

Doings at the Elks

By Willie A. Neal, Exalted Ruler

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP at the Elks Lodge. More people are working with Elksdom, and we are getting more new members every day. The Officers and members of Paran Lodge are trying hard to promote Elksdom in the City of Las Vegas. With Alpha Temple working with us, we hope to have a nice place for our community.

Paran Lodge and Alpha Temple would like to extend thanks to Brothers and Daughters, Monroe Phillips, Oliver Jones, Harry Montgomery, Edward Perkins, Willie Mae Austin, Linda Ward, Ida Crockett and Myrtle Banks for a job well done with our teen-age dance last Sunday evening.

Dr. West Receives Commission From IBPOEW

Dr. Charles I. West, the VOICE publisher was appointed, this week, Assistant Grand Medical Director of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World. Dr. Wilbur Strickland of Philadelphia (home of the Elks' National Office) is Grand Medical Director.

The Grand Exalted Ruler of the I.B.P.O.E., Hobson R. Reynolds, formally notified Dr. West and Willie Neal, Exalted Ruler of the local Lodge of the appointment with both receiving as well, a personal, informal letter expressing again his and Mrs. Hobson's great appreciation for the hospitality shown them on their recent trip to Las Vegas.

Dr. West's Commission as Assistant Grand Medical Director Elksdom is inscribed on a beautiful parchment document carrying the gold seal insignia of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World.

ning. These youngsters are our Elks and Daughters of tomorrow.

We are having a matinee dance, Sunday evening March 20, 1966, for teen-agers only, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., featuring the Etta James Show. The admission will be \$2 per person. The adult dance will be Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission \$3 for pre-sale tickets, and \$3.50 at the door. Tickets are going fast so make your reservations early.

Paran Lodge and Alpha Temple would like to thank the Las Vegas VOICE and their staff for their cooperation. We suggest that to be sure where to shop, check the VOICE.

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any rate, the VOICE offered to save the Bureau the time and trouble it would entail to try to reach Bob Bailey, a very busy man, always. So we relayed the message to Bob who went down to the Bureau for clarification of the issue that had been made.

BOB WAS TOLD that Chuck Harris had made application for solicitation for funds to the sum of \$7500 and to date had not adequately and satisfactorily supplied all information requested and mandatory for consideration of the application. Inasmuch as he had made application, any funds publicly advertised to go to the All American Boys Club came under their jurisdiction or something to that effect. At any rate, it was agreed that the Benefit could go on as scheduled if a public explanation was made that funds were not slotted for Chuck's All American Boys Club, but would be donated to Chuck for use as he deemed fit.

That was O.K. The money would still pay the same bills, so we thought that hurdle was cleared. Then Bob received another call from the Bureau and on his second visit, it was suggested that it would be wise to postpone the affair until the technicalities of the application pending were all ironed out, adhered to, or whatever in the world they are talking about. So what can we do.

But you can bet that next to the last dollar that I'm sure you're saving to donate to Chuck's All American Boys Club that Bob, Chuck and I, who have an appointment with each other today, are going to do everything possible to see that Chuck complies in every way with the demands of the Bureau.

The VOICE is throwing all it's support to see that his application is granted. If there are stumbling blocks, we're going to turn a few of them over and see who or what is underneath them.

CHUCK NEEDS HELP and needs it badly to support and maintain the physical facilities and the moral strength and guidance he is affording our youth. We ask you, the public to help us help see that he gets the consideration and appreciation he sure has coming to him.

PROGRESS

BAY SPRING, Miss. --Rep. Prentiss Walker (R-Miss.), has nominated a 16-year-old Negro youth for an appointment to the US Air Force Academy in Colorado, it was announced this week.

If Marvell Lang is accepted, he would be the first Negro to attend a service academy as the result of a nomination by a Southern congressman.

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