

N. C. ELKS HONOR LECTURING KNIGHT BATTLE

State Elk Head Named To National Post, Is Honored

By J. B. HARREN

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—Some four hundred Elks and leaders of the Improvement Department of the World GEPOE of the W. I. gathered here in the Carolina Inn on November 7th in a spectacular testimonial banquet in honor of the elevation of State President Reverend Keran F. Battle of this city to the position of Grand Exalted Lecturing Knight at the Atlantic City convention in August.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

With preparation made for 450 guests, a second setting had to be arranged for the overflow of guests by the banquet committee composed of Rev. J. A. McNease, Mrs. Nora E. Bailey, Mr. Colless Pretlow and Miss Temple Sander.

Among the grand officers present to give testimony of Battle's accomplishmets were Grand Secretary W. G. Hines, former Journal Commissioner of Education; Grand Organizer Herbert T. Jones; Grand Director of Education Edward A. Walker and Harry Huston, all of the City; Mr. Nelson Carter, Jackson, New York; Grand Daughter Ruthie A. Ralston, Grand Auditor of New York and many state officers.

EXALTED RULER JOHNSON

Detailed in Indianapolis because of illness, Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson was represented by Huston and Jones. Stressing the part that Elks play in promoting education among young youths, Huston said the Educational Department had granted twenty-seven scholarships to Tar Heel students since 1952. One is given each year in each state.

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"Encourage the youth to do something for themselves," Huston said. "We're going to make him someone who outstanding in our organization he joined as last summer."

HONORS AND GIFTS

Numerous gifts and testimonials including cash were bestowed upon the honoree who served some with thanks and humility as he in turn praised those who have worked with him. Battle's new position is the third from the Grand Ruler Johnson.

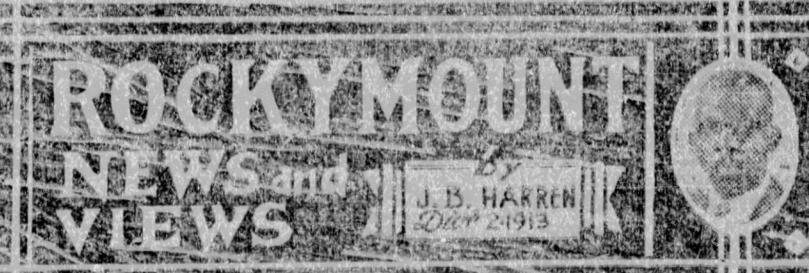
Among prominent North State Elks present and participated on the program were Lt. R. L. Letts, Smith Hickory; Dr. Lenora Baird, Asheville; financial secretary Dr. Tolson Frasier, Asheville; Lt. Alberta Monroe, Hendersonville; Dr. Rhonda Brown, Washington, N. C.; Dr. Luetta Robinson, Elm City; Dr. L. L. Chavis, Raleigh; Dr. Samis Arts, Goldsboro; Dr. Art Grissom, Kinston; Dr. Eleanor Winslow, Elizabeth City; Rev. and Mrs. N. K. Louis Weiden, S. T. Edloe, Shelby; W. E. Davis, Kinston; Jasper, and Dr. Ann Carpenter of Winston-Salem.

OTHERS PRESENT

Grand Zeta, Mrs. Madeline Bond, Mrs. Vivian Moore, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. Annie V. Nelson, Mrs. Will Forbes and daughter, Dr. Luther Ransome of Wrentham, J. A. Williams, Fayetteville; Dr. J. W. Williams, Elizabeth City; J. L. Harrison and Miss Adrie Lawrence of Tarboro; Rev. R. W. Underwood and Dr. Armstrong spoke for the judges.

SPEAKING TOUR

NEW YORK—Gloria B. Current, director of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People embarked last week on a speaking tour of NAACP branches in the Southwest. His itinerary includes addresses in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nov. 8; Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 10; Dallas, Nov. 11; and Mr. E. H. Dark presided. Many plans for future activities were



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