CADILLAC FOR GRAND RULER:

# Elks defer rule to return three top officers to posts

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ATLANTA, Ga. — Ticking like a well oiled machine in the smoothiest running convention they have held in years, the Elks, Wednesday set aside regular rules, to re - elect three of their top ranking officers, after hearing them make three separate and encouraging reports.

Returned to office without opposition were Perry W. Howard of Mississippi, grand legal adviser, Lt. George W. Lee, grand director of education, and Philadelphia Judge Hobson R. Reynolds, grand director of civil liberties.

Grand Exalted Daughter Ruler Nettie Carter Jackson of Staten Island, N.Y. was re-elected to her post Wednesday as the women of the Grand Temple met in their second sessions.

Mrs. Carter was re-elected for a two year term.

**Also Elected**

Mrs. Pearl Brown of Baltimore, was re - elected grand daughter treasurer, and Mrs. Buena Kelly Barry Norfolk, Va., was re - elected grand daughter secretary. Mrs. Jackson's term was increased to two years by virtue of a resolution changing the rules.

In other activity during the second session grand lodge delegate heard Grand Commissioner of Transportation Albert Redding, Chester, Pa., report that 27 special trains carrying 14,000 elks had arriveed thus far to Atlanta's union station, along with 37 bus excursions and 17 air excursions.

This meant that when the thousands of elks who arrived here by auto and individual transportation facilities are considered, the convention had lived up to pre-convention predictions that it would pour some 30,000 elks into the city.

**In Liberal Mood**

Apparently overjoyed by the reception in the south and how things were going in general, the convention in a liberal mood voted: to give Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia, a Cadillac car; did not wince at recommending to increase their own annual Grand Lodge per capita tax from $1.60 to $2.

In contrast to other years when interest seemed to wane after the annual parade, the Atlanta convention bounced back on Wednesday with new vigor in a busy session which included the following:

Acceptance of a recommendation from the commissioner of education that 17-year-old Huey Shepard, Elks oratorical champion be taken to Washington and given an opportunity to present President Eisenhower with a bound copy of his prize winning oration "The Constitution and the Negro;" Reception of a recommendation that the Elks continue to co-operate with the NAACP and other organizations in the fight against segregation;

**To Help In Fight**

Approval of the action of civil liberties department in giving $1,000 to help in a legal fight involving a Michigan Elk who was refused hotel accommodations in an Illinois hotel because of race;

Election of Howard Judge Reynolds and Lee as virtually a matter of form.

There had been some rumblings prior to convention time that Reynolds might face opposition, but following Reynolds's comprehensive report on his recent trip abroad where he studied the conditions among colored soldiers in Germany, and inspected the situation among German babies fathered by them, opposition, if there was any, paled into nothingness.

**Chicago Situation**

Mr. Howard in his report told the organization of the situation existing in Chicago where the organization has been forced to obtain an injunction against one of its temples to restrain it from operating as Elks. The matter is now in courts.

Mr. Lee reported on the Elks educational program. He stated Elks will begin an "education for freedom month" in September in which all lodges and temples will ask unregistered voters in their community to register and qualify for voting.

The slogan for this campaign will be: "Every Registered Person Get an Unregistered Person to Register."

**Hueston Proposal**

The proposal to raise the per capita tax from $1.60 to $2 was advanced by Judge W. C. Hueston, grand secretary.

It came after the Elks' report showed they spent $217,841.88 in 1953 while taking in only $194,284.24.

This was brought on at Atlantic City last year when the convention voted to raise salaries of certain officials without bothering to figure where additional revenue would be obtained.

The additional 40 cents per member revenue if the proposal is adopted, is expected to take care of this deficit.

Elk Convention Highlights

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## Talmadge poses with Elk leader

ATLANTA Ga. — Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia Thursday permitted himself to be photographed shaking hands with a colored man in what was believed to be the first photograph of this kind ever made.

The picture was made at the State Capitol with Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson who called at the Capitol on invitation of the Governor.

Mr. Talmadge shook hands with Mr Johnson and permitted C. W. Hargrove, photographer, of Columbus, Ohio, to snap the shot.

He then expressed regrets to Mr. Johnson over not being able to witness the Elks parade on Tuesday due to prior commitments, and asked Mr. Johnson if there was anything he could do to help make the stay of the Elks in Atlanta more pleasant.

WINS SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—Charles Johnson, 19-year-old June graduate from Dunbar High School, shakes hands with Sen. Bernard Melnicove, (D-4th district) who awarded the young student the four-year senatorial scholarship to the School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins university. Selected for his outstanding ability in mathematics, Charles, who lives at 1918 N. Fulton ave., plans to be a chemical engineer.

## Mother, 23, fights rat to protect newborn son

A 23-year-old mother who gave birth to her first baby boy, Sunday at City hospitals, was forced to get out of her sick bed early Wednesday morning to protect the infant from a rat.

Dismissed from the hospital, Tuesday, Mrs. Mary Gordon, 2209 N. Brunt st., has been confined to her bed until she regains her strenght.

However, on Wednesday, she was awakened at 5:45 a.m. by the baby's screams. She saw the blood above its left eyebrow, and, thinking that he had scratched himself, she wiped the wound with alcohol.

**Movement In Blanket**

As she picked him up, she felt a movement in the blanket and when she laid the baby down, a four-inch rat scurried from the folds of the cover.

Quickly she grabbed the rodent by the back as it sacmpered across the bed, wrung its neck with her bare hands and threw it out the window before she relaized what she had done.

"I guess it was a mother's instinct which made me do that," she said. "I'm not afraid of rats, I've seen them around here of often, but I have never come in contact with one before.

"When I see them approaching me, I turn around and go the other way. But this time, well, I was so mad and so scared I had to do something."

The incident happened so fast that it was over before her husband, James, who was sleeping in the same room could offer any assistance.

Mrs. Gordon took her small son to City Hospitals for treatment. It has been reported that the baby's wound is not serious.

**Rat A Mystery**

Living in a second floor back room, for 12 years, the young mother could not explain how the rat got into the room. "I fed the baby at 1:30 a.m. and checked before I put him to bed," she said.

"I know there are rats in the cellar and the backyard, but we have never been bothered with them up here before. I've been told, however, that rats go after new born babies because they smell the fresh milk.

"I guess he must have crawled up the drain pipe outside, but I still don't see how he got into the baby's bed."

Since the incident, Mrs. Gordon plans to leave a dim light burning in the room at night.

## Cafe burglar sets 2-alarm fire

A burglar broke into John's Lunchroom, 1833 Pennsylvania ave., early Tuesday morning, and set fire to the building after rifling a music box of an undetermined amount of cash.

A passer-by saw flames shooting through the restaurant floor and turned in an alarm. Firemen of Truck Co. No. 13 found three separate fires in the basement and turned in another alarm.

The lunchroom is owned by John Costello.

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## Red Cross worker meets war prisoner; had helped family

In Baltimore, two years ago, she helped comfort the mother when the son was reported captured by the Reds.

In Inchon, two weeks ago, she stood by as the son sent a cable to his mother, joyfully confirming his release from the Communist prison camp.

This was the incident reported this week by Miss Jessie Richardson of the Baltimore Red Cross who, since March 1952, has been serving in the Far East.

The principals in her story are Sgt. Robert L. Wyatt, 23, of 2249 E. Preston st., and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Wyatt.

**Letter to Co-workers**

In a letter to former co-workers at the Baltimore Red Cross headquarters, 23rd and St. Paul sts., Miss Richardson described several activity highlights of the scene where war prisoners are being exchanged daily.

MISS JESSIE RICHARDSON

Working primarily out of the 11th Evacuation Hospital in Korea, she said:

"Things are still happening and from where I sit, each one seems a little more exciting other.

"I had no more than mailed your letter saying I would not work with the Big Switch when I got a telephone call telling me to go to Inchon on August 9th and work with the Big Switch.

"I took the same train at 6:30 a.m. and what was to be a five-hour ride turned out to be eleven hours and fifteen minutes. These Korean trains take the cake.

"Once, for no apparent reason we stopped on a trestle for 55 minutes. We were on a single track, we could not have been waiting for anything. At last I got here.

**Flown By Helicopter**

"The prisoners came in at Mundon-Ni where they were examined. The able-bodies are then flown by helicopter here. From here they are loaded on the boat to the states.

"The reaction of these fellows are beyond descrpition. One fellow told me he was unable to go to bed the first night of freedom — the bed was too soft and the sheets too clean.

He said the sheets annoyed his skin. The first meal they got is hard to digest because the food is too rich. The majority have colds, eye conditions and bad teeth.

"For the first day they are like kids with new toys—exploring. They have P.X facisities and everyone has a new watch, fountain pens and pencils and cameras.

"I have never had my picture taken so much in my life.

**Wyatt Associations**

"Well, now for the real news. You remember the mother I worked with, whose son had been captured shortly after he arrived. The name was Wyatt.

"Well, that boy came through my first day here. Almost the first thing he did was send a cable to his mother.

"At the present time this is really the spot where history is being made. The Neutral Peace Teams sit in the same dining room with me, even though they have screens around them.

**Departure Impressive**

"The department of those fellows was an impressive ceremony. They were loaded in busses to go to the boat and the band played "California Here I Come" — sort of gave you cold chills up and down your spine.

"I'm writing in the dark. We are having a terrific storm and the lights are out. I'm trying to get a movie camera so I can show some of the things I am seeing, when I get home."

SHERIFF'S SALE

A sheriff's sale of two 2-story, brick buildings at 620 and 642 Jasper st., will be sold on Sept. 18, at 10:30 a.m.

## Library to mark education week

Adult Education Week will be observed at the Pratt Library from Sept. 14 through Sept. 19, 1953.

Each year thousands of young Baltimore men and women complete their formal education. Among the problems they face is the wise organization of their leisure time.

It is greatly to be regretted if the interests, knowledge and skills they acquire in college and high school are allowed to lie idle or are denied further development. To help them and the more than half-million other adults from 18 to 80 who live in Baltimore, the Pratt library and other local institutions are planning a second observance of Adult Education Week.

**Annual Campaign**

This annual campaign to acquaint Baltimoreans with the city's resources for adult study is prepared people in every walk of life, holders of graduate degres and those who have not finished elementary school.

A series of talks on the rewards of reading will be given at the library during and after Adult Education Week. The cooperating institutions will furnish information on their courses and offer some counselling service.

In the library's central hall, there will be book displays on subjects of special interest to the learner. Free reading guides on American history, the Medieval world, philosophy and many other subjects will be available.

## Civic groups sponsor housing program

"Homes Around The World" will be the theme of the housing programs and exhibits that will enliven the Baltimore scene during the month of October, it has been announced by Mrs. Henry E. Corner, chairman of an arrangements committee drawn from nine local groups who will sponsor the event.

Baltimoreans interested in housing and redevelopment will have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the subject on a world scale through a number of international housing exhibits.

The exhibits will be on display at the Baltimore Museum of Art Gallery, and a meeting on October 20, at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

"Homes Around The World" is being arranged in connection with United Nations Week (October 18-24), and is sponsored by the Citizen Planning and Housing Associations of Baltimore, the United Nations Association of Maryland, the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Also, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Peale Museum, the Walters Art Gallery, the Department of Education of Baltimore City, the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and the Private School Association of Baltimore.

**MORGAN ALTENATIONS**

A building permit for alterations in a basement on the campus of Morgan State college was granted by the city this week. Construction work will be done by the Smith DeCorse company at a cost of $3,000.

## Elks' group join excursion sponsors

The annual autumn excursion of the Benefit Clubs' Association to New York City will be run Sunday, Sept. 20.

The special train, via the Pennsylvania railroad, will leave Baltimore at 1:30 a.m. and begin its return at 11:50 p.m.

Among the new names added to the sponsoring group is the Past Exalted and Past Daughter Rulers' Council of Elks.

Sightseeing tours, church services, outings and a baseball game at Ebbetts Field are among some of the attractions offered.

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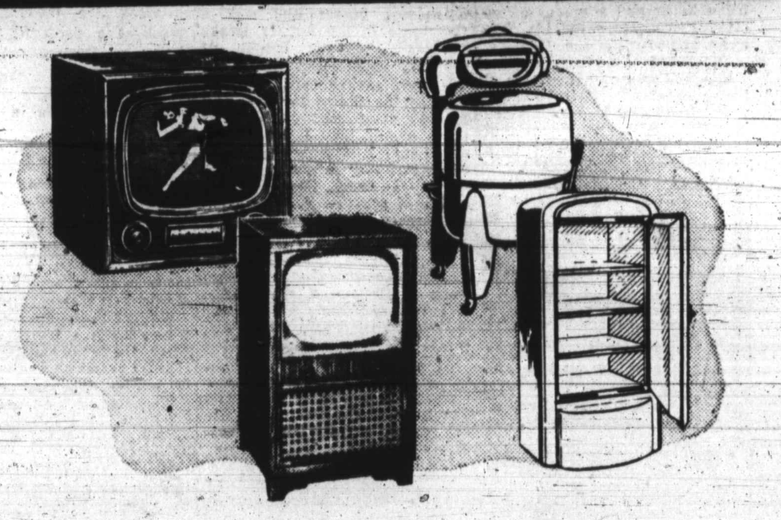

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