

# Doings at the Elks

By Willie A. Neal, Exalted Ruler

LAST WEEK, we briefed you on Elksdom and what it stands for. This week, we are presenting to the public our calendar for the months of June and July, with the sincere hope that all the friends of Elksdom will make every effort to attend Paran Lodge's scheduled events.

Tuesday evening, June 21, is a Red Letter Day for Paran Lodge. The Elk's Grand Exalted Ruler, Judge Hobson R. Reynolds will speak at the Lodge Hall, corner Jackson and 'F' Streets at 8 p.m. I am requesting that all Brothers and Daughters be present.

On Sunday evening, June 26, at 7 p.m., local Elks and the Spiritual Clouds unite in presenting the singing "Glorytones" and the "Melody Kings" at the Elks Hall. These are two outstanding spiritual groups from Los Angeles and Pasadena, California, and their performances are a treat that should not be missed. Donation is \$1 in advance and \$1.25 for tickets purchased at the door. Advance tickets may be obtained at the Elks Lodge, or from any member.

THE FOLLOWING Sunday, June 3, the Elks will present the "Meltonettes", another outstanding spiritual group from Los Angeles. The time is again at 7 p.m. and admission will also be \$1 each for advance tickets, and \$1.25 for those purchased at the door. If, by attending,

you join the Elks in our effort to support local spiritual groups, I assure you, yours will be a wonderful experience in the enjoyment of the wonderful singing offered by these vocal groups.

DON'T MAKE ANY PLANS FOR JULY 4th until you have heard of the Elks Independence Day "Bermuda Shorts Ball". This unique fun event will take place at the Elks Hall, July 4, beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon. . . We want EVERYONE to wear their Bermuda shorts. For the men, we are having a "Beer Drinking Contest" and a prize will be given for the "best looking legs". Please don't miss this affair, it's going to be a lot of fun. Live entertainment. . . No admission. We will have a surprise Guest Star from the Strip. All this fun starts at 2 p.m., Monday, July 4.

Everyone is invited and urged to be present at the Elks Hall Friday, July 8, when the HONORABLE GRANT SAWYER, Governor of the State of Nevada will speak at 9 p.m.

The American Singing Association will be convening here for four days, July 13 thru July 16. Extensive programs have been planned for each day and night during the convention. Remember the dates, complete programming will appear in the VOICE.

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## NEGRO NURSES NEEDED

PHILADELPHIA - (NPI)--The vital need for Negro nurses to offset the critical nationwide shortage was stressed by a leading authority on the nursing profession during Future Nurse Club Day at Temple university hospital school of nursing.

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Carnegie, associate editor, Nursing Outlook, official magazine of the National League for Nursing, addressing a group of high school girls, told them:

"With America crying for nurses to meet the health needs of the people, a very important source of supply is being overlooked--YOU."

THE OCCASION was an informal nurse recruitment session sponsored by Ex-Lax, Inc., in cooperation with the university and the Southeastern Pennsylvania League for Nursing.

The girls, students at Simon Gratz high school, also received first hand information from nursing educators and Army nurses on the advantages of nursing as a career.

Pointing out that from 1951 to 1965 no special effort was made to recruit Negro students, Mrs. Carnegie asserted that they constitute only three per cent of the nation's total professional nursing population of 621,000 although they represent 10.5 per cent of the nation's total population.

Also enlarging upon the "critical shortage" of nurses was Robert A. M. Peterson, vice president, Ex-Lax, who saw a worsening of the situation when the federal government's Medicare program goes into effect July 1.

Other speakers were Temple university hospital school of nursing first-year student Estelle Banks, who told of her experience as a student nurse; Army Nurse 1st Lt. Annie R. Clemons, of her experience during the Korean War and Navy Nurse Lt./jg Flora M. Page, of the advantages of a nursing career in her branch of the armed forces.

## NSU Student Awarded "Coterie" Scholarship

Las Vegas, Nev.--The Coterie Club presented Jerry Lockhart, 1679 North 'D' Street, a scholarship of \$131.50 to help meet his expenses for the second semester at Nevada Southern. Jerry is a junior at Nevada Southern majoring in accounting. He transferred to Nevada Southern from Grambling College.

Mrs. Edna Rose Walker and Mrs. Dorothy McCormick made the presentation on behalf of the Coterie Club, a social and service organization which has, as one of its projects, the encouragement of advanced education.

## KLANSMEN'S TRIAL SET

ATHENS, Ga. - (NPI)--Six Ku Klux Klansmen will go on trial June 27 on charges of conspiracy in connection with the July 11, 1964 slaying of Lt. Col. Lemuel Penn, director of the District of Columbia's vocational adult education section.

Col. Penn was killed by a shotgun blast fired from a passing auto while he and two companions were returning to Washington from summer training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

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