

**"Togetherness Is Strength"**

By E. Sopp West

MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, somewhere in the area of the Holy Land, there lived a richly wise old man who had raised twelve sons in his own image of strength with wisdom.

The old man had given each of his twelve sons the benefits of all of his vast experience. He had taught them well; they developed into strong, healthy and wise young men. Each one was stronger than the father had ever been, but none could match his wealth of knowledge.

The old man had lived far beyond his three-score and ten years, and his days were numbered. As he laid upon his deathbed with all twelve of his handsome boys gathered around him, the old man said, "My sons, I do not have much more time to stay here on earth to guide you. Although I believe that I have taught you many things, there is one lesson that I must teach you before I go to meet the Messiah."

"Go forth from this house and quickly collect two straight stout sticks apiece," the old man commanded his sons.

Promptly all twelve went to collect the sticks. Just as promptly, each of them returned to the father's deathbed holding a stick in each hand.

THE OLD MAN took one stick from each of his sons, and he said, "Now my sons, I have twelve sticks, and you have twelve. Each of you has a stick." "Now," the father ordered, "I want each of you to try to break the stick that you hold."

All twelve of the young men snapped their sticks in two with a mere flick of their powerful hands and wrists. All twelve sticks broke at the same moment, with the sharpness of a rifle shot.

IN THE MEANWHILE, the old man was busily wrapping the bundle of sticks into a compact, cohesive group with the ravel from his tattered bed clothing. He handed the bundle of sticks, tightly bound together, to his oldest and strongest son, whose strength had been favorably compared to that of a team of oxen.

The father said, "My son break this bundle of sticks as you broke the single stick." The son put all of his legendary strength into his attempt to carry out his father's orders but could not break the bundle of sticks no way that he tried.

The father then said, "Let my next son try to break the bundle of sticks." The next son did try, and he also did fail. Then each of the others did try and each did fail.

The father said "My sons, you have now learned the last lesson that I will ever teach you. Use this lesson well through all of your lives. It will serve you well. It will bring you success where you might have had failure. It will make great loads seem light and great work will be done well, and it will be done quickly." You saw how easy it was to break the single stick, but you saw that when all twelve were put together you could not even bend the group of sticks. That, my sons, is the secret to success. Divided you are easy to break, but together nothing can bend you."

THE FATHER'S LAST WORDS, which the twelve sons heard well, obeyed, and profited handsomely by, were these, "My sons togetherness is strength. Put all your strength together and you will move mountains."

**LOCAL CHURCH GROUP AT REVIVAL MEETING**



More than 100 members and singers from the Las Vegas Upper Room Church of God in Christ journeyed to San Diego, Calif. Sunday, Feb. 6 to participate in a revival meeting at the Jackson Temple there conducted by Las Vegas Bishop C. C. Cox.

Shown above are the Uperettes, musical group that comprised only a small segment of the musical delegation from Las Vegas--From (l-r): Michele Freeman, Dorothy Johnson, Dolores Ware, La Verna Coleman, (partially hidden is Francine Coleman.)

**Doings at the Elks**

by L.J. Butler

ALPHA TEMPLE 1180

A night packed full of fun, dancing and romance awaits the public when "Alpha Temple 1180" presents: "A Nite At The Mardi Gras".

Highlighting the evening will be the crowning as "King and Queen", the Elk and Doe having sold the most tickets. Prizes will be given for the most authentic, funniest and original costumes.

Fun is where you find it, and the Elks Lodge, 600 Jackson Street is the place. February 19, 1966. From 9 p.m. until ???

Music will be furnished by a name band and a donation of \$2 will be the price of admission. Tickets may be obtained at the door or by contacting any Daughter or Mrs. Linda Ward, Chairman at 2716 Joust Street.

ATTENTION: ALL "ELKS" and "DOES"

By a unanimous vote at a regular meeting, 7 Feb. 66, the VOICE was declared the "official" newspaper of Paran Lodge #1508. All announcements, Re: meetings, social events, etc. will be put in the column, "Doings at The Elks". The Exalted Ruler requests that all members of Paran Lodge and Alpha Temple read the VOICE and especially the column, "Doings at The Elks" for your information, and to urge all your friends to do likewise.

We will see you at the "Mardi Gras Ball" Saturday 19, February '66.

**Musical Fete Begins Today**

THE UPPER ROOM CHURCH of God in Christ, 1117 'F' street, is holding its 10th Annual Musical Celebration beginning today, February 17, and will continue through February 20. Admission is free.

On Saturday, February 19, at 8 p.m. in the Orleans Room of the Showboat Hotel, the Annual Banquet will be held. Donations will be \$7 per person in advance and \$7.50 at the door. There will be special guest singers from Oakland, California; San Bernardino, California; Los Angeles, California, and Memphis, Tennessee. The Y.L.C. will present a Fashion Show as an added attraction of the evening festivities.

The Musical Event will conclude Sunday afternoon, February 20 at the Church Auditorium.

**FRIENDLY INCOME TAX SERVICE**  
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\$5.00 AND UP "OUR 7TH YEAR"

**Art Display On Negro History**

The Women of Delta, a graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., have designed four art and bulletin board displays commemorating Negro History Week.

THE PUBLIC is invited to view these displays at the following locations, Doolittle Center at Lake Mead and North 'J' Street, Las Vegas Public Library, Clark High School at Aryille and Penwood, and the Clark County School District Administration building, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, during the week of February 13-20.

**HOUSING REQUIRED**

SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS WILL BE DISPLACED BY FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA.

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