

been purchased from the California Western States Life Insurance Company at a saving of \$160,000. This was the starting point toward complete liquidation of indebtedness against the building, and was made possible through a Victory Dinner at which the brothers subscribed some \$365,000 to handle the refinancing program.

When our exalted ruler took office he promised that his term would be featured by a rapid-fire series of entertainments, parties, dances, and other activities for Elks and their ladies, and the fact has been amply demonstrated throughout the year that membership in No. 6 means something in good fellowship and good times. General activities have been restricted to the membership, and the 1945 program has emphasized the fact that possession of a membership card is not only a pleasure, but a *privilege*.

A summary of activities since inception of the present corps of hard-working officers shows that the brothers of No. 6 have co-operated one hundred per cent with Victory Loan Drives, Red Cross Blood Bank program, Rehabilitation Program for Returning Veterans, and actively supported the Elks War Commission. In the matter of lodge improvements, new lights have been installed over pool and billiard tables, dining facilities in the club rooms have been enlarged and improved for the benefit of members who like to spend the noon hour on the third floor.

Benefits Restricted To Membership, But Our Ladies Are Not Forgotten

In line with the desire to restrict benefits of membership to the members, admittance to the club rooms and athletic department, as well as to lodge functions, have been closed to outsiders. This policy has shown very satisfactory results. There have been no "membership drives" since the beginning of this term. Applications have been taken as they came in, and acted upon after careful scrutiny by the Investigating Committee—and we'd like our membership to know that committee members have often worked until midnight hours to clear the hundreds of applications which have come before them. And as a compliment to the thoroughness with which they have examined each application it is worthy of record to note that very few applicants passed by the Investigating Committee were rejected at the ballot.

To overcome the nervous tension that sometimes comes to candidates who are presenting themselves for initiation, and to give them a feeling of welcome and fellowship, a Committee of Ten now greets them as they enter our secretary's office and the library, and then introduces them to their new brothers of the lodge during the refreshment and entertainment period that follows initiation. Neither have the ladies been forgotten, as our program of social functions, dances, and dinners has brought them very much into the limelight, and provided a closer understanding of the fellowship and good times that make up such an essential part of our fraternal program. Once a month an afternoon bridge and card party is held for ladies only, and other events of special interest to them are listed for the coming year. All in all, our "*Golden Anniversary term*" has been a lively one—a fitting conclusion to a half century of golden fellowship, unselfish service, and sound management in all the affairs of the Lodge.

Nine Months Passing In Review Show Many Outstanding Events

A brief resume of No. 6's activities during Dud's term to date would logically start with the Installation Pre-Lodge Dinner that had the largest attendance ever. Loyal Knight Seymour was chairman for this grand event, and a hundred or more late-coming brothers had to be denied admittance, for no matter how hard good old Doc Herspring tried, he could not find places for them—there were absolutely **no seats available**. Came then the Victory Dinner on April 24th that found every seat in our auditorium filled, with as fine a stag show as any organization ever presented in our Temple. Next social event was the buffet dinner dance on May 4th that was Esquire Lidster's maiden effort in his new post—an effort highly satisfactory to the large attendance.

May 1, of course, is traditionally "Elk's Flower Day," and hundreds of shut-ins throughout the Sacramento area had their day brightened by the floral gifts of the Flower Day Committee headed by Myron Nathan, and distributed through the courtesy of Brother Frank Murray's motorcycle agency. Members attending the May 8th meeting were treated to a motion picture program after the business session, and on May 29th the first in a series of "Fifth Tuesday" meetings took place with an old-time barn dance and buffet supper which attracted 400 members and ladies.

158 Golfers "Tee-d Off" On Greatest Tournament In Our History

No. 6's dubs, duffers, and 19th-holers took to the golf links June 10th for what proved to be the largest annual golf party in the history of the lodge when 158 members tee-d off in a battle royal for the many prizes collected for the occasion, and Roy De Martini became 1945 champion with a low net of 65, second honors going to Earl Smith. Hale Warn was general

chairman and Carl Seymour tournament chairman in charge of starting times. Other workers on this exceptionally productive committee were: Marshall Ford, J. H. McMahon, W. P. Anderson, Frank Luttig, Paul Ford and Bill Loftus, Wilbur Polk, Frank Lagomarsino, Ed Newman, Bob Zarick, Jack Hoagland, Bill Dorian, Bill Desmond, Tom Lo Presti, Harry DeCampos, L. L. Cheshire, John Rivolta, Fred Taylor, Tom Dunn, Ed Grebitus, Al Westlake, Bus Pendelton, Sam Green, Don Cox, Ed Grove, Dick Lawrence, Gene O'Brien, Joe O'Neil, Ray Parker and Frank Seymour. The "Calcutta" preceding this great tournament was also best attended ever. *Flag Day* was observed in our Temple on June 12th, and our own Sacramento Boy Scout Troop No. 31 took part in this patriotic ceremony. Senator Slater paid beautiful and tender tribute to our mothers on *Mothers Day*. June 30 saw another of the gala entertainment events which featured the new term. Billed as a *Sports Dinner Dance*, the affair was an informal evening of dancing and entertainment, and was a sell-out even before final plans were announced by the entertainment committee. With this event the idea of sharing the entertainment with the ladies picked up speed from its flying start May 29th, and hasn't slowed down yet. One dance a month was Lidster's program, with exception of vacation time when there was little activity along fraternal lines. However, the entertainment committee used these weeks to complete plans for the annual picnic in September. The affair was again held at Old Elk Grove, with beans, hot dogs, soft drinks, ice cream for the children, salad, watermelon. A good time was had by all attending—Elks, their ladies, and the youngsters. Special arrangements were made to care for younger children so that the ladies could take part in the various games and special events. The picnic was "on the lodge," with everything (except the beer) furnished free.

Halloween Dance Started Fall Social Activities With Another "5th Tuesday"

The winter social season began with a Halloween Costume Ball which also reached the sell-out stage long before the announced date of October 27th. Over three hundred members and their ladies—most of them in colorful and original costumes—enjoyed an evening of sparkling entertainment, complete with balloons, confetti, dinner, prizes, and music by Brother Ray Sawyer, his accordion, and his orchestra. This gala costume ball was quickly followed by another *5th Tuesday* event on October 30th. Heralded as a *Harvest Festival*, this family night of fun, dancing, and dinner was attended by 1,200 members and their ladies, and proved to be a highlight of the fall season.

In November three successive events were planned—a bridge party for members and ladies, followed by the Fifth Annual Elk-Legion dinner that completely filled our auditorium, and featuring a stage show that was a honey. A dinner dance on the 24th that was attended by 300 mem-



The Pleasantest Dining Room In Sacramento: To the left rear, standing immediately in front of the windows, is House Manager Albert E. Olsberg; Mrs. Allen, dining room hostess, is at his right



Officers of Our 50th Anniversary Committee: Scanning the pages of Our Golden Book, Past Exalted Ruler Fred J. Johns (general chairman) evidences his happy approval as Exalted Ruler Dudley Fortin turns the leaves to reveal each joyous year. Standing in a half circle behind these two are (reading clockwise): Lecturing Knight N. G. Culjis, Leading Knight Frank H. Seymour, Loyal Night W. A. Collister, Esquire Howard I. Lidster, Inner Guard Albert J. Wichert

bers and ladies wound up Thanksgiving month. By this time it became apparent Exalted Ruler Fortin's idea of "lots of good times" was very much "on the beam"—the membership had learned early reservations were absolutely necessary "if they wished to be among those present."

With our second meeting in December, Memorial Services were held. Again we were doubly saddened in tolling eleven strokes for two past exalted rulers—Brothers George P. Yoerk and Thomas J. Flammer, and the passing of an unusually large number of our lay members—twenty-three, to which three more have been added since our Lodge of Sorrow, making a total of twenty-eight since December, 1944—twenty-eight faithful brothers who would have so much enjoyed being with us during the eventful days of December 20, 21, 22 that started with a lunch to our past exalted rulers, our present officers and trustees, and members of the Hall Association. But of the entertainment events for those three ever-to-be-remembered days, we have asked another young, earnest Elk to tell you the story—a lad who has his heart in this lodge, and will work his heart out for us. He attended every function. Your editor could attend none. We know you will enjoy his story from his first word to the last. And this is what he wrote:

Memories! Memories!

December 21, 1895—December 20, 21 and 22, 1945... That occasion which comes to all men but once during the mystery called Life, was written into the history of Sacramento Lodge No. 6, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in a never-to-be-forgotten celebration lasting three days and as many nights.

Recollections! A tear wiped away.

A living panorama of fifty years of Elkdom in Sacramento was crowded into four thrill-packed affairs which almost saw the brothers who have answered the Last Great Roll Call tread the halls of our magnificent tribute to their efforts—the Elks Temple. But to try to relive fifty years of Elks' history in the short span of seventy-two hours is a mighty task, and the sands in the hour glass must have remained stationary as the hands of the clock tolled off the revered Eleven Strokes three times during the fete.

Joyous reunions! Inquiries!

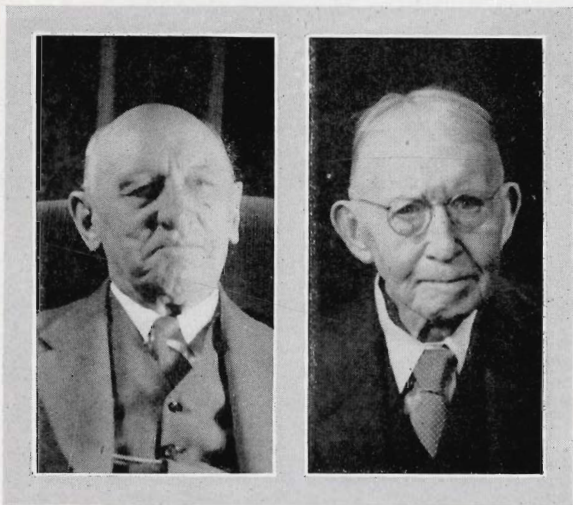
Oldsters reliving the past were a joyous sight to see—a living memorial that made newcomers gape with awe as the names and faces were identified, inspiring hallowed tones . . . Work as though you might live forever; live as though you . . . Forester's Hall, Ruhstaller's Building, 824 J Street, and finally Eleventh and J, became welded under one roof as Elks of all ages put aside the years and took December 1945, as the Golden Year of Sacramento's Elk herd in the Capital City . . . All was not easy during the fifty-year bridge of months and years in which we have played an important part in shaping the destiny of our great city, but the trials and tribulations—if those eventful experiences can be called such—were but shadowy shapes flitting fast away during the Golden Anniversary celebration.

*Tireless! All-consuming!
Ever faithful!*

Cooperation from every quarter marked the preparations, which were wide in scope. An appealing program of entertainment and dancing, a banquet for the women that will be talked of for years to come, a stag dinner for the men, an "after-feed" following Old Timers' Night that even rivaled the stag banquet in excellence of food and palate appeal, a buffet supper and dancing (until 2 a.m. by popular demand) to the tuneful rhythms of Ray Sawyer's band—all these were designed to include every brother in the lodge.

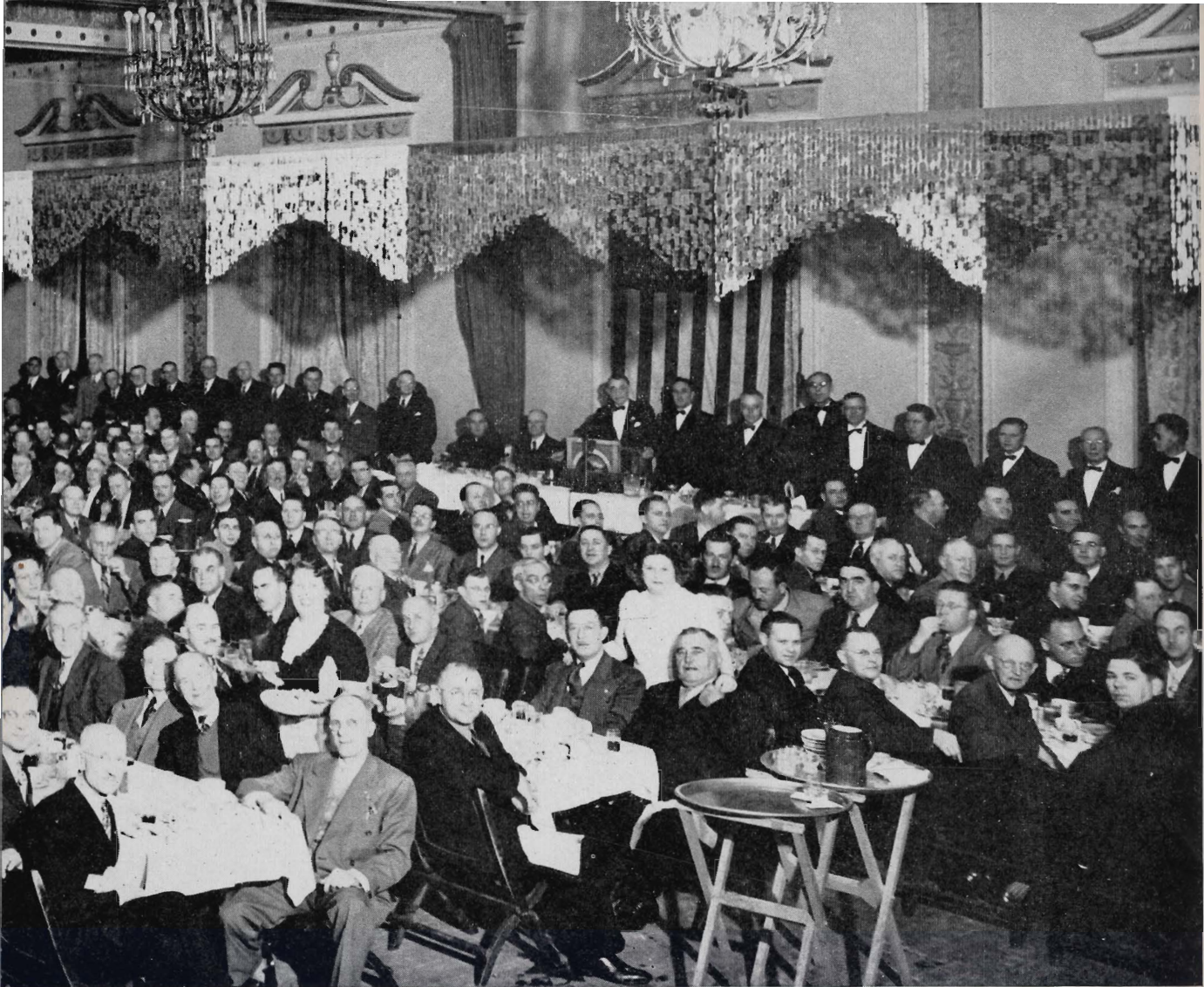
To Our Absent Brothers!

The impressive recitals of one of the cardinal principles of the Elk's Lodge, the Eleven O'Clock toasts, were superbly handled by our officers . . . A joyous throng, happy in the knowledge that they were with nearly one thousand other Elks at the first regularly scheduled function on Thursday night, December 20th . . . The invocation recited by Father Richard Dwyer, a loved member of this Lodge . . . A telegram from Gov-



OUR ONLY LIVING CHARTER MEMBERS
Past Exalted Ruler Lewis Henry Brown, (now living in San Francisco)
and Billy Mullenney (residing in West Sacramento)

Like many of our charter members, Brother Billy Mullenney was very active in civic affairs, and for several years was City Surveyor, having begun that service in 1892. He was retired on pension in 1926, at which time he was a field engineer in the Sacramento City Department of Engineering. At time of his retirement City Manager H. C. Bottorf commended Brother Mullenney for his long and faithful service to the community. This venerable public servant had one short break in his service as City Surveyor in the late '90's, during which time he maintained a surveyor's office at 328 J Street. The family home was at 1318 P Street. ¶ Billy descended from early day western pioneers, and his father drove a stage coach through the golden hills of the Sierra Nevada. He is a native of Virginia City, Nevada, and resided in Grass Valley before coming to the city that was his home for almost sixty years, though he now resides with his daughter in West Sacramento. (Story of our other charter member, Brother Brown, appears in the earlier pages of this Golden Book.)



AT THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY STAG DINNER. Here are shown many of the more than 500 Elks who attended our opening big function—the Stag Dinner. Past Exalted Rulers, Honor Guests and Lodge Officers are shown furthest from the camera, and reading from the left rear to the front are Past Exalted Rulers Frank Mir, Chester F. Gannon, Fritz Kaminsky, Ed J. Kay, Jack Lynn, Judge Dal M. Lemmon, J. Fred Misphey, Judge Malcolm C. Glenn, W. L. Dupen Jr.; Trustees—P.E.R. Harold J. Thielen, Harry C. White Jr., Frank Lafferty; (seated) Brothers Rev. Richard Dwyer and County Manager Charles F. Deterding; General Chairman P.E.R. Fred J. Johns, Exalted Ruler Dudley T. Fortin, Leading Knight Frank H. Seymour, Loyal Knight W. A. Callister, Treasurer Charles C. Geiger, Lecturing Knight N. G. Culjis, Esquire Howard Lidster, Acting Chaplain Hugh Roddan, Inner Guard Albert J. Wichert

ernor Earl Warren expressing regret he could not be present to help us observe FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS... Introduction of the dignitaries, including County Manager Charles Deterding, past exalted rulers, present officers of the lodge and members of the Hall Association... Regrets from Mayor Tom Monk... And a letter of sentimental regret from our first exalted ruler, Brother Lewis Henry Brown, that the inextinguishable demands of almost ninety years made it impossible for him to be with us, even "just for that night"... A telegram of congratulations from Fred Asthorpe, and regrets he could not be with us... A fine letter from Grand Past Exalted Ruler Ray Benjamin from his home in Connecticut congratulating us upon our wonderful anniversary and expressing deepest regrets he could not make the far journey to join with us on this festive occasion... A letter from one of our old Old-Timers, Brother Cornelius Burkhardt expressing his great disappointment in not being able to be with us on this wonder-night... A toast to Sacramento No. 6, and more than 800 glasses raised in admiration as a hearty cheer went up for those of the past and those who were yet to come and carry our banner... Throats are dry as sentiment takes over... The toast struck a solemn pause into the proceedings as the months and years rolled by in retrospect... Some must have been thinking of those days when the lodge was struggling for its very



General Chairman Fred J. Johns presents special invitation to Billy Mulleney (charter member) as Exalted Ruler Fortin grasps his hands and tells him of the wonderful time he can expect Old Timers' Night

existence in a city that *was and is* destined for bigger things... A half century is gone... A generous repast is supplied the care-free crowd. Everything that goes to make a typical Elks affair was provided and cooked to its ultimate perfection... The gossiping in the clubrooms after two hours of sparkling professional entertainment was an education in Elkdom and indicative of what makes the "heart of Elkdom swell and throb." There were yarns of days ago as some of the oldsters told a group of us youngsters amusing incidents of earlier years in No. 6... The tired but happy groups breaking up at the Hour of Midnight. But there are those who are still trying to recapture the days gone by, and they linger until the *one o'clock curfew*.

Fifty years pass in triumphant review!

The roaming Troubadors open the festivities on Friday, the 21st, and their rhythmic songs and lively tunes add much to the enjoyment of the brothers who sought pleasure in the gaily decorated Temple during daytime hours... Past Exalted Rulers and Old Timers held sway in the lodge room as Past Exalted Ruler Walter J. Hicks did his masterful job of recounting outstanding events that had transpired during the half century. There were no blank spaces as Brother Hicks led us through the ancient, but never-overlooked early functions of the Lodge. The scene was made more vivid by the presence of many past exalted rulers. Also, tunes of the "times" were sung during rest periods by the old favorites composing the Barber Shop Quartette—Frank Carrol, Dewey Elliott, Clyde Filbert and Tom Farewell... It was a Herculean task well done by P.E.R. Hicks, and he had an attentive audience, composed mainly of brothers enjoying the benefits of being an Elk five years or less.

The charter is granted!

A note of sadness comes with announcement that Brother Billy Mulleney — one of the two living charter members — was suddenly taken ill and could not attend. And there was deep regret that our other only living charter member, Brother Lew Brown — our first exalted ruler — could not make the long journey that would have been necessary had he been able to join us at this festive time... Brothers present were asked to stand in groups in response to the calling of the number of years membership by Past Exalted Ruler Fred J. Johns, who presided over the extra special session and was general chairman of the entire fete... Way up into almost 50 years membership men responded as the years were tolled off with P.E.R. John Ing leading with 48 years, Ed Hook 46 years, Trustee Frank Lafferty 45 years, Harry Knorr Orman the same number, and from then on down. Our general chairman paid special tribute to the officers of the lodge. He described Exalted Ruler Fortin as tireless; Leading Knight Seymour as ever-on-the-job; Loyal Knight Callister as one of the gang; Lecturing Knight Culjis as a faithful worker; Esquire Howard Lidster as a jewel and Inner Guard Wichert as a truly faithful sentry. It was a thoughtful compliment, and was really appreciated by everyone.



Barber Shop Quartette (who entertained Old-Timers' Night): Left to right — Tom Farewell, tenor; Dewey Elliott, basso; Frank Carrol, lead; Clyde Filbert, baritone

Shortest day! Longest night!

Johns classed the program as one of the longest in the affair, but promised no one would be bored. And he was correct! Upon a roll call of visiting brothers, responses were made by Elks from Anchorage (Alaska), South Dakota, Texas and Colorado, Monterey, and a large delegation from Woodland. Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Warren Dayton of Salinas, told of the founding of the order in the manner as one Elk would tell another. He told of how the Order was organized in February 1868, by a group of actors in New York City, and was founded upon the principle of the only ISM we in the United States know and care to recognize—Americanism. He said the Grand Lodge has sponsored a six-point program which includes aiding veterans, rehabilitating Americans caught in the war-torn isles of the South Pacific and returning to their native land, of the Elks Home, the Elks National Education Fund for deserving students, the efforts of the Elks War Commission and aid in restoring health of children crippled through tuberculosis or infantile paralysis, and he declared that California is one of the first states in the Union to subscribe one hundred per cent to the Elks Foundation—80 lodges having fulfilled their quotas and received Founders' Certificates, and that while the Elks Fund has \$1,000,000 at present, it is the hope of the Grand Lodge to shortly increase this amount to \$20,000,000. Our Grand Leading Knight traced the actions of the Order in aiding soldiers in World War I when the government had been unable to adequately care for the boys who had been crippled or otherwise injured in defense of the Flag which we all love with an undying devotion. Then when the government proved capable of handling the situation in World War II our distinguished speaker pointed out the Elks were on the job to take care of civilians, and said the Elks had also done much in hospitals established throughout the country in caring for our boys returned from foreign lands and in need of varied assistance in both World Wars I and II. He also told of the great Memorial established by the Elks in Chicago and of the time Evangeline Booth (of the Salvation Army) was admitted as a visitor to the Grand Lodge—the first time a woman had been allowed to enter the chambers of the Grand Lodge while it was in session... Horace Wisely of Salinas, State Association President, spoke briefly as did also Hilliard E. Welch, Past State President and a past exalted ruler of Stockton Lodge. Both congratulated our lodge upon its fiftieth anniversary, and peering into the crystal ball foresaw the day in the not too distant future when the Temple will completely belong to the Lodge.

A worthy recognition. Beautiful pins for Past Exalted Rulers!

The presentation of beautiful past exalted rulers' pins to John C. Ing, Fred J. Johns, William A. Meyer, Clyde H. Brand, H. J. Thielen, J. Fred Misphey, Chester F. Gannon, Superior Judge Malcolm C. Glenn, Frank Mir, Arthur E. Brown, W. L. Dupen, Jr., Walton E. Holmes, Fritz Kaminsky and Walter J. Hicks was made by Exalted Ruler Fortin.

*Iridescent Coloring!
Women's Stagette
and Cocktail Hour
Maze of Beauty!*

Though actually in charge of the wives of chair officers—our exalted ruler's wife being chairman, Leading Knight Frank Seymour presided at the Stagette Dinner as an officer of the lodge. But before Frank had a chance to preen his feathers and strut his best, the Ladies' Committee, assisted by wives of the other officers—Mesdames Howard Lidster, Albert



Discussing plans for the Ladies' Stagette are (left to right): Mrs. Frank H. Seymour, Mrs. Dudley Fortin (Chairman), Mrs. W. A. Callister and Mrs. N. G. Culjis. These ladies are the wives of our leading knight, exalted ruler, loyal knight and lecturing knight



THE STAGETTE DINNER THAT MADE IT'S OWN HISTORY. Here is shown a portion of the large crowd of beautiful ladies (there were nearly six hundred in all) attending the Stagette Dinner on the second evening of our Golden Anniversary celebration. (Note the tall, graceful candles—golden ones, of course—that lent their glow to the glory of this outstanding event.) Mrs. Dudley Thomas Fortin was chairman of the dinner. Shown standing are the co-hostesses, honor guests, committee members, and hostesses, and reading from the left rear to the right front are: Mesdames Harold Scott, Fritz Kaminsky, Eugene Anderson, Walter Trainor, (Miss) Marian Tarbell, Carl Tarbell, Harold J. Thielen, Charles Deterding, Fred Johns, Frank Seymour, Mrs. Warren, wife of Governor Earl Warren; (Mrs. Fortin and Leading Knight Seymour—the only male allowed at the dinner—standing at either side of the microphone); W. A. Callister, N. G. Culjis, Howard Lidster, Albert Wichert, Walter Leitch, Mrs. William Storz, Mrs. Harold Keagy and Mrs. Hugh Roddan were standing to the immediate left of Mrs. Leitch but were not caught in the lens of the engraving camera.

Wichert, Hugh Roddan and Walter Leitch, and co-hostesses Mesdames Fritz Kaminsky, Harold Scott, Wm. Storz, James Morgan, Walter Trainor, Eugene Anderson, Harold Keagy and Leonard Hooper — presided over the most beautiful cocktail party ever given in our Temple (or otherwheres for that matter). However, just to have a few men around to help do the mixing and pouring and things, there were Loyal Knight Callister, Lecturing Knight Culjis, Esquire Lidster and lately-home-from-Burma Bert Peterson. A long, artistically decorated table, filled with all manner of enticing hors d'ouvres, was set up in the regular dining room and from it the more than half thousand guests first helped themselves. Then, as they stood about the beautiful dining room, chatting in the happy ecstasy of the evening, the hostesses and co-hostesses passed cigarettes, canapes and poured additional cocktails. The Roaming Troubadors made a brief appearance, but found there was too little room for them to "roam" as our beautifully gowned ladies started for their places at the banquet tables that completely filled the great auditorium. There, not only was the dinner served (and the dinner was an

achievement of culinary excellence), but introductions of and short responses by honor guests gave just the right touch to what a banquet should be. Professional entertainment of the highest type was thoroughly enjoyed. Never in the history of Sacramento Lodge has any one event prompted such wholesome and unsolicited praise as the Stagette, and is a fine tribute to the planning and preliminary work which went into the making of the anniversary celebration that this party gained such acknowledged success. Much praise is due House Manager Olsberg for the attractiveness of the tables and excellence of the food served at the women's function, the Old-Timers' and Past Exalted Rulers' Night, the formal dance and the stag dinner. Truly, they were all repasts of which every one partook with true relish and keen delight.

Special guests at our Old-Timers and Past Rulers' Night who had been Elks for 25 years or more, and who signed the visitors register, are presented below. Those who were initiated into Sacramento Lodge are in one group listed in order of the year of their initiation, the oldest (in point of membership) being listed first; those from other lodges are listed according to year of initiation, but without grouping as to cities. We can not vouch for the spelling of all names, as signatures are often very difficult to read. So, if your name should chance to be misspelled, please don't blame your editor—he has done the best he could. Those initiated by Sacramento Lodge were:

P.E.R. John C. Ing—1897, Ed. Hook—1899, Frank Lafferty—1900, H. K. Orman—1900, P.E.R. W. A. Meyer—1901, George Cowles—1905, P.E.R. Fred I. Johns—1906, Walter Leitch—1906, H. G. Waterman—1906, Thomas P. Holder—1906, C. C. Geiger—1907, P.E.R. M. C. Glenn—1907, F. A. Ferretta—1909, B. B. Lovell—1910, P.E.R. Walter J. Hicks—1911, George W. Artz—1911, A. C. Boothby—1912, H. V. Ferretta—1913, Henry Schaefer—1914, W. H. Enos—1914, P.E.R. H. J. Thielen—1915, P.E.R. Chester F. Gannon—1915, John J. Monteverde—1915, Walter J. Feeney—1915, Claude M. Adams—1916, Joseph A. Haitz—1916, Clyde H. Brand—1916, Westley W. Jenne—1917, Alva F. Love—1918, P.E.R. Walton E. Holmes—1919, James T. Richards—1919, Irving D. Gibson—1919, Dr. Frederick N. Scatena—1919, Edwin F. Davis—1919, R. Mansfield—1919, Maurice T. Mahan—1919, Francis C. Mahan—1919, W. F. Harbaugh—1919, N. J. Levrero—1919, E. W. Melarkey—1919, Louis Herspring—1919, P.E.R. J. F. Misphey—1919, C. J. Hasman—1919, Frank J. Murray—1920, L. B. Stober—1920, E. H. Traxler—1920, W. E. Doyle—1920, Marsh B. Cross—1920, R. N. Philpot—1920.

Names of those initiated in other lodges follow, the name of their home lodge appearing in parenthesis immediately after the year: Paul Nelson—1902 (Johnston, Pa.), C. R. Tarbell—1904 (Aspen, Colo.), Hilliard E. Welch—1905 (Stockton), A. F. McCombs—1908 (Tacoma), N. R. Graham—1909 (San Pedro), E. J. Poffenberger—1913 (Woodland), E. R. Dudley T. Fortin—1917 (Seattle), Clyde Heathman—1917 (San Diego), J. C. Beam—1918 (Greeley, Colo.), Morris B. Rotholz—1918 (Vancouver), J. Wesley Platt—1919 (New Haven, Conn.), L. M. Powers—1919 (Reno), W. J. Uity—1920 (Red Bluff), Eugene R. Anderson—1920 (Brooklyn, N. Y.), M. O. Kirk—1920 (Honolulu).

The grand finale!

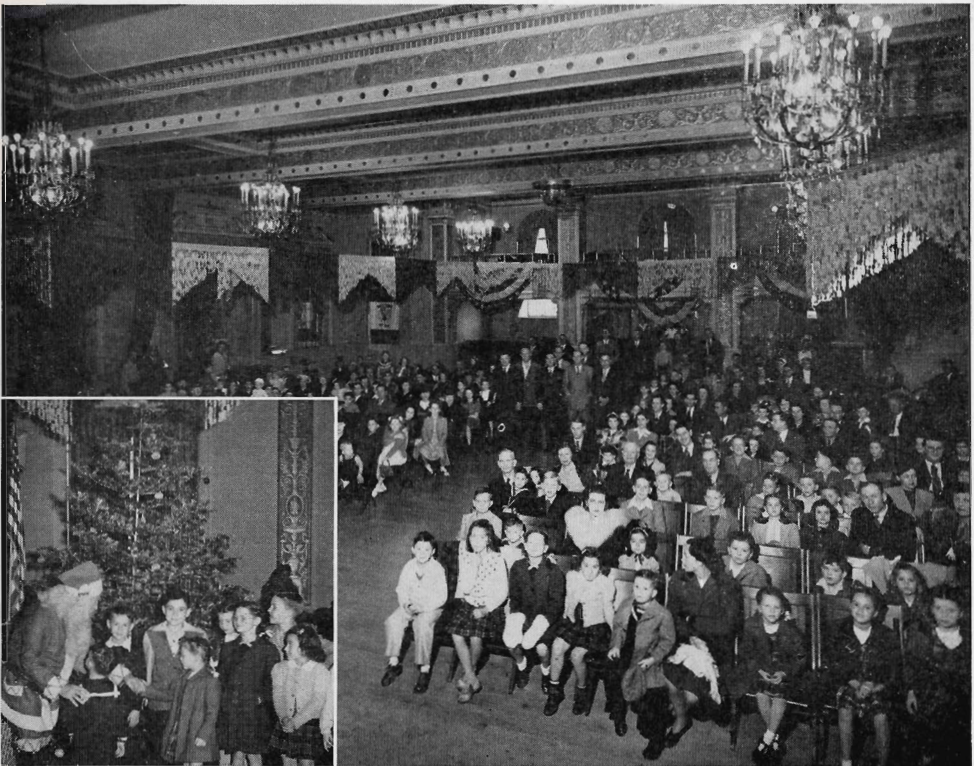
During the afternoon of the final day the Roaming Troubadors again strummed their way through the Temple for the enjoyment of daytime visitors, but the brilliancy of the real closing event—the grand ball—was not only the most colorful feature of our three-day celebration, but was a highlight of Sacramento's 1945 social events. Beautifully gowned women, men in tuxes and returned or active service men in uniform lent added color to the brilliant finale that climaxed the eventful and joyous celebration in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Sacramento Lodge No. 6, *Best People On Earth!* And at the end Exalted Ruler Fortin drew the curtain on our joyous festivities with these words: "May we all be here for the Diamond Jubilee!" . . . Those of us who can (and there are many who will) will certainly reserve the dates of December 1970 for our Diamond Jubilee and December 1995 for our Double Golden Anniversary. Sacramento Lodge has just begun to grow! . . . *Memories*—and *more memories!* . . . Our lodge is now embarked on the second fifty years of its worthy and colorful existence!

Post finale!

Finally—not as a part of the celebration but as a sort of postlude—the officers were hosts to the regular Sunday morning Basement Gang and anniversary committee workers with a big buffet feast of whole roast turkey, rare roast beef, salads, rolls, coffee and other essential liquids. But somehow noise of the feast was bruited about, in consequence of which there were twice as many regulars as usual. Nevertheless none went away hungry, nor were any parched throats in evidence. . . . But the grand post

finale was the great Christmas Tree Party for numberless excited and happy children with good old Bill Peterson as Santy Claus—a part he has played for more than twenty years. He came up from Napa just to enact his favorite role. In addition to Santa Claus special recognition is due Chairman George Elliott, and the following brothers: Tom Kane, Ed Brown, Jim Gorman, Perry Clark, Bill Storz, Morley Jenkins, Bert Peterson, Fred Meyer, Fred Hurtzig, Elwood Smethurst, Jerry Funk, Otto Ireland, Gorman, Jr., Joe Compagno, Ed Davis, George Stowell, Sven Johnson and Leading Knight Seymour and Lecturing Knight Culjis. And this year, in special recognition of our Golden Anniversary, the tree reflected the occasion by appearing in a dress of gold. It was a wonderful afternoon, as may be easily judged from the picture below.

Our Golden Anniversary is ended! May the words and pictures of our portrayal help you to a fuller enjoyment of all that transpired if you were fortunately among those present, and if distance or other causes kept you away, we hope this picturization of an event that can come to any lodge but once in its entire existence will make you even more truly appreciative of your lodge and prouder than ever of your membership in this, the greatest *and the grandest* fraternity on earth.



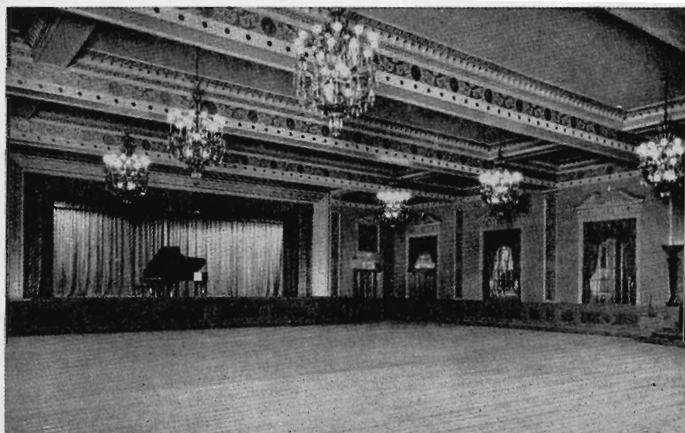
At Our Christmas Tree Party. Santa Claus Billy Peterson is shown with a group of happy little ones in the inset as he passes toys, fruit, nuts and things

DIAMOND DUSTING WITH No. 6

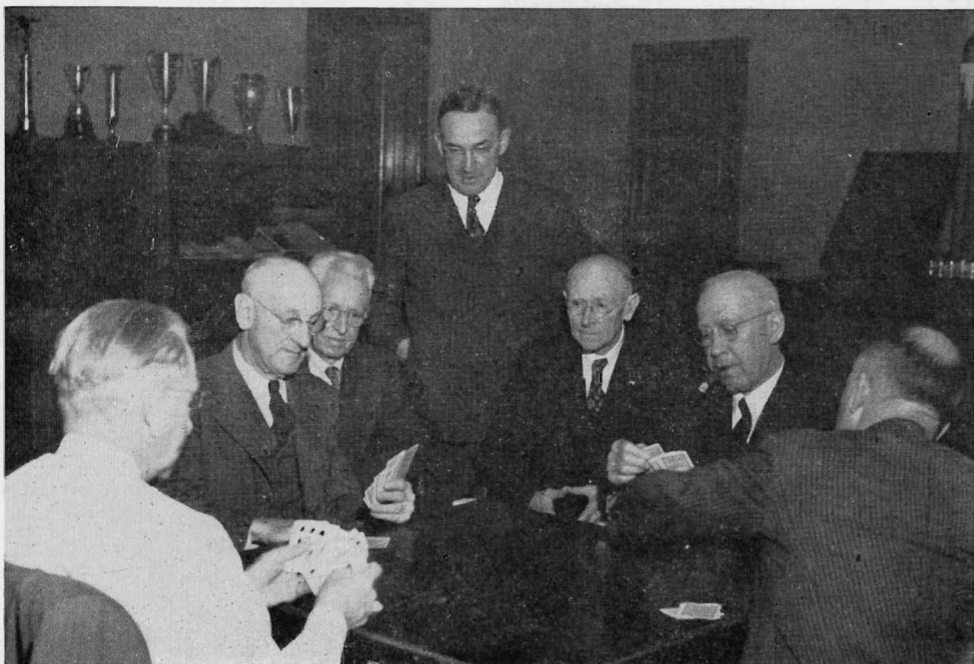
By HITT N. RUNN

Sacramento No. 6 with a baseball team.....Uniforms, manager, players, excitement.....Hot stove league, big league style, burners blazing full blast.....Ed Doyle, Harry Lilly, Jerry Desmond, Joe O'Neil, Jack O'Neil, Marco Zarick, Joe Gedeon, Charley Graham, Charley Doyle, Joe Williams, Ed Rooney, Francis Rooney, Jim Gorman, Fred Murphy, Rudy Cole, Chip Meehan and Jim Dailey. Champions all. »Herb Remmer of Oakland lauding the Oaks to the skies.....A challenge.....Accepted.....Wagers.....More hot stove league.....Who have we "got?".....Doyle pitching, Hester catching for Sacramento No. 6.....Scene Buffalo Park, still fresh in the minds of those fans who wore blue shirts and sat in right field.....Score, Oakland 11, Sacramento 0.....Hits, Oakland 12, Sacramento 4.....Errors, Oakland 1, Sacramento 7, yes 7.....Oakland's battery, Carpenter and McDonald.....Another season.....Support, unlimited.....More enthusiasm.....Joe O'Neil, manager.....Title talk.....Beat Oakland.....Revenge is what we want.....Let's get it.....Who we 'got' this year.....Veterans and more veterans.....Again Buffalo Park.....Coast League gives way to No. 6 and Oakland.....Senators play at 1:30 P.M.....Fans and Elks turnout for the big game.....Pop Arlett pitching, Honus Mitze, catching.....Brick Devereaux, old Red Dog himself.....Comedy antics by Brick at second base for the Oaks.....Claire Goodwin, old-time Coast Leaguer, at the shortpatch for the visitors.....Doc Moskiman, great hitting pitcher in the old California State League.....Gedeon three sharp hits.....All we 'got' was six.....Ed Rooney matching slants with Arlett.....Did we say slants?.....Yes, slants!.....The ice cracks.....Oakland scores.....No hits, one run in the third.....Tied up, Sacramento gets two hits, 1 run, in the sixth.....Despair.....Oakland two hits, one run, in the seventh.....No hits, no runs, in the eighth, both teams.....Last of the ninth.....Trailing 2 to 1.....Gedeon up.....Single to left on a line.....E. Rooney up.....Double to center field.....Gedeon legged it to third.....Arlett hitches his belt.....Moistens the ball.....Yes, it was legal then.....Gorman up.....Whiffed.....Desmond up.....Fanned.....Lilly up.....Hero or goat.....Two errors against him at third base.....Nothing to date at the plate.....A looping fly ball over first base.....It's in there.....Here comes Gedeon.....Scores.....Pandemonium breaks loose.....Rooney rounds third.....It's over.....Rooney's spikes dent the plate.....Semifinals over. ☆Now Anaheim.....One more.....State champions.....Score—No. 6, 11; Anaheim 5.....It was a cinch.....Anaheim band.....Parade of rooters.....Lilly and Gedeon stars.....Celebration.....My head.....How's yours? ☆Bill Griffith, Joe Sawyer, Tucker Johnson, William Wion, stars of the diamond.....Robert A. Zarick, mascot.....More sparkling baseball history of No. 6.....Hugh Duffy, Tommy White, arguing with Wild Bill Rodgers and his Sacramento Solons.....Two games.....Everything's okeh.....Elks League.....Leaders.....Hal Peters of Modesto.....Modesto's hitting ability.....Modesto 10; No. 6, 2.....Jim Dailey and E. Rooney touched for 15 base blows.....Cole singles.....Eighth inning Zarick triples.....Previously, Zarick, Jack O'Neil and Williams go down on strikes in order. ☆Peters slated to sign with Sacramento.....He does. ☆Dailey hurling a four-hitter in Stockton.....Score—No. 6, 11; Stockton 0.....Gerig and Gorman starred with the willow.....Zarick at the keystone and Williams at the initial hassock.....Nothing on the ground into right field. ☆Return match with Modesto.....Score—Sacramento 10; Modesto 9.....Eleven innings.....Jack O'Neil doubles.....Gorman doubles to break the tie.....Last of the ninth.....Francis Rooney catching.....Throw to third base.....Into left field.....G. Desmond comes in on the run.....Throw to the plate.....He's out.....Protest.....Modesto claims interference at third base.....Base runner was held by fielder.....Not allowed.....Extra innings and eventual win. ☆Modesto loses to Woodland, 5 to 4.....Sacramento beats Stockton, 4 to 3.....No. 6 champions of Superior California. ☆Santa Rosa next.....Score—Santa Rosa 2; Sacramento 1.....Sacramento accumulates three hits off Walter Schmidt.....Dailey nicked for 9, but whiffs 10. ☆Another year.....Alameda bows 1 to 0.....Wion pitching and Meehan catching.....Twelfth inning victory. ☆Oakland again.....Division title at stake.....Sacramento 6, Oakland 5, first game.....Wion and Dailey pitchers, F. Rooney catching.....Squeeze play wins.....F. Rooney scores from

third on Rooney's bunt.....Jack O'Neil's big bat.....Desmond and Gorman flossy fielding outer guardians.....Oakland encore.....Sacramento 13, Oakland 5.....What hitting, Johnson, E. Rooney, Desmond, Gorman and Lilly.....Four runs in the first.....E. Rooney triples with bags bulging.....Hitfest. ☆Eureka next against Anaheim.....Three days.....Convention business.....Delegates all.....Parties.....Work-out.....Uniforms left at clubhouse.....Rain.....Uniforms wet.....Fires to dry them out.....Sticky.....Yes, we lost.....More fun. ☆Another season.....Cunningham, Thielen, Mayfield, Gooch.....Oakland again.....Tommy Fitzsimmons, Dennie Willie, Speed Martin and D. Bankhead. ☆Just a few treasured memories for the old timers.....'Member those baseball nights.....Everybody got hits and there were no strikeouts.....Earl McNeely, Gabby Street, Buddy Ryan.....Through the years the diamond sparkled as the herd of No. 6 kicked up the dust.....The moderns take over.....Good.....Some of the best.....But.....Those old timers. ☆Now you take the time we were playing.....etc..... ☆The success of many of professional baseball's bigwigs can be attributed to the unofficial spring training period—held in mid-January and December—under the capable leadership of the effervescent Milt Rosenberg—the only left-handed catcher in captivity. Ernie Bonham, the New York Yankees' big 200-pound twirler is authority for the statement that Old Doctor Rosenberg was a big factor in getting him into proper shape for the tough American League grind. Ditto Charley Schanz, bespectacled pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies. (Brothers, please note that the great doctor did not even get up a sweat while watching Ernie and Charley and the youngsters boil out and really sweat it out—and incidentally off.) The doctor personally took charge of the *caloric calisthenics* and during the process it was reported he let out his belt three notches. Anyway I could not afford to injure my health." are direct quotes from Doctor Rosenberg, who declared he had to work for a living. ☆Winter headquarters for Alex Kampouris and Henry Steinbacher, who graduated into professional baseball from the sandlots of Sacramento, was The Basement and the pair frequently joined Bonham and Schanz in those long-winded training grinds.



Our Beautiful Ballroom and Banquet Room



An Hour Of Quiet Relaxation: Reading clockwise around the table are — Brothers Frank Geisler (of Montana), Richard Mansfield, Clyde Heathman, P.E.R. Glenn, Guy C. Hamilton and Dr. Norris Jones; P.E.R. Lemmon is standing

THIRD FLOOR AFTERNOONS

By JACQUES

Assuredly this Souvenir would not be complete if we failed to "catch" at least one group of the late-afternoon bridge and gin rummy players. So our photographer "snuck" up on the boys pictured below and "snapped 'em ere they were aware!" To make certain that all is fair and square, with no aces up their sleeves, it will be noted that two of our eminent jurists are on hand as "kabitzers," Judge Lemmon standing, and Judge Glenn sitting with hands postured—almost as in supplication. These are purely friendly games, with just enough value to make the playing of interest, no brother being able to win or lose more than a quarter during an entire session.

Naturally the club rooms on the third floor are the hub of all our fraternal and convivial activities, though when the Temple was first opened these rooms were merely a large lounge, and all of the billiard and card tables were located on the fourth floor, where also was the buffet, with a broad stairway leading from the lounge to this recreation room.

Of the games attracting our gang to the third floor on either stormy or pleasant afternoons, bridge and gin rummy gain most attention, though old reliable poker, pangi and solo find plenty of adherents. Of the old-timers who populate the tables during the lunch hours, afternoons and early evenings are Past Exalted Rulers John C. Ing and Billy Meyer and Brothers Ned Farr, Charley Hasman, Jack Inman, Fred Broach, "Judge" Waymire, Dr. Frank H. Mecum, Jerry Abbott, Claude Adams, Harry Auslender, Bert Coe, Roy Higgins, Jim Coyle, Walter Doyle, Bob Philpott, Ralph McClatchy, Bert Foster, Bart Cavanagh, Johnny Bertero, Dick Mansfield, E. J. Muzio, Tom Yasbak, Sam Dyson, Drs. Lipp, Norris Jones, and George Hall. And, of course, our official kabitzers, Judges Glenn and Lemmon try to be pretty regular in their duty to our brothers. They seldom miss!

Brothers who hover around the pool and billiard tables almost every day are Andy Anderson, Johnny Meer, Clarence Burkett, "Cap" Johnson, Jimmy Gorman, Dr. Scatena and others, with Warren Burgess and Walter Feeny as chief "sitters-arounders" who enjoy the activities from the sidelines. In the library Past Exalted Ruler Arthur E. Brown is a regular sojourner, with our unofficial "official" sick visitor, Brother Myron Nathan, also occupying his favorite chair by his favorite window, and his brother Isidor near by. Guy Hamilton, long one of our more ardent members—who started through the chairs several years ago but had to give up by reason of duties that so frequently took him out of town—is an almost daily visitor, and Old Man Dupen (whom we jokingly called the "assistant exalted ruler" when his handsome son Bobby occupied the dais, but got a dollar fine for his efforts almost every lodge night). Trustee Harry White relaxes every noon day in one of the big, comfortable chairs, and Lou Stober—substitute secretary, substitute chaplain, substitute almost everything—gives the library table a daily workout, while Louis Herspring always takes time out from his candymaking to join the restfulness of the lounge. Olin Hutton, Henry Deval and Clifton Anderson are also among the regulars who enjoy the quiet harmony of our library and lounge. There are many others who also take advantage of the great reading table and unusually complete library that is set into our walls, but whose names we do not now recall.

On Lodge nights, club room activities increase their tempo, with no vacant seats at any of the card tables, and no idle cues over the green-flanneled tables. Excitement runs high, and there are dozens of lookers-on and specialized kabitzers just as interested in the games being played as the players themselves. The club rooms are also the scene of many after-lodge feasts when the crowd is not sufficiently large to demand the auditorium. Johnny Tofanelli, Sam Lota, Del Watkins, Louie Vienna, Harry Johnson, Bert Doidge, Wally Heisen, Emil Ott, Jack Collins, Herman Eckstein, Larry Salerno, Louie Norcia, Milt Rosenberg, "1-Keg" Gallagher, "Purity" Cubberly, Doc Herspring, Nick Culjis, Howard Lidster, George Walker, Capt. Queisser, and now "Scotty" Olsberg have certainly made the Third Floor famous for these after-lodge feeds, and especially on those nights when Cy Graves, Wilkie Ogg, Emil Martin and Ray Sawyer presided at the piano to the very keen delight of our high harmonizers.

There is always something doing on the third floor, and if you are not now a regular, why not become one and learn what Good Fellowship really means. History is being made on our third floor.



Our Library and Lounge

BELOW THE FIRST FLOOR

By EUGENE O'BRIEN

The athletic history of No. 6 begins with the opening of the Elks Temple on June 14, 1926, prior to which time no athletic facilities were available in our building.

Handball has always been the predominant sport in the basement, although no courts were provided originally. For about three years the brothers attempted to play their favorite sport in the gymnasium. This was entirely unsatisfactory and agitation for handball courts grew to such proportion that the lodge built the annex. This contains two standard courts and a combined volley ball, basketball and badminton court. The annex opened in August 1929 and Paul Taylor was the first handball commissioner. To commemorate the event, arrangements were made for a match between Al Banuet, of San Francisco, who had just won the National Singles Championship for the first time, and Frank Burke, also of San Francisco. Burke was a Class "A" player who had beaten every man on the coast and although San Francisco clubs had futilely attempted to match both men, they nevertheless agreed to play at our opening. Many came from San Francisco to see the match which developed into a classic of the courts. The gallery was crowded and the temperature was 110°. Banuet was 21 and Burke was 34 at the time, yet Burke won the first game 21-16, although he fainted from exhaustion during the game and had to be carried to the showers and revived. Banuet won the next two games. San Francisco experts declared it was the greatest handball match of all time. Banuet has played here many times since. At present he is in the Army in Italy and Burke now runs a bar and restaurant in Palo Alto.

Early handball players included Jim Hickey, George Stout, Gus Zimmeracher, Emmett O'Connor, Clarence Wasserman, Arthur Delano, Clarence Shaw, Dr. Joyce Hall, Dr. James Coyle, Tom Flammer (deceased), George Yoerk (deceased), Joe Rich, Earl Burce, Jack Haley, Walter Dyreborg (deceased), Charley Cassin (deceased) and George Spilman. This list probably is not all inclusive.

The late beloved Walter Dyreborg was the first athletic director, a position which he held until death. He was succeeded by Myron Schall who had been a boxing instructor at Stanford. Schall left Number Six to take a similar position at the University at Davis. Ed Brown was our next director, and so remained until he joined the Marines on September 1, 1942. Ed is now a civilian, but he's interested in a drug line. While Ed was gone P.E.R. George Yoerk took over and ruled the basement until his death in the early spring of 1945. Charles C. Geiger was appointed in August and now directs activities below the first floor. Jack Leland is athletic commissioner, Dr. Alfred A. Oliver handball commissioner, Morris Rothholz commissioner for volley ball and Harry Misfeldt bowling commissioner.

There are many other basement activities besides handball. Volley ball enthusiasts meet at noon three times a week for their favorite type of work-out, and there are aquatic fans who take a daily dip in our pool. Weight lifters work out daily in the gymnasium, and badminton fans climb to the top floor of the annex for their games. Then, of course, there are the regular "hot room" and swimming athletes.

No. 6 is indeed fortunate in having such a complete athletic section—one that has attracted to the membership many athletically inclined brothers.

ATHLETIC NOTES IN LIGHTER VEIN

By PUFF N. PANTT

One of the cardinal principles of good journalism is to tell the story and tell it quick—in other words get the facts in the lead. It is not the wish of this scrivener to defy those precepts which today are accepted rules of the fourth estate, but howin'll are you going to describe the activities of the Basement Gang in a few words?

All right. You asked for it. The Basement Gang is a misnomer, because those members of No. 6 who use the athletic facilities of the Temple comprise a three-ring circus—one ring on top of the other. Imagine yourself dropping into the so-called lair

of the Basement Gang and what do you find? Rows and rows of lockers, recreation tables, swimming pool, steam room, showers and ping-pong tables which contribute much to the leisure hours of Elks in No. 6.

In speaking of the Basement Gang, organized with the opening of the annex in August 1929, the principles of Democracy shine as brightly in the Basement as they do from the torch of the Statue of Liberty at the entrance to New York Harbor. No president ever has been elected by the Basement Gang, but those Sunday morning meetings, followed by tasty tidbits, noon-day athletic contests and after-work tests of skill and respective abilities, are held as regularly as the sun rises and there never is a dull moment in the Basement. If Barnum & Bailey, Ringling Brothers, or any of the magnates of the so-called Big Tops want some athletic talent, fat men, skinny men, lean ones, tall ones or those trying to get thin or add muscle, the quest has ended.

Basement to the man on the street generally brings to mind the thought of a bargain basement, a spot where "Joe sent me" or a cool place to store the ripened products of last year's Victory Garden . . . It is no product of a vitamin-plus imagination to firmly state without fear of contradiction the Elks' Basement is one of the healthiest spots in Sacramento. If "Bill" needs to do a little sweating, the basement is the hot spot. If "Bill's" brother needs to cool off, the swimming pool or one of those almost automatic showers at the right temperature, is the dessert . . . Always on hand to lasso a Charley Horse are capable masseurs who can untie flesh knots with as much dexterity as sea-going salts manipulate the ropes . . . Those gents who would emulate the Olympic Games oarsmen, but prefer something substantial under them, can indulge in rowing to their full satisfaction far from the briny deep. The dry-land rowing machine for hardening the stomach muscles and developing tapering shoulders has caused many of the "Bills" to feel young again and lose that overlap . . . Those who aspire to Herculean feats of strength find a varied assortment of weights ready to be lifted—ranging from a penny weight to hundreds of pounds. Yes, the ante has been raised. And how!

Two spacious handball courts are available after a short climb—just enough to get your second wind. Ever a popular sport with Elks of No. 6, noonday handball matches have become almost a part of the ritual of the lodge. Singles or doubles, if you believe you are capable, step into the ring and you are in for a surprise. You didn't know they were that good? Well, you found out the hard way!

Take a few pulls on the pulleys. Gee, those ropes are strong. A little more effort please. Your arms are sore. Come back tomorrow—you will feel better. Your feet hurt. Are your shoes too small? Oh, blisters! Excuse me, where did you say you used to exercise? In the back yard with the kids? Better take it easy until you get orientated to the Basement . . . Basketball, badminton and squash. Is your insurance paid up? You sure you know how to handle that racquet? Sorry, I didn't mean to bump you. Are you all right. Okeh, rest a while . . . Sun baths on the roof. What a luxury for those who crave a life guard or Palm Beach coloring on their skin. What could be nicer than to lounge around with old Sol beating down, high in the heavens at 12 noon? Relaxation plus . . . A quick dip in the pool and back to the office to plunge headlong into whatever may arise. Healthy atmosphere. It can't be beat.

For the record it might be well to report—at the insistence of the editor—that all this fun commenced on June 14, 1926 . . . The first three years in the Temple were not easy ones for the Basement Gang. Handball was played in the gymnasium, but the sport became so popular an annex was opened which houses the handball courts and a combined volley ball, basketball and badminton court . . . In August, 1929, when the annex was opened, a fitting handball match was arranged by Paul Taylor, then the handball commissioner. He obtained the services of Al Banuet of San Francisco, then the holder of the National Handball Singles Title, and Frank Burke, also of San Francisco, who had decided on all of the top ranking players on the Pacific Coast with the exception of Banuet. It was a great feather in the cap of Taylor and the local lodge to obtain the services of the outstanding pair . . . Sacramento's prestige as a handball center—particularly from the standpoint of the Elks—was firmly established and our representatives carried the banner of No. 6 into foreign territory and made home stands with a great deal of success.

The beloved Dyreborg, who has gone to his reward, was the first athletic director—a position he held until his death. Others who have occupied the "throne" in the Basement are Myron Schall, bag punching expert and excellent conditioner of men—both young and old; Ed Brown, who became a Marine; P.E.R. George Yoerk, who could "almost" take a nap in the water; and our present director, Charles Geiger.

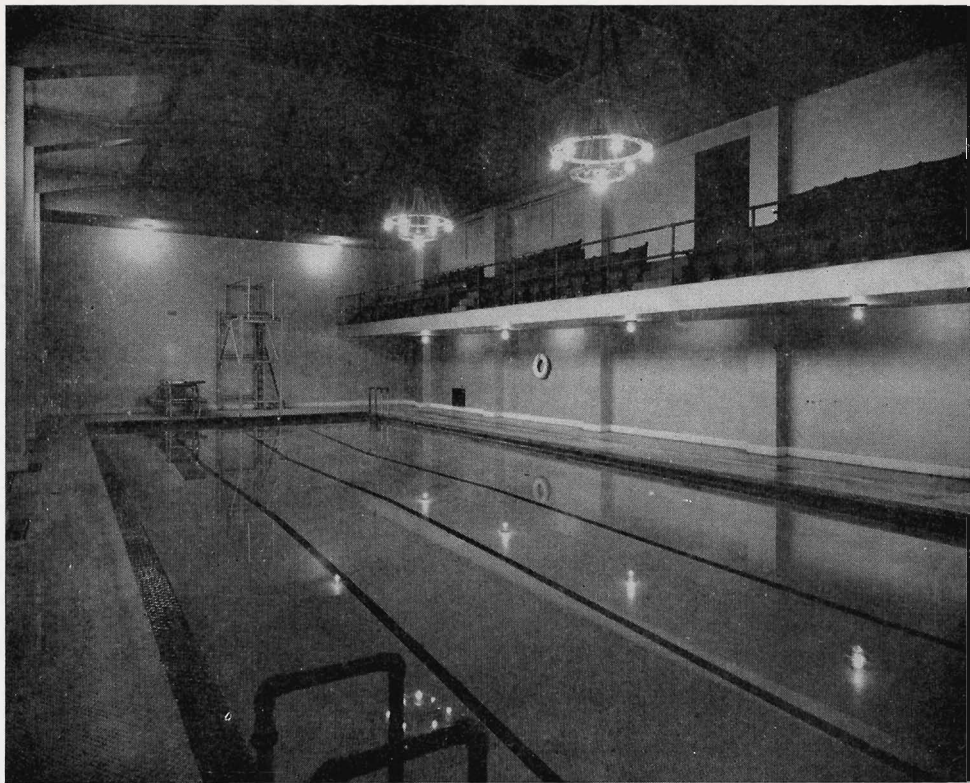
Peering into the past at the athletes, a group of names selected at random and assembled by Joe Averill in June 1935, when he was the reporter for the Basement Gang, follow:

HAND BALL—Frank Mir, Charlie Vanina, George Zoller, Paul Taylor, Metro Vasutin, Bill Hickey, Dr. Eagle, Irv Blake, Al Spilman, Bill Rawlins, Al Irwin, Ralph Lewis, Tom Flammer, Fred Hurtzig, Bill Hagghurd, Walter Merksamer, Jim Lynch, P. E. R. Yoerk, Phil Yoerk, Fred Murphy, Elmer Murphy, Bill George, Babe Wittpen, Heinie Wittpen, Frank Consigleria, Frank Murphy, Frank Murray, John Bertero, George Spilman, Herb White, George Lial, Jack O'Neil, George Stout, Gus Simmermacher, Dennis Leary, Bill Watts, Harold Wulff, P. C. Scampini, Doc Visser, Ed. Wahl, Don Burton, Ed. Spencer, Wally Heisen, Bill Wright, Manuel Sequeria, Henry Doval, Ed. Herberger, Frank Seymour, Gene Anderson, Cliff Anderson, Clark Baker, Art Brown, Ed. Brown, Tom McMahon, Fritz Kaminsky, George Nilan, Art Delano, John Toffanelli, Leo Shemanski, Joe Averill, Bill Pahl, Henry Patton, Roy Schaa, Clem Casselman, Mervin White, Harry White, John Silva, Jack Kinney, Fred Corfee, Heinie Winter, Joe Williams, P. E. R. Edw. Grebitus, Jim Roche, Ralph Giordana, Hack Hamlyn, Claude Keane, Ed. David, Ed. Bedell, Newell Blair, Paul Jones, Ernie Staats, Harry

Brown, Dick Brier, Doc Oliver. VOLLEY BALL—Dr. Kanner, Dr. Scatena, Dr. McClusky, Mike Richert, P. E. R. Gannon, Royal Miller, Morris Rotholtz, Marvin Fry, Jed McClatchy, Dr. Cook, Dr. Schoff, W. D. Henery, Jim Keenan, Al Reed, A. F. Johnson, Milt Ervin, Harvey Johnson, Hal Davis. SQUASH—Dr. Isoard, Dr. Cook, Carl Finn, Bill Pahl, J. O. Bronson, Bill Taylor, Dr. Kanner, Dr. Dorman, Tom McMahon, G. A. Williams, Sam Cross, Jr., W. F. Harbaugh. HOT ROOM ATHLETES—Ed. Dieterle, Bunny Harold, O. L. Ash, Al Harmond, F. F. Briggs, Al Trainor, Joe Cannon, Dr. Atkinson, Mike Lynch, Dan Hilliard, Tom Farewell, John F. Miller, Jim Hester, E. E. Boss, Herb Grow, Billy Ford, Took Berry, Art Day, L. W. Sawyer, Bill Ahern, Frank Sorely, Fred Rider, Charles Hasman, Willie Porter, Bernie Scollan, Cliff Mason, K. E. McArthur, George Barnes, Jr., Frank Harkness, Joe Blair, W. P. Edwards, Jack Thielen, Babe Bottaro, Bob Swanston, Bill Elliott, Tom Hanrahan, Clovis La Grave, Harry Goulding, Dave Wasserman, Dr. Babcock, Notch Parino, Wes Farley, M. M. Morrissey and Hayden Saunders.

Also making use of the Basement are the wives of the members, who have access to the facilities on Tuesday nights and Friday mornings. On Sunday afternoons the entire family is welcome to use the swimming pool . . . And don't caress the thought for even one minute that the younger generation—future members of our lodge—are being overlooked in this department. The so-called "future voters"—maybe even a future president—can use the pool and other facilities on Monday nights and Saturday mornings. These voters-to-be are extremely important, for *THEY are our own sons*. In addition to our own children, certain other teen-agers (Elks' Boy Scouts and the Antlers) have been voted the privilege of using the pool, etc., at designated times . . . Whether you swim like a rock and dive like a feather—young or old, male or female—if you are entitled to use the pool, come on down and get your feet wet . . . To young and old, *let a few wise words to the wise be ample!* Oh, just trying to be different? All right, to coin an expression, "a word to the wise is sufficient." Satisfied? Anyhow take advantage of the pool and all that the basement offers—not only YOU, but the ENTIRE FAMILY.

As we said before THE BASEMENT is one of the healthiest spots in California's capital city—Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall.



Swimming Pool — beautiful and sparkling clear

GOLFING OVER THE YEARS

By ELKS' SWINGMASTER

Occupying a prominent position on the sport calendar of California's capital city and providing members of Sacramento Lodge No. 6, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, with outdoor recreation and entertainment, is the annual golf tournament which covers a span of years totaling more than a quarter century.

Elks Lodge No. 6, in presenting the annual event which dates back to before the teeming '20s, has drawn a cross section of Sacramento's top-flight linksters who have statewide and national reputations which has added color to the medal play competition. Usually staged in the summer, the tourney has graduated into the "major" class in the activities of the lodge, and is arranged to attract golfers from the scratch player to the so-called "dub." Committees which have handled the tourneys have spared neither expense, time nor effort in making all of them the "best yet."

Dating from the heydays of Jess Childs and Sid Herkner to the current "threats" and 1945 Champion, Roy De Martini, Sacramento Lodge has continued to offer sparkling fairway endeavor among the members.

These Were Among Our Fairway Leaders

Among those who represented the Sacramento Lodge during the "pioneering" period for the golfers were:

J. C. Hobrecht, Herkner, Childs, Secretary Leitch, Lou Brayton, Charles Wahlander, Earl Rooney, Dr. Robert E. Smith, Al Smith, J. K. Reese, Frank Newbert, William Murcell, A. D. Patterson, J. O. Tobey, Dave Johnston, H. W. Conger, Wilkie Ogg, Dr. R. W. McCluskey, C. C. Chapman, John Miller, J. J. Henderson, Carl Lamus, Eli Van Waggoner, A. A. Chrisler, Henry Schmal, E. J. (Jim) Gorman, Roy Allen, G. T. Lundlee, Clay Sheets, Earle Williams, C. C. Cotter, Willard Warner, C. F. Dillman, R. T. Devlin, Dr. G. W. Dufficy, E. A. Nicolaus, Frank Rubstaller, Dr. R. F. Gehan, Frank Bronner, Ed Twogood, W. T. Moore, J. F. Flynn, W. J. Mannix, George Siller, J. P. Didion, E. J. (Ted) Morrissey, Al May, Nellis Matthews, Theodore Chester, Russ Gallaway, J. Earl Langdon, P.E.R. E. J. Rader, H. R. McLaughlin, Harry Connolly, Harry McCollough, Dr. H. M. Cameron, P.E.R. Ed Reese, P.E.R. Walter Hicks, Henry Spring, Lee Gebhart, E. C. Haskins, J. W. Corbett, E. L. French, Ray Greer, W. N. Langsdon, G. A. Tett, Gus Miller and Emil Rafetto.

Winners Of The More Recent Past

Among the low scorers in recent tournaments are:

Peter Fisher, K. B. McCarthy, Frank Minch, M. E. (Bus) Pendleton, Tommy Lo Presti, H. H. Grady, Frank Newbert, E. R. Higgins, Clarence Taylor, Dr. E. F. Wroten, Clarence Wilson, J. H. Dewey, P.E.R. Neil McAllister, Robert Swanston, Sr., Thomas E. Stanton, H. P. Olson, Dr. Orrin Cook, Joe De Vincenzi, Bartley W. Cavanaugh, John Rivolta, Bert Silva, P.E.R. Ed Grebitus, Elwood Kuechler and Tom Rey.

In former years our lodge met and was returned victor over Elks squads from the surrounding Northern California area including Stockton and Modesto. Also, the Sacramento divot diggers engaged in red and blue matches among themselves which generally cost the losers a dinner.

1945 Tournament City's Largest; Golden Anniversary To Have Tournament

The 1945 tournament attracted a total of 157 contestants—one of the largest outpouring of golfers in the city this year. Both beginning and veteran golfers entered and at the 19th Hole there were ever so many who wished "they had played." In fact it is the unanimous opinion that *there were far better golf shots struck on the 19th hole than on the golf links.*

Golfers will not be overlooked during the coming Golden Anniversary fete, as Exalted Ruler Dudley T. Fortin has arranged for a medal play tourney on the beautiful Sacramento Municipal Golf Course, which has been the proving grounds for many of the Nation's brightest professional stars.

Continued increase in the number of golfers and bigger and better tournaments will be a 'must' with members of the committees in charge of the links' menus during 1946 and coming years.

BY WAY OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In the compiling of this Golden Book the work of many brothers is involved — it is a task your editor could not have accomplished alone. First, we are indebted to Exalted Ruler Dudley T. Fortin for his magnificent assistance — often at personal sacrifice. He has been as near as our phone, and when special data or documents were required, made it his business to not only obtain the needed material without delay, but aided us in every other possible way *except actual preparation of copy*. In this he refused to participate — would not even look at a proof. "That's your chore," he said, "you do it!" So with complete responsibility laid in our lap, we have done our best. We hope each fellow-member in this wonderful lodge is pleased. It has been our endeavor to make the entire context of such interest, that whether new member or old, you will read it from the first page to the last. It is made up of historical incidents or anecdotes of personages, beginning with that glorious night of Saturday, December 21, 1895, and stretching down through the intervening years that have just culminated in our 50th Birthday. We have tried to write this narrative in chronological sequence, and as completely as possible within the limitations of these pages. True, the period of our formative years — 1895 to 1910 — is sketchy, as no adequate records were available to us for that time, and we are deeply indebted to Past Exalted Ruler John C. Ing for the history of events then transpiring, most of it being from his personal notes or memory. Brother Ing was also helpful in many other ways, as it was through him — and Grand Past Exalted Ruler Ray Benjamin — that we obtained souvenir booklets from other lodges who had attained their fiftieth birthday. This revered past ruler is also responsible for other features that have added much to the worthiness of this souvenir.

For the story of activities from 1918 through 1924 credit goes to Past Exalted Ruler Hicks. Though he had to rely solely upon the Minutes in compiling noteworthy events of those interesting years, we think he has done a splendid job. Without his tireless help that period in No. 6's history must have appeared as blank pages in this book.

"Events Below First Floor," find your regular "Steam and Stuff" story teller, Brother Eugene O'Brien, as the reporter — also for "Third Floor Afternoons." And we are indebted to him for other valued help. ☆ "Diamond Dusting," "Athletic Events In Lighter Vein," "Golfing," some help on the narrative, and general writeup of the series of wonder-events of our three-day anniversary are the contribution of a younger, but very loyal and enthusiastic brother whose name we are not privileged to use. This we greatly regret, as we'd like every brother in our lodge to know just who this talented Elk is who worked without compensation of any sort, other than the satisfaction that comes in a job well done.

For the authentic history of Sacramento Elks Hall Association we are indebted to Past Exalted Ruler Harold Thielen, and for his loyal help in many other ways. ☆ Trustee Frank Laferty has made personal trips into the country to interview old-timers, or bring them into town if need be. Certainly we are indebted to him. We are grateful, too, to Past Exalted Ruler Fred J. Johns, General Chairman of our Golden Anniversary Celebration, for his many helpful suggestions and valued advice. ☆ Secretary Leitch, whom we have often disturbed at his daily work to obtain dates and other important data, merits our thanks. ☆ Indeed, each officer obliged us in every possible way, Inner Guard Wichert being especially helpful in sending his car on many — very many — errands as a loyal favor to his lodge. ☆ Another much appreciated courtesy came from Past Exalted Ruler Misplay, who diligently sought and finally obtained a much-needed copy of the 1926 Dedication Souvenir. ☆ We are indebted to numerous other brothers and friends who called to bring or phoned bits of needed information, and we can not close without a word of appreciation to the typists who struggled through many weary hours over the scratchy notes and poor chirography of this person.

It is your editor's deep regret that conditions of health made it impossible for him to attend any of the anniversary functions, or better tell the story of the history of our lodge, and it would have been inspirational and instructive had we been able to personally visit each of our past exalted rulers — also the real old-timers — and from them gleaned anecdotes that must have infinitely increased the interest and the value of this Souvenir.

May you find many pleasant evenings in the perusal of the narrative and articles in this Golden Book of your lodge, and we hope that you will deem it worthy a place among your treasured souvenirs.

Alexander Crossan,
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