She's Little, But Oh My!

THE ELKS PICK A QUEEN — Manhattan's diminutive entry, Miss Jean Saunders (center) nipped the title of "Miss Elk of 1958" at a nationwide finals held at Capital Arena as a feature of the Grand Lodge Convention Tuesday night. She is surrounded by third place winner Ruby Sullivan of Washington (left) and Barbara Robinson of Pittsburgh (right) the runner up.

D.C. girl third in Elks beauty contest

Miss June Saunders, 18-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., college freshman, Tuesday night, won the annual Elks Bathing Beauty and Talent Contest to become "Miss America of Elkdom of 1958."

Climaxing the nationwide contest, Miss Saunders took top honors after five judges viewed a panel of 12 contestants representing as many State Associations of Elks in a three-hour program at Capitol Arena.

Second place went to Miss Barbara Robinson, 21, of Pittsburgh, Pa., while Washington's entry, Miss Ruby E. Sullivan, won third place.

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MISS SULLIVAN, 19, who resides in the 3300 block 22nd St., NE, Washington, is 5 feet, 3 inches, tips the scales at 108 and has measurements of 32-22-34. She earlier won the title of "Miss District of Columbia" in the Elks' elimination contest.

The winning contestant, Miss Saunders, of Buffalo, is 5 feet, 112 pounds, and has measurements of 32-23-33. She is a freshman at Buffalo State College and wants to be a music instructor. She was "Miss New York."

The second place entry ("Miss Pennsylvania"), Miss Robinson, is 21, 5 feet-6, 121 pounds and 34-22-34. She is a first year student at Pittsburgh Playhouse and studying to be a dramatic star.

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NINE OTHER contestants were in the finals. They included:

Annie Pearl Carter (Miss Mississippi), 17, of Indianola, Miss.; Julia Hinyard (Miss Wisconsin), 16, Milwaukee, Wis.; Bonnie West (Miss Tennessee), 18, high school senior of Memphis, Tenn.; Mary Kellogg (Miss Illinois), 18, of Joilet, Ill;

Madeline Jones (Miss New Jersey), 18, of Belmar, N.J.; Joyce Garrett ((Miss Texas), 19, second class airman of Randolph Air Force Base; Claudine Hester (Miss Tennessee), 19, also of Memphis, Tenn.; Barbara Leach (Miss Alabama), 18, sophomore at Talladega College, and Rose Rolbert (Miss California), 28, clerk in a Los Angeles department store.

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THE STAFF which directed the beauty and talent program included Dr. Victor Tulane, convention director of beauty and talent department; Dr. L. M. Jackson, registration; Kermit Cagle, public appearances; Harold C. Johnson, transportation; Sanford B. McKenzie, program and secretary to the grand commissioner of beauty and talent; C. C. Osborne, judges and tabulation; Dr. J. Garrick Hardy, finance and production; Delong Kimbrough, lights; Walter Wilson, auditorium; John Garner, photography; Ernest J. Wright, introductions, and William A. Byrd, decorations.

P. McPherson Blair is grand commissioner of beauty and talent.

Elks wire Ike to back Constitution

The Elks in a telegram to President Eisenhower Saturday expressed hope he would continue to back the Constitution.

In part the resolution read: ". . . we hope with all fervor that the great moral leadership of the President will find expression in your continued determination to uphold the Constitution."

The resolution was adopted by the Elks' department of veterans affairs at the organization's National Shrine, John Brown Farm near Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

It was signed by Dr. Adolphus W. Anderson Sr., grand commissioner of the Veterans Affairs Department.

Beauty Plus Brains Spells Victory

FIRST PLACE WINNER — Prathia Hall, 18, of Philadelphia, Pa., top winner in the oratorical contest sponsored by the Elks Monday night, is awarded the Judge William C. Hueston trophy by Judge Hueston. She also won a $1,000 scholarship. At center is George W. Lee, grand commissioner of education, Memphis, Tenn. and at right, Judge Peryy B. Jackson.

Little Rock Nine, 7 others given Elk scholarships

By MARY STRATFORD

The Little Rock Nine were presented $1,000 college scholarships along with seven oratorical contestants Monday night by the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

Six of the Central High School students were on hand to receive the presentations. It was also announced that the names of the nine children will be placed in the Hall of Fame at John Brown's Farm, Harpers' Ferry, Va.

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RECEIVING THE presentations were Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Minniejean Brown, Gloria Ray, Melba Patillo, Terrance Roberts, and Carlotta Walls.

Thelma Mothershed, another of the Little Rock Nine, was unable to attend because of illness. Ernest Green, also of the original group, who graduated from Central High School in June, was also absent.

Minniejean, now attending school in New York after expulsion from Central High School last year for returning insults hurled by a white student, told the audience at Metropolitan Baptist Church that High School this fall in spirit.

"I will be there because their fight is my fight and I cannot win until they have won."

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"We shall win with the help of people like you."

MRS. DAISY BATES, the youngsters' advisor, accepted the presentations on behalf of the two absent students.

First prize winner in the oratorical contest was Prathia A. Hall, a graduate of the Philadelphia School for Girls, Philadelphia, Pa.

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MISS HALL, whose topic was the Constitution, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Berkley L. Hall, 1331 West Jefferson St., Philadelphia. Her father is pastor of Mt. Sharon Baptist Church. The 18-year-old student plans to become a lawyer.

Robert Fowlkes, second place winner, is a June graduate of Dunbar High School, Baltimore, Md. He spoke on "Lincoln and the Constitution."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fowlkes, 1802 North Bond St., Baltimore, young Fowlkes will attend the University of Maryland where he will major in engineering.

OTHER CONTESTANTS were Valerie J. Tutt, Augusta, Ga.; Conrad Harper, Detroit, Mich.; John Appelgate, Yakima, Washington; Paul L. D. Robinson, New Orleans and Allen Hutchison, Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Appelgate, lone non-white contestant, spoke on "Positive Effects of Racial Integration in American Education."

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IN ADDITION to the $1,000 college scholarships received The winner also received the Judge William C. Hueston trophy.

by all contestants, Miss Hall, first place winner, also received a typewriter presented by Barbara Harris, the Elks' grand assistant director of public relations. It was presented on behalf of the Joe Baker firm in Philadelphia.

MISS DOROTHY HEIGHT, president of the National Association of Negro Women was awarded a certificate for outstanding achievement. She is a former winner of an Elk scholarship.

Contest judges were Robert J. Harlan, attorney; Edith Howard, English teacher and I. M. Davis, assitant professor of history, D.C. Teacher's College.

'Little Rock 9' join Elks and tots in making history

By EDWARD PEEKS

Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson and his cabinet received salutes and cheers worthy of a king on Tuesday as Elks marched past the reviewing stand at Columbia Lodge No. 85, Florida and Rhode Island Aves., NW.

Top officials included Grand Daughter Ruler Nettie Carter Jackson, who saw Elks parade 5,000 strong from 37 states and Canada. They represented some 80,000 visiting Elks.

Bands and marching units consisted of men and women, the old and the young. About 100,000 saw them parade.

The first units reached the reviewing stand around 1:45 p.m. They were led by Deputy Chief Howard V. Covell and the Metropolitan Police Band.

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THEN CAME the grand exalted ruler and other VIP's of Elkdom to take seats in the reviewing stand.

The parade was under way for thousands who crowded the streets and grounds of Columbia Lodge, which an hour before thronged with Elks and visitors inside and outside.

The crowd drank soft drnks and ate hot dogs like picnickers until the sound of the band crashed in the near distance.

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MRS. DAISY BATES and the seven children from Little Rock received rousing applause when their float came in behind Elk officials.

A mixup enroute to join the parade delayed their participation until front units reached uptown.

The Little Rock group got a hero's welcome from uptowners who demonstrated with everything but ticker tape.

Their presence was a momentous occasion for the multitude surrounding the reviewing stand.

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THE CROWD cheered the "Little Rock Nine" and the sense of history brought in physical view when the gallant youngsters took seats below the stand.

"The Supreme Court is meeting Thursday for them," said Albert (Bert) Reading, grand lodge narrator, over the loud speaker.

His voice was charged with an importance of history and 30 years as Elks narrator from Chester, Pa.

Mrs. Bates and the students were accompanied by Miss Prathia Hall, Philadelphia, Elks oratorical winner, and Robert Fowlkes, Baltimore, runner-up, also Lt. George W. Lee and Dr. Charles McClane, both Elks officials.

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CHILDREN FROM across the country marched to the plaudits of observers.

Little Beatrice Williams, a two-year-old Baltimorean, was "still doing her stuff" when the four-hour long parade arrived at the reviewing stand.

She and other youngsters took the long walk in stride from downtown.

JUVENILE UNITS included groups from Georgia and Mississippi who marched close behind the "Little Rock Nine" as if to provide a psychological moment for the desegregation battle yet to come in the Deep South.

"The Elks got the people," an observer said.

The Rev. William Washington of Merchantville, N.J., drew a round of applause with his "one-man band."

The legless musician walks on pads, plays drums and cornet at the same time.

PAUL OLIVER, a 67-year-old blind Philadelphian, virtually stopped the show.

Grand Daughter Ruler Jackson came down from the stand to honor Mr. Oliver and his dog, Hilda, on whose back a cape was fastened with name inscribed.

"I love Hilda," Mr. Oliver told reporters. "She's 12 years old. At first I had doubts that she would walk all the way in the parade, but she did."

He showed a congratulatory letter from President Eisenhower, who learned of him through Rep. Hugh Scott (R., Pa.).

"It all makes me very happy," said Mr. Oliver, who has been an Elk for 22 years.

COLORS FOR the Maple Glen Lodge of Laurel, Md., were borne by four young white boys.

New York units contained several American Chinese.

Drill teams highlighted marchers from Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Sport units paraded in gray and blue suits with matching corsages.

IN ADDITION to cabinet members, others in the reviewing stand were Mrs. Rachelle R. Burton, Elks UN representative; Rev. Asapansa Johnson, Staten Island, N.Y.

Elmer Brown, husband of lady Elks grand treasurer; Dr. Roscoe Brown, medical examiner; Mrs. Perry Jackson, wife of the grand treasurer.

Mrs. Effie Stewart, past grand daughter ruler; Mrs. Charles McClane; Thomas M. Blanton, grand drum major; Dr. J. H. Graham, assistant medical director; Mrs. Janie P. Handy, grandorganizer of nurses.

Mrs. Mary M. Johnson, wife of the grand exalted ruler; Mrs. Beatrice Smyrl, Philadelphia; Mrs. Hazel Ramsey, secretary to the grand exalted ruler, and Mrs. H. H. Harney of Cleveland.

100 new students expected at Lincoln

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. — More than 100 new students are expected to report to Lincoln University, Sept. 11 when dents will report Sept. 16 for registration, and classes will begin on the following day.

Two new persons will join the Lincoln faculty this year.

They are Dimberu H. Merriam and Stanley Tsai. Mr. Merriam will serve as instructor in business.

Mr. Tsai, a 1958 graduate of Lafayette, will be an assistant in phyics. Dr. Elizabeth Beardsley, visiting lecturer in philosophy will return from a year's leave of absence. Holman Jenkins visiting lecturer in political science, and William Rasmussen, visiting lecturer in geology and chemistry, received PhD.'s this summer.

Granger gets Elks award, urges integration program

By EDWARD PEEKS

Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the National Urban League, called upon colored America this week to launch a program of "indoctrination of enlightened white opinion to support our cause."

Mr. Granger made the appeal Monday when the Elks Grand Lodge Civil Liberties Department bestowed upon him the Lovejoy Award for distinguished service.

"The majority of whites in this country are for what the Civil Liberties Department is for," Mr. Granger told the audience at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

He said colored Americans are failing to counteract propaganda in "these times that try men's souls, times that separate the men from the boys."

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"THERE ARE important magazines that do a job to help mislead Americans," Mr. Granger said.

He cited Harper's Magazine and U.S. News and World Report, which this year carried "six articles dealing with the race question. Every one of them sympathetic to pro-segregationists."

He also said Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer of Washington "wrote a distressing and alarming article for Atlantic Monthly. She gave an entirely false picture as to the situation in the North."

Reference was made to desegregation problems in Northern cities, especially in New York, where the question recently came up for sharp public debate.

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MR. GRANGER urged Elks to show "patient determination" in the struggle for civil rights. He likened the effort to Joe Louis during his prime when he showed such determination "in seeking an opening for the knockout blow."

The speaker said President Eisenhower meant "patient determination" and not mere "patience" when he spoke in May to leaders here.

He described Mr. Eisenhower as "a man who thinks right, but doesn't always talk right. He made a mistake by showing up without a prepared speech" at the leadership or summit meeting.

Elks and others must give greater support to the NAACP and Urban League, Mr. Granger said.

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COLORED AMERICANS only in recent years have begun to show signs of appreciation for work of the League in its untiring and successful efforts of opening job opportunities for members of minority groups, he said.

"The Urban League is part of the struggle for civil rights," Mr. Granger stated. "We have got to extend indoctrination of the uninformed and misled of the white population of this country."

He told Elks that he cherishes the honor bestowed upon him.

SINCE THE award was established in 1949, previous recipients include Branch Rickey, Marian Anderson and Thurgood Marshall.

Honored also on the program were Dr. L. W. Williams of Valdosta, Ga., Elk of the Year; Mrs. L. Marian Poe, Newport News attorney, Daughter of the Year.

Mrs. Bertha M. Bragg was crowned queen for outstanding services in fund raising and organizational activities of the order.

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GREETINGS WERE brought at the afternoon meeting by Liberian Ambassador George Padmore, Commissioner Robert E. McLaughlin, the Rev. J. L. S. Holloman, and Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser.

Commissioner McLaughlin

Washington to Elks, this time to Grand Daughter Ruler Nettie Carter Jackson.

Presentations were made by Alice Nichols, grand directress, and Hobson Reynolds, grand director of the department, who presided.

Other participants were the Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard and the Masonic Eastern Star Joint Choirs.

Burrus rests case in suit to keep job

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

NEW YORK — The plaintiff rested his case in the matter of Burrus versus the First Baptist Church of Far Rockaway last week, but not before witnesses told the last grim detail of the hotel raid during which Mrs. Burrus was allegedly surprised with the Rev. Thomas S. Harten.

The details of the raid became a part of the testimony because Burrus contests the legality of a June 17 church meeting.

It was during this meeting that he was ousted from the Far Rockaway church. He contended that the meeting was a result of a conspiracy between Mrs. Burrus, Rev. Harten and several members of the official boards of the church.

After being reportedly trapped with the Rev. Harten, Mrs. Burrus told her part in the alleged conspiracy and to prove that the clandestine meetings did occur, she cited the events of Saturday, June 14, at which time she and Harten were surprised by a raiding party consisting of the Rev. Mr. Burrus and others.

As the complainant rested his case, Referee Harold Tessler took under advisement four motions to dismiss and adjourned the hearings for several days. Should Tessler dismiss all aspects of the case, Burrus will have lost a major round in his legal battle with Harten and will have to seek redress on appeal. Should Tessler disallow any one of the four motions the defendants will present their case of innocence.

The most startling testimony of the week, the third of the case, came from the photographer who took the controversial pictures.

The photographer testified that he was hired by Burrus on the day of the raid and that along with Burrus and other members of the raiding party, he registered in a third floor room of the hotel.

The photographer continued that about 5:30 p.m., he and his assistant went to several 10th floor suite.

According to the photographer, he knocked on Harten's door and claimed he had a telegram; that Harten told him to put the message under the door, but he, the photographer, said it was necessary to have a signature.

The lensman concluded by saying that after three minutes the door was opened and he rushed in and took the two pictures that are now in evidence.

He said Harten was completely nude and dry; that after the first picture was snapped Harten ran toward the bathroom, during which flight a second picture was taken.

This testimony was considered explosive because Dr. Harten has contended that he, Harten, was taking a bath at the time the incident arose and thus explained his nudity.

Under repeated attack by lawyers the photographer insisted that Harten was not in the bathroom and there was no evidence of Harten being in the shower.

Lawyers for Burrus attacked Harten's claim that the "telegram" hoax was a frame by introducing evidence that Mrs. Burrus, under an assumed name, was expecting a telegram from a cousin in North Carolina and thus insisted that the message be received.

Western Union introduced a telegram from one Katie B. Pratt of Kas Beauty Salon in North Carolina. The exhibit dated 10:44 p.m. of the day of the raid. The message read:

"Miss Irma Smith, care Dr. P. S. Harten, Room 1026 W. 46 St. New York. Unable to send money. Letter in Mail."

Mrs. Burrus had previously testified that she had wired the cousin for money and asked that the reply be sent her in care of Harten at the 46th Street hotel.

Burrus attorneys also produced a copy of the hotel register for June 6, 1958, the week before the raid. This exhibit showed that Mrs. Burrus had registered at the hotel on June 6 as "Louise Staples," that she had been recommended by "Dr. Harten" and that Harten paid the bill. Burrus' attorneys hannered away at the fact that the exhibits proved a continuing relationship between Harten and Mrs. Burrus.

Although the defense is yet to present its case, lawyers for the defense produced phone company records showing that Mrs. Burrus had made long distance calls to both her estranged husband and Dr. Harten on the day of the raid. Their obvious intent was to show that the raid was a "conspiracy."

However Referee Tessler reminded the defense counsel that Burrus had every right to call Mrs. Burrus and she him and that such calls, in the absence of knowledge of their contents, did not prove conspiracy between the Burrus family against Dr. Harten.

But this was Burrus' side of the case. The defense has yet to have its day in court. Lawyers for the defendants say that they will disprove the Burrus testimony and vindicate their clients.

Meanwhile Burrus moved into Brooklyn last Sunday morning and began a five-nights revival at the Bethesday Baptist Church under the sponsorship of the Rev. Charles Nesbit. Although there was some discussion among New York clergymen about the revival, the meeting moved off without incident.

Newarker seeks N.C. relatives

NEWARK.

Mrs. Sallie Douglas, of 121 Rose Terrace, Newark, N.J. is looking for her second cousin, William (Bill) Frazier, son of Mrs. Blanche Frazier who died some years ago in Cleveland, Ohio.

From last reports, Mr. Frazier was living with his step-father William Covington. All are natives of Monroe, N.C.

Elder Micheaux starts 4-week revival service

Sunday night under cloudy sky Elder Solomon Lightfoot Micheaux led his white robed choir of 56 voices from the Temple of Freedom Under God to the American League Ball Park where he began his annual four-week revival services.

The group was preceded by a 30-piece band followed by members of the congregation and friends who saw a dramatization of the betrayal of Christ by Judas enacted by Wendell Green and the choir.

The Elder's text was "Why Does Man Have To Die?" and was taken from the 14th Chapter of Job, the 14th Verse.

Services will be held at the Park by the Elder every Sunday night until Sept. 21. Subject for Sunday night, August 31, will be "If A Man Dies, Will He Live Again?"

Will We Have In The Resurrection?"

Sept. 14 — "Will There Be Any Segregation In Heaven?"

Sept. 21 — "Where Is Hell?"

Sunday Night, Mrs. Mary E. Micheaux, who has charmed the nation for 20 years with her Gospel songs over the radio, will be featured.

The Heavenly Echo Chorus of Philadelphia, will sing. Rufus Giddins of Philadelphia, the church tenor, will lead the choir in a dramatized song, "He Betrayed Him."

The Elder said, in his sermon last Sunday, unless the followers of Christ are true in their minds, they will betray Christ.

The annual Baptismal service will be held on Sept. 21, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The Elder extends an invita-

HONORED BY ELKS—The Little Rock Nine were presented $1,000 college scholarships Monday night by the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks where it was announced that the names of the nine children will be placed in the Hall of Fame at John Brown's Farm, Harpers Ferry, W. Va. Receiving the presentations were Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Minniejean Brown, Gloria Ray, Melba Patillo, Terrance Roberts, Carlotta Walls, Thelma Mothershed and Ernest Green. Mrs. Daisy Bates, chaperon of the group was also given an award.

Elks parade provides glory, irony, beauty and humor

By ERNEST MATTHEWS

WASHINGTON

The Nation's Capital saw its mightiest and most colorful parade Tuesday when more than 5,000 Elks marched from the Washington Monument through streets lined with an estimated 100,000 waving and cheering convention delegates and local spectators.

Mrs. Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Seven were special guests.

One of the major highlights of the week-long Grand Lodge 60th convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the gigantic parade was traditionally American.

Proud marchers and bands from across the country provided the glory, the irony, the beauty, the humor.

From noon to 1 p.m. the bands tuned up and marchers formed in the 1500 block of Constitution Ave., NW.

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STEPPING OFF with a Metropolitan Police motorcade and official police band, the parade proceeded north to G St., where the Grand officials riding a float were forced to duck and dodge low-hanging tree branches.

Government workers watched from windows, steps and sidewalks.

The colorful Kelly Miller Junior High School band struck up a stirring, "Stars and Stripes Forever," passing the Executive Offices Building across the street from the White House.

Approaching the private business district at 18th and Pennsylvania Ave., however, Boy Scouts held up placards reading: "No Music."

CONSPICIOUSLY MISSING in the downtown area were Mrs. Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Seven on their float which read: "The Elks will educate them . . . You Integrate them."

The empty float, resembling an empty classroom with desks, drew a sprinkle of applause and snide remarks from white spectators who appeared to be tourists.

Mrs. Bates, the NAACP "Angel of Little Rock," and the Little Rock Seven had traffic difficulty after leaving the Lincoln Memorial, where they placed a wreath to join the parade at the outset.

However, they caught up and climbed aboard the float at 11th and U Sts., NW, where they and the colorful parade received its most enthusiastic reception.

Following were honor guards bearing American flags. The uniformed saluted, others removed their hats and placed them over their hearts.

FROM THEN on, U Street spectators, jamming the sidewalks, hanging out of windows and seated on the curbs, thoroughly enjoyed the 4½-hour parade with its bands and marchers from across the country.

Glamorous beauties waved from sleek, shiny convertible autos; a cute 3-year-old high-stepping majorette drew moans of delight; a high-stepping teenage majorette drew wolf whistles; a 5-year-old boy marcher held a woman's hand and stumbled along worn out and half asleep; the elderly male and female marchers moved along at a steady and soft pace.

"Hey, Mommy, there's Uncle Bill," a small boy yelled out.

"Yeah, my man's feet is killing him!" somebody chided.

Nurses bearing medicine bags walked the flanks.

But the parade moved on to stirring brassy band after band.

Banners identifying lodge delegates from Georgia and Mississippi received whooping ovations as the band bounced with "When the Saints Go Marching Home."

Two seedy-dressed young women mingled with the spectators along U St., preaching: "Repent. Repent Now. Jesus is Coming!" They disappeared down a side street.

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AT FLORIDA and Rhode Island Ave., the wailing and red light-flashing of ambulances caused brief diversion while removing three fainting cases, one of them in front of Frazier's Funeral Home.

Police and the 171st Military Policemen of the District National Guard kept speculation to a minimum as the integrated E. W. Bundy Herd Juvenile Corps thumped past on the way to the reviewing stand. Here Grand Exalted Ruler Johnson and Grand Daughter Ruler Jackson and other Grand Lodge Temple officers were seated.

Below them were seated Mrs. Bates and the Little Rock Seven who were frequently applauded, unable to enjoy the parade for newspapermen and photographers.

Climaxing 4½ hours of 5,000 marchers, the parade's tail end was brought up by straggling dogs, boys and bikes. Heavy evening traffic poured into the streets.

The Elks had given Washington its mightiest and most colorful convention parade.

"THIS IS the first time in 10 years I've been able to make it down to be in the parade," Horace Waters, from the Philadelphia delegation, said.

Mr. Waters said he had been tied up with business deals or bedded-down with sickness in the last decade.

Even this time the bus from the "City of Brotherly Love" was late and the delegates almost missed the marching.

Those on the late bus rushed into the Morning Star Lodge building at 15th and Q Sts., NW, changed and joined the parade.

AT LEAST 65 members of the Morning Star Lodge No. 40 were in the parade.

The late Dr. Charles H. Marshall's place in the parade was taken by Charles Young. Dr. Marshall, former exalted ruler of Morning Star Lodge, died recently.

Others marching with Mr. Young from Morning Star No. 40 were Dophus Jones, trustee; Col. Ike Madison, president of the drill team, and Col. George Reynolds.

Early arrivals for the parade brought beach chairs, folding chairs, kitchen chairs, stools, boxes and parlor pillows for their comfort. Those who were unprovided for with such comforts were at the economic mercy of sidewalk vendors for $.50 to $1, or whatever the dors who were renting chairs tariff would bring.

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THE PARADE brought out many Washingtonians. There were mothers with babes in arms; women with sport togs, girls with jeans, and youngsters with all kinds of sports shirts that defy description.

The strain of the long grind began to tell on the marchers when they reached the area around 11th and U Sts., with about a mile and a half to go. As the foot-weary paraders passed to the tune of stirring music, showing visible fatigue, one unsympathetic wag yelled:

"Don't worry, buddy, only five miles to go."

The last car in the parade appropriately enough, was all bedecked with signs advertising Elder Michaux's Sunday evening sermons at Griffith Stadium.

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MRS. VIOLA J. RUSSELL, 939 R St., NW, past daughter ruler of Forrest Temple No. 9 of 1935, was in the parade after being honored with a citation with other past rulers earlier Tuesday morning at the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Among out-of-towners viewing the parade were Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kennamon of Newark, N.J. Mr. Kennamon, former AFRO circulation manager, viewed the procession from a wheelchair, having lost both of his legs several years ago.

He and his wife were among a group of 150 who came down from Newark with the Junior Herd No. 108 Drum and Bugle corps, a unit of the Pride of Newark Lodge No. 93. Others among them included Cornelius Brown, Dorothy Brown, Arlene Poole and John Brown, the latter supervisor of the 75-piece boys and girls band.

—Elks hear Johnson

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ficers' Reports. The motion was adopted.

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ERMA L. WATSON of Ohio moved that the grand lodge go into the election of a grand exaltec ruler. Harry H. Eddicks of Philadelphia seconded the motion. The motion was adopted without any unreadinesses.

Obtaining recognition, Hobson Reynolds, director of the Elks' civil liberties department said: "We are going to see that every brother in this grand lodge will have a chance to be heard and seen."

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"THIS YEAR we have had a challenge," he said, adding: "This year Elkdom has been threatened. We are going to show them today, by the vote we are going to take for our grand exalted ruler, that we have implicit faith in his leadership and we are going forward under that leadership."

Mr. Reynolds nominated Mr. Johnson. John T. Freeman, chairman of the Elks trustee board, and a host of other members seconded the nomination.

PLACING IN nomination Jesse L. Vann of Brooklyn, N.Y., Theodore R. Miller, also of Brooklyn, said he wanted to ask grand lodge members these questions:

1. Has any lodge increased or decreased its membership in the last 10 years?
2. Why is it that only one person in all Elkdom, with men in it from all walks of life, is fit to be grand exalted ruler?
3. Why must a grand exalted ruler perpetuate himself in office? Why must a grand exalted ruler die in office? (Applause.)
4. Why can the grand lodge not have a secret ballot?

AS SOON as Miller finished his nominating speech, J. Franklin Spruill of Akron, Ohio was recognized. He seconded the nomination of Johnson.

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Reynolds moved that the rules be suspended and a standing vote be taken. A constitutional provision setting out detailed procedure for election by secret ballot has been in dispute. It was deleted from the Constitution. Opponents of Mr. Johnson contend that the deletion was improperly made.

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ON THE STANDING vote, Johnson was overwhelmingly elected. A number of delegates, thinking that the morning session was over, left the hall. The delegates were beginning to get restless because the time for the annual parade was only two hours away.

But the report of the grand secretary was called for. Before Mr. Hueston got half way through his report, a motion to suspend further reading of the report was adopted.

Sylvan made the usual motion that it be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Officers' Reports.

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KEESLER MONTGOMERY, Assistant Attorney General of Massachuett, moved that the Mr. Hueston be re-elected by acclamation. The motion was adopted.

The report of the grand treasurer was called for. Judge Jackson began to read his report, giving itemized figures of bank balances. As he stated the total of $78,461 cash in bank, his voice was drowned out by the motion of Mr. Reynolds to suspend further reading of the report.

Mr. Reynolds also moved the suspension of the rules and reelection of Judge Jackson by acclamation.

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THE REPORT of the credentials committee showed a total grand lodge strength at the opening session of 896 votes, consisting of grand lodge officers, 43; past grand exalted rulers, 24; district and state deputies and commissioners, 203; 257 lodges with 563 delegates; 43 past exalted rulers' councils with 45 votes, and 14 state associations with 18 votes.

Members of the credentials committee were Oscar Price, Pittsburgh, chairman; A. E. Pullam, secretary; Edward L. Boyd, and Andrew Smith.

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GRAND EXALTED Ruler Johnson, in his annual report, recommended:

1. That the Past Grand Exalted Rulers' Council become a reality rather than a myth and that it be organized with a constitution and by-laws at the Mid-Year Conference.

He named T. Gillis Nutter chairman of a committee to carry out this recommendation. Other members of this committee are Herbert E. Jones, William C. Hueston and Perry W. Howard, of Washington, D.C.; Judge Jackson, Mr. Reynolds, Dr. L. W. Williams, a grand trustee, Valdosta, Ga.; Albert A. Bethune, Daytona Beach, Fla., and Guy Blaine, Indiana.

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2. THAT THE ELKS Foundation be put into operation with funds which are available from the sale of the Monterey Apartments in New York City.

To assist the Foundation in carrying on its program of post-graduate education scholarships and national aid to health, he named the following committees:

Post-Graduate Scholarships Committee — Dr. Charles Wesley, president, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; George W. Lee, grand commissioner of education Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. G. W. C. Brown of the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College; Mr. Bethune; Dr. James M. Goodwin, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO AMERICAN Newspapers.

Foundation Committee on Investments — Dr. James M. Megney, Illinois; George Cooper, Pennsylvania; Mr. Lee, Judge Jackson and Bertram V. Gregory, Michigan.

Foundation Committee on National Health — Dr. Carter Marshall, grand medical director, New Haven, Conn.; Dr. J. E. Jones, North Carolina; Dr. A. P. Johnson, New York; Dr. Roscoe Brown, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Julius Graham, Michigan; Dr. William Pitts and John H. Hudgins, the latter two of Connecticut.

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3. THAT JOHN BROWN clubs be established in all lodges and temples, to keep alive the memory of John Brown, the abolitionist, and to perpetuate the Elks national shrine.

Mr. Johnson named as a committee to carry out this recommendation Charles P. McClane, Steelton, Pa.; Quinn Banks, Pennsylvania; Robert Coleman, Illinois; H. D. Hadnott, Texas; Frank La Marr, Michigan; K. P. Battles, North Carolina; Dr. Adolphus W. Anderson, Pennsylvania; George Blue, West Virginia; Onton Lloyd, Washington, D.C.; L. B. Eggleston, Virginia, and William Beasley, New York.

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4. A COMPLETE revision of the constitution and bylaws of the grand lodge. He appointed a committee to make a study to that end and report at the Mid-Year Conference. He also recommended that the travel expenses of this committee be paid by the grand lodge.

Named as members of this committee were Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser, Washington, D.C.; Erma L. Watson, Ohio; Nelson Willis, Illinois; J. Franklin Spruill, Akron, Ohio, and Herbert Cain, Pennsylvania.

5. He also recommended that a committee be set up to study ways and means by which the Elks can participate to a greater extent in the field of civil rights.

Liberian ambassador greets Elk convention

WASHINGTON

Liberian Ambassador to the United States George A. Padmore expressed appreciation for the objectives of the Elks' civil liberties program in extending greetings on behalf of his country to the fraternal order convening in Washington.

"My countrymen," said the Ambassador, "have for over a century and a half guarded their hard-worn and often imperilled freedom. We indeed take great pride in the many sacrifices which our forefathers made in maintaining that freedom."

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Storer alumni elects Malone

WASHINGTON

The Storer College Alumni Association met at the school in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia Saturday and elected national officers for the ensuing year.

Weldon C. Malone, 4620 9th St. NW, Washington, D.C., was elected president. Mr. Malone was a member of the class of 1950 and is now employed by the Federal government.

Other officers elected were vice president, Mrs. Estelle Ridout of Martinsburg, W. Va.; recording secretary, Mrs. Virginia Malone, wife of the president; corresponding secretary, Urquhart O. Dixon, Washington, D.C.; treasurer, Bernard Dennis, Harpers Ferry, W. Va.; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Saunders, Charleston, W. Va.; and president emeritus, Miss Mabel Brady of Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Members were present representing the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

EXALTED LADIES — Mrs. Daisey Bates, the "Angel of Little Rock," chats with Mrs. J. Finley Wilson (right), widow of the late grand exalted ruler, at the Elks baccalaureate services held jointly with dedication services for the late ruler. 2,000 convention delegates and local public attended the affair at Metropolitan Baptist Church. Mrs. Bates praised men and daughters of the Elks for scholarships.

Mrs. Pearl Brown honored by Elks

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Pearl Brown, of Baltimore, grand daughter treasurer of the Grand Temple of Elks, received the Emma V. Kelly Plaque as 1,500 delegates from 48 states witnessed the sixth annual Achievement Award Dinner, held in the Willard Hotel Thursday evening.

"It is with deep humility that I accept this high honor in memory of our founder and Supreme Mother, the late Emma V. Kelly," said Mrs. Brown as she gave a dynamic response to the presentation.

"Daughters, I wish I could tell you of the great inspiration you have given to me in selecting me to receive this Emma V. Kelly Award.

"Truly, you have placed a new song on my heart and have given me a greater faith in this organization.

"I shall forever cherish this day and ever remember our beloved, the late Dt. Emma V. Kelly."

Continuing, Mrs. Brown said, "I shall accept this as a challenge to do a better job in building Elkdom all over the world."

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CONFERRING THE honor was Mrs. Nettie Carter Jackson, grand daughter ruler of the Grand Temple.

Mrs. Buena V. Kelly Berry, daughter of the founder and grand daughter secretary of the Grand Temple, presented a citation to each member of the Court of Honor.

Dr. Robert H. Johnson, grand exalted ruler, and Mrs. Violet H. Whyte, Police Department of Baltimore, brought greetings.

Mrs. Beatrice Perry, cochairman, presided over the colorful highlight of the evening.

Soloists were Mrs. Mattie P. Shelton and Mrs. Florence A. Blango, Grand Organist.

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PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS also included Mrs. Arreta Butler, president, Middlewestern State Association, who welcomed the guests; Mrs. Leona Denson, president, Georgia State Association, who presented the speaker, and Mrs. Machael V. Corrothers, grand assistant directress, Grand Exalted Rulers Birthday Department, who presented the honoree.

The Court of Honor, selected representatives from various states, was comprised of Mrs. Doris C. Smith, Alabama; Mrs. Ernestine Rice, Arkansas; Mrs. Alberta M. Gamble, Florida with Cuba; Miss Naomi Singleton, Georgia; Mrs. Ruby A. Edwards, Illinois — Wisconsin, and Mrs. Elizabeth Roles, Indiana.

Mrs. Josephine Phillip, Kentucky; Mrs. Mary Lou Washington, Louisiana; Mrs. Lucille H. Porter, Michigan; Mrs. Anna Bailey, Middlewestern; Mrs Beatrice Huddleston, Mississippi; Mrs. Esther Jones, Missouri; Mrs. Theresa Cooper, New England, and Mrs. Reita Cornell, New Jersey.

Mrs. Mattie Mackey, New York; Mrs. Rheena Brown, North Carolina; Mrs. Ruth Lefridge, Northwest; Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming, Ohio; Mrs. Bertha Triplett, Pacific States; Mrs. Cora E. Miles, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Ednel Butler, South Carolina; Mrs. Henry Oma Jones, Texas, and Mrs. Ethel Lambert, of Tri-State were also members of the Court of Honor.

Mrs. Lessie M. Cooke, Virginia; Mrs. Willie Holmes, West Virginia, and Mrs. Lillian Archer, the Bahamas.

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RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING the elaborate affair were committee members, Mrs William Mason, chairman; Mrs Beatrice Perry, co-chairman; Mrs. Susie Anderson, secretary; Mrs. Aretta Butler, Mrs. Isabelle F. Hyder, Mrs. Bessie Peterson, Mrs. Clara N. Randolph, Mrs. Letitia Smith and Mrs. Buena V. Kelly Berry.

The Baltimore Committee, which made a presentation to the honoree consisted of Miss Helen L. Brown, Mrs. Rachel Cooper, Mrs. Inez Johnson, Mrs. Violet H. Whyte, Miss Constance Knockett and Miss Jenette Spriggs.

Greeting the guests as hostesses were Mrs. Alberta Spikes Mrs. Lillian R. Lowe, Mrs. Raynelle E. Cochran, Mrs Hattie S. Johnson, Mrs. Alfrenia C. Hampton, Mrs. Lenora K. Munford, Mrs. Isabelle F. Hyder, Mrs. Jeanne E. Kelly, Mrs. Virginia Melvin and Mrs. Anne Webster Rodgers.

Mrs. Willie H. Rudd, Mrs. Elnora Loftis, Mrs. Marian T. Nelson, Mrs. Margaret S. Neal, Mrs. Bettye M. Henderson and Mrs. Luthermae E. Adams.

Lodge denies trying to get Wilkins' job

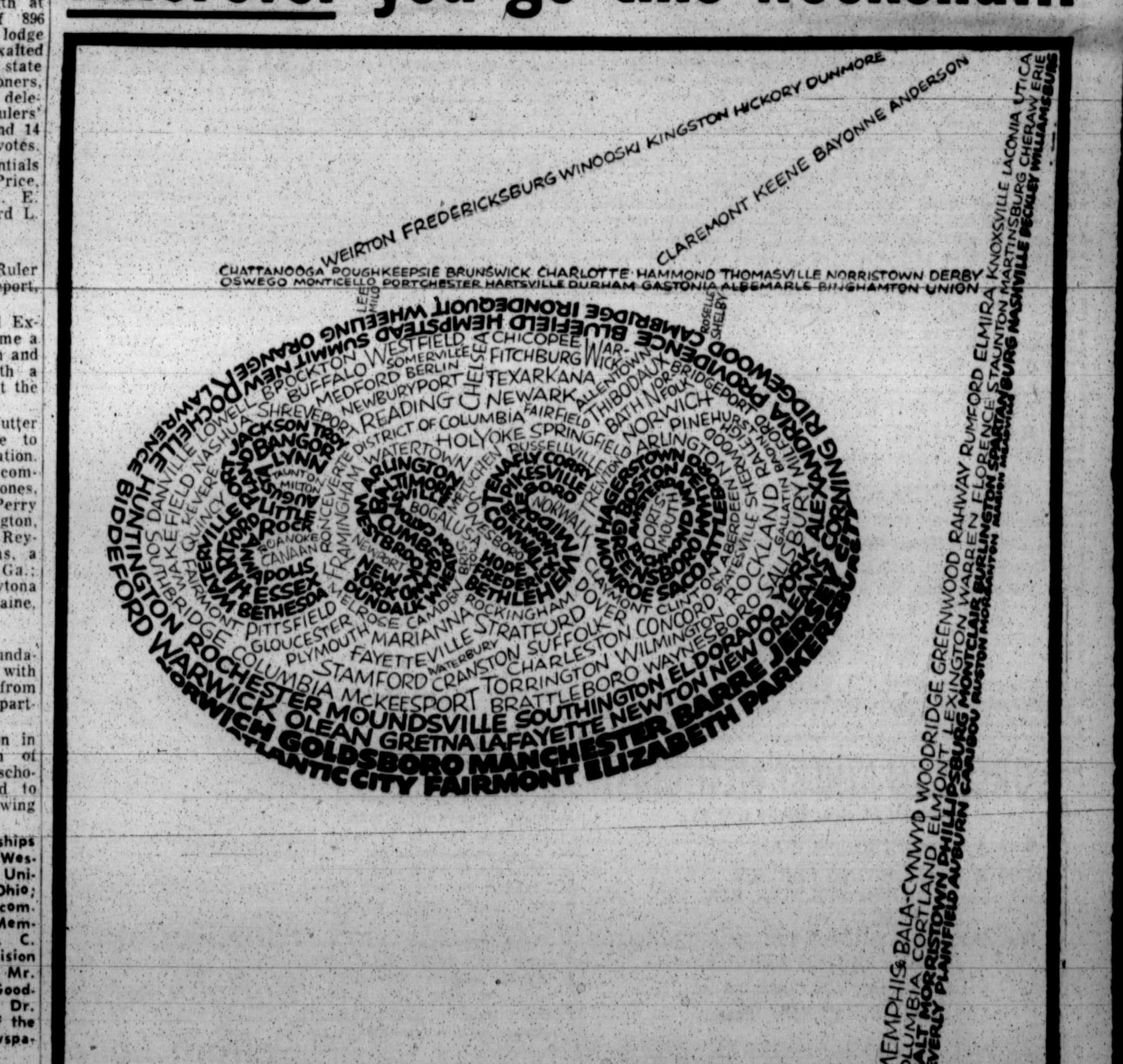
WASHINGTON

George Lodge, director of public information at the Department of Labor, denied that he had any plans for taking over the job now occupied by J. Ernest Wilkins as assistant secretary of labor.

Reports that the White House had asked Wilkins to resign so that his position could be filled by Lodge drew the comment from the information chief that he is only trying to do the best job he can at his present post.

He said he didn't know how such rumors got started but he thought it very unfortunate. He expressed great admiration for Wilkins saying that he had been closely associated with him for several years.

Wherever you go this weekend...



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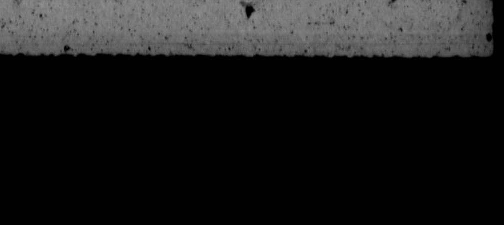

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