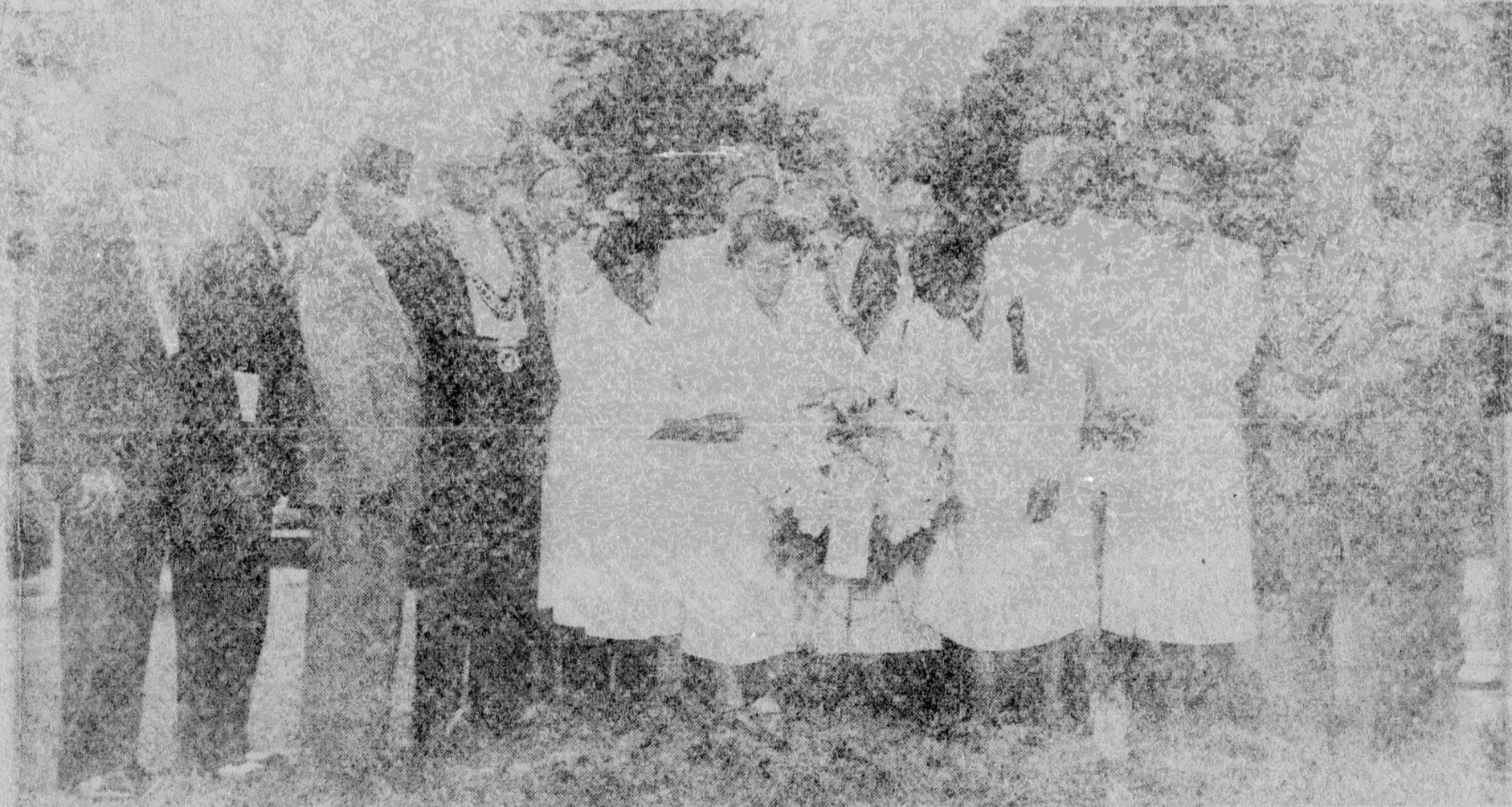


# Highlights Of 35th State Elk Convention At Raleigh



**GRAVESIDE RITES** — Members of North Carolina's Elk and Women's Auxiliary are pictured above placing a wreath on the grave of Dgt. Mandie Hicks, former District Deputy at Mount Hope Cemetery last Sunday Morning.



**SINGING AT MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM** — Several local Elks are shown here waiting their turn to enter the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium last Sunday morning to attend the Song highlights of the 35th Annual Festival, which was one of the convention.



**NOTABLES ATTEND MEET-** From left to right are Del. Lettin Smith, Bishop, State Deputer Ruler, David Weaver, prominent local Elk and former State prexy, and Del. Nettie Carter Jackson, Grand Daughter Ruler, Staten Island, New York. The photographer caught this trio as they prepared to attend one of the many Elk sessions at the Saint Matthews AME Church, E. Davis Street.



**EXALTED RULER, DISTRICT DEPUTY TALK IT OVER** — Exalted Ruler Alphonza Vance of the Raleigh Fidelity Lodge, and Julius B. Haywood, District Deputy of the State Association are pictured above "getting their heads together," or making final plans assuring North Carolina's Elks the best convention in history. Vance, who is serving his 6th year as Exalted Ruler, is credited with the tremendous growth of the local Elks from an old frame structure to its present imposing edifice. Thousands of Elks were expected to converge on Raleigh from all over the state and nation. Haywood, convention committee chairman, has gone all out with his committee to assure the Elks and Daughters the "best of everything."



**PORTION OF DELEGATES** — A portion of the thousands of Elk delegates attending the 35th Annual State Convention at Raleigh this week are pictured above during one of the open sessions held at the Saint Matthews AME Church, Rev. L. L. Thompson, pastor.



**BAR SCENE** — Delegates take time out to refresh themselves in the above photo caught Sunday by a cameraman. Bartenders Booker and Crews are shown serving their Elk brothers and sisters.



**DELEGATES DINE** — Early arrivals at the Raleigh Elks Home for the state convention held here this week beginning Sunday and ending Thursday of this week, are shown above enjoying a meal.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE** — A memorial service was staged here by Elk officials and delegates Sunday, launching the 35th Annual Convention. Several state officers and delegates took active parts in the affair.