

Tar Heel Elks Prepare For Atlantic City Convention

Rev. K. P. Battle, Dr. Letitia Smith To Lead North Staters At Meet

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ROCKY MOUNT
From the east and from the west, Tar Heel "Bills" and "Daughters" of the Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPO EW) are preparing to descend upon the "playground of America" (Atlantic City) by car and bus loads for the 56th Annual Convention August 20-26, of the "grand old order" which is now led by Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. ("Our Bob") Johnson of Philadelphia and Grand Daughter Ruler Nettie C. Jackson of Staten Island, New York.

BATTLE AND SMITH LEAD TARHEELS
The Rev. Kemp Plummer Battle, president of the N. C. Association and grand lecturer of the national Elks lodge, and Dr. Letitia Smith, Hickory, president of the State Temple, will head the North Staters at the convention.

Among other key state officials expected to attend are: first vice proxy Julius R. Haywood, Fidelity lodge, Raleigh; Jack W. Faison, 2nd vice president, Progressive lodge, Seaboard and Weldon; A. Mortel Scott, Pride of East lodge, Goldsboro.

Each of these men is being considered as possible presidential aspirants for the 1956 N. C. Association race against incumbent Battle who has served eight years, during which the State lodge has grown in strength and influence on a national scale.)

Among the women leaders will be Dts. Rhena Brown, Washington, N. C.; Nora E. Bailey, Rocky Mount; Sadie W. Artist, Goldsboro; Lenora Baird, Asheville, and Evelyn Adams, Gastonia.

SIX BIG DAYS AND NIGHTS
Following an executive organizational meeting Saturday, Aug. 20, the convention will get under way Sunday with memorial services and a pageant by the Temple. Starting in the conduct of these events will be grand

daughter ruler Jackson, grand secretary Buena Kelley Berry, Dr. Pearl Brown, Dr. Bertha McKanlass and Dr. J. E. Jones, assistant grand medical director, southern region. Official business starts Tuesday.

The oratorical contest Monday night will feature a \$1,000 Elks scholarship being given to a white student among the seven regional winners for the first time in history.

Other highlights will be the big parade, health program and bathing beauty contest. All sessions will be held in the Senior High School building, Albany and Atlantic Avenues. Dr. C. Morris Cain is chairman of the local convention committee, 1613 Art Avenue.

"Leadership and progress," built around the 52-year reign of grand secretary W. C. Hueston and grand legal advisor Perry W. Howard, will be stressed at the convention.

Oklahoma Stays Ahead In Desegregation

NEW YORK
Oklahoma continues to lead those southern states which awaited the second Supreme Court school ruling before starting school desegregation, it was revealed in a spot check made at NAACP headquarters here last week.

14 additional new towns in Oklahoma have announced their intention to desegregate, making a total of 31 Oklahoma towns in which desegregation plans have been announced. The 14 are located in Madill, Elk City, Sulphur, Davis, Bartlesville, Sapulpa, Holdenville, Coalgate, Bearden, Woodland, Lula, Tupelo, Olney and Lehigh. Meantime, in the border state of West Virginia, notice was given of school desegregation in



Supreme Chancellor, Sir R. A. Hester, Dallas, Texas, who is directing the Biennial Convention of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias that opens in Winston-Salem, N. C., Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. David H. Hedgley, pastor.

Other high ranking officers expected to assist Mr. Hester are Sir Scovel Richardson, Washington, D. C., Supreme Past Chancellor, former Dean of the Lincoln University Law School, a position he resigned to become first Negro appointed to a place on the Federal Board of Pardons, Knight George D. Flemings, Fort Worth, Texas, national president of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Sir A. G. Gaston, Supreme Worthy Counsellor of Birmingham, Alabama.

All business sessions will be at Winston-Salem Teachers College, which is headquarters for the meetings according to an announcement of J. A. McBane, Grand Chancellor for North Carolina.

Piedmont and Keyser. The Texas towns of Brownwood and Kingsville joined six other Texas communities in announcing plans to desegregate.

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Regional 4-H Delegates Will Cite Four Outstanding Leaders

WASHINGTON
Delegates to the eighth annual Regional 4-H Club Camp, August 15-22, here at Howard University will cite four outstanding leaders for their contributions to the promotion of rural youth programs, P. H. Stone, Federal Extension staff assistant and camp director, announced this week.

Those to be honored are: Horace Heidt, noted band leader who conducts a nationwide search for musical talent; C. A. Scott, editor and general manager of the ATLANTA DAILY WORLD; Mrs. Laura R. Daly, retired home demonstration agent of Alabama who served more than 35 years; and John Gammon, well-known farm leader of Marion, Ark.

Presentation of the 4-H citation plaques on Sunday, Aug. 21, will climax the seven-day encampment at Howard with sessions in the Engineering and Architecture Building. In making the awards, the 4-H'ers will be representing 350,000 mem-

bers of their organization. Other features of the camp will be a visit with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson in his office, a tour of the White House and Mount Vernon, and the placing of wreaths at the tombs of George Washington and the Unknown Soldier.

Among those who will address the delegates are Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clarence M. Ferguson, Miss Nannie H. Burrough, president of the National Trade and Professional School for Women; Dr. C. V. Troup, president of Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Ga.; and Edward W. Aiton, national director of 4-H Clubs and Young Men and Women's Work.

The 128 delegates of the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health organization will come from 17 States: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.



"BON VOYAGE" BETWEEN "PROF" AND "PRODIGY"—The above scene well merits the caption "Bon Voyage between 'Prof.' and 'Prodigy'" because it shows an outstanding student at North Carolina College, Durham, giving and receiving a fond "Bon Voyage" from one of the college's outstanding professors. Miss Yvonne "Bonnie" Scruggs, left, first Fulbright Award recipient among North Carolina College undergraduates, will leave the United States early in the Fall for Germany where she will study political science at Rhenish-Frederick Williams University. Dr. Ernst M. Manasse, professor of German and philosophy and a native of Germany, right, returned to the U. S. A. recently from a visit to South America. Others in the picture are Mrs. Manasse, second from left, and her mother, Mrs. Lill Bernhardt.

Refuses To Sign Segregation Bill

MONTGOMERY, ALA.
Governor James E. Folsom refused to sign a bill designed to preserve segregation in public schools by giving city and county school boards unprecedented police power in deciding which schools individual pupils shall attend. The bill became law in Alabama this week when no gubernatorial veto was received 24 hours before the Legislature recessed.

The bill does not mention maintaining segregation as such still it's meaning is obvious as it allows local school boards to assign pupils to various schools on a basis that will "assure social order, goodwill and the public welfare."

Would Let Parents Decide Issue

NORFOLK, VA.
Norfolk's City Council has before it a proposal that the city provide both segregated and integrated public schools—letting the parents decide which they prefer for their children. The Council has decided unanimously to send the matter to

City Manager Sherwood Reeder for study. To Councilman Ezra T. Summers, author of the bill, "Legal opinions seem to agree that this method would eliminate the separation by force which the Supreme Court ruled against."



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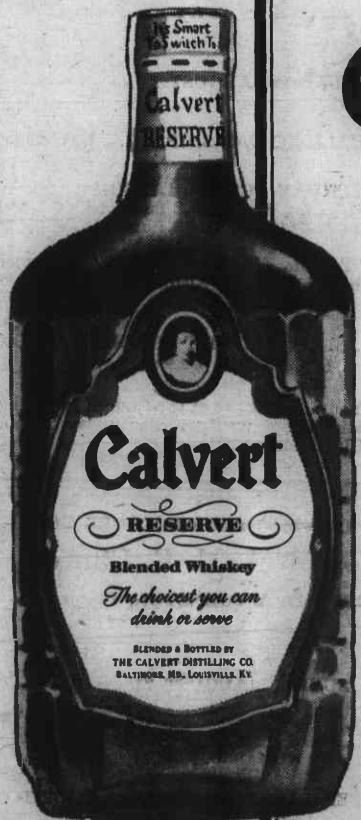
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