

Doings at the Elks

By Willie A. Neal, Exalted Ruler

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. SEE YOU AT THE ELKS.

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SCLC Holds "Gang" Meet

CHICAGO - (NPI)--At a meeting sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, members of Chicago street gangs were brought together and urged to join the organization in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. Included were youth gang members of Negro, Indian, Spanish and white ancestry.

THE MEETING resulted in proposals to form a permanent council where two members from each gang will work with adult representatives from the UTC, ACLU, detached workers and rights leaders. A union is to be formed with each gang having locals inside its group.

Most of the youths agreed they possess experience and skills that could be used to help create better communities. The alliance between teenage gang members and civil rights workers came under attack recently when it was reported that films of the Watts riots were being shown at meetings.

The conference was attended by approximately 200 persons and represented about eight gangs with more than 2,000 members--including several girl gangs.

Pigskin Ace Strikes Oil

By BRAD PYE, JR.

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--One half of pro football's great holdout--Ernie Ladd--the 317 pound all-pro tackle formerly of the San Diego Chargers became a Houston Oiler. With his attorney, Charles E. Lloyd of Los Angeles, Ladd went to Houston last week and, according to reports, came back with one of the finest contracts ever negotiated for a Negro lineman in history.

THERE HAVE BEEN reports circulating around the country that a National Football League club offered Ladd a \$600,000 three-year package deal. Lloyd, one of the city's best known and most successful young attorneys, would neither deny nor confirm this alleged NFL offer. He refused even to hint the amount of Ladd's contract.

He said, "I was successful in negotiating a three-year contract for Mr. Ladd. He's happy, I am happy and Mr. K.S. "Bud" Adams (Oilers President) is happy too."

Ladd and his former San Diego teammate Earl Faison, an all-pro end, played out their options with the Border City team the past season. They both became free agents on May 1. Faison is still unsigned and from all indications, will be back with the Chargers in '66.

Ladd and Faison have been courted by NFL, Canadian and other AFL clubs ever since they first announced they were playing out their options, and are two of the paramount reasons why the AFL and the NFL are expected to have a truce in their long battle for talent any moment now.

Ladd and Faison were traded earlier this year to the Houston Oilers, but former AFL Commissioner Joe Foss nixed the deal when Charger General Manager and Head Coach Sid Gillman charged the Oilers' Bud Adams with "tampering."

HOW DOES LADD feel about finally becoming an Oiler? "Right now I am just about as happy as any American boy has any right to be."

The Chicago Bear owned the draft rights to Ladd in the NFL. It has been reliably reported that the Bears traded their rights to Ladd to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Ladd has his San Diego home up for sale and is shopping around for a \$60,000 pad in the Houston area. Joining Houston will be like homecoming for Ladd, who was born at Orange, Texas, just about 80 miles up the road a piece. He played his college ball for Coach Eddie Robinson at Grambling (La.) where he is a legion in the Southwestern Athletic conference.

The 27-year-old Ladd is married and he and his wife, Rosiland, have one child, Ernie Lawrence Ladd III. His mother, Mrs. Louada Ford of Orange, Texas, is presently visiting the Ladds in San Diego.

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Dick Gregory Makes Bail Raps "Farm" Practices

CHICAGO - (NPI)--After spending several days on the House of Correction Farm, comedian Dick Gregory posted bond and was released pending an appeal of his convictions growing out of civil rights demonstrations last year.

However, Gregory criticized John Daly, farm administrator, for using prisoners to raise hogs which he said were sold at market for \$275 each. He also questioned the legality of the sale.



Gregory was sent to the farm after he was fined \$300, which he refused to pay or to post an appeal bond. He was convicted by a jury last May 13.

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"As other isms, it breeds disorder and demagoguery and hate," he said. "We must make our declaration of war against slumism to eliminate situations like Watts, Chicago and New York and in many areas of our southland. It is a war in which all of us must enlist and our goal can be nothing less than total victory."

The mayors of the nation, south, north, east and west gave encouraging response to the Veep's address and suggestion in their panel discussions, resolutions and television appearances.

Other top speakers before the conference were Robert Weaver, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development and Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall.

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