers' Nights late in February that started off with free cocktails, a grand turkey dinner, one of the very finest stag shows Leading Knight Fortin had ever brought to Sacramento, and one that made our eyes "really bug out." Yet—in spite of the excellence of the show—the real heart-appeal of the entertainment was the singing of the Old Timers' Quartette—Art Day, Tom Farewell, Verne Hodge and Heinie Winter, in all the old melodies that grow ever more popular as years roll by. Following the stag show all retired to the third floor where bridge, gin rummy and other games were fully enjoyed until going-home time. Attended by a little more than 500, it was a night that we'll never forget . . . Final social event of the Grebitus calendar was a joyous St. Patrick's Dinner Dance.

To close the term, a special Friday night initiation was held on March 30th, at which time 48 candidates were initiated, and one received on affiliation. But at the session of March 6th there were 47 initiated and 3 affiliations for a grand total of 99 for the month, bringing the year's total initiations and affiliations to 410 for a net gain of 387 after deductions for deaths and other losses. Also, during the closing months of his term, there had been much activity in the re-financing program and on the front page of the April issue of Number Six we showed a picture of Trustees Thielen, Lafferty and White, and P.E.R. Misphey, re-financing chairman, at the ceremony of presenting a check to Brother O. J. Lacey, president, and Paul Wright, treasurer, of California-Western States Life in the amount of \$50,000. The campaign to complete a refinancing program had actually begun on January 12th, when P.E.R. Kaminsky, chairman of the "A" Group, and General Chairman Misphey called a take-off meeting with many workers. A little slow to



The Bar. (Door at extreme right opens to small sun deck)



Billiards and Card Games are played here; also buffet lunches and dinners are served on these tables

start, the campaign came to a whirlwind finish on the night of the special March 30th initiation, at which time it was announced 581 members had over-subscribed the required \$300,000 by \$56,000, which was then felt to be a safe margin. However, many applications were later rejected by the insurance carrier, and for other causes were not completed, so that late in 1945 it became necessary to put on a supplementary campaign to complete the obligation.

#### *Old Officer Retired With Honor; Golden Anniversary Ruler Installed*

Which brings us to the end of Brother Grebitus as exalted ruler and starts us off on the Golden Voyage that would culminate our Fifty Years of Achievement. In surrendering the gavel to the new exalted ruler, Brother Dudley Fortin, the retiring ruler made many apt remarks, and from them we quote these few lines:

"Gratifying as is the record of present achievement, it would be extreme folly to engage in mere laudation, or to surrender to the enticing delusions of a thoughtless optimism . . . Though the term of Exalted Ruler is brief, it is an opportunity to testify to our unity in maintaining ideals in accordance with our common pledge. We are not here as masters, but as servants; not to glory in power but to attest our loyalty to the commands and restrictions laid down by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in whose name we exercise our brief authority. We have no more durable preeminence than the different grains in an hour glass. We serve Our Hour by unremitting devotion to the principles which have given our lodge both stability and the capacity for orderly progress."

*The king is dead! With joy and gladness may the new king reign! Happy landings, Ed! And success to you, Dud!* Your editor, too, will rest for a while in this narrative. We'll let a younger and more vigorous man take up the story of the nine months to come,—and *in the modern manner* tell you of the exciting events that will crowd the rest of Our Golden Year! "Take over, kid!" So, borrowing a greeting from radio announcer style, *he DOES* take over—with a bang! Yep, here comes the "kid"! Just listen to him as he introduces our new exalted ruler:

"Fortin's the name, Dudley Fortin, that is, from the old South, I say, the deep South, that is, south of Broadway." So might Fred Allen's famous Senator Claghorn introduce Sacramento Elkdom's "Golden Anniversary" exalted ruler—sparkplug of what has been one of No. 6's history-making years. Taking office April 3 of this Golden Anniversary year, his program has been clicking away at a fast pace ever since. First big news following Dud's installation as exalted ruler was announcement that the Temple had



When Junior Past Exalted Ruler Edward Grebitus passed the gavel to Our Golden Anniversary Ruler, Dudley T. Fortin, on April 3, 1945