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To

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THIS WEEK



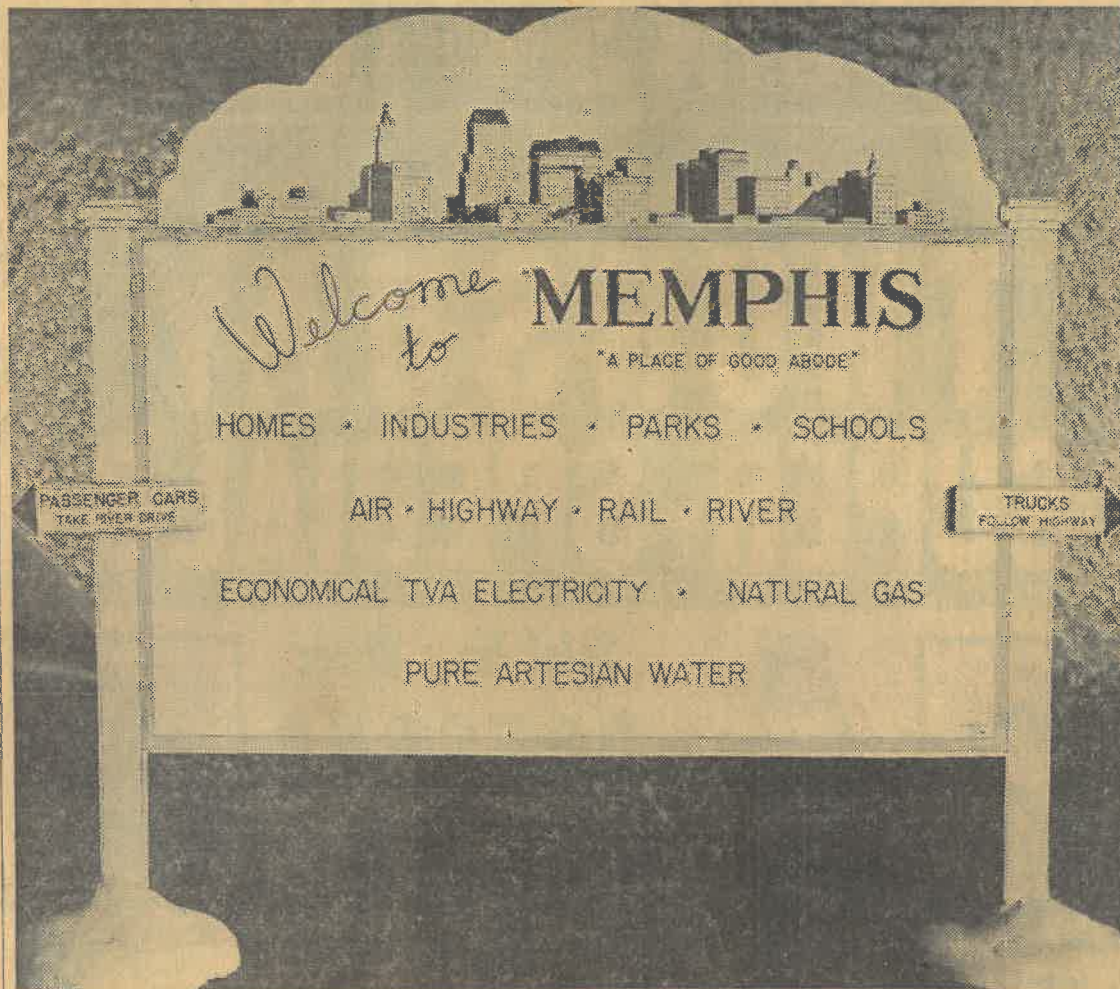
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GETTING HERE



JUNE 11-1940

Model of New 'Welcome Mat' for City's Doorstep



Picture above is the preliminary model of the new sign which the city plans to erect at the foot of Harahan Bridge, welcoming visitors to the city and directing auto traffic over Riverside Drive and truck traffic over the regular highway. The sign was designed by the city engineer de-

partment from directions by Marvin Pope, executive assistant to the mayor. Notice the skyline in the background. Whether the sign will be illuminated or merely painted, Mr. Pope did not know, since the city has not yet taken cost estimates on erection.

May The Brilliance Of The Shrine Convention Outshine The Sun!

start, but just then the Shrine band from Jacksonville burst into "Dixie."

While pondering a pontifical statement of Senator Harry Byrd and at the point of reaching a conclusion, our ears were filled with the "Woodpecker's Song," and that came from the drums and horns of the Shrine band from Salina.

Ratification on the subject of the capitulation of Norway was spaced by the dulcet harmonies of "The Banks of the Wabash," and that, of course, was Indianapolis, though the big brass band of Columbus also got in on that with "Roll Out the Barrel," the tune with which the Nazis charmed the Norsemen in the first place.

Along about noon a large newspaper gentleman, eyes rolling, rushed in to say that Mussolini had declared war on Great Britain and France. As we tried to gather our wits, the bull fiddle and banjo outfit from Columbus broke loose just outside the door with "Careless."

This is no alibi for the editorial page of The Commercial Appeal today, no matter what happens, but the truth is that it was like this.

Samuel L. Ragsdale

The death of Prof. Samuel L. Ragsdale, principal of Humes High School, removes an outstanding personage in the field of education in the South and a leader from Memorial activities in Tennessee.

Prof. Ragsdale had taught school, or had been a school principal in Memphis, for 34 years. When Humes High was opened in 1925, its supervision was placed in his hands and there he remained until his death.

His ability and character brought him recognition from state and national educational organizations and he held high office in the National Education Association.

A man of force and courage, he possessed the faculty of inspiring unusual loyalty from his faculty and students and the impress made by his mind and example on the lives of thousands of young Memphians represents an intangible but exceedingly valuable asset which will make itself felt in Memphis for many years beyond those which Prof. Ragsdale lived.

Great assets of this city for these many years, and we have entire confidence it will be ever more useful as the need of its high purposes and lofty ideals grows in times of unusual moment to this world.

Congress is considering proposals to abolish the present National Labor Relations Board. Proceed with confidence, boys. It's one of those cases where any change is bound to be an improvement.

Wendell Wilkie has "It."—Headline. The practical question is about whether he has "those"—delegates.

The Guest Writer

It's No Use, Judge

(From The Detroit News)

The Oklahoma woman who appeared in court and was rebuked by the judge because she wore slacks, probably hasn't set any world progress are hoop skirts, side saddles, breath-squeezing girdles, multiple-trill underskirts, pompadour rats, bloomers and a score of other supposed modesty-protecting necessities. Gone, too, are the mere about short-haired women who were supposed to belong in the fanatics' brigade along with long-haired men.

Amid jeers and taunts, women went after the right to vote and got it. To be sure, they didn't revolutionize anything, in part, perhaps, because the rank and file didn't share fully the enthusiasm of the leaders.

But the Oklahoma judge, well intentioned as he probably is, isn't likely to keep trouser-wearing women out of courtrooms generally through the years to come. Public opinion already has conceded them the right to appear not only on the beaches, but in the parks and shopping centers. The only influence that will change the style will be a growing feminine conviction that some other outfit will make more of a hit.

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50 YEARS AGO

June 11, 1890

TEXARKANA, Ark.—Bandits at 1 o'clock this morning wrecked a southbound passenger train on the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railroad at Haywood Spur two miles below Texarkana, took command of the crew, robbed the express car, shot and killed a man believed to be Miles Hatcher of Bloomington, Ill., wounded an express messenger and escaped. The train was in charge of Conductor A. B. Snover, Engineer George Pritchett and Express Messenger John Nesbett.

CORINTH, Miss.—J. T. Humphreys and Miss Mattie Adam were married here yesterday at the residence of W. T. Adams, brother of the bride.

Pupils of Miss Minnie Hanne

See The Three-Hour Shrine Parade At 10 A. M. And The 'Show Of Century'

At 8:30 P. M. At Crump Stadium Today

Shrine Convention Program

(All Times Are Daylight Saving Time)

TODAY

- 6:00 A.M.—Registration of Imperial Council Representatives at Hotel Peabody, Mezzanine Floor, West End.
- 10:00 A.M.—Escort Parade, passing in review before Imperial Potentate and Imperial Divan. Parade passes through Crump Stadium, north on Bellevue to Union and west to Marshall. There will be no seats on parade route. All seats are at Crump Stadium. The 10 a.m. (DST) is the official starting time for the parade, although tickets sold in advance list the starting time as 9 a.m.
- 12:15 P.M.—Rotary Club luncheon, Cripple Adults Hospital.
- 1:00 P.M.—Representatives' Ladies and Hostess' Luncheon at Skyway, Hotel Peabody, Entertainment.
- 2:00 P.M.—Opening of Imperial Council Session at Ellis Auditorium.
- 2:00 P.M.—Aladdin Temple Band, Columbus, Ohio, Concert at Memphis Municipal Airport, Airways Boulevard.
- 2:30 P.M.—Board of Governors of Association of Shrine Oriental Bands Meeting at Hotel Gayoso.
- 2:30 P.M.—Dedication Memphis Army Air Corps Reserve Base at Memphis Municipal Airport, Airways Boulevard. Exhibition of U. S. Army Equipment.
- 2:30 P.M.—Al Menah Temple Band, Nashville, Concert at Russwood Baseball Park.
- 3:30 P.M.—Baseball Game Russwood Park. Atlanta vs. Memphis.
- 4:00 P.M.—Moolah Temple Band, St. Louis, Concert Court Square and Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.
- 5:00 P.M.—Scimitar Temple Band, Little Rock, Concert Court Square.
- 5:30 P.M.—Association of Shrine Oriental Bands Pow Wow and Barbecue at Shell in Overton Park.
- 7:00 P.M.—Banquet and Entertainment for Imperial Potentate, Imperial Divan. Imperial Representatives and Guests at Ellis Auditorium.
- 8:30 P.M.—Entertainment at Crump Stadium—"Show of Century," and the Southeastern Shrine Parade, featuring the Famous Tony Sarg Balloon Characters.
- Telephones: Information, Law and Order, 8-5211. Shrine Post-office, Third and Union, Accident Bureau, 5-3381.

THE WEATHER

For Memphis and Vicinity:
Local showers and thunderstorms, slightly cooler Tuesday. Cooler Tuesday night. Wednesday partly cloudy.

First Shrine Parade To Start At 10 A.M.

The first of the Shrine parades will be the Escort Parade which starts at 10 o'clock this morning.

"The parade goes on, rain or shine," John Vesey, director general of the convention said last night after receiving the Weather Bureau forecast for showers and thunderstorms today.

Officials stressed the 10 o'clock Memphis Daylight Saving starting time since tickets sold in advance listed the time at 9 a.m.

Composed of the various instrumental and uniformed units of 50 Shrine Temples, the parade's head will form at Peabody and Willett and the last unit will be on Cooper at Peabody.

The parade moves west on Peabody to Cleveland, into and around Crump Stadium, west on Linden to Bellevue, north to Union and west on Union to Myrtle where the parade ends.

DAYTON SHRINER DIES

Herbert Cox Suffers Heart Attack On Way To Convention

En route to the Shrine Convention aboard a special train from his home city, Herbert Cox, 56-year-old building material salesman and estimator, of Dayton, Ohio, died of a heart attack Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Cox had been in good spirits, fellow Shrine travelers said. The train was near Bowling Green, Ky., at the time. His body was returned to his home. Funeral services will probably be held today.

Mr. Cox was a member of the Oriental Band of Antioch Temple of Dayton.

Visitors Parade And Serenade In Fine Tribute To The Press

Newspapering was under pressure at The Commercial Appeal yesterday morning as a half dozen visiting Shrine delegations marched from Main to the newspaper's building to serenade and entertain the staff.

An early arrival was Murat Temple of Indianapolis, Ind., which is making a strong bid for the annual convention next year. Headed by Potentate Fred B. McNeely, whose size is small but whose energy is apparently unlimited, the 200-strong delegation gave scribes a show fit to top any vaudeville bill in the Nation.

Union Triffle Blocked

The unique Gun Squad, only one of its kind in North America, blocked Union traffic with a program of acrobatic and drill numbers professional in caliber. The 50-piece band, the 45 member patrol, and the Chanters did their stuff.

Just starting on their trip, the Indianapolis contingent will visit Mexico City before returning home. Among other famous members the

temple boasts Col. Roscoe Turner, speed flier, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, World War ace, and Wilbur Shaw, famed racer.

Members stress the fact that Judge Dewey Myers of the Criminal Court in Indianapolis, is with the delegation. "It doesn't hurt to be on the safe side," they comment.

Kansas Temple Visits

Isis Temple of Salina, Kan., was another early visitor. Cy Leisz is the potentate, and the temple is the oldest west of the Mississippi river. Its band under Leader P. M. Richardson is tops, and the other uniformed bodies are in the same class.

The Salina delegation is quartered at Central High School.

Playing safe, Morocco Temple of Jacksonville, Fla., brought its own police motorcycle escort along—three of them—and the patrolmen led the delegation to The Commercial Appeal's building. Besides the escort there at 32 bandmen, 38 members of the patrol, 22 in the drum corps, 14 chanters, 12 in the

Wrecking Crew, and six in the color guard.

Cyrus Washburn, band leader, was long with Sousa's famous organization. R. D. McMillan is potentate.

A minstrelsy flavor came with the visit of Aladdin Temple of Columbus, Ohio, headed by Chief Rabban Neith O. Jones in the absence of Potentate William M. James. The delegation has 65 in its band, 48 in the patrol, 32 chanters, 40 in the drum corps.

The late Al G. Fields was past potentate of Aladdin. Billy Church, who was a leading soloist with Fields' Minstrels for years, is numbered among the temple's chanters who are here.

Former Mayor James Thomas of

Columbus is with the delegation, attending his 30th Shrine convention.

MEASLES ENDS HIS FUN

Mascot Of Abilene, Kan., Shrine Band Goes To Hospital Here

Jack Royer, 13, mascot of the Shrine Band of Abilene, Kan., will spend the Shrine Convention in Isolation Hospital.

Jack, son of H. J. Royer, leader of the band, came down yesterday with measles. He was removed from the dormitory at Bellevue Junior High School yesterday morning in a J. T. Hinton & Son ambulance and taken to Baptist Hospital, from where he was transferred to Isolation.

A Hinton ambulance took M. D. Hamm of the Butler, Pa., Shriners to Baptist Hospital at 3:15 yesterday morning, suffering a heart attack. His condition was reported as satisfactory.

AL KORAN TRAIN ARRIVES

200 Shriners From Cleveland Temple Are Here

A special train from Cleveland, Ohio, last night brought 200 members of Al Koran Temple to Memphis.

The delegation was headed by Potentate Perry B. Gertz and included Al Koran's patrol, band, chanters, Legion of Honor, Oriental band and dervishers, all of whom are to take part in the parade today.

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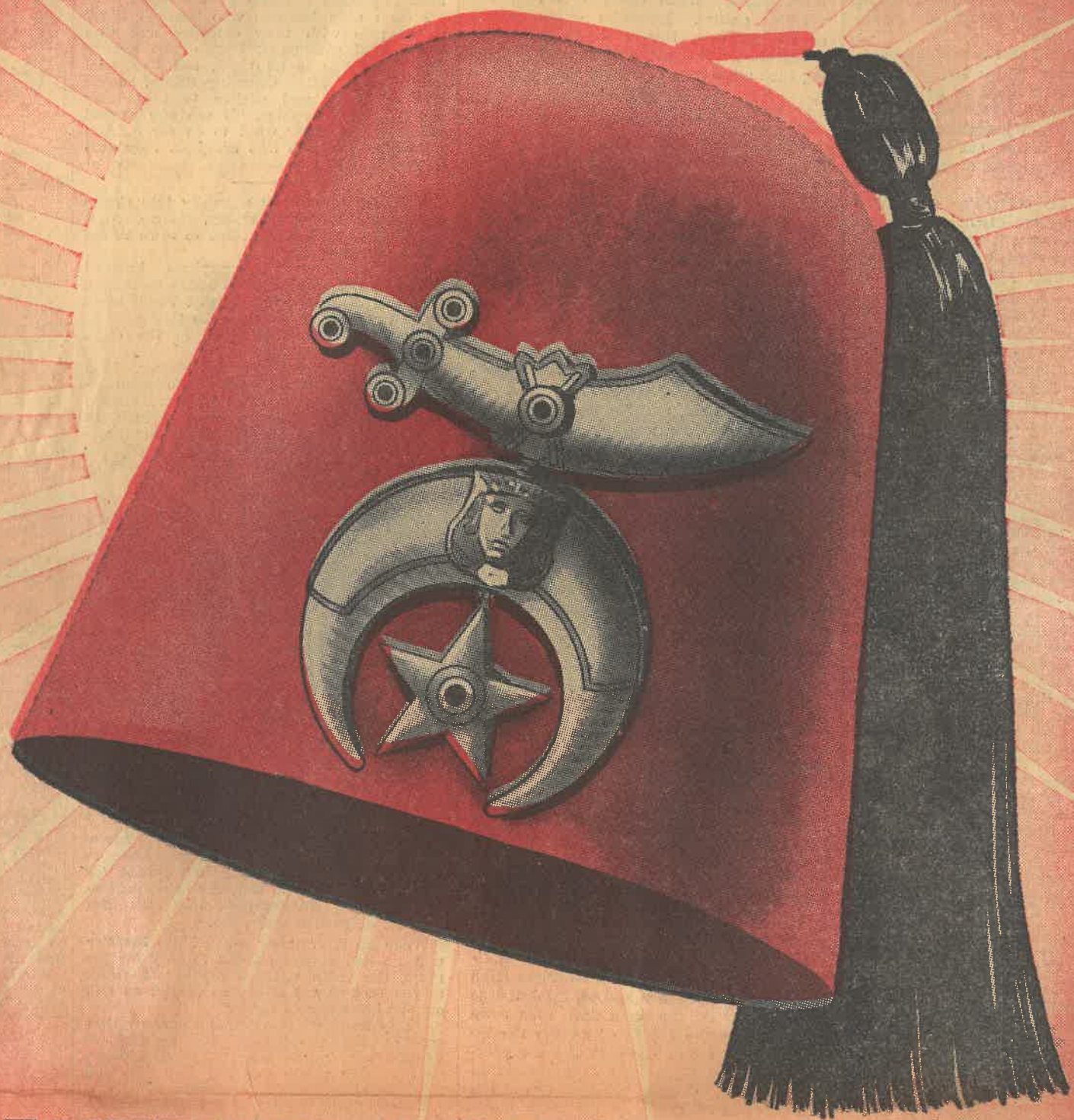
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Huge Shrine Parade Will Highlight Day Of Fanfare and Fun

7000 Uniformed Men Will
March Through Crump
Stadium In Spectacle

DEDICATION SCHEDULED
FOR AIR CORPS BASE

Tonight's 'Show Of A Cen-
tury' Begins At 8:30

By JOHN HUTCHISON

Song and the blare of bands and the rumble of drums that burst yesterday over a city taken over by the Shrine will continue today as 7000 uniformed men parade through Crump Stadium and down Union to Marshall.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock all Shrine activity except the meeting of the 900 representatives at Ellis Auditorium will suspend for the dedication of the Memphis Air Corps Reserve Base, at which Shriners and the public will be allowed to inspect the most devastating military machine in the world, the famous Army "flying fortress," and a large number of other Army planes.

Colonel Bacon to Speak

Brig-Gen. B. K. Yount, assistant chief of the Army Air Corps, will be here to accept the base from Mayor Chandler. Col. William J. Bacon will speak on national defense in place of Senator McKellar, who was compelled at the last moment to cancel his engagement.

A public display of aeronautical equipment will be set up today to give citizens an opportunity to inspect aerial machine guns, aerial cameras, engines and other equipment. General Yount is scheduled to arrive today in a new medium sized bomber, the B23. The National Guard will bring six observation planes from Nashville. Combat, training and pursuit ships will also be here.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock Crump Stadium will be the scene of the "Show of a Century," Ernie Young's 11-act presentation on a terraced stage, with 100 persons taking part.

With showers and thunderstorms predicted for today, Shrine officials said that a downpour at show time tonight would necessitate postponement until tomorrow night.

Memphis "Bombed"

Autos lined Riverside Drive last night for more than a mile, and thousands of spectators stood along the bluffs as the Shrine bombed Memphis harmlessly with fireworks off Mud Island, and aerial trapeze artists performed in Jefferson Davis Park on the river front.

Last night in downtown Memphis joy was unconfined—and how! Bands marched and counter-marched. Music clashed against music as rival musicians blew their heartiest. Firecrackers burst in the streets, sirens on freak vehicles wailed, drums boomed, and Shriners and spectators alike swarmed across the streets.

Hotel lobbies were hideous with din. Dancing broke out spontaneously at the Peabody in the ring-around-a-rosy style. In the Skyway the Royal Order of Jesters hit a gleeful high with the dinner crowd so large that it poured out on the dance floor where tables were improvised.

Parade at 10 A.M.

The parade this morning, to begin at 10 o'clock, "rain or shine," is the official escort parade, a tribute to the Imperial Council officers, who will review the spectacle. The event will take more than three hours, it was estimated yesterday, and will include 70 bands and uniformed patrols from 53 temples. The parade will begin on Peabody, enter

HUGE SHRINE PARADE WILL HIGHLIGHT DAY

7000 Uniformed Men To
March Through Stadium

FANFARE, FUN CONTINUES

Memphis Air Corps Reserve
Base Will Be Dedicated—
'Show Of A Century' Begins
At 8:30 O'clock Tonight

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the east end of the stadium, march around the gridiron and then leave for Union. It will disband at Marshall after passing a reviewing stand in Forrest Park.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon many Shriners will attend the Memphis-Atlanta ball game at Russwood Park, where the Nashville temple band will play.

Principal order of yesterday was fun, although the Jesters, the Shrine Recorders and the Southeastern Shrine Association held meetings preliminary to the opening of the convention proper today, thousands of Shriners had come to Memphis already with the sole idea of hilarity. They strolled the streets with shocking electric suitcases, they carried little toy dogs having very bad manners, they played dice in the streets, they shook hands with strange ladies they met on the sidewalks.

Street Cars Delayed

They had so much fun that Col. Roane Waring protested good-humoredly that his company's street car service was being seriously impaired because of the blocking of traffic. Colonel Waring asked his customers to remember that the Memphis Street Railway cars and buses were being delayed in the downtown district—hence the long gaps between cars on the outer ends of the lines.

But thousands of more staid Shriners were visiting Memphis points of interest yesterday, many with their families. The Memphis Museum in Chickasaw Gardens, the Zoo, the parks, and many industrial and municipal institutions were dotted with the fezzes and bright uniforms of the visitors.

Police served severe notice yesterday that Shriners may not be taken advantage of during their stay. Chief Will Lee reported that a Main Street restaurant which doubled its prices yesterday had been told to return to its former schedule under penalty of being closed.

Paper Fezzes Seized

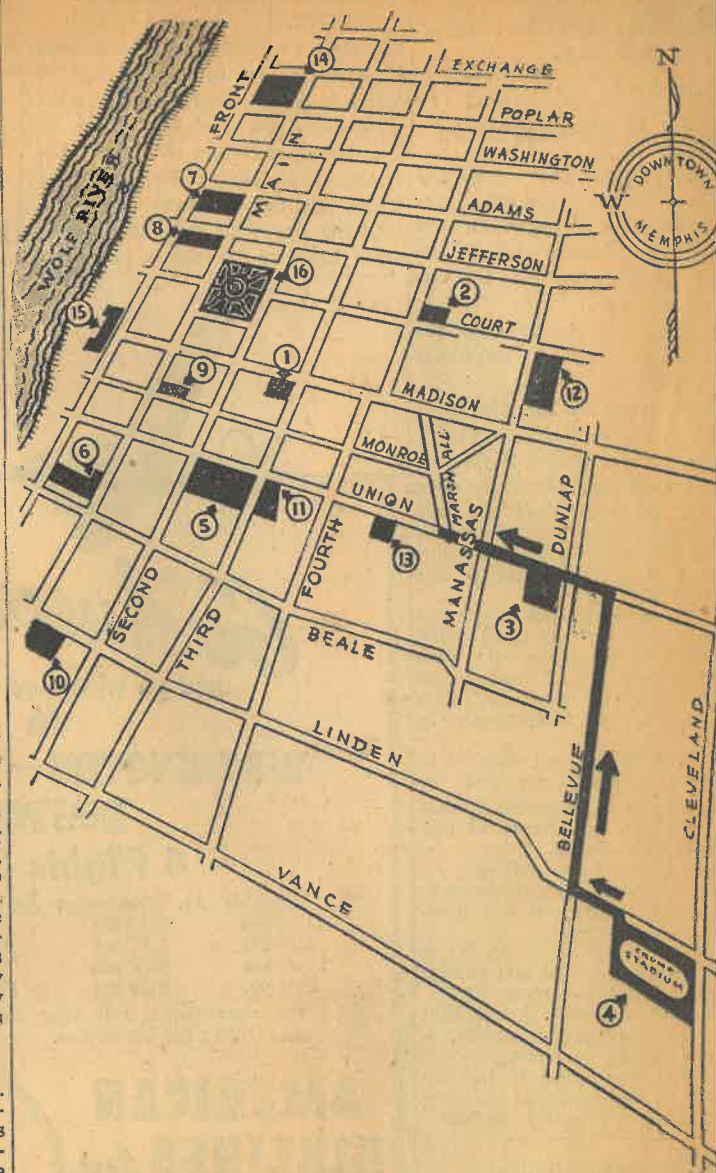
Police seized a stock of paper fezzes from a downtown five-and-ten store. The Shrine discourages the sale of such fezzes on the grounds that nonShriners buy them and commit depredations in the name of the Shrine.

Bands, patrols, drum and bugle corps and other uniformed units were everywhere yesterday. Organizations serenading The Commercial Appeal were from these cities: Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Fla., and Salina, Kan.

The Southeastern Shriners elected the following officers yesterday before their banquet at the Chisca: Henry Cole of Tampa, Fla., president; J. M. Rodgers of Chattanooga, George W. Hunt of Savannah, Ga., Hubert W. Poteat of Wake Forest, N. C., Thomas G. Brabston of Birmingham, Ala., Junius W. Dessauer of New Orleans and Ed Hart of Greenville, S. C., first to sixth vice presidents, respectively, and Hiram R. Romans of Atlanta, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Jesters elected George Filmer of San Francisco to succeed Dr. O. W. Burdats of Wheeling, W. Va. The Jesters are a superfund-making organization within the Shrine. Albert S. Wills of Chicago was named royal property man last night to take his place in the "line" of officers who usually move upward one place each year that an election is held.

Route Of Shrine Parades



Points of interest to Shriners are numbered on the map above, on which the heavy black line marks the line of march of the parades to be at 10 o'clock this morning and at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, marching through Crump Stadium and on Union, passing Forrest Park and disbanding at Marshall. W. River, shown at the west above, is an estuary lying between downtown Memphis and the Mississippi. Numbers on the map refer as follows:

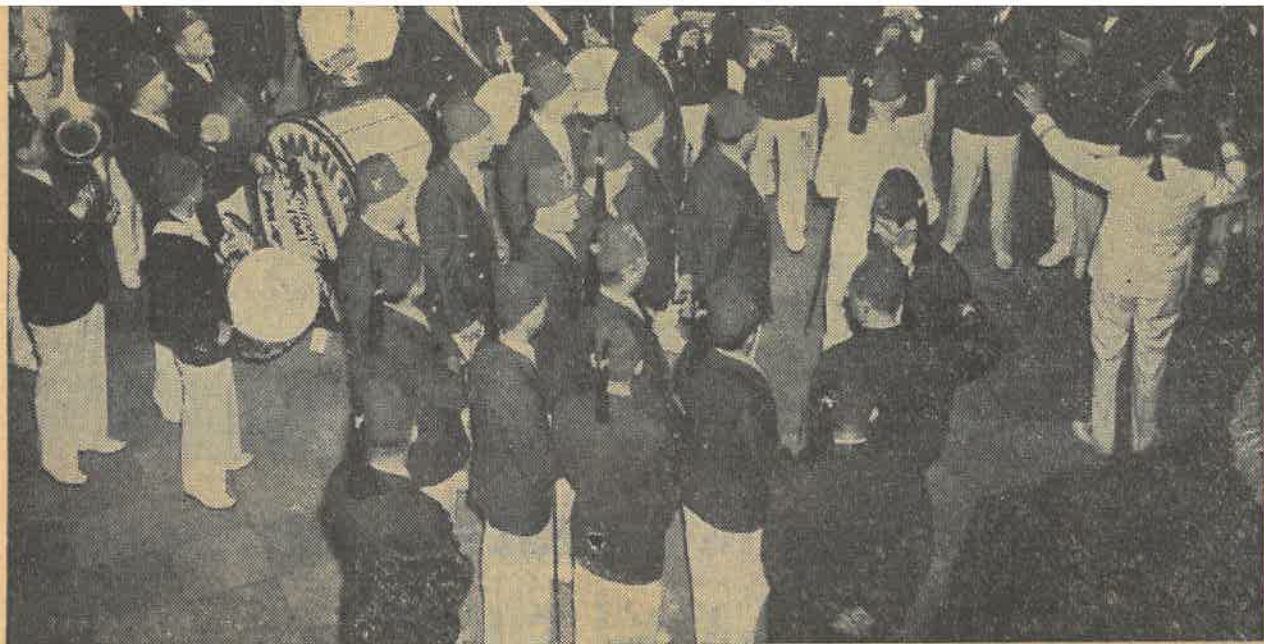
(1) Shrine convention headquarters in Goodwyn Institute Building. (2) Masonic Temple. (3) Scottish Rite Cathedral. (4) Crump Stadium. (5) Hotel Peabody. (6) Hotel Gayoso. (7) Hotel Claridge. (8) Hotel Devoy and Shrine Club. (9) Hotel William Len. (10) Hotel Chisca. (11) Hotel Tennessee. (12) Forrest Park Apartments. (13) The Commercial Appeal. (14) Ellis Auditorium. (15) Postoffice. (16) Court Square.

Canadian Shriners Pooh-Pooh Il Duce

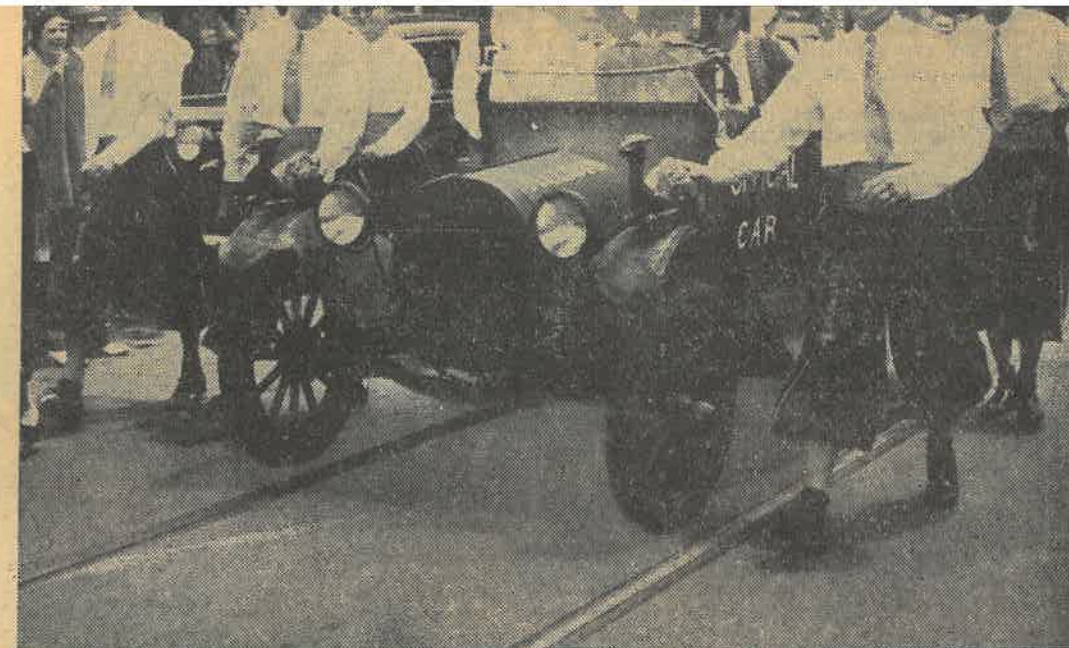
If Benito Mussolini planned his war speech as a disheartening blast against subjects of the British Empire, his idea was a complete washout so far as the Canadian Shriners at the Memphis convention are concerned. They heard the news yesterday, allowed their expressions to become only slightly more grim and said the Canadian equivalent for, "So what?"

"After all," said W. R. Shaw, recorder of Rameses Temple in Toronto, "it doesn't come under the head of unadulterated news. We've been expecting it for some time. The Canadians will go right on with what they've been doing in war work."

Other Canadians here are J. Harry Spence of Karnak Temple, Montreal, Frank E. Harley of Mocha Temple, London, Ontario; Fred W. Logan of WaWa Temple, Regina.



BANDS THUNDERED IN THE PEABODY LOBBY, one after another, as the delegations arrived. Above Miami's Mahi Temple contributes its bit to the bedlam.



HAROLD LLOYD, THE MOVIE COMEDIAN, and Past Potentate of Los Angeles' Al Malaikah Temple, was escorted through Main Street by Memphis uniformed units wearing horn-rimmed glasses in his honor. Instead of putting Lloyd in a sleek white official car, as planned, they switched him to a 1909-model Ford. Lloyd is a candidate for Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine, and if elected, will become Imperial Potentate 11 years hence.



THE "PICADORS" OF ALADDIN TEMPLE, Columbus, Ohio, (above) were among the numerous groups of musicians that serenaded The Commercial Appeal, and made a classy appearance in their unique regalia. THE BAND OF LOS ANGELES' AL MALAIKAH TEMPLE (below) likewise had a Mexican motif, as its jaunty drum major wore an umbrella-sized sombrero.

"PEPPY," A TOY POODLE, was one of Miami's stunts. L. T. McCarthy holds the dog's chain while his stooge, S. A. Delaney, secretly works the squirt gun.



MAIN STREET WAS A RIBBON OF COLOR FOR HOURS as the arriving bands and patrol units paraded beneath waving flags and amid thundering music. One of the largest of the bands was that of Chicago's Medinah Temple, which also paraded a huge Oriental band and a big drill patrol. There are 450 men in Chicago's Shrine delegation, which is housed in a Pullman city at the old Poplar Street Station.

The Shriners Are Here—And the Town Is Theirs!



COLORFUL PARADES SWIRLED THROUGH MEMPHIS' STREETS yesterday in al-most endless profusion as Shrine bands and drill patrols from scores of cities strutted their stuff. This was the scene at Union and Second, where parades came so fast that they blocked each other's way.



A HUMAN PYRAMID WAS ONE OF THE STUNTS of the snappy patrol of Indianapolis' Murat Temple, and the boys thrilled the street crowds with their daring. Here they are in action.





IMPERIAL POTENTATE
WALTER D. CLINE
401 FIRST NATL BANK BLDG.
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

May 31, 1940

The Nobility of North America:

I extend sincere and hearty greetings from your Imperial Potentate and the other members of the Imperial Divan.

In just a few days many thousands of us will meet in Memphis, Tennessee, for our annual convention. Let me assure you that much time, thought, money and great effort has been put into the program for our reception and entertainment while guests of this most hospitable old southern city. The entire nobility of Al Chymia Temple, joined by the nobility of not only the other Temples of Tennessee but all Temples and their representatives from the Sunny South, will be in Memphis to greet you and care for you and yours with genuine southern hospitality.

The city of Memphis is not only a great commercial center but is also rightly recognized as a city of great culture and refinement. As stated by their representative, when extending the invitation for us to meet in Memphis, you may be sure that our hosts are prepared to make "your slightest wish their sternest command". As a son of the old South, knowing as I do the men and women of Memphis and the Commonwealth of Tennessee, I can assure you that their program will include every detail for your comfort and happiness that a sincere and interested group of loyal men and women can provide.

Let me urge you to meet me and your other Imperial officers in Memphis on the Mississippi and enjoy with us all the pleasures and opportunities that our hosts have made available.

With sincere and fraternal good wishes to each of you, I am

Yours in the faith,

Walter D. Cline
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The Shriners Are Here!

Shriners and Their Wives Find Time To Chat During Festivities



A little time out from the strenuous rounds of the Shrine convention was taken for a chat yesterday by these Shriners' wives, Mrs. Les E. Walton (left) of Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. H. H. Sharrer (right) of Memphis.

—Staff Photos by Day



Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Caldwell are among visitors attending the convention from Los Angeles. Mr. Caldwell, formerly of Knoxville, is a former mayor of Seattle, Wash., and a past Imperial Potentate of the Seattle Temple.

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One Of Most Exclusive Events Of Shrine Convention To Be Luncheon Tomorrow

One of the most exclusive events for ladies during the Shrine convention will be the luncheon tomorrow at the Memphis Country Club to which only wives of the Imperial Council members are invited. The luncheon will take place while other prominent wives of Shriners are attending the all-day party at Shiloh National Park, one of the features of ladies entertainment planned during the convention by Mrs. John Vesey, general chairman.

Opening official entertainment for the visiting ladies is the pastel luncheon today in the Peabody Skyway with an especially planned floor show out of New York.

Many visitors who arrived yesterday were entertained by their Memphis hostesses, although official entertainment for them will not begin until today. The groups were taken for rides over the city and on shopping tours, and some Memphis hostesses had informal get-togethers.

Climaxing activities for today will be the large banquet tonight honoring the Imperial Potentate, Walter Cline, at Ellis Auditorium, to which official Shriners and their wives have been invited.

Autograph of 12 yr old girl



Morocco Temple of Jacksonville, Fla., brought its own traffic cops to ride at their head in the big parades. Each of the three Shriners in flashy white uniforms is a member of the Jacksonville police department. Many Memphis traffic policemen also wore their fezzes yesterday.

—Staff Photo by Bruner

Two men who fathered the resolution in Portland, Ore., 20 years ago that started the Shrine on its \$30,000 program of free hospitals for crippled children are Dr. Fred F. Whitcomb of Omaha (left) and Mike H. Thomas, of Dallas (center). At right is Freeland W. Kendrick of Philadelphia, chairman of the board that operates the 15 Shrine hospitals today.

—Staff Photo by Bruner

From far-away Hawaii came Howard N. Mosher, past potentate of Honolulu's Aloha Temple (left) and Charles R. Welsh, present potentate, shown here wearing leis.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell



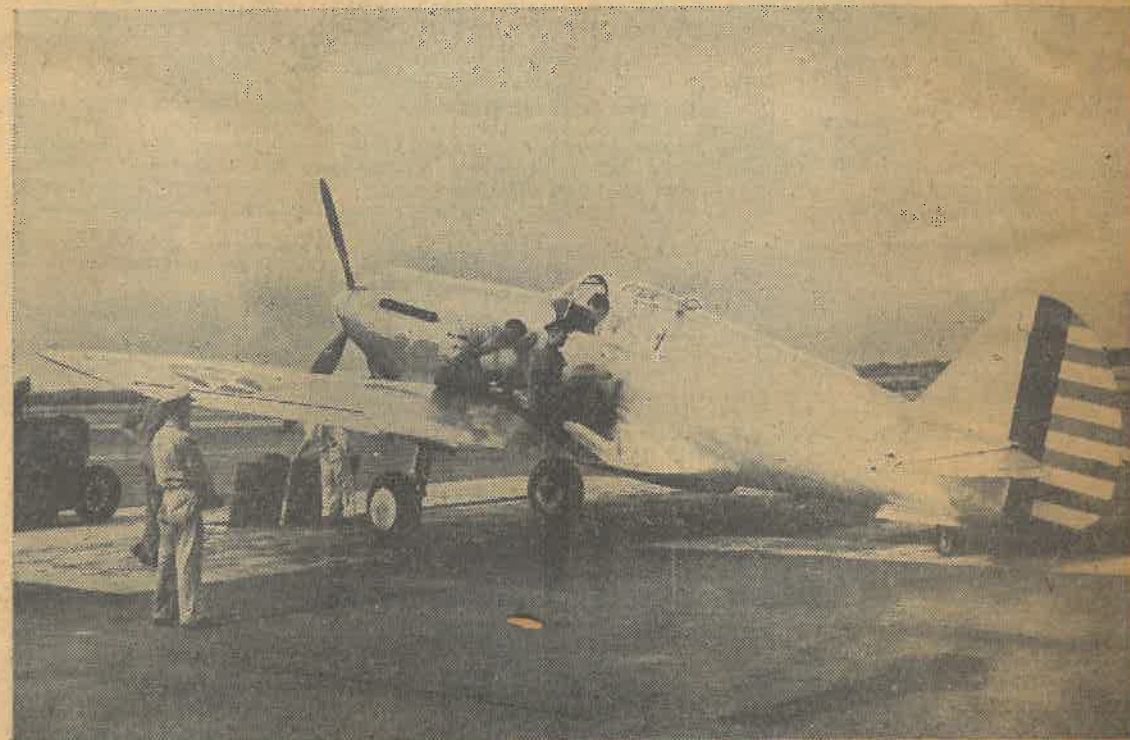
"Johnny," monkey mascot of Atlanta's Yaarab Temple, seems to be enjoying the drink that Shriner A. B. (Bud) Foster is giving him. Mr. Foster is chief jailer of the Fulton County Jail, Atlanta.

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Not Charlie McCarthy but "Frankie Wood-all" is the mascot of Nashville's Al Menah Temple, here to join in the fun. Assisting Frankie is his stooge, Shriner Jimmy Sanders of Nashville.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell



Newest of the U. S. Army's pursuit ships, the P-40, will be on hand for the dedication of the Memphis Air Corps Reserve Base at Municipal Airport this afternoon. This swift 1250-horsepower fighting craft arrived yesterday, in advance of the Army's "flying fortress," a huge \$196,000 bomber, due today.

—Staff Photo by Day



Albert S. Wills (left) of Chicago, new royal property man, and George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., to become imperial potentate this week, attended the Jesters Banquet at the Peabody last night.



The waving arms and enthusiastic singing of Tony Goetz, leader of the Muskogee, Okla., Shrine Band, gives evidence of the informality of the Jesters.



Just a Shriner's idea of a bedside lullaby. When Roy H. McCray of Los Angeles nodded off to slumber, Garland Wilkinson of Charleston, W. Va., rocked him to sleep with a glass of water.



While the boys were whooping it up, Les Walton of Springfield, Mo., national impresario, talked it all over with George Filmer of San Francisco, new national director.

—Staff Photos by Day

MEMPHIS, TENN., TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 1940

A Good Time Was Had By All When the Shriners Held Forth



Maybe a lot of his patients in Chicago wouldn't recognize Dr. Gordon G. Johnson, leader of Medinah Temple's 45-piece Oriental band, in this picturesque garb, but this is how he appeared to Memphians as Chicago's Shriners paraded on Main Street yesterday.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell



Monty Fer Don, director of the Oriental band of Antioch Temple, Dayton, Ohio, and president of the Shrine Oriental Bands Association, was piping a dizzy Egyptian tune in the Peabody lobby when a photographer snapped this picture. The young lady enjoying the music (?) is Miss Thelma Campbell, of 75 North Evergreen, who found the Shriners quite interesting.

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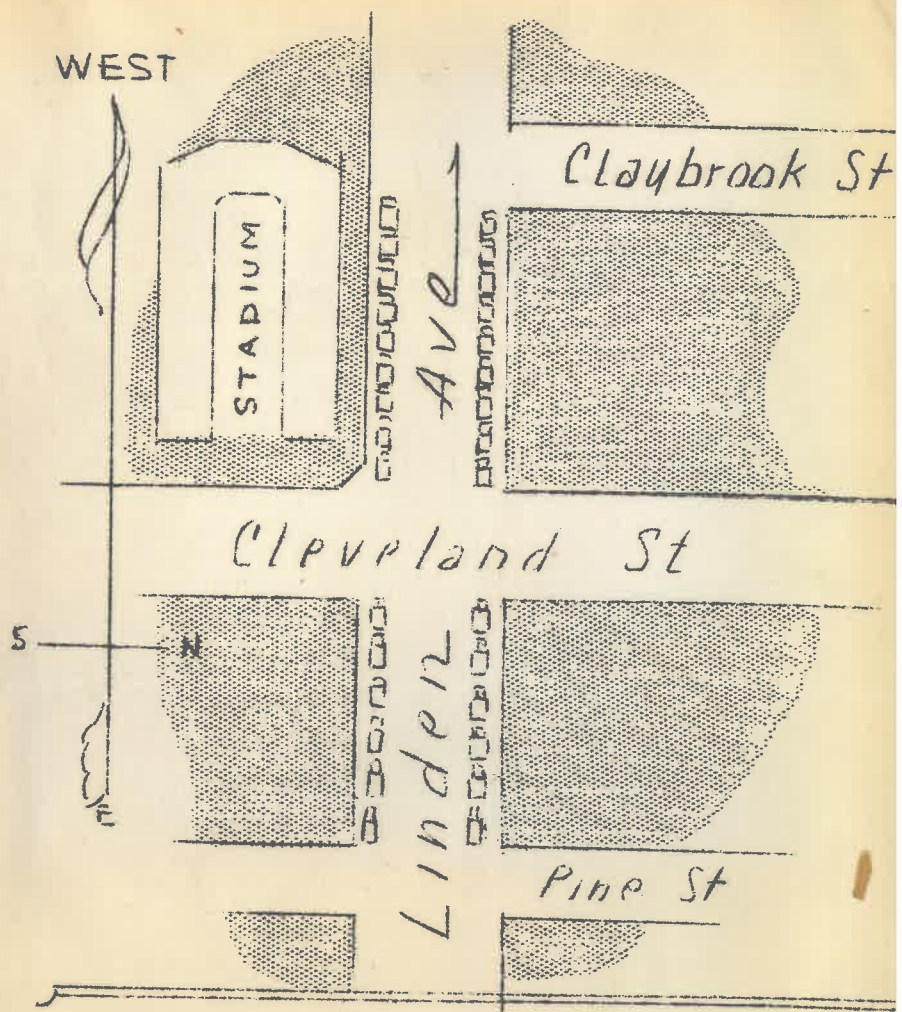
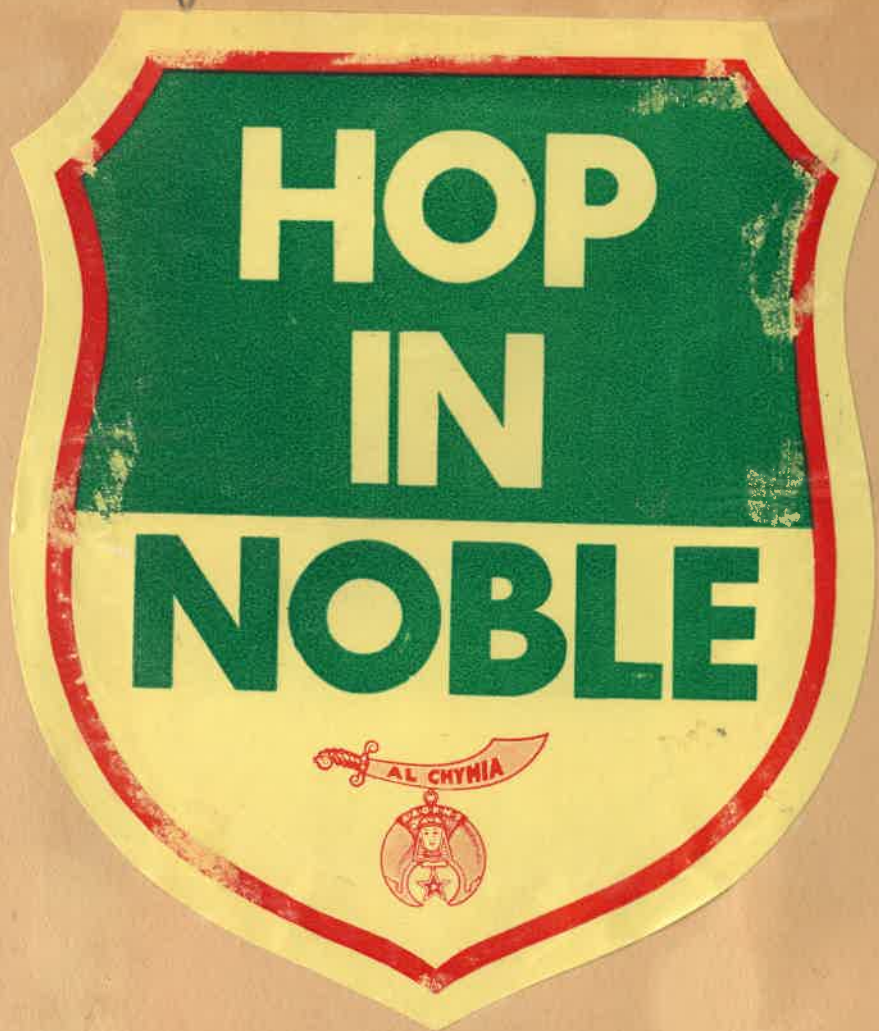


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POLICIES OF SHRINE LEFT TO NEW COUNCIL

George F. Olendorf Is Incoming Imperial Potentate

BOARD NEARLY THE SAME

Decisions In Present World Crisis Will Rest With Group Which Takes Reins Of Office Thursday

By ST. JOHN WADDELL

George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., incoming imperial potentate of the Shrine, will find the burden of the organization's world crisis policies on his shoulders when he takes office.

The present Imperial Council, meeting yesterday, decided it would take no action which might be called for by the present European situation, would leave such decisions to the new board which will take over Thursday.

Board Nearly the Same

That is not as drastic as it seems, however. For the new board and the present board with one exception, will be the same. When Imperial Potentate W. C. Cline goes out of office, he will remain on the board for a year. All other officers advance one notch, and one new officer, the Guardian of the Outer Door, is to be elected. So what the old board thinks is just about what the new board will think.

Yesterday the old board decided what it thinks the Shrine should do in case of war. It believes that if the United States should get in the world conflict the imperial officers should have authority to change the place of the annual convention, or to issue an edict that the activities of uniformed bodies cease. If that should happen, the business meetings of the Shrine would go on as usual, but the ceremonies would be called off.

Ceased In World War

Mr. Olendorf explained that in the first World War the Shrine's playtime activities did not even exist for a long period.

This power suggested for the imperial officers would have to be made final in the form of a general resolution before it is effective, he pointed out.

Insofar as the Shrine's routine is concerned, it probably would continue as usual in case of eventualities. The hospital work for which the organization has won nationwide fame is under its Colorado corporation. The fraternal or good fellowship end is under the Iowa corporation.

Depressing Situation

"Naturally, the war situation is depressing to the Shrine," Mr. Olendorf said. "We'll have to adjust ourselves to what it means."

"There will be no question as to the Shrine's attitude if worse comes to worse. The Shrine has proved that it unquestionably backs the United States Government 100 per cent in any national crisis."

Personally, the new imperial potentate seemed rather bitter when he heard the news that Italy has declared war against the Allies. He refrained, however, from any official comment on the situation.

They'll Direct Organization During The Year



New Officers

New Shrine offices slated to be filled in the routine way Thursday are:

Mr. Olendorf, Imperial Potentate. Thomas C. Law, Atlanta, Deputy Imperial Potentate.

Albert H. Fiebach, Cleveland, Ohio, Imperial Chief Rabban.

M. E. McKenzie, Toronto, Canada, Imperial Assistant Rabban.

Alfred G. Arvold, Fargo, N. D., Imperial High Priest and Prophet.

William H. Woodfield Jr., San Francisco, Cal., Imperial Oriental Guide.

George H. Rowe, Buffalo, N. Y., Imperial First Ceremonial Master.

Karl R. Hammers, Pittsburgh, Pa., Imperial Second Ceremonial Master.

Galloway Calhoun, Tyler, Texas, Imperial Marshal.

William Heim, Philadelphia, Pa., Imperial Captain of the Guard.

A new official will be elected to succeed Mr. Heim as Imperial Outer Guard. L. P. Steuart, Imperial Treasurer, and Gov. James Price of Virginia, Imperial Recorder, will retain their offices.

Recorders (secretaries to you) of the Shrine Temples in North America elected their officers yesterday at the 20th annual meeting of the organization at the Gayoso. They are (1) Edward G. Ziegler of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., president; (2) Frank Cundell of Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, third vice president; (3) Jack Linn of Ballut Abyard Temple, Albuquerque N. M., first vice president; (4) Art Peirce of Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa, second vice president; (5) Al Ellis of Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas, secretary-treasurer. Richard Hungerford (4) of Media Temple, Watertown, N. Y., is retiring president.

—Staff Photo by Bruner

OFFICERS ARE NAMED BY SHRINE RECORDERS

Edward G. Ziegler Of Buffalo Is New President

FOUR CANADIANS HONORED

Special Ceremonial For Quartet Is Held By Association—Achievements Win Praise Of Imperial Potentate

The Shrine's Recorders Association climaxed its 20th annual meeting at the Gayoso yesterday by electing Edward G. Ziegler of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., president, and holding a special ceremonial in honor of four Canadian recorders who attended the session.

Mr. Ziegler succeeds Richard Hungerford of Media Temple, Watertown, N. Y. Named to serve with him were Jack Linn of Ballut Abyard Temple, Albuquerque, N. M., first vice president; Art Peirce of Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa, second vice president; Frank Cundell of Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, third vice president.

Texas Is Re-Elected

Al Ellis of Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The association has 159 members, most of whom are at the Memphis conclave.

Achievements of the organization were praised by Imperial Potentate W. C. Cline in an address at the morning session following a speech of welcome by Mayor Chandler. The recorders also heard welcoming talks by Lake Hays, past potentate of Al Chymia in Memphis, and John A. Waterman, present potentate.

A luncheon, "without speeches," divided the morning and afternoon sessions. Invocation at the morning session was by the Rev. Marshall Wingfield, pastor of First Congregational Church.

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First President Honored

Special honors in the 20th anniversary service which highlighted the program, were paid to T. Lawrence Walker of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., who was first president of the association 20 years ago. All other living presidents of the organization were introduced.

The Recorders Association has no executive authority but meets annually at the Shrine conclave so that its members may interchange ideas for the more efficient conduct of their offices. The office of recorder is comparable to that of secretary of other organizations.

Arrangements for the session were in charge of W. A. Woodmansee, recorder for Memphis' Al Chymia Temple.

Don't Wear a Fez Unless You Belong

Maybe you want to join the Shrine Convention spirit all you can, but if you have a fez and aren't a Shriner, Chief Lee says you had better not wear it.

The fez, a part of the official Shrine costume, is supposed to be worn only by Shriners. Fezzes worn by others will be taken up, the chief said.

J. L. Lovejoy, 23, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was arrested and held for investigation yesterday after police arrested him with a large number of cheap souvenir fezzes. Police quote him as saying he had them left over from last year's convention. He was held without charge.

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Everything from a seven-foot boa constrictor to a negro jug band was on the program last night at the Shrine Convention's uniformed patrol headquarters, 201 Union, which is open 24 hours a day until the big conclave is over.

The seven-foot boa constrictor was a feature of the Syria Temple Oriental Band of Pittsburgh, and its owner was George Henning who wrapped the serpent around his neck and danced with it in the middle of the floor. The negro jug band was part of the Southern entertainment offered by Memphis' Al Chymia Temple.


"He's really a pet," explained Mr. Henning of Pittsburgh, who, when he is not Shrining, is a staid superintendent of an asbestos plant. "I've had him for 11 years, and he knows me like a brother. About


once a month I feed him a live bird, and that's all he cares to eat."

Mr. Henning's costume, that of an oriental potentate with a private pocket for his seven-foot snake, was equalled by several other members of the Pittsburgh delegation. One was garbed as a flat-footed policeman, with an electric light shining in his star, and another was a brunet masquerador who danced freely with the boys.

Other attractions were the Al Menar Band of Nashville and the Boumini Band of Baltimore, plus no end of Shriners with stunt programs.

The Uniformed Units' headquarters, an enterprise of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, has become the "hot spot" of the Shrine Convention. It is open night and day in the old Press-Scimitar building on Union, one half block east of the Peabody.

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A Little More Prominence For Three Little Words



Pointing his cane, E. H. Crump (left photo) let it be known that the words "America's Cleanest City" on Memphis' newest welcome sign wasn't displayed prominently enough. Mrs. Walter Chandler stood at his side at the dedication of the sign at Harahan Bridge last night. Those attending the brief ceremony included (right to left in photo above) Commissioners Fredericks, Andrews and Boyle. J. W. Maden (second from left) of the Outdoor Advertising Co., Mayor Chandler and Marvin Pople also are shown.

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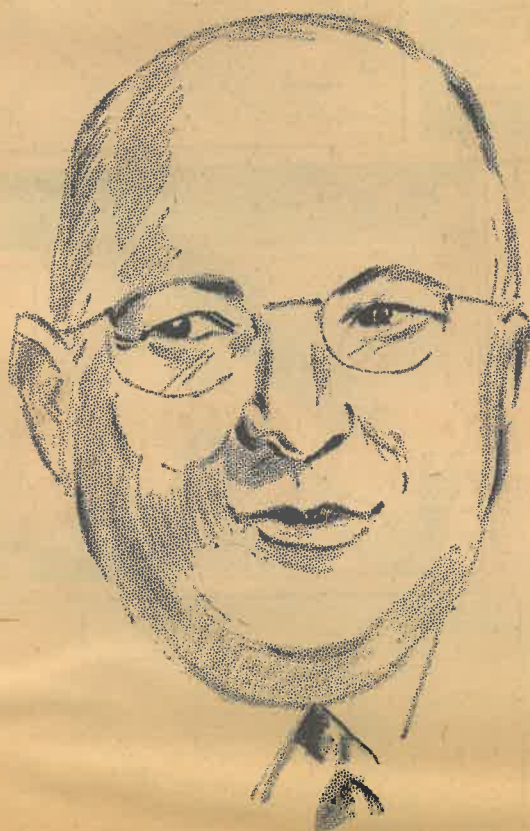
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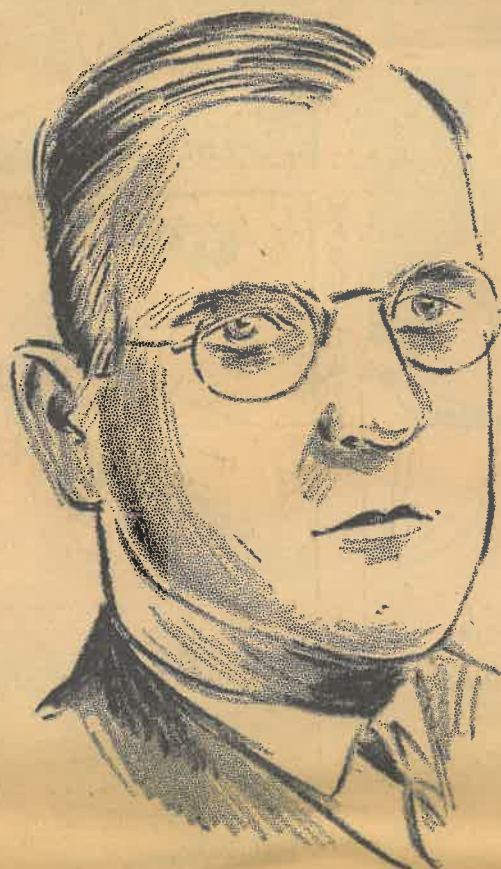
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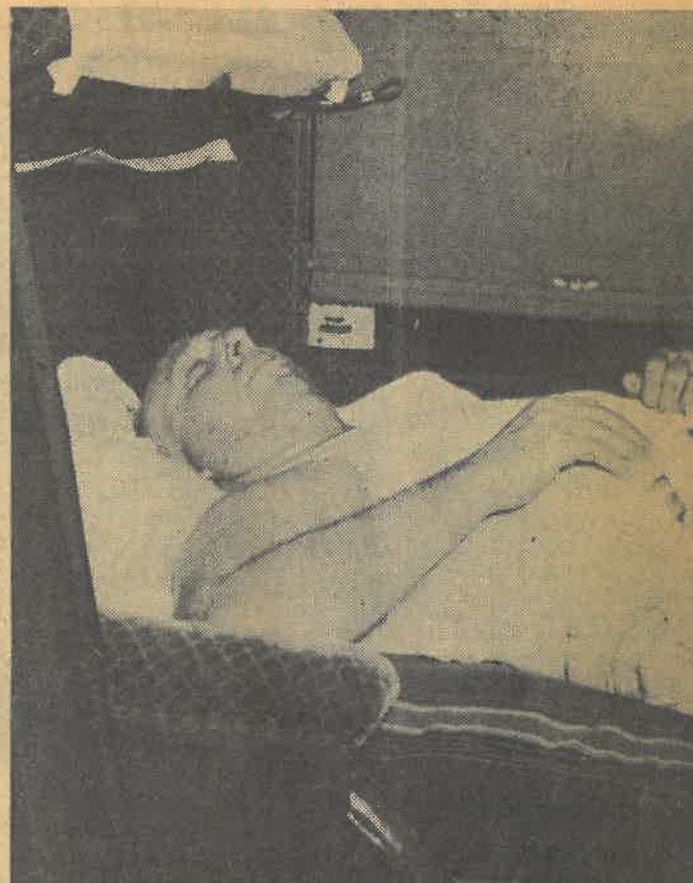
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Life On Wheels Agrees With Visiting Shriners



Noble Virgil Seibel is well pleased with the rummy hand he is holding in a game in the club car of one of the Chicago trains. Playing with him are, left to right, Fred G. Rice, Charles H. Bilson and John Heidenrich, all of the Medinah Temple drill unit.



Taking an afternoon siesta in his berth to get ready for a night of fun was Noble Harry J. Lawrence, one of about 600 Chicago Shriners attending the convention.



In the baggage car bar of a Medinah Temple train, F. D. Bostelmann, a beer and soft drink distributor in Chicago, serves as bartender. His thirsty customers, left to right, are: Walter J. Karn, Police Lieut. Ralph A. Weaver and William H. Cullen.



It was time to eat for Dr. Oliver J. Graham, Chicago dentist. He got a menu from Steward F. K. Nisbet, who is also a Shriener—member of Moolah Temple, St. Louis.



Prompt medical attention is given in a car of one of the three trains of Medinah Temple of Chicago, parked at old Poplar Street Station. Dr. E. Allen Parsons is bandaging a cut on the arm of Noble M. O. Bates. Watching his technique is Dr. William D. McNally, chief of staff.

Page 1

Shrine Ladies' Fun Rivaling the Men's

Delegation of 38 Wives From Jacksonville
Started Out Together—And Continue
Right Along Together

Women can have a good time—even at a men's convention!

In fact, wives of Shrine representatives are filling every moment with fun, and are stepping about almost as much as their husbands.

For one group, the fun began even before they reached Memphis. This was a delegation of 38 wives of the various uniformed bodies from Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., who started out together and have stayed together thruout the convention...even to crowding on the same elevator!

En route, this group turned their train section into a reception and staged a big party for a bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Speight of Jacksonville. They even arranged a concert for the young couple, given by the Shrine Sextet, led by Paul Tanner, known as "The Golden Voice of the Sextet."

The wife of Potentate Robert McMillian of Jacksonville is a member of the group, and so is Mrs. W. T. Dow, the only woman representative of Morocco Temple.

Not one of the group of 38 women had ever visited Memphis, and they have been enthusiastic about everything, from the roses and magnolias which decorate the rooms to the big old "Father of Waters."

Among others of this group are Mrs. Roland Baker, Mrs. James Jordan, Mrs. J. D. Kennedy, Mrs. H. L. Hall, Mrs. W. W. Masters, Mrs. Norman Edwards, Mrs. Calhoun Smith, Mrs. D. L. Dubey, Mrs. Dwight Carpenter, Mrs. Clyde Baxley, Mrs. Cy Copp, Mrs. Raymond Gage, Mrs. Josie Morrow, Mrs. Blanche Curtis, Mrs. Frank Gardner, Mrs. Horace Fretwell, Miss Stella Bowles, Mrs. Fred Hartford, Mrs. Teddy Hinson, Mrs. Bill Common and Miss Mittie Tipton.

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JUNE TIME IS PICNIC TIME

What is so rare as a day in June?...That's probably the reason picnics are in the news. Two this week...Annie Few Work's today, and the Field and Garden Club outing Thursday.

Then, sometime soon, Jane Graves and Elizabeth Ricker will have a crowd at Maywood for a picnic honoring Susan O'Brien. Susan, you know, is leaving with her family for New York the first of July, and all her friends are sorry to lose her.

Annie Few's picnic today honors her attractive visitor, Joan Johnson of Avalon, Cal. Guests will gather at Dr. W. R. Atkinson's camp at Maywood about 5 o'clock. There'll be a dart-throwing contest, baseball and other games, and then a picnic spread.

Annie Few is receiving with Frank Corbett and Joan with Frank England. Guests will be Harriette Hollis and Dan Carruthers, Roberta Wellford and Boyce Johnson, Betty Orgill and Bernard Lockridge, Anne Tuthill and Henry Turner, Hazel Jane Ward and Dan Work, Toni Noce and Jac Ruffin, Fredrika and Jimmy Sasser and Dorothy and Mark Hammond. Joan is wearing rose-colored slacks and Annie Few aqua slacks.

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Christine Pope is going to combine a grand trip with study this summer. She leaves tonight for New Orleans, sails tomorrow for Havana for a two weeks' vacation. Then on to Mexico City. There she will enroll in the National University



'Good-bye, Alma Mater'—

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Fliers, Spanish Interpreters, Preachers,
Chinese Linguist, Doctors And
Business Are Their Goal

By MARY ALLIE ROBINSON
Press-Scimitar Society Writer

School's out!

For almost as far back as memory travels, that has been the signal for books to be slammed shut and thoughts to turn to summer months of play and pleasure.

Today with commencement on Southwestern's campus, 59 graduates reached up to move the tassels on their caps from right to left and reached out to receive a college degree.

Right then and there that same "school's out," heretofore exclaimed with a whoop of joy, took on new meaning, tinged with a little sadness.

The chapel bell had summoned

self by taking a business course prior to standing a civil service examination. Meanwhile, of course, Spanish will be read and reviewed continuously.

Virginia Mangum and Marjorie McElroy are also planning business courses and Catherine Moore is thinking the matter over.

A musical future is in store for the first two ever to graduate from Southwestern with music as a major.

Anne Tuthill will teach in Shelby County school, as will Priscilla Shumaker.

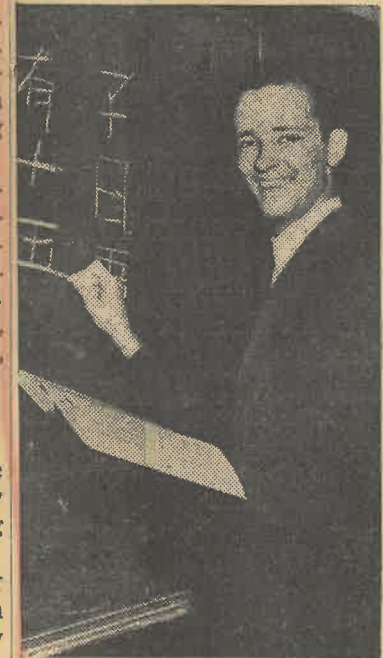
Even tho Anne is an honor graduate in music and Priscilla graduated with distinction in another "m"—mathematics—these two are already enrolled in summer school out at State Teachers College. Seems that the required hours for a teacher's certificate didn't necessarily go along with their degrees. But to be public school music teachers they are most essential.

Elizabeth Mullins and Kitty McCullough are in somewhat the same boat. Elizabeth wants to teach and finds she lacks some teaching credits. Thus she'll be found summer schooling at State Teachers also. Kitty, who graduated with distinction in English, has always been interested in interior decorating but has about decided now to become a "school marm" or a librarian. Whichever she decides will send her back to school either this summer or fall.

All spring Betty Blue has been out of school, for she finished requirements for her degree in February. Just lately, tho, she has chosen the teaching profession, and so will be back in Southwestern this summer taking the needed additional courses in education.

Virginia Ragsdale would also like to teach.

Margaret Mason Jones is interested in teaching physical education.



DAVID OSBORN . . . he'll study Chinese.

them to studies for the last time . . . no more classes . . . no more carefree strolls among the campus oaks . . . no more examinations.

This summer that 59 are turning from the classroom—not to leisure vacation days, but to face the future in an uncertain, war-torn world.

From 13 states the class of '40 was assembled.

To how many different states will their separate paths lead now? What does the future hold?

Many will travel homeward to enter the business world. Many will seek their fortunes in Memphis. For some, school days are not yet over.

Three Hope for Wings

The war in Europe has influenced the plans of several. Charles Perry of Pensacola, Fla.,

Doctors-to-Be

On the day following Independence Day, three of the class will give up their independence and enroll back in school.

Neal Brien Jr., who graduated with distinction in chemistry; Dan Carruthers, who graduated with distinction in math, and Everett Mobley will all start to medical school June 5 at the University of Tennessee.

E. A. (Jimmy) Powell, may enter the University of Tennessee Medical School.

The medical profession is also attracting John Woolsey of Galena, Ill., honor graduate in chemistry, who will enter Washington University in St. Louis, and Tom Simpson of Columbus, S. C., who took honors in biology and who is going to Johns Hopkins.

William Baird of Henderson, Tenn., who finished requirements

Tour City by This Route-- Many Interesting Sights

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Memphis Technical High School (Tech for short), Wm. R. Moore School of Technology and Jewish Temple Congregation Children of Israel.

Automobile Row extends along Union for many blocks. It is not without its fascination, though perhaps the ladies of the party will prefer Forrest Park. The equestrian statue is that of General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He rides eternally in peaceful scenes where nature's finest trees and man's most skillful planting of grass and flowers give their blessing. On the Madison Street side is a playground for children.

Interesting Points

Shriners will wish to drive in leisurely fashion past the Scottish Rite Temple at 825 Union and will view with interest the group of University of Tennessee Medical buildings, point 22, and the Methodist Hospital, point 23, on the map.

Nineteenth Century Club is exclusively feminine in membership, though the comfortable and spacious building has a homelike appeal to all.

Belvedere Boulevard is representative of the finest garden and residential section of this city of many garden clubs and nature lovers. After leaving its cool green embrace the tourist is guided by Idlewild Presbyterian Church, a gem of architectural perfection.

East Parkway claims attention and beckons the traveler toward Overton Park. Before lingering to admire zoo, Doughboy Statue, Memphis Open Air Theater and Brooks Memorial Gallery, all within the confines of the park, each with its own appeal, some time must be spent at Southwestern, the College of the Mississippi Valley, joy and pride of the section which it serves.

Beautiful Campus

The tall forest oaks and elms that shadow the campus, the Gothic stone edifices, "built for the ages" of Arkansas stone from a quarry owned by the college, are the outward and physical signs of the spirit of culture and uprightness within. High scholastic standing, superb faculty and student body and lofty ambitions for the future give Southwestern a high position in the life of the city.

St. Peter's Orphanage and Convent of the Good Shepherd form a group where noble purposes find homes amid spacious grounds and in fine buildings.

Another cluster of institutions on the tour comprise Memphis Technical High School (Tech for short), William R. Moore School of Technology and Jewish Temple Congregation Children of Israel.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is across Jefferson Avenue from the church of the same name, buildings of similar architecture and material.

Bellevue Baptist Church, a splendid building, the home of one of the largest congregations in the South, is No. 40 on the tour.

Russwood Park draws the eyes of every baseball fan past its swaying weeping willows at the entrance to bleachers and grandstand within.

Baptist Memorial Hospital and a group of medical buildings and clinics on one side of Madison Avenue, and John Gaston Hospital just opposite, form a medical center for a large portion of the South. John Gaston serves those who cannot afford to pay hospital expenses and serves as a training ground for medical students.

Young Men's Christian Association, recently given more than

\$80,000 by the people of Memphis for improved building and equipment, and Sterick Building, skyscraper office building, bring the journey almost to a close. The final stop is at Goodwyn Institute. The building was a gift to Memphis from William A. Goodwyn. Offices are rented to provide income for the series of free lectures given each winter season. Goodwyn Institute Library for reference only occupies the seventh floor. The auditorium for lectures is on the second floor.

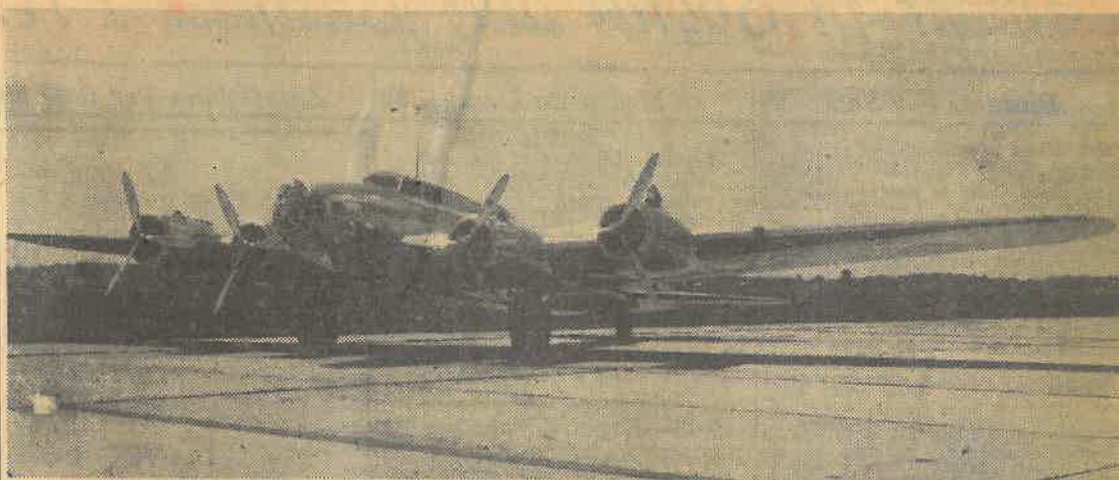
So ends the first official tour presented by the council and The Press-Scimitar to the visiting Shriners and to every visitor and resident who will follow this trail of scenes and shrines.

Every Inch Inspected

The committee who designed the trip and who have outlined more comprehensive tours for the future went over every inch of the ground themselves. They realize that very many worthy points could not be included on so brief a route, that there are half-hidden gardens that throw a welcome over the fence, that suburban and country estates are ready to offer their beauties to the tourist. Many other places are scheduled to be shown on succeeding pilgrimages.

Mrs. Ila S. Jehl, president of Memphis and Shelby County Council of Garden Clubs, appointed Mrs. Frank T. Hindman, garden expert and artist, as chairman of the pilgrimage committee. Committee members are Mrs. Jehl, ex-officio; Mrs. W. T. Michie, gardener and conservationist; Lucien Dent, architect; Neil Park, landscape architect; Dr. Neumon Taylor, representative of Men's Garden Club and Avery Stratton, professional photographer.

ARMY 'FLYING FORTRESS' VISITS MEMPHIS



This huge flying fortress—one of Uncle Sam's big Boeings—arrived at Memphis Airport today to participate in the ceremonies this afternoon at the airport dedicating the Memphis unit of the Army Air Corps Reserve.

Shrine Program

Big public events scheduled for Memphians and Shriners include:

TODAY

4 TO 5 P.M. Concert and broadcast from Court Square.

8:30 P.M. "Show of a Century" at Crump Stadium, seats from 55 cents to \$1.65. The show, with a cast of 100, is directed by Ernie Young, former Memphian, who made good on Broadway as a big-time show producer.

The show will have 11 acts, including ballet, circus revels and lovely girls in dance routines on a terraced stage.

TOMORROW

Court Square concerts:

1 to 2 P.M.—Al Malaikah Band, Chicago.

2 to 3 P.M.—Arab Band, Topeka, Kan.

3 to 4 P.M.—Moslem Band, Detroit.

4 to 5 P.M.—Antioch Band, Dayton, Ohio.

8 P.M.—Crump Stadium, mammoth night parade, with all Shrine bands and marchers participating. Thousands will march in electrically-lit uniforms.

THURSDAY

1 TO 2 P.M., concert Court Square, Abou Ben Adhem band, Springfield, Mo.

2 TO 3 P.M., concert at Court Square, Beni Kedem band, Charleston, W. Va.

2:30 P.M., concert Russwood Park, Yaarab band, Atlanta, Ga.

3 TO 4 P.M., concert Court Square, Tadmor band, Akron, Ohio.

4 TO 5 P.M., concert Court Square, Murat band, Indianapolis, Ind.

5 TO 6 P.M., concert Court Square, Moila band, St. Joseph, Mo.

8:30 P.M., crowning event of the world's largest convention—Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant. Major motion picture studios will present 11 gorgeous floats which have been under construction for more than a month and will cost \$30,000. Each has 1000 lights. Beauties contesting for the title of Miss Mid-South will ride them, Harold Lloyd heading judges to choose her.

HE'S HERE, FOLKS



HAROLD LLOYD

... in his horn-rimmed spectacles, arrived yesterday from Los Angeles with fellow Shriners. A throng of autograph seekers stormed him at the station. The famed comedian rode uptown in, of all things, a 1909 Chevrolet. When the car wouldn't run, Shriners push it.

HONOR AWAITS HAROLD LLOYD

Movie Comedian Is Favored For High Shrine Post

Shriners unofficially said yesterday that Harold Lloyd, the movie comedian, is one of the strongest candidates for the office of Imperial Outer Guard.

That is the only elective office for the Imperial Divan, or group of national officers.

The man elected Imperial Outer Guard automatically will advance a step each year and in 11 years will become Imperial Potentate. The retiring Imperial Potentate, Walter D. Cline, will serve for another year on the Imperial Council or board with members of the divan.

Formal advancement of officers and election of the Imperial Outer Guard will be held at a closed session at the Auditorium at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Officers with their new titles will be:

WILLIAM HEIM, Philadelphia, Imperial Captain of the Guard.
GEORGE F. OLENDORF, Springfield,

Mo., Imperial Potentate.
THOMAS C. LAW, Atlanta, Deputy Imperial Potentate.
ALBERT H. FIEBACH, Cleveland, Ohio, Imperial Chief Rabbani.
M. E. M'KENZIE, Toronto, Can., Imperial Assistant Rabbani.
ALFRED G. ARVOLD, Fargo, N. D., Imperial High Priest and Prophet.
WILLIAM H. WOODFIELD JR., San Francisco, Cal., Imperial Oriental Guide.
GEORGE H. ROWE, Buffalo, N. Y., Imperial First Ceremonial Master.
KARL R. HAMMERS, Pittsburgh, Pa., Imperial Second Ceremonial Master.
GALLOWAY CALHOUN, Tyler, Texas, Imperial Marshal.

Gov. James Price of Virginia, Imperial Recorder, and L. P. Stewart of Washington, D. C., Imperial Treasurer, occupy elective offices, but, according to custom, holders of these offices are re-elected for several years. Both Governor Price and Mr. Stewart will be re-elected tomorrow.

Colorful Uniforms

Mahi of Miami, Fla., anxious to get the convention for 1941, paraded in smart uniforms. The marchers wore white flannels, with different companies wearing different colored sport coats.

Morocco Temple of Jacksonville, Fla., had about the most ornate uniforms in the unscheduled parade today. They were cream-colored with various colors and embroidered insignias worked in. Painted on the bass drum was a noble astride an alligator.

Cynosure of all eyes as they strode about crowd-crammed downtown were the Zem Zem Kilties from Erie, Pa. These 15 Nobles, led by Levi Taylor, assistant rabban, wear Scotch kilts (skirts) of the Royal Stuart plaid. Their neckties are of a similar plaid. The Zem Zems have the traditional bare knees of the Scots.

Fireworks Tonight

There will be more parades and band concerts during the day, with the first special event for the public—fireworks—scheduled over Mud Island at 9:15 tonight. Art Brieser, who has put on Cotton Carnival pyrotechnical displays for several years, is in charge.

The Shriners themselves were having a hilarious time today. Gray-haired men—probably the most dignified in their home towns—walk up to pretty girls, stick out their hands and say "Hello, sweetheart, shake hands." Another will say "Gee, you remind me of Margie!" Most of the girls take it good-naturedly, tho now and then one screams and then the Nobles get a big laugh.

JOLLY SHRINE HOSTS EASILY TAKE MEMPHIS

City Capitulates to Fun-Loving Nobles—Fireworks Tonight First Event for Public

By CLARK PORTEOUS
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

The Shrine took the town today, as Memphis became Mecca to the crimson-fezzed Nobles.

Fro mevery corner of the continent and from Honolulu, far out in the Pacific, Shriners moved into Memphis by special train, car, plane and boat.

They are here toattend the 66th annual session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Officially, the convention opens tomorrow.

But what do the gay Nobles care about "officially"? This morning, they had already captured Memphis and were staging impromptu parades and pulling off gags.

90 Per Cent Here by Night

Jersey F. Ramier, Memphis, housing chairman, said that 40 per cent of the Shriners had already arrived before noon. Mr. Ramier said that 90 per cent of the Nobles will be in Memphis by midnight.

Mr. Ramier says there will be 25,000 to 30,000 directly interested in the Shrine convention in Memphis.

There were parades out Union Avenue.

There was Medinah Temple of Chicago, 450 strong, leading a long parade. Police did the best they could to keep traffic open, holding back cars until a gap appeared in the marching ranks.

Spectacular Review

Officials wearing red coats and striped trousers stood at attention as the remainder of the Medinah group passed in review in front of the Peabody on Union. The bass drum moved on bicycle wheels. There was a marching group carrying curved swords that glinted in the sunlight.

The Medinah Oriental Band played weird music on the kind of pipes you see in pictures of snake-charmers. Others tapped rhythmically on primitive drums.

Harry F. Walsh, director of the Northerners on the radio, came by with the Chicago chanters, wearing black and red uniforms and singing in close harmony thru megaphones.

Scarlet and gold was the predominant color scheme of the Columbus, Ohio, drum and bugle corps. This is the Alladin temple and they looked like something Alladin might have conjured up from his wonderful lamp.

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7000 Gailey Garbed Shriners Step High In Their 70-Band Million Dollar Parade



Here comes the parade! With Old Glory fluttering in the breeze in the foreground, the head of the Shrine Escort Parade is shown moving north on Bellevue, ready to turn west on Union. First unit in the procession was Al Chymia, Memphis, the host temple.

—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo

Three-Hour Spectacle Thrills Memphis As Nobles March From Crump Stadium

By CLARK PORTEOUS, Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Seven thousand splendidly uniformed Shriners marched in the magnificent three-hour Escort Parade today, opening the three-day program of the "world's largest and merriest convention."

With an estimated 25,000 Shriners in Memphis for the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, those who weren't in the line of march watched the "million dollar parade" from Crump Stadium or along the crowd-framed streets.

It is called "Million Dollar Parade" because uniforms and equipment are reported to be worth more than \$1,000,000. The gorgeous uniforms were so resplendent with hues the rainbow never heard of that they would outshine Joseph's coat of many colors.

Expert musicians of some 70 bands made martial music that had the feet of thousands of spectators tapping. Dark clouds were ignored as the sun slanted thru oc-

asionally to glint on well-burnished instruments.

About 4000 people sat in Crump Stadium watching the parade move with precision around the quarter-mile cinder track. Red fezzes of hundreds of visiting Shriners checkered the crowd.

Capt. Toll Fowler, a fez in place of his usual white police cap, whirled ahead of the parade in a motorcycle sidecar. Maj. Tom Al-

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SHRINE ESCORT PARADE STAGED

Opening Event on Three-Day
Convention Program

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cycle policeman as he rode back and forth along the line of march.

Leading the parade were four Memphis mounted policemen. They came John B. Vesey, director general of the convention and the man mainly responsible for bringing the Nobles to Memphis. He stood in a snow white open car, driven by a uniformed Southwestern football player. Mr. Vesey drew cheers as the car glided along.

Two beautiful white horses and two brown horses, ridden by members of Al Chymia, the host Temple, which had the honor of leading the parade, rode along ahead of John A. Waterman, the Memphis potentate, and other marching Al Chymia officials.

The Al Chymia band, in splendid green, gold and scarlet uniforms, had a bass drum eight feet in diameter, mounted on four wheels.

Feature of the Al Chymia Oriental drum and bugle corps was Bill Hankins, costumed as "Princess Fatima." Wearing black veil and harem clothes over long underwear, Bill slithered in burlesque ecstasy ahead of the musicians who wore new white Arabian desert costumes.

The marching units performed tricky formations periodically, some circling wheel-like in the center of the street.

In the Nashville unit was the A Menah wrecking crew, riding a trick car. As the Nashville delegation was passing, a stretcher crew took away a Shriner who became ill from climbing the steep steps in the south stands of Crump Stadium. His condition was reported not serious.

Hella Temple of Dallas had a marching escort ahead of the of-

ficial car of Walter D. Cline, Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas, the outgoing Imperial Potentate. Mr. Cline, who started out as a mule skinner and is now a wealthy oil producer, looked distinguished as he bowed to the crowd. The Dallas delegation wore cream-colored flannels trimmed in blue, with plenty of gold tassels. Then came the 40 open white cars

in which members of the Imperial Council rode until they reached the reviewing stand in Forrest Park. Many watched the remainder of the parade from there.

In one of the official cars was W. H. Kendrick, who has charge of the 15 hospitals for crippled children, called "Temples of Mercy," the serious note to the gaily Shrinedom. The Nobles keep

the hospitals for the rehabilitation of crippled youngsters.

Fat Orientals wearing wide striped costumes that looked like tents, and queer red shoes with turned-up toes, marched with Koran of Cleveland, Syria of Pittsburgh had a marching unit of men wearing black cutaways and striped trousers, holding canes at jaunty angles in white-gloved hands.

STAGE SHOW TONIGHT

At 8:30 tonight the "Show of a Century" will be staged by Ernie Young, former Memphian, in Crump Stadium. It is a variety show with a cost of 100. Tickets range from 50 cents to \$1.65. Girls in the show stopped rehearsing on the stage in the stadium long enough to watch the parade today.

Didn't Need Key—Memphis Was Open and Waiting



Prancing down the street was this mounted patrol, led by Capt. Girard Jones, from Boston's Aleppo Temple.



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photos

Memphis' Al Chymia Temple occupied the leadoff, or honored position in today's three-hour Escort Parade, longest parade in Memphis' history. In and on this car, waiting for the parade to begin, are Al Chymia members, Mack McClure, Benny Bluestein, A. J. Latsch, Gene Dearth, F. W. McElravy, J. A. Coleman of Lexington, Tenn., the driver; Dave Rosenthal, staff director; Nathan Goldstein, Eddie Traylor, W. H. Austin and Bert Coughlin.

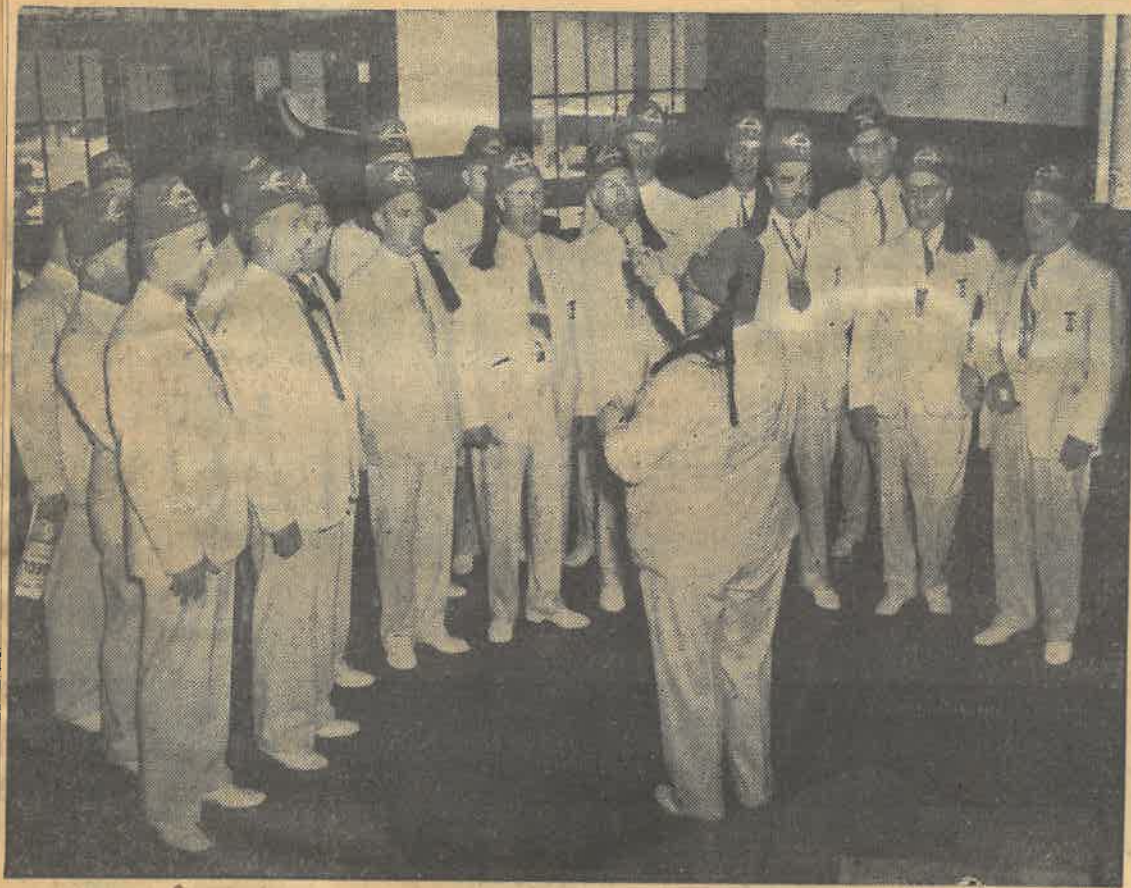


—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo

Here is part of the crowd in the south stand of Crump Stadium watching Shrinedom's finest on parade today.

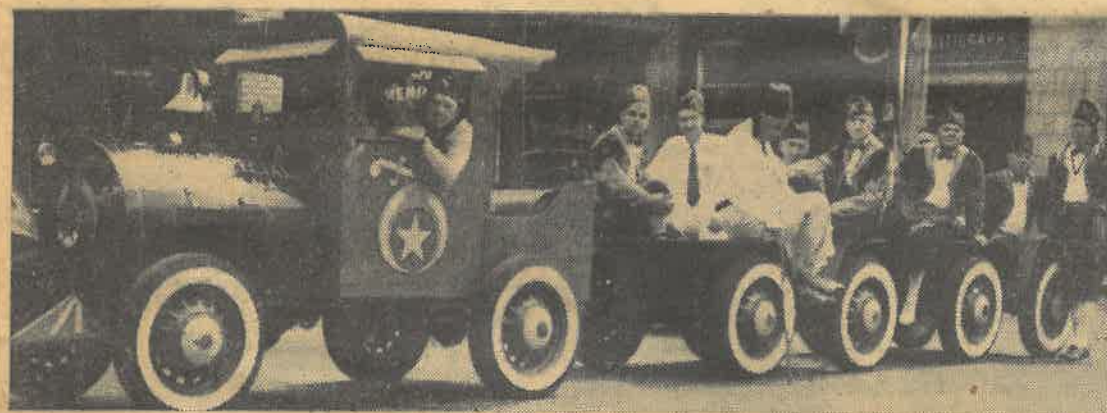


ent Mr. McMinn has been going after another—all over the Mid- and, as you know, there are at he went to 50 singing conven- isn't missed a Sunday. he Ax Church near Tuckerman, and a big one right here in Mem- church, 960 S. Third. al singing, Mr. McMinn says, just



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo

To the office of Edward J. Meeman, editor of The Press-Scimitar, yesterday afternoon came the chanters from Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles, Cal. They are part of the temple's delegation to the Shrine convention. Harold Lloyd is a member of the temple. Directed by Harold Proctor, the group sang several songs. In the picture, besides Mr. Proctor, are: James H. Beach, Robert L. Brown, Homer A. Dahlman, C. Newton Graves, Homer O. Griffith, Thomas B. Hamilton, Vaughan R. Harlan, George W. Isaacs, Robert S. MacAllister, Everett W. Mattoon, Albert N. Minton, W. H. Moir, Glen L. Pearce, John W. Peterson, George E. Sailor and Edmund Shank.



In almost every conceivable manner, Shriners came to Memphis. Part of Birmingham, Ala.'s Zamora Temple came on the "Zamora Special," an automobile-train.



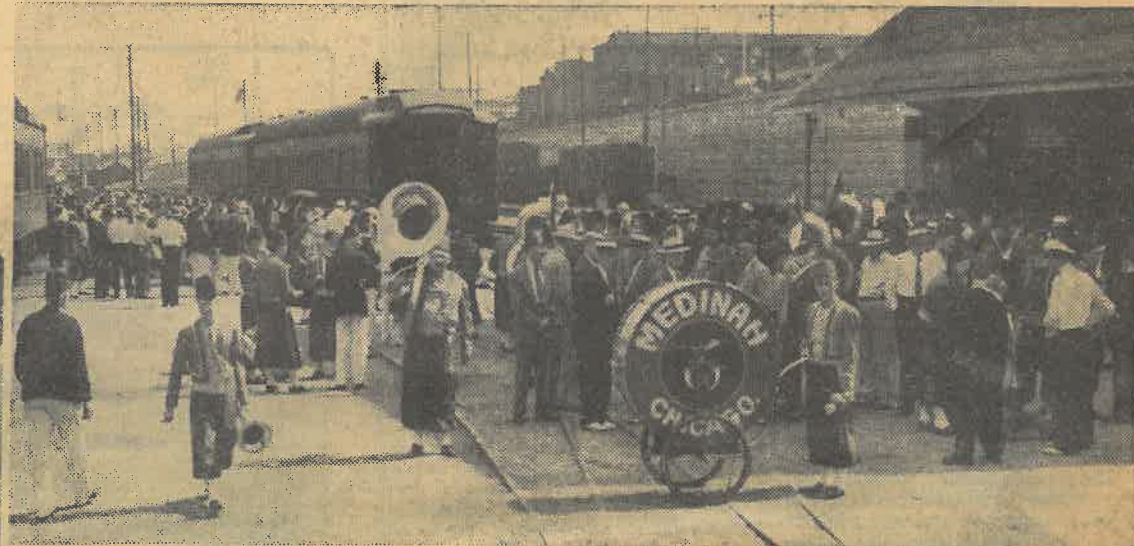
If you can find him, Harold Lloyd is in the midst of this closely cluttered mob in Hotel Peabody's lobby. Everybody was making a fuss over Harold, at least everybody was making quite a fuss. They may elect Harold the Imperial Outer Guard, which would make him, in 12 years, the Imperial Poten-



John Vesey, who as director general of the world's largest convention is about the busiest man in the city, rode in a white official car in an honored position.



"You fellows here in Memphis are showing us a mighty good time," Col. H. J. Watson, U. S. A., retired, said to J. E. Holdeman, right, of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, just before the parade. Colonel Watson, who has "been in every fracas since the Philippine insurrection on," is past national commander of the National Association of Shrine Legions o Honor. The legions are composed of Shrine ex-service men.



Off three special trains poured this huge delegation of Chicago Shriners at the I. C. Pullman City. The group from Chicago's Medinah Temple alone is larger than many Memphis conventions. Included is a brass band of 95 members, an Arab patrol of four companies and 135 members, an Oriental band of 55 and 50 chanters. A medical staff of 12 serves the members. There are 35 marshals. Chicago claims to have the original Shrine Arab band. The temple, with 13,000 members, is headed by Potentate William Boller.

STROLLING

With ELDON ROARK

City Really Welcoming Nobles

I've been looking over a list of all the temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America—you know, the Shriners—and I find that many of them have odd names, and some are downright funny.

I believe my favorite temple name is Lu Lu, of Philadelphia, with Zem Zem, of Erie, Pa., a close second. I also like Moolah, Aahmes, Abou Ben Adhem, Yaarab and Wahabi.

And speaking of temples, the one at Little Rock, by the way, is Scimitar Temple.

John B. Vesey, president of Al Chymia Imperial Convention, Inc., and director-general of the celebration which gets under way officially today, says Memphis is responding enthusiastically to every demand made upon it in entertaining the greatest gathering in the city's history, and after strolling around the town I am ready to agree with him.

Why, even the Beale Street pawnshops have out the yellow, green and red decorations, and the familiar emblem—

"WELCOME, NOBLES."

Parade After Parade of Thrills

And speaking of the Shriners, I give up. They're just making things impossible for me.

All morning I've been sitting here trying to write a story about a pigeon-toed duck, but I just can't concentrate. My desk is right by a big window on the fifth floor of our building, and I can look down Union Avenue almost to Main Street. And right now that means just one distraction after another.

As soon as I buckle down to serious, concentrated thinking, another bunch of Shriners comes swinging out the avenue, their band playing "Beer Barrel Polka" or some other lively tune, their bright uniforms flashing in the sunshine, their flags and banners waving. And everytime they do, I push my typewriter aside and stretch my neck a foot longer.

Never have I seen such colorful parading. Those red, green and yellow uniforms are loud—but pretty. The amateur color-photographers will be plumb nuts before this convention is over.

Anyway, you see what I'm up against. How can I write about a pigeon-toed duck with all this going on? I guess there's just no use in a fellow's trying to do any serious work this week.

Singing His Way to Happiness

Well, let's forget the duck. Let's see if I can tell you about Charley McMinn before another band comes along.

I guess lots of people will remember that name, for Charley McMinn carried the mail around Memphis over 30 years. And no matter how cold it got, Mr. McMinn went his way in his shirt sleeves—whistling or humming, always in a good humor.

He retired on pension four years ago, and since then he has been having the time of his life. Many men feel lost when they retire. Time hangs heavily on their hands, and they get cross and irritable—and sometimes their health breaks. But that's because they didn't plan what they would do when they were released from the routine, workaday world.

Charley McMinn did. All his life he has been crazy about singing, and the only place a fellow can really get his fill of it is at a singing convention. You know how those conventions are run. Usually some church is the host, and singers, all denominations, come from miles around. The singing goes on all day long, with first one director and then another leading—and with trios, quartets, quintets and so on, getting a chance to do their stuff.

Just One Song After Another

Anyway, ever since his retirement Mr. McMinn has been going to one singing convention right after another—all over the Mid-South. They are held on Sunday and, as you know, there are only 52 Sundays in a year. Last year he went to 50 singing conventions, and so far this year he hasn't missed a Sunday.

Last Sunday he was at Battle Ax Church near Tuckerman, Ark., and this Sunday he will attend a big one right here in Memphis—at the Assemblies of God Church, 960 S. Third.

And if you want to hear some real singing, Mr. McMinn says, just drop by—"anytime during the day."

Mrs. McMinn used to go with him to his dashes to the conventions, but in the past year or so she has tired of it. Mr. McMinn is going stronger than ever, tho.

P.S.: Mr. McMinn also follows his fancy when it leads in other directions. Remember the story STROLLING printed about the two-legged mule up near Martin, Tenn.? Well, when Mr. McMinn read that, he said to himself that he just had to see that mule. So he went right out, got into his car and drove way up to Martin and saw it. Oh, yeah, Mr. McMinn is really stepping out and going places in his retirement.

'Show of a Century' At Crump Stadium Tonight

Stage Show of Unmatched Brilliance, First Of Shrine's Three-Night Spectacles

By JOSEPH GUESS
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Across the dark backdrop of tonight will appear in Crump Stadium a stage show of perhaps unmatched brilliance as far as the Mid-South is concerned—the "Show of a Century."

As 28 powerful Kleig spotlights wash the scene in dazzling white at 8:30, there will be presented a show for which Shriners combed the nation, an entertainment to match with glamor the interest of the Shrine's own didoes.

This is the first of three great night spectacles. The Shrine Convention, Inc., backed by Memphis business men, has put more of its own money into this than any other single event.

The money will come back. Judging from seat sales, possibly 20,000 will watch. There are 10,000 55-cent seats, 10,000 at \$1.10 and 5000 at \$1.65.

Ernie Young's show was chosen not because Ernie is a former Memphian who has made good on Broadway, but because his shows are famous for such things as once having had Joan Crawford, Sally Rand and Ruth Etting in the same chorus at the same time!

Ernie now not only has his "Show of a Century" booked solid for 16 weeks in large outdoor theaters (it is too large for presentation indoors), but he has five more shows running on other circuits.

Tonight's show will really have 11 acts, including Tony Sarg's truck-size balloons and two acts which will circulate among the audience as it gathers before the main entertainment starts.

To be presented on a terraced stage, the eight main acts, two of which are said to be virtually complete vaudeville shows within themselves, are:

1. "ROLLIN' ALONG"—16 girl dancers and six man-and-girl dancing teams, total of 28 persons, featuring girls inside whirling hoops. Time, 12 minutes.

2. LESTER COLE AND DEBUTANTES—Cole, singing star of five Broadway musicals, and six girls will sing a medley of favorites from Jerome Kern's "Showboat," including "Make Believe," "Here Comes

the Showboat" and "Old Man River." Each of the seven is a soloist. Cole is a high baritone. Time, 10-12 minutes.

3. "NIGHT IN MADRID"—Dance of senoritas, Spanish fandangoes, a holiday fiesta with 37 people, including 22 girls and six men dancers. Lester Cole and his debutantes sing "A Night in Spain," the once widely loved "Valencia" and the comic "Ferdinand the Bull." This entire number attempts fine artistry, altho worked into it is a farcial bullfight between a clown and two men in a bull-skin. Featured, too, is the playing of a new instrument, the "boomvah," devised by the show's producers. The boomvah is really a thicker-than-usual drum head without the rest of the drum and gives off a booming and weird sound. Time, 25 minutes.

4. LARIMER AND HUDSON—Clowning trick cyclists and acrobats. Time, 10 minutes.

5. "SILVER FOREST"—Young says he saw this in a competitors' show and wasn't satisfied until he had bought the act. Silver trees are set up on the stage. Thirty girls, half in white and half in black, all with large Cellophane fans, do graceful ballets thru the forest. Myrtle and Pecaud, dressed in skintight golden glass, pirouette into the scene. Time, 20 minutes.

6. SMITH, ROGERS AND EDDIE—Frozen-faced "nit-wits" and comic dancers-acrobats. Time, 10 minutes.

7. "CIRCUS DAYS"—Lester Cole and the debutantes return for more songs. The dancers return. The two Juvelys, "France's foremost equilibrists," do such stunts as this: One balances on the top of his head two balls and then his partner. In all, 34 performers. Time, 15 minutes.

8. "PARADE OF TOMORROW"—Grand finale. Sixteen swift-moving girl fencers. A military march of 50 dancers. Cole and the debs back to sing. Entire cast performing upon the stages. Time, 15-20 minutes.

Immediately following, another show—a 50-minute parade of the Southeastern Shrine Association, with bands, marchers, clowns and novelty stunts.

BUFFALO MAN HEADS SHRINE RECORDERS

Edward G. Ziegler of Ismalia Temple Elected

Edward G. Ziegler of Ismalia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday was elected president of the Shrine's Recorders Association at its 20th annual meeting. He succeeds Richard Hungerford of Media Temple, Watertown, N. Y.

Other new officers are:

JACK LINN, Ballut Ahyard Temple, Albuquerque, N. M., first vice president.
ART PIERCE, Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa, second vice president.
FRANK CUNDELL, Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, third vice president.
AL ELLIS, Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Special honors were paid to T. Lawrence Walker of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., first president of the association, 20 years ago.

Lake Hays and John A. Waterman of Memphis made welcoming talks at the luncheon. Rev. Marshall Wingfield gave the invocation.

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WEATHER: Partly cloudy with showers this afternoon or tonight. Thursday partly cloudy, not much change in temper

60TH YEAR

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'OLD HOME TOWN' CONGRATULATES LLOYD

Election today of Harold Lloyd, the movie comedian, as the Shrine's Imperial Outer Guard, leading eventually to Imperial Potentate, brought his "old home town," Omaha, Neb., with wide open arms to congratulate him. Harold attended school in Omaha and took part in amateur shows here. He was born in Buchard, Neb. Altho he belongs to Los Angeles' Malaikah Temple, he is an honorary member of Omaha's Tangier Temple. Congratulating him on his election are these Omaha Nobles, left to right: Joseph Fradenberg, Chief Rabban; Potentate Harold Landeryou, shaking hands with Lloyd; Jess Schroeder, Imperial Delegate, and Dr. Fred F. Whitcomb, Past Potentate.

Shrine Ladies From Afar Like the South

The Shrine ladies who have traveled farthest to see the South are among the most enthusiastic!

There is Mrs. Fred W. Francis of Victoria, British Columbia, who is delighted "with everything," but confides that she does miss the wealth of colorful blossoms that abound in her home section—the entire countryside was a riot of brilliant blooms when she left. Then, too, Memphis doesn't have the "ocean air." But, of course, you can't have everything. Memphis' hospitality certainly lives up to what she has read about the South, and the beautiful pastel luncheon yesterday, and the elaborate banquet last night are something to remember.

Mrs. George K. Campbell of Honolulu maybe smiles a bit over the Southern drawl, but nevertheless declares THE ACCENT is delightful!

Others who have journeyed long distances to attend the convention are: Mrs. Peter Cook of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mrs. W. T. Baker of Pueblo, Col.; Mrs. A. G. Arvold of Fargo, N. D.; Mrs. H. F. Boyen of San Francisco; Mrs. H. E. Rush of Moscow, Idaho; Mrs. J. R. Cochran of Minneapolis; Mrs. J. W. Boling of Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. H. P. Flickinger of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. W.

K. Converse of Helena, Mont.; Mrs. C. H. Fischer of Salt Lake City; Mrs. W. J. Hoffman of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Gard Gammage of London, Canada, and Mrs. Bernice Curnoe of London.

Mrs. Campbell spoke of the war work the women of British Columbia are doing. Pearl Harbor is well protected, she pointed out. The women are more anxious than the men, she said.

Toronto women are making their homes ready for refugees. A number are attending the convention, including Mrs. W. R. Shaw, Mrs. William Spears and Mrs. Martyn

Murdock. The Order of Daughters of the Empire is doing a splendid work and everything centers about the war. Toronto women, usually planning at this time to leave for summer homes, will remain in the city, Mrs. Shaw said.

The Toronto Shrine temple has just given two ambulances for service in England.

K. A. ALUMNI HOSTS TO SHRINE VISITOR

Kappa Alpha alumni of Memphis will entertain with a dinner party at 7 p.m. tomorrow on the terrace of University Club in honor of Hubert M. Poteat of Wake Forest, N. C.

The honor guest is national executive councilman of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He is here for the first time in several years and is attending the Shrine convention. He is a candidate for the office of imperial outer guard of the Shrine and is running against Harold Lloyd.

UP IN FRONT

Glitter of Shrine Parade to Radiate Tonight in Spectacular Procession

By CLARK PORTEOUS
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Marvels of Scheherazade's 1001 "Arabian Nights" will be eclipsed by the Mammoth Electrical Parade of the Shrine, crammed into three hours, beginning tonight at 8:30.

The story of the "Arabian Nights" is that once a Sultan became a little peeved at the unfaithfulness of

his Sultana and vowed to take a new Sultana every night, strangling the old one in the morning.

Finally he came to Scheherazade, the Grand Vizier's daughter. Now Scheherazade was a clever girl and she wanted to be queen for more than a night. So she started telling the Sultan wondrous stories of flying carpets, huge birds, Ali Baba

and the 40 Thieves and the like. Well, it was 1001 nights of such stories before the Sultan even thought of his vow.

Illuminated Uniforms

If you could hover over Crump Stadium aboard a flying carpet tonight, you would see a scintillating sight as Shriners, wearing illuminated uniforms, move around the track. You will get almost the same effect from the stadium seats.

Meanwhile, fun-loving Shriners have completely captured Memphis as the 66th annual session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, moved into the second of its three-day conclave.

Shrine officials estimate there are now about 30,000 Shriners in Memphis, half of them in uniform. Counting families and Mid-South spectators, an estimated 40,000 visitors are in the city.

War cut down on the anticipated attendance of 60,000, many Shriners having been unable to leave their businesses because of the international situation.

Indianapolis, Ind., and Miami, Fla., are competing for the 1941 conclave. The Imperial Council is expected to make a decision before the day is over.

The Shriners are scheduled to parade tonight, rain or shine, over the same route as yesterday's Escort Parade.

The night parade is said to be much more spectacular than the day procession of the Shrine. Many of the marchers wear trick electrical fixtures powered by pocket batteries.

Mardi Gras Parade

Jerusalem Temple of New Orleans brought six of the most beautiful Mardi Gras floats for the parade. The mule-drawn, torch-illuminated floats will be interspersed in the line of march.

Imitation locomotives and trick automobiles of various sorts will be in the parade. There will be small cannons that will go off with deafening roars at unexpected moments.

In the 70 bands are included some with instruments and batons that light up. A bright ribbon of illumination has been stretched down Union Avenue to provide more light for the parade, which will take three hours to pass any given point. This is not nearly as long as the NRA parade of 1932, but it is long enough.

WHERE TO SEE TONIGHT'S PARADE

Here's where you can see the Electrical Parade of the Shrine starting at 8:30 tonight: In Crump Stadium, plenty of seats are available at 55 cents to \$1.65. The parade can be seen free elsewhere along the line of march. The procession forms on Peabody between Willett and Cooper. It will move into Crump Stadium's east entrance, pass under the south stands and then will circle the track. The parade will move out onto Linden, go west to Bellevue, then north to Union and proceed west on Union to Marshall, the disbanding point. There is a reviewing stand in Forrest Park.

Noble Emulates Forrest—Rides Nag Into Lobby

At noon today, a member of Al Chymia Temple (Memphis) rode a magnificent white horse into the lobby of Hotel Peabody, coming in thru a Union Avenue entrance. The rider had to duck his head to enter.

The horseman rode thru the crowded lobby to the fountain. Then the Moolah Temple (St. Louis) band, which was playing in the lobby, suddenly began to play "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used to Be."

Somehow this made the horse jittery and he began to prance about a trifle too near the toes of some of the Shriners and spectators. A Memphis policeman took the bridle and led horse and rider outside.



BETTY BENSON

... will represent Forrest City, Ark., in the Miss Mid-South contest tomorrow night. Forty-three contestants will parade on view at the Malco Theater at 7 p.m. Winners of the titles of Miss Tennessee, Miss Mississippi and Miss Arkansas will be selected there, but will not be announced until the Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant at Crump Stadium at 8:30 p.m. From these finalists, Miss Mid-South will then be selected. All the girls will ride floats.

WIVES OF SHRINERS OFF TO PICKWICK

More than 400 wives of Shriners left the Hotel Peabody this morning in a fleet of buses and automobiles for an all-day trip to Pickwick Dam and Shiloh National Park.

Each of the 159 Shrine temples has four official representatives at the conclave, and their wives were given the trip free. They were to drive across Pickwick Dam, then have lunch in the inn at Shiloh Park. They are due back in Memphis at 5 p.m. today.

Mrs. John B. Vesey, wife of the director general of the convention, was in charge.



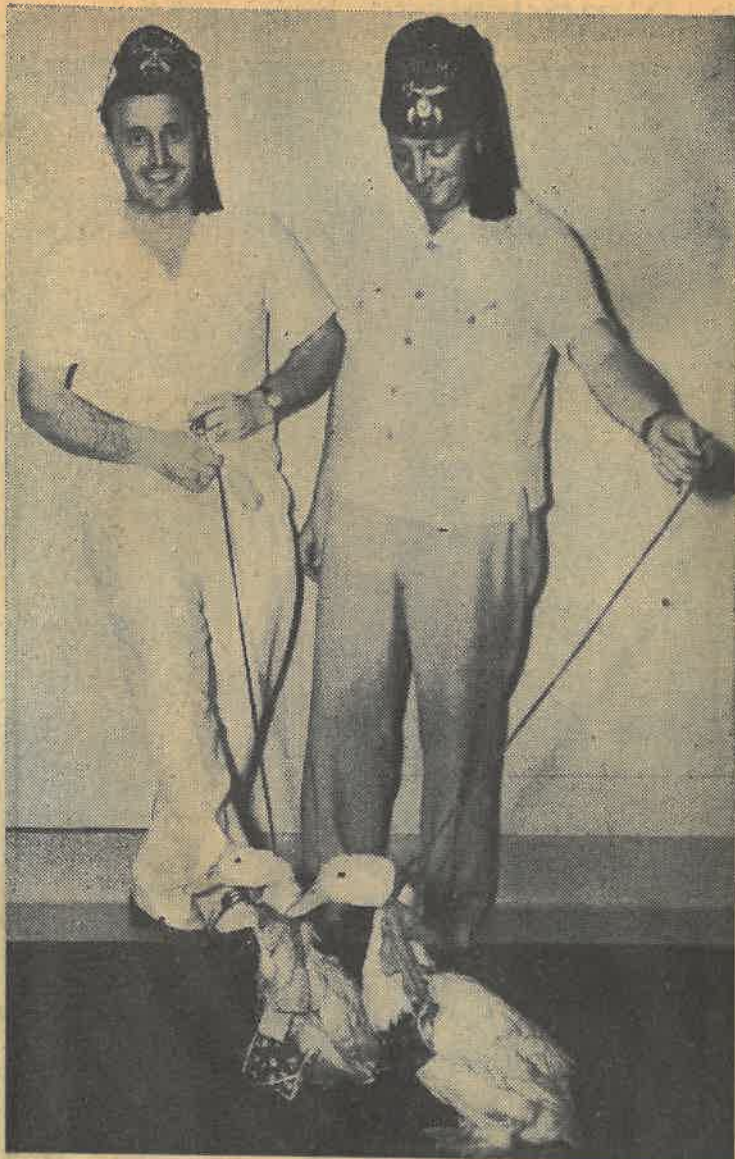
CHARLOTTE CURRY

Charlotte Curry, 1940 queen of the Dyersburg, Tenn., Cotton Carnival, is a candidate for Miss Mid-South. The winner will receive an expense-paid trip to the San Francisco World's Fair, where she will reign as queen on Mid-South Day June 27. She also will visit Hollywood for a screen test.

Shriners Capture City With Fun and Frolic

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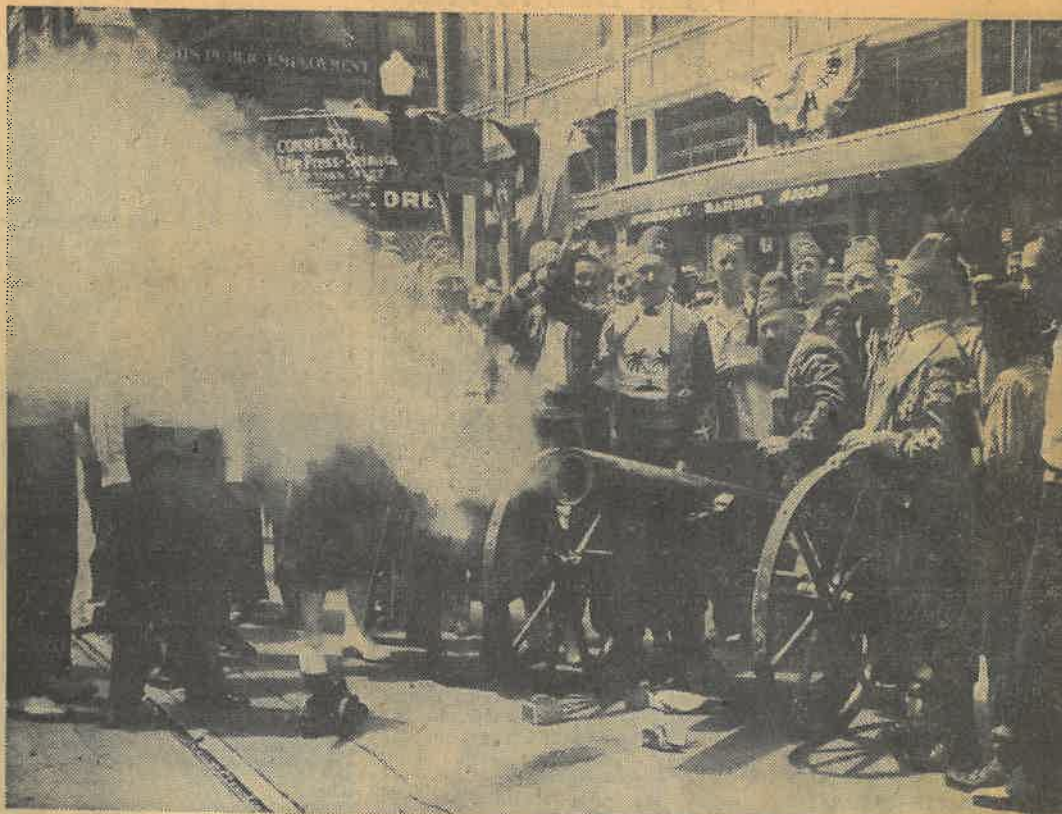
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The famous Peabody ducks were sent to the farm for safety's sake during the Shrine conclave, but there are ducks about nonetheless. Here are pictured Charles T. Vogt, left, with "Gwendolyn," and Gran G. King with "Donald." Both (men not ducks) are members of the Boumi Temple, Baltimore.



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Mrs. E. R. Reid, Osceola, Ark., was the victim of the naughty little dog when the picture was made. The Shriners press a bulb and shoot water on ladies' stockings thru the artificial dog. Nobles with the dog include W. F. Baker, Martinsburg, W. Va.; M. E. Ellinger, Hagerstown, Md., and R. G. Burkhardt, Osiris Temple.



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo

In noise anyway, Union Avenue resembled the street of a beleaguered European city today. Shrine temples fired off noisy, but otherwise harmless cannons. The big cannon belongs to Jerusalem Temple of New Orleans, while the little, but nevertheless noisy cannon was fired by Nobles of Almas Temple, Washington.



It's so cold it seems hot when it touches bare skin. It's Ethyl Chloride. Dr. E. H. Clarkson, left, and E. Williams, both of Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., were flicking Mrs. C. E. Rickard, 3582 Gayway, with the cold liquid.

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Time Out for Toledo's Shrine Ladies



The ladies from Toledo! Pausing for a brief rest near the fountain in Hotel Peabody lobby are, left to right: Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mrs. Edward Baertschi, Mrs. Herman Kruger, Mrs. W. W. Penske and Mrs. Otto Kirschenbauer—here for the Shrine convention.



Life Is Just One Gag After Another

These Shriners have made a jittery skeptic out of me. They've got me in such a state that no matter what I see or hear, I don't just believe it. It's just another gag or trick. There's a catch in it somewhere.

I'm afraid to shake hands with any of them, for fear of getting an electrical shock, and when one of them offers me an innocent-looking little souvenir I'm afraid to take it. You just can't be sure that the thing won't jump up and bite you.

When I pass a group of them on the street, I sidle over to the curb—and get ready to leap for my life. You never know when a python will pop out and leer at you, when a toy dog will squirt water in your eye, or when a torpedo will explode under your coattail.

Then you take those Arabian horses. That's the business that has really made a skeptic of me.

Last Friday I pick up a paper and in the general news story about the Shrine convention I read a letter written to Shrine headquarters here by Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles. It says—

"Al Malaikah is bringing 12 finely bred, high-spirited Arabian horses for the night parade in the most luxurious stall car ever used, even outshining Seabiscuit's. The horses were all trained by Chief Rabban J. Marion Wright, who has a large horse farm near Glendale, second only to the famous Kellogg Arabian Ranch near Pomona."

That, of course, sounds as if it is going to be one of the big features of the whole business. Twelve high-spirited, prancing Arabian horses! No wonder everybody at headquarters gets all pepped up. Whatever those Californians do, they do in a big way. Yes, sir! And a horse committee is appointed to welcome them and help look after them.

Well, the Al Malaikah Nobles are here with their magnificent mounts—guffawing to beat the band. Oh, yeah, they have 12 Arabian horses, all right—but they are dummy, papier-mache horses! They are the kind you see at costume balls.

I'm just not going to believe anything, any more.

Miami Shriners Have 'Hot Seat'

The stunt that's getting the most laughs, in my opinion, is the one pulled by the Miami Shriners. They have a pretty little chariot, all decorated with palms and flowers, and they push and pull it around, stopping frequently to invite girls and women to sit in it and have their pictures taken.

That, of course, tickles most of the women. And the few who don't feel flattered by the invitation want to be good sports. So they, too, climb into the chariot.

Then the Shriner-photographer gets out in front with his little movie camera. "Stand back, everybody! . . . All right, ladies . . . Let's have a nice smile."

And the ladies turn on their sweetest smile.

At that precise moment one of the villains standing behind the chariot presses a button, and electricity shoots thru the chariot seat. Such jumping and shrieking you've never heard!

The Jokes Keep Flying, Thick and Fast

The step-ins gag also is getting lots of laughs on Main Street. A Shriner with a pair of loud step-ins—or a pair of huge red bloomers—goes up behind a woman, taps her on the shoulder and says—

"Pardon me, madam, but did you lose these?"

And one bunch of Shriners, step-ins in hand, goes up the street "looking for Cinderella."

Toy dogs that aren't house-broken—or should I say street-broken?—also seem to be popular.

One of the funniest things I've seen in an aimless stroll around the downtown section was the good-natured kidding one bunch of Shriners gave a young lady in Lowenstein's. She was demonstrating some kind of white polish, and they gathered around her table and stared at her with open mouths—as if they were positively amazed. "My! My! You don't say! Well, well, well! Just look at that... What do you know about that?"

But they couldn't get her goat. She just kept smiling and lecturing and demonstrating.

Some Visitors Have Silent Fun

I may be wrong, but I believe the Shriners who are having the biggest time are those who are in the midst of the excitement, but who are oblivious to it.

Take the two rather old Shriners I saw on Main between Gayoso and Union, for instance. Informal parades were marching up and down the street, with horns blaring, drums rolling and sirens shrieking. A mounted battery raced by, its automatic cannon booming like the guns before Paris. Pedestrians dragging cowbells and other noise-makers streamed by.

But these two Shriners I'm talking about didn't seem to hear or see any of it. They sat on the curb, looking each other in the face and slapping each other on the back, laughing and talking. There wasn't any doubt about it. They were having a good time.

And then take the lone Shriner I saw in the Peabody. The crackerjack band of El Mina Temple, Galveston, was playing an impromptu concert, and those fellows with the horns were really giving them all they had. The music boomed and rolled and bounced around the lobby, and men and women danced all over the place—doing everything from the old-fashioned waltz to the hottest jitterbug gyrations. Above the din could be heard bellylaughs and an occasional shriek. It was all just a human anthill.

But at a little table on the mezzanine was a lone Shriner who was in the tumult, but he wasn't a part of it. Before him was a stack of picture postcards, and he was writing furiously with never an upward glance. He, too, was having a great time—and wishing his friends were there.

Well, let every man have his fun in his own way, I always say.

CRIPPLES ONCE, BUT NOT AFTER HOSPITAL STAY

Shriner-Rotarians Given A
Glimpse of Good Work
Their Help Is Doing

"I was coming down a highway one night. . . . It was just getting dark. . . . A car sped over the hill, ran into me, crushed both legs. . . . They took me to the hospital."

There was unmistakable sincerity as Frank Travis of McCombs, Miss., told his story of physical and mental rehabilitation yesterday at the Hospital for Crippled Adults, where the Rotary Club and visiting Shriners-Rotarians met for luncheon.

His hands deep in his pockets, he stood before a tense crowd of 110 and told how doctors said he was doomed to be a helpless and hopeless cripple after the accident; of how he lay on a hospital bed for months, believing he would never walk again; of how he was finally told that both legs would have to be cut off, and of how, like a miracle, he heard about the Hospital for Crippled Adults, entered it—and today walks as normally as ever.

See for Themselves

The visiting Rotarians went from room to room in the hospital which their fellow members in the Mid-South sponsor and saw for themselves what Mr. Travis meant when he ended his talk with these words: "I can't express in words what the hospital has meant to me. Its work is wonderful. . . . It has given many of us new life. . . ."

In the first room they visited they watched Tom Clements of Laurel, Miss., pull a string with his left hand so the odd-looking little contraption above his bed would enable him to exercise his knees. He suffered from arthritis for years, unable to walk well and unable to work. But he has already had an operation and will soon be leaving the hospital—a normal young man again.

Another 'Miracle'

Down at Senatobia, Miss., last fall Lewis Brewer was helping put out a truck fire. There was a terrific explosion—and Lewis was burned horribly on the arms, face and body. It looked like a hopeless case until he heard about the Memphis hospital thru Herbert Holmes of the Senatobia Rotary Club. He was admitted four weeks ago and is already on the way to recovery.

"I'm going to be able to go back to my wife and daughter soon, and they'll be plenty surprised," he told the Rotarians.

More Enthusiasts

Equally as enthusiastic was Bill Henry, 22-year-old Bristol, Tenn., boy, who was carried into the hospital on a stretcher four months ago. He had been unable to walk without crutches since he was 12 when he had infantile paralysis. He has already gained 40 pounds and will soon be able to leave the hospital—without the crutches.

A stiff knee and a deformed right foot caused Moses Reyes of Lambert, Miss., to feel a little discouraged when he entered the hospital recently. His foot has already been straightened and physicians are concentrating on his knee.

In 1936, J. E. Hutchins Jr., of Cleveland, Tenn., broke his left leg six times, he told the Rotarians. Afterward he had to use crutches or a wheelchair. Recently he entered the Memphis hospital for some skin grafts. Next week he will leave the hospital permanently. Handicapped? Not in the least now.

Shriner Gets Big Kick In Making First Flights

Shriner James McVittie's hobby is making first flights.

It all started in Rumania several years ago. Mr. McVittie had to make a hurried business trip to South America. The Graf Zeppelin, now dismantled, was scheduled to make its maiden voyage.

Mr. McVittie reached Friedrichshafen, Germany, in time to catch the dirigible on its 7000-mile trip to Pernambuco, South America. Since then he has been a first flight fan.

He made the initial trips of the ill-fated Hindenburg, which later burned in New Jersey; the China Clipper across the Pacific and the Dixie Clipper across the Atlantic. He sends friends air mail envelopes commemorating first voyages.

Mr. McVittie, president of McVittie Metal Plating Co., Chicago, has a reservation to make the maiden flight of the Pan-American plane to Alaska Monday, June 24. He also hopes to fly to Siberia.

Tall, husky Mr. McVittie had his reservation on the Dixie Clipper for five years before the flight was

Mr. McVittie took off from Alameda, San Francisco airport, at 3:15 p.m. and was in Honolulu at 8 a.m. the next day. He flew on to Hong Kong, decided to visit war-scarred Shanghai. He made the trip on a tramp steamer.

Because of unsettled conditions Mr. McVittie had trouble getting away from Shanghai in time to make the return trip on the Clipper. But he managed to hire a sampan that took him to another tramp steamer, where he had to sleep below deck, packed in with Chinese refugees. There were 400 aboard. It was a tough trip and he was ill when he reached Hong Kong.

Later, he made the Dixie Clipper trip from Long Island to France.

Mr. McVittie is Chief Rabban of Medinah Temple, Chicago, nation's largest, with about 14,000 members. He will be Potentate next year.



JAMES MCVITTIE

made. He was offered many times its value when time for the trip came, but he wouldn't sell his reservation.

On the Graf Zeppelin he flew over Switzerland, Spain, Gibraltar, down the coast of Africa, over the Canary and Cape Verde Islands, where mail was dropped by parachute, then above the clouds over the South Atlantic. It took 70 hours' flying time to reach South America.

Europe was at peace when Mr. McVittie took off from Friedrichshafen for Lakehurst, N. J. He said passenger accommodations were inside the Hindenburg, instead of in a special gondola, as on the Graf Zeppelin. He said a severe storm half way across the Atlantic caused only a slight roll of the big lighter-than-air craft.

'BOGUS SHRINE HATS'

Arrested on complaint of Shriners, J. L. Lovejoy, 23, was arrested, who said he was selling "bogus" docketed last night on a charge of peddling without a license. He said his home was in Texas. He will be arraigned in City Court late today.

Office in Jesters Is Wedding Gift

National Court of Royal Jesters, a Shrine fun-loving inner organization, gave Albert S. Wells a wedding present he wasn't expecting, it was learned today.

Mr. Wells married Jane Milburn, daughter of Noble and Mrs. Oscar Milburn of Chicago, last Thursday. Mr. Milburn persuaded him to bring his bride to Memphis for the Royal Jesters session Monday, when Mr. Wells was elected property man, basic office in the line that moves up toward the presidency each year.

The honeymooners had to leave Monday night, flying to Chicago, so that Mr. Wells could open a convention there yesterday. He is president of the National Radio Association and of Wells-Gordon Radio Co., Chicago, manufacturer of radios for Montgomery Ward.

'Show of Century' Lives Up to Its Colorful Name

No Dull Moments in Extravaganza of Girls,
Performers, Viewed by Thousands

By JOSEPH GUESS

Colonel Memphis played host last night to the world's master funsters by presenting before them a revue of master entertainers, directed, very appropriately, by Memphis' own Ernie Young. A "Show of a Century" it was called and none there was, among the 10,000 at Crump Stadium, to dispute its title.

With 100 members in its cast, bevy of beautiful girls, bewitching costumes, resplendent and varied settings and acts, it fulfilled advance notices.

As the crowd gathered before darkness, they were treated to a parade of Tony Sarg's immense animal balloons, to the aerial feats of the Mills Trio and to breathtaking stunts by Ken Davis, "Australian Gymnasts of the Air," 110 feet off the ground on a bending flagpole.

Eight expertly produced acts, entering every second, followed.

One of them presented 28 dancers on the stage at the same time, while Lester Cole and his Six Debutantes, each one a thoroughly qualified soloist, sang beautifully.

Enthusiastically received was "Night in Madrid" with all the dancers and singers and a comic bull fight between "Don Peso" and "Ferdinand the Bull."

To many, the outstanding hit of the show was the two Juvelys, a balancing act.

Other hits were Larimer and Hudson, clowning bicyclists; the "Silver Forest" number, with 30 beauties in black and white, and the grand finale, "Parade of Tomorrow," with a fencing duel including 16 girls, military marches and songs. Cole and his singing debs were in several of the acts.

SHRINE HONORS HAROLD LLOYD

Movie Comedian Elected To
Imperial Divan

Movie Comedian Harold Lloyd, of horn-rimmed spectacles fame, was elected to the Imperial Divan by the Shrine Imperial Council this afternoon.

Mr. Lloyd, past potentate of powerful Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles, was elected Imperial Outer Guard. This means that in 11 years of automatic promotions he will become Imperial Potentate, the position to which George F. Olendorf, Springfield, Mo., will be elevated today. Mr. Olendorf will succeed Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Indianapolis, Ind., was reported to have the edge to secure the 1941 convention. Decision was to be made by the Imperial Council this afternoon. Miami, Fla., also was trying to secure the convention, but nobles said that since the convention is in the South this year, Indianapolis is almost certain to win.

Lovely Climax Of Shrine Fun Tomorrow Night

Climax of the Shrine conclave will be the sparkling Hollywood Electrical Pageant in Crump Stadium, featuring floats sponsored by movie producers, at 8:30 tomorrow night. Tickets range from \$1.65 to \$2.75.

Girls from 30 Mid-South towns will meet at the New Malco at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow and will be judged at 4:30 p.m. The winner will not be announced until the pageant tomorrow night, when Don Wilson, famous radio announcer, will make the announcement. Harold Lloyd will present "Miss Mid-South," the winner.

"Miss Mid-South" will receive a trip to Hollywood, where she will be given a screen test. On Thursday, June 27, she will reign as "Queen for a Day" at the San Francisco Fair, as it will be Mid-South day. Miss Tennessee, Miss Mississippi and Miss Arkansas also will be chosen tomorrow. Forty-three beautiful girls will ride the elaborate floats.

PURSUIT PLANE CALLED AS GOOD AS ANY IN WAR

And Two Better Ones Coming
Up, General Yount Tells
Airport Crowd

In accepting Memphis' Air Corps Reserve unit and base before 3500 persons at Municipal Airport yesterday, Brig. Gen. Barton K. Yount, assistant chief of the Army Air Corps, pointed to a little ship out on the field.

"That is one of our P-40 pursuit planes, which can do close to 400 miles an hour," he said. "It is as good as any plane on the war front today"—here he was interrupted by cheers—"and we have two planes under development better than the P-40.

"Furthermore, we have the best training system in the world. Our pilots are receiving twice as much training as the pilots at war."

Changing Orders

In answer to charges that the army is building "inferior planes," Brig. Gen. Yount said: "It is true that some planes contracted for last fall wouldn't have some of the fea-

NO BOMBSIGHTS HERE

Officers admitted that the flying fortress' miraculous bombsights, best in the world, were safely locked away at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, the big ship's base.

tures necessary today, but we are taking care of that thru change orders.

"We are developing the best leak-proof fuel tank in the world, and our armor will be thoroly modern. We are replacing the .30 caliber machine guns with deadly .50 caliber guns. We already have by far the best bombsight in the world."

Full preparation for war is vital, Brig. Gen. Yount said, "because if seriously threatened, we cannot stay out by wishful thinking.

"We must have a fine Navy, an Army capable of sudden great expansion and an air force which could strike a telling blow at the strongest enemy."

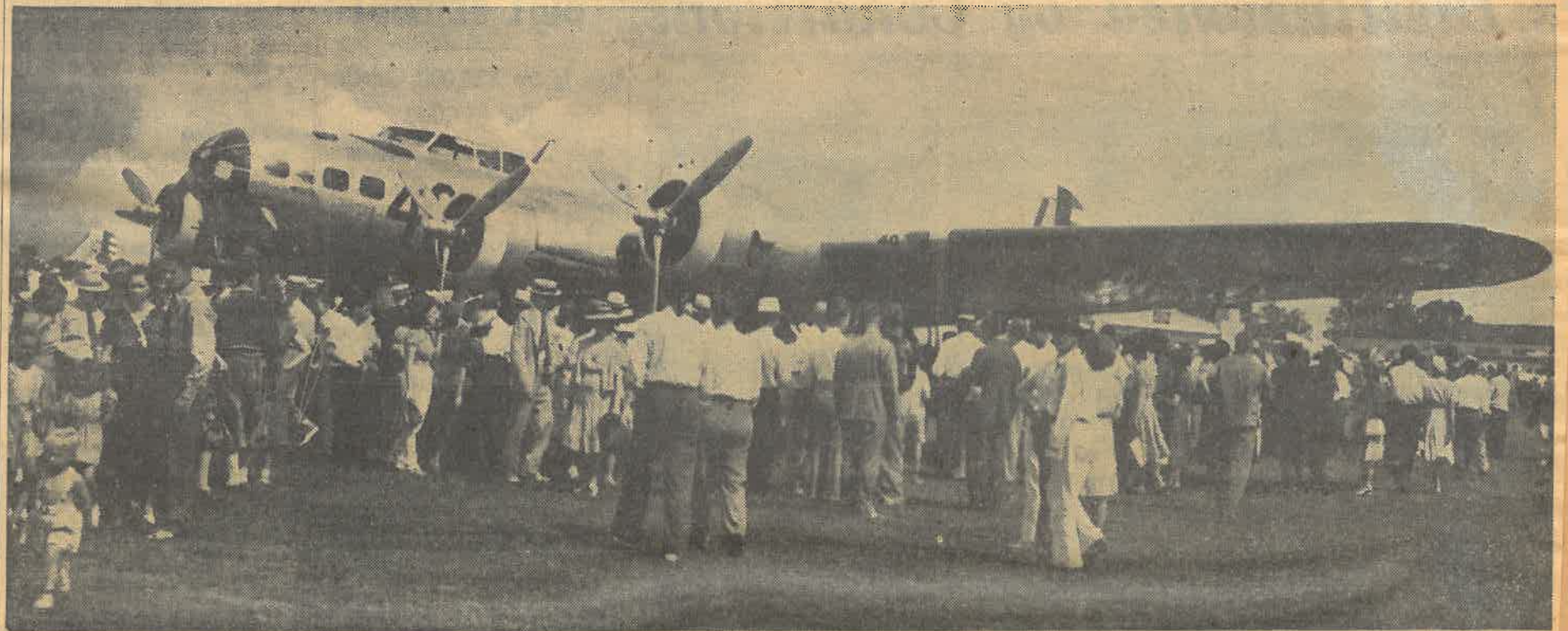
'In War Already'

Col. W. J. Bacon, retired reserve officer and World War veteran, speaking on "National Defense," said, "We are just as much in this war today as we ever were in 1917-18."

"It is a shame that this nation has gone 20 years since the last war without preparing its citizenry for national defense," he added. "The Army has preached national defense, but the politicians and the people weren't for it."

Memphis will not be satisfied with the dedicated four-plane unit, "which is in no way comparable to

'Flying Fortress' Pays Memphis Airport a Visit



One of America's biggest guardians of the sky, one of the famed flying fortresses, was on display yesterday afternoon at the Municipal Airport dedication of Memphis' air reserve unit.

The ship has a wingspread of 104 feet, carries 1700 gallons of gas with a full bomb load of 8000 pounds or four tons. Its biggest bombs weigh a ton each. Its top speed is 210 miles an hour.

On its instrument panel board are 45 dials. A crew of nine mans the ship. A ground crew of 10 serves it.

—Press-Scimitar Staff Photos



America's fighting planes, with new improvements, will soon be the best in the world, Brig. Gen. Barton K. Younts, right, above, told 3500 at the airport yesterday afternoon. Mayor Chandler, left, and City Judge Bateman, center, took part in the dedication ceremony.

Chandler Speaks

Mayor Chandler spoke briefly. City Judge Bateman presided. Judge Bateman, R. D. (Red) Forman and Capt. W. H. Turner, commander of Memphis' new unit, had charge of the dedication.

In the two months since the unit was established here, 29 reserve officers and 27 potential candidates

for commissions have received training.

After the addresses, spectators were permitted on the field to observe at close view the four Army planes stationed here and 10 visiting ships, including a flying fortress, medium bombers, observation ships, basic combat and basic training planes and one pursuit ship.

GREATEST DEVELOPMENT

The greatest of all developments in artificial illumination occurred when Thomas Alva Edison perfected the incandescent electric lamp at Menlo Park, N. J., in 1879.

'The World's Most Colorful Parade' Thrills Memphis As Shriners Make Merry

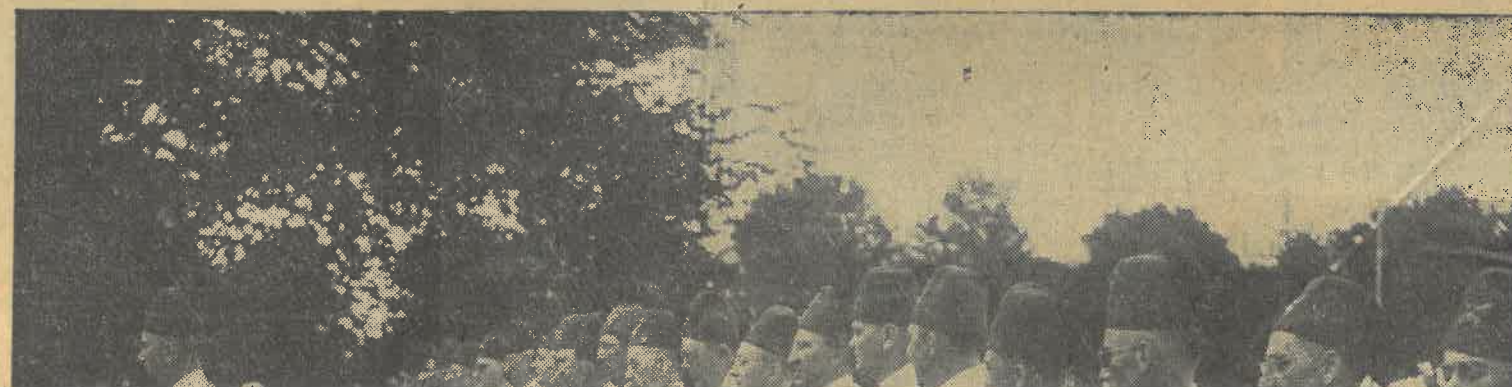


"THE SPIRIT OF '76," an animation of the famous painting by Pittsburgh's Syria Temple typified the strongly patriotic motif of yesterday's great Shrine parade. The spectacle was viewed by thousands in Crump Stadium and on Union Avenue.

—Staff Photos by Caldwell and Bruner

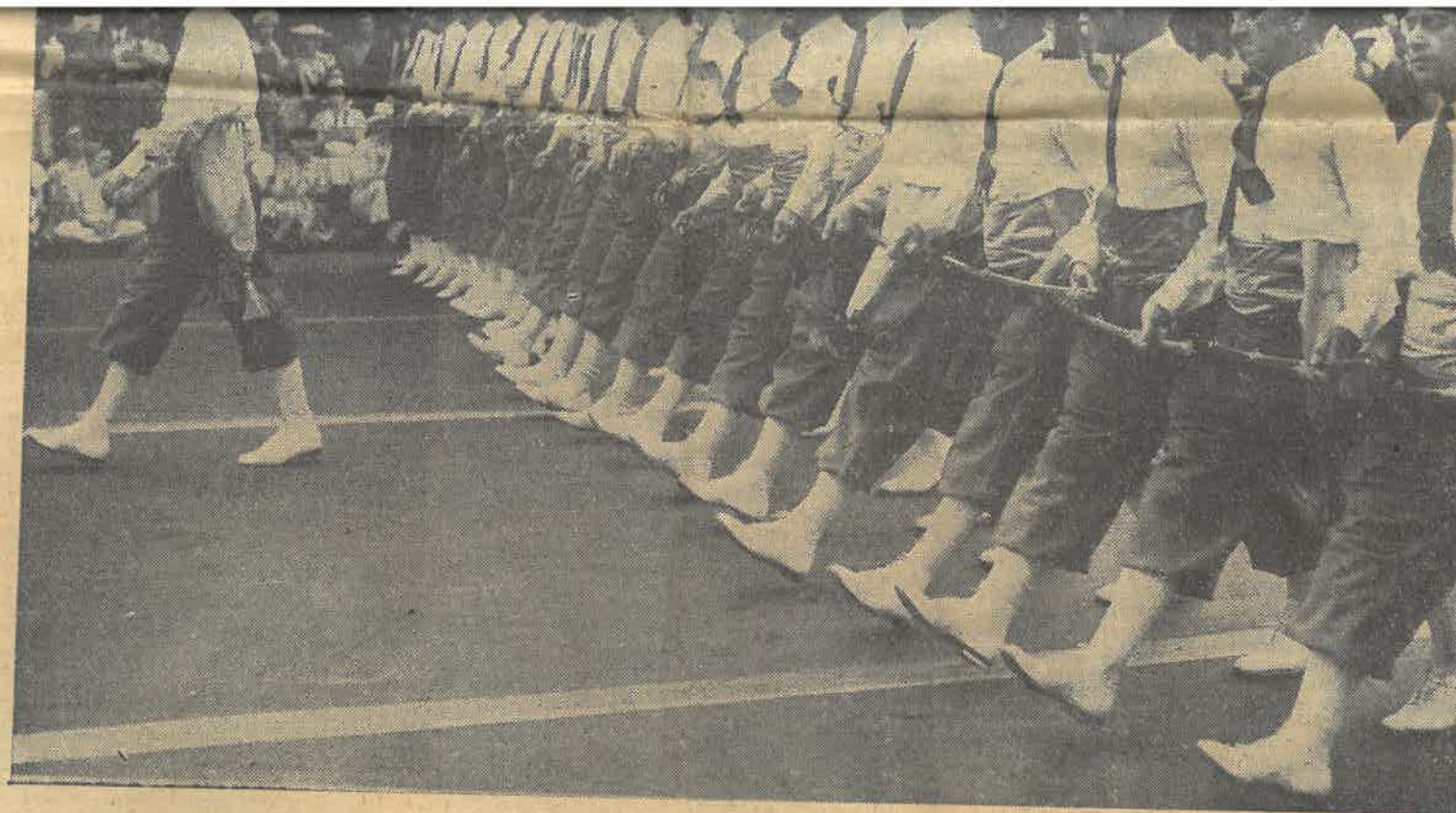


THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS CARRIED PROUDLY at the head of every marching delegation from cities throughout the United States, and no color guard made a snappier display than that of Little Rock's Scimitar Temple which carried not only one flag, but three of them. Scimitar is the "baby temple" of the Shrine, being the youngest in the United States.





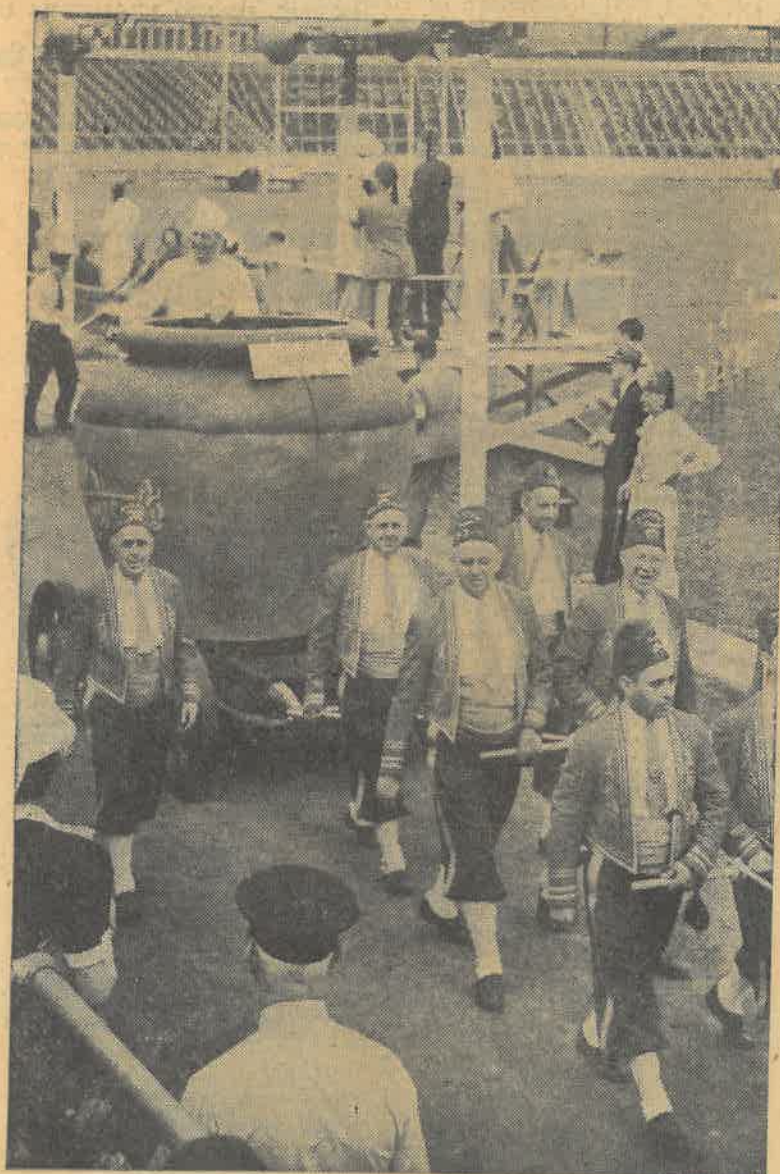
EVEN THE RAIN THAT SOAKED IMPERIAL POTENTATE WALTER D. CLINE as he stood on the reviewing stand at Forrest Park couldn't dampen his enthusiasm. "If the boys have got to get wet, then I'm going to get wet, too," he said as he stood it out.



THE SCORES OF DRILL PATROLS CLICKED WITH MILITARY PRECISION, and none was classier than that of Detroit's Moslem Temple. The members executed difficult maneuvers in the street, drawing cheers of thousands.



TYPICAL OF THE SCIMITAR-SWINGING DRUM MAJORS was Jack R. Jenkins of Washington's Almas Temple. He kept it up along the whole route, though the weather was plenty hot before the rain came.



BOSTON, WHERE THE BAKED BEANS COME FROM, featured a huge bean pot as Shriners of that city's Aleppo Temple tossed beans to the



AN ARKANSAS LOG CABIN WAS THE UNIQUE FLOAT of Pine Bluff's Sahara Temple, which numbers hundreds of Shriners in Eastern Arkansas in its



INDIVIDUAL SHRINERS OFFERED stunts of many kinds, and one of them was Ivan Netterstrom of Evansville, Ind. who



A KNIGHT ON HORSEBACK was among the offerings of St. Louis' Moolah Temple, and

Banquet for Imperial Potentate, Luncheon for Shrine Ladies Highlight Social Activities



Several thousand prominent Shriners and their wives honored Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline at Ellis Auditorium last night. A group from Akdar Temple, Tulsa, Okla., are (left to right above) Potentate J. E. Payne, Mrs. Payne, R. T. Gow, past potentate, and Mrs. Gow.



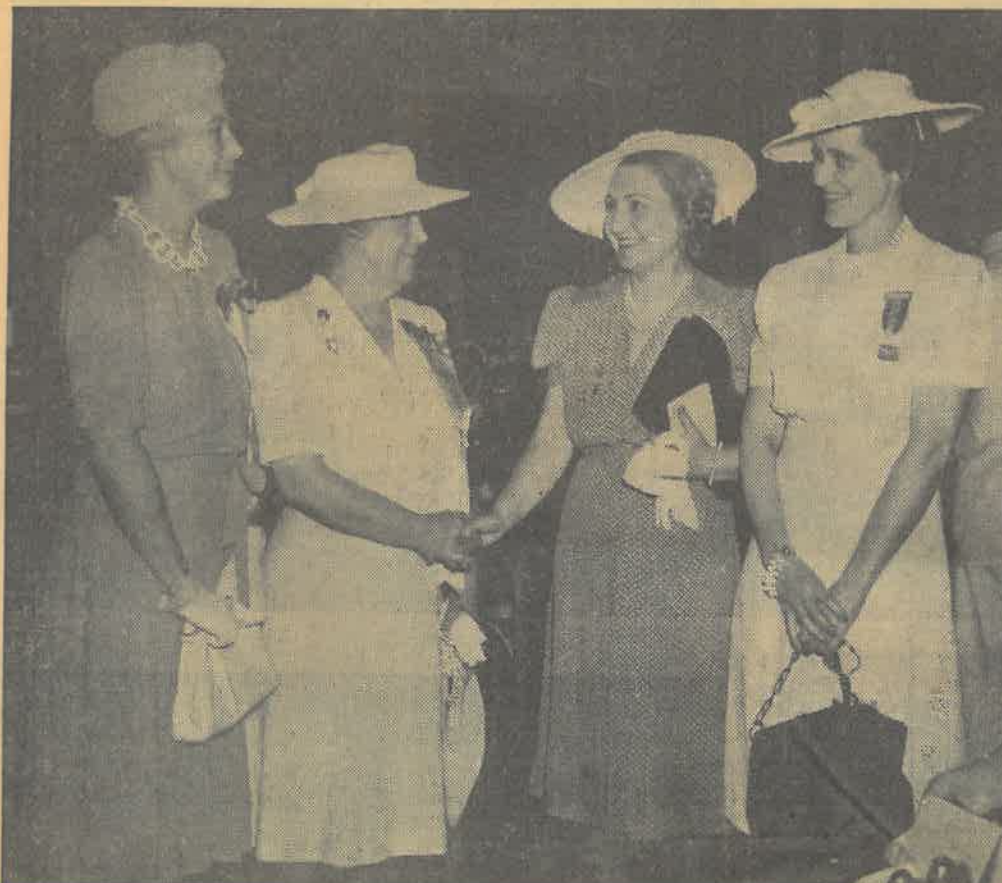
Among the distinguished guests at the Imperial Council table were Judge and Mrs. George H. Rowe of Buffalo, Judge Rowe being the Imperial Second Ceremonial Master.



The Imperial Captain of the Guard, Galloway Calhoun and Mrs. Calhoun are of Tyler, Texas, although Mr. Calhoun is an officer from the Waco, Texas, Karem Temple. He formerly lived in Waco.



In charge of the floral decorations at the banquet was Mrs. Jersey Ramier, who is pictured with Mr. Ramier, a past potentate of Al Chymia, host temple.



One of the features of ladies entertainment was the "pastel luncheon" yesterday on the Skyway. Pictured above (left to right) are Mrs. Walter Chandler and Mrs. E. W. Hale, as they greeted Mrs. Gard Gammage of London, Canada, and Mrs. Bernice C... also of London.



Mrs. H. K. Gillette of Los Angeles was greeted upon her arrival by Mrs. Lake Hays, entertainment chairman, and Mrs. Frank Schutt, chairman of Publicity. About 750 visiting ladies and their hostesses attended the luncheon. Features of entertainment today include an all-day trip to Shiloh Park, and a luncheon for wives of Imperial Council members at Memphis Country Club.

Mrs. Hale Will Install Kennedy Club Officers

Mrs. E. W. Hale, state president of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs, will install Mrs. John E. Roberts president, and other new officers of the Kennedy Book Club at the meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock (C. S. T.) at the home of Mrs. Hoyt B. Wooten in Whitehaven.

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Dr. Nicholas Gotten has returned to the city. Adv.

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City Sees Its Longest Parade, Big Army Planes, A Gala Show As Shriners 'Shoot The Works'

Colorful Escort Procession Takes Three Hours And 20 Minutes To Pass—Band Concerts, Elections Claim Top Convention Interest Today

By JOHN HUTCHISON

The Shrine held the longest parade yesterday ever seen in Memphis, witnessed the dedication of the Memphis Army Air Corps Reserve Base, held an imperial session at Ellis Auditorium and then gathered at Crump Stadium last night for the "Show of a Century."

The escort parade, which began to form at 9 o'clock yesterday morning on Peabody, was still passing the reviewing stand at Forrest Park at 12:30. The estimated 7000 men took three hours and 20 minutes to pass a point. About 4000 persons sat in Crump Stadium to view the spectacle of 70 bands, thousands of men in drill patrols, legions of honor, color guards and other brightly clad men. An estimated 50,000 persons gathered along the streets to watch the great parade pass.

Rain Drenches Parade

Clouds that saved the spectators from a sun that would have been blistering finally sprinkled rain on the stadium just as the last units were passing through on their way to Forrest Park. Most of the units continued through the rain, but at least one band, quartered in Central High School, couldn't resist the opportunity to scurry inside as they came from the stadium.

At the Airport yesterday Brig. Gen. B. K. Yount, assistant chief of the Army Air Corps, accepted the reserve base from Mayor Chandler. Col. William J. Bacon spoke on "National Defense," and thousands

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THE WEATHER

For Memphis and Vicinity: Cloudy with local showers and thunderstorms, slightly cooler Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy.

MISSISSIPPI TO CAST VOTE FOR THIRD TERM

Instructed Delegation Will Be Sent To Chicago—Tribute Paid Senator Harrison

BY WILLIAM D. Sisson

From The Commercial Appeal
Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss., June 11. — Breaking a precedent of many years' standing, the Mississippi State Democratic Convention Tuesday voted to send its delegation to the National Convention in Chicago next Monday instructed to vote for President Roosevelt for a third term.

The convention also went on record as "presenting" Senator Harrison to the National Convention as a "trained statesman and man worthy and capacitated to hold the office of vice president of the United States."

Few Fights Develop

Most of the expected factional fights failed to develop, with Louis M. Jiggitts of Jackson being re-named national committeeman without opposition. However, Mrs. Mary Louise Kendall of Natchez, up for re-election as committeewoman, barely defeated Miss Mildred Alexander of Montrose, 141-139.

The only strictly factional fight of the entire five-hour session came on the seating of the Bolivar County delegation headed by Representative Walter Sillers over the

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SHRINERS GIVE CITY ITS LONGEST PARADE

Colorful Procession Takes Three Hours And 20 Minutes

ARMY PLANES ARE VIEWED

Aviation Enthusiasts Throng Airport At Dedication Of Reserve Base—Rain Fails To Stop Fanfare

(Continued From Page One)

of aviation enthusiasts inspected some of the latest, fleetest and most deadly aircraft in the world, brought here for the occasion.

Nine hundred imperial representatives of the Shrine met in the afternoon in the Auditorium to begin the week's deliberations. At elections there today all present officers in the Imperial Divan will be advanced automatically and a new imperial outer guard will be chosen to take his place at the bottom of the "line," from which 11 years of promotions will take him into the office of imperial potentate.

Lloyd Favored for Post

Harold Lloyd, past potentate of Los Angeles Al Malaikah Temple, is almost sure for the post.

The other two candidates are Pete Baldwin of Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., a broker and banker at Jacksonville and former local manager of the Otis Elevator Co. there, and Hubert Poteat of Sudan Temple, Newbern, N. C., a professor of English at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., a Baptist denominational school.

The convention city for next year also will be selected today. Indianapolis and Miami are after it.

An unimpeachable Shrine authority said yesterday that sharp increase in war uncertainty would probably result in the abandonment of the 1941 convention. In case of such a war situation, the Shrine would give its convention money to patriotic and charitable work, the official said.

Elaborate Night Show

Last night at Crump Stadium 100 singers, dancers and variety performers presented Ernie Young's 11-act show on a huge stage made bright as day by dozens of search and floodlights supplementing the regular night equipment at the field.

Approximately 10,000 persons viewed the spectacle last night.

Shrine headquarters estimated last night that 40,000 visitors are in Memphis, including 15,000 uniformed Shriners, and official representatives, other Shriners, their families, and thousands of folk from the TriStates in town to see the colorful activities of the Nation's biggest convention.

Shrine officials blamed war tension for shrinking attendance about 25 per cent. Indicative of the increased patriotism that accompanies a shaken national confidence in the fate of the world was the very frequent rendering by bands of "God Bless America," to enthusiastic applause. The Shrine Band from Nashville brought 50,000 copies of the words to the song for distribution here.

Heads Bands



J. E. Varina, Shriner from Baumi Temple at Baltimore yesterday was elected president of the Oriental Bands Association. —Staff Photo by Day

Bands To Blare Today

Today is virtually Band Day. At 11 o'clock this morning dozens of oriental bands, with their primitive gongs, pipes and rawhide drums will stage an impromptu parade from their headquarters at 201 Union. In Court Square the bands will be massed for a joint concert at noon.

Al Malaikah Temple Band will play from Court Square and broadcast over WMC at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Boumi Temple Band of Baltimore will play in the Square at 2 o'clock. Zamora Temple of Birmingham will play at the ball game in Russwood Park. Moslem Temple Band of Detroit will play in the Square at 3 o'clock. Antioch Temple Band of Dayton, Ohio, will play in Court Square and broadcast over WMC. The Commercial Appeal station, at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Other bands will play many concerts tomorrow, last day of the official convention, to be climaxed by the Hollywood Electrical Pageant in Crump Stadium at 8:30 o'clock.

Today's events will begin with a breakfast for the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine at 7:30 o'clock at the Gayoso. The Knights are an exclusive organization of veteran counselors of the Shrine. They are headed by Imperial Sovereign Alfred G. Arvold of Fargo, S. D. The Memphis chapter is headed by Sovereign Henry S. Fulcher.

The day's program will end with the big electrical parade, to pass through Crump Stadium and continue to Union Avenue by way of Bellevue. It will pass down Union before a stand in Forrest Park and will disband on streets in the vicinity of Marshall. The parade begins at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

SINGING COWBOY COMES TO TOWN



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo

Gene Autry, singing cowboy star of screen and radio, left his horse in California and rode the airlines into Memphis this afternoon. He will be starred in the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant, produced by the Shrine, in Crump Stadium at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow. Standing beside Autry is Clara Mae Hill, Memphis girl, hostess with American Airlines.



Beauty and power got together yesterday at Municipal Airport as Miss Maude Sawls perched on the tail-tip of one of Uncle Sam's mighty flying fortresses, on display as 3500 saw dedication of Memphis' Army air reserve unit.



Col. W. J. Bacon called politicians to task for America's lack of war preparedness.

Outstanding Events Herald Convention's Official Opening

Colorful Scenes Are Presented At Parties Held In
The Auditorium And At The Peabody

YESTERDAY saw the Shrine convention officially open with two outstanding social events, a luncheon in the Skyway honoring the visiting ladies and a banquet honoring the Imperial Potentate, Walter D. Cline, last evening at Ellis Auditorium.

A brilliant panorama of color was visible from the balcony of the Auditorium last evening as the bright red fezes studded with jewels blended with the vivid floral decorations and beautiful gowns of the feminine guests.

Hundreds of bowls of mixed flowers in colorful array decorated the tables and were supplanted at intervals by tiny Shrine flags in the official colors.

Shrine Banquet Attended By Prominent Guests

Mrs. Thomas C. Green, in a brilliantly sequined dinner gown, with Mr. Green of Austin, Texas, chatted with Mrs. Jesse E. Martin of Fort Worth in a crisp gray scalloped organdie as C. M. Bartholomew, Charles F. Pete and A. H.

Swanson of Austin swapped convention news.

At one table, Texas, Colorado and New York were represented by Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Lowenstern of Amarillo, Mrs. Lowenstern in a powder blue silk jersey . . . Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hammock, Mrs. Hammock in all white pique fashioned off the shoulder and banded with eyelet, and across the top of her brunet hair were three fragrant gardenias . . . Mrs. Rolla Cartwright in a dusty blue chiffon and Mr. Cartwright, also of Amarillo, talked across the table to Mrs. E. P. Gluck of Denver and Frank Lancaster of Albuquerque, J. B. Brisco of Amarillo and Charles Lembke of Albuquerque.

Coming in to look for their places were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer of Fort Wayne, Ind., Mrs. Meyer in all white lace and net with a single gardenia in her hair; Dr. and Mrs. Karl C. Eberly of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Eberly in lavender lace; Carl Pierson of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Henry Curdes, also of Fort Wayne, wearing gray chiffon topped with a royal blue and red bodice. In her hair a single red rose.

At the Georgia table were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hunt of Savannah, Mrs. Hunt in dusty pink chiffon, sitting next to W. D. Davis of Bainbridge, Judge and Mrs. W. S. MacFoley of Savannah, Mrs. MacFoley in light blue net, and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Wells, Mrs. Wells in aqua net, admiring the attractive table decorations.

John W. Murrell of Atlanta and

Mr. and Mrs. Dewald Cohen of Atlanta, Mrs. Cohen in black net embroidered with white daisies, were discussing the Georgia gubernatorial election with Abit Nix of Athens, who is a candidate, and Mrs. Nix, in a softly draped white chiffon with a paisley bodice. Across the table from them were Mrs. Frank Luckeish of Atlanta and Henry C. Heinz of Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sale of Atlanta, Mrs. Sale in white lace with a corsage of gardenias.

Montana was represented by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duffy of Great Falls, Mrs. Duffy in electric blue tafeta; Dr. and Mrs. Don Shinn of Billings, Mrs. Shinn in gray; L. H. Richardson of Butte and Judge A. H. Brown of Billings.

Tabling in the boxes were Col. Grady Gillon, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Graham, Mrs. Graham in blue chiffon, and Frank B. Steger of Macon, Ga. In the box next to them were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sheperd of Pine Bluff, Mrs. Sheperd in white eyelet trimmed with black velvet ribbon and Miss Catherine Rogers of Sherril, Ark., in lime green, with A. R. Merritt of Sherril.

Noon Luncheon Honors Visiting Shrine Ladies

The Peabody Skyway yesterday was a picture of Summer loveliness as 750 wives of Shriners gathered for luncheon, wearing pastel shaded frocks that seemed to take their hues from the sweetpeas, iris and baby's breath that centered each table.

In the center of the floor at one long table beautifully decorated with Summer flowers were the wives of the Imperial Council and past imperial potentates. Mrs. Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, wife of the imperial potentate, in a soft shade of blue crepe with a corsage of orchids, came in with her two daughters, Dorothy in a blue checked chambray which set off her deep suntan to perfection, and Helen, who wore a smart brown linen.

Others Glimpsed

Mrs. Clyde I. Webster of Detroit, wearing a chartreuse linen with a toast colored picture hat, sat next to Mrs. Frank C. Jones, who wore dark blue accented with a white collar and a large picture hat of red . . .

Mrs. William Heim of Philadelphia, wearing black and white chiffon with a black and white hat chatted with Mrs. Karl Hammers of Pittsburgh, who wore black crepe with accents of white, and a black hat.

Mrs. William H. Woodfield Jr. of San Francisco in black with a tiny red flower hat perched atop her curls, compared favors with Mrs. L. P. Steuart of Washington, who was in cool looking white voile

embroidered in pink and blue flowers . . . Mrs. Albert H. Fiebach of Cleveland in a blue and white print ensemble examined the perfume that was one of the favors, as did Mrs. George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., wife of the incoming imperial potentate, who was smartly dressed in deep olive green.

Mrs. Thomas C. Law of Atlanta, wearing pink crepe with a white hat topped with navy, searched for her place card which was right next to that of Mrs. Alfred G. Arvold of Fargo, N. D., who was in an unusual shade of blue lightweight wool.

Additional Guests

Mrs. George H. Rowe of Buffalo, N. Y., was in a chocolate soda ensemble fashioned with an embroidered jacket, and Mrs. Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, Texas, was in a soft shade of green silk with a bright red apple pin in her lapel, and wore a picture hat of toast colored straw . . . Coming in together were Mrs. Earl C. Mills of Des Moines in peach linen with an eyelet bodice, Mrs. James E. Chandler of Kansas City, Mo., in blue and white voile with a large sailor hat of white straw trimmed in blue; Mrs. Frank Roundy of Chicago in a paisley print with a white turban, and Mrs. Thomas J. Houston also of Chicago, in a blue and white flowered print.

Mrs. Walter Chandler in a dusty rose shade of crash linen with a matching turban, Mrs. E. W. Hale in white pique and Mrs. John Vesey in a grape and white printed chiffon redingote with a large white hat with a crown of gardenias greeted the visiting ladies as they came in. Mrs. Henry T. Bunn in white and blue, was hostess to three Toronto visitors, Mrs. W. R. Shaw in gay paisley print, Mrs. M. L. Martin in a two-tone linen of brown, and Mrs. William Speers in a red and white candy striped silk jersey. Mrs. Eugene R. Avery was hostessing Mrs. Charles E. Sullenger of Osceola, Ark., and Mrs. Bill Sheperd of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Table By Window

Mrs. A. M. Crawford in peach lace accented with light blue had her guests seated by the window where they could look down and see the fun in the streets. With her were Mrs. M. Mattoon of Boise, Idaho, in dark blue linen, Mrs. Glenn H. Baker in white and blue silk, and Mrs. J. H. Hopfgarten, also of Boise, in blue dotted Swiss, with a white lace jabou down the front.

Mrs. Clyde Van Fossan in an attractive lavender and white polka dot shirtwaist frock searched for her table, and Mrs. Raymond Skinner in brown and white checked gingham with white pearls marching down the front of the bodice and the short sleeves, waited at the entrance for her guests.

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Shrine Convention Program

(All Times Are Daylight Saving Time)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 A.M.—Breakfast, Knights of Red Cross of Constantine at Hotel Gayoso.
8:30 A.M.—All day Bus Trip to Pickwick Dam and Shiloh National Park for Representatives' Ladies and Hostesses.
9:00 A.M.—Imperial Council Session at Ellis Auditorium, election of officers.
11:00 A.M.—Impromptu Parade of all Shrine Oriental Bands starting at Shrine Oriental Bands Headquarters, 201 Union.
12:00 Noon—Massed Concert of all Shrine Oriental Bands at Band Stand in Court Square, Stunts by each band.
12:15 P.M.—Kiwanis Club luncheon, Neely Hall, Southwestern.
1:00 P.M.—Al Malaikah Temple Band, Los Angeles, concert in Court Square and Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.
2:00 P.M.—Boumi Temple Band, Baltimore, Md., concert in Court Square.
2:30 P.M.—Zamora Temple Band, Birmingham, concert Russwood Baseball Park.
3:00 P.M.—Moslem Temple Band, Detroit, concert in Court Square.
3:30 P.M.—Ball Game, Russwood Park, Atlanta vs. Memphis.
4:00 P.M.—Antioch Temple Band, Dayton Ohio, concert in Court Square and Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.
8:30 P.M.—Shrine Electrical Night Parade passing through Crump Stadium, north on Bellevue to Union, west to Marshall. There will be no seats on parade route. All seats are at Crump Stadium.
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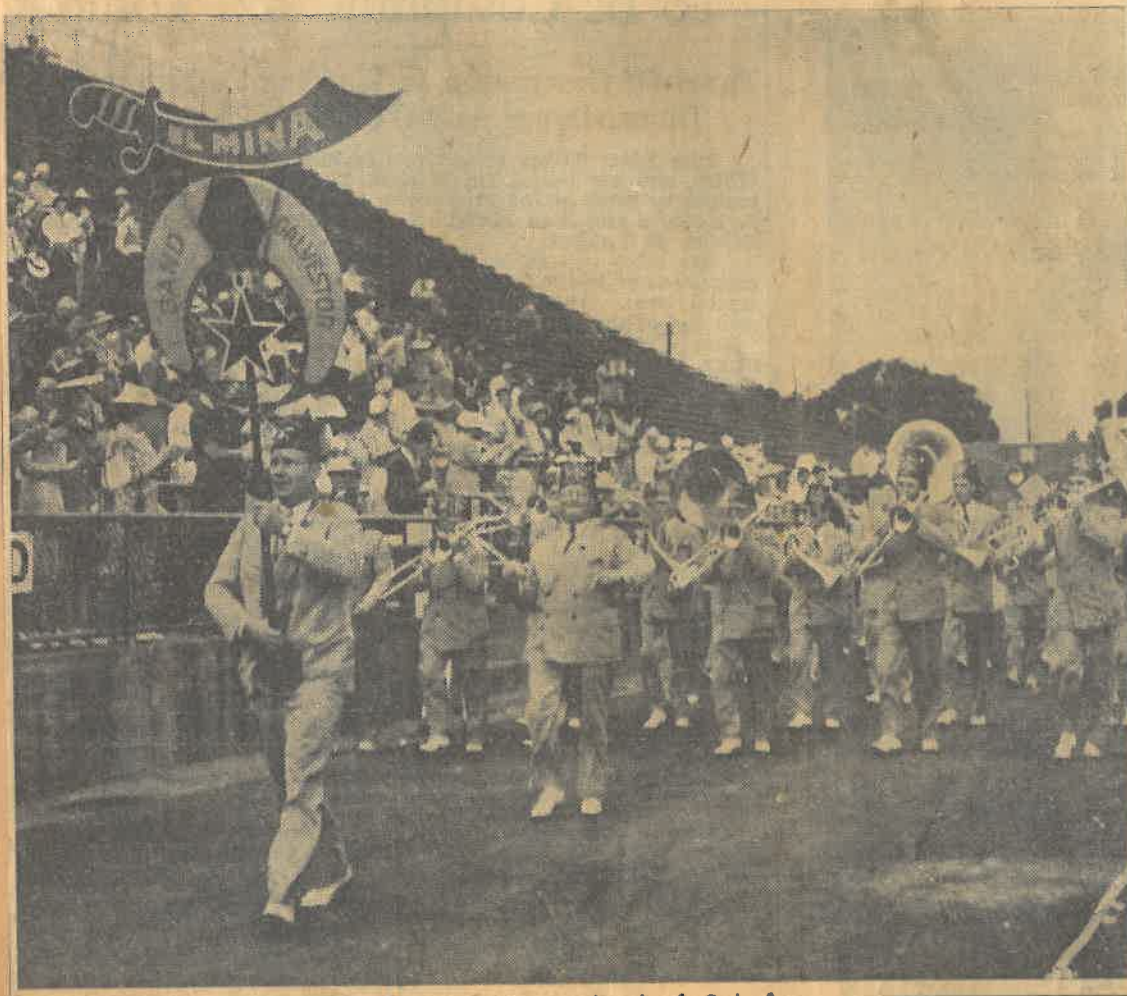
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Now Is Chance to Catch Pigeons

If you like pigeons and know how to catch them, this ought to be a big night for you.

During a peace scene at Crump Stadium tonight, as part of the big Hollywood electrical pageant, 400 white pigeons will be released. And when they are released, they will be free agents—yours if you can catch them.

Remember, several weeks ago STROLLING printed a piece saying that Fred Tabery, of Menard & Tabery, was in the market for white pigeons? His organization is putting on the pageant.

Well, as a result of that item, a number of pigeon owners sold their birds. Mr. Tabery paid 40 cents each for all he bought—except two. He paid \$1 each for them.

"They were brought in by a nine-year-old youngster who gave me a good sales talk about how good they were," Mr. Tabery explains. "Besides, he needed some camping equipment that would cost exactly \$2. So we made a deal."

The 400 pigeons have been boarded at the home of Dave Lowery, 3254 Princeton. They have been eating twice a day—peas, corn, rye and wheat—and are reported to be in pretty good shape.

"Some were brought in from California, tho, and they've been sneezing a lot," Mrs. Lowery adds.

They probably belong to some booster club out there and are just putting on an act to make us think our climate isn't up to the California standard. You know how those California birds are.

Brother and Sister Meet Again

The Shrine convention has brought about a meeting of a brother and a sister who haven't seen each other in 26 years. They are Miss Signe Erickson, bookkeeper for A. Graves & Steuwer, and Dave Erickson, of Reno, Nev.

They are natives of Indiana. Years ago Miss Erickson came south, Mr. Erickson went west. Altho they have seen other members of the family a number of times, they have missed meeting each other.

Mr. Erickson had been planning the trip a year—ever since Memphis was selected as the convention city. Mrs. Erickson accompanied him, and Miss Erickson was expecting them. But even if he had taken her by surprise, she believes she would have recognized him.

They have been seeing the sights of the city, as well as participating in the convention festivities, and one of the most enjoyable things on their program was a visit to the zoo. N. J. Melroy, superintendent is a Shriner, and he puts on the dog—or should I say the lion?—for the Nobles and the members of their parties.

Shrine Convention Program

(All Times Are Daylight Saving Time)

TODAY

- 9:00 A.M.—Imperial Council Session at Ellis Auditorium.
 - 10:00 A.M.—Representatives' Ladies drive with hostesses to Memphis points of interest.
 - 1:00 P.M.—Abou Ben Adhem Temple Band, Springfield, Mo., concert at Court Square.
 - 2:00 P.M.—Imperial Council Closing Session at Ellis Auditorium.
 - 2:00 P.M.—Beni Kedem Temple Band, Charleston, W. Va., concert Court Square.
 - 2:30 P.M.—Yaarab Temple Band, Atlanta, concert at Russwood Park.
 - 3:00 P.M.—Tadmor Temple Band, Akron, concert in Court Square.
 - 3:30 P.M.—Baseball Game at Russwood Park. Atlanta vs. Memphis.
 - 4:00 P.M.—Murat Temple Band, Indianapolis, Ind., concert in Court Square and Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.
 - 4:00 P.M.—Shrine Beauty Contest at Malco Theater to select Miss Arkansas, Miss Mississippi, Miss Tennessee and Miss MidSouth.
 - 5:00 P.M.—Moila Temple Band, St. Joseph, Mo., concert in Court Square.
 - 8:30 P.M.—Glamorous Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium featuring Hollywood Floats, sponsored by Motion Picture Producers, etc. All seats at Crump Stadium.
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The climax of the Shrine Convention which has regaled Memphis with pageantry and fun for several days will come tonight at Crump Stadium when the Hollywood electrical pageant is staged. Into the production of that spectacle have gone thousands of dollars and months of artistic effort. It is something which has not been seen here before and may not again be seen for many a moon.

It will be a fitting end to the entirely successful Shrine effort, and in the serious days which are to come we believe that it will remain long as a pleasant memory of colorful entertainment and relaxation.

The seat prices are within the range of most persons' pocketbooks and we hope that every seat at the stadium will be taken, not only from a standpoint of worthwhile entertainment to the persons who occupy them but as tribute to a great body of men who chose Memphis as their convention city. It is one way we can all show our appreciation.

Strenuous Time For Movieman Lloyd

Harold Lloyd has done a lot of strenuous work, climbing about buildings and doing other such stunts while making pictures.

But Movieman Lloyd was a weary man after the Shrine Parade last night. Why? Because the Memphis spectators kept applauding him so that he had to stand up in his official car until he was so tired that he sat and waved.

"I never encountered such continued and spontaneous applause before in my career," Mr. Lloyd said. "No, not even in Hollywood."

Mr. Lloyd was lavish in his praise of Memphis' appreciation.

Spectators found Mr. Lloyd more than gracious, too. He signed his autograph hundreds of times and showed himself to be a "swell guy," as people who met him put it.

CONVENTION HAILED AS CLEANEST, BEST

Shriner Who Has Seen 41
Meetings Voices Opinion

You can take the word of a Shriner who has seen 41 Shrine conventions that the one to end tonight in Memphis has been the cleanest and best in four decades.

Mike H. Thomas, 75-year-old Shriner, retired planter and cotton man from Dallas, Texas, the state's past grand master of Masonry, past potentate of Hella Temple and chairman of the Shrine's Time and Place Committee, said last night:

"I've never seen a convention better handled in 41 years. Memphis is a wonderful city and she is doing herself proud. John B. Vesey (convention director-general) and Lake Hays (immediate past potentate) have done a fine job."

"I only hope Memphis will be as pleased with the Shriners as the Shriners are pleased with Memphis," he added.

SHRINE BEAUTY CONTEST TODAY 4:00 P.M. ON MALCO THEATRE STAGE

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THIEVES PREY ON SHRINE

Series of Thefts Totalling \$300 Re-
ported to Police

Visiting Shriners were victims
early yesterday morning of a series
of hotel thefts in which more than
\$300 was stolen.

W. H. Miller of Boston and E. C.
Dimack of Baltimore, who were
sharing a room at the Claridge,
told police their billfolds were pil-
fered of about \$110 between mid-
night and 8 o'clock.

At the Wm. Len, T. W. Danner
and H. B. Kern, both of Akron,
Ohio, reported their billfolds were
taken from their rooms during the
night. Frank H. Speede, Ontona-
gon, Mich., told police \$50 was
taken from his room at the Clar-
idge.

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Shrine Ladies To Take Tour

Will Visit Interesting
Points In Memphis
During The Day

Shrine visiting ladies will be
taken on an interesting tour to
points of interest in Memphis to-
day with a planned itinerary made
by their local hostesses.

Visitors will be taken to De Soto
and Riverside Parks, through
Chickasaw Gardens to the Pink
Palace, through Overton Park and
Southwestern and the Brooks Me-
morial Art Gallery, before going to
the downtown district for shopping
guidance.

The tour is the only planned fea-
ture for ladies on today's schedule.

Outstanding yesterday was the
luncheon at the Memphis Country
Club honoring the Imperial Coun-
cil wives who attended in the of-
ficial white cars with police escort.

The Rose Room at the club pre-
sented an artistic setting with pink
carnations, light blue delphinium
and baby's breath blending with
the pastel service.

Several hundred wives of the
Shriners took the all-day trip to
Shiloh Park, where luncheon was
served before a trip to Pickwick
Dam.

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Hail the new Imperial Potentate! He is George F. Olendorf of Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Mo.



For 28 of his 57 years, J. A. (Happy Jack) Solari of El Mina Temple, Galveston, has been stepping high ahead of the band. He waved a new baton last night, as his old one was broken in a concert at Alexandria, La.

Murat Temple of Indianapolis, scheduled to be convention hosts next year, featured a gun guard that formed into a human tower with lightening speed. After the maneuvers, they picked up their guns and marched on.

The two magnificent horses below evoked applause as they pranced ahead of the Al Chymia unit in the parade. "Old Glory," carried by Detective Sgt. Ed Reeves, is furled to its staff because it was after dark.



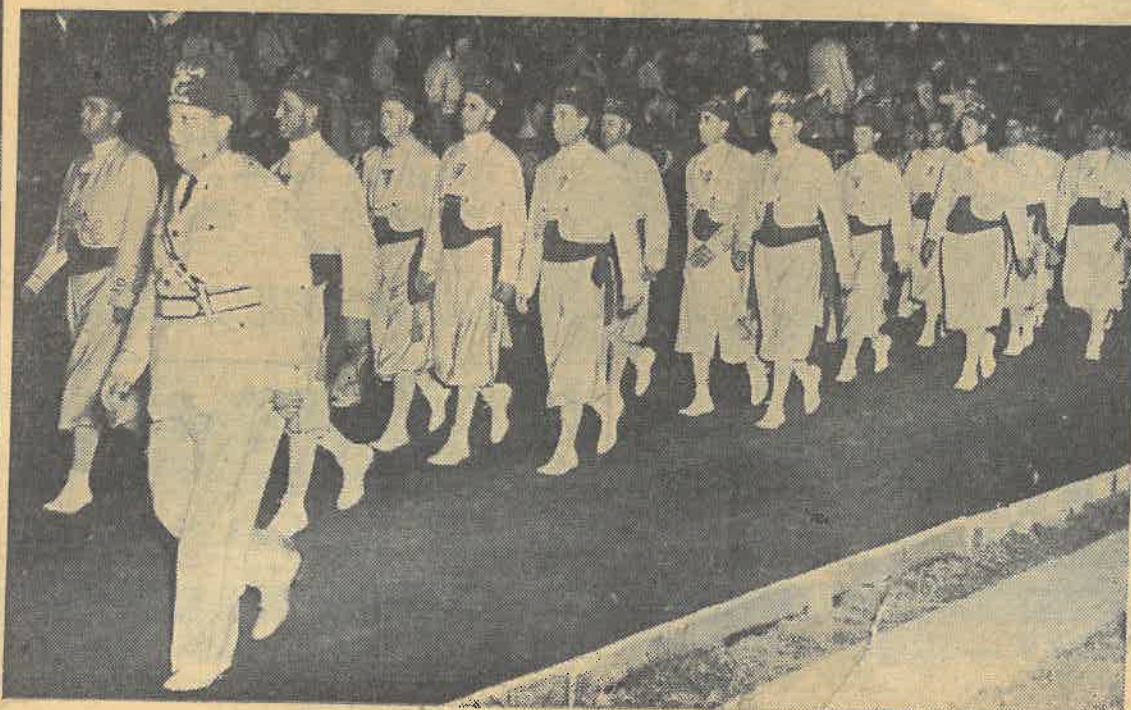
Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles put over a good one on the Memphis temple when they sent word they were bringing 12 high-spirited Arabian horses for the night parade, trained by Chief Rabban J. Marion Wright. Well, these are the "horses."

From fabulous old New Orleans came six Mardi Gras floats that added Arabian atmosphere to the Shrine Mammoth Electrical Parade last night. Masked Nobles of the Jerusalem Temple, New Orleans, tossed necklaces and other souvenirs from the floats. Shown here is the "Caravan of Arabs" float.

Press-Scimitar Staff Photos By Fred Payne

The Hella Temple of Dallas was part of the official escort of retiring Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Tex.

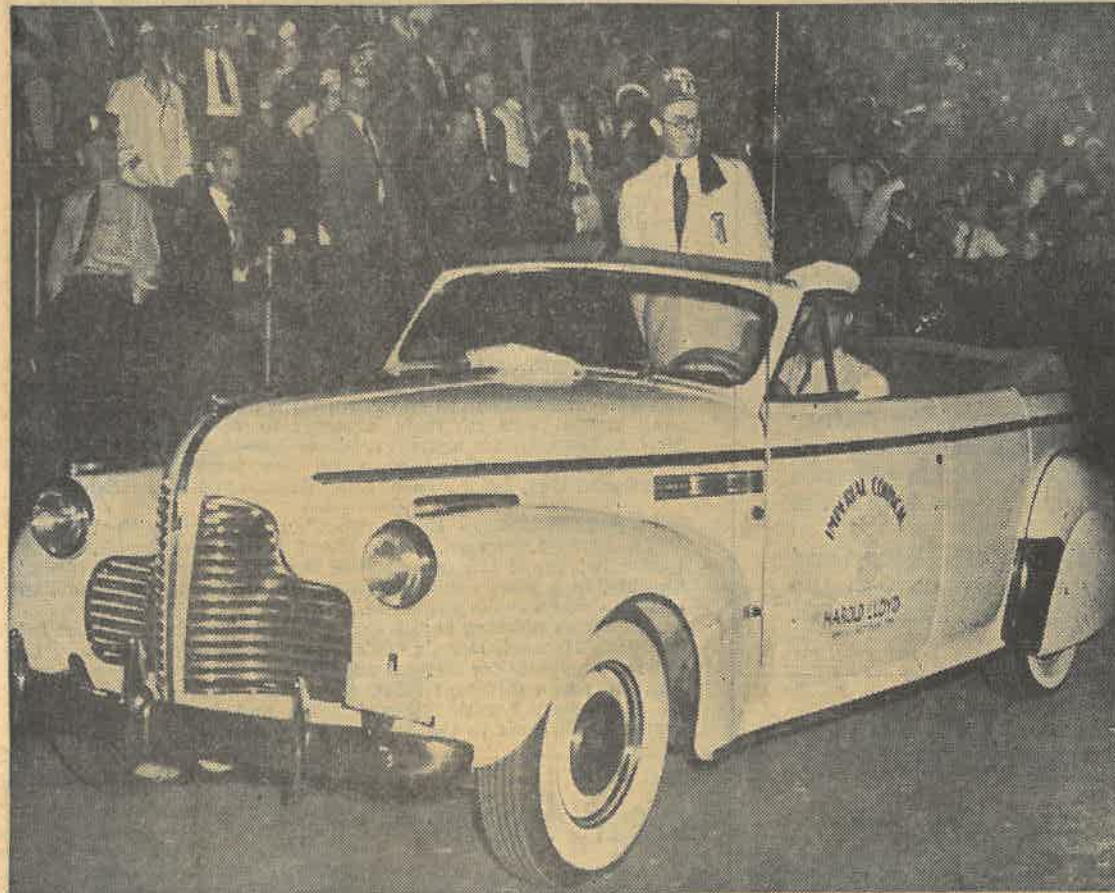
He weighs only 90 pounds and the white skeleton painted on the black background accentuates his thinness. He marches with Moila of St. Joseph, Mo.



All the way from balmy Honolulu came James S. (Sunny Jim) McCandless, 83, a past Imperial Potentate.

'Strolling' Is
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Mammoth Shrine Electrical Parade Thrills Thousands of Memphians



Champion show stealer is Bill (Princess Fatima) Hankins, who does a shivery, slithery, sinuous Harem dance as he struts ahead of the Al Chymia (Memphis) Oriental Band. Tiny Lights winked on parts of his padded costume last night.



Riding in his newly labeled official car, Harold Lloyd, the movie comedian, who yesterday was elected Imperial Outer Guard, which means he will be top man in 11 years, greeted his public with enthusiasm.



Weird marching music of bagpipes heralded the plaid-kilted Scotch bagpipers of Chattanooga's Al Hembra Temple in the Shrine parade that lasted more than three hours.



TRY TO GET OUT A PAPER WITH THIS CROWD AROUND!



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo

If you don't believe that washboards can be used in musical harmony with drums, bugles and trombones, you should have heard this Hoosier band of St. Louis' Moolah Temple as they came a-serenading' in The Press-Scimitar newsroom yesterday afternoon. Earl A. Pearce, one of the French horn players, now a linotype operator for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was an apprentice on the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial when John Sorrells, executive editor of Scripps-Howard papers, was a newsboy for the Commercial. Left to right, members of the band are: Edwin H. Barklage, A. J. Vetter, Mr. Pearce, Director E. D. (Mickey) Bafunne, Joseph Avellone, Charles Stotz and A. A. Schwendener. Reclining on one elbow is big-eared G. B. Fertig as "Mahatma Gandhi." When you get too close, he squirts water on you. "Wimpy" is R. F. Koehler.

Gene Autry Does Right Well by Himself, But How It Costs to Be Cowboy Movie Star!

By ROBERT JOHNSON

Not long ago, a movie fan magazine wrote a story about Gene Autry titled "The Richest Cowboy in the World." It just about ruined Gene, who told about it yesterday as he sat in his room at Hotel Peabody after a motorcycle escort had whisked him there from the airport and he relaxed in the temporary haven protecting him from curious hundreds of autograph seekers. He is to ride in the Shrine's Hollywood Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium tonight, a fraternal duty he gladly discharges since he is a member of the Los Angeles temple.

Aftermath of the story about Gene's great riches was thousands of letters inclosing blank checks with the suggestion, "Since you've got so damned much money, how about a little for yours truly."

10-Gallon Hat Cost \$20

Gene makes good money, but it costs money to be a star. The suit he parked so casually in a Peabody easy chair, for instance, is tailored in the most traditional Western style, but no cowboy blue jeans ever set their wearers back \$125. That grandly spreading 10-gallon hat retails at \$20, and there's a little matter of fan mail to take care of.

His fan mail is the largest in Hollywood, much greater than that

of the stars known so well to metropolitan audiences. It has run as high as 50,000 letters a week, and never less than about 5,000. The average is about 20,000. He has to employ his own secretarial staff to take care of it. About 75 per cent of the letters contain requests for pictures. These he supplies, at his own expense, about 5 cents each, including stamps.

Went on Strike

Gene is reluctant to tell just what he makes now, because he knows to his distress what can happen when people get the idea that he is overwhelmed with his own riches, unable to find ways to spend the yearly harvest of dollars. Off the record, Gene makes plenty, but no more than many Memphis business men who don't have to keep up a front as he does. A couple of years ago he went on a "one-man sitdown strike" because Republic Pictures wouldn't give him more than \$50,000 for each of his eight pictures yearly, pictures that cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 each and gross around \$200,000 each. He didn't work for eight months, and when he went back it was at a considerably higher ante.

Things haven't always been like that with Gene. Ten years ago he was "busting baggage" at an Oklahoma train depot for \$15 a month. Then he became a telegraph opera-

tor. One day a man walked in, saw his guitar lying on a table, and suggested they unlimber it for a song or two.

Rogers Inspired Him

"You're wasting your time, son," he told Autry. "Why don't you try to sing for a livin'?" He sent his telegram. It was signed "Will Rogers." With Rogers' words ringing in his ears and times bad in his business (1928), Autry took his guitar and a suitcase and invaded New York. The sun was rising, and Manhattan's towering majesty confronted him when he ferried across the Hudson. He wondered how he would ever get out of that place if he ever succeeded in getting in. He asked a cop, "Where's Broadway?" and in the months that followed, weary journey after journey to recording studios, he found out. Nat Shilkret and Johnny Marvin listened to him, praised his cowboy songs, suggested a year of experience. He went back to Oklahoma.

A recording, a tune that he had written with a friend, "Silver-Haired Daddy of Mine," was made by a man traveling with a portable recording outfit. It sold over 1,000,000 copies. That was the real start of Autry's career. He went to Chicago and broadcast over WLS for Sears-Roebuck at \$35 a week. He had a small part in a picture with Ken Maynard, which served as a screen test. Then he made a

serial, and from then on he was established. He was the first singing cowboy, and he modestly says: "It might have been anyone else."

Kids Adore Him

Sitting with him, talking with him, one is convinced that he speaks truly. You would never notice him in a crowd, if you hadn't seen one of his pictures. He talks with unaffected sincerity, not always proper grammatically, but who's to care about that. After all, 50,000 letters in a week is a pretty good measure of any man's importance, and the kids of the nation adore him. Me? I think he's great, too. You ought to see those red, white, blue, green and tan boots.

Strenuous Time For Movieman Lloyd

Harold Lloyd has done a lot of strenuous work, climbing about buildings and doing other such stunts while making pictures.

But Movieman Lloyd was a weary man after the Shrine Parade last night. Why? Because the Memphis spectators kept applauding him so that he had to stand up in his official car until he was so tired that he sat and waved.

"I never encountered such continued and spontaneous applause before in my career," Mr. Lloyd said. "No, not even in Hollywood."

Mr. Lloyd was lavish in his praise of Memphis' appreciation.

Spectators found Mr. Lloyd more than gracious, too. He signed his autograph hundreds of times and showed himself to be a "swell guy," as people who met him put it.

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WEATHER: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature, lowest tonight about 64.

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SHRINE NOBLES MIX FUNFESTS AND BUSINESS

Not All Play for the Imperial
Council; Serious Side To
Convention Here

INTERWOVEN WITH GAIETY

Conclave Offers Aid of All
Its Members to FDR In
Any War Crisis

By CLARK PORTEOUS
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Take six radiant new rainbows and run them thru a paint factory. Scramble the colors and add an equal part of gold from Fort Knox, if you can get it. Sprinkle with electric lights and garnish with neon.

Serve with 70 bands playing \$1,000,000 worth of instruments and crack drill teams from thruout the nation.

If some supernatural cook could whip that little recipe into shape, you might get a vague idea of the magnificence of last night's Mammoth Electrical Parade of the Shrine, a feature of the 66th annual session of the Imperial Council.

Music in the Air

Nobles were still parading as late as 1 a.m. today. It took more than three hours for the parade to pass any given point. The procession started at Cooper and Peabody promptly at 8:30 last night. It was 1 a.m. before the last unit reached Union and Marshall, the disbanding point. Some units kept on parading and bands were playing even later.

Tho the estimated 30,000 Shriners are having a hilarious time, the officials delegates from the 159 Temples of North America are

Pageant Is Finale

The Shrine conclave will come to a close with its crashing climax—the Hollywood Electrical Pageant—in Crump Stadium at 8:30 tonight. There is no free street parade tonight. The Al Chymia band will play a concert starting at 8:15. The show can be seen only inside the Stadium. Tickets are on sale for \$1.65 to \$2.75.

Shrine Program

TODAY

4 TO 5 P.M., concert Court Square, Murat band, Indianapolis, Ind.

5 TO 6 P.M., concert Court Square, Moila band, St. Joseph, Mo.

8:30 P.M., crowning event of the world's largest convention—Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant at Crump Stadium. Major motion picture studios will present 11 gorgeous floats, which have been under construction for more than a month and will cost \$30,000. Each has 1000 lights. Beauties contesting for the title of Miss Mid-South will ride them, Harold Lloyd heading judges to choose her.

transacting some serious business at the conclave.

The Imperial Council late yesterday selected Indianapolis as host for the 1941 convention and set the dates as June 10, 11 and 12. However, Shrine officials intimate that the convention will be canceled next year if the war situation has not improved and the money used to help Uncle Sam in some way.

Olendorf Moves Up

Judge Dewey Myers of Marion County (Ind.) Criminal Court, Chief Rabbani of the Indianapolis Temple, who will be potentate next year, promised to show the Shriners a good time. He said a featured attraction will be a special auto race on the Speedway.

George F. Olendorf, the Springfield, Mo., outdoor advertising executive, was automatically moved up into the office of Imperial Potentate, succeeding Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, the former mule skinner who became a wealthy oil man.

Harold Lloyd, the movie funny man whose pictures featured daring building climbing, was elected to the Imperial Council as Imperial Outer Guard. This means he will reach the top of the organization in 11 years.

The Imperial Council named a committee to draft a resolution to be sent to President Roosevelt today offering full support of more than 300,000 Shriners in the war crisis.

Jersey F. Ramier, housing chairman, said more than 13,000 official participants are registered. This includes uniformed units such as bands and drill teams and the official delegates of each of the 159 temples of Shrinedom.

Shrine Briefs

Early Maxwell, promotion editor of The Commercial Appeal was forced to take a bow last night at Crump Stadium when a group of friends jokingly succeeded in having him announced as "a former potentate from New Orleans."

Playing pranks on visiting Shriners is not in order, two Memphians learned last night when police took them in custody.

R. O. Clower Jr., 24, of 1800 York, was charged with disturbing the peace. Detective Sergt. Solomon said Clower snatched the fez hat from the head of Shriner Earl Pond of Nashville.

Ed Crunk, 22, of 242-A Market Mall, was charged with disturbing the peace and being drunk after police say he rode past some Shriners on Monroe on a motorcycle and snatched the fez from the head of Shriner Howard Graf.

Eight Shriners leaving Bellevue High School this morning for the railroad station were arrested, placed in a patrol wagon and taken to the railroad station. Not until the patrol wagon reached the depot did the Shriners realize that a prank was being played on them.

Visiting Shriners have been "highly complimentary" about the cleanliness of Memphis, and its park system, according to Park Commission Chairman Joe Brennan. The visitors, he added, have swelled attendance at the zoo, art gallery, museum and parks.

"Best parade the Shriners have put on in 10 years" declared Visiting Shriner Frederick W. Powers, Troy, N. Y., who has been attending Shrine conventions and witnessing Shrine parades for many years.

A visitor accidentally hit a young woman, directly in front of him in Crump Stadium, in the head twice with a cane which he used to point out the highlights of the parade. The first time he leaned over and apologized profusely. Second time, he didn't even realize he had hit her.

CONVENTION VISITOR TELLS OF BEATING

Beaten about the face and head, Frank Tucker, 24, Water Valley, Miss., was admitted to John Gaston Hospital last night.

Tucker told police that he and his wife were walking on S. Main Street when four men grouped around him and started punching him in the face. They fled when Mrs. Tucker started screaming. Tucker came to Memphis to attend the Shrine convention.

BUSINESS BOOMING AT THE POSTOFFICE

Shriners are mailing from Memphis approximately 15,000 picture postcards, hundreds of letters and about 2000 souvenir packages every day, W. L. Farris, assistant superintendent of De Soto Station, said today.

This means that thru today they will have mailed some 45,000 cards and 6000 packages since the convention opened Tuesday.

Most of the souvenirs are cotton bolls and cotton bales. Favorite picture cards are those of the river cotton fields and city parks, Mr. Farris said.

A special Shrine mail station at Third and Union will continue open until tomorrow night, Postmaster McKellar said.

SHRINERS CHARGE PICKPOCKETS BUSY

Complaints from three visiting Shriners that they had been robbed by pickpockets brought the arrest of a half dozen suspects last night.

W. T. Cox, Indianapolis Shriner, told police someone took a \$45 diamond-studded Shriner pin off his coat in a cafe.

E. S. Arkmeier, New Orleans Shriner, said a pocketbook was "lifted" from him at Main and Union last night. The purse contained \$21.

Shriner W. J. Haynie complained that a pickpocket took his purse containing \$5 and a note payable to him for \$150.

James Ford, 521 1/2 S. Fourth, told police he broke away from three men who tried to strangle him and rob him last night at Third and Calhoun.

Shrine Hi-Jinks Not So Funny To Street Cleaners

That Shrine parade last night was a delight to onlookers, but it was a pain in the elbow today to Memphis street sweepers. They gathered up more than six tons of paper, mostly newspapers, used by the watchers to sit on, from along the parade route.

During the Shrine convention there has been a daily increase of from six to 20 tons of refuse gathered off the streets, according to Bob Hugo, of the department of streets.

Louis Goodman is foreman of the street sweeping forces and about 60 men are normally employed.

"We haven't put on any extra men, but all have been forced to work overtime," Mr. Hugo said today.

So those clean streets you see each morning after the hi-jinks of the night before are a compliment to the efficiency of the street cleaning forces.

EAST ST. LOUIS AND COVINGTON MEET



Visiting nobles from Ainad Temple of East St. Louis, Ill., presented a colorful spectacle when they stopped in Covington for two hours Monday en route to the convention in Memphis. Augmented by the local band, the group staged a lengthy parade from the railway station to the Community House.



John Walker, local Shiner in charge of arrangements for the entertainment here, greeted Potentate Frank Young of Ainad Temple (left) when the latter stepped off the temple's special train.



Staff Photos.

As the above picture shows, the white-uniformed chanters of Ainad Temple were much more interested in eating than in singing when the group dined on southern style barbecue at the Community Center.

Shriners Test This City's Hospitality

A carefree group of Illinois Shriners made Covington a brief oasis Monday afternoon on their trip to the international convention in Memphis which continues through today.

The nobles, 125 members of Ainad Temple of East St. Louis, wearing 125 fezzes of the order, paraded and played, saw the sights and ate barbecue in their crowded two-hour visit.

Teasing rain clouds drenched welcome signs with a downpour but cleared away in time to allow the brightly uniformed units to parade from their special train to the Community House.

Leading the parade, which formed at 12:30 p. m., was Frank Young, potentate of Ainad Temple, in a special car. Several visitors piled onto the city's fire truck for the ride to town, followed by three of Ainad's marching units, the patrol, the drum and bugle corps and the white-uniformed chanters. The Tipton County Band and local Shriners, members of Al Chymia Temple of Memphis, brought up the rear.

Local Shriners, business men and others increased to approximately 250 the number of persons attending the barbecue at the Community Center.

Here, Shiner Mark Walker Jr. welcomed the visitors. Frank Watson, chief ribbon of Ainad Temple, gave the response in the absence of Potentate Young, who had gone on to Memphis by car.

The pits at the rear of the Community House where seven hogs were being made into southern style barbecue interested the Illinois visitors, as did huge magnolia blossoms decorating the tables. Members of the local Eastern Star chapter and others served the dinner.

The local entertainment was arranged by a committee of Shriners, Masons, Jaycees and Lions, with Shiner John Walker in charge.

Crowning event of the Shrine convention in Memphis will be the Hollywood electrical motion picture pageant at Crump Stadium tonight. Anne Hudson, "Miss Covington," will ride one of the massive floats and compete for the title of queen and a free trip to the West Coast.

They Came Early and Stayed Late



Miss Kay Kober, Memphis radio singer, left, led the crowd of about 9000 in Crump Stadium in singing "God Bless America." Noble C. W. McKenzie, Detroit, apparently has a cast-iron larynx. He served as master of ceremonies and kept up a constant line of introductory chatter. Miss Alice Shaw, Shreveport, La., and Noble Joseph F. Stuart, Memphis, are to the right of Mr. McKenzie.



Mayor Chandler, member of Al Chymia Temple, came early and stayed until the last Noble marched past his box. With him are his mother, Mrs. William H. Chandler, and his 7-year-old daughter, Lucia.

Shrine Council Thanks City, Press, and Radio

For Helping Make the Convention a Success;
'No Detail Overlooked,' Says Committee

The Imperial Council of the Shrine today adopted a special resolution of appreciation thanking public officials, John B. Vesey, director general; Potentate J. A. Waterman of Al Chymia Temple, the press and radio and general public for helping to make the Shrine session a success.

The resolution was submitted by the committee on special resolutions composed of the following:

HAROLD LLOYD, Al Malaikah Temple.
W. FREELAND KENDRICK, Lu Lu Temple.
CREASY E. PROCTOR, Sudan Temple.
EARL PERRY, Al Kader Temple.
B. LAFAYETTE GAY, El Karubah Temple.

The Resolution

The resolution follows:
"Each succeeding session of the Imperial Council seems the best, and we are sure this 66th annual session here in Memphis is no exception. Since the warm and urgent invitation to meet here, all Shriners have looked forward to the Memphis session, and today we are thrilled with the genuine Southern reception and hospitality which we have received since our arrival. No detail has been overlooked, and it must be a feeling of pride to the city of Memphis, as well as a feeling of joy to all visitors, in the assurance of a task well done.

"We, therefore, by this special resolution desire to express our

thanks to Gov. Cooper for his response and assistance; to Mayor Chandler for his unstinted assistance in placing the Auditorium and other resources of the city at the disposal of the convention. We are grateful to the Police and Traffic Department for their fine job in handling the whole situation.

"We are under lasting obligation to Noble John B. Vesey, the director general—he has done a big job in a big way, and to him, with his many committee chairmen and assistants, we express our heartfelt thanks.

"To the Potentate of Al Chymia, Noble J. A. Waterman, and all members of his Temple, we are exceedingly grateful.

Thanks Press

"The press and radio of Memphis have been most generous and have done a fine job, and we cannot thank them enough.

"To the citizens of Memphis, small and great, young and old—we will say you have won our hearts with yours as you have received us and made our stay a precious memory.

"In face—we desire to thank everybody for a wonderful visit—we want to leave out nobody for we have had a great convention amidst most delightful preparations and surroundings."

Spotlight on Beauty In Shriners' Glamor Show

By JOSEPH GUESS

Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Two long-fingering spotlights will be turned into the darkness as thousands watch inside Crump Stadium at 8:30 tonight.

The spotlights will play upon two heralds riding swift white horses to the reviewing stand.

Setting of Beauty

The riders will herald the approach of the most glittering and glamorous show of the world's largest convention; the approach of the tops in Hollywood-sponsored movie floats ridden by the cream of the Mid-South's beauties; the approach of the Shrine's classiest marching and music-playing units—all in the Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant. It is the crowning event of the 66th Imperial Session of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

Tonight will come the biggest moment in some lucky girl's life. "Miss Mid-South will be announced. She will go to Hollywood and to the San Francisco World's Fair to reign as queen there on Mid-South Day, June 27. Miss Tennessee, Miss Arkansas and Miss Mississippi also will be made known. These will be the winners of a contest at the Malco Theater at 4 p.m. today. The winners and 39 other beautiful girls from Memphis and the Mid-South will ride the floats.

Aerial Acts

Aerial acts, parade of Tony Sarg's giant balloons, entrance of a huge Chinese dragon, introduction of Gene Autry and Harold Lloyd will come next.

will come the real show, the heralded pageant—

Interspersed with the bands and patrol units, 11 floats, with 1000 lights each, will parade slowly around the stadium track.

Shrine units, anxious to leave a lasting impression of their genuine expertness, will lay aside their monkeyshines, and drill and play as can be done only by groups with years of training.

Built in Filmland

The floats, built by Hollywood's own technicians, with material from Hollywood major studios, have been under construction for more than a month, at a cost of \$30,000. Motors of all floats are concealed beneath their flashing exteriors.

Only movieland could have envisioned "California," sponsored by Walter Wanger Productions. It will have a golden-colored, complete replica of a mission of early Spanish-type set in the midst of an orange grove. Oranges will be illuminated. Back of the grove will rise a snow-capped mountain, a mountain of dazzling-white lights.

Sphinx on Guard

Columbia Pictures will bring the "Orient" to the pageant. An Oriental goddess sits on her throne, with two elephant heads on each side. She will be guarded by Two Sphinx. Lights will flicker and vary in color and intensity. Smoke pours from a fantastic urn. Oriental beauties lie about in different positions.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1940

BEAUTY 'PROM'— TITLE AT STAKE

Name Winners Tonight At
Crump Stadium

Forty-three beauties from Mid-South towns and Mrs. Mary Sue

Peacock, Miss Memphis, will pass in review on the Malco Theater stage at 4 p.m. today.

They will compete for the titles of Miss Mid-South, Miss Tennessee, Miss Arkansas and Miss Mississippi. Winner will not be announced until the Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant at Crump Stadium at 8:30 tonight.

Miss Mid-South will receive an all-expense paid trip to Hollywood and will reign as queen at the San Francisco World's Fair on Mid-

South day there, June 27. A chap-ron will accompany her.

Winners of the other titles will receive loving cups.

All the competing beauties will ride the Hollywood floats in the pageant.

Harold Lloyd is chairman of the beauty contest judges.

Hobos Strip Shriners' Dummy— He Gets New Clothes for Parade

The dummy that rode atop the Boumville Trolley in the huge Shrine Parade last night wasn't the same dummy who rode into Memphis Monday in an Illinois Central gondola.

Before the dummy could take his post last night, he had to undergo repairs and get a new outfit of clothing due to a hobo raid on his ride to Memphis from Baltimore, home of the Boumi Temple of the Shrine.

On the freight train ride to Memphis, the dummy had been placed in a rear seat of the Boumville Trolley. He was fully clothed when he left Baltimore, but when the gondola carrying the trolley arrived in Memphis Monday morning, hobos who had picked up a ride on the train had stripped him down to his plaster pants hide. All the dummy had on when he got to Memphis was a tiny straw hat. The hobos had taken the rest, including the dummy's shoes. In stripping the dummy, the hobos broke one of his feet and mashed some of his fingers, but last night the dummy



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo.

rode in the parade fully dressed, his fractures repaired and in his hands he held a newspaper.

Happy-Go-Lucky Shrine Parade Thrills Memphis

Memphis got a taste of the New Orleans Mardi Gras in the Shrine Parade last night and liked it.

Jerusalem Temple of New Orleans brought six golden-hued, mule-drawn floats up via Illinois Central on flat cars.

Biggest hit was the number of glass necklaces, whistles, tiny dogs and other souvenirs masked Nobles riding on the floats tossed to the spectators.

There was a gracious Northern tribute to the South when Cleveland's Al Koran Temple band passed thru Crump Stadium playing "Dixie."

Detroit Liked Most

Of the several crack drill teams which performed on the football field, Moslem Temple of Detroit drew the most applause. They rehearse every Monday night 10 months a year. Preceded by a huge lighted Turkish scimitar that gleamed as the diamond-studded, the drill team wore dark blue coats and white flannels.

Boston Pilgrims

Six men each were a huge lighted letter to spell B-O-S-T-O-N when Aleppo Temple came in. Nobles dressed as Pilgrim fathers carried ancient guns with lights on them. The red, green and gold uniformed drill team wore plenty of electric lights powered by concealed batteries. The team drilled on the football field, the lights twinkling as they marched.

Goose-Stepping Guard

"Back Home in Indiana" blared the Murat Temple band of Indianapolis, hosts to the conclave next year. Murat had a goose-stepping color guard, incidentally the only outfit using the German marching step in the line of march. The gun team was impressive with their precision pile-up in mid-field.

Boumi of Baltimore came in with booming firecrackers. Feature was the Boumville Trolley, a replica of Fontaine Fox' famed "Toonerville Trolley" cartoon. Real smoke poured from the stove pipe. A pas-

senger sat on the roof, "reading" a Press-Scimitar.

Clad in Red-White-Blue

Almas Temple of Washington, D. C., host to the convention seven times, had a huge Noble wielding a wicked-looking scimitar. The marchers wore many lights and the drill team was clad in patriotic red, white and blue. The drillers performed a tricky shift from one side of the cinder track to the other.

Pink neon spelled out "Moolah" ahead of the St. Louis temple. A knight wearing chain mail held a huge blue neon sword on the side of a car. A prankster blew a shrill whistle tossed from a New Orleans float, trying in vain to confuse the whistle-directed drill team on the gridiron.

Isis of Salina, Kan., tho a small temple, brought a whole trainload of Nobles. A sprightly dancing drum major and a drill team wearing pea-green velvet jackets and gold pants were features.

A Hollywood spotlight pulled by a tractor stabbed skyward ahead of the Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles.

Real Peach Trees

Yaarab Temple of Atlanta had a float on which four real blossoming peach trees and a replica of Stone Mountain were featured. Nobles tossed peaches to the crowd. Atlanta had the first Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital.

Alladin is the name of the Columbus, Ohio Temple. The unit had a huge golden replica of Alladin's "wonderful lamp" of "Arabian Nights" fame. Flames leaped from the spout.

A Noble played gay music on a tractor-drawn calliope with the Antioch Temple unit of Dayton, Ohio. Two boys marched in a camel costume.

"Hadi Says Howdy" was lettered on the bass drum of Hadi Temple, Evansville, Ind. Tampa's Egypt Temple band had lights on drums and bugles as well as on the musicians.

OH, LIFE IS MERRY AWAY FROM HOME FOR THE VISITING SHRINERS!



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photos

J. Neal Mutton, Egypt Temple, Tampa, Fla., is hanging up drill unit uniforms in the assembly hall at Tech High, one of the city schools being used as a Shrine dormitory.



"Now where did I put that tooth brush?" Living out of a suitcase is some fun, according to Dave Fowler, of Common Pleas Court, member of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, domiciled at Tech High.



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*"I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of Amer-
ica and to the Republic for
which it stands; one Nation
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all."*

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Salutes

FLAG DAY

★ TOMORROW ★

June 14th, 1940, FLAG DAY, will mark the 163rd anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the National Emblem of your and our great United States of America.

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The New Imperial Potentate



George Forrest Olendorf, past potentate of Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Mo., former theater manager and now in the outdoor advertising business, is the new Imperial Potentate of the Shriners and will be installed at the Auditorium this morning.

—Staff Photo by Day

LLOYD PLACED IN LINE TO BE SHRINE LEADER

Movie Comedian Is Elected Imperial Outer Guard

WILL REACH TOP IN 1950

George F. Olendorf Advances To Post Of Imperial Potentate—Council Pledges Support To Government

By ROBERT TALLEY

Harold Lloyd, movie comedian and past potentate of Los Angeles' Al Malaikah Temple, will be the Imperial Potentate of North America's Shriners 11 years hence.

Amid rousing scenes yesterday the Imperial Council of the Shrine, meeting at the Auditorium, elected Mr. Lloyd to the post of Imperial Outer Guard and advanced George Forrest Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., from Deputy Imperial Potentate to Imperial Potentate. Mr. Olendorf, who is engaged in the outdoor advertising business, succeeds Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, former mule driver and now a wealthy oil producer.

Support For Roosevelt

The Imperial Council's 675 delegates from 159 cities throughout the United States also voted unanimously to send a telegram to President Roosevelt pledging support of the Nation's 350,000 Shriners to the Government in the present crisis. A committee was appointed to draft the telegram to the President, which will be sent this morning.

Mr. Olendorf will be formally installed as the new Imperial Potentate at colorful exercises at the Auditorium today. At the same time the 12 other members of the Imperial Divan—except the Imperial Recorder and the Imperial Treasurer, whose offices are continuing—will be automatically advanced in the Imperial Line.

The election of Mr. Lloyd to the post of Imperial Outer Guard, the foot of the Imperial Line, was the only election, as all other officers are promoted each year. Mr. Lloyd's election means he will assume the potentate post in 1950, to serve a year at the top in Shrine-dom.

Olendorf Advances

At the opening of the council's session yesterday, Les Walton, past potentate of Abou Ben Adhem Temple of Springfield, Mo., and life member of the Imperial Council, formally moved that Mr. Olendorf be advanced to Imperial Potentate. On motion of Fred Powers of Troy, N. Y., the delegates cast a unanimous ballot.

Immediately a 30-minute demonstration in Mr. Olendorf's honor broke loose. Shrine bands played, chanters sang and delegates paraded. The stage was cleared and a huge curtain lowered as a backdrop, on which was painted the lifesized figure of a crippled child seated in the Shrine crescent above the Biblical quotation: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Mr. Olendorf and members of his family were escorted to the stage and formally introduced. So were the potentates of the Missouri Shrine Temples—Harvey Beffa of Moolah Temple, St. Louis; Clayton W. Walker of Arrat Temple, Kansas City; Paul Priestley of Moila Temple, St. Joseph, and Albert Ayre of Abou Ben Adhem Temple of Springfield in which the new potentate holds his membership. Con-

Potentates—Present And Future



One of the first to congratulate Harold Lloyd (right), the movie star, when he was elected Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine yesterday, was Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline. Mr. Lloyd, elected to the bottom of the Imperial line, will become Imperial Potentate 11 years hence through the Shrine's policy of annual advancement.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell

gratulatory telegrams from mayors of a dozen Missouri cities were read.

Pledges Serious Work

"I am deeply grateful to all of you," Mr. Olendorf said in his speech of acceptance. "The Shrine is primarily the playground of the Masonic order and as such it will continue, but it also has a serious purpose and this, too, will be my aim. These are serious times and I want the world to know that the Shriners, as patriotic now as ever, stand solidly behind their Government. Likewise, we shall continue to support our Shrine hospitals for crippled children and extend the gentle hand of mercy with our hearts and our purses as well."

The election of Mr. Lloyd as Imperial Outer Guard came when his two rivals withdrew in his favor. One of them, Peter Baldwin, Jacksonville, Fla., broker and member of that city's Morocco Temple, placed Mr. Lloyd's name in nomination. The other, Prof. Hubert Poteat of North Carolina's Wake Forest College and a member of Sudan Temple at Newbern, N. C., then moved that Mr. Lloyd's election be made unanimous and this was done amid much enthusiasm.

Lloyd Is "Thrilled"

"I am thrilled, happy, honored and grateful," Mr. Lloyd said in his speech of acceptance, which displayed him as a quiet, genteel man in sharp contrast to the raucous roles he plays in movie comedies. "You have been more than kind, and I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart."

The 1941 convention city will be selected this morning. Both Indianapolis and Miami are trying for the 1941 Shrine convention and the edge seems to favor Indianapolis. High officials of the Shrine state privately, however, that if the war situation becomes worse the 1941 convention may be dispensed with and the money it would cost donated to the Red Cross or some similar agency.

It's A New Baton For 'Happy Jack'

"Happy Jack" Solari, whose 28 years' service as drum major of El Mina Temple's 42-piece uniformed band at Galveston, Texas, makes him North American Shrinedom's oldest in point of continuous service, was smiling again yesterday.

He had a bright, new baton.

His old baton was badly bent when the special train halted for a short concert by the band at Alexandria, La., and an ingenious fellow noble put it to work in lieu of the temporarily lost bass drum stick. "Happy Jack" was none too happy about the matter.

Yesterday Dr. S. S. Templin of Galveston, director of the band, and Acting Potentate W. H. Baskin of Port Arthur, Texas, went into a huddle and out came the solution: They presented "Happy Jack" with the new baton.

The rotund, gay drum major has made trips with the band to South American cities and other parts of the world. The band and uniformed patrol are the official escorts of Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Champion Of Hosts Entertains 350

C. R. Connell, merchant and farmer at Eads, Tenn., just east of Memphis, set a new high in Southern hospitality yesterday. He entertained the entire Moslem Temple, Detroit, Shrine delegation at a barbecue luncheon.

The job was so stupendous that The Commercial Appeal's radio station WMC yesterday had to broadcast for private automobile owners who would volunteer to help transport Moslem to Eads. The Detroiters left their Webster Street Pullman City at 11 a.m., reaching Mr. Connell's home in time for high noon Brunswick stew and what goes with it.

"Do you realize you're taking on one of the biggest delegations at the convention? You'll have about 350 guests," a convention official warned the prospective host.

"Yeah, I know," Mr. Connell replied. "That's one reason I asked for Moslem."

ELECTIONS, PARADES, SHOW, FUN HIGHLIGHT BUSY DAY FOR SHRINE

Olendorf Advances To Imperial Potentate, Lloyd Begins 11-Year Climb To Top

CLIMAX COMES TONIGHT

Spectacular Hollywood Pageant To Unfold At 8:30

13,000 ARE REGISTERED

Thousands Jam Crump Stadium And Line Streets To View Gala Electrical Parade—Movie Stars Prove Popular

By JOHN HUTCHISON

All downtown Memphis was a carnival without tents yesterday as the Shrine marched and counter-marched while its official representatives deliberated in official session and brought forth a new imperial officer—Moviemaster Harold Lloyd.

Tonight in a crescendo of light and color and the loveliness of many girls, the Hollywood Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium will close the biggest, noisiest and happiest convention Memphis has ever seen. Movie colony technicians and artists have been at work for two months to produce the spectacle that will unfold at 8:30 o'clock under the searching flood of dozens of huge spotlights augmenting the regular equipment around the field.

Olendorf Is Elevated

George Olendorf, of Springfield, Mo., was elevated to the office of Imperial Potentate of the Shrine yesterday as the representatives met in the comparative quiet of Ellis Auditorium. Mr. Lloyd was named Imperial Outer Guard after one of his two opponents nominated him and the other moved unanimous election. The movie comedian will become Potentate automatically in 11 years.

The Shrine also appointed a committee yesterday instructed to prepare a resolution to be sent to Washington today, offering President Roosevelt full support of nearly 350,000 Shriners in the war crisis.

Last night in Crump Stadium thousands of uniformed Shriners, many in clothing lighted by concealed batteries, marched for hours in an electrical parade.

Movie Stars Popular

Harold Lloyd strengthened his place in the hearts of local movie fans by his part in the spectacle. Lured by the calls of admirers, he dropped out of line many times to sign autographs or do whatever else his public demanded, running breathless to catch up with his contingent when he could get away.

Gene Autry also stayed close to earth in his enjoyment of the Shrine spectacle. Seated in a box in a section near the center of the south stands, he let his 10-gallon hat dangle over the side of the rail while the clocklike patrols marched past. When people wanted to know what he was going to do, he said he was "just going to watch."

One of the big hits of the night parade was New Orleans' offering of several Mardi Gras floats. The

ELECTIONS, PARADES, KEEP SHRINERS BUSY

Elaborate Show And Frivolity Among Day's Highlights

CLIMAX COMES TONIGHT

Spectacular Hollywood Pageant Will Unfold At 8:30—Lloyd Begins 11-Year Climb To Highest Office

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thought of flinging necklaces and other baubles to the crowd went over in a big way. William Cegz-man of New Orleans, on the principal float, made an ideal carnival king for the crowd.

Denver's El Gebel Scotsmen, with their bagpipes which turned into chairs whenever the players got tired, were a hit of the vast procession.

Streets along the line of march both before and after the parade entered the stadium were packed by tens of thousands of spectators.

Moviedom Showmanship

All the showmanship of moviedom will present the show tonight. After a 15-minute band concert beginning at 8:15 o'clock Memphis' own temple, Al Chymia, will provide the band and patrol to escort John B. Vesey, director-general of the convention, and Mrs. Vesey, into the stadium. Mr. Vesey will then introduce Don Wilson, famous radio announcer, to be master of ceremonies for the pageant.

More men of Al Chymia will then escort their potentate, J. A. Waterman. Then Abou Ben Adhem Temple will herald the approach of its member who made good, Mr. Olendorf, elected yesterday to the highest Shrine office. After him will come the other imperial officers.

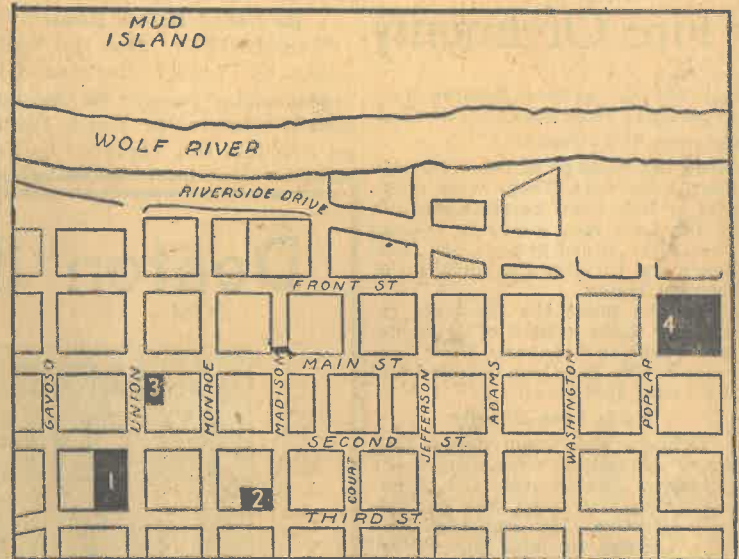
Then "Miss Tennessee," "Miss Arkansas," "Miss Mississippi," and "Miss MidSouth" will be introduced, having been selected at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Malco from nearly 100 contestants sponsored by TriState towns and Memphis business concerns. The sweepstakes winner will rule over the San Francisco Exposition June 27—MidSouth Day. She also will get a screen test in Hollywood.

Huge Parade of Floats

There will be more music, and then a colorful group of clowns will accompany the grotesque, giant heads of Tony Sarg balloons. Then there will be an aerial act, followed by the entrance of a huge colored Chinese dragon.

Two deafening bombs will signal the entry of two herds on white horses. Picked out in the darkness by twin spotlights, the horsemen will dash to the center of the stadium and play a fanfare. Fireworks

You Can Buy Tickets Here



- 1—Peabody Hotel.
- 2—Goodwyn Institute Building.
- 3—Main and Union.
- 4—Ellis Auditorium.

Here's where you can purchase tickets today for the spectacular Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant.

will then light a huge welcome sign as Gene Autry is introduced.

Next will be the huge parade of professionally built floats, each representing a movie studio and each bearing a corps of beautiful girls. Each will be accompanied by Shrine bands and patrols. Each will be lighted by its own generator, and thousands of candlepower will pick out each float from the lights mounted around the stadium's rim.

Final Sessions Today

In climax of the brilliant evening, Boy Scouts will trot onto the field to be presented in an address by Lake Hays, past potentate of Al Chymia. After his brief talk, Shrine chanters will sing "God Bless America" as the Scouts release dozens of white pigeons.

The Imperial Council will hold final sessions today in Ellis Auditorium, beginning at 9 o'clock and closing in the afternoon after a meeting opening at 2 o'clock. As on every day since the colorful units arrived early in the week, bands of many temples will parade and play for the public.

J. F. Ramier, Housing chairman for the convention, said yesterday that more than 13,000 official participants had registered for the convention as representatives or as uniformed members of several hundred units.

Many Others Here

No other Shriners were registered officially by the Shrine, but he estimated that nearly three times as many Shriners, their wives and friends and children are here unofficially as are actually taking part in the convention. That would mean that more than 40,000 visitors are in Memphis.

"The figure is about 25 per cent under our expectation," Mr. Ramier said, "because of the war. Many men who belong to military or naval forces have been called to duty or cannot leave home now."

STILL TIME TO GET TICKETS FOR PAGEANT

Advance Purchases Available At Four Places

Tickets to the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant, feature of today's Shrine activities for the public, are still available at the following places:

Auditorium, Peabody Hotel lobby, Walgreen's (Main and Union) and Shrine headquarters in the Goodwyn Institute Building.

Officials said yesterday tickets could be obtained at any of the four locations until 6 o'clock tonight. Then they will be on sale at Crump Stadium only. The show begins at the stadium at 8:30 o'clock.

Prices are \$1.65 in the west end, \$2.20 back of row 20 in the main section and \$2.75 from rows one to 20 in the main stands. All seats are reserved.

Many others have been kept at home by uncertain business conditions or the press of administering war industries."

Shrine officials said that bank clearings, expected to rise sharply from the influx of freely-spent money, will probably not show the effect of the convention for several days after the gathering, when business concerns pay the bills for merchandise used during the meeting.

The Cowhand From Hollywood



Gene Autry, the famous vocalizing cowpuncher from the motion picture country, was greeted upon arrival here yesterday by W. Percy McDonald, attorney and chairman of the Shrine Committee in charge of the movie celebrity's stay. That's Autry with the Al Malaikah Los Angeles Temple fez atop his 10-gallon cowboy hat. Gene is a member of the Los Angeles organization.

—Staff Photo by Bruner

Gene Autry, Fan Mail Champ, Arrives For Shriner's Show

By HARRY MARTIN

Gene Autry, the singing cowboy who gets more fan mail than Robert Taylor and sells more recordings than Bing Crosby, will tell you with a good-natured grin that his success in the cinema saddle is largely a matter of good luck.

"I just happened to be the first movie cowboy who could sing," he says. "The Legion of Decency had cleaned up the screen and the producers were looking for something new. They hit on the idea of Westerns with music. That meant actors that could ride and shoot, but also could sing. I got the first chance; I've been at it ever since."

Rides Airliner

Autry rode into town yesterday morning aboard an American Airliner from Hollywood, accompanied by Bev Barnett, his personal representative, to make appearances tonight at Crump Stadium in the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant, final public event of the Shrine Convention. He was greeted at Municipal Airport by a Shrine Committee officially headed by W. Percy McDonald, attorney, and was whisked to the Peabody for a round of Shrine activity prior to tonight's public appearance.

First bit of information that dropped from his lips was that he has recently bought a horse to replace his present movie mount, "Champion," and that the new nag is a Tennesseean, a five-year-old stud purchased recently in Nashville. The horse is named "Stone-wall Allen," a title that will be changed if he develops sufficient ability to face the cameras with Autry.

Wears Flashy Boots

Wearing flashy boots recently presented to him by the Variety Clubs of Dallas for his co-operation with a show there for the Finnish Relief Fund, Autry spoke of the coincidence in the fact that his latest picture, "Carolina Moon," has a Southern rather than a Western background.

"I picked a good time to visit Dixie," he said. "My new movie is about an old Colonel who has a fine horse taking part in a rodeo. There is a lot of trouble, of course, and I come along to the rescue."

Gene has been making eight pictures a year, but that's too many, even for Westerns on a three-week "shooting schedule," he says. Next year he expects to do only six, one of which will be "Melody Ranch," based on his radio program.

Autry is one film cowboy who was actually brought up on a ranch and can do his own horsebacking.

He was born in Tioga, Texas ("population 1000 on Saturday," he says), between Dallas and Wichita Falls. His father was in the cattle business there and later at Ravia, near Ardmore, Okla. Gene used to drive the cattle into town for shipment on the stock trains. He became interested in telegraphy while hanging around the depot waiting for the cars to come in, and finally, at 17, landed a job unloading baggage at \$15 a week so that he could learn to be a telegraph operator. The Frisco gave him a telegrapher's post, shifting him about in small towns near Tulsa. At odd moments he practiced singing with his guitar.

Fateful Night

"One night in 1928 a fellow came in with a telegram," he said. "He asked me to knock out a tune or two, which I did. Then he told me I was wasting my time, I ought to be doin' something with my voice. I never paid much attention until he handed me the telegram to send. It was signed 'Will Rogers.' I knew right then I was going to do something with my singing. If Will Rogers liked it, I knew other people would."

Autry went to New York, eventually got a hearing, after many setbacks, and finally began to make records, appearing simultaneously on the National Barn Dance over WLS. It was from there that he was called to Hollywood, when the Legion of Decency drive forced producers to seek new types of stories. His success thereafter is well known.

One record alone—"Silver-Haired Daddy of Mine"—sold over a million copies and is still going. The same can be said for "South of the Border," a song that Autry introduced after hearing it in England last year, and for "You're the Only Star in My Blue Heaven," another tune first presented by Gene.

"I've got a new one now, called 'Goodbye, Little Darlin,' that I think will be a hit," he said.

Autry averages 20,000 fan letters a week, the highest number it has ever run being 50,000 in seven days. He tries to answer as much of it himself as possible. He and Barnett are flying back to Hollywood tonight, immediately after the electrical pageant. Gene has some letter-writing to do.

Music From Those Musettes May Charm Some Snakes, But—

A little boy squinted in the noon sun as he stood on Union yesterday, watching the Shrine's Oriental bands walking toward Main.

"I'm going to be a Shriner," he said. "I want to play one of those things."

A Mr. Brathingthwaite, standing next to him, grimaced. He didn't squint—he held his ears. The "things" were musettes, a variation of reed instruments used by the Shrine bands to provide that weird, nonOccidental but presumably accidental music. Mr. Brathingthwaite's curiosity was aroused.

Plenty Of Variety

The musette, he discovered, has a range of an octave and a half, at least five tones more than he would have believed possible. Their players told him anybody who knows anything about a reed instrument can play one, and Mr. Brathingthwaite decided there were a lot of other musette players too.

By standing along the curbing while the uniformed groups passed by, Mr. Brathingthwaite learned that one selection, an unearthly bit of the Old East, predominates in all musette repertoires, but at Court Square he discovered that they can also put out other numbers, after their own fashion. There Chicago's Medinah Temple outfit offered, during its part of the program, the musette variation of Raymond Scott's "Girl Friend of the Whirling Dervish" and, unfittingly enough, "Jingle Bells."

Among other accomplishments,

Mr. Brathingthwaite is by way of being a musician. He wasn't sure whether that qualified him to investigate the musette, but he tried it, anyway.

One Made Of Rosewood

From the musettitians he learned that the instrument's cost ranges from \$150 to the "\$18 or \$19" a Chicagoan said he had paid for his own.

It, the Chicagoan explained, is of rosewood, while the cheaper, simpler instruments are of metal. Disdainfully, he said lots of them were made in China. The rosewood, he said, provides a better tone. When Mr. Brathingthwaite wanted to know just what was meant by "better," the musettitian ducked the answer.

A musette, Mr. Brathingthwaite learned, can be any one of several instruments, all of them deriving their names from the French "muser," which means to play a bagpipe.

It was also noted that "muser" has something to do with muzzle, and Mr. Brathingthwaite considered that quite fitting.

Small, Simple Oboe

He found that the musette was a small bagpipe formerly—"Note that formerly!" he interjected—popular in France, especially in the Eighteenth Century, having a soft and sweet sound. Although he could find an echo of bagpipe in the Shrine musette, he eliminated that definition. "And not because it doesn't look like a bagpipe," he explained carefully.

Also, he found, a musette can be "a reed stop of four-foot or eight-foot pitch and bright and pleasing tone." This went by the boards for the same reason.

The third classification set up is "a kind of small, simple oboe." Mr. Brathingthwaite leaped on this as the proper one.

"You'll note the pertinent lack of reference to the tone," he pointed out gleefully.

Memphis, Not The Orient



In India they use the musette to charm real snakes. In Memphis one Chicago Shriner, Edward J. Roubik (left) used the Oriental instrument to charm a wooden snake, held by James D. Westbrook.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell

IT WAS 'STUNT DAY' WITH THE SHRINERS



VOTED THE BEST "DRUNK ACT" of the day was that of the St. Louis Moolah Temple. The sad-looking gent with the putty nose is Shriner R. F. Koehler, a Government income tax expert in St. Louis, who is supported by John H. Sieloff (left), a detective on the St. Louis police force, and G. B. Fertig (right) who is engaged in the electrical goods business in that city.



AN ORIENTAL SNAKE CHARMER was the offering of Pittsburgh's Syria Temple, and here George R. Hennig, leader of Syria's Oriental Band, wraps a live seven-foot boa constrictor around his neck while J. O. Emrich pipes the tune. When they aren't cutting capers for the Shrine, Mr. Hennig is superintendent of a Pittsburgh asbestos company and Mr. Emrich is librarian of Pittsburgh's law library.



One of These TriState Beauties May Be Golden Gate Bound



One of these girls may reign June 27 over the San Francisco Exposition— if she wins the competition for the title of "Miss MidSouth," the winner of which will be announced tonight at the Hollywood Electrical Pageant in Crump Stadium, to complete the 1940 Imperial Shrine Convention. These girls from the Tri-States will compete with Memphis beauties for state titles and the MidSouth

honor which will take the winner to the exposition and to a screen test in Hollywood. They are (1) Miss Thelma Brown of Ridgely, Tenn.; (2) Miss Doris Coggins of Tupelo, Miss.; (3) Miss Patricia Terry of Brinkley, Ark.; (4) Miss Ernestine Peddy of Jackson, Tenn.; (5) Miss Florence Snow of Newport, Ark.; (6) Miss Eleanor Helms of Greenville, Miss.

Southern Personalities

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 1940



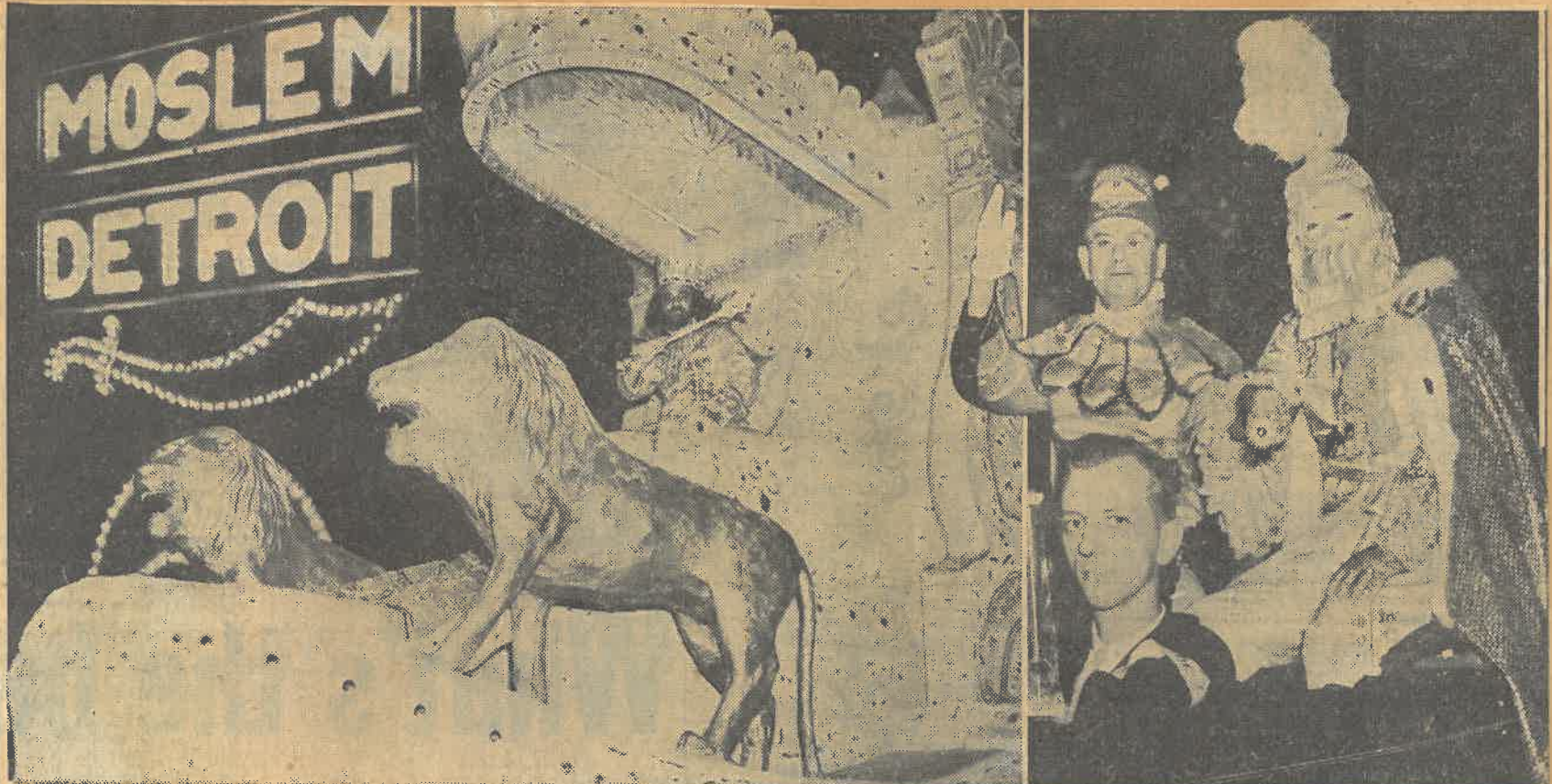
Far ahead of all competitors, Crump Stadium spectators thought last night, was Detroit's Moslem Temple Patrol (top). Scots bagpipers of El Gebel Temple, Denver, worried the parade watchers a bit. The instruments turned out to be camouflaged kitchen chairs (below).



Potentate Fred B. McNeely of Indianapolis' Murat Temple led his nobles who want to be hosts to the Shrine conclave next year.



Members of Murat Temple of Indianapolis played a big part in the parade. Here is one of the marching units which stepped off its paces with a precision that drew tumultuous applause from the spectators.



Outstanding in the big parade was New Orleans' Jerusalem Temple's Mardi Gras float which ushered the contingent's delegation into the Stadium. William Cegzerman of New Orleans is on the king's dais. In the background is seen the mark of Moslem Temple of Detroit.

Here are some of the New Orleans Shrine leaders who held main attention in the march through the Stadium and down Union.

COLORFUL SHRINE PARADE THRILLS MEMPHIS CROWDS



A highlight in last night's parade was the Toonerville Trolley, a special item of Baltimore's Boumi Temple. The Potentate is E. Elmer Langrall. The unique vehicle was one of many viewed during the spectacle.

—Staff Photos by Day

THE WEATHER

For Memphis and Vicinity:
General fair Friday and Satur-
day. Not much change in tem-
perature.

Dazzling Hollywood Pageant Climaxes Shrine Convention, Ends Week Of Color, Gaiety

50,000 Members And Other Visitors Share Memphis' Hospitality During Imperial Session—C. Of C. Estimates \$2,500,000 Spent During Meeting

By JOHN HUTCHISON

In the tumult and the color of a Hollywood spectacle, the 66th annual convention of the Shrine came to an end last night.

Beams of a hundred searchlights sliced the darkness at Crump Stadium in the climax to a week in which Memphis saw and took part in its biggest celebration.

Nearly 50,000 Visitors

Official total of all Shriners and families whose lodgings were known to convention headquarters was said yesterday morning to be 23,110. At least 1000 others were thought to be unaccounted for, and new visitors were still being registered for lodging at noon yesterday, the Chamber of Commerce reported.

The Convention Bureau estimated yesterday that 25,000 additional persons visited Memphis from the TriStates, either staying here with relatives and friends overnight, or returning to their home towns. That would bring the total to nearly 50,000. Shrine officials were more conservative, estimating a total of about 45,000.

R. E. Logsdon of the bureau said a conservative estimate would put the week's expenditure at \$100 per Shriner while in Memphis, or nearly \$2,500,000 spent by those who came for the entire meeting. It was considered impossible to estimate the lesser expenditures of those who came in from the surrounding territory for shorter stays.

Advertising Value Seen

The bureau, headed by W. W. Fischer, declared that the \$50,000 supplied by Memphis business men to bring the convention here would bring a further return of \$50,000,000 worth of international advertising for Memphis.

The \$50,000 fund, raised by a Citizens' Committee headed by William Loeb, probably will not return any cash to the men who supplied it, but preliminary checking late yesterday indicated that the sale of tickets, concessions and other privileges might pay all expenses above the initial \$50,000 fund, it was learned yesterday. Financial outcome depended last night, however, on the ticket sale for the electrical pageant.

5000 In Attendance

Rain which had been falling most of the afternoon was still coming down at the 8:30 starting hour of the Hollywood Electrical Pageant. The stands—those sections which were occupied—were a sea of umbrellas. Attendance was estimated at 5000.

Reaching almost downpour proportions at times, the showers ceased around 9:30 and a bold moon peeped through the clouds. The rest of the evening, that part when the electrical floats were scheduled, was only damp. But Pluvius had gotten his work in, and several of the elaborate floats' motors were drowned out, and towing trucks had to be called into service to get the spectacle vehicles around the tracks.

Precautions Taken

As a safety measure, the costumed and uncostumed girls who were part of the floats' scenery were not put aboard until the floats were parked in the center of the stadium. Electricians in charge feared the wetness of electrical equipment might cause even more serious shocks than the audience was expecting.

Pretty and shapely as any artist's

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SPECTACULAR PAGEANT ENDS SHRINE SESSION

Hollywood Floats Are Shown At Crump Stadium

50,000 VISITORS HERE

C. Of C. Estimates \$2,500,000 Was Spent During Imperial Convention—Hospitality Of City Is Praised

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model, 16-year-old Alma Jean Caldwell of Jonesboro, Ark., was awarded the beauty title of Miss Mid-South in one of the pageant's main events. State title winners in the contest were: Miss Tennessee, Thelma Brown of Ridgely, Tenn.; Miss Arkansas, Betty Benson of Forrest City, Ark.; Miss Mississippi, Eleanor Helms of Greenville, Miss. Miss Memphis was Mary Sue Peacock, recent winner in the local contest.

No Repeat On Show

Disappointed at first because of the cut in attendance caused by the rain, Convention Director John Vesey last night considered staging a repetition of the Electrical Pageant tonight. After conferences with his associates, however, he announced that the show will not be repeated.

He explained that departure of so many of the Shriners and their bands, and the fact that few of the celebrities in the spectacle could stay over, would make it impossible to repeat the pageant in full.

Spark plug of last night's show was Don Wilson, radio master of ceremonies, who introduced two other nationally famous entertainers, Gene Autry, cowboy singer, and Harold Lloyd, new imperial outer guard elected Wednesday.

Dazzling Floats

Local and Imperial Shrine officials were presented in the stadium, strange clowns and huge balloons were brought out, and then loud bombs and the arrival of heralds on white horses signaled Mr. Autry's entrance. After him came Mr. Lloyd, and then the 11 dazzling, self-lighted floats, designed in Hollywood and peopled with beautiful girls. Each float was sponsored by a moving picture company.

Lake Hays, past potentate of Al Chymia Temple of Memphis, spoke briefly as Boy Scouts entered the limelight. The Scouts took their places on a turntable which revolved as chanters sang "God Bless America." As the song ended the boys released dozens of white doves

which fluttered up in the brilliant light in symbol of peace.

The band played a farewell. Kleig lights around the stadium rim went out. Fireworks spelled out "Till We Meet Again," and the great convention had come to a close.

Far, Far Into the Night

But it was long afterward in the early morning when the last Shriners ended their wassail and revelry and put their fezzes down. Thousands of Shriners left yesterday according to schedule, but there were other large contingents who saw the big celebration through to the cheering end.

From 30 to 60 days will be necessary to close the business of the convention locally, it was estimated yesterday. Mr. Vesey began the organization for the event last August. It may be August again before the last details are cared for. Most of the convention headquarters office staff was dismissed Wednesday. A few more left yesterday, but a skeleton crew will continue.

Tons of decorations, stands, lighting equipment, office paraphernalia and other property must be dismantled or removed. Seven schools must be put back into the condition in which they were found as the Shrine took them over for dormitories for uniformed units.

More than 800 policemen and firemen will greet this morning with a sigh of relief that the most strenuous week of Memphis traffic and disciplinary problems is over. The convention ended without serious accidents or crimes, despite huge crowds that ebbed and flowed through streets and hotels elbow

elbow. Traffic was so dense at times that driving a downtown block might take 20 minutes.

Compliment was paid to Memphis yesterday by a Special Resolutions Committee of the Shrine, comprising Mr. Lloyd, W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, Creasey K. Proctor of Newbern, N. C., Earl Perry of Portland, Ore., R. Lafayette Gay of Shreveport. Their resolution follows:

Imperial Sir and Members of the Imperial Council:

Each succeeding session of the Imperial Council seems the best, and we are sure this 66th annual session here in Memphis is no exception. Since the warm and urgent invitation to meet here, all

Shriners have looked forward to the Memphis session, and today are thrilled with the genial Southern reception and hospitality which we have received since arrival. No detail has been overlooked, and it must be a feeling of pride to the city of Memphis, well as a feeling of joy to all visitors, in the assurance of a well done.

We, therefore, by this special

resolution, desire to express thanks to the Governor of Tennessee, the Hon. Prentice Cooper, his response and assistance; to Mayor of Memphis, the Hon. V. ter Chandler, for his unstinted assistance in placing the Auditor and the other resources of the city at the disposal of the convention. We are grateful to the Police and Traffic Departments for their job in handling the whole situation.

We are under lasting obligations to Noble John B. Vesey, the director general—he has done a big job in a big way, and to him, with many committee chairmen and assistants, we express our heartfelt thanks.

To the potentate of Al Chymia Temple, Noble J. A. Waterman, and members of his temple we are exceedingly grateful.

The press and radio of Memphis

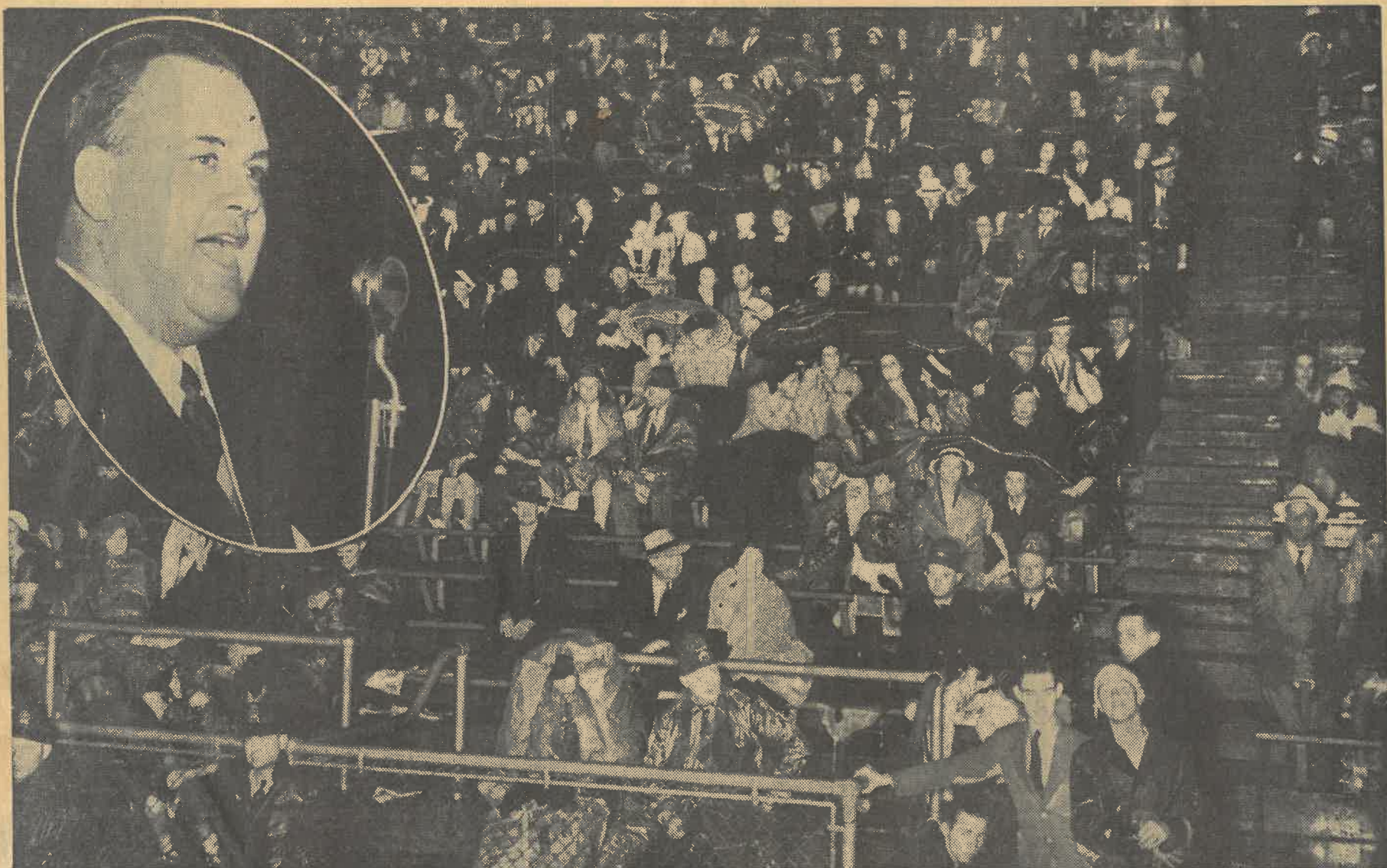
have been most generous and done a fine job, and we can thank them enough.

To the citizens of Memphis, and great, we will say you won our hearts with yours as have received us and made our a precious memory.

In fact, we desire to thank everybody for a wonderful visit. want to leave out nobody, for have had a great convention and

most delightful preparations and surroundings.

Umbrellas Blossom At Shrine Pageant, But Crowd Has Big Time



Umbrellas blossomed like tulips last night as rain kept coming down on the first hour of the Shrine's huge pageant at Crump Stadium. The spectators who braved the weather were glad of their courage, and those who had forethought to bring protection were doubly happy. Don Wilson (inset), leading radio an-

nouncer, kept the damp crowd in a good humor with his anecdotes of the feud between Jack Benny, whom he called his "usual straight man," and Fred Allen. Mr. Wilson got a laugh when he compared Memphis' bad weather with Los Angeles' "pouring mists."



"Two under an umbrella" was far from an oddity at the Shrine's climax show last night. Here's a happy couple that watched and kept dry, as best they could, and had a lot of fun.



Sloggin' up and down again went the feet of the Shrine's uniformed organizations which took part in the spectacle. They braved the mud where watchers had to brave only straight rain.

—Staff Photos by Day and Elliott

Poll Of Visiting Shriners Finds Roosevelt Is Choice; Dewey And Willkie Are Next

Representatives From 19 States Give President 13 Votes For Re-election While Nearest Opponents Get Three Each—Hull Favored By Two

Fun-loving Shriners picked at random from among the thousands in Memphis representing more than 150 temples throughout the Nation paused in their hilarity yesterday long enough to ponder the question of a presidential election this Fall.

Spot interviews with more than a score of Shriners from 19 states gave President Roosevelt 13 votes for re-election, Wendel Willkie and Thomas E. Dewey three preferences each for election, Cordell Hull two, and Senator Vandenberg and Senator Taft one.

Although President Roosevelt received more votes than all other candidates put together, conversation indicated Mr. Willkie was generally strong throughout as a second choice or possible vice presidential candidate.

Hull Is Commended

Tennessee's Hull was commended by all for his foreign policy, which in turn was one of the two major objections to President Roosevelt by those against him. The other chief objection by anti-New Dealers was the President's financial policies.

Dr. W. C. Evans of Dallas, the first Shriner interviewed, said Secretary Hull is the man for the job because he is "steady and experienced." Dr. Evans is a Democrat.

Charles Vetter of Miami said he was "naturally" for President Roosevelt.

Artemas C. Leslie, Pittsburgh attorney, was the first to cast a "vote" for Mr. Willkie. "He's a good business man and that's what we need," said Mr. Leslie.

Dewey Has Supporters

Dr. Newton Gunter of Pueblo, Colo., favored Mr. Dewey, district attorney at New York, because of "his ability to clean out the Fifth Columnists."

W. F. Ryan of Bluefield, W. Va., was for Mr. Dewey because he "is the best man." He is a Republican.

C. L. Campbell of St. Joseph, Mo., believes "this is a bad time to change presidents because of the European situation."

J. R. Reynolds of Springfield, Mo., also based his decision for President Roosevelt "in view of the crisis across the Atlantic." He is a Democrat.

A Chicago railroad man, H. S. Scott, a Republican, was another to point the "present war makes it bad business to change administrations." He favors a third term for President Roosevelt.

A leading Tennessean from Nashville, A. C. Ewing is "100 per cent for Secretary Hull. I've known him since he was 15 years old and he's a real man. Yes, sir, an honest man with intelligence." Mr. Ewing, a Democrat, is an attorney.

Says Coast For F.D.R.

A. S. Russell of Oakland, Calif., is for another term for the President. "Most of my friends on the Coast are for him, too," said Mr. Russell, another railroader.

"Undecided" was R. P. Barker of Baltimore, an accountant for the Baltimore & Ohio. He is a Republican and would "likely" follow his party's nominee.

D. B. Aycock, president of the Jonesboro, Ark., Chamber of Commerce, would vote for President Roosevelt.

Senator Vandenberg received a straw vote yesterday from J. B. Fradenburg, an Omaha, Neb., attorney. His experience in public life and general political ability makes him the man for me," said Mr. Fradenburg.

B. Volodarsky of New Orleans is for a third term "without a doubt." Queen's Village, New York (Greater New York) is the home of H. I. Goldsmith, who would vote for President Roosevelt because of his foreign policy. Mr. Goldsmith is a salesman.

Against New Deal

Frederic W. Mayo of Meridian, Miss., a former Memphian, is definitely anti-Roosevelt. "I'm afraid of his policies, especially as regarding the European War," said Mr. Mayo.

W. F. Meiburg of Davenport, Iowa, leans toward another term for President Roosevelt because of the war.

C. B. Anderson of Springfield, Mo., likes Mr. Willkie. He is a Republican.

Another "vote" for Mr. Willkie would come from A. B. Parker of Houston, Texas, gas company officer. "This thing of spending with no regard to the consequences should stop," said Mr. Parker.

George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., new imperial potentate, refused to make a choice when questioned. He explained that while he knew his own mind it probably would be undiplomatic for him to name his favorite in view of his new office.

Not so reticent was Carl Wittichen, potentate of Birmingham's Zamora Temple. "Roosevelt all the way," he declared, "Down my way we're not even going to ask him;

we're just going to elect him. Any other choice would be disastrous."

Pro and Con Opinions

L. G. Scarbrough of Zamora Temple backed his potentate's opinion. "I can tell you right now that F. D. R. will be our next President."

Opposition to the idea, however, came from Walter Dold of Islem Temple, San Francisco. "Anybody but Roosevelt," was his stand. He is past potentate of Islem.

It looked like a favorite son proposition with H. T. Reynolds' choice. He is from Cleveland, Ohio, a member of Al Karem Temple there. "I'm for Bob Taft and I don't mind telling it," he said.

Other West Virginians questioned were solid behind Roosevelt. Garland Wilkinson and S. Cameron Savage of Beni Kedem Temple in Charleston were two examples. Miami representatives were almost vociferous in their Roosevelt support. "Roosevelt and nobody else," was the combined opinion of Mahi Temple's Adolph Wertheimer, Harry Nevins and G. M. Bivans.

Roosevelt also was the choice of James S. Johnson of Aladdin Temple, Columbus, Ohio. Jeff S. Henderson of Monroe, La., member of Sahara Temple, and C. Montz of New Orleans' Jerusalem Temple.

JONESBORO GIRL WINS SHRINE BEAUTY TITLE

Contest Is Highlight Of Pageant At Crump Stadium

Miss Alma Jean Caldwell of Jonesboro, Ark., won the Shrine beauty title of Miss MidSouth in the final judging which was a highlight of the pageant at Crump Stadium last night.

A 16-year-old high school senior, Miss Caldwell was participating in her first beauty contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Caldwell.

Seven beautiful girls were selected at the Malco yesterday afternoon to compete for the title of "Miss MidSouth," prettiest in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Miss Thelma Brown of Ridgely, Tenn., was chosen "Miss Tennessee." Miss Eleanor Helms of Greenville, Miss., was named "Miss Mississippi," and Miss Betty Benson of Forrest City, Ark., was selected "Miss Arkansas."

Entering the finals last night with winners of titles were three other girls, selected as state winners. They were Anne Hudson of Covington, Tenn., Doris Coggins of Tupelo, Miss., and Miss Caldwell. Mary Mary Sue Peacock was "Miss Memphis" contender.

Two girls were selected from each of the three states, and to the group was added "Miss Memphis," already chosen in a recent local contest. The judges, Chip Barwick, Jimmy Lee and Ernie Young, had a difficult task picking the best of the cream of 32 MidSouth towns.

Each of the 32 girls in the event had won first beauty honors in her own city in earlier contests.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By J. P. ALLEY

LAS' TIME I SAVED ME UP A SEE GAH FUH SUNDAY DE OLE 'OMAN TUK AN' GIVE IT TO DE PAHSON!!



Why It Is Called 'November Sixth'

Many visiting Shriners and their relatives have called The Commercial Appeal asking why the street running between Main and Second is called November Sixth Street.

For many years the street was known as an alley and was called Maiden Lane. After Memphis voted on Nov. 6, 1934 to issue \$9,000,000 in bonds for buying or building an electrical distribution system for TVA power, the City Commission voted to change the name of Maiden Lane to November Sixth to commemorate this date in the city's history.

Big Bass Drum And Eight-Horse Team



It would be too much to say that the bass drum of St. Louis' Moolah Temple was so big that it took the famous eight-horse team of the Anheuser-Busch Co., St. Louis, to haul it through Memphis' streets—but see what happened here.

—Staff Photo by Bruner

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Memphis And The Shrine

Homeward bound are some 23,000 Shriners and some additional thousands of visitors who, for the past several days, had made Memphis their temporary home.

The statistical picture of what the Shrine Convention meant to Memphis is yet incomplete, but two things are already clear—that Memphis proved itself capable of playing host to the world's largest convention and that the Shrine likes Memphis.

The work of playing host was taken by Memphis in its stride. There were no housing and feeding complications and the transportation problem was met with a minimum of difficulty. There were no disorders, no tragedies. The visitors had a lot of fun, but Memphians seemed to have even more fun watching them.

The attendance was not up to expectation, but that was not the fault of the Shrine. Where Canada usually sends hundreds to Shrine Conventions only about 30 came to Memphis. Canada is at war. Many Canadian Shriners are overseas. Some will never return.

Defense preparations in this country kept many more away, particularly those in some branches of the Government services and those in the industries engaged in rearmament efforts. The anxieties of the days probably kept others away.

Even so, 23,000 registered visitors is a lot of folks. What pleases us most is that they appeared to like us, praised Southern hospitality, liked Memphis as a modern city. Many told us so and they are not given to flattery.

Perhaps the man best qualified to judge the success of the Shrine Convention is Ed King of Pittsburgh, who has attended Shrine Conventions for two score years, is a highly successful business man and who knows intimately, it is said, more Masons than any man in the country. His influence in the Shrine is as powerful as his knowledge is complete.

"I think that Memphis has done a grand job," he told us. "I have never seen a Shrine Convention better handled nor more attention paid to details. John Vesey, as director general, deserves not only the thanks of the Shrine but of the community, and that goes for the key men he selected to help him do the job. As for the people of Memphis, they could not have been kinder or more co-operative. If there are any 'kickers' they are those only who were born to 'kick' at everything.

"Many of our people came here for the first time. They have gone away with a splendid impression of what the South means and of the fine people in it."

Memphis, in turn, enjoyed the Shrine. The parades, the pageants, the antics, lifted us all above the ordinary routine, and that does any community good. This was the first Shrine Convention, but we hope not the last.

Letters To The Editor

PROUD OF SHRINERS

To The Commercial Appeal:

Those of us who witnessed some of the Shriners' activities are beginning to realize what a signal honor was conferred upon our city when it was chosen as host for their convention. Never before has such a representative body honored our city, as its members gathered here from the entire United States and its possessions. Never before have we been privileged to witness the equal of such a well-planned program of activities, teamwork, drills and brilliant displays with a background of the most gorgeous decorations Memphis has ever seen. These impressions are lasting ones.

The good fellowship of its members was in evidence everywhere as the Nobles met their comrades in wholesome fun and recreation to which the public responded wholeheartedly. But underlying all this fun and frolicsomeness we realize that more serious business was transpiring in worthy objectives of hospitalization for crippled children and many more benefits to humanity. We can justly feel proud of playing host to a convention with such lofty ideals. We are proud of the Shriners.

We hope we upheld the name of the City of Memphis, the Convention City, by making their stay a most pleasant one to be remembered after they have returned to their homes and then we can feel that we have had a part in helping put over the greatest convention ever assembled here.

Yours for more conventions of this kind.

J. M. WILEY, M.D.
2435 Hubbard Avenue.

IT'S BEEN A REAL PLEASURE HAVIN' YOU, NOBLES—



SHRINERS DEPART— BUT NOT THE RAIN

Rain clouds look on Memphis as a hospitable city, so they plan to hang around awhile.

More than a half inch of rain fell in a series of showers yesterday and last night which held the mercury under the 80-mark for the second straight day. Yesterday's highest was 79 at 3 p.m. The low today was 68 at 3 a.m. Rainfall was .57-inch.

Forecast today is: "Showers today and tonight; continued warm."

SHRINE'S LITTLE RED WAGON GETS 'RIDE' IN COURT

Woman Visitor Who Went For Haul Is Arrested And Fined as Vagrant

A little red wagon of the Shriners figured in the arrest of two women who were among some dozen convention merry-makers haled into City Court yesterday afternoon. The two, Ellen May Edgeman and Lottie Burns Dagley of Dallas, Texas, were charged with vagrancy and loitering.

Wearing an expensive Shrine pin, Mrs. Dagley testified that while they were riding in Ellen May's car Tuesday in front of Hotel Peabody several Shriners from Omaha asked for a ride to Central High School.

"I told them that if they would let me ride in their little red wagon that Ellen May would take them," Mrs. Dagley said. It was a deal. Mrs. Dagley rode in the wagon, Ellen May took the Shriners to Central High. But Detective McGee was looking on and arrested the two later. He said Mrs. Dagley was posing as the wife of a Shriner and told him "my husband will be here later." Further investigation revealed she was the widow of a Shriner.

Judge Bateman fined both \$10 and costs on the vagrancy charge, dismissed the loitering charge.

FEZ-SNATCHER

Officers said Clarence L. Ray, 4554 Powell, ran up behind a Shriner and snatched off his fez.

"What did you do with it?" Judge Bateman asked.

"Some other Shriner got it," Ray replied.

He was fined \$10 on a drunkenness charge.

'JUST A JOKE'

Another fez-snatcher, R. O. Clower Jr., 236 Lewis, was fined \$10 after he admitted jerking off a Shriner's fez as the visitor stepped from a taxicab.

"I meant it as a joke," he told Judge Bateman.

CRASHED SHRINERS' CAR

Three Ohio Shriners testified in the case of Bert Forman, 2086 Lee Place, charged with driving too close and without a license. They claimed he ran up behind them Tuesday night and caused about \$100 of damage to their car.

"I don't want to prosecute anybody while I'm in Memphis or be prosecuted," said one of them. "People of Memphis have been wonderful to us, but I feel that a 17-year-old boy should be made to realize that the streets of Memphis are not just for him."

Forman was fined \$10 and costs.

ARGUMENT AT PARADE

While watching a Shrine parade, L. A. Pearson, 995 Kepple, was asked by an officer to move out of the way. He refused and struck at the officer, according to testimony.

He was charged with resisting an officer and disturbing the public peace. Judge Bateman dismissed the first charge, fined him \$10 and costs on the second.

JUST A GENTLE HINT

Joining the Shriners in celebrating cost Robert Smith, 1342 Lauderdale, \$10 and costs on a drunkenness charge. His companion, Ed Norton, of Frenchman Bayou, Ark., who said he came to Memphis with his father and some other Shriners, was dismissed on a disturbing the public peace charge.

"I'm not ordering you to leave town, but I think it would be a good idea," Judge Bateman told him.

DICE GAME COSTLY

Dave Teitelbaum of New York got into a dice game with Shriners, according to officers, and was arrested on a charge of disturbing the public peace. He said he just happened to be working here during the week of Shrine convention. Judge Bateman fined him \$10.

Florine French, who said she formerly worked at Mabel Snyder's place at Madison and Lauderdale, was brought into court on four charges—reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, running a red light and no driver's license.

She said she just happened to be passing thru Memphis en route to Birmingham this week. She was fined \$25 on reckless driving, \$50 and held to the state on driving while intoxicated charge, \$10 for running a red light and dismissed on a no driver's license charge.

Five charges were made against J. W. Douglas, 1166 Patton. He was fined \$50 and held to the state on a driving while intoxicated charge, \$25 on charge of leaving the scene of an accident, held to the state on a no driver's license charge, fined \$10 on charge of violating Section 905-A (refusing to give police correct name and address) and dismissed on a reckless driving charge.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE INSTALLED BY SHRINE

Forrest G. Olendorf Takes Office—Others Promoted

INDIANAPOLIS IN 1941

Next Year's Convention Will Be Held June 10-12—Past Leaders Honored For Distinguished Service

By ROBERT TALLEY

The Imperial Council of North America's Shriners ended its 66th annual session at the Auditorium yesterday with the formal installation of Forrest G. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., as the new Imperial Potentate and the ratification of a committee report fixing the time and place of the 1941 convention at Indianapolis on June 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. Olendorf succeeds Walter D. Cline, oil producer of Wichita Falls, Texas, in the Shrine's highest office.

Lloyd Is Installed

Installed at the bottom of the Imperial line, as Imperial Outer Guard, which means he will become Imperial Potentate in 1950 and serve until 1951 was Harold Lloyd, the movie star, past potentate of Los Angeles Al Malaikah Temple. This was the only elective office, since all other advancements on the Imperial Divan are made by automatic annual promotion.

With the exception of the Imperial Treasurer and the Imperial Recorder, whose positions are continuous, every member of the divan was moved up one position when Mr. Olendorf was advanced from deputy potentate to potentate.

This brought to the fore as the new deputy potentate Thomas C. Law of Atlanta's Yaarab Temple, who is due to be chosen potentate next year. Mr. Law was advanced from the post of Imperial Chief Rabbani.

Others Are Promoted

Other members of the divan who were promoted and the new positions they will now occupy are:

Albert H. Fiebach of Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, Imperial Chief Rabbani.

Moreley H. McKenzie of Rameses Temple, Toronto, Imperial Assistant Rabbani.

Alfred G. Arvold of El Zagal Temple, Fargo, N. D., Imperial High Priest and Prophet.

William H. Woodfield Jr. of Islam Temple, San Francisco, Imperial Oriental Guide.

George H. Rowe of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., Imperial First Ceremonial Master.

Karl Rex Hammers of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master.

Galloway Calhoun of Kareem Temple, Waco, Texas, Imperial Marshal.

William Heim of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Imperial Captain of the Guard.

In event of death of any member of the Imperial Divan during the year, the next ranking officer fills the vacancy.

Three Leaders Honored

These, in addition to Mr. Lloyd as Imperial Outer Guard, and the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder, complete the divan. The latter, whose offices continue unchanged, are, respectively, L. P. Steuart of Almas Temple, Washington, and Gov. James H. Price of Virginia, a member of Acca Temple, Norfolk.

All of the imperial officers were present yesterday except Mr. McKenzie of Toronto, who was unable to attend the Memphis conclave because of the war.

'Sheriff Slim' Hits Town



Don Wilson (left), radio's first-ranking announcer, greeted by his official host, Everett Cowan, past potentate of Al Chymia Temple, at Municipal Airport yesterday noon. Wilson was master of ceremonies for the Shrine pageant last night. —Staff Photo

He's 'Just One Of The Boys' But They Give Him The W

By ROBERT GRAY

Bulging with the personality that has made him radio's No. 1 announcer and the avoirdupois that has won him the title of "Sheriff Slim" in movie roles, Don Wilson dropped out of the sky from Hollywood yesterday aboard an American airliner at Municipal Airport to be promptly accorded a noisy welcome by attending Shriners and to just as promptly declare "I'm no celebrity—just one of the boys."

Abundant Attention

The heavyweight spieler, who has introduced Jack Benny and other radio stars regularly for five or six years, came to Memphis to serve as master of ceremonies for the Shrine's Hollywood Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium last night. He was greeted by his official host, Everett Cowan, past potentate of Al Chymia Temple, and John Waterman, retiring potentate. A police escort whisked him downtown from the airport and courteous Shriners were at both elbows ready to serve him.

But try as he might, the man who is completely at ease before the microphone couldn't keep away the jitters because of the regal attention being showered upon him. Finally, in the privacy—except for the presence of a dozen febedecked attendants and newspaper men—of his hotel room, he boomed in characteristic clarity: "I can get my drink of hang that suit up in the put away that luggage—boys, I'm a regular, able-bodied man like the rest of you."

Not Much on Jule

Down to his best acting nouncing weight—236 pounds with plenty of muscle—didn't delay turning on appeal, calling everybody first names. He waxed eloquent when someone handed him julep, explaining he never one before—but after a ferent sipping he explained a corner of his mouth that no great shakes at bending.

With the Benny broad leaving the air for a Sunday after Sunday, his radio plans were slanted for hot weather months.

"something big—a radio which I can't talk about—is set for August. Meantime is giving increasing attention to movie work, recently being the role of "Sheriff Slim" in a Sherman production called "Roundup."

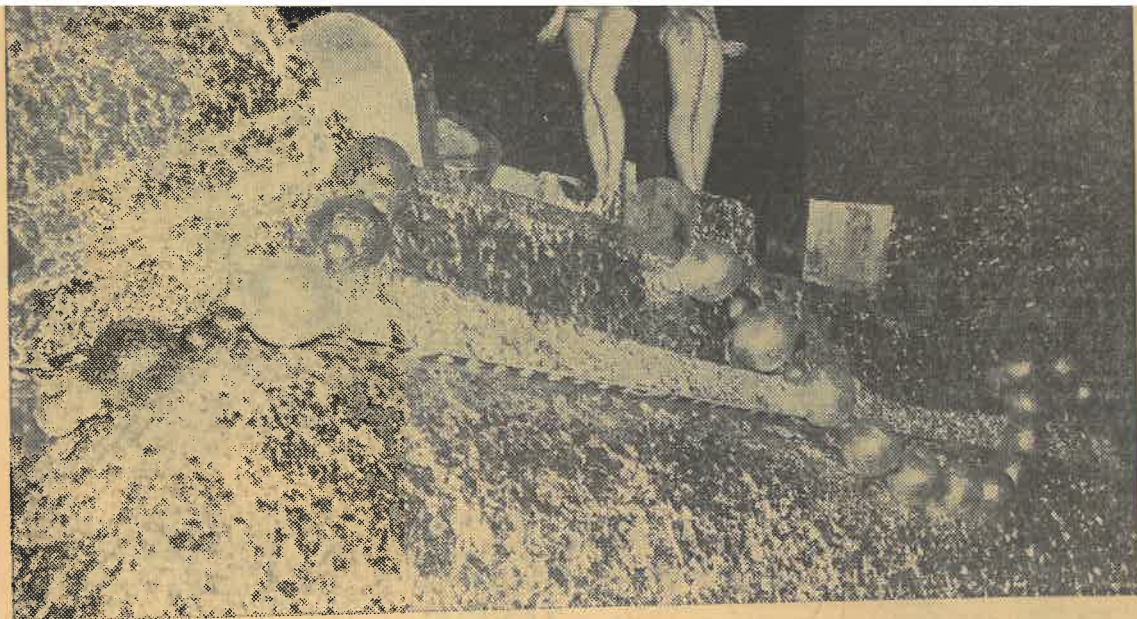
Extremely modest in ranking as a radio announcer, he has been voted No. 1 in the popularity surveys for several years—Don is bold in tall horses. He loves the kind of bet on.

As a special feature of the final session, the Imperial Council presented American flags to three veteran Past Imperial Potentates in recognition of distinguished service for the Shrine. They were Frank C. Roundy of Medinah Temple, Chicago, Imperial Potentate in 1907; "Sunny Jim" McCandless, 85, of Aloha Temple, Honolulu, Imperial Potentate in 1923 and a member of the Imperial Council since 1907; and Conrad V. Dykeman of Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, who succeeded Mr. McCandless as potentate.

Departures Arranged

Mr. Cline, the retiring Imperial Potentate, will leave today for his home in Wichita Falls. Mr. Olendorf, the new potentate, will return to his home in Springfield and, after a brief rest, begin an official tour of Shrine Temples in the Northwest. He will be accompanied by his secretary, Les Walton, past potentate of Springfield's Abou Ben Adhem Temple and a life member of the Imperial Council.

Harold Lloyd will return immediately to Hollywood.



One of the most impressive in the monster display of electrical floats in last night's pageant was the Harold Lloyd float, which led the gleaming procession. Enhancing its brilliant beauty were Mrs. Mary Sue Peacock, holder of the Miss Memphis beauty title (left), and Miss Burney Lyons of Memphis.

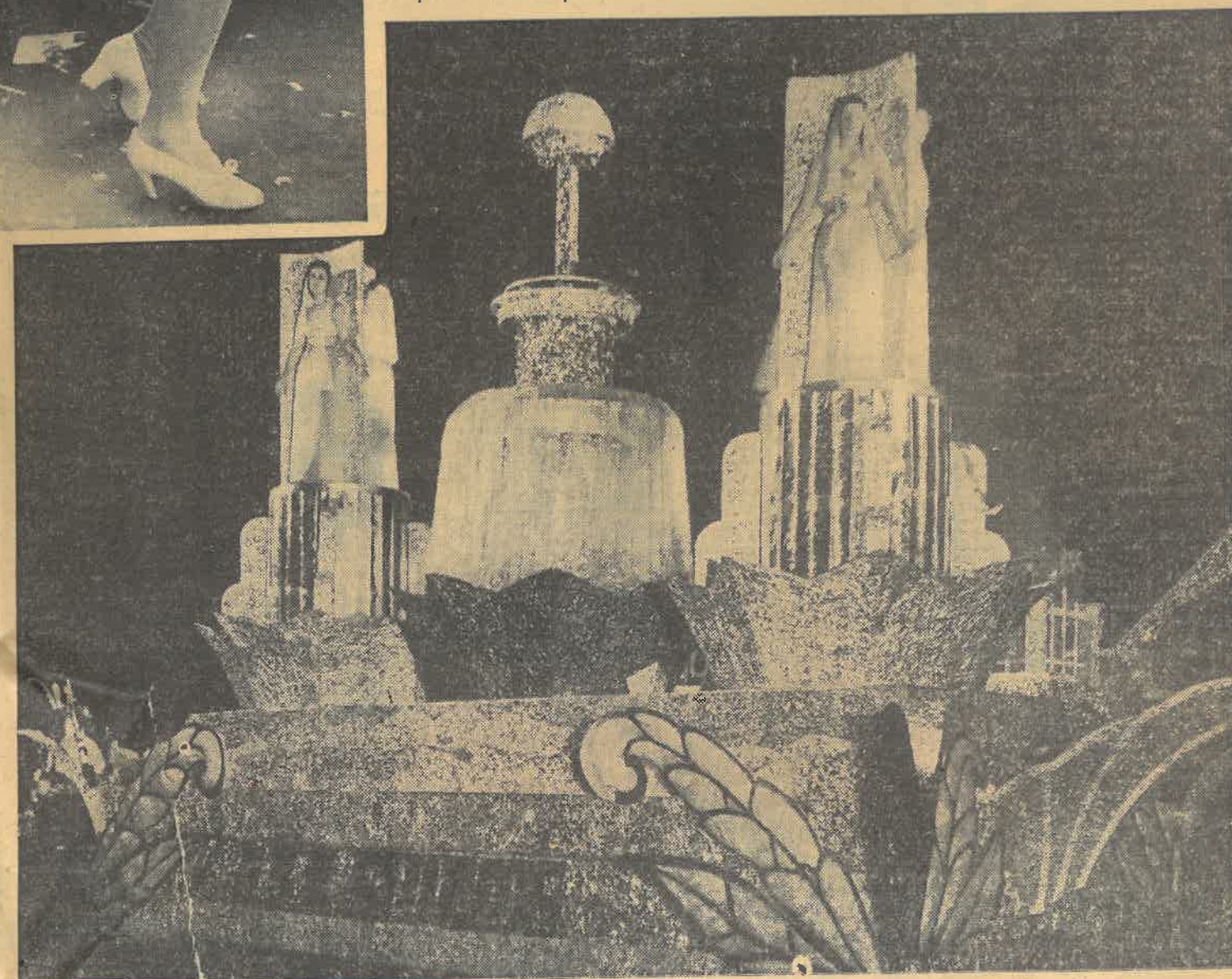


THE ELECTRIC SUITCASES that many playful Shriners carried proved tough on the ladies. This picture of Miss Jerry Blount, 1220 Madison, and Shriner George L. Houston of Gary, Ind., illustrates the point.

What pleased all the children and most of the grownups in the big show was the clown angle and the bizarre figures which formed a whole section in the first part of the parade. The figures were 'scarey,' but they got plenty of laughs. —Staff Photos by Day, Bruner and Enot



The Hal Roach float in the Hollywood Electrical Pageant was another which drew enthusiastic plaudits from the crowd. The lighting was a tribute to the genius of the parade's producers. The three girls who graced the big vehicle were (left to right) Sara Taylor, Elizabeth Ivy and Ruth Hall. Their costumes were an outstanding feature of the parade.



R.K.O.'s offering in the pageant was the brilliant float shown above. With its revolving turrets fore and aft it gave the spectators a changing view of real feminine beauty. The two girls caught by the camera are (left) Elizabeth Lemons and (right) Doris Coggins of Tupelo, Miss., runner-up for the beauty title of Miss Mississippi.

THE SHRINERS SAY FAREWELL TO MEMPHIS



Arkansas' peaches bow to nobody on looks. Alma Jean Caldwell, 16, of Jonesboro (at left), walked away with the Miss MidSouth beauty title in the Shrine finals at Crump Stadium last night. She was judged tops among 32 Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi contestants.

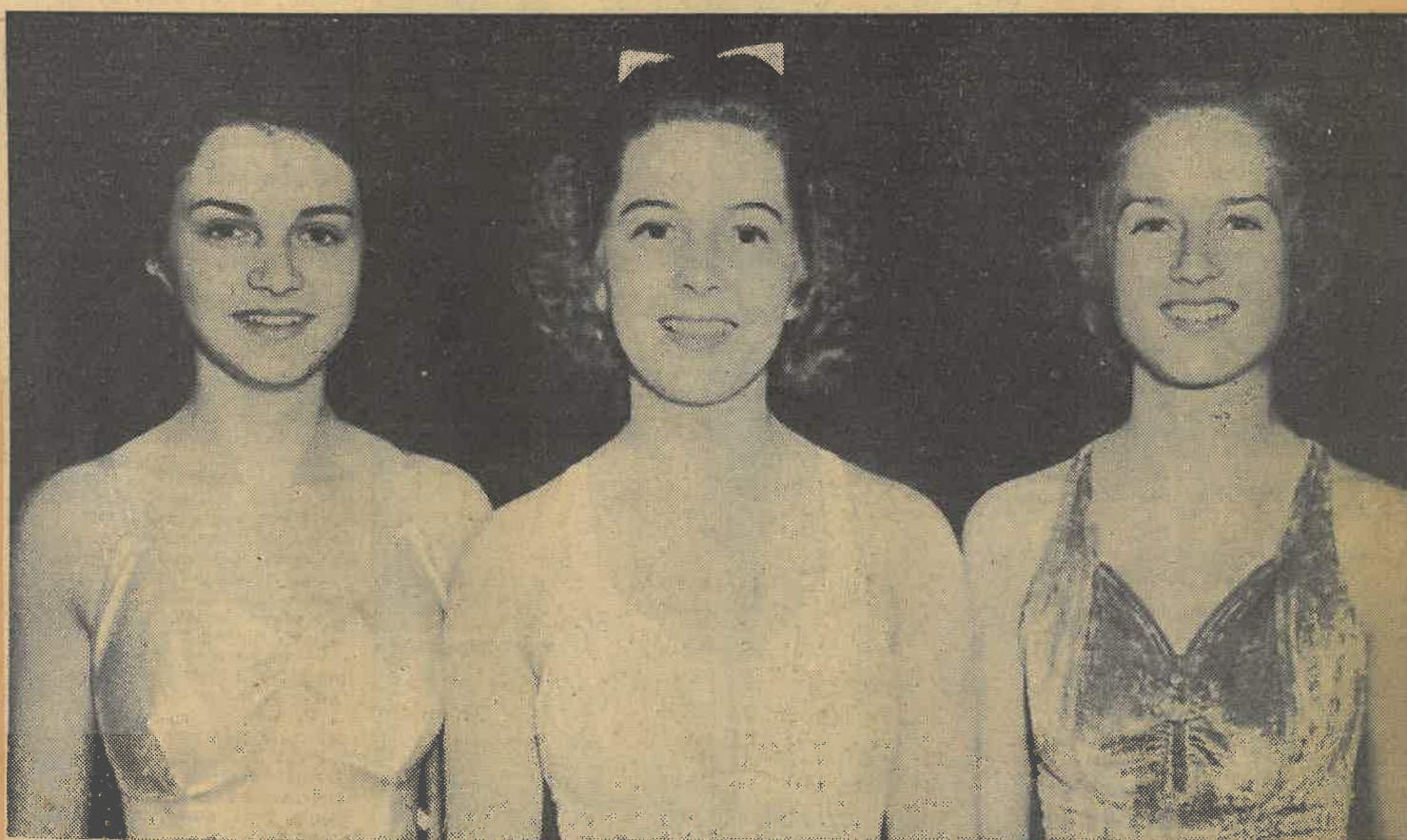


THE NEW IMPERIAL DIVAN, the supreme governing body of the Shriners of North America, was installed yesterday with ritualistic ceremony at the Auditorium, against a backdrop symbolizing the Shrine's free hospitals for crippled children. The new imperial officers are: (1) L. P. Stuart of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., Treasurer; (2) William H. Woodfield Jr. of Islam Temple, San Francisco, Oriental Guide; (3) Thomas C. Law of Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, Deputy Potentate; (4) George F. Olendorf of Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Springfield, Mo., Potentate; (5) Albert H. Fiebach of Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Chief Rabban; (6) Alfred G. Arvold of El Zagal Temple, Fargo, N. D., High Priest and Prophet; (7) Gov. James H. Price of Virginia, of Acca Temple, Richmond, Recorder; (8) Harold Lloyd of Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, Outer Guard; (9) William Heim of Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Captain of the Guard; (10) Galloway Calhoun of Kareem Temple, Waco, Texas, Marshal; (11) George H. Rowe of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, First Ceremonial Master; (12) Karl Rex Hammers of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Second Ceremonial Master. Absent was Morley E. McKenzie of Rameses Temple, Toronto, Imperial Assistant Rabban, who was unable to attend the Memphis convention because of the war.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell



Miss Mid-South Selected at Giant Shrine Affair



Miss Mississippi, Miss Arkansas and Miss Tennessee. Here they are! From left to right: Eleanor Helms, 17, of Cleveland Miss., Betty Benson, 17, of Forrest City, Ark., and Thelma Brown, 15, of Ridgely, Tenn. These three were chosen from six finalists selected yesterday afternoon at the Malco Theater.



Here is the prettiest of them all—Miss Mid-South. Judges looked over some 200 Mid-South girls to find this young lady, and tho the other 199 were very lovely, Miss Alma Jean Caldwell, 16, of Jonesboro, Ark., led all the rest. She ruled over last night's big final pageant and didn't find that swimming suit "a bit cold!"



Pretty Burney Lyons, Memphis beauty, braved a chill to take her place beside her float once it reached the center of Crump Stadium. Heat from electric lights caused the float to steam. "I'm scared," said Miss Lyons. (But she doesn't look it.)

Memphis Says Farewell To Fun-Making Shriners

Brilliant Hollywood Pageant Rings Down Curtain in Rain on Conclave

By JOSEPH GUESS, Press-Schmitar Staff Writer

Memphis was returning to normal today. The Shrine convention is over.

The street-cleaning department is still working overtime, however, to clean up the city after passage of the greatest army of funsters to ever march thru Memphis.

The convention ended in a blaze of glory last night. Despite a down-pour of rain, the brilliant Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant was held at Crump Stadium.

An estimated attendance of 5000 saw the pageant—concluding event of the convention.

Added attractions of the pageant was the presence of Don Wilson, radio announcer; Gene Autry, cowboy singer, and Harold Lloyd, movie comedian.

Beauty Queens Crowned

Miss Mid-South was crowned last night. She is Alma Jean Caldwell, 16, of Jonesboro, Ark. Winner over more than 30 finalists, she will go to Hollywood and then to San Francisco to reign at the World's Fair there June 27. Other winners were: Thelma Brown of Ridgely, Tenn., Miss Tennessee; Betty Benson of Forrest City, Ark., Miss Arkansas, and Eleanor Helms of Greenville, Miss., Miss Mississippi.

Convention and Chamber of Commerce officials are busy today estimating the effect of the convention on Memphis.

25,000 Visitors

Altho war cut attendance sharply, present estimates are that \$2,500,000 was left in Memphis.

Director John Vesey said nearly 25,000 Shriners and members of their families attended, as well as 20,000 other visitors from the Mid-South.

It was by far the largest convention ever held in Memphis.

New Potentate

The convention saw Forrest B. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., succeed Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, as Imperial Potentate, head of 350,000 Shriners.

It heard Mr. Cline say that Shrinedom is holding its own in membership and still operating with "black ink."

It witnessed approval of a \$900,000 budget for the next year for the Shrine's 15 hospitals for Crippled Children.

It also saw Harold Lloyd take over the office of Imperial Outer Guard. Thru automatic advances in the imperial divan, Lloyd in about 1950 will become the imperial potentate.

Indianapolis was chosen for the 1941 convention site.

Shriners Grateful

Resolutions were adopted yesterday by a special committee of the imperial council thanking the city, press and radio for their support of the convention.

Another resolution pledged full support of President Roosevelt in his war preparedness activities.

FIREMAN FINED FOR COLLISION

Three Shrine Wives Hurt In Second Accident

Fire Capt. B. P. Radford, 45, of 1346 Cummings, was fined \$15 on a reckless driving charge in City Court today growing out of an automobile collision at 4:15 p.m. yesterday at Gaither and Parkway.

Officers Hubbard and Manning testified that their investigation showed that Capt. Radford, going south on Gaither at a high rate of speed, made a wide turn and skidded into the motorcycle of Kenneth S. Brown, 21, of 2055 Evelyn.

The captain said he was not going over 20, that the streets were wet and that a truck was responsible for the collision. Mr. Brown is in John Gaston Hospital with body lacerations.

SHRINE WIVES INJURED

The wives of three visiting Shriners were injured in an automobile accident at Chickasaw Parkway and Iroquois Drive yesterday.

In City Court today, James Brown, 28, of 807 Boston, driver of one of the cars, failed to come to court and forfeited \$50 on a charge of reckless driving.

Mrs. R. G. Bailey, Lewiston, Idaho, suffered a broken nose, fractured pelvis and a shoulder injury in the accident. Mrs. Harry Bush, Mosco, Idaho, suffered a broken collar bone and a leg injury. Mrs. Clarence Smith, 38, of Muskogee, Okla., suffered body lacerations.

The injured are in Baptist Hospital. Police say Brown's car collided with the out-of-town car, turning it over.

FINE, TWO FORFEITS

Miss Margaret Price, 23, Oklahoma City, pleaded guilty to being drunk in an automobile last night and was fined \$10.

Abe Kopelo, 23, of 325 Walker, forfeited \$10 on a charge of failure to yield the right-of-way.

Thomas Hunt, 21, of 608 Hughes, forfeited \$10 on a charge of making an improper turn.

Training of a homing pigeon in the army begins when the bird is four weeks old.

SHRINE WILL TACKLE \$6000 DEFICIT TODAY

Directors Meet This Morning To Study Problem

The directors of the Shrine convention which ended Thursday night in a discouraging rain will meet this morning at headquarters to determine how to meet a deficit estimated tentatively at \$6000.

"We took an awful whipping in the rain," John B. Vesey, director-general of the convention, said wryly late yesterday as he studied the accounts of the four-day celebration, largest ever held here. "I stood to come out all right if the weather had been good."

Pageant Cost \$23,000

A Hollywood Electrical Pageant cost the convention about \$23,000 and was to be the most lavishly entertained of the week. Total receipts Thursday night were about \$8,000 or \$9000, Mr. Vesey said.

Down the drain in the deficit went a \$50,000 fund raised by a Citizen's Committee last year to guarantee the convention, and an additional sum of about \$25,000 in sale of other tickets and concessions. The merchants did not expect to realize a return on the \$50,000, however. They contributed it for the increased business and international advertising the huge convention produced.

"We don't want to default on the \$6000," Mr. Vesey said. Asked if subscriptions would be asked the citizens, he replied:

"That's what the directors will have to discuss."

The Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce made a rough estimate of \$2,500,000 spent in Memphis by about 45,000 visitors, and said the advertising was worth "\$50,000,000."

Floats Sent To Texas

Thousands of Memphians—probably many more than braved the weather to attend Thursday night's spectacle in Crump Stadium—yesterday afternoon watched the ornate Electrical Pageant floats parade through the streets on the first part of their journey out of Memphis.

Following the line of the Shrine parades from the Stadium, the floats were driven west on Union to the edge of the loop district, then to railroad yards where they were loaded on flat cars to go to Houston, Texas, where they will take part in a fair.

Meanwhile, crews started the big task of removing the street decorations, all of which will be taken down as rapidly as possible. Belonging to the same firm which owns the electrical pageant floats, many of the decorations will be shipped to Houston for use there.

Chief Lee Has A Souvenir



Chief Lee (left) has a lasting souvenir of the Shrine Convention which no other Memphian can match. In appreciation of the Police Department's work during the meeting, Potentate Carl Wittichen (center) of Zamora Temple, Birmingham, Ala., bestowed an honorary membership in that temple on the Memphian. L. G. Scarbrough (right), head of Zamora's entertainment group, watched the ceremony. Mrs. Wittichen, who accompanied her husband to the convention, is a native Memphian, the former Miss Julia Parker.

—Staff Photo by Bruner

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Papers Still Available

A supply of Memphis Newspapers containing all the Shrine pictures and news is still available at a special price of 75 cents. Frank H. Myers, director of the Shrine Committee on the project, announces.

What Shriners' Wives Were Thinking: This Isn't Time for Mud-Slinging

As the noise of the national Shrine convention died away, a Shriner's wife, Mrs. Henry Ehlbert, 354 Alexander, told what some of the convention wives were thinking during America's merriest gathering.

"While our husbands played pranks, most of us found ourselves in too serious a mood to take much part in the fun," Mrs. Ehlbert said today.

"Most of us have sons or sons-in-law of draft age. We would gather in groups to exchange thoughts and feelings about the crisis that confronts our country.

"And this is what we said:

"We don't want a bitter national political campaign this year. We don't want to

hear the candidates denounce each other. We don't want to hear mud-slinging and shouting.

"We want national unity. Certainly, we want the issues before the people discussed. We want to hear differing views of what our international policy and our defense program should be, and who is best suited to administer our government. Then let the people choose. That is the democratic way. But we want this discussion done in a spirit of fairness, tolerance and mutual respect. We want all Americans to stand by each other in a spirit of comradeship.

"That is our petition to the national political conventions."

SHRINE COUNCIL OVER: MASONRY HITS STRIDE

Gathering Here Last Week
Acclaimed As Success

CONFERRINGS SCHEDULED

Blue Lodges Will Confer All
Three—Grand Assembly Of
Rainbow For Girls Convenes
Tomorrow At Temple

MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, June 17—
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Sec-
ond Degree at 7:00.
Normal Lodge No. 722—First Degree.
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707—Second
Degree at 7:30.
Memphis Chapter No. 95—Stated.
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—
Stated.
Grand Assembly, Order of Rainbow—
Commandery Asylum at 9 a.m.
Tuesday, June 18—
Memphis Lodge No. 118—First Degree
at 8:00.
Lella Scott Lodge No. 289—First De-
gree at 7:00.
Grand Assembly, Rainbow—Asylum at
9 a.m.
Wednesday, June 19—
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Second De-
gree.
Eureka Council No. 6—Stated.
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—
Special at 1 p.m.
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—Ini-
tiation at 8:00.
Thursday, June 20—
Lella Scott Lodge No. 289—Second De-
gree at 7:00.
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Sec-
ond Degree at 7:30.
Raines Chapter No. 185—Stated.
Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—School.
Friday, June 21—
Normal Lodge No. 722—Third Degree.
Saturday, June 22—
Masonic Lodge—Dark.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM
Fraternal Editor

The 66th session of the Imperial Council of the Shrine passed into history on Thursday night. It was a great success in every way and Al Chymia Temple may be justly proud of the wonderful entertainment afforded its thousands of guests. This was proven by the many expressions of appreciation heard from the visiting officials and uniformed units.

To 60,000 visitors from eighty-odd cities it presented the many advantages, beauties and importance of the City of Memphis. This may be of great value to the city.

Praise For All

It is hard to bestow praise on all fine citizens who contributed to its success, however some of those were Director General John B. Vesey, who calmly and smilingly handled its direction in a masterful manner; Jersey F. Ramier, the housing problem; Lake Hays, necessary financing; William F. Bowld, reception, headquarters and guides, and who received good support from Milton Bowers, Oliver Perry, J. C. Hankins, Chancellor L. D. Bejach and others; Past Potentate William B. Fowler, decorations; Potentate J. A. Waterman, transportation, with its vast auto service; Fred Goldsmith, entertainment including a multitude of banquets; Recorder Woodmansee, his recorders and many other calls for assistance; Willie B. Smith, information bureaus; Past Potentate A. E. Cameron, law and order, and who held the crowd down to good natured fun; Ray Laughlin, history and general utility and Jack Carley on publicity and a host of others who rendered valuable assistance.

Masonry In Its Stride

The coming week sees Masonry getting back to normal with a number of degrees to be conferred as the calendar will show. Outstanding feature of the week is the Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

On Monday of next week will come the observance of St. John's Day, an event in which the lodges of symbolic Masonry all over the world will take part in.

23,000 Shriners Leave City After Round Of High Jinks Dampened Only By Rains

Convention Was Nation's Largest—Brought Notables In Many Fields—George Olendorf, Springfield, Mo., Elected Imperial Potentate

TO MEMPHIS during the week just passed came an estimated 23,000 Shriners, some other odd thousands of visitors for the world's largest convention.

Shrine officials admitted attendance was far under what they had expected, blamed war conditions, and demands on those in the defense industries for the shortage in attendance.

Rain marred some of the festivities, definitely spoiled the last day's Crump Stadium pageant which was to have highlighted the convention. Despite the rain an estimated 4000 persons witnessed the climax.

Heaviest attendance was among the uniformed units of the Shrine. They paraded in what turned out to be Memphis' biggest, most colorful parade lasting three hours and 20 minutes.

Here for the festivities were Harold Lloyd, elevated to position of imperial outer guard; Don Wilson, noted radio announcer; Gene Autry, film star and singing cowboy.

Elected imperial potentate was George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., who succeeds Walter Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Most fun was had by Shriners in downtown Memphis between parades and spectacles. They took over traffic control, staged street dances, generally disported themselves in a high-jinks manner much to the amusement of Memphians who went uptown to be entertained.

Imperial Council opinion of Memphis convention was that it was one of best ever held.

It will take several weeks now, says John B. Vesey, director general, to gather up the loose after-convention ends.

Chamber of Commerce estimate Shriners spending here is \$2,500,000. Next year the convention will be held at Indianapolis.

the plant site got under way last week.

At least 5000 persons will be employed at the new powder plant which is owned by the Anglo-French Purchasing Commission.

SHRINE DEFICIT TO BE PAID

Director General Vesey Declines To Say How \$6000 Will Be Raised

A Shrine Convention deficit of \$6000 will be paid, John B. Vesey, director general of the convention, said yesterday following a meeting of the Board of Directors at which the deficit problem was discussed. Mr. Vesey declined to say how the directors had arranged to obtain funds.

Rain at the Hollywood Electrical Pageant Thursday night lowered attendance at that event and was largely responsible for the deficit.

ODD FELLOWS ARE HOST TO VISITING SHRINERS

Many Visit Hall—Grand Lodge Committees To Meet

ODD FELLOW CALENDAR

Monday, June 17—
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.
Highland Heights, Hope Lodge No. 548—Stated.
Tuesday, June 18—
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.
Wednesday, June 19—
Dark.
Thursday, June 20—
Gayoso Encampment No. 3—Stated.
Friday, June 21—
Shelby, Jackson Lodge No. 142—Stated.
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Odd Fellows, held only a brief session on Tuesday as many members were taking an active part in the Shrine Council meeting.

Many nobles were visitors to the Odd Fellows Hall, where they were cordially received and made to feel at home.

The standing committee on Grand Lodge matters will meet with the committees from the other lodges on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss important matters. At this season Memphis Lodge is generous to its indigent and worthy friends and many gifts are being made to the needy ones.

Refreshments will be served at the next meeting as an added inducement to stay-at-home members.

Noble Grand G. W. Siddon presided over the stated meeting of Chickasaw Lodge No. 8 on Monday night. The attendance was very gratifying.

Due to his absence from the city during the Summer Walter McGoldrick resigned as vice grand at the last meeting of the lodge and George R. Grotfelter was elected vice grand for the next six months.

The lodge extends sympathy to the family of brother Samuel L. Ragsdale who died last week. After the transaction of regular routine business the lodge adjourned.

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They Did A Splendid Job

Among all the groups and organizations which contributed to success of last week's Shrine Convention none is more deserving of praise for the manner in which it tackled and accomplished its task than the Police Department. Its problems were manifold. It had to maintain law and order and yet permit the visitors to have the maximum of fun. It had to preserve traffic control with a minimum of disruption and in addition police the line of march of the largest parades ever held in Memphis.

The manner in which it performed its duties elicited praise from the visiting Shriners, thousands of whom had attended similar conventions elsewhere. The majority of policemen and firemen assisting them worked long hours past their ordinary routine day.

What appeared to impress visitors and Memphians alike was their good humor, their apparent determination to make the best of a tough police job, and their success in preventing traffic tragedies. They deserve all of the tributes they are receiving.

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Local Dealer Sells Auto to Gene Autry

"Gene Autry—Buick sedan—30D—365."

That entry appeared on the automobile license record in Clerk C. Y. Walker's office Tuesday, and it was not a mistake or a gag.

The singing, horse riding hero of Western films did buy an automobile from a Covington dealer this week. The Tipton county license will be seen frequently in Hollywood, for Gene Autry purchased the car for his personal use.

It happened this way. J. A. Coleman, of Coleman Motor Co., a Shriner, met the popular film star when he arrived in Memphis last week via plane for the Shrine convention. The two became friends while Mr. Coleman was Autry's guest at the Peabody.

But the movie ace does not confine his riding to horses. He likes cars too. He particularly liked the white convertible four-door sedans which were used as official cars during the convention. When the convention ended, the cars were distributed to dealers, and Coleman was allowed one.

Autry's manager, Beverly Barnett, flew back to Memphis Tuesday, when Mr. Coleman delivered him the car, complete with Tipton county license plates.

SHRINE CONVENTION DEFICIT INCREASED

Vesey Finds \$1560 Added
To \$6000 Estimate

John B. Vesey, director-general of the recent Shrine convention, said today that he had overlooked several items amounting to \$1560 in originally estimating the convention deficit at \$6000, one of which was the federal tax on amusements amounting to about \$1400. The rest included lost linens and other small items.

"The nobles of Al Chymia Temple and the citizens of Memphis completely captured the hearts of the 20,000 visitors to the convention," Mr. Vesey said in a letter to members, reporting a \$7560 deficit. "This fine co-operation made it possible for us to put on the convention at a total expense of \$75,000, as against the lowest previous cost in the past 10 years of \$139,000."

Mr. Vesey said today he knew the amount would be raised without any trouble, adding that he had been receiving letters of congratulations and appreciation on the Memphis convention from all over the nation.

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS, MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 24, 1940

With The Clubs

Prizes will be given for the best Shrine convention pictures at the meeting of the Memphis Amateur Movie Club at 8 o'clock tonight at the Pink Palace. Many amateur movie fans filmed the Shriners at their humorous antics and in their parades at the recent meeting here and these will be judged. Visitors will be welcomed, according to E. A. Lumpkin, secretary.

St. Joseph's Church, 135 St. Paul, will sponsor a benefit party at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the church to raise money for the Sisters' Tabernacle Fund. Baskets of groceries will be table prizes. Mrs. F. O. Miles is general chairman.

The Sunny South Garden Club will meet at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday at the home of Mrs. O. A. Davis, 1418 South Lauderdale. Arrangements of garden flowers will be a feature of the program. Mrs. Eldran Rogers will preside. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Connie O'Sullivan and Mrs. Guy Smith.

The Trinity Lutheran Art Circle will meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning in the church parlors with Mrs. P. Dankanich, Mrs. J. Grace and Mrs. V. Mohr as hostesses.

The 8 at 40 Petit Salon of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Fred Sexton, 1957 Jackson, with Mrs. W. R. Chauncey as cohostess.

To Show Shrine Pictures

The Memphis Amateur Movie Club will have movies of the Shrine Convention as the subject

for prize awards at the meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at the Pink Palace. Announcement will be made of a gold medal award to be made as a prize at a future date. Persons interested in the making of movies are privileged to attend the meeting, according to E. A. Lumpkin, secretary.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 29, 1940

SHRINE CONVENTION LEFT \$7560 DEFICIT

Members Of Al Chymia Temple Asked For Contributions

The deficit incurred during the Shrine Convention here was set at \$7560 yesterday by John B. Vesey in a letter to members of Al Chymia Temple asking for contributions.

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"We have gained prestige of inestimable value, so let's not ruin it by having unpaid bills. You and every member can contribute something without injury to yourself, but the combined total will amount to a large sum."

"Let us make this a 100 per cent contribution by having everyone give something and please be as liberal as you can."

'STATEDS' FILL WEEK FOR MASONIC BODIES

Only Two Conferrings Scheduled By Blue Lodges

SHRINE AND RITE VACATE

McLemore Avenue Will Exemplify Third Degree And Normal Lodge The Second Degree Tomorrow Night

MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 1.

Angerona Lodge No. 168—Stated.
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707—Stated.
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Third degree at 7:30.
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.
Shrine Patrol—Drill.
Normal Lodge No. 722—Second Degree.

TUESDAY, JULY 2.

Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729—Stated.
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O.E.S.—Stated.
Stonewall Chapter No. 280, O.E.S.—Stated.
Normal Chapter No. 295, O.E.S.—Stated.

WEDNESDAY JULY 3.

Park Avenue Chapter No. 205, O.E.S.—Stated.
McLemore Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.
Park Avenue Assembly Rainbow Girls—Stated.
DeMolay Mothers' Circle—Picnic.

THURSDAY, JULY 4.

Lella Scott Lodge No. 289—Stated.
Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.
Bartlett Lodge No. 697—Stated.
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—School.
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15—Stated.
O. K. Houck Chapter No. 229, O.E.S.—Stated.
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O.E.S.—Stated.

FRIDAY, JULY 5.

DeSoto Lodge No. 299—Stated.
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Stated.
Evergreen Chapter No. 209—Stated.
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 281, O.E.S.—Stated.
Normal Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.

SATURDAY, JULY 6.

Masonic Temple—Dark.

By ROBERT W PARHAM

Fraternal Editor

Masonic activities during the month of June are usually at low ebb, but this June has been full of unprecedented activities.

The great meeting of the Imperial Council came in the second week with its many spectacular events. Later came the West Tennessee meeting of the capitular bodies with a visit from the grand high priest. Then the state meeting of the young ladies of the Rainbow Order.

Last week saw observance of St. John's Day and Lella Scott lodge at the close of its conferring yesterday went to Charlie Rentrop place for a barbecue and picnic. On the same afternoon the Craftsmen's Club of DeSoto Lodge had a fish fry at Horseshoe Lake and a number of members of the city lodges were invited by both of these bodies to join in the Saturday relaxation. Added to all this were a number of conferrings of all three of the symbolic degrees.

July however, promises to see little in the way of activity as both the Shrine and Scottish Rite have vacationed for the Summer and most of the lodges will delay the latter part of their work until the Fall.

This week is occupied with the usual first week stated meeting with a couple of degrees only in the way of work.

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THE TEST

Our Shrine Convention was a splendid success—and success is never accidental. Our guests left singing the praises of Al Chymia Temple and Memphis. Numerous letters have come to us expressing the thought that this was one of the finest Shrine Conventions of all times.

I desire to thank every Noble of Al Chymia who had a part in the recent Convention. It was successful because the hundreds of little jobs, as well as the big jobs, were done better than necessary by you Nobles. That is what made the whole of the Convention so fine. Each Noble did his job as though it were the entire Convention itself.

Al Chymia Temple and Memphis were definitely put on the map all over North America and credit goes to our members and the host of fine citizens of Memphis who caught the spirit of the Shrine and helped in so many ways to entertain our guests.

I consider it a great privilege to have been associated with you in giving Memphis its largest and most colorful convention—the 66th Annual Session of the Imperial Council.

Yours in the Faith,

JOHN B. VESEY
Director General

