

Doings at the Elks

By Willie A. Neal, Exalted Ruler

THE MONTH OF MAY was very active for us, but the June schedule is even more so. We have many activities planned. If any club or group wants to use our Lodge Hall, they are welcome. We are trying to work with our community, and for the welfare of our people.

The I.B.P.O.E. of W. is not a small organization, it is world-wide, working for the betterment of mankind. Some people are under the impression that the Elks, is strictly a social organization. We are social, but we also work for a cause. We have an Educational Dept; Welfare Dept.; and Civil Liberties Dept.

The Civil Liberties Dept., supports the NAACP, The National Urban League, The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, YMCA, YWCA, NNCF and many local organizations. In 1965, we contributed more than \$12,000 to these

causes. Our Medical Dept. is headed by Dr. Wilbur H. Strickland of Philadelphia. We have the Elks National Charity whose Director is Robert Coleman.

Any man of good moral character and purpose can join the Elks, regardless to race, color or creed. In New York City, alone, we have over 2000 Chinese members. So please come and join forces with us, so we can have a good Lodge in the City of Las Vegas.

As Exalted Ruler of Paran Lodge #1508, I need help, and I am calling on every Brother and Daughter Elk to come and work with me. I know that there are some good Elks out there. We have all taken the same obligations. Now is the time for you to come forward and be counted as an Elk.

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Actors, Dolls and MOMS

LONDON--(NPI)--Actor Sidney Poitier is presently on location in England to film the movie "To Sir, With Love." But it isn't the first time. His initial London-based venture was in "The Bedford Incident" for Columbia. This time the Academy Award winner--for his role in "Lilies of the Field"--portrays a teacher who tries to build a sense of self-respect, discipline, and responsibility in a maladjusted group of East End teenagers.

LOS ANGELES--(NPI)--Carol Cole, daughter of the late Nat King Cole, has received favorable reviews on her West Coast theatrical debut. She and Bill Bixby play the leading, and only two, roles in "The Owl and the Pussycat" at the Coronet theatre. She has been signed to an exclusive seven-year contract by Columbia Studios and is appearing, although not as a star, in the film "The Silencers."

CHICAGO--(NPI)--Moms Mabley, who has been going over well in her new Mercury albums, has expressed an interest in visiting Viet Nam. "All of my boys (fans) are over there," she said. "If I have to go out by going to Viet Nam to see all my children, well, then . . . Hallelujah! What a way to go out," exclaimed the famed comedienne, whose age is estimated at 62-70.

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THEY'D BETTER CHECK

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--About 1,000 hospitals most of them in the South, have not complied with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bans racial discrimination in any federally-assisted program.

Thus, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare faces a crisis in achieving compliance before July 1, when the federal program of health care for the aged becomes effective.

The program is expected to put a strain on medical facilities throughout the nation. Many indigents seeking medical care will be turned away from hospitals unless the institutions are certified for federal funds.

Numerous southern hospitals have hastily arranged for compliance in order to receive federal money for continued operation and improvement of present facilities. However, in Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida, less than 50 per cent of hospital beds have been cleared.

A crash program is now underway to achieve compliance in the remaining few weeks. As part of this program, officials of state hospital associations in 20 states have called an emergency conference aimed at speeding up compliance.

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Posthumous Honors For Medal Of Honor Patriot

CHICAGO - (NPI)--The Conrad Hilton Hotel will be the scene of a Freedom Fund dinner, sponsored by the NAACP, June 17, which will pay honors posthumously to the late Pfc. Milton Oliver II, and Dr. Mary G. Evans, founder, Cosmopolitan Community church.

Oliver, an 18-year-old soldier, sacrificed his life to save his buddies by throwing his body on a live grenade during combat in Viet Nam. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by Congress.

Dr. Evans is being honored for having recruited some 2,000 NAACP members annually over 25 years of her life.

AND THEN, THERE'S THE COTTON CURTAIN

HONG KONG--(NPI)--Clarence C. Adams, Korean war turncoat who, along with 20 other American prisoners of war, refused repatriation 13 years ago when the Korean war ended, said he felt he was "moving from one world to another."

The defector's long-expected arrival--which caused speculation that he and his family might have encountered difficulty in obtaining permits--materialized March 26.

He and his wife and their two children, a four-year-old daughter and three-year-old son, crossed through the Bamboo curtain into this British ruled territory on foot to face questioning before he is readmitted to the U.S.

Looking forward to home in Memphis, Tenn., and his mother, whom he had not seen in 16 years, Adams hopes to get a job teaching Chinese.

When seasoning with dried herbs, be miserly, for the herb should enhance--not take over the flavor of the dish. . .Crushing the herb first, gives a more even flavor.

If you like the flavor of garlic but prefer not to eat it, try this easy trick--String the peeled whole clove on wooden stick, and drop it into your cooking pot, then scoop it out before serving.
