

### Income Helps

On the credit side of the immediate convention ledger would be income from sale of thousands of tickets to three big parades, sale of midway concessions, novelty and food stand concessions and hawkers. Such funds would go into the operations fund to be turned back to the guarantors.

But of utmost importance to the committee and the business men it wants to reach is the spending money that would flood into the city with the coming of the Shriners and visitors. Ralph E. Logsdon yesterday introduced a letter from the Los Angeles Shrine which said that bank clearings there rose last year by \$24,000,000 in the week of the 1938 convention there.

Two questions have been asked frequently by persons interested in the convention: Will the Shrine really come to Memphis if we raise the money? Can Memphis house so many people? Both questions were unequivocally answered yesterday with "Yes."

### Assurance Given

Lake Hays, potentate of Al Chymia Temple, said yesterday that there was definite assurance that the Shrine would accept an invitation to Memphis if the invitation were backed with the necessary fund.

John B. Vesey, Shriner, who has attended every convention for the last 14 years, pointed out that Dallas, Minneapolis, Atlanta and Des Moines had been hosts to the convention in other years, and that Memphis was as well equipped, or better so, to house the visitors.

Hotels could house 7500 persons here, and private homes could take a like number, Ralph E. Logsdon, director of the Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, said. A great Pullman city in the railroad yards could house thousands more. Then, if necessary, school and Fairgrounds buildings could be furnished to take many others.

"There is no question that we can house them," said Mr. Vesey. "Shriners are accustomed to this sort of accommodations. Such measures are adopted in almost every city that is host to the convention."

About 1000 persons are being solicited, Mr. Logsdon said. He and Mr. Loeb supplied the committee members and subcommittee chairmen yesterday with subscription forms. Twenty-five thousand dollars has been subscribed by the hotels.

## SOLICITATION STARTED TO RAISE SHRINE FUND

Convention Assured If \$100,-  
000 Pledged By City

JUNE 20 IS DEADLINE

Money Will Go To Insure  
Shrine Against Loss And To  
Provide Funds For Enter-  
tainment Of Guest Group

Official solicitation was begun yesterday by the Citizens' Committee whose mission is to bring the 1940 Shrine Convention to Memphis.

At the same time it was learned that two unauthorized men had asked a large local drug firm Tuesday for a donation to the fund. The committee yesterday cautioned against contributions to any persons other than those carrying mimeographed subscription blanks.

### Deadline Is June 20

General Chairman William Loeb told the committee to return today at 12:15 for a luncheon and report meeting at the Peabody, and indicated that meetings would be held there daily until the goal is reached. The fund must be complete by June 20, in time for the Memphis Shriners to take the bid to the Baltimore Convention this month.

One hundred thousand dollars is needed to underwrite the convention and insure against any ill fortune—bad weather, disaster or the like. It has been explained that under average conditions the contributors may expect to have returned to them substantial parts of their guarantees.

John B. Vesey of Al Chymia Temple outlined to the committee the general expenses incurred by Shrine conventions: Nearly 700 leaders and their wives would be given a banquet, three luncheons and a ball. Several thousand dollars would be used to furnish transportation to the visitors. Every visiting Shriner would be given a badge and probably a souvenir of Memphis.

# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 17, 1939

## SHRINE FUND WORKERS 'IN SHOOTING DISTANCE'

### Convention Drive Reports Will Be Made Today

"We're within shooting distance," the Citizens' Committee on the 1940 Shrine convention announced yesterday, meeting at the Peabody for lunch.

The committee has its sights trained on a \$100,000 fund to guarantee the convention for Memphis, and to back up an invitation from the Memphis delegation to the Shrine convention this month in Baltimore.

Reports were deferred yesterday until today's meeting at the Peabody at 12:15. Additional chairmen were named yesterday by General Chairman William Loeb to bring the total to 32. Through them and their crews, every business and professional man in Memphis will be solicited.

Yesterday afternoon 43 members of Al Chymia Temple who have volunteered to assist in the canvass were given pledge forms. They met with Lake Hays and John B. Vesey described the campaign and objective at the Shrine luncheon yesterday at the DeVoy.



# Memphis Press-Scimitar

WEATHER: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight with local thundershowers; not so warm. Friday, partly cloudy and cooler.

9TH YEAR

MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1939

NO. 170

## SHRINERS' FUND SHY JUST \$4000

Telephone Solicitors Boost  
Total Toward \$50,000 Goal

*Only \$4000 to go!*

This was the status at noon today of the campaign to raise \$50,000 in cash with which to bring the 1940 Shrine convention to Memphis.

The Citizens Committee, in charge of the drive, met at Hotel Peabody, received reports of team chairmen, and decided to extend the deadline to tomorrow evening. At that time Potentate Lake Hays and other Shriners will leave for the 1939 convention in Baltimore, which opens Monday.

### Certified Check

Potentate Hays of Al Chymia Temple must have a certified check for \$50,000 in order to bid for the convention. Pledges that \$50,000 more will be raised to meet possible expenses in event Memphis wins the convention for next year will be obtained later.

Early morning contributions boosted the cash fund to \$44,000. An "army" of telephone solicitors raised about \$2000 more within a few hours.

### Cash In Sight

William Loeb, general chairman: Shriners and Chamber of Commerce leaders, predicted the necessary cash would be obtained, perhaps by late today.

Potentate Hays stressed that if Memphis should not win the convention "every dime of the \$50,000 will be returned to the contributors."



## A Fifty Grand Farewell



Ralph Logsdon, director of the Convention Bureau of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, waved goodbye with a \$50,000 certified check yesterday afternoon as he left Memphis via American Airlines en route to the national Shrine convention at Baltimore. The check, representing the necessary guarantee to bid for the Shrine convention here in 1940, will be presented at the session with Memphis' invitation.

## \$50,000 SHRINE FUND DELIVERED TO HAYES

Check Will Be Proffered To  
Committee Wednesday

### 1940 CONVENTION SOUGHT

Leaders Certain Memphis' Bid  
Will Be Accepted — 100,000  
Members Of Mystic Order  
Jam Baltimore Streets

Tucked snugly in the pocket of Ralph Logsdon of the Chamber of Commerce, a certified check for \$50,000, which is expected to bring the 1940 Shrine convention to Memphis, arrived in Washington last night en route to the national Shrine meeting now under way in Baltimore.

Mr. Logsdon, on arrival at the capital, turned the check over to Lake Hayes, potentate of Al Chymia Temple and leader of the local delegation seeking to bring the next Shrine convention to Memphis. The check will be proffered as a guarantee to the convention committee when it meets Wednesday to select the 1940 host city.

#### For Convention Expenses

Raised by subscriptions from local business men, the \$50,000 will be deposited by Mr. Hayes with national Shrine officials either Wednesday or Thursday. It is to be used for convention expenses in the event Memphis is selected for the 1940 gathering.

Headed by William L. Loeb, the drive was \$3500 short Saturday, but the remaining money was raised by a small group of local business men who indorsed a joint note for the sum. The convention would be expected to bring at least 100,000 Shriners and their families, friends and spectators.

Meanwhile yesterday, Baltimore, staid old dowager among cities kicked up her heels and blossomed forth as a veiled Arabian dancing girl when thousands of Shriners arrived for the sixty-fifth annual convention of the Masonic order.

#### Lamp Posts to Palms

Potent mystic Shrine sorcery changed the Colonial seaport into an oasis in a Maryland desert. Iron lamp-posts metamorphosed into date palm trees along the principal streets. Long-faced camels on pedestals considered the bazaar scene dyspeptically at downtown corners.

Hotels were full, but cities on wheels and towns afloat helped Baltimore meet the test of its vaunted Southern hospitality. Whole delegations will live on Pullman trains in the railroad yards, and other groups will spend the week aboard ships anchored in the harbor. Housing committees have arranged to care for any overflow in private homes. Baum Temple, Baltimore, host to the mounting caravan, estimated 100,000 visitors would be in the city before the formal sessions of the Imperial Council start Tuesday morning.



# COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN. WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 28, 1939

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## 12,000 SHRINERS STRUT IN CONVENTION PARADE

### 200,000 Watch Colorful Pro- cession In Baltimore

BALTIMORE, June 27. — (AP)—Twelve thousand Shriners strutted colorfully before 200,000 admiring Baltimore spectators in the first parade of their national convention today.

Parade exhibits ranged from a huge pyramid towed by Nubian "slaves" of Chicago's Medina Temple to a six-inch child's toy "float" which an Aleppo (Boston) Temple Shriner pulled on a string to the delight of the packed thousands along the five-mile route.

Imperial Potentate A. A. D. Rahn, Minneapolis, flanked by the Imperial Council, reviewed the marchers from the stand in the municipal stadium, where the parade ended after virtually halting crosstown traffic for three hours.

Shrine units from the Pacific Coast, Canada and the Deep South joined Eastern Seaboard and Middle Western delegations in the parade.

Costumes included swank and regal Oriental outfits and the clown garb featured by jesters of several temples. In between were harem "beauties," snappy military drill teams, burnoosed Arabs and formal evening clothes.



## SHRINERS ARE COMING TO GIVE MEMPHIS ITS LARGEST CONVENTION

Imperial Council Is Unanimous  
In Selecting City  
For 1940

### COMMITTEE WORK PRAISED

Meeting Expected to Bring  
\$3,000,000 Here

### 'CHEERING,' SAYS CRUMP

Attendance of 100,000 Is Seen—

Local Officials Prepare To  
Raise Another \$50,000 For  
Expenses

Memphis next year will be host  
to the largest convention in its his-  
tory—the 1940 meeting of the  
Shrine.

"Imperial Council just voted  
unanimously Memphis 1940," read  
a telegram to The Commercial Ap-  
peal late yesterday afternoon from  
jubilant Lake Hays, potentate of  
Al Chymia Temple, who waved be-  
fore the convention in Baltimore  
yesterday a check for \$50,000 raised  
by local business men to under-  
write the expense of bringing the  
great assembly here next year.

#### May Bring \$3,000,000

A hard driving Citizens' Com-  
mittee, fostered by the Convention  
Bureau of the Chamber of Com-  
merce, collected in about a week  
the money to back up that check  
that clinched for the city a meet-  
ing expected to bring into Mem-  
phis a minimum of \$3,000,000 in  
easy-spending cash.

"The committee just stuck to the  
job until it put the thing over," was  
the comment of William Loeb,  
general chairman, mindful of the  
last minute desperation and final  
triumph of his fellow workers  
who were faced with a task  
thought insurmountable by many  
in the short time available.

"It's fortunate that Memphis has  
sufficient men to put over such a  
campaign," he said.

#### Prospective Host Happy

Very happy about the whole  
thing yesterday was John A.  
Waterman, chief rabban of Al  
Chymia Temple and probable suc-  
cessor to Mr. Hays, according to  
Shrine custom. As prospective host  
to 15,000 Shriners and probably  
85,000 other visitors smiling Mr.  
Waterman said:

"This will be the biggest thing  
Memphis ever had. It also means  
much for the MidSouth, because  
it will bring to this section many  
visitors from other parts of the  
Nation. Memphis is noted for its  
hospitality. People will leave here  
knowing this is a great city. Mem-  
phis will do a peach of a job."

"I don't know what to say," said  
W. W. Fischer, chairman of the  
Convention Bureau. "Memphis is  
going to be very pleased. I hope  
this is one of the first of many  
big conventions."

#### Cheering, Says Crump

E. H. Crump, Shelby political  
leader who gave his blessing and  
\$500 to the Citizens' Committee at  
the start, remarked on hearing that  
the 1940 meet had been awarded  
Memphis:

"That's cheering news. Let's get  
some more."

It was in 1913 that Al Chymia  
made its last big bid for the annual  
convention of the Ancient Arabic  
Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.  
A delegation led by O. K. Houck

## SHRINE TO GIVE CITY LARGEST CONVENTION

Imperial Council Unanimous In  
Naming Memphis

100,000 EXPECTED HERE

Local Officials Prepare To  
Raise Another \$50,000 For  
Expenses—Headquarters To  
Be Set Up

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and fortified with a substantial  
sum of money asked for the 1914  
meeting. At the last minute, the  
fickle convention turned to Atlanta  
as its choice and Memphis lost.

#### Facilities Are Adequate

When Mr. Fischer and Ralph E.  
Logsdon of the Convention Bureau  
learned that there was a chance to  
bring the convention here, they first  
ascertained whether or not Mem-  
phis could house so many people.  
Strengthened by assurance from a  
national Shrine Committee that fa-  
cilities are adequate, the bureau  
sponsored the Citizens' Committee,  
which faced the task of raising the  
\$50,000 in a few days.

That sum must be supplemented  
by an additional guarantee in the  
form of \$50,000 pledged. Officials  
have said they anticipate no diffi-  
culty in collecting pledges to that  
amount. It was the cash in advance  
that was the hardest to get.

#### Money Still Talks

"Money talks, and we've got it  
with us," said Potentate Hays yes-  
terday as he went before the Im-  
perial Council. "Just the fact that  
we can scrape together \$50,000 like  
this is evidence of the kind of wel-  
come you'll get."

"We've got a beautiful city on the  
banks of the Mississippi, and we're  
going to try to keep the Father of  
Waters in his bed during the show,"  
he added.

Bringing the convention to Mem-  
phis means almost a year of hard,  
preparatory work. One of the first  
things to be done will be the estab-  
lishment of a corporation of Mem-  
phis Shriners, as many as possible  
members of the Chamber of Com-  
merce, to administer the convention  
funds. It is estimated that the ex-  
pense will total nearly \$100,000,  
much of which will be returned  
from sale of tickets, concessions  
and other sources.

#### Need Headquarters

Some time this Summer head-  
quarters must be set up for the  
convention, Shriners said here yes-  
terday. Plans must be made for the  
housing, not only of visiting dele-  
gations and their families, but also  
of thousands of visitors who will be  
attracted by the spectacular event.  
This number has been estimated at  
between 50,000 and 90,000 persons.

It will probably be necessary to  
utilize schools and other public  
buildings and a "Pullman city" in  
the railroad yards to lodge uni-  
formed patrols and bands of the  
Imperial Council.

Full authority was given recently  
by Al Chymia Temple members to  
the divan (executive council), head-  
ed by Potentate Hays, to take such  
action as is necessary to plan for  
the convention.

#### Shriners Are 'Spenders'

The convention will bring Shriner-  
ers from every state and from Mex-  
ico, Canada, Cuba and American  
colonial possessions. The Con-  
vention Bureau has pointed out that  
Shriners belong to the spending  
class, and that bank clearings have

hiked as much as \$12,500,000 in host  
cities during the convention week.

### Memphis Also Wins AHEPA Convention

On the heels of news that Mem-  
phis will have the huge Shrine Con-  
vention in 1940 came word yester-  
day from Atlanta that the next dis-  
trict convention of the American  
Hellenic Progressive Association  
would be held in Memphis.

John Morris of Memphis was  
chosen lieutenant governor of the  
district and George Kolliwas of  
Memphis was named marshal at  
the meeting there. The new dis-  
trict governor, chosen by the 500  
delegates from Southeastern states,  
is B. N. Derzis of Birmingham, Ala.

Ralph E. Logsdon, director of the  
Convention Bureau of the Memphis  
Chamber of Commerce, is in Wash-  
ington. He was in Baltimore when  
the Shrine convention was awarded.  
He will work in New York and  
Boston for 1940 conventions of X-  
ray Technicians and the National  
Tuberculosis Association.

## Put Cash On The Line



"We're putting cash on the line," said Potentate Lake  
Hays (left), of Memphis Al Chymia Temple at the Shrine Con-  
vention yesterday in Baltimore. Al Chymia got the 1940 con-  
vention. At the right is John A. Waterman, chief rabban of  
the temple, probable successor to Mr. Hays, and probable host  
to the thousands of Shriners who will be here next Summer.

## Shriners Dance In Streets As Texan Takes High Throne

Special to The Commercial Appeal

BALTIMORE, June 28.—Shrine-  
dom installed a six-foot, 210-pound  
Texan as its imperial potentate to-  
day, and started a 50-year-old Phil-  
adelphia publisher along the 12-year  
climb to the same office.

Husky Walter D. Cline, oil mag-  
nate and former Mayor of Wichita  
Falls, Texas, succeeded A. A. D.  
Rahn of Minneapolis as ruler of  
some 300,000 fun-loving nobles of  
Masonry, climaxing business ses-  
sions of the annual convention.  
Memphis won the 1940 meeting.

#### Philadelphia Honored

For imperial outer guard, lowest-  
ranking official in the National  
Council, the nobles picked William  
Helm, potentate of Philadelphia's  
Lu Lu Temple. He defeated Harold  
Lloyd, screen comedian, and John  
Zink of Baltimore, director general  
of the convention.

All Shrine imperial officers move  
up automatically each year, with  
the outer guard the only office open  
to election. George F. Olendorf of  
Springfield, Mo., became deputy  
imperial potentate succeeding Mr.  
Cline, and becomes imperial poten-

tate in 1940. Mr. Helm will succeed  
to the highest office in 1951.

Mr. Cline took office amid a fan-  
fare of typical Texan enthusiasm,  
receiving two bushels of Texas  
roses and a new automobile from  
the 10 Shrine Temples in the Lone  
Star State.

#### Decorated By King

In 1927, as general chairman of  
Rotary International's convention  
in Ostend, Belgium, Mr. Cline was  
decorated by King Albert with the  
ribbon of knight commander of the  
Order of Leopold. He is a DeMolay  
official and a national councillor of  
the Boy Scouts. He has been a  
Shriner since 1910.

A drizzling rain in midafternoon  
failed to dampen Shriners' spirits  
and dozens of nobles celebrated  
election of Imperial Council officers  
by dancing in the streets, blocking  
several main downtown traffic ar-  
teries.

Big event on the day's program,  
second only to the election, was the  
night parade along the route 12,000  
uniformed nobles followed yester-  
day.



# Memphis Press-Scimitar

WEATHER: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight, 68 to 72.

59TH YEAR

MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1939

NO. 176

## City's Big Task in 1940: Host to 15,000 Shriners

### Everyone Will Be Asked to Help Entertain Nation's Largest Convention

Flushed with most pardonable pride at having landed America's largest convention, Memphis today began facing the responsibilities of entertaining from 15,000 to 20,000 Shriners in 1940.

Memphis won the nation's convention plum yesterday at Baltimore as Potentate Lake Hays of Al Chymia Temple waved a \$50,000 check before the convention and shouted:

"Money talks!"

Today, awaiting the return of Mr. Hays and other Shrine leaders from their victory in the East, Chamber of Commerce and Citizens Committee forces which, with the Shrine, put over the conquest, began preparing for the task ahead.

#### City Must Co-Operate

Al Chymia Temple itself will be held responsible, technically at least, by the Imperial Council for the arrangements. But the entire city of Memphis must co-operate.

"There's a lot of work ahead," remarked W. W. Fischer, convention bureau chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Committees must be organized to handle every phase of the convention. All this will be started just as soon as Shrine leaders return to take direct charge."

One of the first moves will be the organization of a Shrine corporation, incorporated solely to direct the 1940 meeting of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Some idea Memphis may expect in the way of attendance came from Baltimore dispatches today by the Associated Press.

#### 25,000 Nobles

Twenty-five thousand fezzed Nobles from the four corners of the country participated in the convention's closing pageant.

Lowest estimates on the number of Shriners due to converge on the metropolis of the Mid-South next year place the figure at 15,000.

Baltimore had approximately 25,000 at the convention just closing.

These delegates, with thousands upon thousands of visitors, must be housed. Pullman "cities" will be set up. Hotels will "fill up" with reservations months ahead of the convention. Homes will be thrown open.

But all of this must be arranged and planned in detail, and the work of accomplishing the task will be started immediately upon the return from Baltimore of Memphis Shriners.

#### June 11-13

Official dates for the 1940 convention have been set: June 11, 12 and 13, Shrine office announced.

It would require a special emergency session of the Imperial Council to change these dates.

Walter D. Cline, of Wichita, Texas, oil man, who was chosen Imperial Potentate at Baltimore, probably will visit Memphis soon to confer with Shrine leaders, it was said.

It will be his business to travel some 80,000 miles during the year, inspecting Shrine temples and laying the groundwork for the "invasion" of Memphis next June.

William Heim, of Philadelphia, elected Imperial Outer Guard at Baltimore, also is scheduled to visit Memphis in a few weeks.

#### Spectacular Parades

The most spectacular parades of the 1940 convention would be along Riverside Drive.

Memphis, with the Shrine conclave assured, will be the center of the nation's celebrations next year. Because of the fact that De Soto reached Mississippi in 1540, a year before the discovery of the Mississippi River by white men, Mid-South cities will open their 400th anniversary De Soto celebrations.



## Convention Won, No Wonder They Smile



A check for \$50,000 got the 1940 Shrine Convention for Memphis when this delegation exhibited it in Baltimore Wednesday. Here is the Memphis delegation, gleeful after the Shrine's acceptance: (1) C. E. Stull; (2) John B. Vesey, named yesterday to be director general of the 1940 convention; (3) Potentate Lake Hays; (4) Floyd Harvey and (5) W. A. Woodmansee.

Walter D. Cline (right), of Wichita Falls, Texas, moved up to the office of imperial potentate of the Shrine. He is being congratulated by the retiring potentate, A. A. D. Rahn of Minneapolis.

—Associated Press Photo

## JOHN VESEY TO DIRECT SHRINE PREPARATIONS

He'll Tackle the Big Job Of Giving Visitors Great Time In Memphis

(Pictures on Page 16)

John B. Vesey yesterday was named director general of the 1940 Shrine Convention in Memphis.

Mr. Vesey, general secretary of Scottish Rite bodies in Memphis and past potentate of Al Chymia Temple, was appointed by Potentate Lake Hays, Memphis attorney, to have charge of the task of preparing for the thousands of Shriners and their families who will come to Memphis next year from over the Nation.

Mr. Hays informed The Commercial Appeal of the appointment by telephone from Baltimore, where the 1939 convention is under way. The day before, he and the Al Chymia delegation succeeded in getting the huge convention for Memphis after they exhibited before the Imperial Council of the Shrine a check for \$50,000 to underwrite the meeting here.

### Will Head Corporation

Mr. Vesey will be the administrative officer of a corporation set up within the Memphis Temple to handle the convention. The \$50,000, raised here in a hasty campaign by a Citizens' Committee from business men who hope to profit from the influx of visitors and money, will be supplemented by \$50,000 in ironclad pledges to provide a \$100,000 fund. That fund will be used to entertain the guests, erect reviewing stands, provide souvenirs and entertainment.

Sale of concessions and tickets to Shrine spectacles is expected to return much, if not all, of the \$100,000 fund to the donors and guarantors.

### Californians To Come

Mr. Vesey will be in charge of the preparations for the big undertaking and of the convention itself. It is expected that headquarters will be set up this Summer to get the job started.

Harold Lloyd, movie comedian

active in the Shrine, told Mr. Hays yesterday that he and a full California delegation counted on attending the Memphis convention.

With Mr. Hays and Mr. Vesey in Baltimore are C. E. Stull, Floyd Harvey and W. A. Woodmansee.

Chamber of Commerce, fresh from the Baltimore Shrine Convention that voted to meet here next year, telegraphed yesterday from New York that the American Society of X-Ray Technicians would meet here in 1940.

The director, Ralph E. Logsdon, said that Miss Augusta Gene Thomas of Memphis had been named national president of the group. She is technician for Dr. C. H. Heacock of Memphis.

Mr. Logsdon will go from New York to Boston to ask the convention of the National Tuberculosis Association to meet here in 1940.



# The Press-Scimitar

MEMPHIS, TENN., FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1939

## NEARBY SHRINES AIDING MEMPHIS

With Plans for Convention  
Of 15,000 in 1940

Shrine temples of the Mid-South and along the Mississippi River from St. Louis to New Orleans will participate in plans for the 1940 Imperial Council convention in Memphis.

This was learned today as Memphis awaited the return from Baltimore of Shriners who landed the nation's largest assemblage for their home town.

Potentate Lake Hays of Al Chymia Temple, John B. Vesey, C. E. Stull, Floyd Harvey and W. A. Woodmansee are scheduled to return Sunday or Monday. Memphis Shrine headquarters reported.

Mr. Vesey yesterday was named general director of the organization which will prepare for an "invasion" of Memphis by 15,000 to 20,000 Nobles on June 11 next year.

It will be strictly up to Al Chymia Temple to handle details of the convention, raising of \$50,000 more in pledges to augment the \$50,000 cash fund. Other temples which pledged their support in the pre-convention campaign will send large delegations and do their part in making the 1940 meeting the "best on record."

Convention headquarters will be set up on return of the Shrine delegation. The Baltimore convention closed yesterday and many Nobles went on to New York to take in the World's Fair.



## SHRINERS FACE WORK FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Entertainment, Housing, Parade Arrangements, Their Job

### BLUE LODGES BUSY AGAIN

July Schedule Contains Many Conferings — Hot Weather Fails To Halt Interest In Masonry

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

##### MONDAY, JULY 3

Angerona Lodge No. 168, Stated.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707, Stated.  
Memphis Assembly Rainbow Girls, Stated.

##### TUESDAY, JULY 4

Memphis Lodge No. 118, Stated.  
Summer Ave. Lodge No. 128, Stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S. Stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 295, O. E. S. Stated.

Stonewall Chapter O. E. S., Stated.

##### WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Park Ave. Assembly Rainbow Girls, Stated.  
McLemore Ave. Assembly Rainbow Girls, Stated.

##### THURSDAY, JULY 6

Lella Scott Lodge No. 280, Stated.  
Barlett Lodge No. 697, Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15, Stated.  
Park Ave. Chapter No. 205, O. E. S., Stated.

O. K. Houck Chapter No. 229, O. E. S., Stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O. E. S., Stated.

##### FRIDAY, JULY 7

DeSoto Lodge No. 299, Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, Stated.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209, Stated.  
McLemore Ave. Chapter No. 285, O. E. S., Stated.

Normal Assembly Rainbow Girls, Stated.

#### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

##### MONDAY, JULY 3

Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.

##### TUESDAY, JULY 4

Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.

##### THURSDAY, JULY 6

Coyoso Encampment No. 3, Stated.

##### FRIDAY, JULY 7

Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.

Fraternal Editor

Backed by a certified check for \$50,000, the invitation of Potentate Lake Hays of Al Chymia Temple won for Memphis the 1940 session of the Imperial Council of the Shrine at Baltimore Wednesday. The money was concrete evidence this city was in earnest about furnishing the necessary expense account to put the convention over to the most lavish manner and that another \$50,000 would be forthcoming when needed. The council will meet here in June.

Being one of the Nation's largest and most colorful gatherings, the award means unlimited work not only for every member of Al Chymia Temple during the next eleven months but that the entire citizenship of Memphis will have to put their shoulder to the wheel and assist in making good our proud boast of Southern hospitality. An occasion like this means work and plenty of it for all. Housing facilities, entertainments, parades and official assemblies will all have to be worked out in detail and the city is going to have its hands more than full to handle successfully the largest single undertaking that has ever come its way.

#### Elect Texan

Office of Imperial Potentate was handed to Walter D. Cline, oil magnate and former mayor of Wichita Falls, Texas, in the election at Baltimore. A spirited contest for the office of imperial outer guard, which will lead in twelve years to the office of imperial potentate, was won by William Heim, potentate of Lu Lu Temple in Philadelphia, who defeated Harold Lloyd, screen comedian and John Zink of Baltimore, director general of the convention. All Shrine imperial officers move up automatically each year, with the outer guard the only office open to election. George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., became deputy imperial potentate succeeding Mr. Cline in 1940 when the election will be held here.

## Next Time It Will Be In Memphis



Lovely Lorraine Wolf, "Queen of the Shriners," waved to a Baltimore crowd yesterday as she rode in a chariot during the Sixty-fifth Shrine Convention parade. The 1940 Shrine Convention will be in Memphis.

—Photo by APMA

#### Busy Week For Blue Lodges

Many Blue Lodges will hold their stated meetings during next week, including the four uptown bodies and from the number of new petitions already in hand, work nights should be plentiful for the month of July. Apparently the warm weather is no deterrent to interest in Masonry. From reports coming in, this condition not only obtains locally but covers the entire grand jurisdiction. Some of the lodges have had as many as three work nights during the past thirty days when they conferred the Third Degree.

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MEMPHIS, TENN., SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1939

## Hospitality Statement Helped To Land Shriners' Convention

"Take two and butter them while they're hot."

This statement, shouted from the platform of a jammed auditorium in Baltimore a few days ago was credited today with having had a great deal to do with landing the 1940 Shrine convention for Memphis.

W. A. Woodmansee, Al Chymia Temple recorder, who returned today from the 1939 convention, explained why.

#### Flashes \$50,000 Check

Potentate Lake Hays was speaking. He already had flashed the \$50,000 check, raised by Memphians as a guaranty that the city could handle the convention's expenses next year.

He flashed the check again and

then put over his statement symbolic of Southern hospitality.

He was referring to the old custom of "buttering the biscuits while they're hot."

#### Winning Idea

The phrase caught the fancy of the 25,000 Shriners from all over the nation. The check had something to do with their decision, but the "biscuit" idea was the determining factor, Mr. Woodmansee believes.

Potentate Hays and other Shrine leaders will return about July 8, Mr. Woodmansee said. Between July 15 and Aug. 1 a corporation of Al Chymia leaders will be formed, and in the hands of this corporation will rest the details of preparing for next year's convention. From 15,000 to 20,000 delegates and their families are expected to attend.



SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1939

## SHRINERS ORDER ROOMS FOR '40

But Memphis Hotels Have  
Enough to Go Around

Pittsburgh, 200 rooms.  
Louisville, 125 rooms.

These orders for hotel reservations, received yesterday and today, indicated what Memphis may expect in attendance at the national Shrine convention next year.

"I'm surprised," said W. A. Woodmansee, Al Chymia Temple recorder. "Here it is almost a year before the convention will be held and the orders for reservations have already started."

### Plenty of Room

But there will be plenty of room for the 15,000 to 20,000 delegates anticipated. The Memphis Hotel Association lists 2400 rooms. The Real Estate Board lists 3912 hotel rooms available, including those in the Hotel Association.

Then there will be private homes, Pullman "cities" and various and sundry other accommodations available. Several Iowa temples have indicated they may charter a river boat for the trip and be certain of sleeping quarters.

### Start on Details

Al Chymia Temple leaders, including Potentate Lake Hays, are scheduled to return from the East early next week. Then incorporation of an organization to handle the details of the 1940 convention will be begun.

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## Shriners By Boat

Iowa Shriners are talking of chartering a boat so they can bring their own "hotel" with them for the Shrine convention here next year.

We hope they do—and that their example is followed by others.

Memphis hotels will be unable to take care of all the delegates, and boat delegations will advertise the Mississippi and the fact that Memphis is Memphis-on-the-Mississippi.

Use of the Mississippi should not be confined to freight.



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**Nominating a candidate** for the Imperial Council, Nobles came to platform, made obeisance to the Potentate. In contest for position of Imperial Outer Guard, William Heim of

Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, beat out Harold Lloyd, film star, of Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles. Below: a Noble dances in the street for a surprised Baltimore lady.



**The Imperial Council** (below), ruling body of the Shrine, runs in rank from the Imperial Potentate (left) to the Imperial Outer Guard (far right). Only the Imperial Treasur-

er and Imperial Recorder keep the same offices year after year. The others move up one seat a year, until eventually the Imperial Outer Guard becomes the Imperial Potentate.



## 30,000 FEZZED SHRINERS TAKE OVER BALTIMORE FOR GIDDY SEVEN-DAY CONVENTION

**F**rom the four corners of the U. S.—from Nile Temple in Seattle, from Anah Temple in Bangor, from Mahi Temple in Miami, from Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles, even from Gizeh Temple which takes in the Yukon, and Aloha Temple in Hawaii—came 30,000 men in fezzes, June 23-29, to change Baltimore into a pseudo-oriental town. They were members of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

It was the annual Shriners' convention, one of the giddiest in the U. S. For seven fantastic days, traditionally conservative but broadminded Baltimoreans patiently let fezzed Shriners dump feathers and water on them from hotel windows, tie up traffic, accost ladies in the street with oriental dances.

As always the elections, which LIFE with the help of Chicago's Medinah Temple was given the unprecedented privilege of photographing, involved only one real contest—that for Imperial Outer Guard, humblest seat on the Imperial Council. Other officials automatically move up a rank a year. Candidates are never elected to Imperial Outer Guard first year they run. Imperial Potentate Andrew A. D. Rahn (left in picture at bottom left) turned his office over to Deputy Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Tex. (next him). Mr. Cline has a hard year before him. During his reign, Imperial Potentate Rahn traveled 80,000 miles for the Shrine.



**A whimsical Noble** carries a dummy rooster in the big parade. At intervals he squeezed the rooster and it laid an egg.





**Oriental bands** played their traditional instrument, the musette. This old instrument has a sweet, reedy tone.

They sounded strange playing *Maryland, My Maryland*, but when they did, pleased Baltimoreans cheered heartily.



**A camel patrol** came all the way from Zor Temple, of Madison, Wis., which owns five camels and trots them out

for parades. But only four of Zor's camels came to Baltimore. Fifth was back home in Wisconsin having a baby.



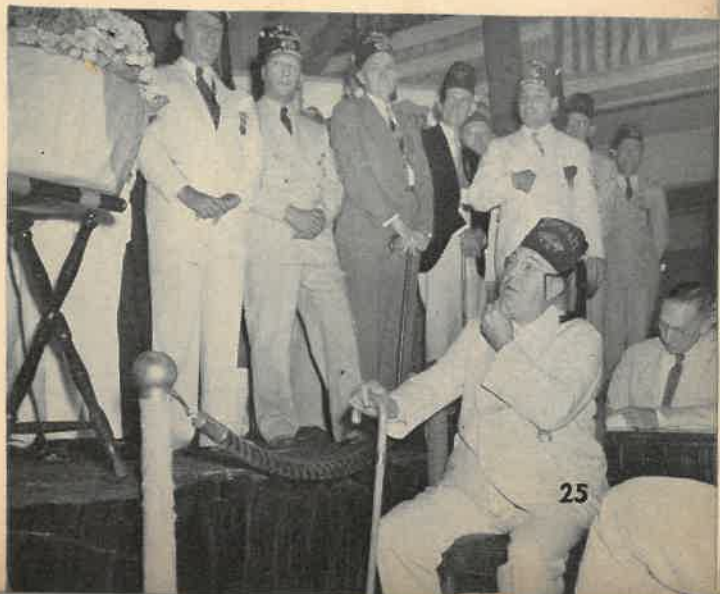
**Shiner Rogers Hornsby**, now manager of the Baltimore Orioles, and **Shiner Bert Niehoff**, manager of the Jersey City Giants, put on fezzes when their teams played for Shiner charity.



**Scaring the ladies** was great sport for Miami Shriners. They came dressed as Seminoles, brought alligators and snakes along to boost Miami for 1940 convention. Memphis got it.



**Roses for new Potentate**, flown from Texas, were presented by fellow-Texans. While Imperial Outer Guard read a poem, they waited with bouquets, outgoing Potentate Rahn listened (below).





# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 16, 1939

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## GOAL OF AL CHYMIA IS DOUBLED PERSONNEL

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### LEADERS HARD AT WORK

John Vesey Labors To Bring  
Southeastern Shrine Associa-  
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Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, Trip to Sauls-  
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Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated

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#### Southern Temples Coming

Many nearby temples have said they would come here and Mr. Vesey is now working on a plan to have the Southeastern Shrine Association, composed of 19 temples, hold its meeting concurrently with the Imperial Council session in Memphis. This would insure addition attendance. The director general is optimistic about the central location of Memphis. The converging railroads lending themselves to a large gathering.

#### Makes For Economy

Per diem cost to delegates to the convention in California in 1938 was approximately \$163,000 which the Imperial Council pays. The per diem cost for Memphis to hold the meeting will be about \$75,000, or less than half, making it desirable from the Council's viewpoint, for a great concourse to be present.

Potentate Lake Hays is drafting articles of incorporation for "Al Chymia Imperial Convention, Inc." and all funds collected and expended will be handled through this corporation separate and apart from the local temple. All plans are, as yet, in a formative state, but the public will be kept fully informed of progress through the newspapers.

#### Excellent Work At Woodlawn

One of the busiest Blue Lodges in the city is Woodlawn No. 211 in Binghamton which conferred the Third Degree two nights during this past week. Monday night the work was performed by a team of new workers who were conferring the degree for the first time and their ritual work was remarkably perfect. Under supervision of Brother E. W. Lokey, worshipful master, Woodlawn is setting a pace hard to beat and impossible to exceed in standard of quality, and visitors are made to feel they are not visitors but home folks.

#### Picnic Saturday

In the cool depths of the woods near Saulsbury, Tenn., Berlin Lodge No. 170 of Saulsbury, will stage a picnic and barbecue Saturday in honor of the six Blue Lodges of Hardeman County. After the outing the Third Degree will be conferred by a team from Woodlawn Lodge No. 211 of Memphis. This is an annual affair and the brethren of Hardeman County attend almost in a body, as well as members of the Craft from all over West Tennessee. Guests are requested to be in Saulsbury not later than 4 o'clock Saturday to expedite the work of the Committee on Arrangements and all Master Masons are invited. Special guest of honor will be Grand Master Lindsay B. Phillips who has just returned from a combination vacation and visitation trip through East Tennessee during which he visited his home county of Scott and inspected the lodges at Oneida and Jellico. Brother Ray Sauls of Saulsbury, secretary of Berlin Lodge, will gladly furnish any information desired by prospective guests.

#### Suspend Work Nights

Due to the warm weather and vacation time, Memphis Lodge No. 118 has suspended its work nights for the next two months. Stated meetings will continue to be held, however, on the regular schedule and the lodge will again resume conferring degrees early in September when a large class should be ready for initiation.



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### SHRINERS TO HEAR 'HOW THEY DID IT'

Just how did Memphis go about getting the 1940 Shrine convention? The "inside" will be told at the Shrine Club noon luncheon tomorrow by Potentate Lake Hays, Recorder W. A. Woodmansee and John Vesey, general secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies, who attended the 1939 meeting at Baltimore recently.

"This will be an important luncheon," says President A. E. Pipkin. "We will hear what each man is expected to do, what a big task we have undertaken and the number of visitors we'll have to look after."

The meeting will be from 12 to 1 at Hotel DeVoy.

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# SHRINE TAKES STEPS FOR MEMPHIS SESSION

Application For Charter Is  
Made At Nashville

WORK WILL BE SPEEDED

Imperial Officers Confer In  
Memphis On Convention Ar-  
rangements—Vesey To Visit  
Former Meeting Cities

## MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 24  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715, Third  
Degree.  
TUESDAY, JULY 25  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289, School.  
Penn Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch De-  
gree.  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, Third De-  
gree, "Commercial Appeal Night."  
THURSDAY, JULY 27  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204, Mark and  
Past Master Degrees.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715,  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.

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Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.  
THURSDAY, JULY 27  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Stated.  
FRIDAY, JULY 28  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD Sr.  
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First step in the preparations for the Imperial Council Session of the Shrine to be held in Memphis next June was taken when the applica- tion for a charter for "Al Chymia Imperial Council, Incorporated" was filed in Nashville this week. Nobles signing the application were: John B. Vesey, James A. Waterman, Frank Schutt, Fred Goldsmith and Lake Hays.

Following the receipt of the charter, the work of organizing and the election of officers will take place in rapid succession. Because of the immense amount of prelim- inary work necessary, Director General Vesey will push plans to as swift a consummation as is possi- ble. He reports that Murat Temple of Indianapolis, one of the largest in the Nation, is one of the many wiring in orders during the past week for hotel reservations.

## Confer On Plans

Among the Imperial officers who have already been in Memphis to confer with him on the coming convention was Thomas C. Law, Imperial Chief Rabbai of Atlanta, who spent Friday going over de- tails and E. W. Jacock, Assistant to the Imperial Recorder, who will arrive in town Tuesday to list the necessities of the Imperial Divan with Mr. Vesey. Leaving the city about the first of August, Mr. Ve- sey will make a visit to each of the cities that has entertained the Im- perial Council Session for the past five or six years to collect data as to just what was done and how they did it. Upon his return, two or three weeks later, he will be armed with all the necessary information it will take to make the Memphis meeting the huge success it will certainly be.

## "Commercial Appeal Night"

Something more than unique in degree work is planned by Park Avenue Lodge No. 362 for Wednes- day evening, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. The Third Degree will be conferred on Howard Grant, secre- tary-treasurer of Memphis Typo- graphical Union No. 11, by a special team of printers and his coworkers from the union, most of whom are employes of The Commercial Ap- peal.

Headed by Brother Thomas Granberry, a past master of De- Soto Lodge, the team has been working for the past two weeks in anticipation of the event, and in honor of the occasion Worshipful Master Bauer of Park Avenue has seen fit to call the evening "Com- mercial Appeal Night." In addition to the fellow union members of Mr. Grant's, a large attendance is anticipated and with the noted hos- pitality of Park Avenue Lodge, re- freshments will be served after the degree work is completed.

## DeSoto Initiates

A beautiful piece of ritual wor- was done Friday by DeSoto Lodge No. 299 in conferring the First, degree. If perfection can be re- in this work, this lodge is c- ly nearing it. Other Blue- would do well to emulate the ample set by grand old DeS.

JULY 26, 1939

## CHARTER

Al Chymia Imperial Convention, Incor- porated, general officers, incorporated by John B. Vesey, James A. Waterman, Frank Schutt, Fred Goldsmith and Lake Hays, July 12, 1939.



## SHRINE TEMPLE HOST TO VISITING OFFICERS

Leaders Impressed With City's  
Convention Facilities

### MEMBERSHIP IS STRESSED

Evening Enjoyed By Many As  
Two Brothers Attain Third  
Degree At Park Avenue  
Lodge—Rites Dates Are Set

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 31—

McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715, school.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723, school.

TUESDAY, AUG. 1—

Memphis Lodge No. 118, stated.  
Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729, stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.,  
stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 235, O. E. S.,  
stated.  
Stonewall Chapter O. E. S., stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S., party  
at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2—

Park Avenue Assembly Rainbow Girls,  
stated.  
McLemore Avenue Assembly Rainbow  
Girls, stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.,  
Auxiliary at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3—

Lella Scott Lodge No. 289, stated.  
Bartlett Lodge No. 697, stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15, stated.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205, O. E. S.,  
stated.  
O. K. Houck Chapter No. 229, O. E. S.,  
stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O. E. S.,  
stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, school.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715,  
school.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4—

DeSoto Lodge No. 299, stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, stated.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209, stated.  
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 265, O.  
E. S., stated.  
Normal Assembly Rainbow Girls, stated.

#### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 31—

Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, stated.

TUESDAY, AUG. 1—

Memphis Lodge No. 6, stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, stated.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3—

Gayoso Encampment No. 3, stated.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4—

Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, stated.

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As one of the preliminaries to enlisting the aid of all higher bodies of Masonry solidly behind the coming Shrine Imperial Council session to be held in Memphis in June, 1940, Al Chymia Temple played host to the officers of all Commanderies, Chapters and the Scottish Rite Thursday night at a banquet at the Gayoso. Plans for securing new members of the Temple were discussed, but stress was also laid upon re-enlisting delinquent or suspended members. Much to the gratification of the divan of Al Chymia, they found their guests solidly behind the movement and patriotically on their toes to render assistance in making the coming gathering the enormous success it is certain to be.

Assistant to the Imperial Recorder E. W. Jacock of Virginia, who was in the city Tuesday through Friday, was very much impressed with the facilities Memphis had to offer in the way of hotel accommodations and other necessities for the coming gathering and expressed the opinion this city was in a much better condition to handle the meeting than either Minneapolis or Baltimore. Mr. Jacock was the special guest of Potentate Lake Hays, Chief Rabbat James A. Waterman, Recorder W. A. Woodmansee and Director General John E. Vesey. Mr. Vesey will leave about Aug. 1 on a swing around the circle of the cities that have entertained the Imperial Council during the past five or six years to gather data for the use of the various committees assisting him in handling the 1940 convention.

#### Big Night Enjoyed

One of the most enjoyable events of the year took place Wednesday when Brother Howard Grant and Brother Rogers attained their Third Degree at Park Avenue Lodge. The work was done chiefly by a ritualistic team of members of Memphis Typographical Union No. 11, of which Brother Grant has been secretary-treasurer for many years. Under the capable leadership of Brother Thomas Granberry, a past master of De Soto Lodge No. 299, the printers, all of whom are employees of The Commercial Appeal, functioned in a very commendable manner before one of the largest gatherings of Master Masons of the year.

Through the splendid co-operation of the members of grand old Park Avenue Lodge, headed by Worshipful Master Bauer and Secretary A. C. Muir, an evening of sociability was enjoyed by those fortunate enough to be present. Among the distinguished visitors were Grand Master Liudsay B. Phillips and Grand Senior Deacon Charles Sullivan of the Tennessee Grand Lodge.

#### Temple Board Elects

Of interest to all members of the Craft was the meeting held Tuesday for the purpose of electing new officers of the Temple Board, which controls the destinies of the Masonic Temple at the corner of Fourth and Court. Brother J. T. Hankins, acting secretary of Leila Scott Lodge, was elected president, E. T. Harrell, vice president, and J. E. Van Trees, the retiring president, was named secretary-treasurer.

#### Dates Set For Rite

Dates for the Fall Reunion of the Scottish Rite have been set for Oct. 14-16. In September, the Rite will resume stated meetings and the membership, under the leadership of General Secretary John B. Vesey, will complete plans to make the Fall Reunion an outstanding event. Brother Vesey will take time out from his duties as director general of the Shrine Imperial Council Session to make his usual swing around the jurisdiction of Tennessee Consistory before the reunion, and he expects to be rewarded with many petitions for degrees.

#### Blue Lodges to Meet

Representatives of the 18 Blue Lodges of Shelby County will meet tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple, Fourth and Court in an endeavor to work out a uniform plan to handle reinstatement of suspended delinquent members. Each Blue Lodge is to be represented by its officers and it is hoped a satisfactory solution of the problem will be reached. The higher Masonic bodies have signified a willingness to work along the same channels as the lodges and a revival of membership rolls seems probable.



## SHRINERS MAY FIND 'ROOMS' ON OLD MAN RIVER

U. S. Asked to Send Boat Fleet  
Here to Help Care For  
Convention Guests

A fleet of 11 quarter-boats of the U. S. Engineers probably will be tied up at Memphis next June to provide floating temples for some of the thousands of delegates to the national Shrine convention.

John B. Vesey, director general of Memphis, preparations for entertaining America's largest meeting, today applied for permission to rent the boats which at certain seasons house the Engineers' crews.

### 'Room' on Old Man River

Each boat would house about 150 men, and thereby reduce the problem of caring for 20,000 or more guests, Mr. Vesey said. Dry-land delegates would get a big kick out of Old Man River, anyhow, he reasoned.

At the same time Mr. Vesey reported appointment of the important Housing Committee, with J. F. Ramier, past potentate of Al Chymia Temple, as chairman. Charles C. Cartwright will be vice chairman.

### Other committee members are:

D. S. Van Court	E. H. Crump Jr.
O. B. Ellis	A. J. Molloy
D. E. Wagner	Dave Dorman
C. L. Van Fossan	Elmer Harris
William H. Bucher	Thomas H. Allen
Gilmer Richardson	W. C. Johnson
Robert M. Metcalf	A. M. Crawford
Ernest C. Ball	Raymond Skinner
Dave Renfrow	C. A. Bevis
Sam Maikin	H. H. Dunkman
Raymond Allen	J. H. Gullette
C. J. Beatus	

"Indications are the Shrine will hold its largest meeting in history in Memphis on June 10, 11, 12 and 13 next year," Mr. Vesey said. "And we'll have to keep hustling to house them. But no city in America has enough hotel space to care for all the Shrine delegates and they are in the habit of having a big time regardless of where they stay."

### Pullman 'Cities'

"We'll get along fine, tho. There will be Pullman 'cities' and we may turn some of the Fairgrounds buildings into dormitories."

He said the campaign for \$50,000 in pledges to augment the \$50,000 cash fund which was raised to bring the convention to Memphis will be launched next month.

## SHRINE CONVENTION OPENS OFFICE HERE

An office to handle business affairs in connection with the 1940 Shrine Imperial Council Convention in Memphis will be opened at the Peabody this week, John B. Vesey, who yesterday was named president of the Al Chymia Imperial Convention, Inc., said today.

Mr. Vesey, who is secretary of the Memphis Scottish Rite Cathedral, will also act as director general of the convention.

"I am not receiving any compensation for my work as director general," Mr. Vesey said. "The director general of the Baltimore convention received \$125 a week and others have received from \$6000 to \$10,000 yearly. However, I agreed not to accept a salary."

Other officers chosen yesterday were:

JOHN A. WATERMAN, first vice president
FRED GOLDSMITH, second vice president
LAKE HAYS, treasurer
FRANK R. SCHUTT, secretary

### Special Meeting Thursday

Potentate Lake Hays of the local temple has issued a call for a special business meeting Thursday to consider moving the club rooms from the DeVoy Hotel. Several sites are under consideration and the membership will be asked to name their choice if a decision to move is reached. Recorder Woodmansee requests nobles not to overlook the dance tomorrow evening on the Claridge Roof, proceeds of which are to be used to defray the expenses of the uniformed bodies journey to Chattanooga Sept. 1. Splendid music by Henry Busse and his orchestra and an excellent dance floor insure a pleasant night of enjoyment. The public is invited. Admission has been set at \$1 per person.

### To Help Daylight Lodge

With a splendid fraternal spirit characteristic of the grand body of craftsmen that they are, Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, at stated meeting Tuesday, heartily approved the idea of a daylight Blue Lodge to operate in Memphis. Not only did they indorse the idea, but under the leadership of Worshipful Master Bauer and Bro. A. C. Muir, secretary, the lodge passed a resolution offering the proposed new lodge the use of the building and equipment of Park Avenue Lodge until such time as the newcomer could arrange for an asylum of their own. No finer example of unselfish Masonry could be possible.

### Uniformed Bodies Increasing

Under the extra effort being put forth by Potentate Lake Hays of Al Chymia, the uniform bodies are expanding their membership. The Arab Patrol, under the direction of Capt. Jimmie Hunt, has added new men, while the band, under Prof. Harry Dillman, is enlisting a number of musicians. Mr. Hays has authorized an invitation to the boys of the DeMolay Band to come up each Friday night and practice with the Shrine Band with the idea in view of eventually becoming members of the unit. This will give the young men excellent training under splendid tutelage and provide reserve material for the Shrine Band. Noble Dillman is in hopes many of the young musicians will avail themselves of the invitation.

### Penn Chapter To Meet

Preceded by its regular Dutch Dinner at the Madison Avenue Britling at 6:15, Penn Chapter No. 22 will hold its convocation tomorrow. In addition to routine business the degree of Mark Master will be conferred. In England there are separate Mark Master Lodges. St. Elmo Commandery received a petition for the Order of Knighthood at its last stated conclave. Its September meeting is to be a reunion of all resident Sir Knights and members are requested to plan ahead to be certain to be present.

## SHRINE TO SET UP CONVENTION OFFICES

Headquarters Open Tomorrow  
In Hotel Peabody

### AL CHYMIA MAY MOVE

Several Sites For Club Rooms  
Under Consideration — Special Meeting Thursday Will Decide Location

### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUG. 14—  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715, Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722, Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723, Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 589, Stated.  
Peabody Chapter No. 22, Stated.  
Shrine Patrol Drill.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168, Second Degree.  
Rainbow Assembly No. 1, Initiation.  
TUESDAY, AUG. 15—  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 248, School.  
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16—  
Eureka Council No. 6, R. & S. M. Degree.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S., Auxiliary.  
THURSDAY, AUG. 17—  
Raines Chapter No. 185, Stated.  
Call Meeting of Al Chymia Temple.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.  
FRIDAY, AUG. 18—  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, Second Degree.  
De Soto Lodge No. 298, Craftsmen's Club, 6 p.m. and Second Degree at 7:30.  
Al Chymia Temple Band, Rehearsal.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUG. 14—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.  
TUESDAY, AUG. 15—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.  
THURSDAY, AUG. 17—  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3, Stated.  
FRIDAY, AUG. 18—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.  
Fraternal Editor

Following the recent arrival of the charter for Al Chymia Imperial Council, Inc., the corporation being formed to handle all the financial details of the coming Shrine Convention, an organization meeting was held Wednesday at which John B. Vesey was named president, James A. Waterman, first vice president, Fred Goldsmith, second vice president, Lake Hays, treasurer and Frank R. Schutt, secretary. In addition, an advisory board of 50 members of the temple was named with H. T. Bunn, of Lowenstein's, as chairman. All collections and expenditures of the venture will be carefully checked by these gentlemen to insure an absolutely accurate audit of all funds. Headquarters for the new organization will be opened tomorrow in Suite 443-445 at the Peabody Hotel.



## HOUSING COMMITTEE NAMED FOR SHRINERS

Will Provide Accommodations  
For Imperial Council Guests

J. F. RAMIER AT HELM

Knight Templar Reunion At  
Union City On Oct. 19 Holds  
Interest Of West Tennessee  
Commanderies

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.

Fraternal Editor

Excellent progress is reported by Director John B. Vesey of the Shrine Imperial Council session to be held here in June, 1940. One of the latest developments was the appointment by Mr. Vesey of the new Housing Committee under the leadership of Past Potentate J. F. Ramier, chairman, to map in detail the housing facilities of the city for the Imperial Council delegates.

To increase the membership of Al Chymia Temple at the Fall Ceremonial, Recorder Woodmansee is making a swing around the cities in the jurisdiction interviewing prospects. Judging from the list of available material on hand, his journey should be successful and the Fall class numerous, indeed.

### Knight Templar Reunion

Plans are actively under way to make the West Tennessee reunion of Knights Templar at Union City, Oct. 17, an outstanding event in the history of the local commanderies. Many activities are on the program and invitations have been issued to all resident Sir Knights in this end of the state. A large number of uniformed members are expected to attend. Members are asked to communicate with Brother Monroe Parker at the Masonic Temple relative to transportation and Sir Knights going in their automobiles are requested to report any available space they will have to spare. Time of assembly at the temple will be announced later.

Special dispensation has been received from R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar by St. Elmo Commandery No. 15 to fill the vacant office of prelate by a special election Sept. 7.

### Busy Days at Park Avenue

Park Avenue bodies start off the week with the regular stated meeting tomorrow of Park Avenue Commandery No. 31, K. T., followed by a school of instruction of the Blue Lodge Tuesday at 7:30. High spot of the week will be on Thursday when the past high priests of Park Avenue Chapter will confer the Royal Arch Degree on a class of three. A special team will do the work and light refreshments will be served afterward. This chapter held a most interesting meeting Aug. 10, when the M. E. M. Degree was conferred, followed by initiatory degree on Aug. 17. Under the excellent leadership of High Priest Gray, Park Avenue Chapter has made wonderful progress during the year and all indications point to an exceptional record by New Year.

Closing the week's work at the Temple at Cooper and Carr, Park Avenue Lodge No. 362 will confer the Third Degree on two candidates Friday and with the interest always shown by the membership, a good attendance is certain to be present.

### Daylight Lodge Indorsed

Following the indorsement of the daylight lodge idea by Park Avenue Lodge recently, several other Blue Lodges have expressed approval of the proposed new body. A great deal of preliminary work is necessary before the new organization assumes other than tentative form, but it is hoped by the promoters to have matters in such shape presently that active membership enrollment can be started. Present plans call for an application to the grand lodge for a dispensation in January.



# VESEY LEAVING ON TRIP WITH SHRINE

## Takes Few Days Off From Poll Tax Campaign

John B. Vesey will take a couple of days off from directing the poll tax selling campaign for Shelby political organization to go to Chattanooga and do a little work for the Shrine.

Mr. Vesey leaves tonight to attend the Southeastern Shrine convention in Chattanooga and will seek to bring it to Memphis in 1940 during the Imperial Shrine convention.

# 80 SHRINERS WILL GO ON CHATTANOOGA TRIP

## Leave Memphis Thursday For Two-Day Session

## CARRY BID FOR 1940 MEET

## Scottish Rite and Shrine Bodies Will Start Winter Business On Sept. 1—Shrine Sponsors Boat Ride

### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUG. 28—  
McLemore Ave. Lodge No. 715, Third Degree.  
THURSDAY, AUG. 31—  
McLemore Ave. Lodge No. 715, Third Degree.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1—  
De Soto Lodge No. 299, Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, Stated.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209, Stated.  
McLemore Ave. Chapter No. 265, O. E. S., Stated.  
Normal Assembly, Rainbow Girls, Stated.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUG. 28—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.  
TUESDAY, AUG. 29—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.

Fraternal Editor

Under the personal supervision of Potentate Lake Hays, a large delegation of Nobles of Al Chymia Temple of the Shrine will entrain Thursday for the convention of the Southeastern Shrine Association which opens Friday in Chattanooga to continue through Saturday. By virtue of their offices, Potentate Hays and Recorder W. A. Woodmanssee automatically become representatives to the convention and in addition Nobles John B. Vesey, director general of the Shrine Imperial Council Session to be held in Memphis in June and James A. Waterman, chief rabban of the local temple, have been named delegates.

### Uniformed Bodies Going

Filling two extra coaches attached to the Memphis Special on the Southern Railroad will be the uniformed bodies of Al Chymia, comprised of the band, under the direction of Prof. Harry Dillman, the Arab Patrol with Captain Jimmie Hunt in charge, the Oriental Band and the Floor Team with Noble Dave Rosenthal heading it—in all, about 80 men. Upon their arrival in Chattanooga, the uniformed bodies will actively participate in the program.

# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

### PROGRAM

Thursday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m.: Registration opens at Hotel Patten.

Friday, 9 a.m.: Registration of representatives and all distinguished guests at Hotel Patten.

Opening of the Council of Southeastern Shrine Association, Hotel Patten Ballroom, Potentate Stanley Lachman, Alhambra Temple, presiding; address of welcome, Hon. E. D. Bass, mayor of Chattanooga; response, Judge C. R. Bricken, president of Southeastern Shrine Association. Introduction of guests and officers. Opening of meeting of Council representatives by Judge C. R. Bricken, president of Southwestern Shrine Association. Adjourn for lunch.

2:00: Reopening of meeting of Council of Representatives. Meeting of Imperial Potentate, Walter D. Cline with Potentates, representatives and recorders of all Temples of the Southeastern.

4:00: Buses start from Hotel Patten for the pilgrimage to Warner Park.

7:00 p.m.: President's banquet at Fairyland Club, Lookout Mountain, for Imperial officers, distinguished guests, officers of Southeastern and representatives and their ladies (by invitation). Dance and floorshow. Cars will leave Hotel Patten at 6 o'clock.

9 p.m.: Dance, floor show and entertainment at Memorial Auditorium.

### Saturday

10:30 a.m.: First section ceremonial by Southeastern Shrine Association Ritualistic Team, Memorial Auditorium. Adjourn for lunch.

3:00 p.m.: Second section ceremonial at Memorial Auditorium. A. Ray Evatt, director.

7:30 p.m.: Imperial officers, officers of Southeastern Shrine Association and representatives, assemble Hotel Patten to form line of march for street parade. Parade of uniformed bodies of all Temples. Dance at Alhambra Temple (informal).

### Ladies' Program

#### Friday, Sept. 1

9:30 a.m.: Registration of ladies at Hotel Patten, Mezzanine Floor. Motor tours to various points of interest about Chattanooga.

4:00 p.m.: Ladies join nobility for trip to Warner Park. Swimming, barbecue dinner, etc.

6:00 p.m.: Cars leave hotel for Fairyland Club, Lookout Mountain. (By invitation).

### Saturday

10:30 a.m.: Motor tours around city. Visiting Chickamauga Park, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga Dam.

4:00 p.m.: Reception and tea—Read House.

8:00 p.m.: Viewing parade.

9:30 p.m.: Dance at Alhambra Temple. On account of the season all dances and receptions will be informal.

### Invitations Extended

At the opening business session Friday, Potentate Hays will extend an invitation to the gathering to hold their 1940 convention in Memphis concurrently with the meeting of the Imperial Council session in June. He has also invited Northeastern Shrine Council meeting this week in Boston likewise to meet here. The Southeastern Shrine Association is made up of about 17 temples in the Southeastern section of the country and an acceptance of Mr. Hays' invitation would materially add to the attendance at the convention here in June. The Memphis delegation will leave Chattanooga on its return trip Saturday night.

### Will Sponsor Boat Ride

Al Chymia Temple will sponsor its fourth annual boat excursion on the Steamer Island Queen on Sept. 26.

Beginning with the September meeting, both the Scottish Rite and Al Chymia Temple will resume their business sessions on the old schedule while following the regular September stated meeting Memphis Lodge No. 118 will again conduct work nights. During their suspension of work nights, Memphis Lodge has accumulated a number of petitions for the degrees and will be busy for some time to come. With the coming of the first of the month, calendars are crowded with regular stated meetings but after the first week most of the Blue Lodges settled down to the business of conferring degrees and from the number of petitions reported, September should be a banner month in the Masonic fraternity in Memphis.



## CONVENTION OUTLOOK: LARGEST IN 15 YEARS

Shrine Leader Visits Memphis  
To Discuss Plans

DATE SET FOR JUNE 11-13

Delegation of 90 Shelby Mem-  
bers, Including Band And  
Patrols, Leave Tonight For  
Chattanooga Meeting

The Shrine convention here next June 11-13 will be the largest the organization has held in 15 years, George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., deputy imperial potentate, said yesterday.

Mr. Olendorf, who will become imperial potentate next year, came to Memphis yesterday to discuss convention plans with Lake Hays, potentate of Al Chymia Temple; John Waterman, John Vesey, W. A. Woodmansee and other Shrine officials.

### Goes To Chattanooga

He left last night for Chattanooga to attend the Southeastern Shrine Association meeting, but will return Sunday with Walter Cline, imperial potentate, to continue the discussion of convention arrangements.

Meanwhile, a delegation of 90 Memphis Shriners, led by Mr. Hays, will leave at 9:15 o'clock tonight for the Shrine meeting at Chattanooga. The delegation will include the Oriental Band, two patrols, the floor team and divan, all uniformed units of Al Chymia Temple. They will occupy three coaches and a baggage car on the Memphis Special.

The 17 temples in the Southeastern Association will be invited to hold their 1940 convention in Memphis, Mr. Hays said.

### 50,000 Shriners Expected

Under Mr. Hays' plan the association would meet a day ahead of the national convention, and would send all its uniformed units here.

To permit 16 Shrine temples in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska to attend the 1940 Imperial Shrine Council meeting in Memphis, the Midwest Shrine Council has called off its annual meeting for next year.

Mr. Vesey, director general of the Imperial Council meeting, was notified of the cancellation last night.

Mr. Olendorf, member of the Imperial Council for 29 years, said the convention would bring about 50,000 Shriners and members of their families to Memphis. He estimated they would spend \$2,000,000 during the three-day meeting.

"Many temples in the Midwest which have not been represented at national conventions in recent years will send their full membership to Memphis," he said. "Everything points to the biggest meeting we've had in 15 years."

## Shrine Officer



George F. Olendorf

—Staff Photo by Day

## SHRINE MEETING PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED HERE

Deputy Imperial Potentate  
Will Visit City

Plans for the International Shrine convention here next year will be discussed with local officials when George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., deputy imperial potentate of the Shrine of North America, arrives at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

En route to the Southeast Shrine Association meeting at Chattanooga Friday, Mr. Olendorf will return through Memphis Sunday with Walter Cline, Shrine Imperial Potentate, to continue a discussion of convention arrangements.

Mr. Olendorf, scheduled to succeed Mr. Cline at the Memphis convention election, will meet here today with Lake Hays, potentate of Al Chymia Temple, and John Waterman, John Vesey and W. A. Woodmansee, Shrine officials.

He will leave tonight for Chattanooga. A delegation of 100 Memphis Shriners will attend the Southeast meeting, leaving here Thursday night.



MEMPHIS, TENN.. FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

## 'Come to Memphis in 1940,' Is Slogan of Shriners as They Leave For Meeting



Bound for Chattanooga to attend the annual convention of the Southeastern Shrine Association, opening today, members of Al Chymia Temple are shown above grouped beside one of their special coaches shortly before their train pulled out of Union Station last night.

Colorbearers of Al Chymia Temple will be very much in evidence in the big Shrine parade tomorrow afternoon. They are (left to right) D. A. Boyd, E. H. Reeves and L. C. Williams, all members of the Memphis Police Department.

Officers of the temple will extend an invitation to the 17 temples in the association to hold their 1940 convention in Memphis in conjunction with the national Shrine convention, June 11-13. The invitation will be extended by (1) Lake Hays, potentate; (2) J. A. Waterman, chief rabban; (3) L. D. Bejach, high priest; (4) Dr. C. C. King, Oriental guide.

—Staff Photos by Elliott

'All Aboard For Chattanooga,'  
And Memphis Shriners Depart

"All aboard for Chattanooga!"

This cry, ringing through Union Station at 9:15 o'clock last night, was a signal for 100 fez-wearing Memphis Shriners—members of Al Chymia Temple—to depart on the Memphis Special for the annual two-day convention of the Southeastern Shrine Association, opening today.

Led by Lake Hays, potentate, the delegation, including the Shrine and Oriental Bands, two patrols, the floor team and divan, all uniformed units, occupied three coaches and a baggage car. With the exception of Lee Winchester, who is ill, all officers of the temple were in the party.

## Convention Is Sought

The Memphis group will seek to have the association—composed of 17 temples—hold its 1940 convention in Memphis in connection with the national convention, June 11-13.

Stickers and pennants advertising Memphis as The Convention City, will be very much in evidence at Chattanooga, Mr. Hays said.

"The 1940 Shrine convention will be the largest we have held in many years," Mr. Hays declared, "and we are particularly anxious for the Southeastern Association, of which Al Chymia is a member, to meet with us."

## 16 Uniformed Units

If the association accepts Mr. Hays' invitation, it will send 16 uniformed units to Memphis, together with several bands, and will increase attendance at the national meeting by about 3000 persons.

A feature of the Chattanooga convention, Mr. Hays said, will be initiation of candidates from each of the member temples. Al Chymia has five candidates to be initiated.

The Memphians will return Sunday.



## SOUTHEASTERN SHRINE TO MEET IN MEMPHIS

### 1940 Conclave To Be Held With National Meeting

The Southeastern Shrine Association, composed of 21 temples in seven states, will hold its 1940 convention in Memphis in conjunction with the national Shrine convention June 11-13, it was voted at Chattanooga yesterday.

Decision to hold the meeting in Memphis was reached after officers of Al Chymia Temple had stressed the importance of all Southern temples being represented by uniformed units at the national convention. The association's acceptance of Memphis' invitation will increase attendance of the national meeting by about 3000 persons.

F. Oliver Bates of Charleston, S. C., was elected president of the association. He succeeds Judge Charles Bricken of Montgomery, Ala., chief justice of the Alabama Court of Appeals, who presided at yesterday's session.

Other officers elected were Henry Cole of Tampa, Fla., first vice president; Dr. J. M. Rodgers, Chattanooga, second vice president; George W. Hunt, Savannah, Ga., third vice president; Hubert M. Poteat, Wake Forest, N. C., fourth vice president; T. G. Brabston, Birmingham, fifth vice president; Hiram R. Romans, Atlanta, secretary-treasurer for a sixth term.

The association's ritualistic team will hold the place of prominence on today's program with a parade of all uniformed bodies closing the convention tonight. Temples sending bands to the convention were Memphis, Montgomery, Savannah, Nashville, Tampa, Birmingham, Knoxville and Atlanta.

## MEMPHIS GETS NEW SHRINE CONVENTION

The Southeastern Shrine Association, composed of 21 temples, will hold its 1940 convention in Memphis in June in connection with the convention here of the Imperial Shrine Convention of North America.

The Southeastern convention adjourned its 1939 meeting at Chattanooga yesterday after electing F. Oliver Bates of Charleston, S. C., as president.

John Vesey, director for the Imperial Shrine Convention, was in Chattanooga and extended the invitation of Memphis for the Southeastern to meet here in June.



## IMPERIAL POTENTATE WILL BE HERE TODAY

Comes to Discuss Arrange-  
ments For Council Meeting

GUEST OF SHRINE OFFICIAL

With Him Will Be His Suc-  
cessor, George Olendorf,  
Now Deputy Imperial Poten-  
tate; Program Progresses

### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPT. 4—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168, Stated.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707, Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723, School.  
Memphis Assembly Rainbow Girls,  
Stated.  
Shrine Patrol Drill.  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 5—  
Summer Ave. Lodge No. 729, Stated.  
Scottish Rite Bodies, Stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.,  
Stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.,  
Stated.  
Stonewall Chapter O. E. S., Stated.  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6—  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.,  
Special Meeting at 1 p.m.  
Park Ave. Assembly Rainbow  
Girls, Stated.  
McLemore Ave. Assembly Rainbow  
Girls, Stated.  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 7—  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289, Stated.  
Bartlett Lodge No. 697, Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15,  
Stated and Reunion.  
McLemore Ave. Lodge No. 715,  
School.  
Park Ave. Chapter No. 205, O.  
E. S., Stated.  
O. K. Houck Chapter No. 299, O.  
E. S., Stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O.  
E. S., Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, School.  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8—  
Woodlawn Chapter No. 74, O. E.  
S., Stated.  
Al Chymia Band Practice.  
De Soto Chapter No. 332, O. E. S.,  
Stated.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPT. 4—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548,  
Stated.  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 5—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 7—  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3, Stated.  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147,  
Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.  
Fraternal Editor

Returning from Chattanooga this morning will come the delegation of Al Chymia Temple's nobility composed chiefly of the uniformed bodies. Friday and Saturday they attended the Southeastern Shrine Association in the mountain city enjoying a widely varied program. Fully 100 nobles headed by Potentate Lake Hays made the trip and upheld the prestige of Memphis at the gathering.

Coming with the delegation will be Imperial Potentate Walter Cline of Dallas and Deputy Imperial Potentate George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo. These gentlemen will be the guests of Lake Hays, John B. Vesey, director general of the coming convention of the Imperial Council here in June, James A. Waterman, chief rabban and W. A. Woodmansee, recorder of Al Chymia Temple. Plans for the coming convention will be discussed fully while these officials are here. Mr. Olendorf is scheduled to succeed Mr. Cline as Imperial Potentate at the election to be held at the June meeting.

### Daylight Lodge Progresses

Active enrolment is going forward of charter members of the new Blue Lodge to work in the day time. Every encouragement has been tendered the Organization Committee by the lodges of the city and the prospects for success grow brighter with each passing day. Memphis has become cosmopolitan enough for such a lodge to be an absolute necessity and it is hoped to begin meetings shortly after the Grand Lodge meets in January. The idea of a daylight lodge should have an especial appeal to those of the brethren who work at night, such as printers, pressmen, mailers, stereotypers, moving picture operators, actors, musicians, firemen, policemen, hotel and restaurant workers and the large number of men employed on the night shifts in various industrial plants in the city.

Members of the Order who are interested are requested to communicate with Brother Thomas H. Granberry, chairman of the Organization Committee, at his home, 1253 Azalia Street, by letter and a brother with the petition will call and give any information desired.

### Reunion To Be Planned

With the resumption Tuesday of the business sessions of the Scottish Rite, the first business of importance to come before the bodies will be planning for the Fall Reunion, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 14, 15 and 16. The Builders Committee, working in conjunction with Secretary John Vesey, will leave no stone unturned to make the coming class one of the largest of recent years and with the renewed interest in Masonry, reflected by the large number of newly made brothers on the rolls of the Blue Lodges of the city, the list of prospects in view seem to indicate a most successful reunion, even at this distance.

Attention of members of Memphis Lodge No. 118 is again called to the fact that stated meeting has been changed from the first Tuesday in the month to the second Tuesday. This change in schedule may cause a little confusion until the membership becomes used to it—hence this reminder.

### To Confer Order of Malta

St. Elmo Commandery No. 15 has planned to hold a reunion of resident members at its stated convocation Thursday and all resident Sir Knights are urged to be present. The Past Commanders' Association has been invited to confer the Order of Malta upon a class of candidates from Park Avenue and St. Elmo commanderies later in September. After the stated meeting refreshments will be served.



# THE COMMERCIAL THE Air With I

MEMPHIS, TENN., MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1934

## SHRINE POTENTATE VISITS IN MEMPHIS

### Walter Cline Confers With Local Leaders On Convention

The imperial potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, is in Memphis in the interest of the 1940 Shrine convention.

He is Walter Cline, Wichita Falls, Texas, oil man. With him is E. W. Jacock of Richmond, Va., deputy imperial recorder. The two arrived yesterday from Chattanooga with a large delegation of Memphians who attended the Southeastern Shrine Association meeting there last week. Mr. Cline and Mr. Jacock will leave tonight by plane for their homes.

They were entertained yesterday by John B. Vesey, secretary of Scottish Rite bodies in Tennessee, Lake Hays, Potentate of Al Chymia Temple, and other Memphis Shrine officials.

The officials will spend today surveying hotels, assembly facilities and other proposed housing for the convention next year, expected to bring nearly 15,000 to Memphis.

Autographs of  
visiting shrimers

Scott Hammon  
Potentate Khiva  
Amarillo Tex

Jesse E. Martin  
Past Potentate Moslah  
Ft Worth Texas

W. L. Lewis  
Potentate Moslah  
Ft Worth Texas

Sanctus Ship.  
Chief Rotten  
Moslah Temple  
Ft Worth Texas

Autographs of shrimers

CLARK W. MCKENZIE  
PAST POTENTATE SARDIN TEMPLE  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

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414 Sweetland Bldg  
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## Shrine Pictures Taken

Moving pictures of more than 100 Shriners were taken yesterday by George Witham, president of the Memphis Amateur Movie Club, at the luncheon at the DeVoy. The film, to aid publicity for the Imperial Council meeting here next year, pictured the local clubrooms, Shrine camels and hundreds of pounds of tinfoil turned in yesterday to aid the Crippled Children's Hospital. Next week, the club will have Paul P. Parker, lecturer as speaker.



## NATION'S SHRINE HEADS O.K. HOTEL FACILITIES

Imperial Potentate Gratified  
With Auditorium

'CITY IS WELL PREPARED'

Expects Attendance Of 80,000  
At Council Meeting Here  
Next Year — Scottish Rite  
Bodies Plan Forum

### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

McLemore Lodge No. 715, Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722, Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723, Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 599, Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22, Stated.  
Shrine Patrol, Drill.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

Park Ave. Lodge No. 362, Stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.,  
Stated.  
Summer Ave. Chapter No. 313, O. E.  
S., Stated.  
O. K. Houck Assembly Rainbow Girls,  
Stated.  
Stonewall Assembly Rainbow Girls,  
Stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 95, Mark and  
Past Master Degrees.  
Order of DeMolay, Stated.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, Stated.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

Al Chymia Temple, Stated.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

Park Ave. Chapter No. 204, Stated.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.,  
Stated.  
Memphis Assembly Rainbow Girls, In-  
stitution.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4, Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

Al Chymia Temple Band Rehearsal.  
Park Ave. Lodge No. 362, First De-  
gree.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548,  
Stated.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Stated.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD Sr.

Fraternal Editor

Composing the Hotel Committee of the Imperial Council of the Shrine, Imperial Potentate Walter Cline of Dallas, Texas, Deputy Imperial Potentate George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., and Deputy Imperial Recorder E. W. Jacock, representing Imperial Recorder Governor Price of Virginia, spent the early part of the week in Memphis. Housing facilities for the coming Shrine convention were fully discussed with the officers of Al Chymia Temple and before leaving the city the visitors expressed themselves as fully satisfied accommodations would be ample for the needs of the vast concourse of nobles and their friends scheduled to assemble here next June. According to John B. Vesey, director general of the coming convention, Potentate Cline stated this city was the best prepared in hotel accommodations of any city that has entertained the Imperial Council in the past few years except Los Angeles. After a close inspection of Ellis Auditorium, where the Imperial Council sessions will be held, Mr. Cline was more than enthusiastic and emphatically declared the Memphis meeting would be one of the finest in the history of the Imperial Council and confidently predicted a gathering of at least 80,000 nobles and friends.

### New Committee Appointed

Latest committee named for the coming convention is the Transportation Committee consisting of Past Potentate R. M. Dozier, chairman, R. E. Buchanan, W. H. Bucher, A. M. Crawford, C. A. Bevis, J. F. Carlton, L. H. Correll, M. W. Dunkin, J. G. Hammond, C. C. Hart, J. E. Holdeman, Charles C. Taylor, E. J. Irwin and Ben Oppenheim. These gentlemen will handle all inquiries pertaining to transportation problems arising and to them will be delegated the duty of arranging for the Pullman cities planned in the railroad yards during the convention to house part of the crowd. They may also be consulted about rates, schedules and any other matters relative to their assignment.

### Scottish Rite Plans Forum

With the resumption of stated meetings last Tuesday the Scottish Rite inaugurated a new series of semimonthly meetings to be called "The Scottish Rite Forum." Under the leadership of the Rev. Marshall Wingfield, assisted by Chancellor L. D. Bejach and Ray Laughlin the Forum will conduct a program planned to increase the knowledge of the members relative to the degrees of the Scottish Rite from the Fourth through the Thirty-second. Using the same plan of questions and answers now in use on several radio programs, the object will be to inspire a desire for more complete and detailed understanding not only of the ritualistic work of the various degrees but also of the inspirational and symbolic deeper meaning. It is confidently expected the new departure will meet with instantaneous and hearty co-operation from the members. The Builders Committee reported 15 new petitions already in hand for the Fall Reunion which presages, even at this early date, an excellent class in November.

### Other Bodies Busy

Fall season begins at Park Ave. Bodies with the usual stated meeting of the Blue Lodge, Tuesday at 7:30, to be followed by the stated meeting Thursday of Park Ave. Chapter No. 204, Royal Arch Masons. Both of these meetings promise to be very interesting and forecast a busy time for the balance of the year. The Blue Lodge will confer the First Degree Friday.

In addition to a number of stated meetings scheduled for the coming week, Memphis Chapter No. 95, R. A. M., will confer the Mark and Past Master Degrees, Tuesday at the Masonic Temple and Al Chymia Temple will resume their stated meetings Wednesday, after laying off during the "dog days."



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.. THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1939

## J. F. RAMIER IS NAMED AL CHYMIA TREASURER

33rd Degree Mason Succeeds  
Frank F. Sturm

Jersey F. Ramier, one of the best known members of the Masonic bodies in the MidSouth, was elected treasurer of Al Chymia Temple of the Shrine by acclamation last night. He succeeds Frank F. Sturm, for 10 years Al Chymia's treasurer. Mr. Sturm recently moved from Memphis to Baltimore. Mr. Ramier, a thirty-third Degree Mason, is a former potentate of Al Chymia Temple and is class director for the Scottish Rite bodies. His home is at 1564 Tutwiler. He is a member of De Soto Blue Lodge and has been a Shriner since 1914.

## Wins Shrine Post



Jersey F. Ramier

Autographs of  
visiting shriners

Albert Ellis  
Wichita Falls Tex

W. F. "Bill" Ruggles  
Wichita Falls Tex  
Markar Temple

Dr. Earle R. Mooney  
Wichita Falls  
Midway Temple

Williams Duplex  
Boonville Temple  
Baltimore Md

Sam Hale  
Nile Temple  
Seattle Wash  
A. W. Williams  
Abba Temple  
Mobile, Ala.  
H. C. Smith G. H. M. S. C.  
R. F. Fraser. Philae Temple  
Sydney N. S. Canada.

Autographs of  
visiting shriners



## BLUE LODGE MASONS START CONFERRINGS

Memphis Lodge No. 118 Has  
Four In E.A. Degree

### COMMANDERY TO MEET

Park Avenue Body For Tomorrow Night Calls Special Gathering To Create New Exemplary Team

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

**MONDAY, SEPT. 25**  
McLemore Ave. Lodge No. 715, Third Degree.  
Park Ave. Commandery No. 31, Special Meeting.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26**  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289, School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, Second Degree.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S., Initiation.  
Al Chymia Temple Boatride.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28**  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289, School.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.  
St. Elmo Commandery, Order of the Red Cross.  
Scottish Rite, Feast of the Tabernacle.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**  
West Tennessee Royal Arch Day, Masonic Temple.  
Summer Ave. Assembly Rainbow Girls, Installation.  
Al Chymia Temple Band Rehearsal.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30**  
Park Ave. Assembly Rainbow Girls, Installation.

#### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

**MONDAY, SEPT. 25**  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26**  
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28**  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Stated.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD Sr.  
Fraternal Editor

Approaching the Fall work season with a running jump, Memphis Lodge No. 118 held a special meeting Tuesday with a class of four Entered Apprentices for initiation. Resumption of work nights was hailed by the membership with an excellent attendance and a remarkable spirit of fraternalism prevailed while the unusual proficiency of the ritualists caused more than favorable comment.

Memphis Lodge suffered a serious loss Tuesday in the death of Past Master Vaun C. Hamilton. Brother Hamilton was not only an ardent worker in the Blue Lodge, but served as chairman of the Builders Committee of the Scottish Rite where he was also an outstanding ritualist in many of the degrees. He was buried Thursday with Masonic honors.

#### Recorder Woodmansee Improving

Legions of friends will be glad to learn that Recorder W. A. Woodmansee of Al Chymia Temple is reported definitely out of danger. He was taken home Wednesday from the Baptist Hospital but his physician has banned visitors for the present.

Past Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Tennessee, Frank C. Gifford is reported seriously ill at Baptist Hospital. An active member of the Masonic Temple Board and having held nearly every office in the gift of Masonry, Mr. Gifford is one of the most beloved members of the Craft in the city. His many friends will anxiously await word of his convalescence.

#### Feast of The Tabernacle

John Chester Lodge of Perfection No. 1, of the Scottish Rite, will celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacle Thursday beginning with a banquet at 6:30. This date corresponds to the 15th day of the Jewish month of Tishri, on which date the ancient celebration always took place. Sec-

## Worthy Advisor



Miss Carolyn Cox

retary John B. Vesey has arranged the following splendid program for the celebration:

Master of Ceremonies ..... W. Percy McDonald  
Invocation ..... Rabbi Harry W. Ettelson  
Feast of the Tabernacle ..... The Rev. Marshall Wingfield  
Nazi Motives in Jewish Persecution ..... Rabbi Ettelson  
Scottish Rite and Civilization ..... Lake Hays  
The European War ..... John O. Carley

Toasts:  
To Masonry .. John E. Van Trees  
To the Supreme Council ..... Herbert Waterbury  
To America—Land of the Free ..... J. A. Fowler  
Benediction ..... The Rev. Mr. Wingfield  
Secretary Vesey calls especial attention to the fact that the celebration will commence at 6:30 sharp with the banquet and that the addresses will be limited to insure concluding at 8 p.m.

#### Preparatory Meeting

Park Avenue Commandery No. 31 will hold a special conclave tomorrow evening at 7:30 for the purpose of forming a composite team to exemplify the full form opening of a Commandery. Sir Knights who own uniforms, members of either of the three Memphis Commanderies, are especially invited to this meeting which is to arrange for attendance at the West Tennessee Reunion of Knights Templar at Union City Oct. 17. The motorcade will leave Memphis about 1 p.m. on that date and transportation will be arranged for members without cars. An immense crowd is expected at the reunion.

St. Elmo Commandery will hold a special conclave Thursday for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Red Cross. A special invitation is extended to all Templars to witness this beautiful degree, after which refreshments will be served.

#### Trip To Paris

A picked team of Craftsmen, all members of Al Chymia Temple, journeyed to Paris, Tenn. Saturday, a week ago and conferred the Master Mason Degree on a candidate from Paris Lodge No. 108. After the degree work an inspiring talk was made by Brother Jack Carley, editorial writer for The Commercial Appeal, which was received with much enthusiasm.

Al Chymia Temple will sponsor a boatride on the Steamer Island Queen Tuesday night. The trip is open to the public and tickets may be obtained at the recorder's office in Hotel DeVoy or at the boat.

#### Royal Arch Day

An event of great interest to the many Royal Arch Masons of this section will take place Friday when West Tennessee Royal Arch Day is celebrated at the Masonic Temple. The Royal Arch Degree will be conferred on a number of Most Excellent Companions by a special cast of ritualists and visitors are expected from most of the chapters of this part of the state. The Grand officers of the state have been invited to attend and among those who have accepted the invitation are: Grand High Priest Harry Dudley of Paris, Grand Captain of the Host Phelan Douglas of Humboldt and Grand Secretary T. E. Doss of Nashville. Grand Master of the Third Veil S. L. Radgsdale is general chairman.

## MISS SADLER AT HELM

### Becomes Worthy Advisor Of Park Avenue Rainbow Girls

Miss Mary Belle Sadler, daughter of Assistance Fire Chief and Mrs. R. A. Sadler, was installed as Worthy Advisor of Park Avenue Assembly Rainbow Girls at 7:30 o'clock Saturday at the Masonic Temple, Cooper and Carr.

Other officers installed were: Betty Carrington, worthy associate advisor; Dorothy Stallings, Charity; Alleen Uetz, Hope; Bernice Huffman, Faith; Ann Sadler, drill leader; Ellen Henderson, chaplain; Nora Strawn, Love; Barbara Hartie, Religion; Alice Fischer, Nature; Onnie Belle Patrick, Immortality; Eliose Haire, Fidelity; Imogene Boyd, Patriotism; Lucille Durham, Service; Dorothy Moslen and Connie Tebo, Observers; Ruth Gaves, musician and Jane McKinney, choir director.

## Leads Rainbow



Mary Belle Sadler



2 SECTION III

## J. E. RAMIER NAMED SHRINERS' TREASURER

Succeeds Frank Sturm Who  
Has Left Memphis

## WOODMANSEE IMPROVES

Leaders Of Al Chymia Hon-  
ored With Life Membership  
In Sahara Temple Of Pine  
Bluff—Vesey Names Aides

### MASONIC CALENDAR

**MONDAY, SEPT. 18**  
Park Ave. Commandery No. 31, Stated.  
McLemore Ave. Lodge No. 715, Second  
Degree.  
Normal Lodge No. 722, First Degree.  
Memphis Chapter No. 95, Mark and  
Past Master.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19**  
Leila, Scott Lodge No. 289, School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, First Degree.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21**  
McLemore Ave. Lodge No. 715, School.  
Leila, Scott Lodge No. 289, School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, School.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S., Aux-  
iliary.  
Rainey Chapter No. 185, Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22**  
DeSoto Lodge No. 299, First Degree.  
Al Chymia Temple Band Rehearsal.  
Memphis Assembly Rainbow Circle, In-  
stallation.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

**MONDAY, SEPT. 18**  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19**  
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21**  
Wayne Encampment No. 3, Stated.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22**  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD Sr.  
Fraternal Editor

Resuming their regular monthly business meeting Wednesday, Al Chymia Temple of the Shrine elected Past Potentate J. E. Ramier treasurer to replace Noble Frank Sturm, whose business caused him to move his home to Baltimore. Noble Sturm has been treasurer of Al Chymia Temple for about ten years. Noble Ramier is widely known throughout Masonic circles in Memphis, being a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and director of the classes at the semi-annual Reunions. His popularity was attested by the fact that he was elected by acclamation.

Emerging from the critical stage of an attack of pneumonia, Recorder W. A. Woodmansee of Al Chymia Temple is reported much improved by his physicians. While not recovered enough to receive visitors, his condition is pronounced so much better that the danger is past and it is hoped he will soon be able to be removed to his home from the Baptist Hospital. His duties at the Shrine office are being handled temporarily by Ray B. Laughlin.

### Honorary Memberships Given

An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation of honorary life memberships in Sahara Temple of Pine Bluff, Ark. to Potentate Lake Hays, Chief Rabbah James A. Waterman and Director of the Work Dave Rosenthal. In making the presentation speech, Noble L. W. Williams of Osceola, Ark., representing the potentate of Sahara Temple, stated the memberships were a token of appreciation for the help rendered to Sahara Temple by the uniformed bodies of Al Chymia Temple in staging a ceremonial at Osceola during the Summer.

Revision of Al Chymia's bylaws was reported completed by the By Laws Committee of which Chancellor Lois D. Bejach is chairman and the membership is requested to take notice that the revised work will be voted on at the October meeting of the Temple.

Al Chymia Temple will sponsor a boat ride on the Steamer Island Queen Tuesday, Sept. 26.

### White Horses Are Coming

Making preliminary plans for housing his famous unit, Chief Rabbah W. W. Wilson of the Sioux City, Iowa temple, was in the city Thursday, and after looking over the facilities Memphis was preparing to offer made the statement that his temple would bring to the convention in June, 1940, not only a large delegation of members but also the famous White Horse Patrol. This unit consists of 32 snow white pure bred Arabian horses who drill and answer words of command with almost human intelligence. With their gay trappings and their riders clothed in the most colorful Oriental costumes available, the unit makes a picture unequalled in the annals of conventions of whatever nature.

### Vesey Down East

Director General of the Imperial Council Session, John B. Vesey, before leaving on a trip to the East, named the Automobile Committee for the Imperial Council Sessions as follows: Horace H. Hull, chairman, Henry Gillespie, vice chairman, Julian Allenberg, John Altfater, L. M. Earl, L. G. Barnard, Chip Barwick, J. M. Bruton, W. H. Bryce, B. E. Buffaloe, Edgar Butler, T. F. Calhoun, E. H. Cannon, Evan Carroll, Rollie Cluck, J. B. Cook, A. L. Derryberry, F. E. Douglass, M. J. Ehrichler, Bill Foley, A. N. Gooch, J. Ross Holcomb, S. B. Hollis, Dave Jolly, Whit McCaughan, Russell Reeves, R. M. McRea, Glen Pinkston, W. E. Pryor, J. Earl Reaves, Whit Reed, Harold H. Roth, Iver Schmidt, Frank G. Smith, J. B. Tennyson and George K. Veal. Their duties will be to locate and furnish automobiles for the use of other committees.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1939

## SHRINERS LOOK OVER MEMPHIS

And They're Satisfied With  
Convention Plans

Three national Shrine officers spent the week-end in Memphis, studied the city's convention facilities, praised Memphis officials' alertness and predicted 100,000 visitors would attend the Imperial Council meeting of the Shrine here next June.

In the city were:

**J. R. HUNGERFORD**, of Waterford, N. Y., president of the Shrine Recorders' Association, which will meet a day ahead of the Imperial Council.

**ALBERT ELLIS**, Wichita Falls, Texas, secretary-treasurer.

**FRED J. REUTELHUBER**, Little Rock, Ark., of the convention committee.

Recorders will have headquarters at Hotel Gayoso. W. A. Woodmansee, recorded of Al Chymia Temple, has charge of Memphis arrangements but illness kept him from seeing the national officers this week-end. Ill with pneumonia at Baptist Hospital. Mr. Woodmansee today was reported "past the crisis."

Mr. Hungerford said Memphis Shriners already have taken care of arrangements so well that "there is little left for me to do." He said Memphis' favorable geographical location indicates a record Shrine convention attendance.

Autographs of  
visiting shriners

H. E. Sheder

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W. A. Woodmansee

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Joseph C. Ward

Recorder from Temple

Wilkes-Barre, Penna

Stephen W. Brethorst

Potentate Nile Temple

Seattle

J. R. Hungerford

Chief Rattan

Nile Temple

Seattle



## 2 SECTION III

# INTEREST IN MASONRY SHARPLY ON INCREASE

Upset World Conditions Believed Responsible

BLUE LODGES ARE BUSY

Shrine Opens Membership Campaign In Advance Of Fall Meeting and In Anticipation Of Imperial Council Meeting

## MASONIC CALENDAR

### MONDAY, OCT. 2—

Angerona Lodge No. 168. Stated.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707. Stated.  
Memphis Assembly Rainbow Girls. Stated.  
Shrine Patrol. Drill.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715. School.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 3—

Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729. Stated.  
Scottish Rite Bodies. Stated.  
Scottish Rite Forum.  
Mitzpah Chapter No. 219. O. E. S. Stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 295. O. E. S. Stated.  
Stonewall Chapter No. 280. O. E. S. Stated.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4—

Park Avenue Assembly, Rainbow Girls. Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Assembly, Rainbow Girls. Stated.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 5—

Leila Scott Lodge No. 289. Stated.  
Bartlett Lodge No. 697. Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15. Stated.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205. O. E. S. Stated.  
O. K. Houck Chapter No. 229. O. E. S. Stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307. O. E. S. Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211. School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118. School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715. School.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 6—

De Soto Lodge No. 299. Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211. Stated.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209. Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 265. O. E. S. Stated.  
Normal Assembly, Rainbow Girls. Stated.

## ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

### MONDAY, OCT. 2—

Chickasaw Lodge No. 8. Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548. Stated.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 3—

Memphis Lodge No. 6. Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612. Stated.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 5—

Gayoso Encampment No. 3. Stated.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 6—

Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147. Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.

Fraternal Editor

Reflecting the general trend in world affairs, Masonry is undergoing a noticeable revival, as evidenced by the growing classes of candidates petitioning for the degrees. All the Blue Lodges report sharp increases, especially uptown lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple. This is typical of all periods of world unrest. Human nature is constantly seeking protection, and men, often subconsciously, desire to acquire some cabalistic word or sign which may, they believe, in times of stress of national calamity, protect them from disaster.

Angerona Lodge meets tomorrow, also O. K. Houck Lodge; Summer Avenue Lodge, Tuesday; Leila Scott Lodge, Thursday; on Friday, De Soto Lodge and Woodlawn Lodge. All have a number of new petitions to consider, forecasting a busy Fall.

### Frank Gifford Improves

Change for the better in the condition of Frank C. Gifford, past eminent grand commander of Templarism in Tennessee, permitted his removal from the hospital to his home during the past week. Mr. Gifford is suffering from a heart attack and while he is much better his physician has forbidden company. Mr. Gifford is an active member of the Masonic Temple Board.

## Royal Arch Day

Representatives from nearly every Royal Arch Chapter in West Tennessee gathered at the Masonic Temple Friday to witness a picked team confer the Royal Arch Degree on a large class of Most Excellent Companions. Under the competent direction of S. L. Ragsdale, grand master of the Third Veil, who was general chairman, the work was done in a splendid manner, eliciting much favorable comment from the many Royal Arch Masons present. Among the prominent visitors attending were a number of state grand officers.

### Membership Campaign Opens

Opening their campaign for new members, the Membership Committee of Al Chymia Temple held their first meeting Monday with a banquet at the Gayoso. Noble B. Wray Williams, chairman, outlined the plans for the drive, and Potentate Lake Hays and Noble John B. Vesey made inspiring talks. With the Fall Ceremonial in the offing, and the Imperial Council Session coming in June, Al Chymia is putting forth every effort to increase its membership. It is planned to hold meetings of this committee weekly, probably on Mondays.

### Scottish Rite Observance

Scottish Rite was host Thursday to about 400 members at the observance of the Feast of the Tabernacles. Following a splendid banquet, the Rev. Marshall Wingfield explained the purpose of the Feast of the Tabernacle; Rabbi Ettelson talked on "Nazi Motives in Jewish Persecution;" Lake Hayes' address was on "Scottish Rite and Civilization" and John O. Carley discussed various phases of the European war. Three short toasts were given: "To Masonry," by J. E. Van Trees; "To the Supreme Council," by Herbert Waterbury, and "To America—Land of the Free," by John B. Vesey. W. Percy McDonald was master of ceremonies.

### Stated Meeting And Forum

Beginning Tuesday preceding the stated meeting, the Scottish Rite Bodies will resume their custom of serving dinner at 6:30. Following the stated meeting, the newly formed Scottish Rite Forum will hold its first meeting to study the history and philosophy of Scottish Masonry. The Rev. Mr. Wingfield will preside, assisted by Chancellor Lois D. Bejach and Ray B. Laughlin.

### Vesey Explains Facilities

John B. Vesey, director general of the Shrine Convention to be held here next year, recently addressed a letter to all Shrine Temples explaining the housing facilities available and requesting them to send representatives to Memphis to decide on their accommodations.

In addition to the regular hotel space, hotel sample rooms and other places will be equipped with cots in dormitory styles. The parking of Pullmans in Memphis is attractive due to their nearness to the center of activities. Nearly 300 cars may be parked in the old Charleston yards and another hundred at the old Poplar Street station. Dormitory space will be available at Central High, Tech High, Bruce and Fairview Schools and two Temples have already chartered steamboats. Post Potentate H. C. Mordaunt and Mr. S. T. Abbott from Moila Temple, St. Joseph, Mo., visited Memphis Thursday and selected their accommodations. Many others are expected in the next few weeks.



## INTEREST IN MASONRY REVIVES OVER STATE

1939 Expected To Show First  
Membership Gain Since '28

### BLUE LODGES AT WORK

Memphis, 118, Starts Fall Season Of Degree Conferings  
And Will Announce Work  
Schedule On Tuesday

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

**MONDAY, OCT. 9**  
McLemore Ave. Lodge No. 715, Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722, Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723, Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 599, Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22, Stated.  
Shrine Patrol Drill.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168, First Degree.  
Park Ave. Commandery No. 31, Special Meeting.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 10**  
Park Ave. Lodge No. 362, Stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S. Stated.  
Summer Ave. Chapter No. 313, O. E. S. Stated.  
O. K. Houck Assembly Rainbow Girls, Stated.  
Stonewall Assembly Rainbow Girls, Stated.  
Order DeMolay, Stated.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, Stated.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11**  
Al Chymia Temple, Stated.  
Eureka Council, School

**THURSDAY, NOV. 12**  
Park Ave. Chapter No. 204, Stated.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, Stated.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4, Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 13**  
Woodlawn Chapter No. 74, O. E. S., Stated.  
DeSoto Chapter No. 332, O. E. S., Stated.  
Shrine Band Rehearsal.  
Park Ave. Lodge No. 362, First Degree.

#### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

**MONDAY, OCT. 9**  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 10**  
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 12**  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 21, Stated.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 13**  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.

Fraternal Editor

Pacing the other Blue Lodges of the city, Memphis Lodge No. 118 at its stated meeting Tuesday will appoint work nights for the balance of the month to handle the splendid class working through the degrees. Besides one brother who will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason this month, Memphis Lodge has a class of four Entered Apprentices who will be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft before their next stated meeting.

The schedule of this one body is symbolical of the work being done, not only in Memphis, but all over the state. According to Grand Master Lindsay B. Phillips, the order is showing a new impetus and life everywhere. While he has received no exact figures regarding the statistics, Mr. Phillips confidently predicts that the order will show a net gain in membership this year in Tennessee. If this prediction is fulfilled, it will be the first year a net gain has been recorded since 1928. During the depression years, the order suffered as all others did, with a high net loss in 1933 from all causes of 3692, coming back in 1938 to a point where the net loss was only 380. Figures which will be available in the Grand Master's Report to the Grand Lodge in January are expected to confirm Mr. Phillip's prophecy.

tober by the Past Comamnder's Association of Memphis. This body is composed of the present Eminent Commanders of the Memphis Commanderies and all past commanders residing here wherever their membership may be. Membership numbers about fifty at present and the coming called meeting is to discuss matters of great importance to Tennessee Templary in general and to Memphis Templary in particular. Present officers are Dr. A. G. Hudson, president, Dr. Fred Bunbury, vice president, Sir Tate Dawkins, secretary-treasurer. Members will be notified by mail of the exact date of the meeting.

#### Hotel Committee Coming

Director General John B. Vesey of the Shrine Imperial Council Session to be held in June is in receipt of a letter from E. W. Jacobs, secretary to the Imperial Recorder, stating that the Hotel Committee of the Imperial Council would visit Memphis this week for the purpose of signing contracts with the three official hotels for the session in June. The committee is composed of Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline, Deputy Imperial Potentate George F. Olendorf and Gov. James H. Price of Virginia, Imperial Recorder.

#### New Committees

For the purpose of handling and overseeing all contracts pertaining to the Imperial Council Session, Mr. Vesey appointed a Jurisprudence and Laws Committee composed of the following Shriners: Lake Hays, chairman, Lois D. Bejach, vice chairman, Lee Winchester, vice chairman, W. J. Bacon, Leo Bearman, Lester Brenner, Walter C. Chandler, Charles C. Crabtree, Allan Davis, W. H. Fisher, W. W. Goodman, Carl Graves, J. P. M. Hamner, H. H. Honnoll, W. Percy McDonald, Charles L. Neely, Mayor Overton, W. L. Owens, Hunt Phelan, H. P. Posert, W. B. Rosenfield, R. H. Stickley, Sam Taubenblatt, L. W. Taylor and George P. Douglass.

To check and audit all receipts and expenditures of the meeting Mr. Vesey appointed an Audit Committee of the following Nobles: M. O. Carter, chairman, Oliver Cobb, vice chairman, George Bone, John Hanks and Paul Ridgway.

#### Eureka Council To Confer Degree

Eureka Council No. 6 will confer the regular cryptic degree, Royal Master and Select Master, on October 18 and on the same evening will exemplify the spectacular Super Excellent degree.

On Wednesday night the two regular degrees will be rehearsed and the cast selected for the Super Excellent degree will also hold a rehearsal.

The following council companions who have been requested to take a part in the Super Excellent degree are urged to be on hand on Wednesday night: Dr. A. G. Hudson, William H. Tester, Everett Cowan, A. H. Robinson, W. L. Harrison, Luther Janes, R. W. Parham, E. C. Torian, T. M. Knox, Walter E. Miller, John H. Rawlings, Bert Holmes, Tate Dawkins and W. F. Taylor.

#### To Visit East Tennessee

With an exceptional attendance, the new Scottish Rite Forum held its first meeting Tuesday following the stated meeting. Ancient historical background of the order was discussed by well informed brothers as the meeting resolved itself into a round table forum. At the next session Tuesday, Oct. 17, the first three degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry will be taken up and explained in detail. The Forum meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

In the interest of a membership campaign for the coming Scottish Rite Reunion, Nov. 14, 15 and 16, John B. Vesey, general secretary of all the bodies, accompanied by John O. Carley and J. C. Hankins, will spend the week end in East Tennessee. As the guests of the Scottish Rite Guard, they will be entertained Friday at the Andrew Johnson Hotel in Knoxville moving to Chattanooga Saturday where a meeting will be held at the Patton Hotel. From Chattanooga Mr. Vesey will go on to Washington to attend the session of the Supreme Council at the House of the Temple Monday, Oct. 16.

#### Al Chymia Plans Dance

The most important work before the stated meeting of Al Chymia Temple Wednesday will be the adoption of their new by-laws. The By-Laws Committee, with Chancellor Louis D. Bejach as chairman, presented its work at the September meeting but action will be taken this month. Weekly dinner of the Membership Committee of the Temple was held Monday at the Gayoso when many encouraging reports were made relative to a large class at the Fall Ceremonial which will follow the Scottish Rite Reunion.

Al Chymia is planning an elaborate dance for Halloween in the Georgian Room at the Peabody with Jack Morgan's orchestra furnishing the music. Chairman of the Entertainment Committee Dick Guenther promises something more than unique in decorations for the event but refuses to divulge the details at this early date. The dance will be for Shriners only and a 1939 card will admit a Noble and lady.

#### Past Commander's Association

Renewed activities are being planned for the early days of Oc-



mented on the excellence of the work, and Potentate Lake Hays appointed the new Blue Lodge Visiting Committee, composed of Recorder W. A. Woodmansee, chairman; C. M. Boydston, W. D. Smith, Wray Williams, Jack Carley and Ray B. Laughlin. Date for the Fall Ceremonial was fixed for Nov. 17, immediately following the Scottish Rite Reunion.

#### Scottish Rite Forum

Second meeting of the new Scottish Rite Forum will be held Tuesday. The Builders' Committee, with its newly appointed officers, W. B. Smith, president; W. F. Apperson, vice president, and J. C. Hankins, secretary, will meet at supper at 6:30 and the Forum will convene at 8 o'clock. The discussion will center around the first three degrees of Masonry and will be led by the Rev. Marshall Wingfield and Chancellor Lois Bejach.

Herbert Waterbury is about ready to send out a full schedule of rehearsal dates for ritual workers to take part in the coming Fall Reunion and any member wishing to take part is advised to get in touch immediately with Mr. Waterbury at the Cathedral. John B. Vesey, general secretary, will be in Washington for the biennial meeting of the Supreme Council opening tomorrow, and members await with intense interest announcement from the House of the Temple Tuesday of the list of the brothers to whom the honors of the K. C. C. H. and the Thirty-third Degrees have been awarded.

#### New Committee Named

A large delegation from the Shrine Temple in Atlanta visited Memphis during the past week, inspecting the housing facilities of the city for the Imperial Council Session in June. After looking the city over, they expressed entire satisfaction and stated that the Atlanta Temple would have at least 225 members present at the convention.

Mr. Vesey, director general of the Imperial Council Session, last week appointed the following Medical and First Aid Committee to serve during the convention:

George D. Sheets, chairman; Dr. James W. Bodley, vice chairman; Dr. Shields Abernathy, Dr. S. B. Anderson, Dr. Willis C. Campbell, Dr. J. P. Conway, Dr. I. G. Duncan, Dr. W. H. Gragg, Mrs. O. L. Hill, Dr. H. B. Jacobson, Dr. John L. Jels, Dr. A. C. Lewis, Dr. E. C. Mitchell, Dr. C. S. Paddock, Dr. E. C. Priddy, Dr. V. L. Semittou, Dr. H. W. Stanfield, Dr. C. E. Warde, Dr. E. A. Davidson, Dr. J. A. Jennings, Dr. W. G. Alford, Dr. R. L. Wilson, Dr. W. G. Colbert, Dr. H. F. Bowlin, Dr. J. F. Fraser, Dr. R. D. Crawford, Dr. J. G. Hudson, Dr. D. H. Henderson, Dr. A. G. Jones, Dr. D. H. James, Dr. George P. Jones, Dr. George R. Livermore, Dr. John T. Moss, Dr. R. L. Polk, Dr. W. A. Ruch, Dr. B. M. Selligstein, Dr. H. K. Turley, Dr. W. L. Wilhelm, Dr. E. Walmsley, Frank Thompson, Dr. Lynne Anderson, Dr. J. H. Bronstein, Dr. S. W. Coley, Dr. J. Murray Davis, Dr. W. D. Gaither, Dr. H. G. Hill, Dr. J. A. Hughes, Dr. J. A. James, Dr. Louis Levy, Dr. C. R. Mason, Dr. F. E. McKenzie, Dr. A. R. Porter Jr., Dr. Henry G. Rudner, Dr. Joe H. Smith, Dr. O. P. Walker, Dr. Henry Hedden, Frank Meyers, J. C. Hankins.

#### Program

Registration of Knights and Ladies At the Asylum, Union City

AT ARMORY—4 P.M.

Drill and Reception of Grand Commandery, Union City No. 29

Drill, Dyersburg Commandery No. 18

Drill, Paris Commandery No. 16

Drill, Jackson Commandery No. 13

AT ASYLUM

6:00 P.M.—Supper at Asylum for Knights and their Ladies

Introduction of Visitors

STREET WORK

7:00 P.M.—Parade, Armory to Main to Second to Washington

Grand Inspection and Review—on Washington

Display Drill—on Washington, Union City No. 29

AT ARMORY

8:00 P.M.—Drill, St. Elmo Commandery No. 15

Drill, Memphis Commandery No. 4

Drill, Park Avenue Commandery No. 31

Awards. Talks by Grand Commander and others

LADIES' ENTERTAINMENT

4:00 P.M.—Registration and Tea, by Past Matrons' Association, Union City O. E. S. No. 165

Motorcade over city—Union City O. E. S.

6:00 P.M.—Supper at the Asylum

8:00 P.M.—At the Armory—Public invited.

#### Team Officers

Officers in charge of the competing teams are Memphis No. 4, H. S. Fulcher and C. T. Seay, grand committeemen; James H. Gullledge, eminent commander; Jackson No. 13, M. M. Allen, grand inspector; Otway Yates, grand committeeman; Sam C. Whittaker, eminent commander; St. Elmo No. 15, D. L. Griffith, past grand commander; William H. Tester, grand committeeman; Clyde C. Hart, eminent commander; Paris No. 16, W. H. Dudley, grand high priest; J. M. Coben, grand committeeman; Bert E. Rowe, eminent commander; Dyersburg No. 18, Joe P. Tipton, past commander; J. N. Waggoner, grand committeeman; R. N. Jones, eminent commander; Union City, No. 29, J. W. Kerr, grand captain general; T. D. Lee, grand committeeman; G. M. Woosley, eminent commander; Park Avenue No. 31, L. R. Polk, grand standard bearer; B. T. Dawkins, grand committeeman; Louis K. Gray, eminent commander.

Of the grand officers who are expected to be present are R. E. Sir Clyde Hubert Wilson, grand commander; V. E. Sir Joseph Hill, deputy grand commander, and E. Sir T. E. Doss, grand recorder.

#### York Rite Meetings

In addition to the state meeting Monday of Memphis Chapter No. 95, the Most Excellent Master Degree will be conferred. The officers urge a full attendance.

After preparation, Eureka Council No. 6 will use a special picked team of ritualists to confer the beautiful Royal and Select Master and Super Excellent Degrees Wednesday. Some of the best ritualists in the city are in the cast and a large attendance is expected.

#### Al Chymia Stated

One of the most important pieces of business to come before the stated meeting of Al Chymia Temple Wednesday was the approval of the new by-laws. Chancellor Lois D. Bejach, chairman of the By-Laws Committee, was compli-

## TWO MASONIC LODGES TO HOLD CONFERRINGS

Angerona, McLeMore Avenue  
Raise Candidates Tomorrow

## SHRINERS TO HAVE DANCE

Halloween Party To Be At Peabody Tuesday Night—Movie Stars Coming To Imperial Council Session Next June

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCT. 23—Angerona Lodge No. 168, Third Degree beginning at 5 p.m., with supper at 6:30.

McLeMore Avenue Lodge No. 715, Third Degree.

Al Chymia Temple Membership Committee at Gayoso.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24—Leila Scott Lodge No. 289, school.

Memphis Lodge No. 118, Second Degree.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26—McLeMore Avenue Lodge No. 715, school.

Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, school.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27—Al Chymia Temple Band Rehearsal.

#### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCT. 23—Chickasaw Lodge No. 5, Stated.

Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24—Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.

Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.

THURSDAY, OCT. 26—Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Stated.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27—Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.

Fraternal Editor

As usual during the last week of the month, Blue Lodge work nights are drawing to a close, and most of the activity is centered on schools of instruction—a most necessary and vital adjunct to successful Masonic work. A notable exception to this rule this week, however, will be the conferring of the Third Degree tomorrow night by Angerona Lodge No. 168 with Normal Lodge No. 722 attending in a body as special guests. Lodge will be opened at 5 p.m., adjourning for supper at 6:30, after which the work will be resumed. A special team of past masters will confer the degree.

#### Receive Masonic Honors

Because of long and faithful service to the order, Chancellor Lois D. Bejach and John W. DeShazo were selected by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, meeting at the House of the Temple in Washington last week, to receive the Thirty-third Degree. The degree was conferred Friday in Washington. Chancellor Bejach is chancellor of Chancery Court, and Brother DeShazo is assistant superintendent of mails in charge of carriers at the post-office.

Chancellor Bejach, a member of Leila Scott Blue Lodge, has been a member of the Scottish Rite since 1914, and was made a K. C. C. H. in 1925. Mr. DeShazo has been a member of the Scottish Rite since 1909 and his Blue Lodge is Angerona No. 168.

The Supreme Council also conferred the degree of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on three other Memphians, Paul Cartwright, George Anderson and John Gannon. Mr. Cartwright is assistant meter superintendent of the Light, Gas and Water Division, Mr. Anderson is steward chef at Hotel Gayoso, and Mr. Gannon is a member of the Police Department.



## ELECTIONS IN OFFING FOR MASONIC BODIES

Blue Lodges Face Month Of  
Work At Conferings

K. T.'s GOING TO UNION CITY

Annual Reunion Of Commande-  
ries Will Be All Day Event  
With Banquet In Evening  
For Knights And Ladies

### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCT. 16—  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31,  
Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722, Second Degree.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715, School.  
Memphis Chapter No. 95, Stated and Most  
Excellent Degree.  
Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 1, Supper  
at 6:30.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168, School.  
TUESDAY, OCT. 17—  
Scottish Rite Forum.  
Lella Scott Lodge No. 239, School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, Second Degree.  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18—  
Eureka Council No. 6, Stated and Royal  
and Selected Master and Super Excel-  
lent Degree.  
Ladies of the Musketeers, Luncheon.  
Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 1, Initia-  
tion.  
THURSDAY, OCT. 19—  
Lella Scott Lodge No. 239, Second De-  
gree.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118, School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715, School.  
Raines Chapter No. 185, Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211, School.  
FRIDAY, OCT. 20—  
De Soto Lodge No. 299, Craftsman Club  
at 6 p.m.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S., Initia-  
tion.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCT. 16—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8, Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548, Stated.  
TUESDAY, OCT. 17—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6, Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612, Stated.  
THURSDAY, OCT. 19—  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3, Stated.  
FRIDAY, OCT. 20—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147, Stated.

By R. H. ARNOLD SR.

Fraternal Editor

But one more stated meeting re-  
mains for the Masonic bodies of the  
city before the annual elections  
when new sets of officers will take  
over the helms. Giving an account  
of their stewardship at the Decem-  
ber meetings, 11 worshipful masters  
will become past masters and life  
members with a feeling of gratifi-  
cation that their regime has been  
one of the most successful in the  
annals of the depression years of  
the order. In turning the lodge over  
to their successors, in most in-  
stances, the present senior warden,  
these Masters will rest content in  
the knowledge of a difficult duty  
well performed as they receive the  
congratulations of their brethren.  
Not only the Blue Lodges will pick  
new leaders at that time, but nearly  
every Commandery, Chapter and all  
other bodies will follow the exam-  
ple set by the Master Masons.

Work nights will occur in such  
profusion during the balance of the  
month it is a little difficult to list  
them all in the calendar and every  
Blue Lodge in the city will work at  
least one night a week until next  
stated meeting.

### Templar's Reunion Tuesday

Marching on Union City Tuesday,  
in full panoply of handsome uni-  
forms, waving plumes and glitter-  
ing swords, will go the Commam-  
deries of West Tennessee for their  
annual reunion opening there Tues-  
day. Bodies represented will be  
Memphis No. 4, St. Elmo No. 15 and  
Park Avenue No. 31 of Memphis;  
Jackson No. 13 of Jackson; Paris  
No. 16 of Paris; Dyersburg No. 18  
of Dyersburg and Union City No.  
29. A brilliant and colorful program  
has been arranged as follows:

### Forum Makes Hit

Getting well under way with its  
second meeting Tuesday, the new  
Scottish Rite Forum was attended  
by a large number of information-  
seeking brethren. Under the cap-  
able guidance of the Rev. Marshall  
Wingfield and Ray B. Laughlin, the  
discussions were directed into chan-  
nels that are more or less hidden  
from the average member, with the  
result that at adjournment the in-  
terest was keener than ever. The  
sessions are held each first and  
third Tuesday at the Cathedral.

### Nobles Will Dance

In an eerie atmosphere of spooks  
and witches, hobgoblins and mystic  
half-light, with Jack Morgan's or-  
chestra playing subdued music, the  
nobles of Al Chymia Temple and  
their ladies will dance in the Geor-  
gian Room of the Peabody Hal-  
loween. Profuse decorations in  
keeping with the harvest time and  
the peculiar spirit of All Soul's Day  
will be used, and a gala affair is in  
prospect. A 1939 card is necessary  
for admission. Reports from the  
Membership Committee, which  
meets each Monday for supper at  
the Gayoso, show the class for the  
Fall Ceremonial Nov. 17 will be the  
largest in recent years.

### Movie Stars Coming

During the past week a delegation  
from Malaikah Temple of Los An-  
geles visited Memphis to inspect  
the housing facilities for the Im-  
perial Council Session in June. Ex-  
pressing complete satisfaction with  
the prospects, the representatives  
declared that at least 400 would at-  
tend from their temple, including  
Harold Lloyd, the famous movie  
comedian, who is their potentate;  
Joe E. Brown, Clark Gable, George  
Raft and Wallace Beery, all mem-  
bers of the Los Angeles temple.  
Harold Lloyd will be a candidate  
for the office of Imperial Outer  
Guard at the election to be held  
during the session.



2 SECTION III

# BLUE LODGES REVIVE AS FALL DAYS ARRIVE

Memphis, No. 118, To Confer  
Third Degree Tuesday

## RITE PLANS FOR CLASS

Rehearsals Start This After-  
noon and Continue For Wed-  
nesday To Arrange  
Wednesday For Ceremonies

### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 6—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707—Stated.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls  
Stated.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.  
Tuesday, Nov. 7—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Third  
Degree.  
Summer Avenue Lodge No. 728  
Stated.  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Order of DeMolay—Stated.  
Stonewall Chapter No. 280, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Wednesday, Nov. 8—  
Al Chymia Temple—Stated.  
Thursday, Nov. 9—  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Stated.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4—Stated.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Friday, Nov. 10—  
Woodlawn Chapter No. 74, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
De Soto Chapter No. 338, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Saturday, Nov. 11—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.  
Scottish Rite Rehearsal Dates  
Today—  
Twelfth Degree at 2:30 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 6—  
Fifth Degree at 7:15 p.m.  
Thirtieth Degree at 7:45 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 7—  
Thirty-First Degree at 8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 8—  
Fifteenth Degree at 7:15 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 9—  
Tenth Degree at 7:15 p.m.  
Fourteenth Degree at 7:45 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 10—  
Twenty-Ninth Degree at 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 11—  
Nineteenth Degree at 7:15 p.m.  
Twenty-Seventh Degree at 7:45 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 12—  
Fourth Degree at 2:00 p.m.  
Eighteenth Degree at 2:15 p.m.  
Thirty-Second Degree at 2:30 p.m.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 6—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 54—  
Stated.  
Tuesday, Nov. 7—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Hope Lodge No. 612—Stated.  
Wednesday, Nov. 8—  
Dark.  
Thursday, Nov. 9—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.  
Friday, Nov. 10—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.  
By R. W. PARHAM

### Fraternal Editor

During an extended absence of  
the editor, Brother Richard H. Ar-  
nold Sr., has edited this column.  
He has presented interesting news  
each week and the fraternal organi-  
zations have complimented his work  
to which we add our encomium.

Memphis Lodge No. 118 is enjoy-  
ing a season of activity as reflected  
by the events now slated.

The Third Degree will be con-  
ferred on Tuesday night and a good  
attendance is expected. A school of  
instruction will be held tomorrow  
night.

The stated meeting occurs on  
Tuesday of next week and Secre-  
tary Charles E. Lodge has notified  
the local membership as there will  
come up for passage a minor  
change in the by-laws.

On Nov. 21 there will be a recep-  
tion for Grand Master Lindsay  
Phillips. A banquet will be tendered  
him and the Third Degree will be  
exemplified.

### Angerona to Work in Degrees

Angerona Lodge will hold its stat-  
ed meeting tomorrow night and  
work in the First and Second De-  
grees will be set to follow. Anger-  
ona's beloved secretary, James H.  
Wolfe, is back in the harness to the  
satisfaction of the membership.  
Last week this lodge had an enjoy-  
able event. The Third Degree was  
conferred on four candidates and  
on the last candidate the entire cast  
was made up of past masters who  
presented creditable work. An ad-  
ded attraction was an enjoyable  
chicken supper.

### Rehearsals Occupy Rite

Scottish Rite circles are busy  
these times. During the current  
week there will be the usual de-  
gree team rehearsals and something  
doing every day or night. Rehear-  
sal dates appear at the head of this  
column. The reunion will be held  
on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs-  
day, Nov. 14, 15 and 16. A calendar  
of the degree conferrings will ap-  
pear in this column next Sunday.  
General Secretary John B. Vesey,  
thirty-third degree, is expecting a  
nice class of 60 or more.

The Rite will hold its regular  
monthly stated meeting on Tuesday  
night at which time a number of  
petitions will be presented.

After the stated meeting there  
will be a meeting of the Forum;  
this interesting feature is held on  
the first and third Tuesdays of each  
month and is accomplishing fine re-  
sults in promulgating the teachings  
and principles of Scottish Rite Ma-  
sonry.

### Shrine and Arch Active

Al Chymia Temple will hold its  
stated meeting on Wednesday night  
and the potentate is expecting a  
banner attendance as plans will be  
made then for the Fall ceremonial  
and the arrangements completed.  
The ceremonial will be on Nov. 17,  
following the Scottish Rite class.

The Royal Arch chapters have en-  
joyed an increase of work during  
the early Fall days and prospects  
are bright for an increase in mem-  
bership in these bodies. Park Ave-  
nue Chapter will hold the first of  
the caputular stated meetings on  
Thursday night, followed by Penn  
next week and Memphis the fol-  
lowing week.

Grand High Priest W. Harry  
Dudley of Paris is busy with his  
Fall group meetings and has set  
Nov. 27 for the Memphis group  
meeting of Royal Arch Masons.

After the stated meeting in St.  
Elmo Commandery on Thursday  
night the impressive Christian Or-  
der of Malta was conferred in full  
ceremonial by the picked team of  
the Past Commanders' Association.  
This order is conferred only occa-  
sionally in full form and ranks well  
up in the Order of the Temple for  
beauty.

Memphis Commandery No. 4 will  
hold its stated conclave on Thurs-  
day night.

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7, 1939

# CHICAGOANS COMPLETE SHRINE SESSION PLANS

Medinah Temple To Be  
Housed In Pullman Cars

Thirty-five Pullman cars parked  
either near the old Poplar Station  
or at the Southern freight depot at  
Lauderdale and Jefferson, will  
house 700 members of Medinah  
Temple of the Shrine when they  
come to Memphis next June for  
the Shrine's Imperial Council ses-  
sions.

Four officials of Medinah Temple,  
Chicago, returned home yesterday  
after completing arrangements for  
their Temple's visit, except for de-  
cision as to where to actually park  
their Pullmans, which they will oc-  
cupy instead of hotel space. Me-  
dinah Temple will move into Mem-  
phis on four trains. Besides the  
35 Pullmans there will be eight din-  
ing cars and eight baggage cars.

The Medinah officials, who came  
here to confer with John B. Vesey,  
director general of the convention;  
Lake Hays, potentate; Jersey Ram-  
mier, secretary, and W. A. Wood-  
mansee, recorder of Al Chymia  
Temple, included William N. Boller,  
potentate; James McVittie, chief  
rabban; Arthur Gullickson, assist-  
ant rabban, and Norman J. Kissick,  
recorder.

Medinah Temple's contribution to  
the color of the convention will in-  
clude a 140-piece brass band, a uni-  
formed patrol of 145 members, an  
Oriental band of 60 members, and a  
chanting group of 60 voices.

Two past imperial potentates of  
the Shrine will accompany the Chi-  
cago delegation. They are Frank  
Roundy and Tom Houston, both  
popular with all American Shriner-  
ers.

Although the Shrine convention  
is yet eight months away, plans for  
housing delegations are well under  
way. All arrangements have been  
completed for the Recorders con-  
vention, which is held the day be-  
fore the Imperial Council sessions  
open, and from now on officials  
from every section of the country  
will be coming to Memphis to com-  
plete arrangements for their indi-  
vidual temple delegations.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 20, 1944

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS

## Masonic Official Is Greeted



John Vesey (left), general secretary of the Memphis chapter of Scottish Rite Masons, headed the Welcoming Committee which greeted John H. Cowles, grand commander of all Scottish Rite Masonic bodies, on his official visit here last night. Mr. Cowles, who is the highest ranking Scottish Rite Mason in the world, was guest of honor at a banquet in the cathedral on Union.

—Staff Photo by Elliott

## Despite Major Blow In Reich Masonry Goes On, Leader Says

Masonry suffered a severe blow when Adolf Hitler suppressed such organizations in Germany and its conquered territory, but the blow has by no means suppressed the Masonic Order itself in those countries, John H. Cowles of Washington, grand commander of all Scottish Rite Masonic bodies, declared here last night.

Mr. Cowles was guest of honor at a banquet at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Union last night after coming from Little Rock to make his first official visit here in several years.

"The suppression of Masonic bodies by Hitler was a blow at first," he said, "but it has been offset by the sympathy aroused in

other countries. The Order is progressing in Finland, England and all other Protestant countries."

Killing the Masonic spirit was too big a job for Hitler, he hinted.

Arriving in Memphis last night, Mr. Cowles was greeted by a Welcoming Committee, headed by General Secretary John Vesey, and escorted to the cathedral. He left for Nashville immediately after the banquet.

The highest ranking Scottish Rite Mason in the world, Mr. Cowles is a former Louisville industrial leader. One of his predecessors as grand commander, and internationally known among Masons was the late Gen. Albert Pike, onetime editor of The Commercial Appeal.



# Bill In Near-Freezing Weather—Top Net Stars Seek To

ansas College of Agriculture.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Majure of Poplar Grove, Ark., 1938 Sweepstakes winners; Dr. Moses Jacob, dean of the University of Tennessee College of Agriculture; Dr. G. D. Humphrey president of Mississippi State College; Mr. Teague; Frank R. Ahlgren, executive editor of The Commercial Appeal; Mr. Carley; W. H. Jasspon president of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce; Vance J. Alexander, president of Union Planters Bank; L. I. Jones, state agronomist of Mississippi;

ing the land and other values in rural life on to our children as a rich heritage—better, in every way, than when it was given to us.

## Finest Rural Civilization?

If we are to build in America a rural civilization finer than the world has ever known, and I think we can, we must bring into it a greater appreciation of the beauty both in the things we do and the things we enjoy. The leisure time of a family or a community may either make or break the life of the people who live in it. We study a trade or a profession for years before we can hope for success and, yet, though we want to have lives full of joy, we all study living much less. The advantages of rural life are well known to you—better health, interesting work, good neighbors, community life, satisfaction of working with living things, but how many times have you ever discussed this with your family—your children?

The joy of planting, and the harvest, we often take for granted. Theodore Roosevelt said: "If there is a lesson taught by history, it is that the permanent greatness of any nation must ultimately depend upon the character of its country population than anything else. No growth of cities, no growth of wealth can make up for a loss in either the number or character of the farming population. In the United States, more than in almost any other country, we should realize this and should prize our country population."

## Heritage To Pass On

We do have a heritage to pass on. We have a big part to play in the development of our Nation. All too often farm people are not proud of being from the country. They do not see the greatness of the job of farming as a job which commands the best thought and leadership we can develop. The farm population is the balance wheel between labor and industry. Let's look at the advantages on the farm and in the farm home. As farm people let's take the lead in further developing the good things in rural life. Let's make farming a way of

## ALCHYMIA TEMPLE The ALCHEMIST

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How do we know what hearts have vilest sins?  
How do we know?

Many, like sepulchres, are foul within.  
Whose outward garb is spotless as the snow,  
And many may be pure we think not so.  
How near to God the souls of such have been,  
What mercy secret penitence may win—  
How do we know?

How can we tell who has sinned more than we?  
How can we tell?  
We think our brother walked guiltily,  
Judging him in self-righteousness, ah, well!  
Perhaps had we been driven through the hell  
Of his untold temptations, we might be  
Less upright in our daily walk than he—  
How can we tell?

Dare we condemn the ills that others do?  
Dare we condemn?  
Their strength is small, their trials not a few,  
The tide of wrong is difficult to stem  
And, if to us more clearly than to them.  
Is given knowledge of the great and true,  
More do they need our help and pity, too—  
Dare we condemn?

God help us all, and lead us day by day—  
God help us all!  
We cannot walk alone the perfect way,  
Evil allures us, tempts us and we fall  
We are but human and our power is small;  
Not one of us may boast, and not a day  
Rolls o'er our heads but each hath need to say,  
God bless us all!



## BIG CONVENTION YEAR IS IN STORE FOR CITY

Shrine Conclave Is Expected  
To Draw 100,000

63 ALREADY SCHEDULED

Attendance For Meetings  
Booked So Far Will Be Near  
160,000—B. T. U. Gathering  
Will Be Second Largest

The year 1940, according to present indications, will be the greatest convention year in Memphis' history, Ralph E. Logsdon, convention director of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, declared yesterday.

"We already have 63 conventions, besides meetings of salesmen and dealers, scheduled for Memphis this year, 15 or 20 per cent more than we had booked at this time last year," he said. "Attendance at these conventions should at least be 160,000, as compared to our average annual attendance of 58,000."

There were 19 conventions here in 1924, the first year they were recorded by the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Logsdon said. Last year there were about 200 held in Memphis, an all-time record.

### Record Since 1925

"We have had 4752 meetings of all kinds since 1925, with an estimated attendance of 750,000 persons. Money left in Memphis by visiting representatives is estimated at \$30,738,300," he said.

Largest convention of the year undoubtedly will be the session in June of the Imperial Council of the Shrine, which Chamber of Commerce officials predict will attract 100,000 visitors.

Actual sessions of the Shrine convention will be held June 11-13, but two days of pre-convention celebration promises Memphis almost a week of entertainment. Officials point out that in cities where Shrine conventions previously have been held, bank clearings have increased by as much as \$23,000,000.

The complete list of conventions scheduled for 1940 to date, with expected attendance, is as follows:

Jan. 9-12—Fire Department Inspectors' Conference, 200 expected.  
Jan. 12—Southern National Bowling Tournament, 250 to 300.  
Jan. 25-26—Tennessee State Nurserymen's Association, 150.  
Jan. 28-30—Tennessee Oil Men's Association, 50.

### Dates Not Set

January, date not set—Corn Products Sales Company Sales Convention, 50; N. O. Nelson Sales Company Sales Convention, 20; McCormick Sales Company Sales Convention, Wilson Packing Company Sales Convention, Wurzburg Brothers Sales Convention, 45, and Grenada Hunt and Field Trial Association.

Feb. 4—Southwestern Transfer Company Sales Convention, 65.

Feb. 5-7—Associated General Contractors of America, 500.

Feb. 13-16—MidSouth Postgraduate Medical Assembly, 1250.

Feb. 14-15—MidSouth Postgraduate Nurse Anesthetists Assembly, 75.

February, dates not set—Tennessee Nurse Anesthetists Association, 50, and Statewide Institute for the Tennessee State Nurses Association.

March 11-13—National Automotive Parts Association, 70.

March 21-22—Tennessee Industrial Personnel Conference, 500.

March, date not set—Riechman-Crosby Company Sales Convention, 30.

April 9-10—Rotary International, 140th District, 450.

April, date not set—MidSouthern Conference of Scientific Astrologers, 50 to 75, and Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs, 300 to 350.

May 1-3—Southern Transit Equipment Association, 200 to 300; Southwest and Southeast Regional Bus Conference, 150.

May 13-16—Tennessee State Dental Association, 500; May 13-16, Tennessee State Dental Association Auxiliary.

May 15—Associated Master Plumbers of Tennessee.

May 28-31—American Society of X-Ray Technicians, 400 to 500.

### Bankers to Meet

May, date not set—Tennessee Bankers Association, 300; TriState Cottonseed Oil Mill Superintendents' Association, 400; TriState Cottonseed Oil Mill Superintendents' Association Auxiliary; Middle Tennessee Independent Merchants' Association, 1000, and Tennessee Retail Coal Merchants Association.

May 14-18—Memphis Cotton Carnival.

June 3-5—Tennessee Federation of Labor.

June 10—Shrine Recorders Association of North America.

June 10—Southeastern Shrine Association.

June 11-13—Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, 100,000.

June 24-28—American Newspaper Guild, 150.

June 20-22—International Pilot Club, 400.

June, date not set—Tennessee Bar Association, 300; Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, 200; Grand Assembly of Tennessee Order of Rainbow for Girls, 300; West Tennessee Superintendents Association, 75; Tennessee Branch, National League of District Postmasters, 100 to 150, and Order of Ahopa district meeting, 300 to 400.

### Jesters To Convene

June 10—Royal Order of Jesters.  
June 18—Tennessee Children of the Confederacy, 150.

August, date not set—Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, 150 to 200.

Sept. 2—Southern Archery Tournament.

September, date not set—Tennessee Firemen's Association and American Institute of Accountants, 900 to 1000.

Oct. 6-8—Tennessee Nurses Association, 250.

Oct. 21-22—Southern University Conference, 100.

October, third week—Tennessee Women's Christian Temperance Union, 400 to 500.

October, not set—Southern Union Meeting Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, 1000, and Tennessee League of Nursing Education, 300.

Nov. 17-20—American Academy of Pediatrics, 1000.

November, date not set—TriState Convention, American Guild of Organists, 150; Aero Medical Association of the United States, 250; National School Cafeteria Association, 350 to 400, and Air Reserve Association.

Dec. 31—Southwide Baptist Training Union Conference, 4000.

## THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 7, 1940

## AL CHYMIA'S SHRINERS ELECT ON WEDNESDAY

John Waterman Slated For  
Post Of Potentate

BLUE LODGES ACTIVE AGAIN

Stated Meetings And Confer-  
ings Crowd Calendar—De-  
troit Shriners Coming To Im-  
perial Council Sessions Here

### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 8—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—First degree.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—  
Stated.

Normal Lodge No. 722—Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Stated.

Whitehaven Lodge No. 599—Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22—Stated.

Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Initiation.

Shrine Patrol—Drill.

Tuesday, Jan. 9—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Stated.

Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—  
Stated.

Summer Avenue Chapter No. 313, O. E. S.—Stated.

O. K. Houck Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.

Stonewall Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.

Order of DeMolay—Stated.

Wednesday, Jan. 10—  
Al Chymia Temple—Stated and election.

Angerona Lodge No. 168—Second Degree at 7:30.

Thursday, Jan. 11—  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Stated.

Memphis Commandery No. 4—Stated.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.—  
Stated.

Friday, Jan. 12—  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—First Degree.

Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729—Second Degree.

Woodlawn Chapter No. 74, O. E. S.—Stated.

De Soto Chapter No. 332, O. E. S.—Stated.

Saturday, Jan. 13—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 8—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.

Highland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—Stated.

Tuesday, Jan. 9—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.

Wednesday, Jan. 10—  
Dark.

Thursday, Jan. 11—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.

Friday, Jan. 12—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

The election in Al Chymia Temple Wednesday night will be the outstanding Masonic event of the week. An advancement of the line will occur. Even for the lower offices but one name is being advanced.

The present officers are Lake Hays, illustrious potentate; John A. Waterman, chief rabban; Lee Winchester, assistant rabban; Lois D. Bejach, high priest and prophet; Dr. Charles C. King, oriental guide; J. F. Ramier, treasurer, and W. A. Woodmansee, recorder. Mr. Waterman will become illustrious potentate.

While the calendar is full it is mostly stated meetings, with Angerona Lodge working twice and the Rainbow Girls of Memphis Assembly having an initiation.

### Fifer, Master of Kadosh

Tennessee Consistory No. 1 of the Scottish Rite elected the following officers for two years on Tuesday: Hal Fifer, Master of Kadosh; J. Charles C. King, prior; Jack C. ley, preceptor; John B. Vesey, general secretary; J. E. Van Trees, recording secretary, and Chancellor Lois Bejach, Cathedral Board representative. At the conclusion of the stated meeting the Forum held another of its fine educational discussions. These meetings of the Forum are attracting large audiences and are enlightening to the brotherhood. The next meeting will be on the third Tuesday night.

The year ended with two enjoyable entertainments.

The Shrine gave a barbecue at Germania Hall on Saturday afternoon that was well attended and the feast was par excellent and the affair was most enjoyable with many old friends renewing their ties and enjoying a real reunion.

### Rite Celebrates New Year

The Scottish Rite bodies gave their New Year's Eve party on Saturday night and the cathedral was crowded with members and their families. The entertainment was a high order with professional entertainers contributing their talents. The beautiful newly decorated dining room was the setting for the dance feature and the holly trimming and the handsome gowned ladies made an entrancing picture.

The Imperial Council meeting here this Summer promises to be the outstanding one of recent years. A member of Moslem Temple, Detroit, perhaps Shrinedom's richest temple, said that his temple would send 600 nobles in four complete trains and its band, carrying the million dollar band of more than 100 pieces and noted for handsome costumes. It is comprised entirely of members of the temple. Director General John Vesey is now in California making arrangements with the famous California temples, which always made a wonderful display at Imperial Council meetings.

Blue lodges have a busy week ahead, filled with stated meetings and degree conferrings.

Work in the suburban lodges consist of the conferring of the first degree by Park Avenue Lodge No. 326 on Friday night and on the same night Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729 will render the second degree.



# BIG CONVENTION YEAR FOR CITY

Greatest in Memphis History,  
Logsdon Believes

This will be the greatest convention year in Memphis' history, according to Ralph E. Logsdon of the Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau.

"We already have 15 to 20 per cent more conventions booked for 1940 than for 1939 at the same time last year," he said.

Sixty-three conventions and 39 sales meetings already are scheduled for this year.

Largest convention of 1940 will be that of the Shrine Imperial Council in June. Attendance may be as high as 100,000.

Attendance of 1000 or more at five other conventions already scheduled was predicted by Mr. Logsdon.

Meetings scheduled for the remainder of this month:

- Jan. 15—Plymouth Motor sales convention.
- Jan. 17—Stratton-Warren Hardware sales convention.
- Jan. 25-26 — B. F. Goodrich associated tire lines.
- Jan. 25-26 — Tennessee State Nurseryman's Association.
- Jan. 26-27 — Bruce Terminix sales convention.
- Jan. 28-30 — Tennessee Oil Men's Association.
- Jan. 29 — National Association of Independent Tire Dealers.

# CONVENTIONS ON THEIR WAY

1940 Will See 67 Meetings  
Converge on Memphis

The year 1940 will be good to Memphis in the way of conventions, 67 already having been arranged by Director R. E. Logsdon of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce convention bureau—19 of them for this month. And three more have been set for 1941!

Fire Department Instructors' Conference, Jan. 9-12, will bring 200 to Memphis; Southern National Bowling Tournament, Jan. 12, 250 to 300; Tennessee State Nurserymen's Association, Jan. 25-26, 150; Tennessee Oil Men's Association, Jan. 28-30, 50. Sales conventions, dates to be set, are planned for January by the following:

- Corn Products Sales Co.
- N. O. Nelson Co.
- McCormick Sales Co.
- Wilson Packing Co.
- Wurzberg Brothers.

Out-of-town, but of interest to many Memphians, is the January Grenada Hunt and Field Trial Association meet at Grenada, date to be announced.

## February's Biggest

Of the 10 conventions slated for February, biggest is the Mid-South Post-Graduate Medical Assembly, Feb. 13-16, with attendance of 1250 anticipated. Next largest is the Associated General Contractors of America, Feb. 5-7, with 500.

Five hundred will attend the Tennessee Industrial Personnel Conference, March 21-22.

Rotary International, 140th District, April 9-10, with 450 delegates, and Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs, date to be set, with 300-350 delegates, are on the calendar for April.

# SHRINE CLUB WILL HONOR LAKE HAYS

Potentate Lake Hays, the man who convinced the entire personnel of the Imperial Council that the 1940 Shrine convention should be held in Memphis, will be honor guest at the Shrine's luncheon tomorrow noon at Hotel DeVoy.

"His outstanding accomplishment in 1939," said President A. E. Pipkin, "was the whirlwind campaign he started last June to raise \$50,000 cash to invite the convention here. Potentate Hays never misses a chance to do his part in any civic enterprise."

Fairview Junior High Glee Club of 40 members, directed by Mrs. Lula Mallory, will sing.

# MEMPHIS SHRINE CONVENTION TO SET 10-YR. HIGH

In Attendance; Vesey Tells Of  
Plans and Trip To  
California

John B. Vesey, director general for the Shrine convention in Memphis June 11-13, says indications point to the largest attendance of any Shrine convention in 10 years. At Los Angeles in 1938, 40 temples attended. There were 39 representatives at Baltimore last June, with two others attending a single day. Fifty-two temples have already made arrangements to come to Memphis. Many others have promised to announce their plans by Thursday, Feb. 1. At least 75 are expected.

## Back From Trip

Mr. Vesey is just back from a trip to California. In Los Angeles he contacted the two firms which presented the great motion picture pageant in 1938 and also the decorator who for the last 10 years has handled street decorations for the Tournament of Roses.

These firms now are preparing color charts to present to the Memphis board of directors the latter part of this month.

While in Los Angeles, Mr. and

en's Clubs, date to be set, with 300-350 delegates, are on the calendar for April.

Four hundred to 500 will attend the American Society of X-Ray Technicians, May 28-31.

## Shriners, June 11-13

Biggest convention of the year will be the Shriners, June 11-13, with thousands attending.

Nine hundred to a thousand will

Mrs. Vesey were dinner guests of Harold Lloyd, comedian and producer, who put Mr. Vesey in touch with various studios in an effort to secure movie talent for the 1940 pageant.

They also were guests of Governor Cooper on an inspection of the battleship Tennessee. Governor Olson of California made his car available for Governor Cooper and the Vesey's in the trip to San Pedro, where the admiral's barge met them and took them to the ship. They had breakfast with the commander in his cabin.

## Other Thrills

The Vesey's visited Earl Carroll's famous night club and the Tournament of Roses and again were guests of Harold Lloyd at the Rose Bowl game. Many movie stars were at Carroll's night club, including Kay Francis, Jimmy Stuart, and at the next table were Edgar Bergen and a party including Blackstone, the magician, now playing at the Orpheum.

Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline was in Los Angeles and the Vesey's participated in all activities planned for him, which included a luncheon, an afternoon at Santa Anita, an evening banquet and a ball at the Shrine mosque.

While in Los Angeles, Mr. Vesey arranged for the housing of El Malaikah Temple, third largest in Shrinedom, Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, world's largest; Medinah Temple of Chicago, second largest, and Moslem Temple of Detroit, fourth largest, already have made arrangements to be in Memphis.

Shrine convention headquarters were opened at the Peabody last September and railroad men state they have never seen interest in a Shrine convention at such a high peak so early in the year. Between 60 and 75 committees have been appointed to handle various activities.



## Little Savings Bring In Big Returns



Memphis Shriners save their tinfoil and have it molded into figurines to be sold for the benefit of the Crippled Children's Hospital. Milton Bowers (7), at whose welding company the molding is done, yesterday gave Mrs. Snowden Boyle (9), president of the Ladies Board of the hospital, a check for \$500.10, representing six months' tinfoil saving. Calvin Carl Lynn (1), Billy Threadgill (2) and Winfred Pannell (3) enjoyed looking at some of the figures. Mrs. Mattie Mockbee (5) is superintendent of the hospital. The other Shriners are John Waterman (6), Lake Hays (8) and W. A. Woodmansee (4).

—Staff Photo by Bruner



## These Shriners Got The Last Rooms



All hotel rooms in Memphis during the Shrine Convention in June have been taken. George C. Llewellyn (1), potentate of the Syria Temple,

Pittsburgh, and Henry J. Yute, (4) treasurer of the Temple, signed for the last available space yesterday with Jersey F. Ramier, (2) chairman of

the Imperial Council Housing Committee of Memphis, and John B. Vesey, (3), director general of the committee, also of Memphis. Staff Photo by Huber

**R. O. SIGN HUNG OUT**  
Hotels Filled But Other Space Available For Conclave

Officials of the Syria Temple of the Shrine at Pittsburgh yesterday

closed contracts for housing 600 persons from Pittsburgh during the Shrine Convention here in June.

The contracts with the Syria Temple, largest Shrine Temple in

North America, took the last hotel room in Memphis, but adequate housing facilities are still available.

Other Shrine visitors will be housed in schools, Pullman cars and other temporary shelters.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

The fourth week, often termed the period of rest in Masonic circles, has arrived and the activities are of a limited scope. Our brethren of the suburban lodges will be afforded an opportunity of witnessing work tomorrow night when McLemore Avenue Lodge will confer the Third Degree and in the northern section where Stonewall Lodge will confer the Second Degree. Out East, Summer Avenue Lodge will work in the Third Degree.

The uptown brethren will have their opportunity of Tuesday night when Memphis Lodge will confer the Third Degree, at which time the work will start at 7 o'clock. There will be three candidates.

On Thursday night Memphis, Leila Scott and McLemore Avenue will hold schools of instruction.

### Knights Commanders Honored

The investiture of the three knight commanders of the Court of Honor at the Scottish Rite on Tuesday night brought out a fine attendance.

The ceremony adds to the roll of these distinguished honorees the names of Paul G. Cartwright, George Anderson and John T. Gannon. This unusual ceremony is participated in only by other honorees of the Court of Honor and the Thirty-third Degree Masons which adds to the solemnity of the occasion. After the investiture the Forum was opened with Ray Laughlin elucidating the Fifteenth Degree and Chancellor Lois Bejach the Sixteenth Degree. The Rev. Marshall Wingfield, the third member of the tribunal, was absent on account of sickness. After the Forum the brethren went to the Gold Room, where refreshments were served. The occasion was enjoyed.

### Park Avenue Bodies Busy

Park Avenue bodies are active this week. The Order of the Temple will meet tomorrow night, Park Avenue Lodge will hold schools on Tuesday and Friday nights and Park Avenue Chapter meets with the historical Royal Arch degree on Thursday night.

The appointment of a deputy inspector general for the State of Tennessee was of great interest to the Scottish Rite brethren of this city. Charles Nelson, a thirty-second degree Mason of Nashville, was selected for that important post. Mr. Nelson is active in a large number of financial institutions in Nashville and served as an officer in the first World's War. His selection by Sovereign Grand Commander Cowles was a happy one.

Next week the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge will hold their annual meetings in Nashville beginning on Monday.

## FOUR MASONIC BODIES HAVE CONFERRING

Suburban Lodges' Ceremonies  
To Be Tomorrow Night

SCHOOLS THURSDAY NIGHT

Three Knights Commanders  
Court Of Honor Are  
At Celebration At Scottish Rite Cathedral

### Masonic Calendar

Monday, Jan. 22—  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Second Degree.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Second Degree.  
Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729—Second Degree.  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—of Temple.  
Tuesday, Jan. 23:  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, School.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. O. Initiation.  
Tuesday, Jan. 23—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Second Degree at 7.  
Wednesday, Jan. 24—  
Masonic Temple dark.  
Thursday, Jan. 25:  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Arch Degree.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—School.

Friday, Jan. 26—  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, School.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. O. Party at 8.  
Saturday, Jan. 27—  
Masonic Temple dark.

### Odd Fellow Calendar

Monday, Jan. 22—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights-Hope Lodge No. Stated.  
Tuesday, Jan. 23—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Wednesday, Jan. 24—  
Dark.  
Thursday, Jan. 25—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.  
Friday, Jan. 26—  
Sheiby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.



# MASONS WILL GATHER AT CAPITAL THIS WEEK

Grand Council R. & S. M. Open  
Meetings Tomorrow

MEMPHIANS TO BE THERE

Paul F. Lanius Of Lewisburg  
Next In Line To Most  
Worshipful Grand Master  
L. B. Phillips Of Memphis

## MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 29—  
Grand Council at Nashville.  
Grand Chapter at Nashville.  
Tuesday, Jan. 30—  
Grand Chapter at Nashville.  
Wednesday, Jan. 31—  
Grand Lodge at Nashville.  
Thursday, Feb. 1—  
Grand Lodge at Nashville.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Stated.  
Bartlett Lodge No. 697—Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15—Stated.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205, O. E. S.—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Chapter No. 229, O. E. S.—Stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O. E. S.—Stated.  
Friday, Feb. 2—  
De Soto Lodge No. 299—Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Stated.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209—Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 265, O. E. S.—Stated.  
Normal Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.  
Saturday, Feb. 3—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

## ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

Monday, Jan. 29—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights—Hope Lodge No. 548—Stated.  
Tuesday, Jan. 30—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Wednesday, Jan. 31—  
Dark.  
Thursday, Feb. 1—  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3—Stated.  
Friday, Feb. 2—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

Of paramount interest in Masonic circles are the annual meetings of three of the Grand Bodies of Masonry at Nashville this week. Many Memphians will attend the meetings.

The Grand Council of Royal and Elect Masters of Tennessee will convene tomorrow morning at 9 and will recess at 11 o'clock, resuming at 2 and will complete its session that afternoon.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee will meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow and recess at 2 o'clock until Tuesday morning and will complete its labors on that day.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee will meet on Wednesday at 9 a.m. and be in session for two days. The present lines of the Grand officers of these bodies are herewith given:

### Coben In Grand Council

Grand Council—Luther R. Ault, Johnson City, most illustrious grand grand master; John M. Coben, Puryear, deputy grand master; Currie F. Taylor, Nashville, grand principal conductor of the work; H. W. Goodloe, Nashville, grand treasurer; Thomas Earl Doss, grand recorder; A. W. Lassitor, Trenton, grand chaplain; Oliver W. Dynes, Knoxville, grand captain of the guard; J. R. Nethery, Humboldt, grand conductor of the council; George F. Brookhart, Crossville, grand marshal and William Strome, Chattanooga, grand steward.

The Grand Chapter—W. Harry Dudley, Paris, most excellent grand high priest; Hugh O. Edwards, Nashville, grand king; R. D. Keller, Greeneville, grand scribe; A. G. Bowen, Nashville, grand treasurer; T. E. Doss, Nashville, grand secretary; Will O. Aden, Memphis, grand chaplain; W. P. Douglas, Humboldt, grand captain of the host; John M. Pigg, Columbia, grand principal sojourner; Frank M. Quinn, Loudon, grand royal arch captain; Samuel I. Ragsdale, Memphis, grand master of the third V.; John T. Woodfin, Jr., Murfreesboro, grand master of the second V. and Frank Knox Harle, Cleveland, grand master of the first V.

### Lanius In Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge: Lindsay B. Phillips, Memphis, most worshipful grand master; Paul F. Lanius, Lewisburg, deputy grand master; Samuel H. Cooper, Johnson City, senior grand warden; Will W. Heron, Trenton, junior grand warden; Garnett N. Morgan, Nashville, grand treasurer emeritus; Edward R. Burr, Nashville, grand treasurer; T. E. Doss, Nashville, grand secretary; C. C. Newbill, Humboldt, grand chaplain; Charles T. Sullivan, Memphis, senior grand deacon; E. C. Coleman, Oneida, junior grand deacon; W. O. May, Memphis, grand marshal; Earl C. Prosser, Fayetteville, grand sword bearer; George W. Fletcher, Chat-

## Heads Degree Team



C. A. Hall, worshipful master of McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715, will direct a degree team at the Grand Lodge.

tanooga, grand steward and E. C. Fowler, Kerrville, grand pursuivant.

There are no Memphians in the Grand Council line at present. In the Grand Chapter line are Samuel L. Ragsdale and Rev. Will O. Aden and the Grand Lodge is presided over by a Memphian, Lindsay B. Phillips, while in appointive offices are Charles T. Sullivan and W. O. May, all of Memphis.

Memphis has two resident past grand masters, Walker M. Taylor and Stanley W. McDowell; three past grand high priests, Joseph A. Fowler, Dr. A. G. Hudson and Dr. C. Fred Bunbury and one past grand master of the council, Robert W. Parham. In Masonic official circles the line moves forward and the officials progress into higher positions.

### Honors For McLemore Ave.

McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715 has been honored by being selected to exemplify the third degree before the Grand Lodge on Wednesday. This lodge has the distinction of being the grand master's home lodge. Its master is Brother C. A. Hall who has a fine Masonic background. He was appointed in the line of officers in 1934 and is now worshipful master; he is royal arch captain of Evergreen Chapter No. 209; past worthy patron of De Soto Chapter, O. E. S. and is a member of Eureka Council No. 6 and will have the leading role in the above mentioned conferring.

Nothing is on the local schedule in Masonic circles until Thursday and Friday and then only stated meetings.

### Many Going To Nashville

Memphians already gone to Nashville or planning to go include the following:

To the Grand Lodge Lindsay B. Phillips, grand master, Charles T. Sullivan, senior grand warden, Toney Ludlow, district lecturer, and W. O. May, grand marshal and Past Grand Masters Walker M. Taylor and Stanley W. McDowell, from the subordinate lodges:

Memphis No. 118, Samuel Rosen, A. W. Harris and R. B. Gordon.

Angerona No. 168: Jesse L. Garrett, John T. Gannon and C. G. Spaulding.

Leila Scott: No. 289, P. C. Gallagher, R. L. Allen and Paul Cartwright; J. C. Hankins, Ben Abraham, C. M. Boydston, W. B. McLaughlin and G. D. Bunnell.

Woodlawn No. 211: W. B. Whitley, E. W. Lokey and A. P. Hunt.

De Soto No. 299: Phil E. Cline, R. R. Risk and W. M. Parker.

Park Avenue No. 368: W. Frank Evans, S. D. White, Dr. L. R. Polk, A. C. Muir, R. L. Gookin, L. K. Gray and L. J. Wells.

McLemore Avenue No. 715: C. A. Hall, F. L. Schwartz, J. M. Curtis, J. K. Jaquess, Roy Smith, W. F. Taylor, E. T. Cundiff, W. B. Richardson, G. W. Glover, J. F. Rogers, J. D. Pratt, J. N. Manes, Ed Pontius Sr., H. M. Hezel, M. R. Pou, D. L. Carter, Gregory Klevis, C. F. Gillewater, W. J. Mattes, A. D. Van Huss and Dr. J. R. Whitley.

Normal No. 722: S. O. Johnson, S. Darden and W. M. Hardwick.

Stonewall No. 723: John Riehman and A. H. Robinson.

O. K. Houck No. 707: L. W. Biggam, N. J. Evensky and J. W. Higason.

Summer Avenue No. 729: Sam E.

Blanchard and Raymond E. Coffman.

To the Grand Chapter: Samuel L. Ragsdale, Grand Master of the Third Vail; Past Grand High Priests Joseph A. Fowler, B. Tate Dawkins, Dr. Arthur Gage Hudson and Dr. C. Fred Bunbury and William H. Tester.

Penn Chapter No. 22: J. H. Gulledge and Henry J. Zderad.

Memphis Chapter No. 95: W. L. Harrison, Park Avenue Chapter No. 205.

To the Grand Council: Past Grand Master R. W. Parham and John H. Cocke, illustrious Master of Eureka Council.

### Shrine Council Outlook Improves

Activity is reaching a high point at the office of Director General John B. Vesey at his headquarters in the Peabody for what promises to be one of the most impressive and well attended Imperial Council meetings of the Shrine in recent years.

Letters are arriving from all parts of the United States advising the intention of patrols and bands to attend and the headquarters are actively planning for quarters for this great multitude.

Nobles of the Shrine know of the magnitude of this gathering but as a rule the public has no idea of the greatness of the affair.

It will be the largest crowd ever in Memphis and from far the largest territory ever represented here.



## 2 SECTION III

COUNCIL DELEGATES  
NAMED BY AL CHYMIAJohn Waterman Takes Over  
Duties As Potentate

LEE GORDON NEW OFFICER

Imperial Body Of Shrine Meet-  
ing Here In June Will Find  
Interest At New High, Says  
Mr. WatermanBy ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

## Masonic Calendar

Monday, Jan. 15:  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Third degree  
at 6:00  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—First  
degree.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—First degree.  
Memphis Chapter No. 95—Stated.  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—  
Stated.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—In-  
stallation.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
Tuesday, Jan. 16:  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Stated.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—School.  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Investiture and  
Forum.  
Wednesday, Jan. 17:  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—  
Special at noon.  
Thursday, Jan. 18:  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Second de-  
gree at 7:30.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Third  
degree.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.  
Rainbow Chapter No. 185—Stated.  
Friday, Jan. 19:  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.—Re-  
hersal.  
Saturday, Jan. 20:  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

## Odd Fellow Calendar

Monday, Jan. 15:  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights—Hope Lodge No. 548—  
Stated.  
Tuesday, Jan. 16:  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Wednesday, Jan. 17:  
Dark.  
Thursday, Jan. 18:  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3—Stated.  
Friday, Jan. 19:  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

Al Chymia Temple of the Shrine will be represented at the Imperial Council meeting here in June by John A. Waterman, newly elected illustrious potentate; Lake Hays, who has just retired from that office; John B. Vesey, secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies, and Chancellor W. W. Herron, junior grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The delegates were named at the annual meeting of Al Chymia and which saw Mr. Waterman elevated to the highest post in the temple.

Elected with Mr. Waterman were Lee Winchester, chief rabban; Chancellor Lois Bejach, assistant rabban; Dr. Charles C. King, high priest and prophet, and Lee Gordon, oriental guide. Re-elected were Jersey F. Ramier, treasurer, and William A. Woodmansee, recorder.

Adverse weather failed to prevent a great gathering at the Shrine's annual meeting, many of whom came from out of the city. Mr. Hays presented his report for the year just ended and showed how the Shrine had gone up in popularity and in membership.

Mr. Waterman forecast that 1940 would see an even greater revival of interest.

## Blue Lodge Conferings Up

The events of the week consist of a number of conferrings by the Blue Lodges and a beautiful ceremony at the Scottish Rite—the investiture of Knights Commander of the Court of Honor on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Paul Cartwright, John T. Gannon and George Anderson, selected by the Supreme Council at Washington for that distinguished honor, will be the recipients. This ceremony can occur only once in two years and its impressiveness should attract a large attendance. All 32d Degree Masons are invited.

The investiture ceremony will be followed by the second monthly meeting of the Forum, the great educational adjunct of the Rite. Refreshments will be served.

The first degree of symbolic Masonry will be conferred by McLemore Avenue and Stonewall Lodges tomorrow night. Leila Scott Lodge will present the second degree on Thursday night. The third degree will be conferred by Angerona Lodge tomorrow night with the work starting at 6 o'clock. The same degree will be presented by McLemore Avenue Lodge on Thursday night.

The past week was one of an unusual number of stated meetings and saw Angerona Lodge working in both the first and second degrees, Park Avenue conferring the first and Summer Avenue the second degrees.

## New Honors for Fifer

Hal C. Fifer, who was recently elected Master of Kadosh in Tennessee Consistory No. 1, will preside over that body of Scottish Rite Masons for two years.

Mr. Fifer joined the Scottish Rite bodies in the Spring class of 1921; he received the investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on Oct. 26, 1923, and was elevated to the coveted honor of 32d degree Mason, honorary, on Oct. 22, 1935. He is also a member of the Knights of Constantine.

He has been one of the most enthusiastic workers in the Rite for years, being the presiding officer in the fourth and nineteenth degrees and participant in the casts of many other degrees. He has few equals as an impressive ritualist and as Master of Kadosh will have an important role in the ceremonies of each reunion. Mr. Fifer is a member of De Soto Lodge No. 299, Penn Chapter No. 22, Eureka Council No. 6 and Al Chymia Temple.

Shrine Meet Will  
Bring Ex-Memphian  
Back From Hawaii

From far-off Hawaii will come a delegate to the Shrine convention in Memphis next June. He is V. M. (Scoop) Culver, former Press-Scimitar reporter. Mr. Culver wrote a Memphis friend, Mrs. B. T. Adams, secretary to Commissioner Cliff Davis, of his coming.

Mr. Culver formerly was in the advertising business in Honolulu, but now is in real estate. It will be his first trip back to Memphis since he left almost 10 years ago. His family visited in Memphis about two years ago.

Mr. Culver is public relations director in Hawaii for Aloha Shrine Temple.



## Groups Named To Correlate Activities Of Memphis Shrine In Arranging For Convention

Responsibility For Making a Success of June Undertaking Is In Hands of 75 Prominent Business and Professional Men Here

With 50 temples from all sections of the country already under contract for participation in the Shrine Convention which will bring between 50,000 and 75,000 visitors to Memphis in June, responsibility for making a success of the undertaking has been placed under leadership of 75 prominent business and professional men of Memphis.

Setting up a separate corporation to handle all activities of the convention, Al Chymia Temple of Memphis has set up a board of directors composed of John B. Vesey, president; James A. Waterman and Fred Goldsmith, vice presidents; Lake Hays, treasurer, and Frank R. Schutt, secretary.

Yesterday Mr. Vesey, who also is director general of the convention, announced the names of the chairmen of the many committees which will correlate activities of Memphis Shriners in planning the convention June 11, 12 and 13.

### Schools For Housing

Temporary headquarters have been maintained at Hotel Peabody for several weeks, but later this month the convention will take over a commodious downtown office building where general headquarters will be maintained until after the convention.

In addition to use of all the larger Memphis hotels and the establishment of Pullman cities, the convention will use seven high schools for housing the thousands of Shriners who will spend almost a week here. One temple alone, Syria of Pittsburgh, is bringing more than 600 Nobles for the convention.

Gov. James Price of Virginia, imperial recorder, his assistant, E. W. Jaycock; Carl R. Hammers, imperial marshal of Pittsburgh, and Galloway Calhoun, imperial captain of the guard, are expected in Memphis Feb. 15 to confer with Mr. Vesey and the Convention Board of Directors on the progress of plans.

Committee chairmen as announced by Mr. Vesey are:

Finance, Lake Hays, general chairman; Insurance, E. H. Crump Jr.; Guide Book, Lamar Brightwell; Tickets, C. A. McElravy and Ralph Logsdon; Concessions, Fred Sexton; Jurisprudence, Lois D. Bejach; Auditing, M. O. Carter; Communications, W. M. Taylor and J. W. DeShazo.

Reception, W. F. Bowld, general chairman; Jesters, W. Percy McDonald; Recorders, W. A. Woodmansee; Southeastern Association, Lois D. Bejach; Chanters, O. F. Soderstrom; Patrols, Sergt. E. L. Daughtry; Band Concerts, Lee Winchester; Imperial Officers, J. P. Norfleet and Clifford Davis; Headquarters, J. R. May.

Uniformed Unit Headquarters, E. G. Cowan and Evan Carroll; Official Guides, J. J. Carrigan; Distinguished Guests, Senator McKellar and Mayor Chandler; Information Bureau, C. S. Miller; Oriental Bands, J. C. Hankins; Escort Committee, Oliver H. Perry.

### Other Chairmen

Entertainment, Fred Goldsmith, general chairman; Clubs, J. P. Norfleet; Imperial Banquet, C. A. McElravy; Tiling, Douglas Johnston; Imperial Meeting Place, J. A. Fowler; Flowers, Mrs. J. F. Ramier; Luncheons, J. Mac Buckingham; Golf and Baseball, E. P. MacNicol.

Baggage and Transportation, J. A. Waterman, general chairman; Automobiles, H. H. Hull; Automobile Movement, E. H. Cannon and W. F. Apperson; Tours, W. J. Prescott and E. A. Rome; Bus, Taxis and Street Cars, E. W. Ford, Milton Bowers; Transportation, R. M. Dozier; Baggage, Lee Hyde; Parking, Julian Allenberg and A. Lee Gordon.

Service and Public Activities, Frank R. Schutt, general chairman; Radio, Ralph Logsdon; Pledges, W. W. Fischer; Certificates, W. B. Hill; Minutes, F. R. Schutt; Community Co-operation, Phil A. Canale, William Loeb, Walter P. Armstrong, Joe J. Brennan and E. W. Hale.

Medical and First Aid, George D. Sheats and Dr. J. W. Bodley; Divine Services, Dr. C. C. King and A. E. Pipkin.

Parades and Decorations, W. B. Fowler, general chairman; Stadium, C. A. McElravy; Law and Order, A. E. Cameron, Oliver Perry and W. D. Lee; Parades and Pageant, Thomas H. Allen and Arthur A. Halle; Decorations, Dave Rosenthal.

Mrs. John B. Vesey is national chairman of the Women's Division and will direct all women's activities during the convention. Jersey F. Ramier is housing director; Jack Carley, publicity director, and Ray B. Laughlin, accountant and convention historian.

### Indian Group Coming

More than 75 temples will probably have delegations at the convention. The 50 which have signed housing contracts are those whose plans for coming to Memphis are completed. Thousands of uniformed Shriners including bandsmen, chanters, and drilled patrols are included among those already signed up. There will be at least two large mounted groups and an Indian group from South Dakota made up of Mandan Sioux.

The temples whose contracts have been signed and for whom housing arrangements have been completed follow:

Abou Ben Adhem, Springfield, Mo.; Almad, East St. Louis, Ill.; Aladdin, Columbus, Ohio; Alcazar, Montgomery, Ala.; Beni Kedem, Charleston, W. Va.; El Jebel, Denver, Colo.; Hamasa, Meridian, Miss.; Khiva, Amarillo, Texas; Khedive, Norfolk, Va.; Kosair, Louisville, Ky.; Mahl, Miami, St. Joseph, Mo.; Moolah, St. Louis, Mo.; Morocco, Jacksonville, Fla.; Moslem, Detroit; Murat, Indianapolis; Scimitar, Little Rock; Tadmor, Akron; Syria, Pittsburgh; Tigris, Syracuse, N. Y.; Lu Lu, Philadelphia; Medinah, Chicago; Nemesis, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Oleika, Lexington, Ky.; Rameses, Toronto, Canada; Tangier, Omaha; Yaarb, Atlanta; Zamora, Birmingham; Al Chymia, Memphis; Alhambra, Chattanooga; Al Malaikah, Los Angeles; Antioch, Dayton, Ohio; Ararat, Kansas City, Mo.; Egypt, Tampa; Ismailia, Buffalo; Kerbel, Knoxville; Aleppo, Boston; Al Koran, Cleveland, Ohio; Almas, Washington, D. C.; Al Menah, Nashville; Isis, Salina, Kan.; Jerusalem, New Orleans; Hella, Dallas; Sahara, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Wahabi, Jackson, Miss.; Syrian, Cincinnati; Bedouin, Muskogee, Okla.; Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa; Mirza, Pittsburg, Kan.; Zem Zem, Erie, Pa.

## Shrine Convention Directors



John Waterman



John Vesey



Lake Hays



Frank Schutt



Fred Goldsmith



SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4, 1940

## NEW HONORS AHEAD FOR PERCY M'DONALD

Slated To Become Master Of  
Lodge Of Perfection

JOHN H. COCKE MOVES UP

Memphian Starts Up Line Of  
Grand Council Of Royal And  
Select Masters of Tennessee  
—Other Grand Lodges Elect

### MASONIC CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEB. 5—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Third Degree.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707—Stated.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
TUESDAY, FEB. 6—  
Memphis Lodge 118—Conferring.  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Stated.  
Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729—Stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Stonewall Chapter No. 280, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Scottish Rite Forum.  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7—  
Park Avenue Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Assembly, Rainbow  
Girls—Stated.  
THURSDAY, FEB. 8—  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Stated.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4—Stated.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
FRIDAY, FEB. 9—  
Woodlawn Chapter No. 74, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
DeSoto Chapter No. 332, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
SATURDAY, FEB. 10—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

### ODD FELLOW CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEB. 5—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—  
Stated.  
TUESDAY, FEB. 6—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7—  
Dark.  
THURSDAY, FEB. 8—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.  
FRIDAY, FEB. 9—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

The week ahead, with the excep-  
tion of a conferring by Stonewall  
Lodge, is devoted entirely to stated  
meetings in the blue lodges.

In the Scottish Rite bodies the  
Lodge of Perfection will elect offi-  
cers on Tuesday for two years.  
Present officers are: E. C. Bon-  
durant, venerable master; W. Percy  
McDonald, senior warden; James  
H. Wolfe, junior warden; John B.  
Vesey, registrar; J. E. Van Trees,  
recording secretary, and Walker M.  
Taylor, representative on the Ca-  
thedral Board. Mr. McDonald will  
probably be given the high post.

After the close of the Scottish  
Rite stated meeting the Forum of  
the Rite will convene. The Rev.  
Marshall Wingfield will elucidate  
the Seventeenth Degree; Ray  
Laughlin, the Eighteenth Degree,  
and Chancellor Lois Bejach will  
lead the discussion.

The Imperial Council session of  
the Shrine at Memphis in June has  
been assured of additional temples  
participating. Noble Fred Dreher  
Jr., recorder of Alcazar Temple of  
Montgomery, Ala., visited Memphis  
and completed arrangements for  
quarters for the band, patrol and  
official family of that temple.

### John Cocke Goes Up In R. & S. M.

John H. Cocke of Memphis was  
started in the grand line of the  
Grand Council of Royal and Select  
Masters of Tennessee at Nashville  
on Monday by being elected grand  
steward. Mr. Cocke has rendered  
exceptional services to the craft.  
He has been master of Angerona  
Lodge, high priest of Penn Chapter,  
eminent commander of St. Elmo  
Commandery, and is now presiding  
over the fourth and last of the  
York Rite bodies, Eureka Council.  
In the Scottish Rite he is equally  
as active and has been honored  
with elevation to Knight Com-  
mander of the Court of Honor.  
Grand Bodies Elect

Paul F. Lanius of Nashville was  
elected grand master of the Grand  
Lodge at Nashville during the  
week. Samuel H. Cooper of John-  
son City was named deputy grand  
master; A. E. McClanahan, Nash-  
ville, junior grand warden; Will W.  
Herron, Trenton, senior grand war-  
den; Fred H. Robin, Harriman, jun-  
ior grand deacon; W. T. Williams,  
Kingsport, grand sword bearer.

Officers elected by the Masonic  
Veterans' Association, a group com-  
prising those who have been Ma-  
sons 21 years or more, were:

W. W. Herron, Trenton, presi-  
dent; Sam H. Cooper, Johnson City,  
vice president for East Tennessee;  
H. O. Edwards, Nashville, vice pres-  
ident Middle Tennessee; J. C. Car-  
son, Jackson, vice president West  
Tennessee; A. W. Lassiter, Tren-  
ton, chaplain, and W. H. Dudley,  
Paris, secretary.

The third degree was conferred  
by the team of McLemore Avenue  
Lodge No. 1, Memphis.

Tony Ludlow of Memphis and A.  
B. McClure of Nashville were  
named lecturers for the state  
Blue Lodges.

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# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 7, 1940

## —And Children Will See Circus



Commissioner Davis (left), yesterday bought the first tickets for the Al Chymia Temple Shrine Circus March 7-13 from Lee Winchester, chief rabban of Al Chymia. The book of tickets will be given to underprivileged children through school teachers.

—Staff Photo by Day

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# HIGH POST AGAIN GOES TO E. C. BONDURANT

Unanimously Renamed Master  
Of Lodge Of Perfection

## STATEDS ON CALENDAR

Leila Scott Will Confer Second  
Degree Thursday Night—  
Shrine To Hold Meeting  
Wednesday

### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 12—  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—  
Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 579—Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22—Stated.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
Tuesday, Feb. 13—  
Memphis Temple No. 119—Stated.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—School.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Summer Avenue Chapter No. 313, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
O. K. Houck Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Stonewall Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Order of DeMolay—Stated.  
Wednesday, Feb. 14—  
Al Chymia Temple—Stated.  
Thursday, Feb. 15—  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Second degree.  
Memphis Lodge No. 119—School.  
Raines Chapter No. 155—Stated.  
Friday, Feb. 16—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.  
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 268, O. E. S.—Initiation.  
Saturday, Feb. 17—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

### ODD FELLOW CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 12—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 4—Stated.  
Richland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—  
Stated.  
Tuesday, Feb. 13—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Wednesday, Feb. 14—  
Dark.  
Thursday, Feb. 15—  
Guyoso Encampment No. 3—Stated.  
Friday, Feb. 16—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

This will be another routine week  
consisting principally of stated  
meetings with a new school as an  
added feature.

Memphis Lodge conferred the  
third degree on Tuesday night and  
the conferring had a better attend-  
ance than usual. The two fine can-  
didates made nice talks after the  
conferring.

Leila Scott Lodge had a second  
degree on Thursday night and  
as this live lodge had over a  
constitutional number for one con-  
ferring of this degree, the second  
degree will again be conferred on  
Thursday upon three candidates.

### E. C. Bondurant Re-elected

In the Scottish Rite on Tuesday  
the Lodge of Perfection unanimous-  
ly re-elected these officers who had  
served it so efficiently during the  
past two years: E. C. Bondurant,  
venerable master; W. Percy Mc-  
Donald, senior warden; James H.  
Wolfe, junior warden; John B. Ve-  
sey, registrar; J. E. Van Trees, re-  
cording secretary, and Walker M.  
Taylor, representative on the Ca-  
thedral Board.

### McClanahan Known Here

Arch McClanahan of Nashville  
was the new officer started in the  
grand line of the Grand Lodge. Mr.  
McClanahan has a host of friends  
in Memphis where he has often vis-  
ited and twice as head of a Tennes-  
see grand body, once as most excel-  
lent grand high priest of the Grand  
Chapter and again as right eminent  
grand commander of the Grand  
Commandery of Knights Templar.  
He will receive a hearty welcome  
when he visits as a Grand Lodge  
officer.

The Shrine has its stated meeting  
on Wednesday night and as the ap-  
proach of the Imperial Council ses-  
sion draws closer these meetings  
will increase in importance. Man-  
aging Director John M. Vesey re-  
ports that the promised attendance  
is increasing almost daily.

But what really has excited the  
Shrine is the circus which Al  
Chymia will sponsor at the Muni-  
cipal Auditorium on March 7-13.  
In it there are 41 acts by noted big-  
top artists. The Masonic fraternity  
should support this affair. Shrine  
will entertain free underprivileged  
children of the city.

### Captain Pritchard Is Dead

Capt. Benjamin F. Pritchard, one  
of the old faithful and highly re-

## Again Re-Elected



E. C. Bondurant

spected members of the fraternity  
recently passed to the Great Be-  
yond at St. Petersburg, Fla. Capt.  
Pritchard was a regular attendant  
at the bodies and had a host of  
friends in them. He was a Spanish  
War veteran and a member of  
Memphis Lodge No. 118 for more  
than 20 years and belonged to Penn  
Chapter, St. Elmo Commandery  
and the Eastern Star.

At the recent convocation of the  
Grand Chapter of Tennessee the  
following were elected: Hugh O.  
Edwards, Nashville, grand high  
priest; W. P. Douglas, Humboldt,  
grand king; Frank M. Quinn, Lou-  
don, grand scribe; A. G. Bowen,  
Nashville, grand treasurer; T. E.  
Doss, Nashville, grand secretary; A.  
P. Walker, Smyrna, grand chap-  
lain; Samuel L. Ragsdale, Mem-  
phis, grand C. of the H.; John T.  
Woodfin, Murfreesboro, grand P.  
S.; Frank K. Harla, Cleveland,  
grand R. A. C.; Otway Yates, Sel-  
mer, grand M. of Third V.; W. R.  
Singleton, Lebanon, grand M. of  
Second V.; S. D. Shamblin, Mary-  
ville, grand M. of First V., and  
B. E. Wooten, Elizabethton, grand  
sentinel. The Grand Chapter was  
rejoiced over a gain in member-  
ship. Grand High Priest Edwards  
has set May 24 for the chapter  
group meeting at Memphis.

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 11, 1940

## SHRINE WILL OPEN OFFICE

Convention To Be Directed From  
Goodwyn Institute

The executive office and official  
headquarters of arrangements for  
the Shrine convention June 11-13,  
will be opened Monday, Feb. 19, on  
the ground floor of the Goodwyn  
Institute Building, former location  
of the Memphis Light, Gas and Wa-  
ter Division, John Vesey, director  
general of the convention, an-  
nounced yesterday.

"The Board of Trustees of the  
Goodwyn Institute, through Clar-  
ence Ogilvie, director, were very  
generous in making it possible for  
us to open our headquarters in this  
central location," Mr. Vesey ex-  
plained. Arrangements will be  
made immediately to install a tele-  
phone switchboard and set up offi-  
ces at the headquarters to provide  
for the various officials who will  
work on the convention.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.,

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13, 1940

## SHRINERS WILL VISIT

Imperial Officers To Attend Al  
Chymia Meeting Tomorrow

Three high officials of the Im-  
perial Shrine will arrive in Mem-  
phis tonight to attend the month-  
ly stated meeting of Al Chymia  
Temple here tomorrow night at 8  
o'clock at the De Voy.

Officials are Karl Rex Hammers  
of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, impe-  
rial marshal; Galloway Calhoun of  
Karem Temple, Waco, Texas, im-  
perial captain of the guard, and E.  
W. Jaycock of Alepto Temple, Bos-  
ton, assistant imperial recorder.

Mr. Jaycock notified John Wa-  
terman, potentate of the local  
Shrine, of their visit. They will  
come here from Pittsburgh and  
will arrive on an L. & N. train at  
9:45 o'clock.



MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 14, 1940

## Gives \$125 For Hospital



Arthur Murray of the Musketeers presented a check for \$125 to Mrs. Snowden Boyle, president of the Crippled Children's Hospital Board, yesterday, as their annual donation to the hospital. The Musketeers is a branch of the Shrine.

—Staff Photo by Day

## SHRINE LEADERS ARRIVE

Executives Are Here To Attend Al Chymia Temple Session

Two executives of the Imperial Shrine arrived in Memphis yesterday to attend the meeting of the Al Chymia Temple at 8 o'clock tonight at the DeVoy.

They are Karl Rex Hammers of Pittsburgh, imperial marshal, and E. W. Jacocks of Richmond, Va., assistant imperial recorder. Two other officials, Judge George H. Rowe of Buffalo, imperial second ceremonial officer, and Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, Texas, captain of the guard, will arrive today.

While here they will discuss plans for the Imperial Shrine meeting here in June.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1940

THE PRESS-SCIMITAR, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

## Prelude to City's Biggest Convention



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo.

Planning the biggest convention in Memphis history—the Imperial Shrine Convention June 11-13—six men met at Hotel Peabody today. Four are visiting Shrine officials, two are Memphis Shriners. They are, left to right, seated: Galloway Calhoun, Tyler, Texas, Imperial Captain of the Guards; Karl Rex Hammers, Pittsburgh, Imperial Marshal; Judge George H. Rowe, Buffalo, Imperial Ceremonial Master. Standing, left to right: Z. Lake Hays, Past Potentate of Al Chymia Temple, Memphis; John B. Vesey, Memphis, director general of the convention, and E. W. Jacocks, Richmond, Va., assistant Imperial Recorder.

Convention features will include:

Two parades of 20,000 uniformed men, including more than 100 musical organizations . . .

And a \$30,000 pageant in Crump Stadium featuring elaborate floats and novelties.

The first parade will be held Tuesday morning, opening day of the convention. It will be the escort to Walter D. Cline, of Wichita Falls, Texas, the Imperial Potentate.

The second parade will be Wednesday night, June 12. It is the big Shrine parade featuring illuminated insignias and other electrical effects on the uniforms of the marchers.

Thursday night, June 13, the civic pageant staged by the local

convention corporation will be held in Crump Stadium. Details will be announced later.

The Shrine convention will open offices in Goodwyn Institute, first floor, Monday. The offices on the Hotel Peabody mezzanine floor will be retained.

In addition to 20,000 uniformed Shriners, from 50,000 to 75,000 others are expected each day.

More than 20 temples will live in a Pullman car city. There will be diners to feed the Shriners of Pullman City. The seven city high schools will be used as dormitories and the cafeterias will be used to feed the visitors. The Chamber of Commerce reports 13,000 rooms are available in private homes.

'LEGION NIGHT'  
AT THE CIRCUSShrine Plans Special Section  
Night of March 8

With Memphis and Mid-South Legionnaires as special guests, "American Legion Night" will be observed on the second night of the Shrine circus, which will be held March 7-13 at the Auditorium, J. A. Waterman, illustrious potentate of Al Chymia Temple, said today.

Legionnaires will occupy a reserved section in the north hall on the night of March 8, according to plans worked out by Dr. Charles C. King, high priest and prophet of the Shrine, with Fred Christenbury, commander, and other officers of the Memphis Post No. 1 and the 40 and 8.

Polack Bros. Circus, which has a record of more than 11 years playing exclusively under auspices of Shrine temples thruout the United States and Canada, will present their 41 top-notch acts at the Auditorium under Al Chymia Temple sponsorship.

The show runs for two and one-half hours. The high-wire Biletti trouble, Capt. Noble Hamiter's performing lions and the original Hippodrome clowns are among the featured acts.

Shriners plan to use profits from the circus to outfit the temple's uniformed units which will participate in activities of the Imperial Council meeting here in June.

Circus headquarters are on the ground floor of Hotel DeVoy.



# THE COVINGTON LEADER.

COVINGTON, TENNESSEE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1940

TWELVE PAGES

## THE WEEK With the World

**RIPLEY:** Ripley and Lauderdale county schools were closed this week because of almost impassable gravel roads and the prevalence of influenza. Average daily attendance was so small that the schools could not afford to remain open, it was reported.

**MEMPHIS:** Memphis will keep its customs collection office. President Roosevelt has rescinded an order abolishing the offices in Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga.

The original order, scheduled to become effective February 22, was designed as an economy move, it was said.

**NEW YORK:** Joe Louis, negro, heavyweight champion of the world, defended his boxing title against Arturo Godoy, South American, Friday night in Madison Square Garden.

Louis won by a decision after 15 rounds of the best opposition he has met since gaining the title.

**ROUND HILL, Va.:** Dr. William E. Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, died Friday of pneumonia at the age of 70. He was a bitter enemy of the Nazi regime.

**WASHINGTON:** Steps are being taken to remedy a situation which was discovered by Senator Tom Stewart of Tennessee last week-end.

It was found that a picture in the White House supposed to be that of Rachel Donelson Jackson, wife of President Andrew Jackson, was instead a portrait of Mrs. Andrew Jackson Jr., wife of President Jackson's adopted son and his official hostess at the White House.

Mrs. Jackson died shortly before her husband was inaugurated for his first term.

**PRESTONBURG, Ky.:** An unmarried woman's baby son was sold to a miner's wife for 25 cents, a health department official reported last Thursday. Asked what she would pay for the unwanted six-month-old child, the miner's wife, mother of two children, said "all I have is 25 cents." The offer was accepted.

**MEMPHIS:** Two State Teachers College students were killed instantly at 6 p. m. Friday when their auto struck a freight train at the crossing at Goodlett and Southern. The two were Beverly Seymour, 22, of near Whiteville, and Miss Peggy Armour, 17, of Memphis.

**MEMPHIS:** Plans are being advanced for the "world's largest convention," the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine's annual meeting which will be held June 11-13. Attendance of more than 25,000 members of the Shrine is already assured.

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# COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15, 1940

## Elaborate Spectacle Mapped For Shrine Convention Here

For the first time in the history of the Imperial Shrine, the convention has been set for Memphis the week of June 10.

An elaborate celebration and entertainment will be staged for the benefit of the 20,000 Shriners who compose the various marching units, it was revealed yesterday following a conference between John Vesey, director general of the Shrine convention officials and of the Imperial Shrine.

The visiting officials, Karl Rex Hammers, Pittsburgh, imperial marshal; Galloway Calhoun, Tyler, Texas, imperial captain of the guards; E. W. Jacobs, Richmond, Va., assistant imperial recorder, and Judge George H. Rowe, Buffalo, imperial ceremonial master, consulted with Memphis officials for the purpose of assisting in setting up the entertainment program.

### Show At Fairgrounds

Ernie Young of Chicago, with his elaborate review of more than 100 beautiful girls and stage stars, will feature a special entertainment at the Fairgrounds for the marching units on Monday night, June 10. This show will be produced at a cost of more than \$10,000. A stage 200 feet wide will be especially designed on the race track and will be converted into an amphitheater to accommodate approximately 25,000. Mr. Vesey told the Imperial Shrine leaders.

Immediately following the stage production, a gigantic display of fireworks will be set off and the Casino ballroom will be open for dancing.

Visiting Imperial Shrine dignitaries will remain through today in order to outline in detail the features of the convention.

### Other Features Discussed

Other features discussed during the various conferences were in relation to two major parades, one on Tuesday morning, June 11, and the other on Wednesday evening, June 12. In addition, there will be a spectacular pageant displaying floats and other exhibitions at Crump Stadium on Thursday night.

"There is more interest this year in the Shrine Convention coming to Memphis than has been evidenced among Shrine members for the past 10 years," Mr. Hammers stated. "The local committees under direction of Mr. Vesey are handling all of the details in a praiseworthy fashion and Memphis will be host to more people than have probably visited the city at any one particular time in its history."

Mr. Vesey outlined plans for accommodating between 50,000 and 75,000 visitors, explaining that reservations will be made in all hotels, apartment houses, city schools, and that Pullman car cities will be established on siding tracks in the city.



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22, 1940

## Miss Woodmansee Is Chosen Shrine Princess For Carnival

Selection Announced At Annual Potentate Ball—  
Prince Will Be William F. Bowld Jr.

MISS MARGIE WOODMANSEE was announced as Shrine Princess for the 1940 Cotton Carnival May 14-18 at the annual Shrine Potentate Ball last night at the Peabody.

The selection of the daughter of W. A. Woodmansee, recorder of Al Chymia Temple, and Mrs. Woodmansee was made by J. A. Waterman, potentate, as a climax to the ball which honors the potentate and his wife.

Her prince will be William F. Bowld Jr., son of another prominent Shriner.

Princess Margie will be honored with Prince William at the Shrine Cotton Carnival Ball. Dates for the club balls have not been announced.

### Tech Glee Club Member

Miss Woodmansee is a member of the Tech High School Glee Club. She has light brown, curly hair and blue eyes. She likes to dance, with swimming and picture shows as her next favorite recreations.

Miss Dixie McElravy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McElravy, was Shrine princess last year. Her prince was Ainslie Pryor.

Miss Woodmansee is the second princess to be announced for the Carnival.

## SHRINE CONVENTION OPPORTUNITY CITED

### Mississippi Group Urged To Aid In Advertising MidSouth

The possibilities the Imperial Shrine convention offers the Mid-South from an advertising standpoint were pointed out last night at a special meeting of the Northeast Mississippi Shrine Club at the Peabody.

The meeting was called by Director General John Vesey to outline the plan for towns in the Memphis territory to "adopt" visiting Shrine Temples when the convention opens the week of June 10.

### Points Out Opportunity

"The men coming to this convention represent the business, civic and industrial leaders of the country. We will never have a better opportunity to promote this territory, from an industrial as well as tourist point of view," Ralph Logsdon, head of the Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, told the 50 Shrine delegates.

"Most every part of the country today spends large sums of money to advertise the particular features of their section or state. But in the Imperial Shrine convention we have a chance to advertise the MidSouth and at no cost except a little personal effort," Mr. Vesey pointed out.

### Committee Formed

To co-operate with the Memphis Committee, an organization will be perfected in Mississippi in order that towns within the trade area will be able to share in the promotion of the convention activities. A committee of seven men, of which James Christman, of Calhoun City was elected president, was named to set up the Mississippi organization. Other members of the committee appointed are O. B. Gilmore, Pontotoc; Dr. W. L. Aycock, Calhoun City; W. L. Holland, Amory; T. H. Curtis, Tupelo; Fred H. McGehee, Okolona, and Floyd Cunningham, Booneville.

A similar organization has been set up in Arkansas and one will be organized in West Tennessee. When all three groups have been organized, a general committee will be set up comprising members from the TriStates.

## Joins Royalty For 1940 Cotton Fete



Miss Margie Woodmansee

—Photo by Avery N. Str...

FEBRUARY 22, 1940



## They'll Get To See The Circus



Children at the Baptist Good Will Center yesterday received a block of tickets for the Shrine Circus through the courtesy of the Dollar Shoe Club. Distributing tickets yesterday were Mrs. W. C. Wilcox, publicity chairman of the club, and A. Lee Gordon, oriental guide of Al Chymia Temple.

—Staff Photo by Day

## CIRCUS WILL BE TREAT FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED

### Children Will Attend Show Sponsored By Shrine

Generous Memphis clubs, business concerns and individuals are co-operating with Al Chymia Temple in a campaign to have every underprivileged child attend the Polack Bros. Circus at the Auditorium March 7 to 13.

Many books of tickets for matinee performances have been purchased by Memphians and turned over to organizations for distribution to children.

Matinees will be held March 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13, starting at 3:30 o'clock except on Saturday, March 9, when the performance gets under way at 2:15 o'clock.

Persons interested in aiding groups of children may telephone Shrine Circus headquarters in the DeVoy. The number is 8-3324.

Polack Bros. will bring 41 all-star acts here and the show will be augmented by several acts now playing on the West Coast.

Proceeds of the circus will be used by Shriners to equip their uniformed units for activities of the Imperial Council Convention here in June.

## MISSISSIPPI SHRINERS PLAN FOR CONVENTION

### Unit Of Welcoming Committee To Be Formed Tonight

Organization of the Northeast Mississippi unit of the Shrine Welcoming Committee for the Imperial Shrine Convention, scheduled for Memphis the week of June 10, will be perfected tonight at a meeting of the Northeast Mississippi Shrine Club at the Peabody, John Vesey, director general of the convention, announced.

More than 35 representatives from various towns are planning to attend the meeting, J. M. Chrestman, president, said. The organization is similar to the one already set up in Arkansas with A. M. Bradford, attorney of Forrest City, as president. The West Tennessee unit will be organized in the near future, Mr. Vesey explained. When all three units have been organized, a general meeting will be held, officers elected and a MidSouth organization established.

Purpose is to join the MidSouth closer with Memphis in celebration of the Shrine convention which will bring more than 50,000 visitors from all over the country to this territory. Tentative plans call for committees to "adopt" a Shrine Temple that is planning to send representatives to the convention. The "adopted" temples will visit the different towns either before arriving in Memphis or at some period during the convention.

THE PRESS-SCIMITAR, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1940

## SHRINE HOUSING 'WELL IN HAND'

### Five City High Schools to Be Turned Into Dormitories

"Well in hand," was the way John Vesey described the housing situation for the 1940 Shrine convention the week of June 10.

Mr. Vesey, director general, said all hotels were full, plans have been made to turn five city high schools into dormitories and that some 8000 delegates would sleep in Pullmans while here. Al Chymia Imperial Convention, Inc., is handling all arrangements.

Meanwhile, out-of-town officials of other temples continue to arrive in Memphis to make advance plans. Les E. Walton of Springfield, Mo., national secretary of the Royal Order of Jesters, is in the city now to prepare for the national Jesters' convention Monday, June 10. The Jesters, who also are Shriners, meet each year at the same time of the Shrine convention.

Harvey Beffa, head of Moolah Temple at St. Louis, will arrive today to plan the housing of 350 St. Louis delegates.

Mr. Vesey said a parade with all Mid-South towns taking part would probably be held Monday, June 10. Plans are also being made for a series of broadcasts over WMC by towns in the Mid-South.

THE COVINGTON LEADER, COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

Thursday Afternoon, February 29, 1940

## Shrine Will Bring 50,000 to Memphis

Advance registration by Temples for the Imperial Shrine Convention in Memphis the week of June 10, indicates that it will be the best attended meeting of this nationally famous organization in 10 years, John Vesey, director general, announced yesterday.

"Already 63 Temples from all over the country have filed official registration and the registration committee has additional requests which, when completed, will bring the total to around 80," Mr. Vesey explained. The largest number of Shriners to attend the convention through representation of Temples was in Detroit several years ago, officially listed at 76.

This registration by Temples means there will be more than 25,000 men represented in the various marching units and that the attendance generally will run well over 50,000, the largest convention ever held in the Mid-South.

The historic Mid-South Fairground will be converted into a huge outdoor theatre and a special revue provided by Ernie Young of Chicago, casting a show of more than 100 pretty chorus girls and stage stars, will entertain these delegates with a two-hour revue.

## HURRY UP WITH SHRINE SLOGANS

### Deadline for Entries May Be Two Weeks Earlier

Write them short and write them fast if you're entering the Shrine-Press-Scimitar slogan contest.

For the deadline on the contest, originally set for April 1, may be moved up to March 15, John Vesey, Shrine convention general director, said today.

Due to the prospect of getting better national hookups to play the Shrine song, which is also to be se-

lected, there may be an earlier deadline, Mr. Vesey said.

For the best song and slogan \$50 is offered for each.

Today Mr. Vesey appointed contest judges. Song judges will be:

Roy Moore	Lawrence Levy
James Hanrahan	Bob Albury
John Cleghorn	Hoyt Woolen

Slogan judges will be:

Merrill Kremer	Plez Pettit
John Waterman	Bernard Cohn
Mrs. E. W. Hale	

Mr. Vesey reported many of the slogans turned in were too long. "Use three or four words in your slogans," he suggested today.



## They'll Perform In Memphis



Marie (left) and Helen Jordan, teeterboard and comedy acrobats, will come to Memphis from the West Coast to join Polack Brothers Circus which will be given under Al Chymia Temple sponsorship at the Auditorium, March 7 to 13.

## SHRINE CIRCUS STIRS INTEREST IN MIDSOUTH

### Temples Enthusiastically Await March 7-13 Show

An enthusiastic response to the Al Chymia Temple's circus at the Auditorium, March 7 to 13, has been received from Shrine temples throughout the TriStates, J. A. Waterman, general chairman of the Circus Committee, said yesterday.

"All indications point to a record-breaking attendance," Mr. Waterman said. "We expect to have many more visitors from the Memphis territory than we had four years ago when we presented the famous Polack Bros. Circus."

The Polack Circus will present 41 professional acts. Arrangements have been completed by the management to bring several new acts from the West Coast to join the show in Memphis.

Shriners have opened headquarters in the DeVoy. Information may be obtained by telephoning 8-3324.

## 2 SECTION III

### BLUE LODGES LAUNCH DEGREE CONFERRINGS

Schools, Too, Hold Attention Of Masonic Bodies

#### CHAPTER TO MEET MONDAY

John H. Cocke Will Preside, For First Time In His Official Rank As Illustrious Master Over Eureka Council

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 19—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Third Degree.  
Memphis Chapter No. 95—Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—First Degree.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—Second Degree.  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—Stated.  
Tuesday, Feb. 20—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Third Degree at 7:30 p.m.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—School.  
The Forum—Regular Meeting.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Second Degree.  
Wednesday, Feb. 21—  
Eureka Council No. 6—Stated and Work.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—Special at noon.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205—O. E. S. initiation.  
Thursday, Feb. 22—  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Second Degree.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—School.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—Third Degree.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Degrees.  
Friday, Feb. 23—  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.—Party at 8:00.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Third degree.  
Saturday, Feb. 24—  
Park Avenue Bodies—Banquet.

#### ODD FELLOW CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 19—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—Stated.  
Tuesday, Feb. 20—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Wednesday, Feb. 21—  
Dark.  
Thursday, Feb. 22—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.  
Friday, Feb. 23—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM

Fraternal Editor

Work among the blue lodges during the week consists of one conferring of the First Degree, four of the Second Degree, five of the Third Degree and three schools.

The Scottish Rite bodies will hold their forum meeting on Tuesday night when the three leaders of that body, the Rev. Marshall Wingfield, Chancellor Lois Bejach and Brother Ray Laughlin, will enlighten the brethren on the tenets and teachings of three more of the Rite degrees.

Memphis Chapter will have its regular stated meeting tomorrow night and work is likely to follow immediately thereafter.

#### Cryptic Degrees On Schedule

Eureka Council will have its meeting, the first one this year, on Wednesday, the first stated meeting that Illustrious Master John H. Cocke will preside over. As this worthy companion has been honored by the Grand Council of Tennessee a fine attendance is sure to greet him. Work in the two cryptic degrees is scheduled.

Park Avenue starts off the week with the stated conclave of Park Avenue Commandery, followed by an educational meeting which promises to be interesting; all sir knights are requested to attend in uniform.

Park Avenue Lodge will confer the second degree on Tuesday night and the third degree on Friday night and Park Avenue chapter will confer its degrees on Thursday night. This program looks like real work for the Park Avenue bodies with the new officers taking the lead. . . . .

#### Sponsor Boy Scout Troop

Park Avenue bodies are sponsoring a Boy Scout organization, known as Troop No. 74 and on Saturday night will give a banquet to the parents and friends of the boys of the troop in the lodge dining room on Cooper Avenue. Members of the bodies are requested to attend.

Memphis Lodge had a well attended stated meeting. This lodge is progressing nicely as the slate for the month consists of conferrings of the First Degree on four; one the Second and four, the Third. The First Degree will be conferred tomorrow night.

Leila Scott had a large class for the Second Degree and will stage its second conferring of this degree on four candidates Thursday night.

#### Shrine Divan Members Here

The directors of the Imperial Council meeting of the Shrine were honored during the week with distinguished visitors in the persons of Illustrious Nobles Galloway Calhoun of Texas, Karl R. Hammers of Pittsburgh and George H. Rowe of Buffalo. All are members of the Imperial Divan, the governing body of Shrinedom in North America. They made final arrangements for the housing of that distinguished body at the mammoth meeting here this Summer.



## Shrine Plans Are Completed For Annual Potentate's Ball

Al Chymia Celebration Will Be Held Wednesday  
Night In Continental Ballroom

Palms and ferns will transform the Continental Ballroom of the Peabody into a bower of greenery Wednesday night for the annual Potentate's Ball of Al Chymia Temple, complimenting Potentate and Mrs. J. A. Waterman. The Al Chymia emblem, blazoned in colored lights, will light one end of the ballroom, and red and gold flowers will carry out the fraternal colors.

Mrs. Waterman will wear a formal dress of white French crepe studded with rhinestones, and Mrs. Paul H. Martin, wife of the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, receiving with her husband, will be attired in a bouffant model of black net, with a corsage of gardenias. Mrs. Waterman's flowers will be orchids.

The party will be a double celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Martin, because the dance falls on their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

### Dancing From 10 'Til 2

Dancing will be from 10 to 2 o'clock, to the music of Smiling Bill Thompson's orchestra. More than 500 Shriners, their wives and friends are expected to attend. Officers of the Divan, with their wives, will compose the Reception Committee.

They are Lee Winchester, chief rabban; Lois D. Bejach, assistant rabban; Dr. C. C. King, high priest and prophet; A. L. Gordon, Oriental guide; J. F. Ramier, treasurer; W. A. Woodmansee, recorder, and Mr. Martin.

At the table with Potentate and Mrs. Waterman will be former Potentate and Mrs. Lake Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodmansee, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Winchester and Chancellor and Mrs. Bejach. With Mr. and Mrs. Tom Deaton will be Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thweatt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guenther, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Pritchard and Mr. and Mrs. Wray Williams.

### Reservations Made

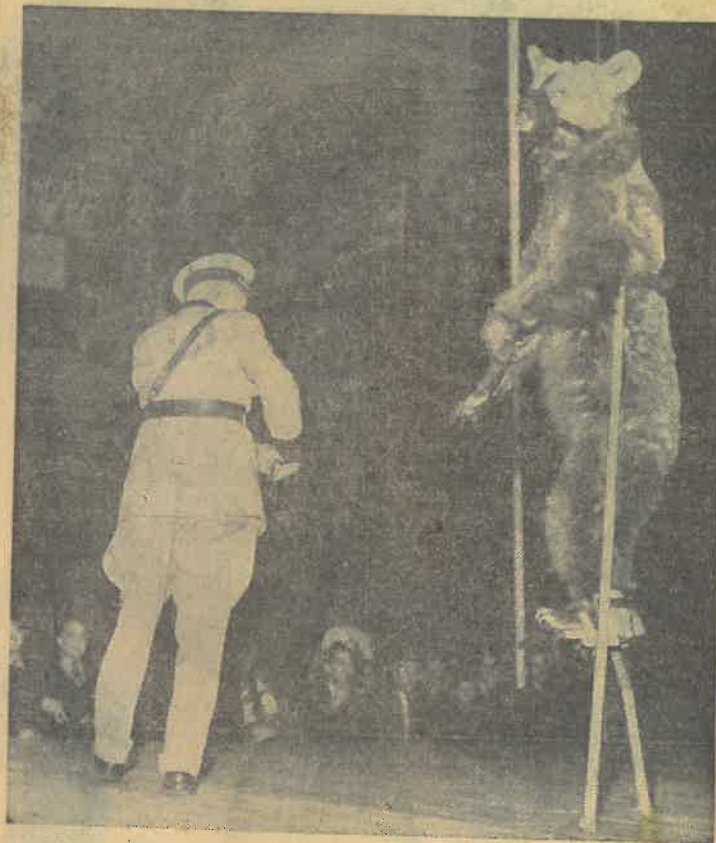
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Apperson will sit with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Erlicher, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Brindley, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Steinkamp, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilhelm.

Others making reservations are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sater, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Block, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Silverberg, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bronstein, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Sheats, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bowld, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McDonald, J. C. Hankins and guest, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Meissler, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zderard, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meroney, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tyner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. James I. Seago, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Sherwood and Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Lyons.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1940

## THEY'LL PERFORM AT SHRINE CIRCUS



Here is Capt. John Snyder and one of his trained bears which will walk on stilts and do many other stunts at the Shrine-Polack Bros. Circus at the Auditorium March 7-13. Al Chymia Temple is sponsoring the circus in Memphis.

## SHRINE CIRCUS TICKETS READY

Attraction at Auditorium  
March 7 to 13

Tickets for the Polack Bros. Circus are on sale at 40 Arrow Drug Stores in Memphis. J. A. Waterman, illustrious potentate of Al Chymia Temple, said today.

In addition to the sale at the stores, tickets may be obtained at Shrine Circus headquarters in the DeVoy Hotel. Books of tickets also have been distributed to members of the temple, sponsors of the showing.

The indoor circus will be presented at Ellis Auditorium March 7 to 13. Five matinees and six night performances have been scheduled. No show will be held on Sunday, March 10.

Plans for the circus, which played in Memphis four years ago under the temple's sponsorship, are going ahead in addition to the Imperial Council meeting, which will be held in June. W. A. Woodmansee, recorder, said. Profits from the entertainment will be used to outfit the uniformed units, which will participate in parades and other activities of the giant Shrine gathering.

FEBRUARY 21, 1940

## Shrine Potentate Ball at Peabody

Reservations for the Shrine Potentate Ball, at Hotel Peabody tonight should be made at the Peabody.

The ball will honor John Waterman, potentate. Paul Martin is chairman and Tom Deaton is co-chairman.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20, 1940

## SHRINE SELECTS HEAD FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

W. F. Apperson Will Direct  
Campaign Unit

Chairman this year for the Shrine Division of the Red Cross Roll Call will be W. F. Apperson. Sales manager for the National Burial Insurance Co., Mr. Apperson was appointed yesterday at the suggestion of John A. Waterman, Shrine potentate here.

Two other Roll Call leaders for the American Legion Division, Fred Bertorelli and Paul Jones, completed their plans at the weekly luncheon at Gerber's, according to Mark F. Heffernan, Tenth District Legion commander.

Solicitation this year will be March 1 to 15.

Scheduled for tonight, a Red Cross meeting of the Council of Civic Clubs was postponed until next Monday. Horace Delaney is general chairman for the Civic Clubs.

Miss Mary Poston, executive secretary of the Memphis Chapter of Red Cross, said yesterday after a talk with Chief of Police Lee that it is permissible to place the Red Cross stickers for cars on the rear window, but not on the windshield.

The Red Cross Finnish Relief Fund received a \$10 check yesterday from Union City, Tenn. It was signed by E. M. Stone, made out to and indorsed by C. B. Dement.







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## SHRINERS TO ARRANGE ENTERTAINMENT PLANS

Many Phases For Convention To Be Settled This Week

ANTICIPATE BIG REVUE

100 Pretty Girls Will Be Featured In Event At Fairgrounds—64 Temples Make Reservations For Meeting

Many phases of the entertainment program for the Imperial Shrine Convention in June will be worked out this week, John Vesey, director general reported yesterday.

"We expect to settle definitely our plans for the entertainment of 20,000 Shriners, members of the various marching units, probably by Wednesday. We anticipate having an elaborate revue, featuring 100 pretty girls, staged in an amphitheater on the race track at the Fairgrounds," Mr. Vesey said.

### Welcoming Plans Made

This feature of the convention has been tentatively set for Monday night, June 10, the day before the convention officially opens. Decisions regarding ceremonies at Ellis Auditorium and Crump Stadium also will be ironed out shortly.

Meanwhile, organization of the MidSouth Welcoming Committee for the convention is rapidly being perfected. Officers were named yesterday for the West Tennessee Division.

## They'll Be On Hand To Greet Shriners



vision. They are Lacey Price, of Jackson, president; Charles E. Stull, Savannah, vice president, and J. R.

Parnell, of Counce, secretary.

Completion of the organization will be attained at a special meeting in Jackson, the date to be set later. The Mississippi unit has been set up and the Arkansas Committee is already in action.

### 64 Temples Coming

When all the organization work has been finished a general meeting will be held in Memphis and the three units consolidated. The purpose of the organization is for the towns in the MidSouth to "adopt" visiting Shrine Temples and arrange for entertainment in the surrounding communities.

The promise that it will be the largest convention of the Imperial Shrine in recent years is near being fulfilled even at this early date. Already 64 temples have officially filed reservation requests, 20 more than attended the convention in Baltimore last year.

Officers of the West Tennessee Division of the Shrine Welcoming Committee for Imperial Shrine Convention to be held in Memphis the week of June 10, elected yesterday are Charles E. Stull (left) of Savannah, vice president; Lacey Price (center), of Jackson, president; and J. R. Parnell, mayor of Counce, secretary.

MARCH 3, 1940

## The Clowns Are Coming



Always a hit with circusgoers is the clown alley and Polack Bros. will bring what they claim is one of the Nation's best set of funmakers to the Auditorium Thursday under Al Chymia Temple sponsorship.

## Shrine's Circus Opens Thursday

Polack Bros. Schedule 11 Performances

AN indoor circus which claims to offer as many thrills as any of the "big tent" shows moves into Memphis this week for 11 performances, opening Thursday night in the big North Hall of Ellis Auditorium.

The Polack Bros. Circus, now playing in Montgomery, Ala., will arrive here Wednesday for its engagement under auspices of Al Chymia Temple. Five matinees have been booked and six night performances, with the show closing on March 13. There will be no show on Sunday, March 10.

The Brothers Polack have been touring the Nation and Canada for 14 years, appearing exclusively under sponsorship of Shrine Temples. Forty-one acts are included, and the show lasts for two and a half hours.

High wire acrobatic acts, performed without the benefit of safety nets, and a 100-foot head slide on a wire are included on the menu. The slide is made by a member of the Ed Billetti troupe.

For the children (and grownups) will be Eugene Randow and his clown acts. And there will be "Mona," the mammoth young elephant which turns around in the middle of a narrow plank. Capt. John Snyder will be on hand with his bears. The bruins will ride bicycles, walk stilts, roller skate and perform other antics which always delight the little folks.

Al Chymia Temple has made arrangements through the co-operation of Memphis business firms and individuals to have underprivileged children attend matinees on Friday and Tuesday, March 12.



MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1940

## SHRINERS' MEET TO SPREAD OUT OVER MID-SOUTH

**A 'Convention' to Make Plans  
For Convention Will Be  
Held Here in April**

Shrine officials announced today plans to spread the 1940 Shrine Convention from Memphis to scores of Mid-South towns. They said the affair is looming so large, a convention to plan a convention will be held in Memphis.

More than 300 delegates from Mid-South Shrine temples will hold at least a one-day meeting in Memphis in April.

At this meeting, each Shrine temple of this territory will "adopt" one of the temples outside the Mid-South.

### 'Adoption' Plan

For instance, the Helena, Ark. temple might "adopt" the Sioux City, Iowa temple. The mayor or some other high official of Helena would be invited to make a talk about Helena over radio station WMC. The speech would be electrically transcribed and the transcription sent to Sioux City along with an invitation for the delegates from there to visit Helena before, after or during the June convention in Memphis. Using this merely as an example, the Helena temple then would be encouraged to stage a parade and other festivities at Helena for the Sioux City delegates.

Object of this movement is to display not only the advantages of Memphis, but the advantages of the Mid-South to the expected 25,000 visitors from all parts of the nation.

All the Mid-South temples will be invited to join in another parade added to the convention schedule for Monday night, June 10.

Delegates to the April convention will be those appointed by Mid-South temples as members of welcome committees to the Imperial Shrine convention.

### Largest Convention

In every way, the Memphis convention appeared today to be taking on the shape of the largest Shrine convention in history.

Sixty-four temples already have made reservations, more than three months ahead of time. That is 50 per cent more than the number of reservations made for the Baltimore convention last year at the time of the convention.

Plans for a great entertainment feature call for 20,000 seats to be built around the Mid-South Fair racetrack and for a mammoth two-hour show to be held in the oval center of the track on Monday night, June 10, following the Mid-South parade. Plans are to bring Ernie Young's famous show including a 100-girl revue, which has appeared at two World Fairs.

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# COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, 1940

## VESEY LEAVES ON TRIP

**Shrine Convention Leader To Confer On Buying Large Spotlights**

John Vesey, director-general of the Shrine Convention to be held in Memphis the week of June 10, left last night for Dallas, Texas, where he will confer today with Harry Little, owner of a large scenic and lighting studio, regarding the purchase of 20 large serachlights and six mammoth klieg spotlights to be used at one of the impressive Shrine ceremonies at Crump Stadium.

Mr. Vesey also will consult with a Hollywood designer while in Dallas regarding the construction of 15 elaborate floats to be used in one of the convention parades. The floats are to be built in Memphis.

Mr. Little has some of the property used by Billy Rose during his extravaganza at the Texas Centennial celebration at Fort Worth.

The Shrine Convention is expected to attract approximately 50,000 delegates and visitors to Memphis.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1940

## Epoch-Making Shrine Pageant Planned For Convention Here

The director of the Imperial Shrine Convention's epoch-making electrical motion picture pageant at Crump Stadium on June 13 arrived in Memphis yesterday by plane and conferred with the directors of Al Chymia Imperial Convention, Inc., an organization formed to handle convention arrangements.

He is Fred J. Tabery, executive vice president of Menard & Tabery, Inc., the concern which designed and built the electrical motion picture pageant display for the Shrine Convention at Los Angeles in 1938. The company is in constant demand by Hollywood producers to design and build motion picture settings, Shrine officials said. It has also designed floats for the Tournament of Roses pageant.

### To Return in April

Members of the Board of Directors who conferred with Mr. Tabery were John Vesey, director-general of the convention, Fred Goldsmith, John Waterman, Frank Schutt and Lake Hays.

Mr. Tabery plans to return to Memphis April 1 with a host of technicians to begin preliminary work for the parade and pageant.

MidSouth parade lovers will be treated to the sight of hundreds of Southern beauties mounted on gigantic floats each illuminated by 1000 lights, many of them of 500 watt power.

A 50-foot "dragon," made in China at a cost of \$12,000, will be one of the highlights of the spectacle. Mr. Tabery said.

Thirty Klieg lights, each 36 inches



**Fred J. Tabery**  
—Staff Photo by Day

in diameter, will throw their powerful beams on the Crump Stadium pageant, according to present plans. Many bands will take part in the show.

There will be elaborate street decorations for the Shrine festivities, officials said.



## MASONIC FRATERNITY FACING BUSY WEEK

Park Avenue Commandery Will  
Confer Order Of Temple

### SHRINE TO HOLD MEETING

Easter Service Will Be Held In  
Overton Park, Weather Per-  
mitting—Blue Lodges Sched-  
ule District Meeting

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, March 11—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—First Degree.  
McClure Avenue Lodge No. 715—  
Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 599—Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22—Stated.  
Memphis Assembly Rainbow Girls—Ini-  
tiation.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Third Degree.  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—Order  
of the Temple.  
Tuesday, March 12—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Stated.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 64, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Summer Avenue Chapter No. 313, O. E.  
S.—Stated.  
O. A. Mouck Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Stonewall Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Order of DeMolay—Stated.  
Wednesday, March 13—  
Al Chymia Temple—Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Third Degree.  
Thursday, March 14—  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Stated.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4—Stated  
and election.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
Friday, March 15—  
De Soto Lodge No. 299—Second Degree.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—First De-  
gree.  
Shrine Band rehearsal.  
Saturday, March 16—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

#### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

Monday, March 11—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights Lodge No. 548—  
Stated.  
Tuesday, March 12—  
Memphis Lodge No. 4—Stated.  
Wednesday, March 13—  
Dark.  
Thursday, March 14—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.  
Friday, March 15—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

The calendar for the week is a  
full and varied one and one of in-  
terest to all branches of the Ma-  
sonic fraternity, especially the  
Knights Templar.

The Past Commanders Associ-  
ation conferred the Knight of Mal-  
ta order in full ceremonial on Mon-  
day night in the asylum of Park  
Avenue Commandery. The large  
cast of this order was nearly com-  
plete and the ceremonial was con-  
ducted in an impressive manner,  
thereby continuing the sublime and  
Christian teaching of this exalted  
order. Refreshments were served.

Park Avenue Commandery No.  
31 will confer the Order of the  
Temple tomorrow night.

#### Memphis Lodge Has Visitors

Memphis Lodge No. 118 con-  
ferred the third degree on four  
candidates on Tuesday night and had  
a fine attendance including  
visitors, some from Arkansas and Mis-  
sissippi. This lodge will hold its  
regular stated meeting on Tuesday  
night.

Park Avenue will have its stated  
meeting on Tuesday night and after  
routine business a travel movie on  
Mexico will be presented by the  
courtesy of the Missouri Pacific  
Railway.

The first degree will be con-  
ferred by this lodge on Friday night.  
There will be five candidates with  
the work being done by teams from  
Swift & Co. employees, Leila Scott  
Lodge No. 289 and Whitehaven  
Lodge. The work will start at 6  
o'clock.

#### Shrine Has Busy Week

Shrine activities for the week  
consist of its stated meeting on  
Wednesday night. Many important  
matters will come up. Potentate  
Waterman is anticipating a large  
attendance. The patrol drills as  
usual on Monday night and from  
now until the Imperial Council  
meeting Al Chymia's splendid band  
will have rehearsals on every Fri-  
day night at the DeVoy. These  
uniform bodies are expected to  
bring great credit to Al Chymia  
before the assembled nobility of  
North America in June and full  
attendances are urged by the lead-  
ers of both units.

The circus sponsored by the  
Shrine is in full swing and will run  
through Wednesday, with a mat-  
inee today and with matinee and  
night performances later. The show  
is a good one and all should patron-  
ize it.

Future events of interest will be  
the district meeting of the Shelby  
County lodges at Park Avenue  
Lodge rooms on March 29 and the  
Knights Templar Easter services,  
which, weather permitting, will be  
held in the Shell at Overton Park.

#### Robert E. Risk Elected

Robert E. Risk, long a stalwart  
in Masonry, was elected eminent  
commander of St. Elmo Comman-  
dery on Thursday. To serve with  
Mr. Risk were elected: H. J. Goza,  
generalissimo; William J. Randle,  
captain general; James H. Herring,  
senior warden; Warfield K.  
Jaquess, junior warden; William  
F. Widgery, prelate; June D. Allen,  
treasurer; William H. Tester, re-  
corder; M. Paul Horsley, standard  
bearer; William Fred Taylor,  
sword bearer; Homer McBride,  
warden and William M. Parker,  
sentinel.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1940

THE PRESS-SCIMITAR, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

## Shrine Warns Merchants Against Fake Solicitors

'Number of Rackets May Be Worked,' Says  
Vesey; 'Demand Identification Letter'

Efforts of individuals to promote  
activities for private gain in con-  
nection with the coming June Shrine  
convention in Memphis led John B.  
Vesey, director general, to warn the  
Memphis Merchants Association  
against solicitation by unauthorized  
persons.

The warning was issued after  
Shrine convention officials had  
learned that merchants had been  
approached by persons attempting  
to promote decorative schemes,  
programs and souvenirs.

Mr. Vesey's letter to T. A. Robin-  
son, secretary of the Merchants  
Exchange, said:

"Attention has been called to the  
fact that a number of rackets may  
be worked on the merchants of  
Memphis prior to the Shrine Impe-  
rial Council session to be held in  
June. I am told that someone is  
promoting a street car guide and  
asking merchants to take ads to  
pay for it. There is another case  
involving some kind of program,  
and another involving souvenirs of  
various types.

#### Private Enterprises

"No such enterprises have the  
official sanction of the Shrine Con-  
vention Corporation. It is planned  
by the corporation to issue an offi-  
cial guide and program which may  
or may not contain ads, but if ads  
are solicited there will be just a  
few to cover cost of printing.

"When all the good, civic-minded  
citizens of Memphis are working  
to make Memphis' greatest conven-  
tion the merchants to know that  
whenever an ad is solicited or any

other request is made for the con-  
vention, the solicitor will be pro-  
vided with an official identification  
letter authorizing him to make  
such solicitation.

"Please inform the merchants in  
your organization not to buy ads  
or provide funds or purchase street  
decorations unless the solicitor can  
produce his official appointment  
from us. We do not presume to  
tell merchants how they should  
spend their money, but do feel that  
we have a definite obligation to  
prevent their being sold anything  
on the theory that they are co-op-  
erating with this great convention  
when, as a matter of fact, it is  
someone's individual, commercial  
proposition.

#### Official Decorator

"Our convention will have an of-  
ficial decorator whose decorations  
will be in harmony with the beau-  
tiful street decorations we have al-  
ready purchased. We will have an  
official guide, or program of events,  
and we may give official sanction  
to some suitable souvenir, etc., but  
in that case we will control the  
price asked and it will be a fair  
price based on the merchandise to  
be delivered.

"You are assured of our con-  
tinued co-operation to prevent mer-  
chants and friends from being so-  
licited for the self-gain of indi-  
viduals."

When the plan to bring the  
Shrine convention to Memphis was  
launched last summer Memphis  
business interests subscribed \$50,000  
to the convention fund.

## The Show Brings Memories



The thoughts of Mrs. Pearl Castang of the Home for Incur-  
ables went back many years yesterday to the days when she  
was an equestrienne in the Hagenback-Wallace show. She was  
guest of her brother-in-law, Reuben Castang, at the Shrine Cir-  
cus matinee at the Auditorium.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell

## She Was Once A Star Herself And Circus Still Thrills Her

Not a child in the audience en-  
joyed the Shrine Circus yesterday  
afternoon more than the slight,  
gray-haired, physically handicapped  
little lady sitting in the box.

Her eyes sparkled with excite-  
ment, her hands kept applauding  
and applauding, she smiled with  
the clowns, held her breath at the  
thrilling feats.

She was Pearl Castang, once one  
of circudom's most graceful and  
attractive equestriennes, and one  
of the more daring of the big tent's  
wild animal trainers. She had been  
star performer in the circus ring  
and cages with such shows as Ha-  
genbeck-Wallace and John Robin-  
son.

That was before the night in 1918

when, while attending a farewell  
party given her by fellow troupers  
in Denver, which she was leaving  
next morning to enter the movies  
with her animals, she suffered a  
paralytic stroke.

Mrs. Castang lives at the Home  
for Incurables. She is the widow of  
the late Phil Castang, former su-  
perintendent of the Memphis Zoo  
who died and is buried here.

She was the guest at the Shrine  
Circus of Reuben Castang, her  
brother-in-law, whose troupe of  
performing chimpanzees is one of  
the show's features.

"It was wonderful," Mrs. Castang  
said after the performance. "Only  
one thing was lacking. Pink lemon-  
ade. How I used to love it."



THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1940

**DEADLINE FRIDAY  
ON SHRINE SLOGANS**

Midnight tomorrow is the deadline for entering the Shrine slogan and song contest.

The Shrine will pay \$50 for the best short slogan and \$50 for the best song (both words and music) submitted. Both the slogan and song must have as their theme the big Shrine convention to be held in Memphis in June.

Entries should be mailed to Shrine Contest Editor at The Press-Scimitar, or Shrine Convention Headquarters, Goodwyn Institute Building.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1940

**Million-Dollar Shrine  
Show to Be Staged Here**

**At Crump Stadium During Convention;  
Famed Film Artist to Design Floats**

A million-dollar show for Memphis during the Imperial Shrine Convention in June was announced today.

The show will be held at Crump Stadium Thursday night, June 13.

It will be called the "Electrical Motion Picture Pageant." Hollywood will be brought to Memphis.

Director General John Vesey of the Shrine Convention announced today that the instruments and uniforms of all the Shrine temple bands to take part combined with the value of the floats will amount to more than \$1,000,000.

**Designing Begins Soon**

Already at work designing the mammoth floats is Fred J. Tabery, famous Hollywood movie set designer. He and four assistant technicians will be in Memphis April 1 to start actual construction. Mr. Tabery was chief designer for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses floats for many years.

All floats in the Shrine pageant will be made from material loaned from major motion picture studios. The studios will sponsor the floats, which will be brilliantly lighted, each on a chassis with its own generator.

There will be at least a dozen elaborate floats.

No special theme has been set. We will allow Mr. Tabery to let

his genius run wild," Mr. Vesey said. "Each float will be a spectacular, elaborate spectacle."

**Two-Hour Parade**

The pageant, parading Mr. Tabery's creations and all the bands, will last at least two hours. About 25,000 people are expected to view the spectacle.

"We are bringing movieland to Memphis," Mr. Vesey said. "We will have scores of beautiful girls upon the floats."

As plans roll forward for the largest convention in Mid-South history, welcome committees are being formed by each Mid-South temple and these in turn are being organized into state units. Already the Mississippi and Arkansas state welcome committees are in existence. Friday night at a banquet at Jackson, Tenn., in New Southern Hotel Mr. Vesey and other Memphis officials will aid in organizing the Tennessee welcome committee.

**EXPECT 120,000  
IN CONVENTION  
SESSIONS HERE**

**Biggest Meeting of Them All  
During This Year Will Be  
Gathering of Shriners**

About 120,000 people will attend conventions and sales meetings already scheduled for Memphis during the remainder of 1940, according to the Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau.

Biggest convention of the year will be that of Shrine Imperial Council in June. Estimates of attendance range as high as 100,000.

Second largest meeting probably will be the convention in August of the Church of God in Christ

which will have an attendance of about 10,000.

The Southwide Baptist Training Union conference in December and January will bring about 4,000 delegates to Memphis.

Meetings scheduled by the C. of C. for the remainder of March and their estimated attendance include:

March 19—Chevrolet Motor Co. Sales Convention, 500-600.  
March 20—Association of American Railroads, 75.  
March 21-22—Tennessee Industrial Personnel Conference, 500.  
March 25-26—Tennessee State Electrical Contractors.  
March 30-April 1—McClary Brothers Sales Convention.

**THE  
COMMERCIAL  
APPEAL**

MEMPHIS, TENN., SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1940

**WEST TENNESSEANS  
TO AID SHRINE PLAN**

**Representatives of 12 Towns  
Meet At Jackson**

**MEMPHIANS ARE PRESENT**

**Plan Calls For Advertising The  
South In Effort To Sell It To  
The Nation — Program  
Agreed To, Help Promised**

From The Commercial Appeal  
Jackson, Tennessee, Bureau

JACKSON, Tenn., March 15.—

Forty representatives from a dozen West Tennessee towns tonight pledged themselves, along with Arkansas and Mississippi, to support the Shrine plan to "advertise the South and sell our advantages to the North," a cost-free program designed in connection with the National Shrine Convention to be held in Memphis June 9-13.

The plan was explained at the last organization meeting in the TriStates at the New Southern Hotel here by John B. Vesey, national director general of the Shrine Convention; Ralph Logsdon of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce; Jack Carley, national publicity chairman; W. A. Woodmansee, recorder of Al Chymia Temple, and John Waterman, potentate, all of Memphis.

**Representatives Agree**

Representatives of all towns agreed to organize Welcoming Committees, invite delegations from big Shrine Temples of the United States and Canada to their sections before, during or after the convention, and educate them to the advantages of the deep South.

Leaders said more than 60,000 delegates from 70 temples throughout America have made reservations to gather in probably the largest convention in the world's history. The convention proper

will begin on June 11, following a parade of 15,000 costumed persons.

Outlining the tremendous task of housing, feeding and transporting the delegates, Director Vesey pointed out that the job of selling the South to the Nation, Canada and foreign countries is not that of the Shrine, but of the TriStates.

**Plan Outlined**

Mr. Logsdon said:

"The proposition facing us is that of lifting the South by its boot straps. The South has never advertised like other sections because of lack of money."

He outlined a plan whereby each town would appoint a committee to complete a list of advantages of the territory, all of which would be given later over a Memphis radio station on free time, recorded and rebroadcast later.

Mr. Carley stressed that the plan is not designed for the benefit of Memphis, but for the South.

"The dividends we are interested in are an awakened national interest in the South, destruction of the barriers and an enlightened United States about the deep South," he said.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1940



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1940

## WEEK'S CONFERRINGS LISTS ALL DEGREES

Masonic Blue Lodges Also  
Schedule Many Schools

### SHRINE COUNCIL GROWS

All Sections Of United States  
Included In Names Of Uni-  
formed Bodies That Are  
Coming To Meeting In June

#### Masonic Calendar

Monday, March 18—Normal Lodge No. 722, Second Degree.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Second degree.  
Memphis Chapter No. 95—Stated.  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—Stated and election.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
Tuesday, March 19:  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—First degree.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 368—Second degree.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—School.  
Scottish Rite—Forum.  
Wednesday, March 20:  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Third degree at 8:30.  
Thursday, March 21—O. K. Houck Assembly, Rainbow Girls, Initiation.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—P. & M. E.  
Raines Chapter No. 185—Stated.  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Maundy Thursday Service.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Third degree at 6:00.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—School.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Special at 6:00.  
Friday, March 22:  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 368—School and Lecture.  
Shrine Band—Practice.  
Saturday, March 23:  
Masonic Temple—Dark.  
Sunday, March 24:  
Knights Templar—Easter Service at 8:15 a.m.  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Easter Service at 8:45 a.m.

#### Odd Fellow Calendar

Monday, March 18:  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—Stated.  
Tuesday, March 19:  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Wednesday, March 20:  
Dark.  
Thursday, March 21:  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3—Stated.  
Friday, March 22:  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM,

Fraternal Editor

Several outstanding annual events are to occur during the week ahead.

Park Avenue Commandery No. 31 will hold its annual conclave on tomorrow night and at that time officers will be elected for the coming year. Park Avenue Commandery under the able leadership of Eminent Commander L. K. Gray has enjoyed a successful year.

Memphis Lodge No. 118 held its stated meeting on Tuesday and has a busy month ahead of it with the conferring of the first degree on two candidates; of the second on four candidates, the third on one and with three schools. This lodge will work in the first degree on Tuesday.

Angerona Lodge will present the third degree on Wednesday night and will have three candidates. It will have a school on Thursday night.

Leila Scott Lodge will confer the third degree on Thursday night on several candidates, with the work starting at six o'clock. It will have a school on Tuesday night.

Park Avenue Lodge will confer the second degree on Tuesday night and will hold a school on Friday night, this will be of unusual interest as after the school the Rev. Marshall Wingfield will give a lecture on the work and teachings of the first degree.

McLemore Avenue Lodge is working in the second degree on tomorrow night and will have its school on Thursday night.

#### Patrol, Band To Gather

Al Chymia Temple's circus was fairly successful. The patrol will drill tomorrow night and the fine band will have a practice session on Friday night.

The Scottish Rite is the center of activity this week as the observance of Maundy Thursday wherein comes the Extinguishing of the Lights, occurs on Thursday night. This service will start at 7:30 p.m.

The regular Easter service will occur on next Sunday. An Easter breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the impressive Easter Service will start at 8:45. Both these services are under the auspices of the Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix with Brother James H. Duthie, K. C. C. H., presiding. Both services are obligatory and all true Scottish Rite Masons, should attend if possible.

The Scottish Rite has set the dates for the Spring reunion as April 23-25.

William H. Tester accepted an invitation to speak to the Masons of Jackson on the third degree and accompanied by several prominent Memphis frater delivered an address on Friday.

#### Shrine Delegations Listed

The fraternity knows of the magnitude of the coming Imperial Council meeting, but the general public hardly realizes it. The list of temples which will send uniformed units to Memphis already registered is:

Atlanta, Akron, Ashland, Ky., Amarillo, Texas; Baltimore, Boston, Birmingham, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Chattanooga, Charlotte, N. C.; Charleston, W. Va.; Detroit, Dayton, Denver, Des Moines, Dallas, East St. Louis, Ill.; Erie, Pa.; Evansville, Ind.; Greenville, S. C.; Galveston, Texas; Hammond, Ind.; Indianapolis; Jacksonville, Fla.; Jackson, Miss.; Kansas City, Mo.; Knoxville; Louisville; Little Rock, Ark.; Lexington, Ky.; Los Angeles; Miami; Minneapolis; Mindan, N. Dak.; Memphis; Montgomery, Ala.; Muskogee, Okla.; Meridian; New Orleans; Nashville; Norfolk; Omaha; Oklahoma City; Philadelphia; Pine Bluff; Pittsburgh; Parkersburg, W. Va.; Richmond; Syracuse, N. Y.; Saline, Kan.; Shreveport; Springfield, Mo.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Toronto, Canada; Tulsa, Okla.; Topeka, Kan.; Tampa; Terra Haute, Ind.; Washington, D. C.; and Wichita Falls, Texas.

Still more are expected to register prior to June.

#### Master Masons Invited

The district meeting of the West Tennessee blue lodges will occur on March 29 at the lodge rooms of Park Avenue Lodge. The Grand Lodge officers will be in attendance and a mammoth meeting is anticipated. The officers of the various lodges will convene at 7:00 p.m. and the general meeting still start at eight o'clock.

Supper will be served from six to eight o'clock and all Master Masons are invited to attend and to partake of the supper.

#### Commandery Officers Installed

Memphis Commandery No. 4 Thursday elected officers for the coming year. These officers, together with those elected by St. Elmo Commandery No. 15 on the previous Thursday, were duly installed by Right Eminent Sir David

L. Griffith, past grand commander and Eminent Sir Arthur Gage Hudson, past commander of Memphis Commandery No. 4.

The officers installed are as follows: eminent commanders, Robert C. Miessler No. 4 and Robert E. Risk No. 15; generalissimo, J. H. Wiest, No. 4 and H. J. Goza, No. 15; captain general, W. H. Broderick, No. 4 and William J. Randle, No. 15; senior warden, R. T. Hendsey, No. 4 and James A. Herring, No. 15; junior warden, L. T. McCune, No. 4 and W. K. Jaquess, No. 15; prelate, T. O. Pearson, No. 4 and W. F. Widgery, No. 15; treasurer, Henry J. Zderad, No. 4 and June Allen, No. 15; recorder, J. E. Van Trees, No. 4 and W. H. Tester, No. 15; standard bearer, G. L. McKee Jr., No. 4 and M. Paul Horsley, No. 15; sword bearer, D. P. Estridge, No. 4 and William Fred Taylor, No. 15; warder, Eugene Vieh, No. 4 and Homer McBride, No. 15; sentinel, W. M. Parker, both commanderies.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19, 1940

## BEAUTIFIERS OUTLINE CITY CLEAN-UP PLANS

Commission's Program Is Set  
For April 20 To 27

TO AWARD CERTIFICATES

Business Leaders' Trip and A  
Special House Painting Proj-  
ect Planned In Addition To  
Regular Program

Memphis will put its house in order the week of April 20-27 in preparation for visitors expected during the Cotton Carnival, Shrine Convention and other gatherings.

Members of the City Beautiful Commission, which will again join forces with the Memphis Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the annual clean-up, heard campaign plans outlined yesterday by Mrs. William B. Fowler, commission chairman, at the meeting of her group at the Pink Palace. The slogan will again be "Clean Up, Fix Up, Paint Up, Beautify."



THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1940

## Shrine Song Prize Won By 88-Year-Old Memphian

'Memphis on The  
Mississippi' Is  
Awarded \$50

An 88-year-old Memphis man who hasn't touched a piano in nearly six months sat down in a chair recently and wrote a song.

Relatives insisted that he do it after recalling that a number of years ago he dashed off "Are We Forgotten When We're Gone?" that became quite popular.

The man, S. L. Tyler, 30 S. Morrison, did a lot of thinking before he began writing his latest song, "Memphis on the Mississippi," but when he finally got the words and tune firmly fixed in his mind he just put them down on paper.

### Didn't Try It Out

And that was that! He didn't play the tune to see how it sounded. He just put the song in an envelop and mailed it to the Shrine Song Contest Editor.

Today he was named winner of the contest. He will be given a \$50 award.

As a young man Mr. Tyler became an organ teacher in Wisconsin. He was a music instructor in a school at one time. He came to Memphis about 50 years ago, played at First Baptist Church for 16 years and has played at Shrine and Masonic meetings for a half century.

### Wrote While Convalescing

About three months ago he injured his hip in a car accident and it was while he was convalescing that he wrote "Memphis on the Mississippi," which will be played thruout the nation to advertise the big Shrine convention in Memphis in June.

### Words of the song:

There's a town way down in Dixie,  
where the Mississippi flows,  
Where the girls are sweet as honey  
and fairer than the rose,



S. L. TYLER

Where the South will greet the  
North, and the East will meet  
the West.

There the good things of earth will  
be e'en better than the best.

Take me back to dear old Memphis,  
where the Shrine will meet in  
June.

Where portals will be in settle and  
the bands will be in tune.

Where the hosts of red fez nobles,  
filled with vim, vigor and zest,  
Just to prove life's worth the living,  
they will do their level best.

### Slogan Prize to Hospital

The winner of the Shrine slogan contest, for which a \$50 prize was offered, listed himself or herself as "anonymous" and requested that the award money be given Crippled Children's Hospital.

"Come and play, the Dixie way," was the slogan.

A check for \$50 will be sent to the hospital.

## OUTDOOR SPECTACLE BOOKED FOR JUNE 11

Stadium Show Will Be Event  
Of Shrine Convention

Plans for an outdoor spectacle costing \$15,000, to be held at Crump Stadium June 11 as one of the entertainment features of the Shrine Convention, were concluded yesterday with a signing of contracts for the production by Ernie Young, Chicago impresario.

Young, who specializes in extravaganzas for fairs and special events, will bring 100 professional entertainers to Memphis for the show, according to John Vesey, director general of convention arrangements. No local talent will be used.

A special stage, 400 feet wide, will be constructed, and Young will bring his own orchestra, costumes and sets.

Titled "Show of a Century," the spectacle will be an elaborate musical comedy extravaganza. Thirty kleig lights will be installed at a cost of \$3000.

In addition to the state entertainment, there will be a parade featuring Tony Sarg's mammoth balloon figures, and a procession about the stadium of the South-eastern Shrine Association Temples.

The show will be open to the public.

MEMPHIS, SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1940

## TEMPLARS AND RITE TO OBSERVE EASTER

Fraternal Orders Will Have  
Series Of Services

### BREAKFAST AT CATHEDRAL

Ceremony Of Relighting The  
Lights Will Start At 8:30  
O'Clock This Morning—Blue  
Lodge Masons Meet Friday

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24—  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Easter breakfast at 8 a.m.  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Easter observance at 8:45 a.m.  
Monday, March 25—  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Third degree at 7:30.  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—Rehearsal.

Tuesday, March 26—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Second Degree at 7 o'clock.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Third Degree at 7.

Wednesday, March 27—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

Thursday, March 28—  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Third Degree at 7.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Royal Arch Degree.

Memphis Lodge No. 118—School.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—School.

Friday, March 29—  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—District meeting and Grand Lodge officers.

Saturday, March 30—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

#### ODD FELLOWS CALENDAR

Monday, March 25—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Midland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—Stated.

Tuesday, March 26—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.

Wednesday, March 27—  
Dark.

Thursday, March 28—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.

Friday, March 29—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

#### By ROBERT W. PARHAM

Fraternal Editor

Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons of Memphis will observe Easter with a series of services today.

The Scottish Rite Easter observance will start with a breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral. At 8:30 the impressive and inspiring ceremony of Relighting the Lights will be held. In addition to the ritualistic service, there will be special music by Charles Wesley Morgan and music by the Boys' Choir from Fairview Junior High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Lula Mallory.

The ceremonial officers are: James F. Duthie, K.C.C.H.; David L. Griffith, 33rd Degree; Jersey F. Ramier, 33rd Degree; James H. Wolfe, 33rd Degree; R. Lamar Brightwell, 33rd Degree; Arthur G. Hudson, 33rd Degree; William J. Prescott, 33rd Degree; Lois D. Bejach, 33rd Degree; John E. Van Trees, 33rd Degree; Charles A. McElravy, 33rd Degree; John W. DeShazo, 33rd Degree; Everett G. Cowan, K.C.C.H., and Charles G. Robinson, K.C.C.H. It will be observed that the cast is composed entirely of honor men of the Rite.

The Rite observed Maundy Thursday on Thursday, with its usual beautiful ceremony, which was well attended and finely presented by the same cast of officers as named above.

#### Blue Lodge Masons To Gather

The mass meeting of the Blue Lodges in this district will be held on Friday at the hall of Park Avenue Lodge and the officers and members of all the Memphis Lodges and those in the adjacent territory will participate. These meetings are held annually and are attended by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and are instructive and interesting. Supper will be served to all attending Masons who care to partake, it will start promptly at 6 o'clock and continue for two hours if necessary, to accommodate late comers. At 7 the group meeting for the officers will convene and at 8 the general meeting will start. The Grand Master and other grand officers will speak. It is scheduled to close at 9:30 or 9:45 and General Chairman Past Master George Bower says it will be concluded on schedule.

The above three annual events turn what would be a drab week into an interesting one.

#### W. L. Harrison At Helm

The election of officers at the stated conclave of Park Avenue Commandery No. 31 on Monday perhaps held the spotlight during the week; a large gathering of members and visitors was present. Officers elected are: William L. Harrison, eminent commander; L. K. Gray, generalissimo; E. D. Moseley, captain general; Fred Jones, senior warden; Ernest L. Lieben, junior warden; Robert L. Cookin, prelate; Sidney D. White, treasurer; A. C. Muir, recorder; G. F. Bauer, standard bearer; Harry Bloodworth, sword bearer; L. C. Swaim, warder; T. B. Mills, sentinel and L. A. Britzwein, D. L. Estes and L. J. Wells, guards.

For the other activities of the week attention is invited to the calendar.

News of the death of Garnett N. Morgan, Nashville Masonic leader will be received with regret by Masons all over Tennessee. Mr. Morgan had served the fraternity in many positions. He received the Thirty-Third Degree in 1911. His death, at the age of 79, at his home on Friday followed a long illness. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon with burial in Mount Olive Cemetery.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1940

## SHRINE UNITS WILL GO TO OSCEOLA, ARK.

Uniformed units of Al Chymia Temple, which includes the military band, Oriental band, the patrol and floor team have been invited to participate in the spring ceremonial of Sahara Temple of Pine Bluff, which will be held May 30, in Osceola, Ark.

About 50 members will be initiated into the Shrine. There will be a barbecue at noon, a show in the afternoon, and fish fry in the evening. The ceremonial will be an all-day affair.



SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1940

## SHRINERS WILL VISIT TOWNS IN MIDSOUTH

Plans Arranged For Tours  
During Convention

### MEETING IS SCHEDULED

Program Will Be Explained In  
Full At Banquet Of Mayors  
And Civic Leaders Here  
April 4

Shriners from all parts of the Nation will be greeted by mayors, civic and business leaders of 50 MidSouth communities in the Memphis territory under a plan which will be perfected at a general meeting at the Gayoso, Thursday night, April 4, John Vesey, director general of the convention said yesterday. The convention opens June 9.

Officials in charge of entertaining the thousands of Shriners coming here, have been at work on the plan for several months. Welcoming committees in Mississippi, Arkansas and West Tennessee already have been set up. Members of these committees and men from other towns in the territory will attend the general meeting.

#### For MidSouth Benefit

"The three divisions which have been organized will be welded into one large committee and officers elected," Mr. Vesey explained. "The purpose of this organization will be to invite delegates from different Shrine Temples to visit and be welcomed in the various towns in the MidSouth. The Shrine convention is for the benefit of the MidSouth as well as Memphis," Mr. Vesey added.

At the general meeting the towns represented will be encouraged to select the Temple they wish to invite to their community. When the Shrine delegates from these different Temples come in for the convention they will visit in these towns and be entertained. In addition a series of radio broadcasts will be originated by WMC, The Commercial Appeal radio station, describing the many features of

#### Records To Be Made

At each broadcast a record of the program will be made and distributed through the various cities in the country to illustrate the attraction to be found in the MidSouth. Towns in the territory which have not already signified intentions of participating in the welcoming plans were invited to take part by Mr. Vesey. The invitation to the many mayors is as follows:

"About 50 cities and towns of the MidSouth have tendered their services to the Shrine Convention Corporation of Memphis for the great convention to be held here the week of June 9.

"A plan has been developed where each MidSouth town will do a radio program, explaining the outstanding markets and accomplishments of that town, which will be recorded and also put on the radio in the home town of one of the temples coming to Memphis.

#### Caravans Planned

"Each town also plans to adopt one of the temples coming to Memphis and to arrange a motor caravan to take its members from Memphis out to their home town and return to Memphis on Wednesday during the convention, which is June 12. The combined efforts of all of us in this way gives the TriStates the greatest advertisement all over North America that it has ever enjoyed.

"If your town was not represented in our meeting, and we hope you will look favorably on this plan and appoint a committee of 10 and invite them for us to attend a banquet at the Gayoso Hotel to be given at 6:30 Thursday evening, April 4, as our guests, when the full and complete plan will be unfolded to them."

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 27, 1940

## Shriners Will See Fireworks Galore

When the Imperial Shrine convention comes to town the week of June 9, there'll be plenty of fireworks.

A contract for the largest and most elaborate display ever to be seen in the MidSouth was signed yesterday by John Vesey, director general of the convention, with the Thearle-Duffield Famous Fireworks Company of Chicago. Art Brieser, representative of Thearle-Duffield, was in Memphis for the day to conclude arrangements.

The display will be held Monday night, June 10, at the Fairgrounds, and in addition to many unusual and original designs will include a "portrait" of Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas. Imperial Potentate, Mr. Vesey said.



## RITE ELECTS TUESDAY IN CALVARY CHAPTER

Prof. Walter E. Miller Is Now  
Senior Warden

### 'STATEDS' FILL CALENDAR

Memphis Lodge No. 118 To  
Confer Third Degree On  
Tuesday With Only Cere-  
mony Of the Week

#### Masonic Calendar

**Monday, April 1:**  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707—Stated.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.

**Tuesday, April 2:**  
Scottish Rite Bodies—Stated and Elec-  
tion.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Third Degree.  
Normal Lodge No. 729—Stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Stonewall Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.—  
Stated.

**Wednesday, April 3:**  
Park Avenue Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.

**Thursday, April 4:**  
Lella Scott Lodge No. 289—Stated.  
Bartlett Lodge No. 697—Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15—Stated.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O. E. S.—  
Stated.

**Friday, April 5:**  
De Soto Lodge No. 299—Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Stated.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209—Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 265, O.  
E. S.—Stated.  
Normal Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.

**Saturday, April 6:**  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

**Odd Fellow Calendar**

**Monday, April 1:**  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—  
Stated.

**Tuesday, April 2:**  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.

**Wednesday, April 3:**  
Uptown Lodges — Entertainment and  
Dance.

**Thursday, April 5:**  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3—Stated.

**Friday, April 5:**  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

When the month starts on Mon-  
day the first week is devoted al-  
most entirely to stated meetings,  
however, this week the Scottish  
Rite bodies will hold an election  
and Memphis Lodge will confer the  
third degree.

Foremost in interest during the  
week will be the election in Cal-  
vary Chapter of the Rite. The serv-  
ing line of officers are James F.  
Duthie, wise master; Prof. Walter  
E. Miller, senior warden; Dr. Hugh  
Raines, junior warden; John B.  
Vesey, general secretary; J. E. Van  
Trees, recording secretary; Richard  
B. Barton, treasurer and Walter  
Gray, representative on the Ca-  
thedral Board. The two secretaries  
and treasurer serve in all four of  
the Scottish Rite bodies.

#### Many At Rite Breakfast

The Knights Templar Easter ser-  
vice to be held at the Shell in Over-  
ton Park was abandoned on ac-  
count of the weather.

The Scottish Rite observance was  
held however, and at the Easter  
breakfast attendance was perhaps  
the largest ever to partake. The  
splendid cast of honor men pre-  
sented the inspiring Easter cere-  
monial impressively.

Plans for the Shrine Imperial  
Council meeting are going forward  
nicely and the committees are busy  
getting matters in shape to enter-  
tain the thousands of visitors in  
such a manner as to leave pleasant  
recollection of the guests visit to  
Memphis.

#### 400 At District Meeting

The district meeting of Tenth  
District Masons was held in the  
lodge rooms of Park Avenue Lodge  
No. 362 on Friday night. Few meet-  
ings of Masons in Memphis have  
surpassed it in attendance as it  
was estimated about 400 were  
present.

Paul F. Lanier of Nashville, most  
worshipful grand master of Ten-  
nessee; Thomas Earl Doss of Nash-  
ville, grand secretary and Lucian  
C. Connell of Nashville, superin-  
tendent of the Tennessee Masonic  
Home were the distinguished  
Grand Lodge officers in attendance.

Honored past grand officers were  
Arthur Gage Hudson and B. Tate  
Dawkins, past grand high priest of  
the Grand Chapter of Tennessee;  
Dr. Louie R. Polk, worthy grand  
patron of the Grand Chapter of  
Eastern Star of Tennessee and  
grand warder of the Grand Com-  
mandery and John H. Cocke, grand  
steward of the Grand Council of  
Tennessee.

All of the 18 lodges in the district  
were represented and visitors from  
about eight states were attending,  
including some 40 masters and past  
masters of blue lodges.

Instructive and interesting ad-  
dresses were made by the distin-  
guished members of the fraternity.  
Prior to the meeting an excellent  
supper was served.

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, 1940

## SHRINERS WILL FORM HUGE WELCOMING BODY

Members From TriStates To  
Meet Here Thursday

Shriners from the TriStates will  
meet at 6:30 o'clock Thursday  
night at the Gayoso to form a  
huge Welcoming Committee to op-  
erate during the Imperial Shrine  
Convention here week of June 9.

Tennessee, Mississippi and Ar-  
kansas groups already organized  
will be welded into one body. Sim-  
ilar, but smaller meetings have  
been held in more than 40 com-  
munities in the area. Several hun-  
dred men are expected to attend  
the meeting here. Mayor Chandler,  
E. W. Hale and members of the  
City and County Commissions will  
attend. John Vesey, director-gen-  
eral of the convention, will outline  
plans for TriState participation in  
the "largest convention ever to  
come to Memphis."

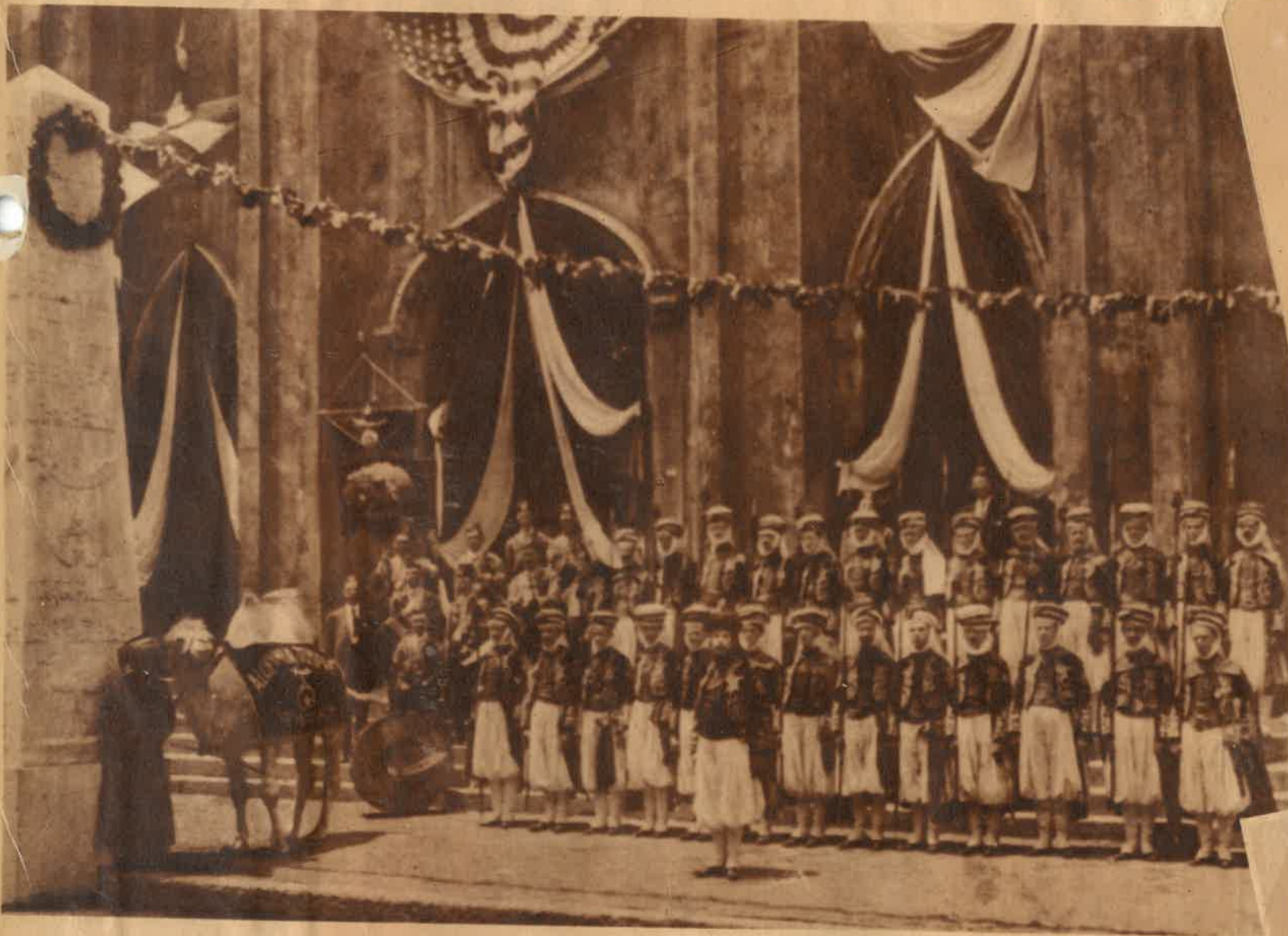
"This convention is a benefit to  
the MidSouth as well as Memphis  
and we want the towns in this ter-  
ritory to have a share in the en-  
tertainment," Mr. Vesey explained.  
After the general organization has  
been completed Thursday night the  
towns represented will be invited  
to select Shrine temples which  
have made reservations to attend  
the convention.

After these temples have been se-  
lected, committees will urge visit-  
ing Shriners to visit the towns and  
participate in a chain of welcoming  
events. In addition, a series of  
broadcasts over WMC, The Com-  
mercial Appeal station, will feature  
the attractions of the territory.

Technicians, designers and deco-  
rators from Hollywood will come to  
Memphis early next month to start  
construction of the Hollywood Mo-  
tion Picture Electrical Pageant,  
one of the principal parade attrac-  
tions of the convention.



# The Shriners Look Forward...and Back



CHARTER MEMBERS OF AL CHYMIA'S PATROL AND DRUM CORPS, organized in 1908, are shown here as they attended the Imperial Council Session at Louisville, Ky., in 1909, taking their camel with them. Included are: A. H. Kortrecht, president; R. A. Odlum, vice president; N. B. Camp, captain; J. A. Fowler, first lieutenant; R. E. Urquart, second lieutenant; W. C. Kilgore, first sergeant; J. M. Thompson, second sergeant; W. M. Parker, quartermaster sergeant; Privates H. Arden, W. B. Bell, T. T. Brigance, A. E. Cameron, William H. Court, Charles W. Gray, L. L. Boyer, Alex Behrind, E. A. Crouch, C. R. Collins, William N. Fry, C. H. Griggs, C. G. Scheroyer, Guy Turner, L. B. Handy, L. S. Levy, F. L. May, W. W. Nelson, Jake Goldbaum, Gus Levison, W. A. McTighe, C. A. Price, R. W. Parham, J. M. Osborne, C. V. Percy, A. D. Patton, W. S. Swick, R. H. Ogilvie, W. S. Sellers; J. L. Wood, secretary-treasurer. Drum Corps: R. A. McIntyre, drum major; W. T. Freeman, captain; R. W. Colclough, George A. Robinson, J. W. Elliott, Charles Roma, M. S. Rees, George Russe, Charles Wattam, John J. Weller Jr., Gus B. Lockwood.



BADGES OF PAST SHRINE CONVENTIONS are exhibited here by Noble A. H. Cameron, who attended every national conclave held between 1908 and 1926 (with one exception) and exchanged badges with Shriners from other cities. Mr. Cameron attended 16 sessions of the Imperial Council as a representative, was made a life member in 1920.





WHILE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BIG CONCLAVE that will bring thousands of the Nation's Shriners to Memphis on June 11, 12 and 13, members of Al Chymia Temple are also looking backward to Shrine conventions of the past. Here James A. Waterman, present potentate of Al Chymia, views a picture of Al Chymia's first potentate, B. F. Price, who served in 1891-2-3.



AL CHYMIA TEMPLE'S FIRST BAND formed in 1906, is viewed here in retrospect by Noble Eugene Faquin, 71 years young, who was a member. "We wore Arab costumes" and played Arabian instruments—that's me at the extreme right end of the top row." Only other surviving members of this first band are Dr. A. H. Barnett and L. B. Handy.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1940

## SHRINERS MEETING TO PLAN BIG TIME

Shriners, mayors, business and civic leaders from more than 30 Mid-South towns will meet with Memphis Shriners at a dinner at Hotel Gayoso at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow to plan for entertaining delegates to the Shrine convention June 11-13.

John Vesey, convention director general, has invited delegates from all towns within a radius of 100 miles to the meeting.

A general organization will be set up to direct the work of the Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas divisions of the welcoming committee. These divisions already have been formed.

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## SHRINERS WILL HEAR JUNE PLANS TONIGHT

Outline Of Convention Entertainment To Be Given

200 TO ATTEND DINNER

Leaders Form Many Tristate Points Will Come Here For Meeting—Reservations Are Announced

A general outline of entertainment features and the official ceremonies of the Imperial Shrine Convention to be held in Memphis the week of June 9 will be given tonight at a meeting of business and civic leaders and Shriners from the Mid-South at the Gayoso at 6:30 o'clock.

John Vesey, director general of the convention, will tell of advance preparation made to entertain approximately 80 Shrine Temples of North America, representing more than 50,000 visitors. Mayor Chandler and Mr. Vesey will be principal speakers. Nearly 200 representatives from surrounding towns have indicated they will attend the dinner meeting.

### Will Elect Officers

Officers of a TriStates Welcoming Committee will be elected and the work of three divisions which were organized several weeks ago will be co-ordinated. Committees will be appointed in the various towns represented and towns will be encouraged to "adopt" one of the Shrine Temples planning to come to the convention.

The visiting temples will be invited to visit these towns either before coming to Memphis or while they are here for the convention. In addition, the plan for community broadcasts over WMC, radio station of The Commercial Appeal, will be explained by Henry Slavic, station manager. The purpose of the series of broadcasts will be to illustrate the many attractive features, from a visitor's point of view, of the towns.

Much interest in the Shrine Convention is being stimulated through the committee already established in Arkansas, Mississippi and West Tennessee.

### Reservations Announced

Reservations for the meeting have been made by the following:

Memphis: Fred Goldsmith, F. R. Schutt, John A. Waterman, Lake Hays, Commissioner Fredericks, Commissioner Ellis and Mr. Slavick.

Counce: Paul Johnson.  
Savannah: F. H. Farris, Mayor Bob Guinn Jr., Commissioner J. W. Cook, R. D. Deford, C. E. Stull, John H. White, Paul Johnson, P. M. Harbert, W. H. Sloan and J. B. McCaleb.

Dyersburg: K. W. Rogers, A. D. Burks, Clarence E. Sytz, Joe P. Tipton, Charles Moore, Mayor L. D. Hamner, Dr. J. D. Brewer, Dr. E. H. Baird, Dr. C. L. Denton, Ben Greenburg and Jess Overall.

Jackson: Mayor A. B. Foust, Hugh Sawyer, Lamar Spragins, Ernest Frankland, Sol Tuchfield, Hugh W. Hicks, Dr. W. K. Levy, Jim Phillips, I. M. Vaughn, W. E. Christenbury, John Van den Bosch, W. H. Forelines, G. D. Edmonds, A. Lacy Price.

Selmer: Joe Dave Robinson with four guests.

Alamo: Mayor T. J. Emlison, H. H. Eder-ton, E. J. May, Nathan Levis, P. B. Con-ley, J. N. McMillan and M. S. Read.

Humboldt: Carey S. Hill, Mayor H. J. Feltz, J. Paul Craddock, George D. Dod-son, Milton I. Baum, W. P. Douglas, A. X. Hunt, W. A. Grady, Frank Warmath, Harold J. Kilduff and J. M. Gates.

Trenton: W. W. Taylor, Robert H. Jones, Thomas W. Wingo, J. G. Faucett, C. E. Singleton, Clyde O. Page, H. N. Brassfield, Joe H. Wilson, Buff Chisholm and W. W. Herron.

Amory: E. L. Puckett, A. R. Arnett, R. H. Johnson, I. R. Longinaker.

Okolona: S. E. Adams and Fred H. Mc-Gehee.

New Albany: G. W. Hartwell, Booneville: Jule Smith, Cleveland: E. R. McLean.

Myrtle: L. L. Fowler, Oxford: R. L. Chrestman, Meridian: L. M. Coover.

Tupelo: W. Hayes Abernathy, George R. Powell, Harry F. Colle, G. H. Curtis, Mike Asters and M. R. Harrison.

Greenville: Mayor Milton C. Smith, Ernest Smith, A. M. Hyman, A. M. Lyel, Jerome Hafter, Morris Goldstein.

Pontotoc: O. B. Gilmore and E. W. In-mon.

Houlka: John Collins, Osceola: L. W. Williams, E. R. Smith, Moses Silman, Bruce Ivy, J. W. Threlkeld, Elliott Sartain, Louis Hodges, Dr. George Cone, Ben F. Butler, H. J. Hale and Hale Jackson.

Lepanto: Fred Stickey, Helena: Ten guests, Jonesboro: Three guests, Wilson: D. N. Morris.



## Committee Named To Greet Shriners For MidSouth



—Staff Photo by Caldwell

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Mr. Vesey told of the Hollywood motion picture pageant of 12 Mem-

Henry Slavick, manager of WMC, The Commercial Appeal Station, outlined a series of broadcasts which will describe and advertise all points of interest in the MidSouth.



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## DRESS REHEARSALS FOR SHRINE PATROL

Three rehearsals, instead of the usual one, are being held each week by the Shrine Patrol in preparation for the Shrine convention in Memphis. Drills are held at 8 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, with Sergt. E. L. Daughtry in charge.

The patrol now has 38 members. New uniforms will arrive soon for Shrine parades and the Cotton Carnival activities.

## THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

## AL CHYMIA TO PLAN BIG MAY CEREMONIAL

Meeting Wednesday Will Be  
Last Before Ceremonial

## SHRINE LADIES' PARTY SET

Memphis Commandery Will  
Honor Secretary J. E. Van  
Trees—Prof. Walter Miller  
Heads Calvary Chapter

### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, April 8—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Second Degree.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—  
Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 599—Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22—Stated.  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—Re-  
hearsal.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.

Tuesday, April 9—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Stated.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Stated.  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Summer Avenue Chapter No. 313, O. E.  
S.—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Stonewall Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.

Wednesday, April 10—  
Al Chymia Temple—Stated.

Thursday, April 11—  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Stated.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4—Stated.  
Supper.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.—  
Stated.

Friday, April 12—  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—First De-  
gree.  
Woodlawn Chapter No. 72, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
De Soto Chapter No. 332, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Shrine Band—Rehearsal.

Saturday, April 13—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

### ODD FELLOW CALENDAR

Monday, April 8—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Highland Heights-Hope Lodge No. 548—  
Stated.

Tuesday, April 9—  
Memphis Lodge No. 5—Stated.

Wednesday, April 10—  
Dark.

Thursday, April 11—  
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 1—Stated.

Friday, April 12—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM

Fraternal Editor

Al Chymia Temple will hold its regular stated meeting on Wednesday night in its clubrooms in Hotel DeVoy and as it will be the last one prior to the Spring ceremonial a fine attendance is expected.

The ladies' party will be held on Friday at the Peabody beginning at 1:00 p.m. These parties are a feature of the Shrine that meet with the approval of most of the nobility as they afford an opportunity for the families of the nobles to become acquainted with each other. They are always enjoyable.

The Spring ceremonial, termed ceremonial extraordinary, will be held at the Municipal Auditorium on May 1. A great number of candidates is expected as this will be the last ceremonial before the Imperial Council meeting. The fun will start with a buffet lunch at 6 o'clock and after the band concert the first section will begin at 8 o'clock. Director Dave Rosenthal says "get the candidates and I'll make them like it."

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, 1940

### Commandery To Meet

Memphis Commandery No. 4 will hold its stated meeting on Thursday night. Eminent Commander R. C. Miessler will start an innovation at this meeting by a policy of dedicating each stated conclave meeting to one of its beloved fraters.

As a fitting tribute to one of the best known Masons in Tennessee, Sir John Ellis Van Trees, is chosen to be the first honoree because of his untiring and unselfish services as recorder for the past 23 years. Sir Knight Van Trees served Memphis Chapter No. 95 as secretary and Eureka Council as recorder for more than 30 years and is the senior Thirty-Third Degree Mason in Memphis and secretary emeritus of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. A Dutch treat supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. and all sir knights are asked to come and make Van's night a huge success. Reservations may be had by phoning H. J. Zaerad, 7-9087.

### Walter Miller Elevated

Calvary Chapter of the Scottish Rite on Tuesday night elected Prot. Walter Miller, wise master; Dr. Hugh Rames, senior warden; J. C. Hankins, junior warden; John B. Vesey, general secretary re-elected; J. E. Van Trees, recording secretary, re-elected; Richard B. Barton, treasurer, re-elected; and Joseph A. Kowier, representative to the Cathedral Board, re-elected.

Brother Hankins, lovingly called Bill, has rendered splendid services to the fraternity; he is a past master of Leila Scott Lodge and is now serving as its secretary.

Director of the work Herbert Waterbury will mail out this week end a list of the rehearsals for the various casts with the rehearsals to begin on Tuesday.

Park Avenue Commandery No. 31 will have a rehearsal tomorrow night and will hold one each Monday night until the annual inspection on May 13.

Memphis Lodge will have its stated on Tuesday night. This lodge conferred the third degree on Tuesday with a large attendance which included a number of distinguished visitors among them being Herbert Hemphill, member of a lodge in Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone; Past Masters C. T. Sullivan, of De Soto, R. T. Poole, of Angerona, W. B. Richardson, of McLemore Avenue and William H. Tester, Kerstone, Coffeerville, Kansas; Grand Worthy Patron Dr. L. R. Polk, Worshipful Master Frank Evans, Senior Warden Sidney White and Secretary A. C. Muir, the last four from Park Avenue Lodge.

## SHRINE WEEK TO OPEN WITH MEMORIAL RIT

Services To Be Held At Overton  
Shell June 9

## FOOD SURVEY PLANN

City Will Check Up On Fa-  
cilities To Feed 60,000 Expec-  
Visitors To Annual Con-  
vention Of Masonic Group

Plans for a gigantic twilight memorial service at the Overton Shell to open Shrine Week on night of June 9, and a municipal food survey by city authorities to determine Memphis' ability to feed the estimated 60,000 visitors are coming to Memphis, were announced yesterday.

Plans for the memorial service have been completed with expectation of obtaining a speaker of national reputation, John B. Vesey, convention director general, yesterday.

### Opens June 11

While the convention proper will not open until Tuesday, June 11, many of the delegations, bands and uniformed units of the Shrine will arrive on the preceding Saturday, and by Sunday night many will be in Memphis. For that reason, Mr. Vesey said, full Shrine participation in the park service can be planned now.

Included on the program will be the large group of chanters from Syria Temple at Cincinnati and quartet of Hela Temple at Dallas. Both groups are famous for their singing. Several of the out-of-town bands will be combined with the band of Al Chymia Temple in providing instrumental music for the service which memorializes Shrine's dead of the preceding year. The public will be asked to attend the service. Charles K. is chairman of the Shrine Committee.

### Available To Churches

As part of the opening of Shrine Week, Shrine chanters and other musical groups will be made available for all Memphis churches which wish to use them, Mr. Vesey said.

The survey to determine Memphis' feeding capabilities was ordered by Mayor Chandler after a conference with Mr. Vesey. All city departments will utilize all available space and a few temporary restaurants may be established if necessary. The survey, Mr. Chandler said, will be supervised by the Health Department's inspection division.

### Welcoming Committee

Plans of the MidSouth Welcoming Committee made up of representatives of more than 50 cities and communities in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi progressing under direction of Ralph Logsdon. Officers of the association will meet here again Sunday to further their plans.

Medinah Temple of Chicago already planning a day's visit to Shiloh National Park and to Peabody Dam. Several hundred Shrine members and members of their families plan to spend a day in Smoky Mountain National Park and Norris Dam en route to Memphis.

The number of temples with Shrine parades is now 70 as against the 42 participating at Baltimore last year. Each temple will bring besides the elected delegates, a band, uniformed patrols and special units which help make Shrine parades spectacular. For each temple, too, Mr. Vesey said many are coming merely for the fun of attending the convention.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1940

WIVES AND friends of members will be invited to the meeting of Al Chymia Shrine Temple following the business session at 8 tomorrow night at Hotel DeVoy. A technical picture showing the Imperial Shrine Convention last year at Baltimore and which will be held in June in Memphis, will be shown. Potentate John A. Waterman will preside.



TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1940

## SHRINERS TO VISIT ON WAY TO MEXICO

### Indianapolis Murat Temple To Attend Convention

Members of Murat Shrine Temple, Indianapolis, are coming to Memphis by special train for the Imperial Shrine Convention June 11-13.

The special with two diners, and carrying the uniform bodies of Murat Temple, will arrive in Memphis at 8 p.m. Sunday over the L. & N. Railroad, two days in advance of the convention.

The Indianapolis Shriners are combining the Memphis convention trip with a tour which will take them to Mexico City and visits to other interesting points in that country. The special will leave Memphis at 11 p.m. Thursday over Missouri Pacific Railroad, arriving in Mexico City Sunday morning, June 16.

The delegation will leave on its return trip late Wednesday, June 19, arriving back home late Saturday, June 22.

# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 21, 1940

## 2 SECTION III

### SCOTTISH RITE CLASS EXPECTED TO TOTAL 75

Reunion Starts Tuesday—  
Continues Three Days

#### COMMANDERIES ACTIVE

Meet Weekly To Prepare For  
Official Inspections—Shrine  
Uniformed Bodies Get Ready  
For Council Meeting In June

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, April 22—  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—  
Second Degree at 7:00.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Second Degree.  
Tuesday, April 23—  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—First Degree.  
Scottish Rite—Fourth to 17th Degrees.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Third Degree at 7:00.  
Wednesday, April 24—  
Scottish Rite—18th to 30th Degrees.  
Thursday, April 24—  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 215—  
School.  
Scottish Rite—31st and 32nd Degrees.  
Third Degree at 7:30.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4—Rehearsal.  
Friday, April 26—  
De Soto Chapter No. 338, O. E. S.—  
Initiation.  
Masonic Temple—Dark.  
Saturday, April 27—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

#### SCOTTISH RITE SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21—  
Scottish Rite: Rehearsals. Degree rehearsals 4th at 2 p.m.; 7th at 2:30; 18th at 2:45 and 32nd at 3.  
Tuesday, April 23—  
Fourth Degree at 10:15 a.m.  
Fifth Degree at 11:05.  
Sixth Degree (communicated) at 12:05.  
Luncheon at 12:15.  
Seventh Degree at 2:00 p.m.  
Eighth Degree (communicated) at 2:40.  
Ninth Degree (communicated) at 2:40.  
10th Degree at 2:45.  
11th Degree (communicated) 3:40.  
12th Degree (communicated) at 3:40.  
13th Degree at 3:45.  
14th Degree at 4:45.  
Dinner at 6:30.  
15th Degree at 7:15.  
16th Degree (communicated) at 9:15.  
17th Degree at 9:30.  
Closing at 10:45.  
Wednesday, April 24—  
18th Degree at 9:30 a.m.  
Luncheon at 12:00.  
19th Degree at 2:00 p.m.  
20th Degree (communicated) at 3:30.  
21st Degree at 3:45.  
22nd to 28th Degree (communicated) 4:40.  
29th Degree at 4:50.  
Dinner at 6:30.  
30th Degree first section, at 7; second section at 7:30, third section at 8, fourth section at 8:30, fifth section at 8:45.  
Closing at 10:15.  
Thursday, April 25—  
31st Degree, first section, at 9:15 a.m.; second section at 10:00; third section at 11:30.  
Luncheon at 12:15.  
32nd Degree, first section, at 2:30 p.m.; second section at 3:45; third section at 4:15; fourth section at 5:30; official section at 6:15.  
Introduction of officers and workers at 6:20.  
Banquet at 6:30.  
Introduction of class officers at 7:15.  
Closing at 8:00.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM

Fraternal Editor

Activity in Masonic circles is limited this week in deference to the Scottish Rite reunion.

The Scottish Rite reunion will start on Tuesday morning and continue through Thursday night and will conclude on that night with a banquet. A class of between 75 and 100 is expected. The degree teams are in fine shape and beautiful and educational degrees will be conferred. These are reflected in the schedule of conferring in this column. Inspector General Jackson of Nashville is expected to attend and the membership is looking forward with pleasure to welcoming him on his first visit to Memphis in his official capacity.

#### Commanderies at Work

The approach of inspections in the Memphis commanderies sees all three of these bodies busy with rehearsals and drills. Park Avenue Commandery No. 31 is meeting on every Monday night, St. Elmo Commandery No. 15 on every Tuesday night and Memphis No. 4 on every Thursday night.

The uniformed bodies of the Shrine are rehearsing every week preparing for the great meeting of the Imperial Council in June. The Shrine Patrol drills every Monday night and may call for other drills at these meetings. The band is rehearsing every Friday night and may also double up on this day.

#### Stonewall to Confer

Stonewall Lodge No. 723 will confer the First Degree Tuesday night. McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715 had a conferring set for Thursday night but deferred it.

Blue Lodge Masons over Tennessee will be glad to hear that Tony S. Ludlow, state lecturer, was not seriously injured in the accident a week ago in which his automobile was demolished. After examination and treatment for several days he was able to leave Methodist Hospital.

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

MEMPHIS, TENN., FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, 1940

## TAX WAIVER SOUGHT FOR SHRINE EVENTS

### Exemption Would Apply To Convention Features

Exemption of the Federal amusement tax on Shrine convention events here during the week of June 9 will be sought tomorrow by John Vesey, director general of the convention, and Lake Hays, former potentate of Al Chymia Temple, who left last night for Washington.

When approval of the ticket is made by the Government they will be ordered and placed on sale in season books only for admission to four major events at Crump Stadium.

The first event will be the spectacular morning parade, featuring all the marching units of the many Shrine temples, Tuesday, June 11. The "Show of the Century" with Ernie Young's Revue, starring more than 100 girls on a revolving stage in Crump Stadium, is another event set for the same night.

The other two attractions are the Shrine night parade on Wednesday and the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant on Thursday night. Inasmuch as the capacity of the stadium will be limited to around 25,000 and nearly twice that many Shriners will be in Memphis at that time, Mr. Vesey will allot tickets in various quantities for the convenience of Memphians and residents of the MidSouth.

### Shrine Club To Honor Bennie Bluestein Today

Bennie Bluestein, Memphis advertising man, has been a Shriner for 20 years. He is a former secretary of the Shrine Lunch Club, a present member of the patrol and has served on numerous Shrine committees. Today the Shrine Club will pay tribute to Mr. Bluestein for his loyalty and long membership at the luncheon at the DeVoy.

A member of Memphis Blue Lodge No. 118, Mr. Bluestein is also a member of the Lions Club. For 17 consecutive years he was esquire of the old Elks Club, organizing its luncheon club and serving as president for a number of years.

A stumpus court, with W. C. Teague, editorial writer for The Commercial Appeal, as conductor and judge, has been arranged for the entertainment. Mrs. Julius Goodman will be foreman of the jury, Earl Moreland will announce, and H. Zimmerman will operate the loud speaker. "Experts" to complete the jury will be selected from the nobility. Wray Williams will preside.



MEMPHIS, TENN., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 21, 1940

## They'll Arrange Shrine Week Entertainment



When the Shrine gathers in Memphis the week of June 9, the entertainment for their wives, daughters and sweethearts will be planned by a large committee of Memphis women whose husbands are active in the Shrine. Mrs.

John B. Vesey (center) is general chairman of the National Ladies Committee. Her vice chairmen are Mrs. Walter Chandler (left) and Mrs. E. W. Hale.

Upon them will rest the responsibility of seeing that every woman visitor has

a good time, and the guidance of their committee in carrying out a well-planned program of events which include luncheons, teas, sight-seeing trips and other entertainment.

Photo of Mrs. Vesey by Avery N. Stratton  
Photo of Mrs. Hale by Moores' Studio

## Shrine Week Plans Made

## Officers And Hostesses For Entertainment Announced

MEMPHIS will be one of the gayest spots on the globe during the week of June 9 as thousands of wives, daughters and sweethearts of the Shrine gather during the annual conclave and "play the Dixie way." The Convention Ladies' Division is composed of nearly 1000 wives of Imperial officers and representatives.

Mrs. John B. Vesey, general chairman of the National Ladies' Committee of the Shrine, is today announcing her appointments of officers and hostesses on the committee, and outlining some entertainment plans.

## Vice Chairmen Named

Mrs. Vesey's vice chairmen are Mrs. E. W. Hale and Mrs. Walter Chandler. Mrs. James A. Waterman will be Reception chairman; Mrs. Lake Hays, Entertainment chairman; Mrs. Frank Schutt, Publicity; and Mrs. W. A. Woodmansee, Records' Ladies.

It will be the obligation of every member of every committee to see that the women visitors partake of the proverbial Southern hospitality for which Memphis is known, Mrs. Vesey said. No supervision of evening entertainment is planned, Mrs. Vesey added.

First on the program will be a luncheon in the Peabody Skyway Tuesday, June 11, followed

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## Shrine Week Plans Made

## Officers And Hostesses For Entertainment Announced

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by elaborate entertainment and an outstanding afternoon event. The next day, the visitors will be taken for a trip to Shiloh National Park and Pickwick Dam, with luncheon served from the Government commissary at the dam. Thursday morning, June 13, a tour of Memphis is planned. The afternoon will be left open for guests to shop and pack. Arrangements have been made for candy and flowers to be left in rooms of all official visitors.

## Many Are Expected

More than 70 temples will send uniformed groups to Memphis with all of the 159 temples in North America sending additional official representatives. "No stone will be left unturned to make their stay pleasant and enjoyable," Mrs. Vesey added.

Captains of the hostesses are Mrs. Lois D. Bejach, Mrs. William B. Fowler, Mrs. Wray Williams, Mrs. Lee Winchester, Mrs. A. L. Gordon, Mrs. C. C. King, Mrs. R. S. Guenther, Mrs. J. W. Bodley, Mrs. William F. Bowld, Mrs. Clifford Davis, Mrs. George Sheats, Mrs. J. A. Fowler, Mrs. Douglas Johnston, Mrs. C. A. McElravy, Mrs. E. P. MacNicol and Mrs. Harry Rudd. Alternate captains are Mrs. E. H. Cannon, Mrs. Everett G. Cowan and Mrs. Jack O. Carley.

## Hostesses For Week

Hostesses during the week will be Mrs. L. M. Barlow, Mrs. H. O. McKenzie, Mrs. J. P. M. Hamner, Mrs. Paul F. Ridgeway, Mrs. N. I. Goldstein, Mrs. E. E. Lott, Mrs. W. J. Bacon, Mrs. Hal Fifer, Mrs. Elmer Ries, Mrs. R. D. Allen, Mrs. H. H. Honnoll, Mrs. Whitfield King, Mrs. R. G. Kinkle, Mrs. Raymond Skinner, Mrs. Emmet Williams, Mrs. W. F. Apperson, Mrs. M. J. Cole, Mrs. T. M. Deaton, Mrs. Floyd Harvey, Mrs. W. B. Klinke Jr., Mrs. T. J. Klyce, Mrs. Carl Hyer, Mrs. A. A. Halle, Mrs. Leo Bearman, Mrs. E. C. Correll, Mrs. Gus Gainer, Mrs. H. F. Hastings.

Mrs. Paul Martin, Mrs. L. E. Green, Mrs. Ray Hartsell, Mrs. Vic Aldridge, Mrs. Lloyd Bensinger, Mrs. A. N. Crawford, Mrs. O. F. Long, Mrs. O. W. Meador, Mrs. Glenn Pinkston, Mrs. Joe Stuart, Mrs. Julian Fulenwider, Mrs. L. C. Powell, Mrs. C. R. McDaniel, Mrs. Ben Funk, Mrs. Reginald Wurzburg, Mrs. Guy Anderson.

Mrs. Lucy Connell, Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. A. L. Derryberry, Mrs. G. J. Langnecker, Mrs. E. J. Goldsmith, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mrs. D. E. Wagner, Mrs. John Scruggs, Mrs. C. L. Willis, Mrs. I. J. Lichterman, Mrs. L. G. Barnard, Mrs. Russell Carrington, Mrs. I. G. Duncan, Mrs. R. D. Henderson, Mrs. Louis Levy, Mrs. H. T. Bunn, Mrs. G. F. Painter, Mrs. F. H. Gailor, Mrs. Shields Abernathy, Mrs. E. W. Carroll, Mrs. Robert McRae, Mrs. L. M. Hunt, Mrs. Dave Jolly, Mrs. F. J. Sexton, Mrs. Coie Ward, Mrs. Herbert Waterbury, Mrs. M. A. Whitten, Mrs. E. C. Barwick, Mrs. O. P. Cobb, Mrs. O. B. Ellis, Mrs. Carl Graves, Mrs. A. Lobb, Mrs. W. L. Wilhelm, Mrs. H. K. Turley, Mrs. L. H. Thebold, Mrs. J. J. Valentine, Mrs. A. C. Lewis, Mrs. W. P. McDonald, Mrs. H. W. Priddy, Mrs. H. G. Rudner, Mrs. Malcolm McDonald, Mrs. E. R. Avery, Mrs. D. L. Griffith, Mrs. Henry Hedden.

Mrs. W. R. Herstein, Mrs. A. C. Peterson, Mrs. A. E. Pipkin, Mrs. W. J. Prescott, Mrs. C. L. Van Fossan, Mrs. George Bone, Mrs. Herbert Brooks, Mrs. Richard Craig, Mrs. J. A. McDearman, Mrs. H. G. Orndoff, Mrs. Robert Metcalf, Mrs. Chalmers Cullins, Mrs. Charles Stull, Mrs. J. F. Gannon, Mrs. S. L. Ragsdale, Mrs. Russell Reeves, Mrs. Dave Renfrow, Mrs. Milton Silberberg, Mrs. F. P. Robertson, Mrs. J. F. Fraser.

Mrs. O. F. Soderstrom, Mrs. Albert Wolfe, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Mrs. J. J. Beatus, Mrs. Leroy Folz, Mrs. Gilbert Blanc, Mrs. Paul G. Cartwright, Mrs. Marshall Davis, Mrs. Lee A. Hyde, Mrs. J. G. Nichols, Mrs. W. A. Ruch.



## SHRINE DECORATIONS FOR STREETS ARRIVE

City To Put On Gala Attire For  
Convention

### START WORK ON FLOATS

Major Film Studios To Participate In Pageant — Girls From 40 MidSouth Towns To Appear In Parade

Special decorations for the Imperial Shrine convention the week of June 9 arrived in Memphis yesterday and will be erected the week prior to the convention. They will be used on principal downtown streets, at Crump Stadium, where the major entertainment features will be staged, and at Ellis Auditorium, where the official ceremonies of the Imperial Shrine Council will be conducted.

The decorations are unusual and strikingly different from any that have been seen in the MidSouth. They were designed especially for the Imperial Shrine and carry out the yellow green and red background color scheme. Large banners on spear shafts will be erected on wires extending from both sides of the downtown streets and smaller pennants and flags will be hung in the center of the wires.

#### On Main Street

Main Street from Poplar to Beale, Second Street for the same distance, and many downtown side streets will be brightly decorated. In addition, merchants who are planning to decorate store interiors and exteriors can obtain assistance from the official decorators in order that all decorations will blend together. Fred Tabery and his firm of special decorators have been appointed official decorators for the convention. Mr. Tabery is now in Memphis and can be contacted at the Shrine Convention headquarters in the Goodwyn Institute Building.

Meanwhile other phases of arrangements for the greatest convention the MidSouth has ever had are moving forward at a rapid pace. Season tickets for the major entertainments will be ordered shortly and made available to the public. Housing of the more than 50,000 Shriners and visitors is being worked out very satisfactorily and practically every available inch of floor space in the city, in addition to "floating hotels on the river" and a section of Pullman cities, will be utilized to accommodate the crowd.

#### Floats To Be Started

Construction of the Hollywood Electrical Pageant floats will get in full swing this week at Crump Stadium.

The major film studios sponsoring floats are Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Columbia, Paramount, Samuel Goldwyn, Selznick, RKO, Hal Roach, Walter Wanger and Harold Lloyd.

The most beautiful girls in the MidSouth, representing more than 40 towns, will be selected to parade with the floats. The Hollywood pageant will show only one night, Thursday, June 13, and in Crump Stadium only.

## Shrine Decorations Will Provide Color



Miss Virginia Worsham (left) and Miss Felicia Flanery display some of the decorations which arrived at the Shrine headquarters in the Goodwyn Institute Building yesterday.

#### Staff Is At Work

Mr. Tabery and his staff of designers and technicians, the organization which built and staged the Shrine-Hollywood Pageant in Los Angeles in 1938, are already at work building the frames for the floats, which were designed by film studio artists. Each float will be a complete unit and will be illuminated by more than 1000 lights. The greatest number of lights in any parade in Memphis previously has been 300.

Ernie Young, former Memphian, now a prominent producer of stage shows with headquarters in Chicago, is expected to come to Memphis shortly to make arrangements for his "Show of a Century," to be set on a revolving stage in Crump Stadium on Tuesday night, June 11. More than 100 show girls will participate in this attraction, which will be open to the public.



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1940

## 'Miss MidSouth' To Be Named At Shrine Convention Show

Plans for selection of "Miss MidSouth" in connection with the Shrine Convention's Motion Picture Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium Thursday night, June 13, were announced yesterday by John Vesey, convention director general.

The Dixie beauty selected for this honor from a series of elimination contests throughout the Memphis territory will be rewarded with a trip to Hollywood and to San Francisco, with a day at the Golden Gate International Exposition in the latter city set aside as "Miss MidSouth Day," Mr. Vesey said.

### 40 Winners Coming Here

Forty winners, selected in towns chosen for the semifinals, will be brought to Memphis to grace the floats entered in the electrical pageant by the following movie companies: Selznick-International, M-G-M, Paramount, Hal Roach, Harold Lloyd, United Artists, Republic and Walter Wanger Pro-

ductions. The floats are being constructed here under personal supervision of Fred J. Tabery of Menard & Tabery, Hollywood.

### Elimination Contests

Final elimination contests will be held in the three states as soon as possible after May 20. "Miss Tennessee" will be named at Jackson, "Miss Mississippi" at Clarksdale, "Miss Arkansas" at Forrest City. "Miss Memphis" will be selected in Memphis and these four will compete for the honor of being "Miss MidSouth."

Committees in each city and town will select their own beauty representatives. Here in Memphis clubs and private organizations are being invited to enter contestants, although individual girls may compete on their own initiative by applying at Shrine headquarters, Goodwyn Institute Building. Costumes will be furnished the girls for participation in the parade on the floats, Mr. Tabery said.

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## SHRINE TO INITIATE BIG NEOPHYTE CLASS

About 75—Downtown Parade  
On Wednesday, May 1

A class of approximately 75 neophytes, the largest in several years, will be initiated Wednesday, May 1, at the Auditorium in the annual spring ceremonial of Al Chymia Shrine Temple.

The ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. with a downtown parade starting from Shrine headquarters at Hotel DeVoy, with members of the uniform bodies and the neophytes marching. Shriners who don a fez may join the line of march.

The parade will wind up at the Auditorium, where a buffet dinner will be served from 6 to 7, followed by the ceremonial starting at 7:30.

Potentate J. A. Waterman will be in charge. Dave Rosenthal, director of work, who attended a recent meeting of work directors in El Paso, expects to have a number of new stunts to spring upon the candidates.

Recorder W. A. Woodmansee said members of the class should come to his office Wednesday for admittance cards.

## Some Lucky Miss To Make Frisco Trip

Some shapely, good-looking Mid-South miss is going to get a trip to Hollywood and the San Francisco Fair as result of the Shrine convention.

She'll be selected Thursday night, June 13, at Crump Stadium, following eliminations in the Tri-States. "Miss Tennessee" will be named at Jackson, "Miss Mississippi" at Clarksdale, "Miss Arkansas" at Forrest City and "Miss Memphis" at Memphis. One of the four will be chosen "Miss Mid-South."

Various clubs and organizations in Memphis are invited to choose their representatives. Girls may enter, however, on their own initiative by applying to Shrine headquarters, Goodwyn Institute Building.

Forty winners in the semi-finals in the Tri-States will ride floats furnished by movie companies during the electrical pageant.

## STROLLING



### After He Uses 'Em, You Can Have 'Em

If you own some white pigeons, you might see F. J. Tabery at Shrine Convention Headquarters on Madison. He has a mighty good proposition to make you.

Mr. Tabery's firm, Menard Tabery, Inc., of Los Angeles, has the contract to put on the gigantic, magnificent, super-colossal electrical pageant at Crump Stadium the last night of the Shrine Convention—the grand finale—on June 13. His men are busy at the Stadium right now, building the 11 huge motorized floats. Each float will be lit up with about 1000 lights, and will carry its own power plant. They will parade around the track—with beauty queens from 40 Mid-South cities riding on them—and they will assemble in front of the stands for the Peace Pageant. And that's where the pigeons enter the picture.

With colored lights playing on a turning peace tower, 400 white pigeons will be released. "And as pigeons always do under such conditions, they will fly around in those lights," Mr. Tabery says. "It will be very beautiful and impressive."

Mr. Tabery would prefer to buy the pigeons here. They needn't be solid white, but they must be—well, say, 90 per cent white.

After they are released, they will become free agents. You can sell him your pigeons, and then get them back—if you can. He doesn't care.



## Garnett N. Morgan Class Officers



Officers of the Garnett N. Morgan class of Scottish Rite Masons initiated last week are: 1—Robert S. Fredericks, Memphis, vice president; 2—William L. Loeb, Memphis, president; 3—Elmer C. Templeton, Chattanooga, vice president; 4—Clifford D. Pierce, Memphis, secretary; 5—Mark A. Walker Jr., Covington, treasurer; 6—Richard C. Jones, Memphis, orator; 7—Floyd M. Wofford, Chattanooga, orator.

## Host Potentate Finds Time To Arrange For A Big Party

It's a pretty busy job—that of being potentate of the host temple that is to welcome an estimated 75,000 to 100,000 visitors to Memphis when the Nation's Shriners hold their annual conclave here in June—but Illustrious Potentate J. A. Waterman, who heads the 1600 Shriners in Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, is finding time to do it.

Plans announced yesterday indicate Memphis will present three of the most colorful marching units when the big Shrine parades sweep down Main Street with their thousands of nobles in line. New uniforms of green jackets and baggy red trousers have been purchased for the 73 members of Al Chymia's drill patrol, while the temple's 42-piece band will be resplendent in green uniforms and red fezzes. The temple's 24-piece Oriental Band will wear white Arabian costumes with flowing burnouses.

"We are doing our part as the host temple," Mr. Waterman said, "but the real job is up to John Vesey, director-general of the convention and in charge of all its activities. Mr. Vesey is doing a wonderful job of organizing and from all indications the Shrine convention here will be the largest ever held in the United States, with the exception of the 1923 conclave at Washington.

Potentate Waterman (everybody calls him John, but his name is really James) has been a Shriner 13 years. In 1925 he was named chairman of Al Chymia's Entertainment Committee and, following the customary line of progression, he was elevated to Oriental Guide in 1936, to High Priest and Prophet in 1937, to Assistant Rabban in



J. A. Waterman  
—Photo by Cassaday

1938, to Chief Rabban in 1939 and to Illustrious Potentate in 1940.

Mr. Waterman, a Scottish Rite Mason and Knight Templar, was born at Forrest City, Ark., 42 years ago. His first Blue Lodge was Angerona, of Memphis, but he now has his membership in Chickasaw Lodge, Blytheville, Ark. He is vice president and general manager of A. S. Barboro & Co., and resides at 1630 Vance.

## SHRINE CEREMONIAL BIG EVENT OF WEEK

50 Candidates Lined Up For  
Initiation Wednesday

BLUE LODGES BUSY AGAIN

Memphis 118 And McLemore  
715 Schedule Third Degree  
Conferrings—Many Stated  
Meetings Begin On Thursday

### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, April 29—  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—Rehearsal.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Third Degree.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
Tuesday, April 30—  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Third degree at 7:30.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 239—School.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15—Drill.  
Wednesday, May 1—  
Shrine Ceremonial At Auditorium.  
Park Avenue Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.  
Thursday, May 2—  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 239—Stated.  
Bartlett Lodge No. 597—Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15—Stated.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205, O. E. S.—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Chapter No. 228, O. E. S.—Stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O. E. S.—Stated.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge—No. 715—School.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—District Lecturer.  
Friday, May 3—  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Party.  
DeSoto Lodge No. 299—Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Stated.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209—Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 265, O. E. S.—Stated.  
Normal Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.  
Shrine Band—Rehearsal.  
Saturday, May 4—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.  
ODD FELLOW CALENDAR  
Monday, April 29—  
Chickasaw Lodge No. 8—Stated.  
Highland Heights—Hope Lodge No. 548—Stated.  
Tuesday, April 30—  
Memphis Lodge No. 6—Stated.  
Wednesday, May 1—  
All Lodges—Homecoming Meeting.  
Thursday, May 2—  
Gayoso Encampment No. 3—Stated.  
Friday, May 3—  
Shelby-Jackson Lodge No. 147—Stated.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM.

Fraternal Editor.  
The event of the week will be the Shrine ceremonial on Wednesday at the Municipal Auditorium and all plans laid give promise of it being a successful one.

All candidates for the class must be registered prior to 4 p.m. on Wednesday. The secretary's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. on.

The parade will start from the DeVoy Hotel at 5 o'clock with the band, patrol and Oriental band, fezzed nobility and the candidates in the line of march.

A buffet dinner will be served from 6 until 7 o'clock and the band concert will start at 7:30 p.m. The first section will begin at 8 o'clock. Director of the Work Dave Rosenthal has a number of new stunts and the fun will be unsurpassed. Class prospects are good with 50 candidates in sight.

### 80 In Rite Class

The Scottish Rite bodies closed their 85th reunion on Thursday night. The class which comprised 80 members, was named the Garnett Noel Morgan class, in honor of the beloved departed head of the Rite in Tennessee. Garnett Noel Morgan was an active 33rd degree Mason, a member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite and served as its treasurer and was perhaps the most distinguished Tennessee Mason of his time.

The class elected the following officers: William L. Loeb, Memphis, president; Elmer C. Templeton, Chattanooga, vice president for East Tennessee; Robert S. Fredericks, Memphis, vice president for West Tennessee; Floyd M. Wofford, Chattanooga, orator for East Tennessee; Richard C. Jones, Memphis, orator for West Tennessee; Clifford D. Pierce, Memphis, secretary and Mark A. Walker Jr., Covington, treasurer.

The reunion was a successful one and included a number of prominent citizens of Memphis and East Tennessee. Director of the Work Herbert Waterbury, 33rd, was the recipient of many compliments on the impressive ritualistic rendition of the degrees. Credit was given to General Secretary John B. Vesey, 33rd, for his fine general direction and E. C. Bondurant, 33rd, and his hospitaliers for the fine service in the dining room. Charles Nelson, 33rd, of Nashville, deputy of the Supreme Council in Tennessee was unable to attend.

The reunion closed with a sumptuous banquet served in the Gold Room to a capacity crowd.

### Third Degree Conferrings Up

Tomorrow will see the closing activities of the month resumed with two conferrings of the third degree. McLemore Avenue Lodge will work tomorrow night and Memphis Lodge on Tuesday night. In Memphis Lodge the third degree will be conferred by brethren from Summer Avenue Lodge. This lodge materially augmented the fine attendance in Memphis Lodge at the last meeting and with its officers working on Tuesday night a banner attendance is expected.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be principally occupied with the usual first of the month stated meetings, with some instruction meetings thrown in, the leading of these being the official visitation of District Lecturer Tony Ludlow to Memphis Lodge on Thursday night.

The commanderies are rehearsing every week for the annual inspections which will occur prior to the middle of May.

The Shrine patrol is working hard to arrive at that degree of perfection that will impress the celebrated patrols that will soon visit Memphis. The patrol drills every Monday, Thursday and Friday nights.

Park Avenue Lodge will have a gala party on Friday night. There will be fine musical numbers, a miniature organist, ventriloquist, an accordion feature and a mystifying mystic.



## BEAUTY TO BE THEME OF SHRINE PAGEANT

South's Prettiest Girls Will  
Ride Electrical Floats

SEEK 'MISS MIDSOUTH'

Title Winner Will Be Awarded  
Trip To Hollywood—Spec-  
tacle Will Be At Crump  
Stadium June 13

Beauty will be the central theme of the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant to be presented as the principal attraction of the Imperial Shrine Convention entertainment program at Crump Stadium, Thursday night, June 13.

The 11 floats sponsored by major motion picture studios now under construction inside the stadium will be one of the most elaborate spectacles ever paraded in the MidSouth. In addition, the South's most beautiful girls will be starred on the floats.

### Committee Is Named

Plans for the Shrine and Mid-South models parade, in which 40 or more towns in this territory as well as Memphis will be represented are progressing under direction of a committee appointed yesterday by John Vesey, director general of the Shrine Convention.

E. C. (Chip) Barwick was named chairman of the Electrical Pageant feature and M. A. Lightman, vice chairman. Others on the committee are R. M. Dozier, Jim Scott and John J. Rogers. The tentative plan to have elimination contests in Mississippi, Arkansas, and West Tennessee was discarded on recommendations of the committee. New arrangements will bring all of the MidSouth winners into Memphis the day of the big parade and elimination contests held before the parade starts. The girl awarded the title of "Miss MidSouth" will be presented during the parade.

The title winner will be awarded a trip to Hollywood and may receive a screen test.

### Others Will Be Chosen

Besides "Miss MidSouth" four other winners will be named: "Miss Mississippi," "Miss Arkansas," "Miss Tennessee," and "Miss Memphis."

Chairmen of the general committees in the TriStates, A. M. Bradford of Forrest City, Ark.; J. Lacey Price, Jackson, Tenn., and Arthur M. Lyell, Greenville, Miss., will be in charge of this feature.

Many Shriners will arrive Saturday, June 8, and remain in Memphis for the following week. The official days of the convention are June 11, 12 and 13.

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slightly cooler tonight, lowest temperature about 58. Tuesday, partly cloudy and cooler.

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THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 30, 1940

## SHRINERS ARE HOPEFUL THAT F.D.R. WILL COME

Invitation Extended To At-  
tend Convention Here

Officials of the Shrine Imperial Convention were hopeful yesterday that President Roosevelt will accept their recently forwarded invitation to visit Memphis during the convention here June 11-13.

John Vesey, director general of the convention, said hope of an acceptance from the President was based on the possibility that his proposed Mississippi trip in June might dovetail with the Shrine convention dates. The President is a Shriner, a member of Cyprus Temple of Albany, N. Y., which has made reservations for the convention.

Senator McKellar and Representative Davis will be asked to urge the President to accept the invitation, Mr. Vesey said.

## ROOSEVELT INVITED TO VISIT MEMPHIS

President, a Shriner, Asked  
To Attend Convention

Director General John Vesey of the Shrine Imperial Convention sent a personal invitation today to President Roosevelt to attend the convention in Memphis June 11-13.

President Roosevelt is a Shriner. He is a member of Cyprus Temple of Albany, N. Y. Members of the Albany temple already have made reservations for the convention.

President Roosevelt has announced a speaking tour, including a visit to Mississippi. The date has not been definitely set and hinges upon adjournment of Congress.

In his invitation, Mr. Vesey told the President, "This will be the biggest event of its kind in the history of the South." A total of 30,000 Shriners and 75,000 visitors is expected.

In addition to the personal invitation, Senator McKellar and Congressman Davis will be asked to call upon the President to request his attendance, Mr. Vesey added.

## SHRINERS TO MEET AT DEVVOY TONIGHT

Plans for the participation of the Shrine patrol in the Al Chymia Temple spring ceremonial Wednesday will be made by the patrol at 8 tonight in a rehearsal to be at Hotel DeVoy. The patrol also will discuss its visit to Osceola Thursday, May 30, for a Shrine initiation there, and its participation in the Imperial convention in Memphis in June.



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 1, 1940

## Dave Rosenthal Rounds Up 'Goats' For Shrine Ceremony

Dave Rosenthal, who has initiated upwards of 2000 candidates into the mysteries of the Shrine in the past 17 years, yesterday rounded up his billy goats and his paddles (or whatever it is that he uses) and got ready for a big night tonight.

For Dave is director of Al Chymia Temple's semiannual ceremonial at Ellis Auditorium this evening and as such he will send a class of more than 60 candidates scampering across the hot sands. By this time tomorrow these 60 will be Shriners—and also they may have lots of memories.

### Parade Is Planned

The only public spectacle of today's program will be a parade of Shriners and candidates on Main Street at 5 p.m. Al Chymia's 42-piece band will lead the way, followed by its drill team in flashy new uniforms, its 24-piece Oriental band in Arabian costumes, several hundred red-fezzed Shriners and the candidates. The latter may be in chains.

The parade will wend its way to the auditorium where a buffet lunch will be served from 6 to 7 p.m., the band will give a concert from 7:30 to 8 p.m. and then Dave and his team of 20 able-bodied assistants will proceed to give the candidates the works. The hour at which the ceremonies will end is indicated on the printed program by a big question mark.

As if he hadn't accumulated enough tortures for hapless candidates already, Dave attended a recent convention of the Nation's Shrine directors at El Paso at which a number of new stunts were introduced. Several of these will be staged in Memphis tonight for the first time. Making the trip to El Paso with him, were J. A. Waterman and W. A. Woodmansee, illustrious potentate and recorder, respectively, of Al Chymia Temple.

### Ceremonials Recognized

Dave has had a big hand in initiating Al Chymia's candidates for 17 years. For 15 years he was assistant director of the semiannual ceremonials, and for the past two years he has been the director. Largely through his efforts, Memphis is now recognized among



Dave Rosenthal  
—Staff Photo by Elliott

the Nation's Shriners as presenting some of the snappiest ceremonies in the United States.

When Dave isn't chasing Al Chymia's candidates across the hot sands, he is stage manager at the auditorium, a job that he has held for many years. He has been a Shriner ever since he came back from the World War in 1920, and a Mason for more years than that. He holds his Blue Lodge membership in St. Cecilia Lodge No. 568, which is a daylight lodge in that its membership is drawn largely from the theatrical profession.

More than 1000 Shriners expect to be present at the auditorium tonight to witness the fun, and a good time probably will be had by all—except the candidates.

THE COVINGTON LEADER, COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

Thursday Afternoon, May 2, 1940

## Covington "Adopts" Illinois Shriners

Ainad Temple of East St. Louis, Ill., has been drawn by Covington under the "city adoption" plan in connection with the Imperial Shrine Convention to be held in Memphis June 11-13, Will Ruffin, local Shriner, was notified this week.

Many Mid-South cities are being allotted visiting Temples, whose members they will entertain for a few hours at some time during or just before the convention. The adopted temple and the host Mid-South city will exchange mutual correspondence between now and the convention date.

A local committee has been drawn from Lions club, Jaycees and Shrine membership to make arrangements for the adopted temple's visit.

The Covington group will broadcast from one of the Memphis radio stations at a day and hour to be assigned later. Interesting facts about Covington will be told.

Immediately following the broadcast, a salute to the East St. Ill. temple will be recorded on wax together with the broadcast story of Covington, and these will be sent to Ainad Temple for reproduction over one of its local radio stations.

The plan is designed to familiarize the various visiting temples with their fellow citizens with the Shrine convention and with the Mid-South city. Plans for the brief entertainment of the East St. Ill. group here are still in a state of formation.

# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1940

## SHRINE CEREMONIAL SET

June 5 Set As Date For Induction Of New Members

Another ceremonial for the benefit of those who wish to join Al Chymia Temple before the nationwide Shrine convention here in June, will be held at Ellis Auditorium on Wednesday night, June 5, W. A. Woodmansee, recorder, announced yesterday.

Unlike last Wednesday's ceremonial, when 60 initiates were conducted across the "hot sands," this will be a "cold sands" ceremonial, officials explained.

Dave Rosenthal, stage manager at the Auditorium and director of initiations for Al Chymia Temple, was the guest of honor at the Shrine Club's weekly luncheon at Hotel DeVoy yesterday.



## INSPECTIONS AHEAD FOR COMMANDERIES

Both Will Be Held On Daylight  
Saving Time

### 'STATEDS' FILL CALENDAR

No Conferings Scheduled—Al  
Chymia To Meet Wednesday  
—Ceremonial a Success As 66  
Troop Hot Sands

**MASONIC CALENDAR**  
**MONDAY, MAY 6:**  
Angerona Lodge No. 168.—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707.—Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715.—M.  
Ozer Night.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls.—  
Stated.  
Shrine Patrol.—Drill.  
Normal Lodge No. 722.—School.  
**TUESDAY, MAY 7:**  
Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729.—Stated.  
Scottish Rite Bodies.—Stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Stonewall Chapter No. 280, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15.—Re-  
hearsal, Red Cross.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362.—School.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8:**  
Al Chymia Temple.—Stated.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 9:**  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204.—Stated.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4.—Stated.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168.—School.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211.—School.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 10:**  
Woodlawn Chapter No. 74, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
DeSoto Chapter No. 332, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 11:**  
Masonic Temple.—Dark.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM,  
Fraternal Editor

In Masonic circles two major events having passed—those of the Scottish Rite reunion and the Shrine ceremonial, the regular routine business of stated meetings, conferings and schools will occupy the attention of the brethren. The future too, has in store the commandery inspections.

Park Avenue Commandery No. 31 will be inspected on May 13. This commandery has been busy for the last month preparing for the same and the officers are better prepared than they have ever been at this time of the year. The members are looking forward to welcoming a number of Grand Commandery officers and visitors.

St. Elmo Commandery No. 15 will be inspected on May 14 and this commandery has also been working hard and is in fine shape. It is enthused over the early inspection date as it has wrought a marked improvement in efficiency.

The fraters, especially those out of the city, are reminded that these inspections will be held under daylight saving time.

#### Mr. Ozer Honored

McLemore Avenue Lodge confering on tomorrow night is of interest as that lodge will call it Mark Ozer Night in honor of one of its members who enjoys the remarkable record of having paid Masonic dues for a half a century. A number of interesting features have been planned for the event.

The Shrine ceremonial on Wednesday night was termed by a jolly noble as a howling success. It was one of the most delightful of recent years. There is no place like the Shrine for the renewing of old friendships and mirth and jollity.

The class was a good one, as 66 of the unregenerated traversed the hot sands.

#### Another Ceremonial

The buffet supper that served as a curtain raiser was delightful and congeniality abounded. The will be another ceremonial prior to the big Imperial Council meeting in June.

Memphis Lodge No. 118 had an unusually interesting and well attended confering of the third degree on Tuesday night. The work was done by the officers of Woodlawn Lodge No. 211 and the degree team acquitted itself in an impressive manner. The attendance ran over sixty which included thirteen past masters and representatives from six other states. A nice supper was served at the conclusion of the work.

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1940

## Tickets For Shrine Fetes



Tickets for the major public attractions of the Imperial Shrine convention at Crump Stadium, June 11, 12 and 13, arrived yesterday and were checked by Col. Charles McElravy, chairman of the committee. Taking of mail orders for season books of four tickets will begin tomorrow.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell

## CITIES OF MIDSOUTH TO ENTERTAIN SHRINE

### Welcoming Committee Plans Tours Of Section

The plan of the MidSouth Welcoming Committee to invite Shrine Temples coming to Memphis for the Imperial Council convention, the week of June 9, to visit towns and points of interest in the territory, is meeting with unusual response, Ralph E. Logsdon, president of the organization, announced yesterday.

The plan which was perfected several weeks ago through a meeting of Shriners and business men from more than 40 towns in this section, will make it possible for thousands of the visitors to become acquainted with many places in the MidSouth as well as Memphis.

The general committee in charge of arrangements consists of Mr. Logsdon, A. M. Bradford of Forrest City, A. Lacy Price of Jackson, Tenn., Arthur M. Lyell of Greenville, and O. B. Gilmore of Pontotoc, Miss. Forty one Shrine temples which have arealy received invitations from different towns.

"We are going to make every effort to extend to the visitors that true Southern hospitality for which Memphis and the MidSouth are noted. Many of the Shriners will visit the towns before coming to Memphis. Others will go from Memphis by bus and auto caravan some time during the convention. This is the largest convention that has ever come to this section and we want everyone to have a fine time," Mr. Logsdon said.

A series of radio broadcasts scheduled over Memphis stations, will highlight some of the chief points of interest in the towns of

the MidSouth. These broadcasts will be recorded and a transcription forwarded to the city represented by the visiting Shrine temple. Over WMC, radio station of The Commercial Appeal, at 3:00 p.m. today, Tupelo, Miss., and Brinkley, Ark., will present the salute to Shrine temples.

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# COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1940

## Tickets To Four Shrine Shows Go On Sale For Public Today

Shrine Convention tickets for the public attractions at Crump Stadium, June 11, 12 and 13, will go on sale today by mail order for Memphians and people of the MidSouth. A book of tickets for the four major events will sell for \$5.

"We have been asked by hundreds of interested people if the Shrine shows are open to the public. They are," John B. Vesey, director general of the convention for the Imperial Shrine Council, announced.

The book of tickets will remain on sale until June 1, then single tickets, which will aggregate \$7.70 for the same attractions, will go on sale. All orders must be sent direct to Ellis Auditorium, care of Charles McElravy, chairman of the committee.

#### Four Attractions

The four attractions are: Elaborate Shrine Escort parade, Tuesday morning, June 11. Ernie Young's "Show of the Century," Tuesday night. Famous Parade of Shrine marching units, Wednesday night. Shrine-Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant, Thursday night. "Orders for a book of tickets should be sent in promptly, as only a limited number will be available for this section. Memphis has been allotted 8000 for the general public; MidSouth, 10,000; visiting Shrin-

ers, 7500, and Shrine officials, 1500. There will be 25,000 reserved seats in the Stadium for each attraction and every seat will be on the "50-yard line," Mr. Vesey added. All parades will pass completely around the Stadium and the Young Show will be staged on a platform 100 by 40 feet and easily seen from any point in the arena.

#### No Downtown Parades

No Shrine parades will be held in the congested district as is customary, because of the length of time it takes each parade to pass a given point, four and a half hours. "Persons who purchase a ticket book will have the same seats for each of the spectacles and parades," Mr. Vesey said.

The Shrine tickets, according to Mr. McElravy, make up the largest number ever offered for sale for one undertaking in Memphis. All seats are numbered and reserved.

The Young Show, which starts a 13 weeks' tour after leaving Memphis, is now in rehearsal at Chicago. Floats for the electrical pageant in which the major motion picture studios are participating are being built in Memphis under direction of Fred Tabery, Hollywood pageant producer.

More than 65 Shrine Temples have made arrangements to enter their bands, patrols and other uniformed units in the parades.



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MEMPHIS, TENN., TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1940



Two of the busiest men in Memphis are John B. Vesey, director general of the Shrine convention (left), and R. E. Logsdon, director of the Chamber of Commerce convention bureau. Most of the big events will be held in Crump Stadium, shown above.

## More Than 60,000 Shriners Are To Visit City

By EDWIN T. CONNELL  
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Early next month in Memphis a 27-year dream will come true. It all started back in the pre-first World War days of 1913 when a group of hopeful Memphians took \$50,000 and went to Dallas with an idea. They had the blessings of E. H. Crump, then mayor of Memphis. They were armed with hundreds of copies of a special edition of the News-Scimitar telling what the people of Memphis thought about this idea.

The idea was to bring the Imperial Shrine Convention to Memphis, with Al Chymia Temple to play host. It was a good idea, but that year Atlanta had what was regarded as a better idea—"bring the convention to Atlanta."

### They Tried Again

Disappointed, but undaunted, the Memphians returned home determined to try again. They did, but it was a long time before a convention again was to come South.

Finally, last year the Memphians went to Baltimore, once again armed with the \$50,000 guarantee and this time were rewarded with success.

The 66th annual session of the Shrine Imperial Convention will open in Memphis Tuesday, June 11, and will continue thru Thursday, June 13!

This marks the first time the session has been held in the Mid-South.

### A Treat for Memphis

Here is a thumb-nail sketch of some of the features Memphians will enjoy from their ringside seats as hosts during these days of fun and frolic:

Between 60,000 and 100,000 visitors enjoying the hospitality of Memphis.

From as far west as Hawaii, north into Canada and south to Mexico, the Shriners of the world will converge on Memphis.

Officers from the 159 Temples will be here and large delegations from at least 65 Temples.

Parades . . . gayly colored costumes . . . Tony Sarg balloons . . . fireworks . . . entertainment . . . prominent people . . . Hollywood Pageant . . . Special religious services . . . dancing . . . singing.

In short, the world's biggest convention is coming to town!

### Long Preparation

In order to make this possible, a highly geared machinery has been in operation for months under the guidance of John B. Vesey, director general.

Thousands of letters had to be written; committees appointed; programs arranged; pamphlets published. Preparations for food, hous-

ing, transportation, entertainment and a thousand and one other things had to be made. Every one of the 1500 members has had certain duties.

Altho the convention is still more than a month away, there are 18 people now employed getting things ready, in addition to the Shriners themselves. Some highlights:

At 9 a.m. Tuesday, official opening day of the convention—it actually starts on the previous Sunday, June 9—will be the Escort Parade, passing in review before the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Divan. There will be at least 15,000 marching in this parade.

The parade will be formed in the Peabody Avenue area, then will march on Peabody to Crump Stadium and thru the stadium, then down Linden to Bellevue, Bellevue to Union and Union to Marshall, or thereabouts, where it will disband. There will be no parade on Main.

### Electric Parade

On Wednesday night, there will be the Night Parade . . . Costumes electrically lighted . . . Beautiful floats . . . Bands from the different Temples playing music of all types. This parade will follow the same itinerary as the Escort Parade. These will be the only two parades outside Crump Stadium.

But the Shrine convention is far

from being just a matter of parades.

For instance, at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, there will be the "Show of a Century" at Crump Stadium . . . a stage 240 feet long, embellished by beautiful scenery . . . a revue with 100 entertainers to be brought to Memphis by Ernie Young from Chicago. Girls! Songs! Dancing! Zeigfeld couldn't offer more color and glamor. There will be Tony Sarg's small balloons and a parade of the Southeastern Shrine Association inside Crump Stadium.

### From Hollywood

Then on Thursday night, you'll be treated to the spectacle of the Hollywood Electrical Pageant, also at Crump Stadium, sponsored by the major Hollywood Studios. Marching men and bands. Big Tony Sarg balloons, 40 feet tall. A Chinese dragon, 50 feet long, a replica of the one used on the Chinese New Year.

Models, selected in contests sponsored by newspapers and theaters in the Tri-States, will ride on floats in the Hollywood Pageant. Chip Barwick is chairman of this contest and at Crump Stadium Thursday night, "Miss Mid-South" will be chosen.

One of the features on Wednesday will be a trip to 43 surrounding cities and towns within a 100 mile radius of Memphis. Each one



Here are two of the costumes to be worn on floats in the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant as the Shrine convention reaches a grand climax June 13. Modeling these costumes are Mildred Delk (left) as the old-fashioned girl, and Mary Agnes Peeples, dressed in an Egyptian costume.

of these towns has adopted a temple from another part of the country and the visiting Nobles will be treated to samples of Southern hospitality.

### Visit to Pickwick

Also on Wednesday, there will be an all-day Greyhound bus trip to Pickwick Dam and Shiloh National Park for the wives of Imperial representatives. Wives of local Shriners will serve as hostesses.

While all this is going on in the country, there will be a business meeting at the Auditorium and officers will be elected.

In each one of the 43 towns, prior to the convention, 10 prominent citizens are selecting a man to give the Shrine greeting from his town to the city he has adopted. This greeting will be recorded and sent to the adopted city to be used over the radio before the convention. R. E. Logsdon, director of the Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau, is handling this work.

Joe Brennan is chairman of the committee on community co-operation. He will contact service clubs, civic clubs and other organizations to urge Memphians to show real hospitality. Boy Scouts will be stationed at filling stations to ask people to put stickers on their cars saying "Hop In, Noble," extending rides to the Shriners.



## One Dozen Brilliant Spectacles Will Be Staged

The city is working out a plan so that adequate food will be available for this overwhelming influx of guests. Menus are being examined and prices checked to see to it that no restaurants take advantage of the situation.

During the convention, the city will be filled with music. At least one band for each Temple represented will be on hand. Some Temples will have more than one. There will be Oriental bands, bag-pipe bands, brass bands and many other kinds.

The parade often has been called the Million Dollar Shrine Parade.

### One Band—144 Pieces

One band alone, sent by the Medina Temple of Chicago, will have 144 pieces.

All precautions have been taken to provide accommodations for the visiting Nobles. All the hotels will be filled. The seven Memphis high schools will be turned into dormitories, several hundred Pullmans will be made available and also the tourist courts in the city.

### Boatload From Louisville

Even a boat will be used. The "Gordon Green" packet will bring the Kosair Temple of Louisville to Memphis and the Shriners will make the boat their home during the convention.

Then there will be 13,000 rooms in private homes in Memphis made available.

There will be 159 local hostesses to take care of the wives of officials from the 159 Shrine Temples.

Harold Lloyd, the famous screen comedian, will be on hand and is a candidate for Imperial Outer Guard. This is the only office contested. From then on Lloyd's rise will be automatic each year and about 12 years from now he will be Imperial Potentate.

### Potentate From Texas

Walter D. Cline, of Wichita Falls, Texas, is present Imperial Potentate and his successor is expected to be George F. Olendorf, of Springfield, Mo. John A. Waterman is potentate of Al Chymia Temple, the host to the convention.

Finally, the Shriners want Memphians to feel that this convention belongs to them as much as the Shriners.

All their features and entertainment will be open to the public.

It's one of the greatest shows on earth and the Shriners want you to be sure not to miss it.



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photos. Airview of Crump Stadium by Mervin Rosenbush.

This smiling group comprises the staff working daily at Shrine headquarters. Men in the background (left to right): J. F. Ranier, Turley Jack, R. B. Laughlin, Bruce Ely, R. E. McCune, A. E. Cameron. The girls are: Mrs. Dorothy Tucker, Mrs. Teddy Martin, Nell McGinnis, Mrs. Louise Overall, Mrs. Elizabeth Dalton, Mary Lapworth, Mrs. Laura Cantrell, Sue Smith and Mrs. Eve D. Gwin.

## HOUSING FOR SHRINE SOUGHT BY OFFICIALS

### Memphians Asked To Register Available Rooms

The most perplexing problem facing officials in charge of the Imperial Shrine convention, coming to Memphis the week of June 9, is proper housing.

In order to be prepared to meet any emergency that might arise, John Vesey, director general of the convention, yesterday called on the people of Memphis to co-operate in providing rooms in their homes to take care of many of the Shriners.

"We would like to have everyone interested register their rooms and the price of same with the convention headquarters immediately," he said. "This information should be written and addressed to Shrine Convention Office, Goodwyn Institute Building."

"Many Shrine members, their wives and families will visit here from three days to a week. They represent the leading business and civic men in the country and are responsible citizens that anyone would gladly welcome to their home. We want to demonstrate our true Southern hospitality and thereby increase the advertising and goodwill for Memphis."

Already more than 70 Shrine Temples from all parts of North America have registered for the convention. Reservations for rooms will be made in hotels, schools and apartment buildings and there will be floating hotels on the river and huge sections of Pullman cities.

### Final Pre-Convention Meeting Set Tonight

The last monthly meeting of Al Chymia Temple before the big Shrine convention in Memphis in June will be held tonight at Shrine headquarters in Hotel DeVoy, W. A. Woodmansee, recorder, announced yesterday.

Plans for a "cold sands" ceremonial at Ellis Auditorium on Wednesday night, June 5, will be discussed. This will be the last initiation before the Shrine Convention, the week of June 9.

Monthly meetings by Al Chymia Temple will not be resumed until September.

# Press-Scimitar

MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1940

## SHRINE BANDS' BASE SELECTED

### Musicians' Headquarters Will Be at 201 Union

The building at 201 Union, formerly occupied by The Press-Scimitar, will be converted into headquarters for the uniform units attending the Imperial Shrine convention, June 11 to 13.

The first floor will be used to store band instruments of the 5000 members in the 80 bands. The three upper floors will be fitted into club-rooms where musicians may relax and play.

Daily concerts will be given in Court Square and Confederate Park during the three days, starting at 8 a.m. and continuing until 5 p.m. Thirteen concerts will be given daily, seven in one park and six in the other.

A 200-piece All-American band will be chosen from the 80 bands attending, and this band will play once daily in Confederate Park.

Besides these concerts, the bands will give one and two concerts a day in all Memphis institutions, and will march in all parades.



THURSDAY MAY 9, 1940

**Got Vacant Room?  
Shrine Can Use It**

Have you got an extra room you could rent during the Shrine convention the week of June 9?

If so, you are urged to write the Shrine Convention office, Goodwyn Institute Building, stating the number of rooms you have and the price.

With hotels already full, it is important that additional homes be obtained for the delegates. Reservations have also been made for schools, apartment buildings, Pullman cars and other places.

**Louisville Shriners  
Coming By Steamer**

Old Man River has a daughter, Capt. Mary B. Greene, who will bring her steam packet to Memphis in June with a load of Louisville Shriners.

Captain Greene, member of the famous river family of Cincinnati which operates the Greene Line Steamers, will blow for a landing here June 10 after a three-day passage from Louisville. Aboard will be 250 Shriners, who will make the packet, the Gordon C. Greene, their headquarters during the Shrine convention here June 10-13. Kosair Temple has chartered the boat.

Mrs. Greene is the only woman steamboat captain in inland waters, Shrine headquarters here was told. She pilot some of the few real packets left on the river.

# THE COVINGTON LEADER.

COVINGTON, TENNESSEE, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1940

**PAGEANT CANDIDATE  
SELECTION MAY 28**

Contest to select a Covington girl to participate in the Hollywood electrical motion picture pageant at the Shrine convention in Memphis in June and compete for a free trip to the movie capital will be held at Ruffin Theatre May 28.

Forty-four Mid-South cities will send girls to Memphis to compete for the queenship of the pageant and the free trip, with possibly a screen test offered as an added honor and opportunity for the winner.

Several Covington organizations are being asked to enter girls in the local event at the theatre. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event here.

"My Little Chickadee," starring W. C. Fields and Mae West, will be the screen attraction on the night of the Covington competition.

Though organizations are being asked to sponsor entrants, any girl who desires to submit her application to enter the contest, according to William Ben Charter, chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of the event. Other members are George Pinner and Robert Proctor. Any girl desiring to enter should get in touch with Mr. Charter.

2 SECTION III

**COMMANDERIES UP  
FOR INSPECTIONS****Grand Officials Coming To  
City Tomorrow****BLUE LODGES GET ACTIVE****All Three Symbolic Degrees  
Will Be Conferred—Shriners  
Busy As Imperial Council  
Date Nears****MASONIC CALENDAR**

Monday, May 13:  
Park Avenue Commandery No. 31—Annual Inspection.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 599—Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22—Stated.  
Mizpah Chapter No. 219, O. E. S.—Rehearsal.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Drill.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Third Degree at 7:30.  
Tuesday, May 14:  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15—Annual Inspection.  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Stated.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Stated.  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—School.  
Summer Avenue Chapter No. 313, O. E. S.—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.  
Stonewall Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.  
Order of DeMolay—Stated.  
Wednesday, May 15:  
Memphis Chapter No. 62, O. E. S.—Special at 1 p.m.  
Thursday, May 16:  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Second Degree at 5 p.m.  
Raines Chapter No. 185—Stated.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Third Degree at 7:30.  
Friday, May 17:  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—First Degree.  
DeSoto Lodge No. 299—Craftsmen's Club at 7:30.  
Saturday, May 18:  
Leila Scott Lodge No. 289—Third Degree at 7 p.m.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

The first two days of the week show an unusual number of activities with inspections and stated meetings, while the latter part of the week has conferrings of all three of the symbolic degrees.

Park Avenue Commandery No. 31 will have its annual inspection on tomorrow night and this commandery can be expected to pass its usually fine inspection.

Grand Commander Joseph L. Hill of Nashville, and Recorder Thomas Earl Doss of Nashville, will be in attendance.

Eminent Sir Walter L. Scott of Union City, inspector general for West Tennessee, will be the inspecting officer.

**St. Elmo On Tuesday**

St. Elmo Commandery No. 15 will be inspected on Tuesday night and the same distinguished fraters who will attend Park Avenue Commandery will be present. St. Elmo is in good shape and will reflect credit on itself in the inspection.

The past week was quiet with only stated meetings and schools being in evidence.

In the first week in June Al Chymia Temple will hold another ceremonial, details of which will be announced at an early date.

The Forum of the Scottish Rite will resume its meeting on Tuesday of next week and an event of interest will be announced.

**Shriners Are Active**

Shrinedom is in full activity preparing for the Imperial Council meeting in June and the newspapers will team with news of its plans, which give promise of being one that will reflect credit upon Al Chymia Temple and the City of Memphis.

**Coming to Memphis**

Right Eminent Sir Joseph Lafayette Hill, of Nashville, grand commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, will attend the local commandery inspections tomorrow and Tuesday.

**WAHABI TO INITIATE****Mississippi Shriners Will Come To  
Council In Body**

Wahabi Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will hold a ceremonial on May 23 at Jackson, Miss., and has sent out elaborate invitations. A special invitation has been extended to the divan and nobles of Al Chymia Temple which is likely to be accepted. A full page is devoted to the activities of the Imperial Council meeting in Memphis in June and the nobility in Mississippi urged to attend this gala event.

The announcement gives schedules for special trains to and from Memphis, leaving Jackson on Monday, June 10, and returning on June 14, and instructions for obtaining tickets to the special events of the Imperial Council meeting.

Wahabi ceremonial starts on May 23, with registering of candidates at 9 a.m., a parade at 4 p.m.; a yellow dog convention at 5; first and third sections at 6; lunch at 7; second section at 8 and a ladies entertainment at the same hour and the all Shrine ball at 10 p.m.



### OXFORD GIRL SEEKS 'MID SOUTH' TITLE

Ruthe Hall of Oxford, Miss., is the first candidate chosen for the title of Miss Mid-South, which will be bestowed upon some beautiful girl at the Shrine international convention in Memphis June 11-13.

Forty-four towns will select candidates to parade before Harold Lloyd and other Hollywood celebrities, who will act as judges at the Hollywood Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium Thursday night, June 13. The pageant will be one of the major events open to the public.

Miss Hall is a sister of Parker Hall, former University of Mississippi All-America football player. She is a blond, a sophomore in University of Mississippi's college of liberal arts, and will represent Oxford and the university in the contest for Miss Mid-South.

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# THE COVINGTON LEADER.

COVINGTON, TENNESSEE, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1940

TWELVE PAGES

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL,

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1940

### TRIP TO HOLLYWOOD AWAITS LUCKY GIRL

Some Covington girl may win a free trip to the West Coast, Hollywood and the San Francisco World's Fair to be awarded the winner of a beauty contest which is one of the features of the coming Shrine convention in Memphis.

The contest to select Covington's entrant to compete with girls from 43 other Mid-South cities at the electrical pageant in Memphis Thursday, June 13, will be held at Ruffin Theatre, May 28.

Any girl who wishes to compete for the honor of representing Covington in the pageant and competing for the "Miss Dixie" honor may submit her application at the local theatre or to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor.

More than half a dozen clubs have been asked to select girls to enter the local contest, and all have indicated their willingness. Several girls also are expected to enter independently.

A method of judging seldom used here will be used to pick the Covington entrant. Every person in the audience at the theatre May 28 will be given a ballot and will vote his choice.

The screen attraction at the theatre on the night of the contest will be "My Little Chickadee," starring W. C. Fields and Mae West.

### Shrine Host



Paul H. Martin

—Staff Photo by Bruner

### HEADQUARTERS NAMED FOR SHRINERS' BANDS

Musicians, Patrols Will Have  
Building On Union

Headquarters and clubrooms for the 10,000 or more members of Shrine bands and uniformed patrols coming to Memphis for the big Shrine Convention in June will be in the old Press-Scimitar Building on Union near Third.

Use of the four-story building for Shrine week was donated by Capt. Enoch Brown Jr., vice president and general manager of the Memphis Publishing Co., the owners. In charge of the building will be Paul H. Martin, chairman of the Entertainment Committee of Al Chymia Temple, and the Committee on Uniformed Units and Headquarters.

Mr. Martin, a member of the Shrine for 10 years, lives at 970 Stonewall. He has been a Mason since 1925.

"These clubrooms will be exclusively for the use of the uniformed members of the Shrine bands and drill teams," Mr. Martin said. "No Shriners except those in uniform will be permitted to enter."

The club will be open day and night throughout the Shrine Convention and a number of entertainment features will be presented for the visitors.



# Members of Two Clubs Pay Homage to Their Carnival Royalty



Royalty of two clubs receiving gala ovations at balls given in their honor last night were (left) Walter Finne and Eileen English, Catholic Club, and (right) William F. Bowld Jr., and Margie Woodmansee, Shrine Club.

Among the group of merry-makers at the Catholic Club ball were (left to right) John Courtright of Richmond, Va., Maurice Bradford of Memphis and Wall, Miss., George F. Shea and Dorothy O'Bryan of Columbia, Tenn.

## Shriners Have Gala Evening

### Princess Marjorie Woodmansee, Prince W. F. Bowld Jr. Honored

Hundreds of Shriners, their wives and friends gathered at Colonial Country Club last night to compliment their Cotton Carnival princess, Miss Margie Woodmansee, and her prince, William F. Bowld Jr., and the Royal Court. The club was transformed into a bower of flowers. Al Chymia Temple emblems enhancing the brilliant color motif.

The thrones for royalty, draped with red velvet and surrounded by boxes of pink roses with palms and ferns, was adorned at the top with a square of ordinary wrapping paper. Early arrivals laughed merrily and said nothing when Potentate J. A. Waterman insisted the paper ruined the decorations. Later in the evening the paper was removed, revealing a portrait of the embarrassed potentate.

#### Hosts At Large Table

Mr. and Mrs. Waterman were hosts at a large table that included Paul Martin, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, with Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Waterman wore a model of white cotton lace with a corsage of orchids. Mrs. Martin was attired in yellow organza with gardenias in her hair and at her shoulders.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodmansee, parents of the Shrine princess, were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Strickland, St. Louis visitors. Miss Nina Rogers, wearing red and white dotted swiss with red carnations, was escorted by Fred Harper of Glendale, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Woodmansee, she in blue and white pique. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Woodmansee, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ramier and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bowld, parents of the prince, arrived early with a large number of guests. She was attired in white with golden scrolls and purple orchids at her shoulder. At their table, Mrs. L. R. Hawley of Chicago, their guest, in a flowered cotton. Mrs. B. B. Wilkes of Fort Benning, Ga., in black crepe with white trim, a corsage of gardenias at her shoulders and a bouquet of the same flowers on her pocket. Mrs. Cliff Davis, in gray chiffon, just back from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hollingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. George Sheats, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Norton.

#### Many Others Attend

Mrs. William B. Fowler, wearing peach lace with orchids at her shoulder, with Mr. Fowler, chatted with friends on the dance floor. Lamar Brigatwell, hurrying through the crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Deaton entertaining a large crowd, including Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jolly, she in azalea crepe with white roses in her hair and at her shoulders. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs. Wray Williams, she with a halo of pink roses in her hair. Mr. and Mrs. June Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guenther, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murray were late arrivals, she in blue mousseline de soie with tiny pink bows as the only trimming. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thweatt had a number of visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ivy, she in black lace with a corsage of gardenias. Mrs. R. H. Bowden of Joiner, Ark., with W. W. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Zack Bragg of West Memphis, she in white pique with a corsage of red roses. Also at the table, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jehl and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Winchester with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McRae and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cannon. At a table in a cool corner, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Cranford, the latter in white mousseline de soie with a pastel corsage. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Folz entertaining a Chicago visitor, Mrs. Lewis Glasner Jr., wearing a black lace with touches of white and gardenias in her hair and at her shoulders. Mrs. Folz in periwinkle mousseline de soie. Miss Boots Hawkins wearing a red and white pique with Frank Fletcher.

#### Pylers Have Guests

Gathering their guests around a big table, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Plyler halted to chat with passing friends, Mrs. Plyler in white chiffon with a necklace of blue brilliants. Miss Anna Marie Griffith with Tracy Plyler Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doriman, Miss Virginia Gault with Ned LaManna, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Craig, Mrs. Mildred Dorothy of Washington and Memphis, with G. S. Varton and Miss Inez Kucker with Harold Craig.

Dr. and Mrs. John Gillmann, she in navy blue and white pique, at a table with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rentrop, the latter wearing white crepe studded with rhinestones. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hunt, she in black lace and chiffon, and Mr. and Mrs. George Klepper, she in powder blue marquisette.

#### Others Seen Dancing

Among others seen on the floor, dancing to the music of Bill Thompson's orchestra, were Mr. and Mrs. George Witham of Vicksburg, Miss., formerly of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lott, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Branch, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nuckolls, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carlin, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ries, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gainer, Miss Mary Katherine Guy with J. H. Herring, Mrs. Stella Graham with Jack Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. O. Q. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cartwright of Ripley, Tenn.

F. J. Tabery of Los Angeles arrived early to meet a group of friends. He will produce the electrical motion picture pageant during the Shrine convention here next month. Last night's party was a forerunner of many social events planned during the convention.



## Court Judges Royal Beauty

### Members Choose The Prettiest Girl And Best Looking Boy

By FRANCES AKERS

A gay surprise which turned out to be one of the outstanding events of the Carnival for the court members was sprung on us yesterday afternoon after we attended the Children's Ball. It was a beauty contest to select the prettiest girl and the best looking boy in the court.

According to the schedule given each member of the court to be his law and gospel, we were to be taken to the club and dismissed. But Tom Swan announced the impromptu affair. . . Girls paraded to receive applause from the boys. . . Princess Carol Krausnick was capering down the walk. . . Selection of Diana Wallace, Elizabeth Bigger, Charlie McKnight, Catherine Shea, Mary Jo Hastings and Luane Adams for the finals. Elizabeth won by applause and received not only a bottle of perfume, but a royal kiss from the King.

#### Bob Black Chosen

Then came the boys' turn. . . Shy contestants broke into a run half-way down the walk. . . Bob Black was chosen handsomest in the finals, winning over Bill Wilken, Billy Dillard, John Spain, Sam Rembert, Walter Finne and "Court Papa" Tom Swan. . . Men's prize was skin lotion. . . The crowd teased Bob because he wouldn't claim a royal kiss from Queen Lida. . . Elizabeth shrieked at the sight of a live chameleon on his coat refusing to pose with him for a picture until he "got that thing off". . . Guard Steve Bledsoe took a spill at the feet of the "beauties." The event was the climax of the day-time activities of the court, which began with the Children's Parade.

While waiting for the buses to take us to the parade, the court, for the most part, sat quietly in the University Club vowing they would not stay out so late the next night and knowing they would because of the grand times. Several of the girls were admiring souvenirs given them by the Carnival Association. They are silver charms in the form of cotton bolls with "MCC" on one side and "1940" on the other. . . Policeman Everett Carter was ping-ponging with Page Dickie Dickerson. . . Pages Bill Henry and Harry Phillips throwing horse-shoes. . . Badminton for Merrill Glasgow and Bill Drennan. . .

#### Attend Mayors' Luncheon

The parade began. . . Garner Strickland was listening to it on his portable radio with Lorena Terry. . . The court buying chameleons and naming them. . . Peggy Webster and Bruce Buchman calling theirs "Mable". . . Virginia Heppel's and Rowdy Sneed's was "Napoleon". . . Bob Black naming his "Butterworth" and later serenading it with a harp solo of "Solitude". . . Page Leslie Stratton III's answering to "Two-Bits". . . Arthur Halle tossing their Majesties a bag of peanuts. . .

On to the luncheon for visiting mayors. While waiting before entering the dining room, Charlie Moore was turning on the large fans for the court. . . But in to the luncheon. . . Applause from the court at the entrance of two police escorts and the three bus drivers. . .



Mr. and Mrs. Norman Woodmansee were admiring the vivid decorations at the Shrine ball last evening at the Colonial Country Club. Featured were Shrine emblems.



Chatting on one of the bales of cotton placed about the dance floor were Miss Margaret Wellborn and Bill Hankins. Shriners will have their convention here the week of June 9.

## Children Have Day Of Gaiety

### Crown Junior Monarchs At Ball—8000 Are Spectators

Yesterday was Children's Day at the Cotton Carnival, and the youngsters took over the town while fond parents took a back seat to applaud their fun. They paraded—they visited the Midway, but the grand climax came in the afternoon at the Children's Ball at the Auditorium when the junior cotton monarchs were crowned to reign over remaining festivities this year and to take over next year.

Probably the two happiest children in the city were Queen Lucile Roberson of 1200 Tanglewood, a Bruce School student, and King Ira Leslie Grist Jr. of Bartlett School when they received their crowns and sceptres from King Claude Crawford and Queen Lida Willey.

#### Also Witness Ball

Asked what he thought of his queen, 11-year-old King Ira brought an uproar of laughter from the 8000 spectators when he answered in a loud and assertive voice, "I mean she's all right."

If some kind friends hadn't held Dewell Joyner, 13, of 770 St. Paul he would have jumped off the south balcony onto the stage when his name was called as winner of Romac VII, the Shetland pony given annually by W. W. Robinson.

Few were having more fun than Mrs. Raymond Firestone, who was seeing the ball for the first time. Mrs. Firestone, dressed in a white skirt with a royal blue blouse, matching turban and shoes, thought the event the prettiest of the entire Carnival. She came into the ballroom with a group including Miss Madeline Pollard, Arthur Halle, Russ Pritchard, Dr. William T. Black and his guest, Dr. M. E. Lapham of Tulane University.



One of the events of the evening was the unveiling of a portrait of Potentate John A. Waterman, who is pictured with Mrs. Waterman at the ball.

—Staff Photos by Elliott

#### Society Applauds

Among others seen were Mrs. Bertrand Cohn, in gray with black and white accessories, and Ben Goodman Jr., applauding the youthful dancers. . . a threesome, Mrs. J. Harley Harris, Mrs. Kirk Bowman and Mrs. Newman Vaden. . . Mrs. Clifford Davis, wearing stone gray with white polka dots, sat in a box with a large group.

Richard Bodine, president of the Cotton Carnival Association, presented Mrs. Bodine to the youthful rulers and their subjects. She was in all white. . . Andrew Jackson Hays, a former Cotton Carnival king, hurried through the balcony with his young son. . . Miss Jean Reid, "mamma" to the Royal adult court, and "Papa" Tom Swan with Jim Sexton of Columbus, Ohio, hovered near the court to see they were properly cared for. . . Mrs. T. Walker Lewis, attired in a black and white ensemble, hurried to her box.

After the program, the youngsters had a ball of their own, beginning with a grand march and

then a cotillion to start ballroom dancing. Maxine Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod Murray, and Eddie Knoff Jr., of the Parkview, led the cotillion.



# CITY TURNS ATTENTION TO SHRINE CONVENTION

Individual Tickets For Events  
Go on Sale Tomorrow

TO OPEN HERE JUNE 9

World's Largest Meeting Expected to Bring 75,000 To Memphis—Methodist Bishop Holt To Be Speaker

With the Cotton Carnival behind it, Memphis turns tomorrow to the task of putting finishing touches to plans for caring for the world's largest convention, that of the Shrine, which meets here the week of June 9 and which will bring to Memphis an estimated 60,000 to 75,000 visitors.

Yesterday Methodist Bishop Ivy Lee Holt of Dallas, one of the best known of American church dignitaries, notified Shrine Convention headquarters that he had accepted the Shrine's invitation to be the speaker at the memorial service at Overton Park Shell on the night of June 9.

## Tickets Go On Sale

Tomorrow, individual tickets for the various Shrine spectacles in Crump Stadium will go on sale at two uptown offices in addition to the Auditorium box office. The new offices will be located in Shrine convention headquarters in Goodwyn Institute building and at the Florsheim Shoe Store, 73 South Main. Until now only block tickets have been available to the public.

Individual ticket prices were set yesterday by John B. Vesey, director general of the convention. For the Escort Parade, Tuesday, June 11; the Show of a Century, Tuesday night; and for the Night Parade June 12, seat prices will be \$1.65 each, including tax. For the Hollywood Pageant on the night of June 13 the seat price will be \$2.75.

## 61 Temples To Attend

Sixty-one Shrine temples will definitely have large delegations at the convention, Mr. Vesey said yesterday, or 20 more than attended last year's Baltimore convention. Of that number 53 will bring uniformed units including bands and patrols.

Seven hotels, the Peabody, Ghisca, Claridge, Gayoso, Wm. Len, Ambassador and Adler will be entirely taken by the Shrine, Mr. Vesey said. Other units will be housed in Central, Tech, Humes, Fairview, Bellevue and Snowden High and Junior Schools. A Pullman city where nearly 300 cars will be parked will take care of others. Several thousand rooms in private homes will also be used.

## School Board To Help

The School Board has arranged to maintain its own janitor service while the schools are in use and the cafeterias will be open for breakfast periods. In order to care for the school guests Mr. Vesey said he had contracted for 3000 small beds complete with mattresses, pillows and linen. Maid service will be maintained at each school. Memphis laundries have arranged to give the schools service identical with that given homes and hotels.

General Motors Co. has furnished the convention with 30 convertible Buick cars for the use of the Shrine's Imperial officers. The cars have already started arriving in Memphis, are painted white with green wheels and have red upholstery. Each car has on it the name of the Imperial officer who will use it.

## Contests Being Held

Elimination contests for the selection of representative girls who will appear on the floats in the Hollywood Pageant are now being conducted throughout the Mid-

South, according to Mr. Vesey. From those a Miss MidSouth will be selected as the convention's queen and she later is to be honor guest at MidSouth Day at San Francisco's Golden Gate Exposition.

In addition to the Shrine convention there are a number of related conventions to be held the same week. They include the Southeastern Shrine Association, the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands, the Shrine Recorders Association, the National Court of the Royal Order of Jesters and the Red Cross of Constantine, each bringing an additional quota of visitors.

All of the radio stations last week began use of short announcements calling attention to the convention.

A separate postoffice for convenience of Shriners will be set up in the Perkins Building at Third and Union and will have complete service except for issuance of money orders.

## Plans For Telephones

In order to care for the thousands of telephone calls relating to the convention the Shrine Corporation has contracted for a 12-position switchboard and 20 telephonic information stations which will be set up in space donated by the telephone company at its Court Avenue plant. Fifty trunk lines will be used for the convention's number 8-5211. The telephone set-up will require the employment of about 50 persons.

Band concerts are to be given every day of the week of June 9 in Court Square, Mr. Vesey says.

For medical treatment of visitors who may need it, the County Commission has donated its Mobile Hospital Unit, which will be staffed by two doctors and two nurses. It will be kept at points of congestion.

Tomorrow the Cotton Carnival decorations will come down and the Shrine colors of green, yellow and red will start going up. Fred J. Tabery of Menard & Tabery, Hollywood pageant producer, is the official decorator.

## A Young Honey



June Rogers is the pretty lass who will appear with Smith, Rogers and Eddy, the International NitWits, in the gala Ernie Young Revue at Crump Stadium Tuesday night, June 11, as a feature of the Shrine Convention.



## Shrine's Big Show Now In Rehearsal

### Ernie Young Whipping Mammoth Revue Into Shape

Special to The Commercial Appeal  
CHICAGO, May 18.—The big \$50,000 musical extravaganza, "Show of the Century," to be presented by the Shrine Imperial Convention on Tuesday night, June 11, at Memphis, is shaping up well in rehearsal here, critics who have seen it this week say. It is being produced by Ernie Young, former Memphian and now top notch producer.

A parade of femininity, gayety, mirth and music, "Show of the Century" will provide the public with two hours of topflight entertainment. Picked intact from the footlights of Broadway and the Canyon of Chicago's Rialto, it boasts a galaxy of headliners seldom assembled in any one show.

A feature of "Show of the Century" is the stage setting. Included is a large background piece resembling a garden wall set with glittering chromium flowers of various colors. Towering columns which rise seemingly from nowhere, open flower-like and then sink again, also are part of the setting. A battery of colored lights give the giant stage brilliance.

The revue opens with a spectacular scene "Rolling Along," in which the Garo Neilsen Dancers appear rolling hoops in three-color shades across the stage. The hoops, four feet in diameter, are highly lacquered and reflect the many colors. They are used, near the end of a dance, in forming unique designs, a trick calling for special skill on part of the large chorus.

Appearing in the scene is Lester Cole, former leading man in five Broadway musicals, who acts as master of ceremonies, and the Twelve Aristocrats, who danced in British motion pictures and before the king and queen.

A comedy scene depicting Spain and the land of the bull-fighters is "In the Days of Ferdinand." The Garo Neilsen dancers present new dances featured on stage and screen, and Spanish costumes give the scene an air of old Spain. The bull fight with Ferdinand caps the act.

"Circus Revels" is the title of another number, which brings to the spot-lights a novel "Big Top" ballet by the Garo Neilsen Dancers and a thrilling acrobatic adagio by the Twelve Aristocrats. Bespangled costumes, "dancing ringmasters" and specially arranged music make this one of the show's brightest numbers.

With the stage bathed in silver light, the Garo Neilsen Dancers, 12 Aristocrats and the Singing Debutantes, the latter featured singers on a recent National Broadcasting Co. television broadcast, stage an interpretation of "night and day," an artistic treat in which the cast

is partly costumed in black and part in white. The costumes used in this one scene are said to have cost the producers as much as the total amount spent on wardrobes for many "big time" musicals. New tricks in lighting bring about color effects hitherto undreamed of in a show of this type.

"Show of the Century" numbers many well-known celebrities on its roster, including Myrtil & Pacaud in their "Golden Dance," featured in Folie Bergere, Paris; Smith, Rogers & Eddy, who appeared in "Doublin in Brass," starring Morton Downey; Lester Cole, formerly in five Broadway musical shows; Dick Mayo & Company, whose "Ferdinand the Bull" act is widely known as a laughing success, and many others.

Interlude attractions include Les Juvelys, who had a long run at the French Casino, New York, and have appeared in leading theaters from coast to coast, and Larimer & Hudson, an extremely funny bicycle act.



Mrs. James A. Price, wife of the Governor of Virginia, with her husband will be among distinguished guests here for the Shrine National Convention the week of June 9. Governor Price is Imperial Recorder. They will share honors with other Shrine dignitaries at a large number of social events.





JUST A FEW OF THE BOYS warming up to greet the Nation's Shriners who are coming to Memphis for their big jamboree in June. Mike Allen, of Al Chymia Temple's Oriental Band, beats the bass drum while Bill Hankins, dressed as Princess Fatima, writhes in a slithering dance in his wake.



IMPERIAL POTENTATE OF NORTH AMERICA'S HALF MILLION SHRINERS is Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, shown here (at right) who will preside at the Imperial Council sessions here. A former mule driver in Texas' oil fields, Cline is now a wealthy oil producer. He is shown talking to a friend.



'REAL LIVE ALLIGATORS WILL BE THE MASCOTS of Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., whose drum corps is shown here in their flashy uniforms. The temple is said to be Florida's largest.





IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE THAT SHRINERS LIKE SCOTCH, and here is the proof. El Jebel Temple's Scotch Band, from Denver, will strut their stuff in kilts and highland caps, not to mention approximately a dozen pounds of false whiskers.



REAL HE-MEN FROM THE WILD AND WOOLLY WEST, it seems, are the members of Al Malaikah Temple's patrol, Los Angeles, who will come to Memphis in Western garb instead of conventional Shrine uniforms and fezzes. They are expected to form one of the most colorful units in the big parades.



THE "GUN CLUB" OF INDIANAPOLIS' MURAT TEMPLE will be different, as these Shriners will parade with army rifles and fixed bayonets. They are said to be among the best drilled outfits in the United States.



HARMONY AT ITS BEST IS PROMISED by this quintet of Hella Temple, Dallas, Texas, which will sing at the gigantic Shrine memorial services at Overton Park on Sunday, June 9, the opening day of Shrine Week in Memphis.



TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1940

# Shriners Are Bringing \$5,000,000 Extra Cash For Memphis' Pockets

Informal Festivities Will Begin Two Days  
Before Formal Opening on June 11;  
60,000 to 100,000 Expected

By JOSEPH GUESS

Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Colonel Memphis awoke today to a realization that within less than a month he will be at least \$5,000,000 richer.

With the jingle of gold coins in his ears, he scurried about the city to do a thousand-odd tasks in preparation for the 66th imperial session of Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America—in simpler words, the Imperial Shrine Convention.

The giant conclave will not officially open for its three-day run until Tuesday, June 11, but informal festivities are planned to begin two days ahead of the convention—Sunday, June 9, only 20 days away.

Colonel Memphis should be excused if he has not yet realized just what is in store for him.

Between 60,000 and 100,000 visitors are expected for the five-day period to make merry and see Memphis and its environs.

It will be the WORLD'S LARGEST CONVENTION.

During the 1929 Shrine convention at Los Angeles, bank clearings went up \$23,000,000.

Director General John Vesey believes Shrine visitors will spend at least \$1,000,000 a day at the Memphis convention, which will be 60 per cent larger than last year's meeting at Baltimore.

Memphis merchants will benefit. Memphis restaurants and hotels will benefit. Electricians, carpenters and painters will benefit. So will automobile shops and service stations. Persons with rooms to rent will get some of the money. Shows, railroads, all transportation facilities will profit by the influx of visitors from every section of this country, from Canada, Mexico, Central America, Cuba and Hawaii.

## Schools as Dormitories

All Memphis junior and senior high schools will house Shriners.

Hotels will be filled to capacity.

Tourist camps have been reserved.

A "Pullman city" of 300 sleeper cars will be set up.

The Gordon Greene, Mississippi River steamer, is to bring 250 delegates.

Seventy bands with 5000 musicians will bring more than \$1,000,000 worth of uniforms and instruments.

So many people are coming that all vehicular traffic must be routed off Main and Front from Poplar

to Linden between 7:30 a.m. until late in the night.

"We'll have to use Main Street as a sidewalk, there'll be so many people," say Shrine officials.

One thousand extra policemen will help in handling the situation. Birmingham, New Orleans and other cities promise to "loan" uniformed police and detectives to augment Shriners especially sworn in.

Picture uptown Memphis as a jammed, teeming mass of people.

But there'll be enough entertainment for all visitors and Memphians, too:

Seven band concerts a day at Confederate Park, six a day at Court Square.

The four big events at which the public will get a peep are:

The Shrine Escort Parade Monday, June 10, at 8:30 p.m. at Crump Stadium. All parades will pass thru the stadium. This one will feature bands and trick marching units from more than 70 temples. Thirty white Buicks will carry the Shrine high officials.

## Show of the Century

Ernie Young's Show of the Century will be held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night, June 11. One hundred beautiful girls in dance routines and a long variety of other acts will revolve on a 120 by 240-foot stage in the stadium center.

Wednesday night, June 12, will see the mammoth night parade with 5000 musicians playing. Some of the bands will ride on horseback.

Then the climax, the Hollywood Electrical Pageant Thursday night, with brilliant floats sponsored by Hollywood's major motion picture studios, and a contest to choose "Miss Mid-South" from the Mid-South's most beautiful girls. Harold Lloyd will be a judge and the winner will go to Hollywood for a screen test.

Some of the floats will cost thousands of dollars.

Tickets for these four events went on sale today at Florsheim Shoe Shop and the Auditorium.



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1940

# BEAUTIFUL GIRLS, GLITTER OF HOLLYWOOD TO BLANKET STADIUM IN BIG SPECTACLE

## Floats in Electrical Pageant on Night Of June 13 Will Be Outstanding Event In Imperial Shrine Convention

By JOSEPH GUESS, Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Crump Stadium's oval track will be a flashing jewel of vari-colored brilliance Thursday night, June 13, when the Imperial Shrine Convention's biggest show will be staged. Hollywood's major motion picture studios will strut their colossal stuff that night.

For the first time a description of the Hollywood Electrical Pageant was given today.

Three of the 35-foot floats are finished and will be previewed at Crump Stadium tomorrow night. Shrine officials and other convention aides will get a foretaste of the spectacular show Hollywood is bringing to Memphis.

"We've been talking about the magnitude of this convention and its entertainment features," said Director General John Vesey. "After tomorrow night, those who get a peep will know what we mean."

Admission to the preview will be limited and by special invitations.

A designer of movie sets and Pasadena, Cal. Tournament of Roses floats, Fred Tabery, in charge of building the Shrine floats, told today what they will look like.

### Pride of Hollywood

Into the floats will go Hollywood's "pride and joy" in material and workmanship, he said, "because the studios realize this is the best direct advertising opportunity they'll have for a long time; a favorable impression created upon 75,000 Shriners and visitors will mean large returns on the float investment of over \$30,000."

All floats will be propelled by engines beneath the bodies—there will be no trucks or tractors to mar the picture. Float lights will be powered by gas-driven generators.

### Floats on Preview

Floats to be previewed are:

1. "FOUNTAIN OF BEAUTY," sponsored by RKO Studios. Featuring a large Cellophane tower in the center. This float will have two revolving turrets, each containing three beautiful girls. About 1000 lights will be scattered all over it. A special color effect will be gained by changing lights playing upon the Cellophane, Mr. Tabery said.

2. "CALIFORNIA," sponsored by Walter Wanger Productions, carrying out the theme of an approaching picture. It will show a golden-colored and complete replica of a mission of early Spanish type, set in the midst of an orange grove. Oranges on the trees will be illuminated. In the distance, in back of the grove, a snow-capped mountain will rise, brightly lit in white light.

3. "CHARIOTEER," sponsored by Selznick International, producer of "Gone With the Wind." This float will show a mass of clouds, changing in color from red to amber and blue. In the cloud center will be a big chariot pulled by an exact model, half-size horse. Beautiful girls will fill the chariot.

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RUTH HALL, first candidate for the title of "Miss Mid-South," to be chosen at the Imperial Shrine convention's Hollywood Electrical Pageant Thursday night, June 13. She will ride on one of the movie floats. Miss Hall is a sophomore at the University of Mississippi.

### Other floats will be:

"PHANTASY OF BEAUTIES"—United Artists. A huge fan, solid with lights will have five lovely girls in each fold.

"ORIENT"—Columbia Pictures. An oriental goddess sits on her throne, with two elephant heads on each side. She will be guarded by two sphinx. Smoke will pour from a fantastic urn. Oriental beauties will lie about on the float in varying positions.

"MODERNE"—Samuel Goldwyn. Similar to a rocket ship in design, and with its share of charming lovelies, this float will be ultra-modern in creation and illumination.

"ROCOO"—Paramount. A 24-foot tower is to grace the center of this one. A charming girl on top. Indentations, puffed with red satin, in the tower and another beautiful female in each niche. Large feather palm trees will surround the tower and hold five more girls attired in feathers.

"TYPICAL GARDEN SCENE"—Hal Roach studio. A myriad of different-colored flowers will be illuminated. Two girls will use illuminated "sprinklers."

"JEWEL CASE"—Harold Lloyd Studio. Every known jewel will be placed in this large case. Girls on a high platform in the center will spray the case with bubbles of lustrous "jewels."

"FLOAT OF STARS"—Republic Pictures. Seven girls in contrasting positions and each in the center of a glowing light formation.

Single tickets, on sale at Florheim Shoe Shop and the Auditorium, for this occasion will be \$2.75. Season tickets are \$5—for this and the three other big public shows.



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1940

## TENNESSEE SHRINERS TO LEAD ALL PARADES

### Imperial Potentate Grants Honor to Four Temples

By special permission of Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, imperial potentate of the Shrine, the four Shrine Temples of Tennessee will lead all parades as part of the Shrine Convention here, June 11, 12 and 13, John Vesey, director general, said yesterday.

"It is customary for the oldest temple represented at the convention to have the honor role," Mr. Vesey said. "Due to the enthusiasm and interest manifest in this state to make the 1940 convention the biggest and best in the 66-year history of the Shrine, permission was granted for the major cities of Tennessee to have this distinction."

The probable order of the first four in the major parades will be Al Chymia of Memphis, All Menah of Nashville, Kerbela of Knoxville and Al Hambra of Chattanooga. Two of the parades which will be available to public are the Shrine Escort Parade originating in Crump Stadium, Tuesday morning, June 11 and the "million dollar" parade, on Wednesday night, June 12.

The selection of Miss Memphis, to reign as queen over all of the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium, on Thursday night, June 13, will be made at the New Malco Theater on June 6, Chip Barwick, chairman of the Model Committee, announced. Miss Memphis will compete with other attractive girls from 44 Mid-South towns for the title of Miss MidSouth and the honor of going to Hollywood.

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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1940

## MISS MID-SOUTH TO REIGN IN FRISCO



MARJORIE WOODMANSEE

Posters like this one held by two pretty Memphis misses, Marjorie Woodmansee and Mildred Seay, are being widely distributed thruout the Mid-South. The posters advertise the San Francisco World's Fair, and particularly the fact that Miss Mid-South will reign over the San Francisco fair

MILDRED SEAY

on Mid-South Day, June 27. She will be selected at Crump Stadium, Thursday night, June 13, during the Imperial Shrine Convention. More than 40 Mid-South towns are joining Memphis in selecting candidates. Miss Mid-South will get a screen test in Hollywood.

THE PRESS-SCIMITAR, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1940

## 'WELCOME VISITORS' SIGN FOR HARAHAN

A large visitors' welcome sign at Virginia and Delaware at the east end of Harahan Bridge will be completed perhaps in time for the Shrine convention, June 11-13.

A house on the site will be razed and the spot beautified by the city and the Frisco Railroad, Marvin Pope, executive assistant to the City Commission, said. Contract for the sign will be awarded shortly.



## Confer On Law And Order



Police Chief Will D. Lee, left, and A. E. Cameron, former potentate of Al Chymia Temple, conferred yesterday over plans of the Law and Order Committee by which visiting police will serve as special officers to keep the 1940 convention of the Shrine in order here next month.

—Staff Photo by Day

## Shriners Know How To Behave Their Past Conventions Prove

In 1921 an international Shrine convention got a bit out of hand.

The Shrine organized at that convention, under resolution of a Memphian, a Committee of Law and Order.

"We've never had any trouble since," said A. E. Cameron, only man to be potentate twice of Al Chymia Temple here, and the man who introduced the Des Moines resolution in 1921. At the San Francisco convention in 1922, Mr. Cameron was head of the Public Safety Committee. He served again in 1923 in Washington, with the assistance of Police Chief Will D. Lee of Memphis. Yesterday the two discussed preparations for policing the 1940 meeting.

### Special Police

Visiting policemen with each Shrine temple's delegation will be sworn in here as special police. They will have the same authority as Memphis police, Mr. Cameron said. There will also be a Shrine

Court for the discipline of members who "get out of line," and any Shriner whose enthusiasm might border on the public inconvenience will have his convention privileges taken away. Shrine police headquarters will be maintained in the Auditorium at Poplar and Front.

Lee A. Folger of Charlotte, N. C., is chairman of the 1940 Public Safety Committee. Mr. Cameron and Chief Lee are making local arrangements. Lieut. W. D. Miller of the Memphis Police Department will be in charge of the headquarters. He and Chief Lee are Shriners.

### No Sale of Fezzes

There will be no sale of Shrine fezzes during the convention, and paper fezzes will be outlawed, Mr. Cameron pointed out, to prevent depredations by nonShriners in the name of the Shrine.

"The Shrine believes in fun, but it doesn't stand for anything bordering on vulgarity," he said.

## SIGN MAY GREET SHRINE

Plans for "Welcome" at End Of Bridge Are Made

The Memphis "welcome" sign at the end of Harahan Bridge will probably be ready to greet Shrine convention visitors in June. Marvin Pope, executive assistant to the City Commission, said yesterday.

A house now occupying the site at Virginia and Delaware is to be torn down and the property beautified under an agreement with the Frisco Railroad. After consideration of three types of signs, the Commission has chosen the design of Balton & Sons, as recently pictured in The Commercial Appeal. Bids from all sign companies will

be taken when the contract is awarded in the next few days.

Thursday Afternoon, May 23, 1940

THE COVINGTON LEADER,

COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

## BEAUTY REVUE TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Covington's candidate for the title of "Miss Mid-South," to be bestowed in connection with the Imperial Shrine Convention's electrical pageant in Memphis June 13, will be selected Tuesday night at Ruffin Theatre.

Several local girls have already entered the competition, and more are expected before the deadline. No entrants will be accepted after Monday noon.

The title will carry with it a free trip to Hollywood and the San Francisco World's Fair, with possibly a screen test for the winner. Forty-four Mid-South cities will send candidates to the pageant. All will ride on the massive floats in the electrical show, produced by Hollywood studios, and compete for the "Miss Mid-South" honor.

Those who have already entered the contest are Myra Sage, representing the Order of Eastern Star; Lavinia Smith, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Janie Smith, Jeanne Maley, Elizabeth Anderson, Marjorie Shoaf, Anne Hudson and Myra Sue Hays.

The contest will be staged between performances at the theatre Tuesday, and every person in the audience will have an opportunity to vote for his choice of a representative for Covington to send to the pageant.

Ballots bearing the name of each girl competing will be distributed, and the result will be announced to the audience just as soon as the votes can be collected and counted.

The Shrine pageant, which will feature the many beautiful girls, is announced as one of the most brilliant spectacles ever produced in this area. Hollywood studios are reported investing more than \$30,000 in the electrical floats. The pageant will be staged in Crump Stadium.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the local event. Any girl who desires to enter may leave application with The Leader or Ruffin Theatre before noon Monday.



# Memphis Press-Scimitar

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MEMPHIS, TENN., SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1940

## 3-HOUR PARADE WILL USHER IN SHRINE EVENTS

**'Million Dollar Procession'**  
To Include More Than  
3000 Musicians

**REAL INDIANS TO MARCH**

From Own N. Dakota Temple;  
Los Angeles Is Sending  
'Swiss' Yodelers

By JOSEPH GUESS  
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Indians from the hills of North Dakota will descend on Memphis—

Spectacularly-costumed Swiss will go thru the motions of mountain climbing and demonstrate their magnificent yodeling—Fierce-faced Arabs, their long, white robes flowing, will ride along on strong little mounts in trickily changing formations.

All this to the accompaniment of 70 bands—regular, Oriental, Scotch bagpipe and other novelty groups, well over 3000 musicians playing.

Such will be a small part of the most elaborate parade ever staged in the South—a parade to outshine anything ever seen at a New Orleans Mardi Gras.

### Opening Event

It will be the Million Dollar Escort Parade at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, officially opening the world's largest convention—the Imperial Shrine Convention in Memphis.

It is called the million-dollar parade because instruments and equipment of the participating bands alone are estimated to be worth more than \$1,000,000.

More than 7000 marchers will take part.

At least three hours will be required for the parade to pass any one point.

Forming on Peabody, the gala procession will pass thru Crump Stadium, giving all assembled there excellent views, then passing up Bellevue to Union and part way to town. Routing, except thru Crump Stadium, is yet not definite.

All marching novelty units, except the Indians, will be impersonators. The Indians from the Mandan, N. D., temple, however are the real goods.

In full Indian regalia, buckskin coats and trousers and feathered headdress, they will walk along, occasionally stopping to "whoop it up" into a genuine war dance, meanwhile brandishing their sharpened tomahawks, or to chant weird Indian songs.

Several temples are sending units dressed as Arabs.

### 'Mountain Climbers'

From the Al Malaikah Temple at Los Angeles is to come the famous Alpine Patrol of "Swiss yodelers and mountain climbers. This temple, too, will send a brass band of 50 members, a marching patrol of 75, and 25 chanters of songs and unusual rhythms.

More than a score of temples will send groups of 20 or more chanters.

Nashville's Al Menah temple and several others will display "bouncing automobiles"—automobiles which will bounce up and down and all over the parade path.

At least two of the bands will ride horseback. A mounted patrol of 25 to 30 members is to represent Boston's Aleppo Temple.

Negotiations are under way to obtain two camel herds—one from Missouri, another from Indiana—the only two in the nation.

And there will be:

Scottish bagpipers from Denver, Chattanooga, Parkersburg, W. Va., and several other cities.

"Straight and serious" marching, tho, hasn't been forgotten.

### Ex-Service Men in Line

Legions of Honor, composed of ex-service men who are Shriners, will come from a number of cities.

All of the 70 temples coming to Memphis are to have more than one marching group.

For instance, Jacksonville, Fla.'s Morocco Temple is sending a band of 40 members, a patrol of 45, drum and bugle corps of 35, 15 chanters, and a saxophone band of 25.

In addition to entertainment value, the convention will be educational.

Many temples, including those from Canada, Mexico and Hawaii, are expected to have floats or other display indicative of their section.

In charge of parade arrangements are Will Fowler, general chairman of parades and decorations, Tom Allen, Arthur Halle and a committee of 150.



## She Aids Crippled Children



Ten-year-old June Rea Higgins, who gathered 110 pounds of tinfoil for the benefit of the Cripple Children's Hospital, was elected mascot of the Shrine Club at its luncheon yesterday. June is shown here between City School Superintendent Ernest C. Ball (left) yesterday's honor guest, and Wray C. Williams, club president.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell

### 10-Year-Old Girl Voted Club Mascot

For gathering approximately 20 times her own weight in tinfoil for the benefit of the Cripple Children's Hospital, 10-year-old June Rea Higgins was voted the "official mascot" of the Shrine Club at its weekly luncheon at Hotel DeVoy yesterday.

June turned in 700 pounds of tinfoil to the club yesterday, adding to the 400 pounds she turned in two years ago, a total of 1100 pounds. She was assisted by children of Bruce School, which she attends.

The tinfoil will be melted and cast into small Shrine camels, for use as desk weights, by Shriner Milton Bowers. These camels are sold for \$1 each, total proceeds going to the Cripple Children's Hospital, which is aided by the Shrine.

### SHRINERS 'ADOPT' TINFOIL CHAMPION

Eleven hundred pounds of tinfoil in two years!

That's the record of 10-year-old June Rea Higgins of Bruce School, so the Shrine Club, to which she sent the tinfoil, yesterday voted her "official mascot."

President Wray Williams presided.

## Shrine Wives To Be Feted

### Hostesses Are Named For Events On Calendar During Convention

Hostesses for wives of representative Shriners during the Shrine Imperial Convention here June 11-13 were given final instructions yesterday at a luncheon meeting at the Peabody which was attended by more than 150 wives of members of Al Chymia Temple.

Mrs. John Vesey, national general chairman of events for visiting ladies, presided and explained the program of social occasions and the part each hostess would play in arrangements for her guests.

#### Committees Named

The Georgian room was beautifully decorated with an array of Spring flowers for the luncheon meeting.

Team captains and their committees, announced for the first time today, attended yesterday's luncheon. There are in Division A, Mrs. E. P. MacNicol, captain, with Mrs. J. F. Fraser, Mrs. Albert Wolfe, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Mrs. J. J. Beatus, Mrs. Leroy Folz, Mrs. H. R. Thompson and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter.

Mrs. George Sheats, captain, with Mrs. W. P. McDonald, Mrs. H. W. Priddy, Mrs. H. G. Rudner, Mrs. Malcolm McDonald, Mrs. L. C. Sykes, Mrs. W. A. Ruch and Mrs. Edgar Butler.

Mrs. J. A. Fowler, captain, with Mrs. E. R. Avery, Mrs. D. L. Griffith, Mrs. Henry Hedden, Mrs. W. R. Herstein, Mrs. A. C. Peterson, Mrs. A. E. Pipkin, Mrs. W. J. Prescott and Mrs. Clyde Van Fossan.

#### Other Committees

Mrs. William F. Bowld, captain, with Mrs. Evan W. Carroll, Mrs. Robert McRae, Mrs. L. M. Hunt, Mrs. Dave Jolly, Mrs. Fred Sexton, Mrs. Coie Ward, Mrs. Herbert Waterbury and Mrs. M. A. Whitten.

Mrs. Clifford Davis, captain, with Mrs. E. C. Barwick, Mrs. O. P. Cobb, Mrs. O. B. Ellis, Mrs. Carl Graves, Mrs. A. Lobb, Mrs. W. L. Wilhelm, Mrs. H. K. Turley, Mrs. L. H. Theobald and Mrs. J. J. Valentine.

Mrs. Douglas Johnston, captain, with Mrs. George Bone, Mrs. Herbert Brooks, Mrs. Richard Craig, Mrs. J. A. McDearman, Mrs. H. G. Orndorff and Mrs. Robert Metcalf. Mrs. Harry Rudd, captain, with Mrs. Gilbert Blanc, Mrs. Paul G. Cartwright, Mrs. Marshall Davis, Mrs. Lee A. Hyde, Mrs. J. G. Nichols, Mrs. Raymond Allen, Mrs. L. R. Polk, Mrs. Lucy Moore and Mrs. Richard Herron.

Mrs. Frank McElravy, captain, with Mrs. Chalmers Cullins, Mrs. Charles Stull, Mrs. J. F. Gannon, Mrs. Russell Reeves, Mrs. Dave Renfrow, Mrs. Milton Silberberg and Mrs. F. P. Robertson.

#### Division B Leaders

In Division B, Mrs. Lois D. Beach, captain, with Mrs. L. M. Barlow, Mrs. H. O. McKenzie, Mrs. J. P. M. Hamner, Mrs. Paul F. Ridgeway, Mrs. N. I. Goldstein, Mrs. E. E. Lott.

Mrs. William B. Fowler, captain, with Mrs. W. J. Bacon, Mrs. Hal Fifer, Mrs. Elmer Ries, Mrs. Nat Hurdie, Mrs. H. H. Honnoll, Mrs. Whitfield King, Mrs. R. G. Kinkle, Mrs. Raymond Skinner and Mrs. W. Emmet Williams.

Mrs. Wray Williams, captain, with Mrs. W. F. Apperson, Mrs. M. J. Cole, Mrs. T. M. Deaton, Mrs. Floyd Harvey, Mrs. W. B. Klinker Jr., Mrs. T. J. Klyce, Mrs. Carl Heyer, Mrs. M. McElwee and Mrs. Hugh Jones.

Mrs. Lee Winchester, captain, with Mrs. Arthur Halle, Mrs. Leo Bearman, Mrs. E. C. Correll, Mrs. Gus Gainer, Mrs. H. F. Hastings, Mrs. Paul H. Martin, Mrs. L. E. Green and Mrs. Roy Hartwell.

#### Mrs. Gordon Named

Mrs. A. Lee Gordon, captain, with Mrs. Vic Aldridge, Mrs. Lloyd Bensing, Mrs. A. N. Crawford, Mrs. O. F. Long, Mrs. O. W. Meador, Mrs. Glenn Pinkston and Mrs. Joe Stuart.

Mrs. C. C. King, captain, with Mrs. Julian Fulenwider, Mrs. L. C. Powell, Mrs. C. R. McDaniel, Mrs. Ben Funk, Mrs. Reginald Wurzburg, Mrs. Guy Anderson, Mrs. Lucy Connell and Mrs. Frank Myers.

Mrs. R. S. Guenther, captain, with Mrs. A. L. Derryberry, Mrs. G. J. Langnecker, Mrs. E. J. Goldsmith, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mrs. D. E. Wagner, Mrs. John Scruggs, Mrs. C. L. Williss and Mrs. Ira Lichterman.

Mrs. James W. Bodley, captain, with Mrs. L. G. Barnard, Mrs. I. G. Duncan, Mrs. R. D. Henderson, Mrs. Louis Levy, Mrs. H. T. Bunn, Mrs. G. F. Painter and Mrs. Shields Abernathy.



## Shrine Floats To Be Marvels Of Beauty



Typical of the mammoth electrical floats that will feature the big Shrine pageant at Crump Stadium on the night of Thursday, June 13, is the one above. LeClaire Coffin of Hollywood (below), who designed the colorful vehicles, works at his drafting board.

—Staff Photos by Bruner and Elliott



## Hollywood Workers' Hammers Shape Up Floats For Shrine

Hammers echoed at Crump Stadium yesterday as workers imported from Hollywood movie studios went forward with their task of building the 11 magnificent floats that will appear in the Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant Thursday night, June 15, as a feature of Shrine convention week here.

The most brilliant night spectacle in Memphis' history was promised by Fred L. Tabery, of Menard & Tabery, Inc., Hollywood, who is directing their construction.

### Brightly Illuminated

"Each of the floats will be illuminated with 1000 colored electric lights, powered by its own generators," Mr. Tabery said. "They will be ridden by the MidSouth's prettiest girls in colorful costumes and from the number a 'Miss Mid-South' will be chosen as the winner of a free trip to the San Francisco World's Fair and to Hollywood's movie studios. 'Miss Tennessee,' 'Miss Arkansas' and 'Miss Mississippi' also will be chosen."

In addition to the floats with their 11,000 colored bulbs, Crump Stadium will be illuminated by gigantic searchlights. Two of these which Mr. Tabery says are the largest in the world, are of 60-inch diameter and each casts a beam of 750,000,000 candlepower which can be seen for 50 miles. There will also be 12 36-inch searchlights each of 325,000,000

candlepower and 14 24-inch searchlights, each of 90,000,000 candlepower. Required for illuminating the show will be 580,000 watts, or enough electricity to light a city of 100,000 population.

### Numerous Acts Planned

Before the mammoth floats are brought upon the field, there will be numerous acts in the glare of the searchlights and a Mardi Gras parade, featured by hundreds of characters in grotesque costumes

and 50-foot dragon imported from China. The imperial officers of the Shrine will make their entry in 10 white automobiles, each illuminated with scores of electric lights.

The 11 floats in the motion picture pageant, entered by Hollywood studios, will cost approximately \$2000 each. They will be sponsored by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount, United Artists, Columbia Pictures, Samuel Goldwyn, Hal Roach Studios, R.K.O. Studios, Walter Wanger Studios, Selznick International, Republic Productions and Harold Lloyd Studios.

Brought to Memphis from Hollywood to supervise their construction were LeClaire Coffin, chief designer; Don McNamara, in charge

of construction, and Everett Leroy, in charge of special electrical effects.



## MASONIC VETERANS TO DINE AND ELECT

Annual Meeting Will Be Held  
Tuesday Night

### SHRINERS GO TO OSCEOLA

Al Chymia Nobles Will Participate in Ceremonial Under Auspices of Pine Bluff Temple—Blue Lodges Conferring

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

**MONDAY, MAY 27—**  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Second degree.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—School.  
**TUESDAY, MAY 28—**  
Masonic Veterans Association—Annual and Banquet at 7:00.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29—**  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Third degree by Tupelo Lodge.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205, O. E. S.—Initiation.  
**THURSDAY, MAY 30—**  
Al Chymia Temple—Pilgrimage to Osceola, Ark.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—School.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4—Rehearsal.  
**FRIDAY, MAY 31—**  
De Soto Lodge No. 299—Third degree at 7:00.  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 1—**  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

The final—and slack—week of the month in Masonic circles will be enlivened by two special events—the Veterans' banquet and the Shrine trip to Osceola.

The Masonic Veterans Association of Memphis will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday night. This association only has one meeting during the year and it is always looked forward to by its members, men who have been Masons for over 21 years.

The meeting this year will be the most interesting one of several decades. Ninety new members will be admitted and that will brake all records among the affiliated York Rite bodies. Veteran Master Charles E. Lodge can not be too highly commended upon this great showing under his leadership.

#### Al Chymia To Travel

The meeting will start with a banquet at 7 o'clock, daylight saving time. A splendid menu has been prepared. The business session includes the election of officers for 1940.

Entertainment program under the direction of Past Veteran Master H. R. Goodell will follow. Each member may be accompanied by a lady, who will be his guest during the entire meeting.

Al Chymia Temple has accepted the invitation of the Pine Bluff Shrine to take part in a ceremonial it will hold at Osceola on Thursday. The divan and all of the uniformed bodies and some 150 of the nobility will attend. The uniformed bodies will leave at 9 a.m. and the others as convenient. The ceremonies will start with a noon dinner to be followed by the first section of the ceremonial at 2 p.m.

#### Two More Conferings Up

Three conferings are listed for the week. Stonewall Lodge will confer the third degree on Wednesday night. Members of the Tupelo Lodge will attend and the team of this lodge will render the work. These interchange of courtesies between lodges of sister jurisdictions

tend to strengthen the bonds of the fraternity.

McLemore Avenue Lodge has the second degree on tomorrow night and De Soto Lodge will render a fine presentation of the third degree on Friday night.

Shelby County Royal Arch Day was observed on Friday with Penn Chapter No. 22, Memphis Chapter No. 95, Raines Chapter No. 158, Park Avenue Chapter No. 204 and Evergreen Chapter No. 209 as hosts for the ceremony. The Royal Arch degree was conferred impressively by a team selected from members of the five chapters.

Distinguished Grand and Past Grand Officers introduced were Hugh O. Edwards of Nashville, Grand High Priest; W. Phelan Douglas of Humboldt, Grand King; Samuel L. Ragsdale, Grand Captain of the Host; Otway Yates of Selmer, Grand Master of the Third Veil; Dr. A. G. Hudson, past Grand High Priest; B. Tate Dawkins of Memphis, past Grand High Priest; Robert W. Parham, past Grand Master of the Grand Council; John H. Cocke of Memphis, Grand Steward, and William H. Tester, past Grand Reviewer.

Out of town chapters from Nashville, Saulsbury, Humboldt, Fort Smith, Newbern, Selmer, Paris and Chicago were represented. The attendance was large about 100 companions being present.

The meeting was under the direction of Past Grand High Priest Hudson and Companion Allan H. Robinson of Evergreen Chapter.

## Shrine Imperial Council Program

Memphis will be host to the 66th Imperial Session of the Shrine on June 11, 12 and 13. More than 50,000 Shriners and other guests are expected. The program given here is tentative and there may be some changes.

#### Sunday—June 9

Reception of Nobles all day.

Open House—Recorders' Association all day at Gayoso Hotel.

Sightseeing trips about the city.

11:00 A.M.—Religious Services in Memphis Churches.

2:00 P.M.—Golf at all country clubs.

2:15 P.M.—Baseball Doubleheader at Russwood Park.

4:00 P.M.—Opening of all Headquarters.

7:00 P.M.—Twilight Divine Services in Shell at Overton Park with a speaker of national reputation.

#### Monday—June 10

8:00 A.M.—Opening of all Information and Registration Bureaus.

8:00 A.M.—Opening of Imperial Registration Bureau Opening of Uniformed Units Headquarters.

9:30 A.M.—Opening Session Shrine Recorder's Association, Gayoso Hotel.

10:00 A.M.—Opening Session of Southeastern Shrine Association, Chisca Hotel Ballroom.

2:00 P.M.—Recorders Meeting at Hotel Gayoso.

2:13 P.M.—Royal Order of Jesters Meeting, Continental Room, Peabody Hotel.

3:30 P.M.—Baseball at Russwood Park.

6:00 P.M.—Shrine Recorders' Association Banquet, Gayoso Hotel.

6:13 P.M.—Fraternal Hour—Royal Order of Jesters—Peabody Roof.

7:13 P.M.—Banquet and Entertainment—Royal Order of Jesters—Skyway—Peabody Hotel Roof.

8:30 P.M.—"Show of a Century" at Fairgrounds—Giant fireworks display, vaudeville, midway attractions, boxing, wrestling, swimming pool, etc. Free tickets to uniformed units.

#### Tuesday—June 11

6:00 A.M.—Registration of Representatives, Hotel Peabody.

9:00 A.M.—Escort Parade passing in review before Imperial Potentate and Imperial Divan. Parade passes through Crump Stadium.

12:30 P.M.—Representatives' Luncheon at Official Hotels.

1:00 P.M.—Representatives' Ladies and Hostess Luncheon at Skyway, Hotel Peabody, Entertainment.

2:00 P.M.—Opening Session of Imperial Council at Ellis Auditorium.

(1) Opening Exercises

by John B. Vesey, Director General, introducing Distinguished Guests.

(2) Address of Welcome by James A. Waterman, Potentate of Al Chymia Temple.

(3) Business Meeting.

2:30 P.M.—Legion of Honor Meeting. (Location to be determined).

2:30 P.M.—Oriental Band Association Meeting. (Location to be determined).

3:30 P.M.—Baseball at Russwood Park.

7:00 P.M.—Banquet and Entertainment for our Imperial Potentate, Imperial Representatives and guests at Ellis Auditorium.

8:30 P.M.—Entertainment at Crump Stadium—"Show of a Century," also Tony Sarg Balloons.

Midnight—Annual Meeting of Oriental Band Association.

#### Wednesday—June 12

9:00 A.M.—Imperial Council Session at Ellis Auditorium.

(1) Election of Officers.

(2) Business Meeting.

9:00 A.M.—All-day Greyhound Bus Trip to Pickwick Dam and Shiloh National Park for Representatives' Ladies and hostesses.

1:00 P.M.—Representatives' Luncheon at Official Hotels.

2:00 P.M.—Imperial Council Session at Ellis Auditorium.

3:30 P.M.—Baseball at Russwood Park.

8:00 P.M.—Mammoth Night Parade passing through Crump Stadium.

#### Thursday—June 13

9:00 A.M.—Imperial Council Session at Ellis Auditorium.

10:00 A.M.—Representatives' Ladies' drive with hostesses, to Memphis points of interest.

12:00 M.—Luncheon for Imperial Officers and Representatives at Official Hotels.

1:00 P.M.—Informal Luncheon for Representatives' Ladies at all Official Hotels.

2:00 P.M.—Imperial Council closing session at Ellis Auditorium. (If necessary).

3:30 P.M.—Baseball at Russwood Park.

8:00 P.M.—Glamorous Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium, featuring Hollywood Floats sponsored by Motion Picture Producers, etc.



# JUDGE FOR YOURSELF!

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1940

THE PRESS-SCIMITAR.

## Land of Pretty Women to Show Off Its Lovely Girls for Benefit of Shriners

Lovely Girls of South  
Will Go on Parade  
At Convention

By JOSEPH GUESS

Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

The South is a land of beautiful women.

In a story that Saturday went around the nation, Earl Carroll, America's best-known picker of beauties, said the South and the Mississippi Valley produce the greatest number of pretty girls.

Carroll gave as a reason, "the South was settled by patrician gallants and their descendants still form the great body of the population—it's in the patrician family that you're likely to find the most beautiful girls."

Dixie is going to show off its beautiful girls as never before during the Imperial Shrine Convention June 11-13 in Memphis.

### 2000 Contestants

Not only Miss Memphis, but queens from 43 Mid-South towns are to compete before Hollywood's Harold Lloyd and other judges for the title of Miss Mid-South—for an all-expense paid trip to Hollywood and a screen test.

The 44 finalists are being chosen from over 2000 contestants. The expected 60,000 to 100,000 visitors at the world's largest convention will see the South's loveliest girls. Miss Memphis will be selected at the Malco Theater Thursday night, June 6. Any merchant, civic club or other group may sponsor a contestant.

### Four Already Chosen

Thirty-six of the 43 towns already have set in motion contests to choose their beauty queens. Four who have been chosen are:

**JEAN CHILES**, "Miss Osceola" (Ark.), who has sung frequently over Memphis radio stations and is known as the "sweet-heart of the Osceola Shrine."

**JEAN THOMPSON**, 18, "Miss Helena," chosen from 30 contestants at a Helena, Ark., theater Friday night.

**LUTHER NELL SPENCE**, "Miss Calhoun City" (Miss.), picked from 25 girls.

**RUTH HALL**, who will represent University of Mississippi at Oxford, and sister of Parker Hall, former Ole Miss All-America football player.

### Finals June 13

Final judging will take place Thursday, June 13, night of the expensive and brilliant Hollywood Electrical Pageant, sponsored by Hollywood's major motion picture studios at Crump Stadium.

Titles of "Miss Mississippi," "Miss Arkansas" and "Miss Tennessee" will be bestowed at an early show at the Malco that night, with results announced at the pageant.

While at the Malco the 44 girls will have use of the stage stars' dressing rooms. A buffet dinner will be served at the theater.

Then a special bus with police escort will take them to the pageant scene.

### Lovely Costumes

There they are to wear exquisite-



JEAN THOMPSON, high school senior, will represent Helena, Ark., in the South's greatest parade of beautiful women.

ly lovely costumes furnished by movie studios and ride brilliantly-lit Hollywood chariots at the convention's biggest show.

At a certain point all floats will stop, results of the Malco contests will be made known, with suitable loving cups awarded.

Time will be taken out then for the cream of the South's beauty to pass before Lloyd and others, for selection of Miss Mid-South.

While on the West Coast Miss Mid-South is to reign as queen over the San Francisco World's Fair on Mid-South Day, June 27.

Chairman of the Shrine parade of model beauty is Chip Barwick, and vice chairman, M. A. Lightman. On their committee:

Jim Scott Richard Dozier

Subchairmen are:

**A. LACEY PRICE**, Jackson, Tenn.  
**A. M. Bradford**, Forrest City, Ark.  
**Arthur M. Lyell**, Greenwood, Miss.

Partial list of dates for selection of candidates are:

Aberdeen, Miss., Wednesday night.  
Covington, Tenn., Ruffin Theater, tomorrow night.  
Martin, Tenn., Capitol Theater, tomorrow night.

Newbern, Tenn., Palace Theater, Friday night.

Greenfield, Tenn., Palace Theater Friday night.

Alamo, Tenn., Roxie Theater, Friday night.

Humboldt, Tenn., Rex Theater, Tuesday, June 4.

Holly Springs, Miss., Friday night.

Other towns to select candidates are:

### In Arkansas:

Blytheville	West Memphis
Jonesboro	Searcy
Pine Bluff	Wynne
Marianna	Paragould
Newport	Wilson

### In Tennessee:

Dyersburg	Selmer
Jackson	Trenton
Savannah	Union City
Covington	Milan
Brownsville	

### In Mississippi:

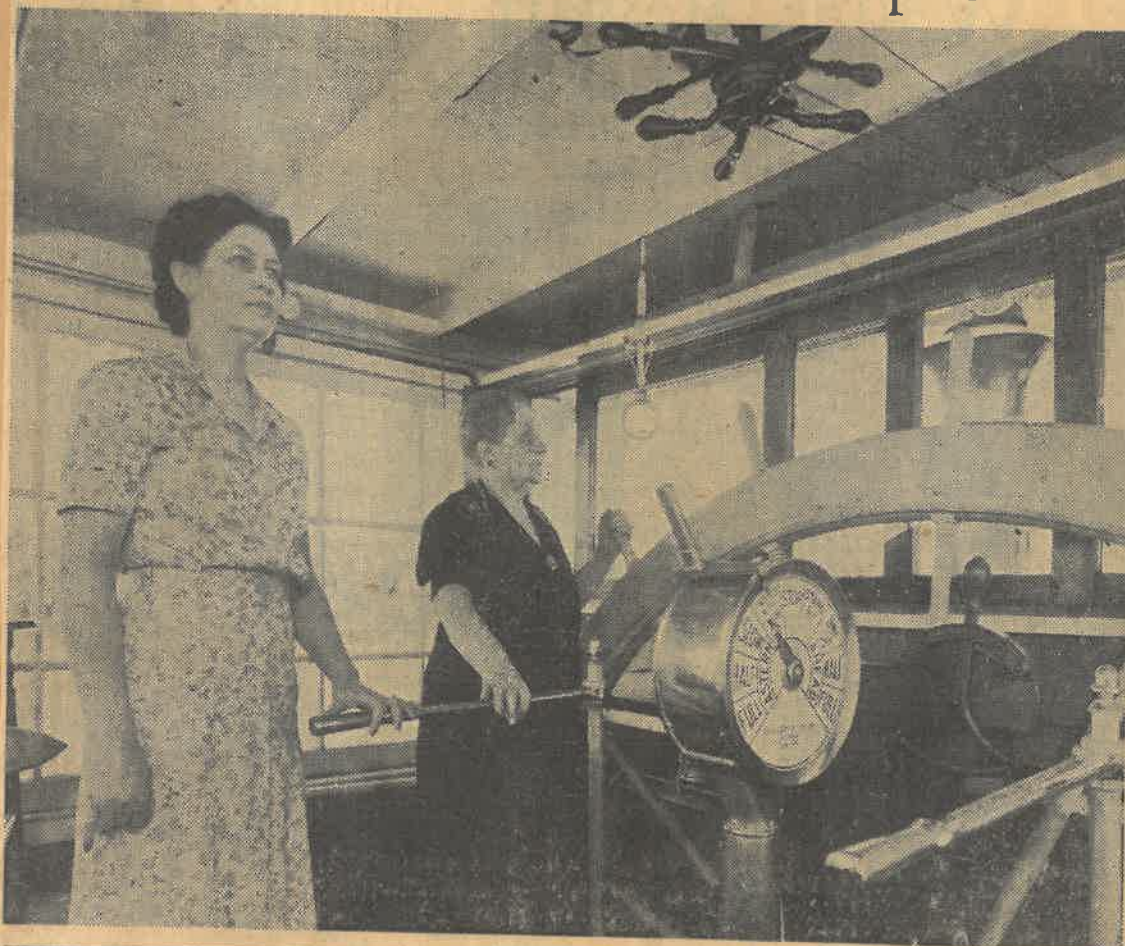
Grenada	Amory
Booneville	Columbus
Cleveland	Clarksdale
Greenwood	Greenville
New Albany	Corinth
Tupelo	Leand
Okolona	Pontotoc



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., MONDAY MORNING, MAY 27, 1940

## Pilots River Craft Into Memphis



In the pilothouse of the Gordon Greene, which will be the floating hotel for Louisville Shriners during the Memphis convention, Mrs. Mary B. Greene (right), the captain, visited yesterday with her friend, Mrs. Jack Carley, 393 North Garland. The boat paused here yesterday en route from New Orleans to pick up her convention passengers.

## BOAT TO SERVE SHRINE AS CONVENTION HOTEL

Will Return From Louisville  
With Delegates

The Gordon Greene passenger boat to be used as a "floating hotel" during the Shrine Convention, June 11, 12 and 13, steamed into the Memphis port yesterday on an excursion trip under the command of Mrs. Mary B. Greene, one of the very few women marine captains in the world.

The boat took on coal and supplies at the foot of Monroe and departed up the river shortly after noon. Mrs. Greene, a national authority on waterway transportation, is 73 years old and with the aid of her two sons, Tom and Chris Greene, operates the Gordon Greene and a number of freight ships.

Excursions of the Gordon Greene are mostly limited to trips between Cincinnati, the home port, and Pittsburgh.

Shriners from Louisville, Ky., have chartered the boat for the convention and will leave that city June 7, arriving in Memphis June 10. The Shriners on the cruise will make their headquarters on the boat during the stay here.



## 24 Different Reasons Why This Act Was Included on Shriners' 'Must See' List



"Night and Day"—here are 24 charming examples of why this act is included in the "Show of A Century," scheduled for Shrine Convention.

### BIG-TIME ACTS WILL HIGHLIGHT SHRINE'S SHOW

Overhead at Crump Stadium  
Balloons Big as Trucks  
Will Crowd Sky

By JOSEPH GUESS  
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Balloons as big as a truck will float thru the air.

And beneath them will be the glittering, brilliant array of entertainment that is to be the Imperial Shrine Convention's "Show of a Century," at Crump Stadium Tuesday night, June 11.

Beautiful girls in 10 vaudeville acts, a ballet and a full Shrine parade will be among the features.

In the stadium center the show will be presented, according to advance reports, on a terraced stage, 120 by 240, possibly the largest stage setting in the Mid-South.

Directed by Ernie Young, a former Memphian, who has attained success as a show producer, the "Show of a Century" is designed to keep in step, in magnitude, with the world's largest convention. In the show are 100 persons.

Director General John Vesey of the convention says he believes it will be the most expensive one-night revue of entertainment ever seen in Memphis. The stage acts will run for two hours.

On the Shrine board of directors who passed on the merits of the show are:

Fred Goldsmith Lake Hays  
Frank Schutt John Waterman

Lester Cole, who has been a leading man in five Broadway musicals, will be master of ceremonies.

#### Array of Acts

Some of the acts are to be:

"Big Top" ballet, with the Garo Neilsen dancers, including an acrobatic adagio with 12 dancers.

"In the Days of Ferdinand," mainly a take-off on Spanish bullfighting, is described as being a stage program in itself. Reports on the show say several dozen lovely chorus girls, with atmospheric scenery and costumes, do old and new dances from the land of Don Quixote. The act tapers off with a satirical farce, a bullfight with the screen cartoon favorite, "Ferdinand."

"Night and Day," with two dozen girl dancers, called the "Singing Debutantes," dressed in expensive contrasting costumes. Trick lighting effects will be another feature of this act.

#### 'Golden Dance'

Another major dance routine will be "Rolling Along," with girls inside illuminated hoops. Men and women outfitted in skin-tight costumes of "gold" are in "Golden Dance." "Circus Revels" and a bicycle act are included on the program.

Especially to delight children will be Tony Sarg's huge illuminated and animated balloons. Mickey Mouse, as large as a truck, will sneak thru the air over spectators' heads. A whole parade of balloons of equal size will caricature other child and adult cartoon favorites. The balloons, with their queer lighting and animation, have been big favorites at world fair parades.

#### 16 Temples to Parade

Southeastern Shrine Association, composed of 16 temples, will stage their parade preceding the "Show of a Century." Each of the temples is expected to send a band in addition to at least one or two other marching units. This parade will require about 50 minutes.

Season tickets for this and the other three big public shows are on sale at the Auditorium, at Shrine headquarters at Goodwyn Institute and at Walgreen's, Union and Main, for \$5. Individual tickets for the "Show of a Century" are \$1.65.

The other three big entertainments are:

Shrine Escort Parade, 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 11.

Mammoth Night Parade, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12.

Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13.

All will be at Crump Stadium.

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, MEMPHIS,

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 29, 1940

### Coming Here



Don Wilson, announcer for Jack Benny and other radio shows and recently a movie actor in his own right, has been signed to announce the Hollywood electrical pageant at Crump Stadium June 13 during the Shrine convention. Wilson, voted the Nation's outstanding radio announcer for several years, will fly here from Hollywood.

### 50 WILL BE INITIATED INTO OSCEOLA SHRINE

Al Chymia Delegation To Attend Ceremony Tomorrow

From 150 to 200 Memphis Shriners, including the three uniformed units of Al Chymia Temple, will go to Osceola, Ark., tomorrow to take part in the initiation of a class of 50 candidates in a program staged under the direction of Sahara Temple of Pine Bluff.

Special busses will leave Shrine headquarters at the DeVoy Hotel at 9:30 a.m., bearing Al Chymia Temple's band, drill patrol and Oriental band, in addition to a number of members. Other members will drive to Osceola in their own cars.

The ceremonial will be one of the biggest Shrine events staged in Arkansas in recent years, according to William Shepherd, illustrious potentate of Sahara Temple, and Shriners from all over the state will be there. A special train will be run from Pine Bluff, making stops at Stuttgart, Clarendon, Brinkley and Jonesboro. Another large delegation is coming from Little Rock.

A luncheon for visiting Shriners, and a parade through Osceola's streets at 2 p.m. will precede the initiation which will take place from 3 to 5 p.m., and will be followed by a ball in Osceola's high school auditorium at 9 p.m.



## 15 CONVENTION YEARS BRING IN \$32,023,000

Chamber Of Commerce Bureau Reports

1940 MAY SET RECORD

**Big Shrine Meeting Expected To Boost Spending By Delegates To Above \$3,000,000 Peak Of 1934**

The Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce began its 16th year yesterday with preparation of a report showing attendance in that time of 682,855 persons who spent in Memphis an estimated \$32,023,600.

In the first five months of 1940, 255 meetings already have been held, bringing to the city 25,706 persons and about \$1,285,300 in cash, the report said. An estimated 75,865 persons are yet expected to attend 40 other 1940 conventions here.

### 1941 Convention Plans

Fifteen conventions already have been booked for 1941. Since Jan. 1, 600 meetings have been held between officials of the bureau and local committees in charge of arrangements for various conventions.

Appropriately, the Lundeen-Norrell Bill providing for the 400th anniversary celebration of the discovery of the Mississippi River was passed on May 28, birthday of the bureau. It now goes to the House. Direction of the celebration operation has been in charge of a special committee of the bureau.

The Board of Directors of the American Road Builders Association cast a tie vote between New York and Memphis for the 1941 convention site, and the question has been referred to the Executive Committee, yesterday's report said. The road builders meeting is a large one.

### Aim At Lions Meeting

The bureau reported on its campaign to bring the 1941 Lions International Convention to Memphis. The 1940 meeting will be in Havana, where the Cuban Government has promised Memphis the co-operation of a 150-piece band, 75-piece orchestra, two radio stations and facilities for an international broadcast.

Peak year for the bureau, in point of money spent by visitors, was 1934, when \$3,000,000 in easy-spending cash rolled from the pockets of convention goers. The huge Shrine Convention to assemble here next month, however, is expected to boost the 1940 figure to a record.

The report will be presented today noon at a bureau meeting. W. W. Fischer is chairman of the bureau. Ralph E. Logsdon is director. The following are members:

T. A. Robinson, Joseph A. Fowler, E. W. Ford, H. T. Bunn, Albert Erskine, Henry W. Slavick, F. R. Schutt, John F. Ragland, Abe Scharff, P. A. McPhillips, W. R. Bernstein, Jules B. Rozier and E. C. Blackstone.

## INITIATION DATE CHANGED

**Shrine Ceremonies Will Be Held June 4 At DeVoy**

Date of the last Shrine initiation here before the convention in June has been changed to Tuesday, June 4, and ceremonies will be held on the ninth floor of the DeVoy, W. A. Woodmansee, recorder of Al Chymia Temple, announced yesterday. The program will start at 8 p.m.

Plans for a "cold sands" ceremonial have been dropped and only the first section will be presented. Balloting will precede the initiation of the class.

THE PRESS-SCIMITAR,

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1940

## Shelby Shorts

**MRS. J. P. TAYLOR**, retiring president of Ford N. Taylor PTA, was honored at a tea by the PTA yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alfred Lorence, 1053 Rosewood, whose co-hostess was Mrs. C. Cargile. Mrs. Taylor was presented a past president's pin.

**AN INTERIOR** display at George Lamar Drug Store, Madison and Cleveland, recently took a prize in a nationwide contest of druggists, sponsored by the Chesebrough Manufacturing Co.

**AL CHYMIA** Temple's last initiation ceremony before the June 11-13 Imperial Shrine Convention in Memphis will be Tuesday night, June 4, at Hotel DeVoy, Al A. Woodmansee, recorder, says.

**A BOY WAS** born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cardosi, 744 N. Parkway, May 21 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Due to a mix-up in office records at the hospital, The Press-Scimitar listed the birth to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cardosi, 1100 Saxon. The Press-Scimitar regrets the error.

**MRS. ALENA M'DONALD** and Mrs. Dora Bernstein will present their Frayser pupils in expression, dancing and voice in recital at 8 tonight at Frayser School.

**A WELCOME** meeting for Capt. Clara Ruoff will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel, 174 N. Third, at 7:45 p.m. Sunday. Capt. Ruoff, native of Glasgow, Ky., will be assistant to Major Noel Ellis, Salvation Army commander in Memphis, and Mrs. Ellis.

## City Within A City Planned For Shrine Convention Here

The Shrine convention headquarters is setting up a city within a city.

Shriners will have their own mobile hospital, post office, telephone exchange, police department, medical staff. They will even have their own "city" directory.

Shelby County's mobile hospital unit has been donated for the convention. Two doctors and two nurses will accompany it when it is stationed at various congested points during the convention. A staff of 25 physicians under Dr. James Bodley will give free service to Shriners.

### Shrine Post Office

An official Shrine Post Office will be established, ready for any postal service except issuance of money orders, at Third and Union. Shriners must call for their mail there.

On Court Street, the telephone company is providing a 12-position switchboard and 20 information stations to be open 24 hours daily. Nearly 50 special operators will be employed. Fifty trunk lines will be represented by the Shrine number, 8-5211.

Shriners who are police officers in their home towns will be formed into a Law and Order Committee, with headquarters in Ellis Auditorium. They will have police power and will discipline any Shriner who "gets out of line."

### Information Booth

A general information booth for Shriners will be set up in the Peabody. Every temple, potentate, recorder, representative and uni-

formed unit will be listed in a convention directory telling where each is housed.

The directory will also contain a map of the downtown district, the official program of the convention itself, and a complete program of all events, including several subsidiary conventions of affiliated organizations. Although the convention proper starts June 11, earlier meetings will begin June 8.



# THE COVINGTON LEADER.

COVINGTON, TENNESSEE, THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1940

TEN PAGES

## 200 Shriners to Be Feted Here June 10

Two hundred Shriners of Ainad Temple of East St. Louis, Ill., will arrive in Covington at noon Monday, June 10, to be entertained for two hours by local Shriners and other business men.

The group will stop here en route to the national convention in Memphis. Arriving by special train at 12 o'clock, the group, led by its own band of between 50 and 75 pieces, will march to the square and on to the Community House, where barbecue dinner will be served. The Shriners are scheduled to remain in Covington two hours.

Expenses of the barbecue lunch will be met through sale of tickets by the local arrangements committee, which met Sunday afternoon to make plans for entertaining the convention-bound group.

The tickets went on sale this week. There is no price set on the tickets, but business men and others are being asked to pay any amount they wish toward expenses of the entertainment. The committee expects a large number of local business men to attend the lunch and meet the visitors.

The East St. Louis group was "adopted" by Covington under the plan by which every temple attending the convention will be entertained for a few hours by some Mid-South community. The purpose is interchange of greetings and to give opportunity for the temple city and the adopting city to know each other better.

Banners and other decorations will be erected to welcome the Illinois Shriners on their arrival.

Every state in the Union will be represented by one or more Shrine temples and visitors will come from as far as Hawaii and Mexico for the Memphis convention.

All records of the 66-year history of the Imperial Shrine conventions are expected to be shattered. Reservations listed with the Memphis headquarters last week exceeded the previous high of 75 temples which visited in Detroit several years ago.

There will be more than 80 bands with 5000 musicians and practically as many marching units. Season ticket books will be released to individual ticket sales for the various events.

The public feature attractions are as follows: Shrine Escort Parade, Tuesday morning, June 11; Ernie Young's "Show of the Century," Tuesday night, June 11; Shrine "Million Dollar Parade," Wednesday night, June 12; and the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant Thursday night, June 13.

## "MISS COVINGTON" SELECTED



—Staff Photo.

Miss Anne Hudson (left) was named "Miss Covington" at the beauty revue at Ruffin Theatre Tuesday evening and will represent the city at the Shrine motion picture pageant in Memphis June 13. Alternate to "Miss Covington" is Miss Marjorie Shoaf, pictured at right.

## Anne Hudson Named "Miss Covington"

Miss Anne Hudson, daughter of Mrs. Mermion Hudson, was chosen "Miss Covington" at a revue held at Ruffin Theatre Tuesday evening.

Miss Hudson will represent the city at the Hollywood electrical motion picture pageant to be held in connection with the Shrine convention in Memphis Thursday, June 13.

There she will compete for the title of "Miss Tennessee," and "Miss Mid-South." Forty-four Mid-South communities are sending girls to the pageant to enter competition for the titles. "Miss Mid-South" will be given a free trip to the Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco and to Hollywood, where she will visit the motion picture studios.

Miss Marjorie Shoaf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shoaf, was selected as alternate to Miss Hudson. The queen and alternate were chosen by vote of the audience at the theatre, which co-operated with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the revue.

Other girls competing for the title of "Miss Covington" were Miss Elizabeth Anderson, Miss Myra Sue Hays, Miss Jeanne Maley, Miss Jane Montgomery, Miss Maurine McCalla, Miss Cathryn Nevils, Miss Janie Smith and Miss Lavinia Smith.

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## Free Trip to Hollywood



JUANITA STONE

A free trip to Hollywood awaits Miss Mid-South, who will be chosen from 44 finalists at the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium Thursday night, June 13. Miss Memphis will be one of the finalists. A contestant for the title of Miss Memphis is Juanita Stone of 1245 Smith.



JANICE GATES

First entrant in the Miss Memphis contest was Janice Gates, 17, of 866 Tanglewood. She weighs 123 pounds, is five feet, three inches tall and wears size 14 dress. Suitable loving cups will be awarded Miss Memphis as well as Miss Tennessee, Miss Arkansas and Miss Mississippi, who will be chosen at the Maico.

## Waits 'Miss Mid-South'



BILLIE JEAN NESBETT

Representing Savannah, Tenn., in the contest will be Billie Jean Nesbett, selected by the Savannah Lion's Club. As many as 40 contestants in the various towns are seeking the right to come to the Memphis finals. Finalists, in lovely movie costumes, will ride the colorful Hollywood floats in the electrical pageant.



JACKIE WIEBENGA

Another candidate for Miss Memphis, who will be chosen at the Maico Theater Thursday, June 6, is Jackie Wiebenga of 1627 Lamar. With girls from 43 Mid-South towns, Miss Memphis will compete for Miss Mid-South. Any club, merchant or other group may sponsor a contestant for the title of Miss Memphis.



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 31, 1940

## BUSTLING CITY OF SHRINE PUTS HOUSE IN ORDER

One of Pressing Problems  
Now: More Rooms To  
Accommodate All

Mrs. Memphis, less than two weeks hence, will find upon her doorstep a visiting city—of 60,000 or more Shriners flocking to their June 11-13 imperial convention.

City, county, state and federal authorities are co-operating with the Shrine housing committee, headed by J. F. Ramier, in providing such separate "Shrine City" facilities as these:

A Shrine postoffice on the northeast corner of Third and Union. At least six clerks, according to Postmaster H. C. McKellar, will handle nothing but Shrine mail.

A Shrine telephone exchange at the telephone company office on Court. On duty will be a staff of 50 operators, 12 working at the same time during busiest hours, on a giant switchboard. This switchboard, having 60 trunk lines to Shrine offices, will take care of only convention calls. In addition, there will be an information desk with 20 operators. Well over 100 convention telephones are being installed, Frank Flourney, telephone manager, said.

### Own City Court

A Shrine police force and "city court." Many of the visitors will be sworn in as separate officers to aid in traffic and other matters. Temples have been asked to make sure that at least two percent of their delegations are experienced police officers. If 16,000 Shriners attend, that would mean 1200 visiting policemen who might be made special officers. A. L. Cameron of the Shrine Law and Order Committee has asked for "loans" of personnel from Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee state highway patrols, and from the detective forces of Louisville, Ky., New Orleans, Birmingham, Ala., and other Southern cities. The police court for Shrine offenders, if any, is to be held at the Auditorium.

"Shrine City," however, will not be located in one concentrated area—far from it! Shriners will be housed in every section of the city—in hotels, in tourist courts, in Pullman cities, in at least 3000 Memphis residences.

## VESEY NAMED 'M.C.' OF LAKE DEDICATION

Director General John Vesey of the Imperial Shrine Convention today was appointed master of ceremonies of the giant Pickwick Lake dedication at Pickwick, Tenn., Sunday.

Several days ago Governor Cooper, Senator McKellar and Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi accepted invitations to speak. Other speakers include J. Charles Poe, Tennessee commissioner of conservation; Mayor Chandler, Director James Pope of the Tennessee Valley Authority and Jack Carley, editorial writer of The Commercial Appeal.

Sailboat and speedboat races will be among features at the celebration. Guides will show visitors around the 1700-acre recreational areas. The all-day celebration starts at 9 a.m.

### Hotels Reserved

All hotels several months ago were reserved to their capacity. Some of them have leased out their buildings to the Shrine on the basis of "all rooms except those occupied by permanent guests." Others have guaranteed a certain number of rooms. For instance, Hotel Claridge guaranteed 275 rooms. Reserved are:

Peabody	William Len
Chisca	Ambassador
Claridge	Parkview
DeVoy	Blackstone
Gayoso	Forrest Park
Tennessee	Apartments
Adler	Gilmore Apartments

With two beds to a room, if necessary, it is hoped to house 7500 at the hotels, and another 3500 at Memphis' seven senior and junior high schools.

Pullman cities (200 Pullman cars already have been chartered) will house 5000 on the Illinois Central tracks, on Poplar near the Auditorium; on the Louisville & Nashville lines, at Main and Webster, and on the Frisco tracks, at Kentucky and Calhoun.

Also reserved are the Alamo Plaza Tourist Court, on Summer, the Twentieth Century Tourist Court, at West Memphis, and the Crescent Lake Courts, on Bristol Highway.

The Mississippi River steamer Gordon Greene will be a floating hotel during the convention.

### Need More Rooms

Reserved residential homes are scattered thruout the city—yet convention officials fear they do not have enough. They want boarding house proprietors and citizens with spare rooms to register with Mr. Ramier or Bruce Ely at convention headquarters, first floor of Goodwyn Institute Building. A card index file will be kept.

Distribution of housing space is entirely out of the hands of hotels and proprietors. The housing committee will assign visitors to quarters, and must also meet all other allied municipal problems, such as health measures, sanitation, and food supply.

## 1500 SHRINERS JOIN IN OSCEOLA CEREMONY

Day Decreed One Of Fun By  
Ameer Ben F. Butler

Special to The Commercial Appeal

OSCEOLA, Ark., May 30.—The war in Europe, the "fifth column" in America, and the cotton crop in the South were forgotten here Thursday as 1500 Shriners, their wives and other guests paraded, danced and made merry at the ceremonial of Sahara Temple.

The Ameer of Osceola, Ben F. Butler, decreed the day one of fun and festivity with Shrinedom's colors, red, green and yellow, decorating the city. In observance of the event, the Osceola Times, local weekly and one of the oldest newspapers in Arkansas, published a special edition.

### 51 Neophytes Initiated

The class of 51 Neophytes conducted across the Sands to Mecca exceeded by nine members the class initiated in June, 1939, according to J. B. Bunn, president of the Osceola Shrine Club, and Elliott Sartain, secretary-treasurer. Charles E. Sullenger was general chairman of Arrangements, assisted by Moses Sliman, vice president of Osceola Shriners.

William Shephard of Pine Bluff, potentate of Sahara Temple, headed the delegation that came by special train with stops at Stuttgart, Clarendon, Brinkley, Jonesboro and Paragould and met at Blytheville by cars from Osceola.

Leading the Memphis delegation of 150 members from Al Chymia Temple were John A. Waterman, potentate, former resident of Mississippi County, and Everett Cowan, past potentate. The crowd entered into the spirit of their slogan, "come and play the Dixie way."

Al Chymia Oriental Band in addition to the regular band and uniformed patrol joined the Oriental Band from Pine Bluff and the school bands of Osceola, Luxora, Keiser and Shawnee to provide music, drill work and concerts.

After the barbecue served on the high school campus, a mile-long parade headed by Arkansas state police cars and including the seven bands, Osceola Fire Department, Jaycee float, P.-T. A., civic and business organizations, proceeded through the downtown section.

Bringing up the rear were the foot-sore candidates.

### Wives Entertained

Mrs. H. C. Davidson, in charge of entertainment for the women, arranged a party at the Community Clubhouse, theater parties and automobile rides in the afternoon. The day's celebration ended with a dance at the high school gymnasium.

Among the prominent out-of-town guests were three past grand masters of Arkansas Masons, J. B. Bunn, Osceola; Fred Stuckey, Lepanto and W. A. Thomas, Little Rock. Mr. Thomas is present grand secretary of Arkansas Masons, and grand recorder of the Grand Commandery; C. H. Bollinger, Pine Bluff, recorder of Sahara Temple, and L. W. Williams, eminent commander of Ivanhoe Commandery 18.

## To Honor Wunderlich

The Shrine Club will honor Walter Wunderlich, secretary-treasurer of the National Burial Insurance Co., at its luncheon today at the DeVoy. Mr. Wunderlich is a member of Blue Lodge No. 118 and has been a Shriner for 20 years. He is also a member of the Jackson Avenue Civic Club, Thousand Club,

Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and Colonial Country Club. A season ticket to the four major attractions to be staged in Crump Stadium during the Shrine convention will be given as an attendance prize by Mr. Wunderlich. Wray Williams will preside.

## COLORFUL RITUALS AS SHRINE INITIATES

1500 in Parade at Osceola  
For Ceremonies

A mile-long parade of 1500 Shriners, including 51 new candidates for membership, concluded an elaborate induction ceremony of the Sahara Temple at Osceola, Ark., yesterday.

Marching were seven bands, including the Oriental and regular band from Memphis Al Chymia Temple, and high school bands from Osceola, Luxora, Kieser and Shawnee, and the Shrine Oriental band from Pine Bluff. Arkansas state police cars, PTA and Junior Chamber of Commerce floats and 150 Memphis Shriners, led by John A. Waterman, participated.

Ben F. Butler, the Ameer of Osceola, decreed it a "day of fun." Charles E. Sullenger was general chairman of arrangements. He was assisted by Moses Sliman and Mrs. H. C. Davidson.

J. B. Bunn is president and Elliott Sartain, secretary-treasurer of the Osceola Shrine Club.

W. A. Thomas, Little Rock, and Fred Stuckey, Lepanto, past grand masters of Arkansas, attended.



# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

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## Playful Shriners Go Serious To Help Crippled Children

Shriners will be out for a good time when they come to the convention here beginning June 11, but back of all the shouting and the banners and the glee is a serious project unparalleled in America.

Shriners are the foster fathers of thousands of crippled children. Ten fully equipped hospitals and five

mobile units attached to other hospitals are supported entirely by the Shrine. Other hospitals, like that at Memphis, get local Shrine aid.

### 3546 Aided In 1939

Last year 3546 youngsters with tortured limbs entered these Shrine hospitals to get treatment that

promised to make them whole again. Any crippled child under 16, regardless of race or religion, whose parents cannot pay for treatment elsewhere, may have Shrine treatment.

Sixty thousand children have passed through Shrine hospitals or been treated by the Shrine at home since the first hospital was established at Shreveport, La., in 1922. Today real estate, buildings and equipment at 15 sites is worth more than \$6,000,000 and the Shrine

## SHRINE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES TO MEET

Board of trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Cripple Children will hold its annual meeting next Thursday in Memphis. Representatives of the 15 hospitals the Shriners operate for cripple children will review last years' work, adopt a new budget and make definite recommendations to the Imperial Shrine Convention.

The hospitals treated 3546 children last year, and since the first one was started in Shreveport, La., 60,000 children have been aided.

hospital organization has assets of nearly \$12,000,000.

Last year's operating expense was more than \$1,000,000. Every Shriner pays \$2 each year to the hospital expense. Multiplied by an estimated 400,000 Shriners, the total runs into three-quarters of a million. Additional funds come from the ever-growing foundation laid up by Shriners whose wills left money to the work.

### Work Here Began Early

Long before the international Shrine began its work for crippled

children, Al Chymia Temple at Memphis was aiding twisted youngsters. Dr. C. H. Williamson, circuit-riding Presbyterian minister, got into the habit of sending crippled children from back-yonder districts to Memphis for treatment. Then the King's Daughters started the hospital here.

Many years ago, the Shrine raised \$40,000 and built an addition to the hospital. Since then it has contributed steadily to the hospital. However, the hospital here has no official Shrine connection.

The National Crippled Children's

Hospital Board of the Shrine will hold its annual meeting here Thursday, to study budgets, make recommendations and arrange the business of the years for the entire hospital organization.

The 15 units now in operation are at Shreveport, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., St. Louis, Springfield, Mass., Chicago, Philadelphia, Greenville, S. C., Honolulu, Spokane, Wash., Salt Lake City, Lexington, Ky., Minneapolis, Montreal and Winnipeg.

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## More Tinfoil For Charity

More than 100 additional pounds of tinfoil for the benefit of the Cripple Children's Hospital was contributed by Shriners at the weekly luncheon of the Shrine Club at Hotel DeVoy yesterday. President Wray Williams announced. Walter Wunderlich was guest of honor. A musical program was given by Mrs. Allida Black, assisted by Mrs. Lucille Cunningham, soloist at the Bellevue Baptist Church. Lorraine Ely and William Wesche, each 11 years old, appeared in costume and sang.

## SHRINERS TO TAKE PART

Memphians Will Join In Dedication  
Of Pickwick Dam

The uniformed units of Al Chymia Temple will participate in the dedicatory exercises at Pickwick Dam tomorrow. J. A. Waterman, potentate, said yesterday.

"All members of the Drill Patrol, band and Oriental Band are requested to meet at the DeVoy before 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning," Mr. Waterman said. "Buses will leave for Pickwick at 7:30 sharp."

The Drill Patrol, under E. L. Daughtry, and the band, directed by Harry Dillman, have 40 members each. The Oriental Band, under direction of Bill Hankins, has 28 members.

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## Shelby Shorts

WILLIAM H. JASSPON, former president of Memphis Chamber of Commerce, will speak at Engineers Club meeting at 12:15 p.m. Monday at Hotel Claridge on the European war and its effect on the United States.

CITY-WIDE memorial services will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at National Cemetery.

TWO MEMPHIANS, David Ulrey McDowell, 1086 Eastmoreland, and Peter Hillsman Taylor, 1583 Peabody, will be candidates for A.B. degrees at commencement exercises at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, June 10.

MRS. F. H. NELSON, 1169 Lauderdale, caught a five-pound big-mouth bass yesterday at Lake View, Miss. It was 21 inches long.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS at Second and Greenlaw were put back into operation today after a winter of idleness. The lights are operated only while Malone swimming pool, near this intersection, is open—and the pool opened today.

A SPECIAL initiation for candidates who want to become Shriners before the Imperial Council Convention opens in Memphis Tuesday, June 11, will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hotel DeVoy. W. A. Woodmansee, recorder for Al Chymia Temple, said today.

COL. WILLIAM J. BACON will talk at Legion Luncheon Club meeting at noon Monday at Gerber's on his World War experiences.

IT'S JUNE--

THE MONTH OF ROSES---AND

SHRINERS



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## I'M AN AMERICAN

Thank God I'm an American

Let me live, and die that way;

While there's strife in other Nations

We have Peace, for which I pray.

Keep aloft the torch of freedom

Burn it bright to lead the way,

Hold me steadfast to my Country

From the path don't let me stray.

Wave the stars and stripes forever,

Let Freedom ring throughout the day.

Thank God I'm an American

Let me live and die that way.



SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 2, 1940

## The MidSouth Date Book

JUNE 2—JONESBORO, ARK.	Spanish-American Veterans
JUNE 3—GRAND JUNCTION, TENN.	
	Hardeman County Singing Convention
JUNE 4—BAY, ARK.	EAYMC Charter Night
JUNE 6—FORREST CITY, ARK.	Boy Scout Circus
JUNE 4-7—BELZONI, MISS.	Baptist Training Course Assembly
JUNE 5-7—DYERSBURG, TENN.	Cotton Carnival
JUNE 6-12—JACKSON, MISS.	Presbyterian Intermediate Conference
JUNE 6-7—CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS.	Tomato Festival
JUNE 6-8, BILOXI, MISS.	Mississippi Press Association
JUNE 8-15—LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	Boys' State
JUNE 9-15—JACKSON, MISS.	Magnolia Boys' State
JUNE 9-11—WEST POINT, MISS.	Spanish-American Veterans
JUNE 11—JACKSON, MISS.	State Democratic Convention
JUNE 11—JONESBORO, ARK.	
	Northeast Arkansas Jersey Cattle Show
JUNE 11-13—MEMPHIS	Imperial Shrine Convention
JUNE 14-15—MEMPHIS	Tennessee Bar Association
JUNE 15-18—BILOXI, MISS.	Theta Kappa Omega Convention
JUNE 18-19—NASHVILLE	Young Democrats Convention
JUNE 20—MONTICELLO, ARK.	Tomato Festival
JUNE 20—SARDIS, MISS.	Dedication Sardis Reservoir
JUNE 20—NASHVILLE	Tennessee Democratic Convention
JUNE 20—POCAHONTAS, ARK.	EAYMC Convention

## 'Let's Show Hospitality'

*Although the Shrine convention sessions do not begin until June 11 the Imperial Officers arrive next Thursday and pre-convention activities begin on that day. The following message to the people of Memphis was issued yesterday by Mayor Chandler:*

"MEMPHIS will be host to the Imperial Council of the Ancient and Arabic Order of Mystic Shrine on June 11, 12 and 13! This will be the largest convention ever held in our city, and our unrivaled hospitality will be put to a new test. We can and will sustain the reputation of Memphis as the 'World's Friendliest City,' but the unceasing teamwork of us all will be required.

"THOUSANDS will come here as strangers. We must make friends of them by sincere greetings, by answering inquiries, by manifesting interest in their plans, and by exercising always the generous courtesy for which Memphis is famous.

"LODGINGS will be required by many of our visitors, and it is hoped that homes can be opened to them wherever convenient. Automobiles will be needed to show the points of interest. Streets will be crowded, traffic necessarily will be congested, and the city will overflow with people. If we, as hosts, maintain our traditional cordiality, our guests will return to their homes and remember Memphis always as the 'Place of Good Abode.'"



## MASONS TO GATHER IN STATED MEETINGS

McLemore Avenue Will Confer  
Third Degree Tomorrow

### COMMANDERY IS CALLED

Park Avenue Body To Render  
Order Of The Temple To-  
morrow Night—Shriners  
Ready For Council Meeting

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, June 3:  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—Third  
degree.  
O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707—Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—School.  
Park Avenue Commandery, No. 31—  
Knights Templar.  
Memphis Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Shrine Patrol—Drill.  
Tuesday, June 4:  
Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729—Stated.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—School.  
Mizpah Chapter, No. 219, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Normal Chapter No. 295, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Stonewall Chapter No. 280, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Wednesday, June 5:  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 205, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Park Avenue Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Assembly, Rainbow  
Girls—Stated.  
Memphis Chapter, No. 62, O. E. S.—  
Special at 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 6:  
Lella Scott Lodge No. 289—Stated.  
Bartlett Lodge No. 697—Stated.  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 15—Stated.  
Angerona Lodge No. 168—School.  
McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715—  
School.  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—Rehear-  
sal.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—School.  
O. K. Houck Chapter No. 229, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Germantown Chapter No. 307, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Friday, June 7:  
De Soto Lodge No. 299—Stated.  
Woodlawn Lodge No. 211—Stated.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—School.  
Evergreen Chapter No. 209—Stated.  
McLemore Avenue Chapter No. 265, O.  
E. S.—Stated.  
North Assembly, Rainbow Girls—Stated.  
Shrine Band—Rehearsal.  
Saturday, June 8:  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM  
Fraternal Editor

The week is largely filled with  
stated meetings and schools, how-  
ever, one blue lodge degree and the  
Order of the Temple will be con-  
ferred. McLemore Avenue Lodge  
will work in the Third Degree to-  
morrow night. This lodge has been  
exceedingly active, is working  
every week and having a school of  
instruction every week.

#### Order Of Temple Up

Park Avenue Commandery No.  
31 will render the Order of the  
Temple tomorrow night, having  
conferred the Orders of Malta and  
Red Cross on last Monday. All lo-  
cal and sojourning fraters are in-  
vited to witness this beautiful or-  
der of Christian knighthood.

The Park Avenue bodies have  
been exceedingly active recently  
and have enjoyed a series of spe-  
cial meetings of deep interest,  
wherein the symbolism of the three  
degrees have been discussed. Chan-  
cellor Lois Bejach elucidated the  
First Degree; the Rev. Marshall  
Wingfield the second, and Horace  
Villev of Clarksdale, the third.

#### Rite Takes Vacation

Scottish Rite Masons are remind-  
ed that these bodies enjoy a Sum-  
mer vacation as to stated meetings  
and therefore there will be no  
meeting of the Scottish Rite bodies  
on Tuesday; the next being on the  
first Tuesday in September.

The Shrine membership, patrol  
and bands, accompanied by some  
100 members, traveled to Osceola,  
Ark., Thursday to partake and as-  
sist in a ceremonial staged at that  
place.

The officials and membership of  
the Shrine and its many commit-  
tees are busy these days as the Im-  
perial Council meeting will start  
unofficially on Saturday. Director  
General John B. Vesey and his ef-  
ficient staff have all matters well  
in hand.

## SHRINERS' VANGUARD TO ARRIVE SATURDAY

Seven Schools Will Be Used  
As Dormitories

### WORK STARTS TOMORROW

Imperial Officers Will Be Here  
For Meeting Thursday—Fi-  
nal Preparations Are Being  
Completed

Work of converting seven Mem-  
phis high schools, from which  
classes were dismissed last week,  
into temporary dormitories for vis-  
iting Shriners will get underway  
tomorrow morning as one of the  
final preparatory moves for the big  
Shrine convention.

Units from the 61 visiting tem-  
ples will start arriving next Satur-  
day and by Sunday night thousands  
of Shriners will be in Memphis.

#### Imperial Officers Coming

Imperial officers of the Shrine  
will arrive Thursday in time for the  
meeting of the Crippled Childrens'  
Hospital Board at Hotel Peabody.  
That board directs all of the  
Shrine's activities among crippled  
children throughout the country.  
In this work the Shrine has nearly  
\$40,000,000 invested. The Thursday  
meeting will be presided over by  
Walter D. Cline, Imperial Poten-  
tate from Wichita Falls, Texas.

E. W. Jaycock, assistant to Gov.  
James Price of Virginia, Imperial  
Recorder, will arrive Wednesday  
morning to go over detailed con-  
vention plans with John B. Vesey,  
director general. The latter will  
move with Mrs. Vesey from his  
Garland Street residence to Im-  
perial Headquarters at Peabody on  
Wednesday to stay throughout the  
convention.

To establish dormitories in the  
seven high schools the Shrine will  
set up 4000 spring equipped cots  
complete with mattresses and  
linens. In addition to the high  
schools the Scottish Rite Cathedral  
on Union Avenue will be used to  
house nearly 200 visiting Shriners  
from Nashville, Knoxville and  
Chattanooga. Cots at Scottish Rite  
Cathedral were set up yesterday.  
In addition to housing the Tennes-  
see Shriners the Scottish Rite  
Cathedral will also furnish them  
with breakfast. Activities there  
will be supervised by E. C. Bon-  
durant, venerable master of John  
Chester Lodge of Perfection.

#### Decorations Being Placed

Saturday night the official deco-  
rations of the convention started  
to go up on Main Street under di-  
rection of Fred Tabery, Hollywood  
pageant producer, and official deco-  
rator for the convention.

All housing activities for the con-  
vention are directed by J. R. Ra-  
mier, chairman on the Housing  
Committee. Janitor service at the  
high school dormitories is to be  
supplied by the Board of Educa-  
tion. In addition, the Shrine is  
providing maid service and cafe-  
terias will be operated for the  
morning meal.

While the Imperial Council ses-  
sions of the convention do not open  
until a week from Tuesday the  
convention officially gets under-  
way at Overton Park next Sunday  
night with a huge memorial serv-  
ice. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church is to  
be the speaker.

## They'll Attend Convention Here



Miss Alma Jean Caldwell  
(center), was the lucky girl in a  
"Miss Jonesboro" contest in  
Jonesboro, Ark., in which 52  
girls competed. With the win-  
ning maids, Miss Janice Kiech  
(left), and Miss Gail McDaniel  
(right), she will attend the  
Shrine convention here in June.  
The Young Men's Civic Club  
sponsored the contest.

## Schedule Of Arrivals

Temple—	City and State	Headquarters	Arrival
Ahmed	Oakland, Calif.	Pullmans, Poplar & Front	June 10, 6:55 a.m.
Abou Ben Adhem	Springfield, Mo.	DeVoy Hotel	June 10, 8:30 p.m.
Acca	Richmond, Va.	Pullmans, Poplar St.	June 11, 7:25 a.m.
Ainad	E. St. Louis, Ill.	Humes High	June 10, 4:00 p.m.
Akdar	Tulsa, Okla.	Pullmans, Calhoun & Ky.	June 10, 6:55 a.m.
Aladdin	Columbus, Ohio	Gayoso Hotel	June 9, 9:00 p.m.
Alcazar	Montgomery, Ala.	Bellevue Jr. High	June 10, 6:50 a.m.
Al Chymia	Memphis, Tenn.	Humes High	June 10, 4:15 p.m.
Aleppo	Boston, Mass.	Scottish Rite Cathedral	June 10, 7:25 a.m.
Alhambra	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tech High	June 10, 11:00 p.m.
Al Koran	Cleveland, Ohio	Tennessee Hotel	June 10, 11:30 a.m.
Al Malaikah	Los Angeles, Calif.	Fairview Jr. High	June 10, 8:40 a.m.
Almas	Washington, D. C.	South Side High	June 10, 12:45 p.m.
Al Menah	Nashville, Tenn.	Pullmans, Ky. & Calhoun	June 10, 7:05 a.m.
Aloha	Honolulu, Hawaii	Central High	June 9, 7:05 a.m.
Ansar	Springfield, Ill.	Central High	June 9, 8:40 p.m.
Antioch	Dayton, Ohio	Fairview Jr. High	June 9, 7:00 p.m.
Adab	Peoria, Kansas	Pullmans, I. C. Poplar St. (Automobile)	June 9, 8:40 p.m.
Bedouin	Muskogee, Okla.	Pullmans, Main, Webster	June 10, 6:20 a.m.
Ben Ali	Sacramento, Cal.	Pullmans, Main, Webster	June 10, 8:42 a.m.
Beni Kedem	Charleston, W. Va.	Tech High	June 9, 8:40 p.m.
Boumi	Baltimore, Md.	Central High	June 10, 12 Noon
Damascus	Rochester, N. Y.	Central High	June 10, 7:30 p.m.
Egypt	Tampa, Fla.	Snowden High	June 10, 3:45 p.m.
El Hass	Ashland, Ky.	Pullmans, Main, Webster	June 9, 11:00 p.m.
El Jebel	Denver, Colo.	Pullmans, Calhoun & Ky.	June 10, 1:30 p.m.
El Karubah	Shreveport, La.	Alamo Plaza Courts	June 10, (Automobile)
El Mina	Galveston, Texas	Bellevue Jr. High	June 10, 7:00 p.m.
Hadi	Evansville, Ind.	Central High	June 9, 7:30 p.m.
Hamasa	Meridian, Miss.	Forest Park Apts.	June 9, 9:30 p.m.
Hejaz	Greenville, S. C.	South Side High	June 10, 7:20 a.m.
Hella	Dallas, Texas	Scottish Rite Cathedral	June 10, 6:55 a.m.
India	Oklaoma City, Okla.	Steamboat Gordon Greene	June 9, Automobiles
Isis	Salina, Kan.	Pullmans, Main, Webster	June 10, 8:00 a.m.
Ismailia	Buffalo, N. Y.	Fairview High	June 9, 8:40 a.m.
Jerusalem	New Orleans, La.	Pullmans, Poplar St.	June 10, 8:00 a.m.
Kaaba	Davenport, Iowa	Pullmans, Calhoun & Ky.	June 10, 9:00 a.m.
Karbela	Knoxville, Tenn.	DeVoy Hotel	June 10, 7:30 a.m.
Kosair	Louisville, Ky.	Pullmans, Calhoun & Ky.	June 10, 3:30 a.m.
Lu Lu	Philadelphia, Pa.	Claridge Hotel	June 11, 5:00 a.m.
Mahi	Miami, Fla.	Adler Hotel	June 9, 10:00 p.m.
Medinah	Chicago, Ill.	Pullmans, Main, Webster	June 10, (Automobiles)
Moila	St. Joseph, Mo.	Bellevue Jr. High	June 10, 8:50 p.m.
Moolah	St. Louis, Mo.	Tech High	June 10, 6:30 a.m.
Morocco	Jacksonville, Fla.	Central High	June 9, 8:50 p.m.
Moslem	Detroit, Mich.	Humes High	June 9, 3:40 p.m.
Murat	Indianapolis, Ind.	Adler Hotel	June 10, 7:30 a.m.
Nemesis	Parkersburg, W. Va.	South Side High	June 10, 7:15 p.m.
Oleika	Lexington, Ky.	Bellevue Jr. High	June 9, 4:30 p.m.
Orak	Charleston, S. C.	Bellevue Jr. High	June 9, 6:50 p.m.
Sahara	Hammond, Ind.	Humes High	June 9, Automobiles
Scimitar	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Pullmans, I. C. Poplar	June 11, 8:05 a.m.
Syria	Little Rock, Ark.	Pullmans, L. & N.	June 10, 8:50 p.m.
Tadmor	Akron, Ohio	Main & Webster	June 10, 8:50 p.m.
Tangier	Omaha, Neb.	Claridge Hotel & Gil- more Apts.	June 9, 9:10 p.m.
Tigris	Syracuse, N. Y.	Pullmans, Poplar St.	June 11, 8:05 a.m.
Wahabi	Jackson, Miss.		
Yaarab	Atlanta, Ga.		
Zamora	Birmingham, Ala.		
Zem Zem	Erie, Pa.		
Zorah	Terre Haute, Ind.		
Kismet	Brooklyn, N. Y.		
Palestine	Providence, R. I.		
Syrian	Cincinnati, Ohio		



# At Dedication of Pickwick's 'Great Lake of South'

## LAUD PICKWICK AS DEFENSE AID

30,000 Behold Its Wonders  
At Lake Dedication

By JOSEPH GUESS

Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Pickwick, Tenn., June 3.—A blue-hued, tree-bordered expanse of water meant a safer nation to one man here yesterday.

Others saw mirrored in its clear surface a wealthier South and still others pointed at a new vacation wonder spot within easy reach of many thousand Southerners.

They spoke of Pickwick Lake, 50 miles long and nearly two miles wide of water stretching from the dam here at Pickwick southward along the course of the Tennessee River to the dam at Wilson, Ala.

They spoke to more than 30,000 persons crowding the bank of the dam for a dedication of the latest link in the "Great Lakes of the South"—a 650-mile, 11-foot deep channel from Paducah, Ky., to Knoxville, Tenn.

"What great news this is to those seeking vacation spots in the South," said J. Charles Poe, Tennessee's commissioner of conservation. "Here is one of the best motor-boat courses in America."

"Look southward to the 1700-acre reserve, where locusts and pines have turned scarred hills, ravines and gullies into a beautiful park—a monumental demonstration of the effects of soil conservation."

The "Great Lakes" chain, of which Pickwick is part, has put 300,000 new acres under water, and each acre will produce 150 pounds of fish a year, Mr. Poe pointed out.

"An enormous increase of wildlife may result and the dammed-up water will help regulate for the farms of the valley area their yearly moisture," he added.

Users of TVA power in the Tennessee valley were saved \$8,600,000 in 1939," said James P. Pope, director of Tennessee Valley Authority.

"Within 50 years after their completion, the TVA chain of lakes will have paid for themselves."

"Only three per cent of the valley's farmers were using electricity before the TVA came, but now 15 per cent are enjoying TVA's cheap rates "and use of electricity on farms is increasing faster in this section than in any other area in the nation."

"The problems of conservation, power and navigation are not state or regional problems; they are national problems."

Pointing out that 1937 flood damages amounted to more than the construction cost for all the TVA lakes and dams, Mr. Pope said the system may pay for itself in flood control.

Governor Cooper of Tennessee called Pickwick "a great step in national preparedness."

"One of our biggest shortages of the last war was in power," said the governor, a World War veteran. "When a war comes, it is then too late to undertake building a dam for power."

"As a national defense measure alone, Pickwick is justified."

"Far removed from a vulnerable coastline, these lakes now make Tennessee the nation's best location for development of seaplanes."

TVA officials said the regular program of rural electrification will be continued, the 60,000-kilowatt plant at Wilson Dam will be held "available" for any defense needs.



From three states they came—the 30,000 who lined Pickwick Dam's rocky bank for two miles as they saw dedicated another important link in the Great Lakes of the South. Scattered loudspeakers

carried addresses by Governor Cooper and others. Pickwick Lake is 135 miles from Memphis. One route leads thru Shiloh National Park.

—Staff Photos by Marion Slusser.



Far out upon clear blue Pickwick Lake sailed these boats yesterday to show visitors that another excellent vacation resort has been brought by TVA to the Tennessee Valley.



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## 10,000 Better Times Roses for Shriners

Two Farms Work Overtime to Fill Big Order;  
Mrs. Vesey Expecting Many Prominent  
Ladies to Attend Convention

Ten thousand Better Times roses!

Can you imagine that many, all in one tremendous order!

You should have guessed "the Shrine," with the wives of the convention representatives on the "receiving end." The flowers will be in the hotel rooms during the convention.

Two rose farms were required to fill the order, and with the roses will come beautiful vases to hold them. Better Times roses have a record of staying fresh five days. As the convention will only continue three days there'll be roses each day, splashing the rooms with vivid color.



More news from Shrine headquarters, which simply spills over as the convention dates approach.

Mrs. John B. Vesey, national chairman for entertainment of the visiting ladies, announced today that Mildred Lloyd, wife of Harold Lloyd, is expected to attend the convention with her husband. Among other prominent women attending will be Mrs. Kenneth Gillett, whose husband is campaign manager for Harold Lloyd, a candidate, Mrs. Vesey said, for some high Shrine post.

Mrs. Simon Rubel, wife of a 33d degree Mason and a Shriner, will also be one of the honor guests.

If president Roosevelt should attend the convention, the Rubels will be his hosts later at Corinth, Miss.

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ONE OF 100 IN 'SHOW OF CENTURY'



June Rogers is one of several dozen beautiful girls who will take part in the "Show of a Century" at Crump Stadium, 8:30 Tuesday night, June 11. The "Show of a Century," with 100 persons in a dozen acts, is one of the Imperial Shrine Convention's big public attractions. Tony Sarg's truck-size balloons will be another feature. Tickets for the show are on sale at convention headquarters Goodwyn Institute Building; at the Auditorium and at Walgreen's Main and Union.

### For Sale—Miscellaneous 65

MERCHANTS, 5 & 10 stores, wagon jobbers. Must sacrifice stock of merchandise, shoe polish, cosmetics, sun glasses, thousands of other items. Southern Salvage Co., 345 N. Main.

FOR SALE—Cheap, National cash register, safes, show case, meat slicer; 5 and 10 store fixtures; 150 gross 1/4-ounce perfume bottles. Southern Salvage Co., 345 North Main.

NEW "FISK" TIRES, 6.00x16, \$5.95. All other sizes in proportion and guaranteed. Montgomery Auto Supply, 231 Monroe. 1373 Jackson, 1726 Lamar, 539 S. Front.

CAFE'S ATTENTION—Prepare for Shrine convention with proper refrigeration. 40 cu. ft., four-door General Electric at 1/4 price. Wallace Johnston, 760 Union.

REPOSSESSED Westinghouse 8-lb. washing machine with pump and automatic wringer. Sell for balance due, \$50. Terms \$2.25 month. 8-1807.

ASSORTMENT of metal and wooden ice boxes, sizes 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 lb., priced from \$2 to \$9.95. Terms, 50c per week. 8-1807.

USED computing pumps, air compressors, grease guns. Nichols Equipment Co., 296 Madison. 8-1562.

125-LB. SIZE genuine Coolerator, in perfect condition, \$29.50. Terms as low as \$3 per month. 8-1807.

LAWN chairs, swings, steel racks, settees, tables, reasonable, delivered. 306 Hawthorne. 7-3473-W.

ALL WHITE table top gas range, \$39.95. Hollis Garage, 2516 Poplar. Call Elbert Gatlin and Fortis Cox, 4-2148.

ATTENTION dealers and peddlers. Used clothing and shoes, wholesale. Memphis Bargain House, 1366 Jackson.

BEAUTY shop equipment at a real bargain. Permanent wave solution, \$2.50 gal. 2006 Central Ave. 7-2655.

USED WASHERS—Used gas ranges, ice boxes at attractive prices. Wallace Johnston, 760 Union.

MAYTAG washers, 75c weekly. Wallace Johnston, 760 Union.

RUDD gas water heaters, \$3.35 monthly. Wallace Johnston, 760 Union.

INSTALL your Coleman floor furnace now. Pay nothing until Sept. 15. 8-6173.

DIRT for sale, cheap. 1500 yards. Call Redlinger Hansen Co., 2-1724.

100-POUND size genuine Coolerator in perfect condition. \$39.95, \$1 week. 8-1807.

USED store fixtures and light fixtures. A sacrifice. 3-2608. 1207 McLemore.

CORONA typewriter (portable), adding machine and mimeograph. 2-7733.



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# SHRINE

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Boxes . . . . .2.20	

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## They'll Direct Newspaper Sales For Shrine



"Majors" of the 200 Eastern Star members who will take subscriptions for Memphis newspapers during Shrine week are pictured here. They are: Mrs. Portis Cox (1), Mrs. H. D. Bromley (2), Mrs. Mary Alice Chance (3), Mrs. B. W. Bailey (4), Miss Cephise Harriss (5), Mrs. A. E. Elliott (6), Mrs. E. H. Devin (7), Frank H. Meyers (representing Al Chymia Temple), (8), Mrs. R. E. Dippell (9), Mrs. L. A. Dixon (10) and Mrs. J. E. Huffman (11). Absent when picture was taken was another member, Mrs. A. E. Foster.

—Staff Photo by Elliott

## SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR CONVENTION WEEK

### Shriners Can Have News Mailed Home For 75 Cents

"Get your Shrine Convention news here—full week's subscription to both The Commercial Appeal and the Press-Scimitar mailed to any address in the United States, postage prepaid, for only 75 cents!"

Two hundred members of the Eastern Star, women's Masonic organization, will take up this cry next week when they sell subscriptions to Memphis newspapers from 40 booths in downtown hotels and prominent business locations. The net proceeds will be donated to the drill patrol of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, which recently has purchased new uniforms for its 40 members.

Arrangements were completed yesterday by Frank H. Meyers, representing Al Chymia Temple, with The Commercial Appeal and the Press-Scimitar.

"Many thousands of Shriners are coming to Memphis for next week's big convention," Mr. Meyers said, "and we believe many of them will want copies of the Memphis newspapers, containing convention news and pictures, sent to their homes. Accordingly, we have arranged for The Commercial Appeal through Sunday, June 9, to Saturday, June 15, inclusive, and the Press-Scimitar from Monday through Saturday at this special price."

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## Shelby Shorts

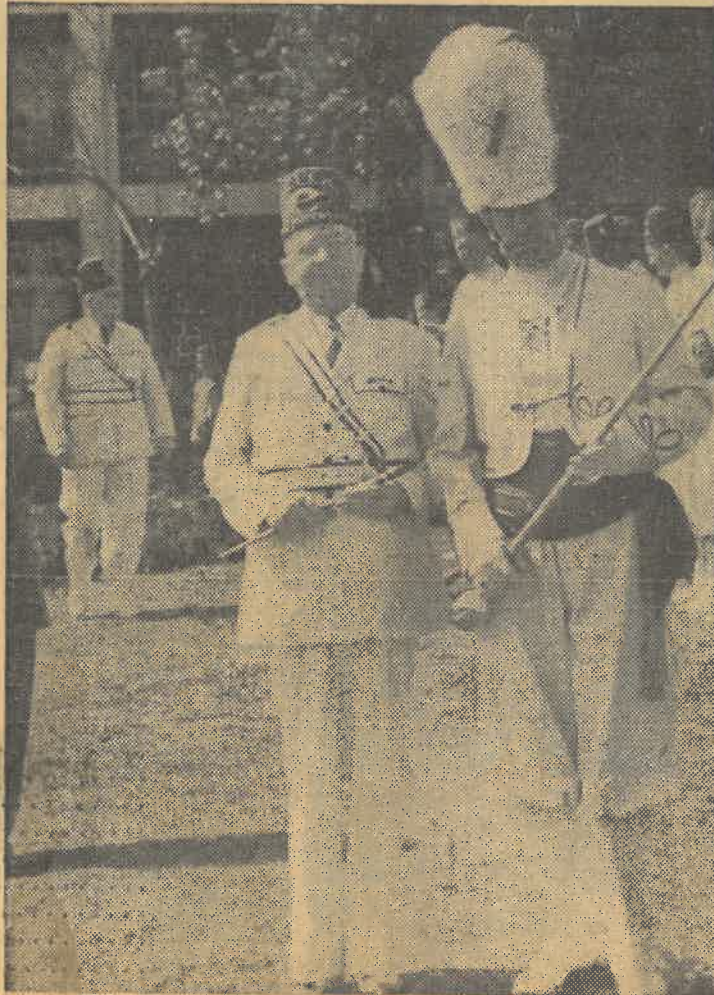
W. J. PRESCOTT, president of Memphis Board of Education, who injured his shoulder when he slipped and fell recently at Colonial Country Club, was sufficiently improved to be back at his Memphis Coal Co. office today.

**RESOLUTIONS** of sympathy for the death of F. J. Hackett, former president of Longview Heights-Hernando Terrace Civic Club, who died March 11, have been passed by the club.

**THE DALLAS, Texas, Hella Shrine Temple** announced today that a special Missouri Pacific train bearing approximately 200 members of the temple will arrive in Memphis Monday for the Imperial Shrine Convention.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** to Camp Gailor-Maxon at Tullahoma, Tenn., are announced by M. W. Alvis, superintendent of St. Luke's Episcopal Church School. They are Sarah Minter, William Lee Harrison, Mildred Wilkerson, James McDearman and Bobby Goforth.

## TO PARADE IN MEMPHIS



When Hella Shrine Temple, Dallas, takes part in the parades incident to the Memphis sessions of the Imperial Shrine Council, these prominent Dallasites will be "in there." Dr. Hall Shannon, left, Dallas medico, is president of the Hella patrol body. Wearing the shako is Police Capt. B. B. Smith, head of Dallas' traffic department. In a pinch the captain also blows a mean bass horn in the Hella Band.

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## Folks at Home Can Read About Shrine's Doings

Visitors to the Imperial Shrine convention in Memphis next week can buy a full week's subscription to both The Press-Scimitar and the Commercial Appeal mailed to any address in the United States, postage paid, for 75 cents.

Frank H. Meyers, representing Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, completed arrangements yesterday with The Press-Scimitar and the Commercial Appeal to have the subscriptions available.

Subscriptions will be sold at 40 downtown booths by 200 members of the Eastern Star, women's Masonic organization.

## She's a Candidate For Miss Memphis



—Photo by George Hayley.

MISS CATHERINE FRASER

First candidate entered in the contest to choose Miss Memphis for the Shrine beauty contest was Miss Catherine Fraser of 1331 Goodbar.

Miss Fraser will represent Sealy Mattress Co. in the contest, which will be held Thursday night at the Malco Theater. All entrants must be sponsored by a business firm.

She is the secretary of Fred Goldsmith Jr. of Goldsmith's.



**★ DON WILSON** *Announcing*

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PLUS  
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More Thrilling Than "Hurricane"  
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**EXTRA**  
THE HIT OF MEMPHIS...  
**MILTON SLOSSER**  
AT THE ORGAN

**Bing CROSBY**  
**GLORIA JEAN**  
in  
**If I Had My Way**  
with  
Charles **WINNINGER** • El **BRENDEL**

**ON OUR STAGE**  
**TOMORROW NIGHT, 9 O'CLOCK**  
**"MISS MEMPHIS"**  
WILL BE SELECTED IN THE  
**SHRINE BEAUTY PAGEANT**  
★ 43 Beautiful Girls  
★ Big 10-Piece Band  
Winner to Compete for Trip to California World Fair

**'Miss Martin'**



Miss Pattie Sue Scott has been selected "Miss Martin" to represent Martin, Tenn., in the Shriners Hollywood electrical pageant and parade in Memphis June 15.

**DEADLINE IS NEAR**  
**ON 'MISS MEMPHIS'**

Girls may still enter the beauty contest to be held at Malco tomorrow night to choose Miss Memphis, who will act as official Shrine hostess to visiting pageant representatives.

All girls entered in the contest must be sponsored by a business firm. Entrants should apply at Shrine headquarters in Goodwyn Institute or at Malco theater.



## LINE OF MARCH GIVEN FOR SHRINE PARADES

Seats Will Be Available At  
Crump Stadium

STARTS TUESDAY MORNING

Million Dollar Escort Column  
To Form At Cooper And  
Peabody, March Through  
Stadium, Then Down Union

The line of march for the elaborate and internationally famous Shrine parades, two of the four major public events of the Imperial Shrine convention, which opens in Memphis next Tuesday, was announced yesterday by John Vesey, director general of the convention.

The million dollar Shrine escort parade, so called because of the representation of more than \$1,000,000 in uniforms and band instruments, will officially start the ceremonies Tuesday morning. With more than 60 Shrine Temples from North America represented and thousands of uniformed units participating, this parade will start forming at Cooper and Peabody with many of the units joining the ranks from adjoining side streets.

### Come Down Cleveland

When the formation has been solidly organized, starting at 9 a.m., the parade will come down Cleveland from Peabody and march through Crump Stadium, at 10:00 a.m. (DST). Mr. Vesey said that Crump Stadium will be the only place on the entire line of march that seats will be available to witness the parade.

After passing around and through the stadium the parade will move out on Linden and go west on this thoroughfare to Bellevue. Then the high-stepping Shriners will go north to Union, turn west and march down Union. At Forrest Park a reviewing stand for the officers of the Imperial Shrine will be erected. After passing in review the parade will continue on Union to Marshall and disband through the various side streets.

### 400 Officers

More than 400 police officers, firemen, state highway patrol and other traffic men will aid in controlling traffic, under direction of Lieut. Toll Fowler, and 50 parade marshals will aid in the supervision of the spectacular event. The parade will be more than three miles long and will take between three and four hours to pass a given point.

The Shrine Electrical Parade, in which many of the Shriners will carry torches, electrical sign and illuminated band instruments, will follow the same route on Wednesday night.

## FIVE INITIATED BY SHRINE

Al Chymia Holds Last Meeting Before Convention

At its last meeting before the big Shrine Convention here next week, Al Chymia Temple initiated five candidates at the DeVoy last night. Potentate J. A. Waterman presided.

The candidates were Blanchard Tual, E. C. McGraw, Arrie Patterson and V. E. Duckworth of Memphis, and Phil Mitchell of Booneville, Miss. The latter was initiated for Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss.

Capt. E. L. Daughtry announces the Shrine patrol will drill at the Sears, Roebuck and Co. parking lot Friday night, in final preparation for the big convention parades. The local patrol, as representatives of the host temple, will form the official bodyguard for Imperial Potentate Walter E. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas.

## HOSPITAL LUNCH FOR SHRINE ROTARIANS

Memphis Rotary Club and any Shrine convention delegates who are Rotarians will have lunch on the lawn at the Hospital for Crippled Adults at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday.

D. E. Richardson, executive secretary of the hospital, said today that Shrine visitors would also have a chance to visit Crippled Children's Hospital, which adjoins the Hospital for Crippled Adults and is partly supported by the Shriners.

## PLENTY OF ROOMS FOR SHRINE GUESTS

Memphis Homes Respond To  
Call for Quarters

Arrangements have been completed for housing 75,000 Shriners and visitors to the Imperial Shrine Convention, Director General John Vesey said today.

"Memphians have responded generously to our call for extra room space," Mr. Vesey said.

"We now have all the rooms that we need."

Mr. Vesey requested that Memphians make no further calls to the Shrine office on the housing matter, in order to save themselves needless trouble.

## The Potentate Drops In



"I've heard over the Nation of Memphis' preparations for the Shrine convention so I'm not worrying," Walter D. Cline (left), potentate of the Imperial Council, said during a brief plane stop in Memphis last night as he was greeted by Lake Hays, past potentate of Al Chymia Temple. Mr. Cline was en route to his Wichita Falls, Texas, home and will return to Memphis Friday.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell

day night. This parade will start forming at Cooper at 7:30 p.m. and march through Crump Stadium at 8:30 p.m. (DST). A bright ribbon of lights will be stretched down Union in order that the best effect can be gained for this attraction.

The parades are by far the outstanding in the Nation and have gained a world-wide reputation. We have made provisions in Crump Stadium for 25,000 men, women and children to witness these events and all seats are moderately priced," Mr. Vesey said.

### Box Offices Open

Three box offices for the sale of individual tickets for these attractions are now open at the Shrine headquarters in the Goodwyn Institute Building, ground floor; Ellis Auditorium and Walgreen's Drug Store, Main and Union. Starting Sunday, open from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., four additional box offices will be open at the Peabody, Claridge, Gayoso and Chisca. All box offices will be open again Monday, with all tickets being moved to Crump Stadium early Tuesday morning.

Tickets for the other two major events, Ernie Young's Show of a Century, to be staged in Crump Stadium Tuesday night and the Hollywood Electrical Pageant, scheduled for Thursday night will be on sale at these box offices. These two events can be seen inside the Stadium only.

### City Makes Provision For Police Protection

For special police protection of Shriners here for the convention next week, \$600 was taken from the city "surplus" by the City Commission yesterday.

Commissioner Boyle said that it will pay the expenses of bringing in 10 plain clothes officers from other cities such as New Orleans and Louisville to weed out the known undesirables that follow large gatherings around the country.



## Shrine Convention's Vanguard Will Arrive In City Today

Today the advance units of the Shrine will arrive in Memphis as an evergrowing administrative organization makes the final preparation for the biggest convention in Memphis history.

Members of the Crippled Children's Hospital Board for the Shrine will begin to arrive today to discuss the business of another year in the 15-unit hospital system through which the Shrine treats thousands of indigent youngsters without charge.

### Governor To Arrive

Also expected today are Gov. James Price of Virginia, imperial recorder for the Shrine, and his staff, to set up the system through which thousands of Shriners will be registered for the convention here and assigned to their quarters scattered over the city.

Tonight at 9 o'clock 40 lovely Memphis girls, each sponsored by some business establishment, will compete at the New Malco for the title of "Miss Memphis." Each will be presented first in evening gown and then in bathing cos-

tume. The winning beauty will compete at the Hollywood Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium a week later for the title of "Miss Tennessee" and "Miss Midsouth." Miss MidSouth will receive an expense-paid trip to Hollywood for screen tests and will be guest of honor at MidSouth Day at the San Francisco Exposition, June 27.

### Variety Show

A variety show and display of fireworks originally scheduled for the Fairgrounds Monday night has been postponed to Tuesday night and transferred to Mud Island, where it will be visible free to the public. There will be a series of high trapeze acts, and an hour and a half of normal firework display crammed into 30 minutes, Shrine officials said.

The green, red and yellow of the Shrine banners billowed yesterday from hundreds of lighting standards through the downtown area from Front to Second and Beale to Exchange. Decorated also with the 16-foot flags are all standards

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## VANGUARD OF SHRINE WILL ARRIVE TODAY

Make Final Plans For Memphis' Biggest Convention

### FEZZES TO ADORN HEADS

Members Of Al Chymia Temple Here Asked To Begin Wearing Their Caps And Tassels

(Continued From Page One)

on Union east to Bellevue, in preparation for a parade Thursday.

### Merchants Decorate

Merchants all over Memphis have decorated their business houses with the now-familiar "Welcome, Nobles," which will be heard with increasing frequency as the convention reaches a climax. Crump Stadium is hung with hundreds of decorations, and the floats for the huge pageant are almost complete.

The Hospital Board will probably convene tomorrow. On it are W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, chairman; John V. McGilvray of San Francisco, vice chairman; James R. Watt of Albany, N. Y., secretary; L. P. Steuart of Washington, treasurer; Arthur W. Chapman of Winnipeg, Canada; W. J. Hoffman of Portland, Ore.; Earl C. Mills of Des Moines, Henry C. Heinz and Thomas C. Law of Atlanta, A. A. D. Rahn of Minneapolis, Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Imperial Rabbah George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Cline, head of the Shrine of North America, will arrive tomorrow.

### There'll Be Fezzes

#### On the Streets Today

There'll be hundreds of Shrine fezzes on the streets today.

A general call to the 1700 members of Al Chymia Temple to start wearing their fezzes this morning and continue to wear them each day until after next week's big convention is over, was issued yesterday by J. A. Waterman, the temple's potentate.

"We want to start the convention atmosphere right now," Mr. Waterman said. "Every member of the temple is requested to wear his fez to work and all other places, just as he has been used to wearing a hat. I'm putting on my fez Thursday morning 'for the duration' and every other official of Al Chymia is doing likewise."

### Don Uniforms Saturday

The uniformed units of Al Chymia Temple will blossom forth in their new uniforms Saturday and continue to appear in their regalia during Shrine week. When the full uniform is not being worn, members will wear fatigue uniforms consisting of colored shirts bearing the Al Chymia insignia, white trousers and fez.

There are approximately 125 men in the local temple's three uniformed bodies—the band, the Oriental band and the patrol.

### Headquarters Ready

Headquarters and clubrooms for the thousands of uniformed members from Memphis and other cities will be opened Saturday afternoon in old Press-Scimitar building on Union near Third. The entire three

## Coming Back



W. H. Baskin

## Baskin Returning As Texas Shriner

A former Winona, Miss., boy, who financed his way through Mississippi State College in 1916 as agent for The Commercial Appeal, will head the Shrine Special when it arrives here Sunday from Galveston, Texas.

He is W. H. Baskin, chief rabban and acting potentate of El Mina Temple at Galveston, and imperial representative of the Imperial Council.

Mr. Baskin played fullback on State's football team, was athletic manager of his class and a member of the track team. He is a Government entomologist and is inspector in charge of East Texas and Western Louisiana of the Agriculture Division of Plant Quarantine. He is located at Port Arthur, Texas. His headquarters in Memphis will be at the Peabody.

stories of the building will be utilized. No Shriners except those who are members of uniformed bodies will be admitted.

The clubrooms will remain open 24 hours a day, under direction of Paul Martin, chairman of the Entertainment Committee and members of the local bands and drill patrol.



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## The Memphis Way

On Sunday morning, through The Commercial Appeal, Mayor Chandler called on the people of Memphis to throw open their homes to aid in housing the thousands of Shriners who will start arriving here the end of this week. By noon Monday, Shrine Convention headquarters had listed hundreds of homes in which the visitors will be welcome, and the last of the Shrine's housing problems had been solved. The response by warm-hearted Memphians more than met the need.

Such hospitality is so large a part of the Memphis pattern that it is almost matter of fact, yet its demonstration never fails to impress us as well as those who visit here. The response to the Mayor's call was simply the Memphis way of doing things.

In a recent general order to all Shrine Temples in North America, Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, the Imperial Potentate, had this to say:

"Memphis is a city of many attractions and the civic welcome and the Shrine welcome will be in the best traditions of this fine old Southern city."

That is a nice compliment and one we believe Memphis deserves.

## New MALCO Show Place of the South

—LAST TIMES TODAY—

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"IF I HAD MY WAY"

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# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 6, 1940

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## Shrine Convention Will Open Tuesday

From all parts of the country, from Canada, Mexico and Hawaii, Shriners will start arriving in Memphis this week-end to participate in the largest convention of its kind ever to come to the Mid-South, the Imperial Shrine Convention. Official days are June 11, 12 and 13.

An unofficial estimate places the attendance both from Shriners and visitors to the various public affairs at somewhere between 50,000 and 100,000.

Already most of the hotel and room accommodations in the city have been reserved. Seven school buildings will be used to quarter the Shriners, there will be three Pullman cities and a "floating hotel" on the river. Officials of the Imperial Shrine will arrive this week to complete a check on preparations and be assured that everything is ready for the big conclave.

Tickets are now on sale for the four major attractions, the Shrine Escort parade; Ernie Young's "Show of a Century," the Million Dollar Shrine parade and the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant. The only seating arrangements for these attractions are in Crump Stadium, through which the two Shrine parades will pass. The Ernie Young show and the motion picture pageant will be on display inside the stadium only. Anne Hudson of Covington will participate in the latter next Thursday.

The most elaborate decorations Memphis has ever displayed are up on the downtown streets and hundreds of merchants, co-operating with the Shrine convention officials will start store window decorations this week. The importance of the convention is illustrated through the attendance reservations by Temples. There are 159 Temples in North America and delegates from every Temple will attend the convention.

In addition many Temples will send marching units of several hundred men as well as bands. There will be 5000 musicians playing in the 40 or more bands.

## Shrine to Present Impressive Parade

With approximately 125 uniformed members and a crack band which will bring the number of visitors to around 200, the parade of Ainad Temple of East St. Louis, Ill., here Monday promises to be one of the most impressive events ever staged in Covington.

The visiting temple will arrive in the city at noon by special train and march in a body to the Community House, where a barbecue dinner will be served.

The Tipton County Band will be on hand at the railway station to participate in the welcome to the group, which will be en route to the Imperial Shrine convention in Memphis, and will also take part in the parade.

The committee in charge of the entertainment, which will continue from noon until 2 p. m. Monday, reports that early ticket sales indicate that at least 100 local persons will attend the dinner, bringing the total number expected to approximately 300. Ten hogs will be barbecued for the event.

All expenses of the local entertainment are being raised through sale of tickets to the dinner. The committee has placed no fixed price on the tickets, but is asking that Covington people pay whatever amount they see fit.

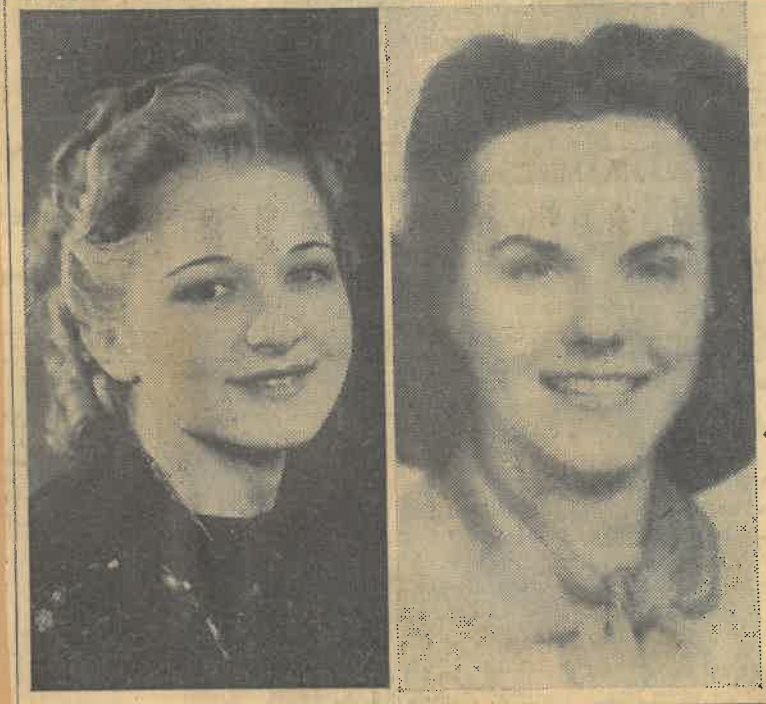
The Junior Chamber of Commerce has charge of providing transportation back to the station for the visitors after the barbecue. Harris Cobb and Bert Johnston are members of the Jaycee committee and will secure sufficient cars to transport the group.

The members of Ainad Temple are being entertained here under the "city adoption" plan, which was originated in order to give Shrine visitors information of the Mid-South, its towns and people.

## Seek Title Of 'Miss MidSouth'



Three girls who will represent their home towns in competition next Thursday night for the title of Miss MidSouth are shown above: (Left to right) Miss Ruth Thomas of Nashville, Tenn., Miss Lula Fannin of Fayetteville, Ark., and Miss Daughtery of Wynne, Ark.



The two girls below, Jane Esterling (left), and Mildred Carter (right) will compete tonight with about 40 other girls for the title of Miss MidSouth in Memphis. The winner will represent Memphis in the Miss MidSouth competition.

## 'NO PARKING' ORDERS EXTENDED NEXT WEEK

### Shriners And Pedestrians Need Space, Chief Lee Says

Shriners and pedestrians must have plenty of marching and walking space next week Police Chief Lee said yesterday in ordering no parking on Main from Adams to Linden and on Second from Adams to Beale next week.

He also asked that all trucks and buses and as many passenger cars as possible use Front and Third Street in an effort to minimize traffic congestions. Business houses

are asked, he said, to send and call for their deliveries early in the mornings. The no parking order for Main and Second will hold from Monday through Thursday. This means no parking "at any time" night or day, Chief Lee stressed.

On two days, parking will be prohibited on Peabody from Cooper to Cleveland, on Cleveland from Peabody to Linden, on Linden from Cleveland to Bellevue, on Bellevue from Linden to Union, on Union from Bellevue to Lauderdale, on Monroe from Madison to Lauderdale, on Marshall from Union to Madison. This is the point of formation, line of march and disbanding points of the two parades (in addition to the loops through Crump Stadium). This will apply on Tuesday morning from 7 o'clock to noon and on Wednesday night from 5 o'clock to 11 p.m.



# Everything the Public Wants to Know On Shrine Convention

By CLARK PORTEOUS  
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Modern Memphis on the Mississippi, as the by touch of a magic wand, will become like ancient Memphis on the Nile Sunday thru Thursday, June 13.

Population of the city will be swelled about 60,000 as the 66th Imperial Session of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America goes into session.

In other words, the Shrine Convention—known as the "world's largest"—will be in Memphis. Fez-wearing Shriners, many with their families, will converge on Memphis for hilarious conclave.

Official dates are Tuesday, June 11, thru Thursday, June 13, but the huge meeting actually gets under way Sunday.

Downtown streets from Exchange to Beale have been decorated with golden spears attached to the guide wires on each side of the red, green and yellow colors of the street. Egyptian pictures in the Shrine hang from the spears.

## Welcome Nobles

The familiar scimitar with a crescent and star hanging from it are seen everywhere. Store windows all over town are proclaiming "Welcome Nobles!"

Here is how you can best help the Shriners have a good time and enjoy the week yourself.

Present plans call for Main Street to remain open for traffic. Loop street cars will run as usual.

In fact, the convention will not disrupt city traffic at all, according to John B. Vesey, director general of Al Chymia Imperial Convention, Inc.

"Usually the main street of a convention city is blocked to traffic,"

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Mr. Vesey said. "We are trying to prevent this and are hopeful we won't have to block traffic on Main or any other street."

"There will be three locations for Pullmans instead of one Pullman city in order to avoid congestion."

## Not on Main

There will be no Main Street parades.

Mr. Vesey said the two street parades, Tuesday morning and Wednesday night, would form on Peabody between Cleveland and Cooper, move into Crump Stadium at the southeast gate, pass under the south stands then double back around the track to the northwest gate.

The parades will proceed west on Linden to Bellevue, north to Union, west on Union to Marshall where they will be disbanded.

A string of center-street lights will "highlight" the Wednesday parade along Union.

Plans call for all street car lines including Crosstown to continue operation. Traffic on Union will be curtailed during the processions.

## Eat Early

Mr. Vesey asks that all Memphians who usually eat downtown to plan to have lunch early or late during the convention. He believes that everybody can be accommodated at the eating places. However, lunch time is expected to fill dining places to capacity from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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In addition to the Shriners and their families, thousands of visitors from the Mid-South who want to see the spectacular Shrine specialties are expected.

Mayor Chandler, who is a Shriner, has declared that he will see that there is sufficient food. Thru city cafe and restaurant inspectors, the quality of food will be kept up to standard and prices will be kept right. Committees will keep a check on registrations and attendance to insure an adequate supply of food.

J. F. Ramier, chairman of the housing committee, said that 3500 Shriners will be housed in seven well-ventilated high and junior high schools that will be converted into dormitories. The schools are:

Bellevue	Central
Fairview	Humes
Tech	South Side
Vollentine	

Each school has plenty of showers and washrooms. Mr. Ramier said the cafeterias of each school will be kept open 24 hours a day so the Shriners can order sandwiches, cold cuts, etc. They will be given breakfast in the cafeterias. Most will eat other meals out.

All hotels are augmenting their regular service in order to feed the horde of visitors. The Chisca main dining room will be open. The Gayoso big dining room will be a cafeteria. The Peabody, Wm. Len and Claridge will have enlarged crews for feeding the crowds.

All hotel reservations have been taken long ago, Mr. Ramier said.

## Pullman City

There will be 200 Pullmans on which 5000 Shriners will sleep and eat during the convention. The Illinois Central Pullmans will be parked at the foot of Poplar, near the Auditorium, where many convention activities will be held. The Frisco Pullmans will be at Kentucky and Calhoun and the L&N Pullmans will be at Main and Webster.

Mr. Ramier says that 2000 private homes already have offered from 2500 to 3000 rooms for the Shriners. Prices average \$1.25 to \$1.50, Mr. Ramier said.

"These rooms were offered in the spirit of Southern hospitality, before we advertised for them," Mr. Ramier said.

Whenever a reservation is received now, the housing committee sends the Shriner an introduction

card listing the name and address and directions to reach the private residence to which he has been allotted. The card reads "This will introduce," etc. It has the listed price of the room.

Mr. Ramier said it would be up to the individual Nobles and the householders to reach a price agreement. He said the Al Chymia (Memphis) Temple is being responsible only for the housing of Shriners and their families, and not other visitors.

Beginning Sunday, there will be a bureau for direct assignments to private homes at Hotel Peabody. The bureau will be a clearing house and will make reservations for Shriners with no direct assignments.

All rooms being offered in private homes have been inspected by Mr. Ramier or some member of his committee.

## Health Precautions

Dr. L. M. Graves of the City Health Department is working with the Shrine on health and sanitation. Careful plans have been worked out to insure best possible health and sanitation. The railroads are caring for the sanitation of their Pullman cities, for instance.

George Sheats, superintendent of Baptist Hospital, is in charge of medical and first aid. Cards will be displayed at Crump Stadium, the Auditorium, railroad stations and other places reading "In case of illness or accident to a Noble, call 5-3381."

Nearest ambulance to the scene of an accident will be sent and the Shriner will be taken to the closest hospital.

Mr. Vesey said 62 temples will bring marching units and all 159 temples of North America, including Canadian, Mexican and Hawaiian Island temples, will have delegates.

## Law and Order

A. E. Cameron, of Memphis, is chairman of the law and order group. Chief Lee and Chief Deputy Oliver Perry are serving with him. It was Mr. Cameron who originated the law and order group at the San Francisco convention in 1921. He was honorary chief of police there in 1921 and in Washington in 1922. Lee A. Folger, Charlotte, N. C., is

chairman of the 1940 public safety committee. Governor Cooper has promised to have 35 Tennessee State Highway patrolmen in Memphis to help with traffic. Arkansas and Mississippi have promised 15 state police officers each.

From Louisville to New Orleans, the police departments will send about 25 officers—mostly plainclothes men—to spot any pickpockets or other professional crooks who might migrate to Memphis for the convention.

Memphis police officers will be on double duty and city firemen will help with police work. A total of about 1000 officers, including law and order members as a provost guard with special arm bands to police Shrine members only, will be on duty.

Firemen will march with floats and other inflammable units and will be on duty at the schools used as dormitories.

If the congestion on Main Street is found too great when the convention starts, it will be closed to traffic, tho officials hope this won't be necessary. But don't be surprised if merry Shriners suddenly place a laden dining room table in the middle of Main and begin eating a leisurely lunch. Some of the fun-lovers think up all sorts of stunts.

So that the visiting Shriners can get about the city easier, Joe Brennan is in charge of distributing windshield stickers reading "Hop In, Noble." One will be offered every motorist in Memphis thru civic clubs and other organizations, automobile places and by Boy Scouts.

Citizens will be requested to pick up Shriners who are going their way. Visiting Shriners will be given booklets filled with necessary information, including a map, to help them get around.

## Extra Phone Girls

Starting Sunday, 50 girls will be on duty to help answer queries by telephone. Ten PBX operators will be on duty at the telephone exchange, with 20 extensions to young women who will disseminate information. The telephone number will be 8-5211. That number will be the same for the 60 trunk lines. Calls going to headquarters in Goodwyn Institute Building, to the Pullman cities, schools and other places will go thru the special switchboard.

There will be a special Shrine postoffice on the northeast corner of Third and Union. A lost-and-found department will be installed at headquarters in Goodwyn Institute.

## Traffic Orders:

Chief Will Lee announced today there will be no parking of cars permitted in certain downtown areas during next week's Shrine convention, from Monday thru Thursday.

He said:

"Beginning Monday, June 10, there will be no parking of automobiles on Main from Adams south to Linden and on Second from Adams to Beale. We are asking all business people to make their deliveries as early as possible, and do not use Main or Second with their trucks at any time of day other than where it is absolutely necessary to make deliveries where they cannot deliver from the alleys. All business people should instruct their drivers, where they are going from north to south and south to north, not to use Main or Second, but to use Front or Third.

"It will be necessary to prohibit

parking on Peabody from Cooper to Cleveland, on Cleveland from Peabody to Linden, on Linden from Cleveland to Bellevue, on Bellevue from Linden to Union, on Union from Bellevue to Lauderdale, on Monroe from intersection of Madison to Lauderdale, on Marshall Avenue from Union to Madison. This is the point of formation, line of march, and disbanding point of the two parades, and will be necessary to restrict parking on Tuesday, June 11, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon, and Wednesday, June 12, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m."





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## Last Mid-South Shrine Broadcast Sunday at 4

### Thirty-Six Cities Thus Far Have Broadcast Their Messages About Convention Area

The Mid-South Committee on Co-Operation with the Shrine Convention will complete its work Sunday, June 9, with a meeting in the office of the Convention Bureau at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will take place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

After the meeting the committee will broadcast for 30 minutes over radio station WMC, beginning at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Those who will take part in the broadcast are:

R. E. LOGSDON, Mid-South president.  
ARTHUR M. LYELL, secretary, Greenville, Miss.  
A. M. BRADFORD, president, Forrest City, Ark.  
O. B. GILMORE, president, Pontotoc, Miss.  
A. LACY PRICE, president, Jackson, Tenn.

Reports from all over the country indicate that the recordings made of the broadcasts in behalf of the various communities in the Mid-South have been exceptionally well received. Thirty-six cities or towns broadcast their messages about the Mid-South.

The recordings of these broadcasts were distributed thruout the country and re-broadcast over the principal radio stations in the United States. This is the first co-operative community broadcast in radio history.

The Mid-South Committee, following the Shrine Convention, will undertake various other important enterprises for the benefit of the Mid-South. Discussion of various objectives for 1941 will be the program for the meeting on Sunday afternoon.

The Mid-Southern cities taking part in the broadcast and the cities of their adoption are as follows:

Blytheville, Ark.—Charleston W. Va.  
Brinkley, Ark.—Terre Haute Ind.  
Forrest City, Ark.—Omaha, Neb.  
Helena Ark.—Salina, Kan.

Jonesboro, Ark.—Chicago, Ill.  
Osceola, Ark.—Topeka, Kan.  
Stuttgart, Ark.—Richmond, Va.  
Wilson, Ark.—Baltimore, Md.  
Aberdeen, Miss.—Hammond, Ind.  
Booneville, Miss.—St. Joseph, Mo.  
Calhoun City, Miss.—Dallas, Texas.

Clarksdale, Miss.—Galveston, Texas.  
Cleveland, Miss.—Evansville, Ind.  
Columbus, Miss.—Columbus, Ohio.

Corinth, Miss.—Tampa, Fla.  
Greenville, Miss.—Los Angeles, Cal.

Leland, Miss.—Louisville, Ky.  
New Albany, Miss.—Davenport, Iowa.

Okolona, Miss.—Springfield, Mo.  
Oxford, Miss.—Dayton, Ohio.  
Pontotoc, Miss.—Muskogee, Okla.  
Tupelo, Miss.—Miami, Fla.  
Water Valley, Miss.—Jacksonville, Fla.

Alamo, Tenn.—Syracuse, N. Y.  
Brownsville, Tenn.—Washington, D. C.

Covington, Tenn.—East St. Louis, Ill.

Dyersburg, Tenn.—Denver, Col.  
Eads, Tenn.—Detroit, Mich.  
Humboldt, Tenn.—Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Jackson, Tenn.—Boston, Mass.  
Martin, Tenn.—Lexington, Ky.  
Milan, Tenn.—New Orleans, La.  
Savannah, Tenn.—Erie, Pa.  
Selmer, Tenn.—Tulsa, Okla.  
Trenton, Tenn.—Indianapolis, Ind.

Union City, Tenn.—St. Louis, Mo.

## 30 Beautiful Girls to Compete For 'Miss Memphis' Title Tonight

### Not Too Late to Get Into Contest— Call Malco

More than 30 beautiful girls will compete on the Malco stage at 9 tonight for the title of Miss Memphis.

Entries for the contest will be accepted as late as 8 tonight. Any girl interested should call the Malco theater.

Winner of the contest will compete for the titles of Miss Tennessee and Miss Mid-South next Thursday night.

Miss Mid-South will receive an all-expense paid trip to Hollywood where she likely will be screen-tested and will reign as queen of the San Francisco World's Fair on Mid-South day there, June 27.

Judges for tonight's contest are: ROBERT JOHNSON, theater editor for The Press-Scimitar.

MARTHA SCHAFER, society editor of the Commercial Appeal.

FRED TABERY of Menard & Tabery, Hollywood designers.

DR. C. C. KING

MRS. ROBERT M'ALISTER

Miss Memphis will compete with winners of beauty contests from 43 Mid-South towns for Miss Mid-Mid-South. That competition will be held at Crump Stadium in connection with the Hollywood Electrical Pageant next Thursday night.



FRANCES DAVIS

Frances Davis, 21, of 81 N. Tucker, will represent Perel & Lowenstein in the Miss Memphis contest on the Malco stage at 9 tonight. Miss Memphis will compete for the titles of Miss Tennessee and Miss Mid-South the night of the Shrine's Hollywood Electrical Pageant, next Thursday.



## Shriners' 'Miss Memphis'

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### THING OF BEAUTY FOR BEAUTIES TO RIDE



"Phantasy of Beauties" is the name of this gorgeous Shrine float, sponsored by United Artists Pictures, and it is very fittingly named. The float is one of 11 to be sponsored by Hollywood's major motion picture studios for the Hollywood Electrical pageant at Crump Stadium next Thursday night. The float holds a giant fan solid with lights except for five beautiful girls in each fold. Above is a picture of one of the folds. Girls in the picture are, left to right, Gwendolyn Parks, Burney Lyons, Helen McDowell, Ruth Johnson and Cecile Lantrip. They will not ride the floats. Taking their places will be beautiful contestants from Memphis and surrounding towns for the title of Miss Mid-South.

Mrs. Mary Sue Peacock

### TO RIDE FLOAT



BETTY SUE SCOTT

Selected to represent Martin, Tenn., in the Miss Mid-South contest is Betty Sue Scott. With 43 other beautiful finalists, she will ride the floats in the Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium next Thursday night.

### Now She Can See Both Of The Movies

Nineteen-year-old Mrs. Mary Sue Peacock left the cashier's office at Loew's Palace Theater last night to compete in the Shrine's beauty contest at the New Malco.

Later she left the South Main showhouse with the title of "Miss Memphis" and a six-month pass to the Malco as a prize.

Forty-three Memphis beauties were in the contest. Mrs. Peacock, who lives at 252 North Willett, will vie with out-of-town girls in the finals of the Shrine event next week. The winner of this contest will receive a trip to the West Coast.

"Miss Memphis" is a brunet and has brown eyes. She is the daughter of Mrs. A. L. Omberg.

### 'Pineapple King' Joins Nobles Here

A "pineapple king" from Hawaii is in Memphis for the Imperial Shrine Convention.

He is "Sunny Jim" McCandless, 85, who served as potentate of the Shrine in 1922.

Mr. McCandless is accompanied by four other delegates from Honolulu's Aloha Temple.

The past potentate went to Ha-

waii in 1880, before the islands were annexed to the United States, took a job as well driller and built his fortune as the island grew from 55,000 to well over a half million.

### 'MISS MEMPHIS'



—Photo by Harry Gerstel

#### MISS MEMPHIS

Chosen to represent Memphis in the Shrine's beauty contest at the Malco Theater last night was Mrs. Mary Sue Peacock, 19, of 252 N. Willett.

She won over 42 other contestants, each sponsored by a Memphis business firm. Her sponsor was Goldcrest.

As Miss Memphis she will compete against winners of out-of-town competitions in the Shrine's beauty contest next week, and the grand winner will be awarded a trip to Hollywood.

Oddly, the winner of the contest held at the Malco is a cashier at Loew's Palace.



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## War To Cast Its Shadow, But Not Darken Shrine Conclave

With the war crisis cutting down on Shrine Convention attendance as much as an estimated 25 per cent, officials of the big meeting which starts its general sessions Tuesday still figured yesterday on 60,000 visitors during the conclave.

They explained that no single temple has indicated it will be unable to attend because of the international crisis, but that countless individuals throughout the Nation have been called to special duty or told to stand by and will be unable to join their fellow nobles in the hegira here.

### To See Army Planes

Meanwhile, arrangements were completed for permitting those at the Memphis convention to have a glimpse at the United States' defense program. All Shrine activities except the Imperial Council's work will be suspended Tuesday afternoon so the Nobles can attend the dedication of the Army Air Reserve Base here at the Municipal Airport.

One of the Army's new "flying fortresses" will be flown here for the ceremony, accompanied by a number of smaller fighting ships as escort. Arrangements for the dedication are being made by the Memphis Reserve Officers Association and the city government. Music at the ceremonies will be by the band of the Aladin Temple of Columbus, Ohio.

### Few Detained By War

J. F. Ramier, chairman of the convention Housing Committee, stressed that only individual attendance is being affected by war conditions.

"As an example," he said, "one temple in an industrial city had made reservations for 100. We had a letter from them reducing the number of reservations because many of the members are employed in an electrical factory which has gone to work full blast on war or defense orders, and

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## WAR CASTS SHADOW ON SHRINE CONCLAVE

But Attendance Will Still Be About 60,000

### OFFICIALS ARRIVE TODAY

Most Of Them Will Attend Meeting Of Crippled Children's Hospital Council—Mayor Issues Statement

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those members will not be able to leave their work.

"In another case a temple is in a coast city where many Navy and other Government officials are members. These men will not be able to accompany their delegation."

### 60,000 Are Expected

Mr. Ramier estimated that approximately 20,000 officials at the convention will be quartered in hotels, Pullmans, schools, apartments and courts, not counting the numbers who will be assigned to private homes on arrival.

"It is conservative to estimate that for every official visitor there will be two others not directly connected with the Shrine—visitors who come from the surrounding territory to witness the parades and spectacles," he said. This would put the total at around 60,000.

"There is no way of figuring the number of MidSoutherners who will drive into the city on some particular day to see some particular event."

### Officers Arrive Today

The Shrine's imperial officers are scheduled to arrive today and most of them will take part in Crippled Children's Hospital Council meeting. Members of that council are Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, imperial potentate; George F. Olendorf, of Springfield, Mo., deputy imperial potentate; Thomas C. Law of Atlanta, imperial chief rabban, and Leonard P. Steuart of Washington, imperial treasurer. James H. Price, imperial recorder and governor of Virginia, will arrive with the other imperial officers today.

Hour for the meeting of the hospital council will be set after the imperial officers arrive.

First major event after today's council meeting will be the impressive Twilight Divine Service, which will be at the Overton Park Shell Sunday evening.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the Methodist Church of St. Louis, will be the principal speaker. The famed chanters of Tangier Temple, Omaha, Neb., will furnish music.

### Mayor Issues Statement

Mayor Chandler yesterday threw the city government's support even more solidly behind the convention with the following statement:

"In order to relieve traffic congestion as much as possible during the parades and pageants of the Mystic Shrine next week, arrangements have been made for the use of the E. H. Crump Stadium, where seats are available for the many thousands who otherwise would be compelled to stand for hours.

"To defray a portion of the very substantial cost to Memphians in making the Shrine Convention the success that all of us want it to be, the sum of \$50,000 will be required, and arrangements have been made to raise that sum by the sale of tickets to the brilliant pageants to be held in and the great parades which will pass through the Crump Stadium. Those tickets are to sell for 55 cents each, and are now available at the following box offices: Ellis Auditorium, Walgreen's at Main and Union, and Shrine Headquarters on the ground floor of the Goodwyn Institute, and also, may be purchased at the gate.

The following parades will pass through the Crump Stadium, and the following pageants will be staged therein:

Tuesday, June 11 — 10 A.M. — Shrine Escort Parade passes through Crump Stadium and in Union Avenue to Marshall.

Tuesday, June 11 — 8:30 P.M. — "Show of a Century" — Ernie Young's elaborate revue — shown only in Crump Stadium.

Wednesday, June 12 — 8:30 P.M. — Shrine Electrical Night Parade passes through Crump Stadium and in Union Avenue to Marshall.

Thursday, June 13 — 8:30 P.M. — Hollywood Electrical Motion Picture Pageant shown only in Crump Stadium.

### Help Bear Expense

"The City of Memphis is endeavoring to co-operate to the fullest, in behalf of all of the people, toward making this convention, the largest ever meeting in our city, a success in every way, because of the civic nature of the gathering and of the charitable purposes of the Mystic Shrine. If Memphians go to Crump Stadium in sufficient numbers, the cost of this great convention will not fall heavy on any of our citizens."

With virtually all decorations in place throughout the city, crews yesterday were busy stringing electric wires down the center of Union and other parade route streets to furnish daytime lighting for the night processions. Cost of this street lighting alone was reported as \$13,000.

Mr. Ramier said that housing arrangements have been completed and everything is ready for the Nobles' arrival.

A unique point in the housing system will be in the seven schools which have been converted into dormitories. Thirty-five hundred Shriners will live there during

their visit. To make them 100 per cent comfortable, the school dormitories will be operated on a hotel service basis, Mr. Ramier said.

At each school there will be a staff of 27 employees who will perform the hotel functions of bell-boys, porters, maids. These will be in addition to the employees in each of the seven cafeterias.

"The principal difference be-

tween the schools and the hotels will be that the hotel rooms will have one, two or three occupants and the school rooms will have 12 each," Mr. Ramier said.

He added that for the Nobles in the schools the cost of living quarters will be just \$6 for the entire convention.

"Although it is very inexpensive, one of the richest temples, Syria in Pittsburgh, will have its delegation in a school dormitory."

The school buildings to be used are Central High, Tech High, Bellevue, Humes, South Side, Fairview and Snowden.

### Appeal Brings Result

Response to a request for available rooms in private homes has been overwhelming," Mr. Ramier said. "We got so many replies that our telephone system was almost put out of order," he said. "We have been talking about Southern hospitality, and this tremendous response has certainly been a proof of it."

Arrival of the temples as groups is scheduled to start Sunday and be completed by Tuesday morning.

A group of 100 De Molay members, under the leadership of W. B. Threlkeld, will visit all garages

and parking lots in the city and offer automobile owners windshield stickers bearing the invitation, "Hop In, Nobles." This volunteer transportation is expected to help solve the individual transportation problem. None of the stickers will be put on cars without the owners' consent.

First of a fleet of 30 official automobiles for use of convention and imperial officials were put into operation yesterday.

### To Bring Fine Horses

The cars are white convertibles, each with the name of the official to whom it is assigned painted on the door. They were furnished by the Buick Division of General Motors. Special drivers, recruited largely from among Southwestern and other school athletes, will handle the machines.

As a feature of the climax parade, convention headquarters received this letter from Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles:

"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."

The city's plans for entertaining the Shrine convention will be described by Mayor Chandler before the Shrine Luncheon Club at Hotel

DeVoy today. Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls

and members of the Imperial Divan may be present.



## Where Many Visiting Nobles Will Sleep



Temporary dormitories like this in the Scottish Rite Cathedral will help house thousands of Shriners when they come to Memphis the last of this week. E. C. Bondurant (above), venerable master of John Chester Lodge of Perfection, is to be Scottish Rite host to all visiting Tennessee Shriners.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell

### Shriner Register First to Register

J. M. Register has registered. Mr. Register, of Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., arrived in Memphis yesterday and was the first visiting Shriner to call on J. F. Ramier, housing chairman for the Imperial Shrine Convention.

## Mr. Register Registers First



An early arrival for the Shrine Convention was greeted yesterday by Convention Housing Chairman J. F. Ramier (left), who instructed him on when and where to register. The first visitor to sign in for the meeting, he hales from Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., and his name is, of all things, J. M. Register.

—Staff Photo by Day

## Hawaii Shrine's 'Sunny Jim' Ends Long Trek To Convention

"Sunny Jim" McCandless, past potentate of the Shrine and a familiar figure to thousands of Shriners everywhere, arrived yesterday on his 139th trip between Hawaii and the States.

Mr. McCandless, a happy little man of 85 who looks 60, led a delegation of five men from Aloha Temple of Honolulu to take part in the International Shrine Convention, preliminary meetings of which start this week.

### A Pioneer In Hawaii

It was in 1880 that Sunny Jim, fresh from two years in the gold fields at Leadville, Colo., took a job as welldriller and sailed for Honolulu aboard an old Pacific mail steamer. When he went to Hawaii it was a remote group of islands with 55,000 inhabitants, where the mail was dropped once a month and nobody had a telephone.

Now Hawaii has docks for 50 modern steamers, 524,000 persons, a city—Honolulu—of 125,000 inhabitants, and fortifications on the bays and in the mountains which the United States Army calls impregnable.

"We aren't afraid of anybody," Mr. McCandless said securely last night. "And when the dredging is completed in our harbor it will be big enough to hold the entire United States Navy. Japan would love to have Hawaii, but she can't take us."

### Potentate In 1922

Mr. McCandless, now a widower, is in the sugar and pineapple business with his brother, Lincoln McCandless, a mere youngster of 83. They have an office in their own McCandless Building in Honolulu.

Sunny Jim is enjoying the best years of his life. He was potentate of the Shrine in 1922, and presided at the Washington convention the next year. He remembers with especial pride the riding around with President Harding.

He visits the states every year. Last year he made a trip around the world. And he says the Shrine is the best thing he knows.

"These boys keep me alive," he said, chuckling, last night.



## Remember Tolerance, Fair Play Shrine Head Urges Americans

(Picture on Page 11)

By ROBERT TALLEY

Despite the present chaotic situation in national and world affairs, the Nation's 350,000 Shriners need no committee to promote Americanism within their ranks, Walter D. Cline, of Wichita Falls, Texas, imperial potentate of North America's Shriners, declared in an interview here yesterday.

### Masons Obligated

"When it comes to loyalty to our Government and the principles for which it stands, all any Shriner, or any Mason, has to do is to remember the sacred obligations he took when he joined the order and be faithful to them," he added. "If Masonry, a prerequisite to membership in the Shrine, stands for anything it stands for loyalty to our flag."

Mr. Cline arrived by plane yesterday to officiate at the big Shrine

convention here next week. He immediately established headquarters at the Peabody.

### Worked Way Through College

The ruddy, jovial 58-year-old head of the Shriners discussed world conditions just as freely and candidly as he answered questions about his personal life. Once a mule driver in a Texas oil field and now a wealthy independent oil operator, he admitted that he worked his way through Centenary College by "waiting on the table, playing on the baseball team and playing poker." He added wryly, however, that sometimes his bankroll had showed that he was a better baseball player than he was a poker player.

"These are serious times," Mr.

Cline said in discussing the world situation, "and it behooves us as Americans to be both courageous and calm, but at the same time we must not forget fair play and tolerance. The future is ominous and we do not know what the next few months will bring, but we do know that we must, and will, support our Government to the utmost."

"To be a Shriner, one must first be a Mason, and if Masonry teaches anything it teaches loyalty to our free, democratic form of government and the sacred principles that our forefathers laid down. The suggestion has been made that the Shrine appoint a committee to promote Americanism, but in view of all this I think that such action would only be unnecessary but would also be a reflection on the Shrine and on Masonry as well. Neither the Shriners nor the Masons need any committees to be good Americans."

### Have 'Fixed Obligation'

The imperial potentate puffed his cigaret thoughtfully as he continued, delving back into the history of the Nation.

"Since we take credit for the part our Masonic forefathers played in the framing of our Constitution and our Declaration of Independence, we have a fixed obligation to carry on the work they began," he said. "Both Masonry and the Shrine accept this as a sacred duty."

Mr. Cline turned to the danger of actions by overzealous patriots in time of crisis.

"It is natural that the individual citizen wants to be loyal to his Government, and as the result we now find in this country many organizations designed to combat unAmericanism. The motives of these people are good and sincere, but the danger is that we may be swept off our feet by our enthusiasm in times of national stress."

"Now is the time for Americans to maintain a fair, calm and courageous loyalty to their Government. We must not be betrayed into reckless excesses by witch scares and spy hunts, we need no self-appointed patriotic committees to follow people around the streets and perhaps do a grave injustice to some innocent man merely because he happens to be born with a German name. We must have none of that."

"It is unfortunate that many of us never grow out of the spirit of the mob, and thus there are times when people are led to reckless excesses even with the best of motives. We must not only be active in expressing our loyalty to our Government, but we must remain calm and fair while doing this."

### Calls For Fairness

"Today is a fine time for every man—both Mason and nonMason—to exhibit that spirit of fairness, loyalty and tolerance for which Masonry and the Shrine stand. We must not be misled by our enthusiasm and patriotic zeal to do things in contravention to those very ideals upon which our liberty as a nation of free men is based."

"If Masonry teaches anything in addition to teaching devotion to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and loyalty to our form of government, it teaches tolerance and justice toward our fellow citizens. As Masons, we should be guided by these teachings in the present crisis and remember the obligations that we took in the Blue Lodge and which were emphasized to us in the lectures as we progressed through the various degrees," the imperial potentate said.

"Every Shriner," he said, "must first be a Mason of high degree to be eligible to membership to our order. Therefore, I say if after receiving all the philosophy that Free Masonry teaches, it is not necessary for Shriners to have a committee to remind them that their first duty is loyalty to their Government. If the Shrine were to do this it would be an admission that Masonry had failed in its purpose."

Mr. Cline turned briefly to the plans for the Convention.

"These are ominous times and we do not know what even the near future may bring," he said. "Perhaps it is well that this great convention was scheduled for June instead of August or September—for many things can happen. But next week we Shriners are going to forget the future and live in the present. It is going to be a good chance for us to take our minds off our worries and have a good time. After that, we will see what the future brings."

"It is impossible for me or any-

body else to say now what the future is going to mean for us, but I can say—and most emphatically—that regardless of what comes it will never be necessary for any committee or for anyone else to teach loyalty and patriotism to Shriners."

## Shrine's National Officers in Review

Here are national officers of the Shriners. The officers, most of whom have already arrived in Memphis in order of their rank, are:

WALTER D. CLINE of Wichita Falls, Texas, imperial potentate.  
GEORGE F. OLENDORF of Springfield, Mo., deputy imperial potentate.  
THOMAS C. LAW of Atlanta, Ga., imperial chief raban.  
ALBERT H. FIEBACH of Cleveland, Ohio, imperial assistant raban.  
MORLEY E. MACKENZIE of Toronto, Can., imperial high priest and prophet.  
ALFRED G. ARVOLD of Fargo, N. D., imperial oriental guide.  
L. P. STEUART of Washington, D. C., imperial treasurer.  
GOVERNOR JAMES H. PRICE of Virginia, imperial recorder.  
WILLIAM H. WOODFIELD of San Francisco, Cal., imperial first ceremonial master.  
JUDGE GEORGE H. ROWE of Buffalo, N. Y., imperial second ceremonial master.  
CARL REX HAMMERS of Pittsburgh, Pa., imperial marshal.  
GALLOWAY CALHOUN of Tyler, Texas, imperial captain of the guard.  
WILLIAM HEIM of Philadelphia, Pa., imperial outer guard.

The imperial outer guard is the only vacancy filled each year. Other officers automatically move up. Harold Lloyd is reported a likely choice for the next imperial outer guard.

## SHOWERY WEATHER TO GREET SHRINERS

It looks as tho visiting Shriners along with Memphis Nobles may have to dodge a few raindrops if they step out tomorrow.

The forecast:

"Mostly cloudy, with local showers and thunderstorms tonight and tomorrow; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight about 68."

### TEMPERATURES

YESTERDAY	TODAY
2 p.m. .... 71	2 a.m. .... 73
4 p.m. .... 76	4 a.m. .... 73
6 p.m. .... 76	6 a.m. .... 72
8 p.m. .... 74	8 a.m. .... 74
10 p.m. .... 74	10 a.m. .... 76
Midnight .... 74	Noon .... 80
	1 p.m. .... 81

Highest, 81; lowest, 72.

## Warm Next Week

Tennessee — Local showers and thunderstorms Tuesday and Wednesday and again toward end of week. Seasonably warm, especially during latter half.

## Mrs. C. H. King To Be Hostess

### Luncheon At Parkview Will Honor Wife Of Shrine Official

Mrs. C. H. King will be hostess at a luncheon today at the Parkview at 1 o'clock in honor of Mrs. George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., wife of the deputy imperial potentate of the Shrine.

Mrs. King will receive in a white organdie sports dress.

Out-of-town guests will be Mrs. Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, wife of the imperial potentate, Mrs. Leslie Walton of Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. Forest Olendorf of St. Joseph, Mo. Twenty other guests have been invited.

## SHRINERS Welcome to Memphis

We invite all visiting Nobles and, of course, Memphis Shriners, to come by and see the South's most beautiful liquor shop.

Our variety and supply of good liquor is ample enough to take care of all your needs during the convention.

Make East End your headquarters. Buy a bottle or a case AT SPECIAL PRICES.

## EAST END LIQUOR SHOP

"We Have What You Want"

1868 Madison, Opp. Gilmore Apartments

FRANK ROBILIO, Mgr.

## QUESTION BOOK FOR SHRINERS

With All the Answers for Use  
During Convention

Hundreds of questions will pop into the minds of Memphians during the Shrine Convention. Here are some of the questions and answers in the Shrine guide book:

Q. Where will parades and spectacular events be held?

A. Escort and Shrine Electrical Night Parades, and the "Show of a Century," and Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant, will be held at Crump Stadium. There will be no reserved seats on parade routes. All seats are reserved at Crump Stadium.

Q. Complaints regarding Shriners making too much noise?

A. Call Law and Order Committee, Ellis Auditorium, Front and Poplar, 8-5211.

Q. Where do Shriners obtain their mail?

A. Shrine Post Office, Union at Third.

Q. What events will children be interested in?

A. All of them.

Q. In case of accident, or illness, who should be called?

A. Call 5-3381.

Q. Who will pay for the gas if a Noble takes some visiting Shriners for a drive?

A. You will.

Q. Where is Al Chymia Temple Headquarters?

A. DeVoy Hotel, 5-2128 and 5-2129.



# Sunday Services In Memphis Churches

## CITY'S CHURCHGOERS TO HEAR LAY LEADERS

Southwestern, U. Of T. Baccalaureates Set

## BISHOP HOLT TO SPEAK

Methodist Churchman Will Give Two Sermons And Deliver Memorial Address At Overton Park Shell

Early arrivals among Shrine Convention visitors will give Memphis churchgoers the opportunity tomorrow to hear prominent leaders in ministerial and lay circles from other sections who will attend the conclave here.

Baccalaureate messages to graduates of Southwestern and University of Tennessee and the annual Laymen's Day observances in Methodist Churches will be among variations from regular worship programs.

### Bishop Holt To Speak

Prominent among the ministerial leaders will be Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the Methodist Church, who, in addition to delivering the memorial address tomorrow night at Overton Park Shell will preach twice at morning services. He will deliver the first sermon at 10 o'clock at First Congregational Church, going from there to St. John's Methodist Church to preach at the 11 o'clock service.

Arrangements for the two morning sermons were made by Dr. Charles C. King who engaged Bishop Holt to deliver the memorial address, and for a sermon at his own church, First Congregational. Learning of the wishes of members of St. John's Congregation and other Methodists to hear the speaker Dr. King arranged the second sermon of the morning for Bishop Holt. The Rev. Marshall Wingfield, pastor of First Congregational Church, changed the time for services at his church in order to perfect the arrangements.

### Shriner Will Preach

East End Christian Church will have Mike H. Thomas of Dallas, Texas, prominent in Shrine circles and one of the foremost Christian laymen of the country, in the pulpit at the service tomorrow morning. He has made large contributions to various brotherhoods signifying his nonsectarian attitude and interest in religious work and is in demand by all churches, according to the Rev. J. J. Walker, pastor of the East End Church. The service will be at 10:30 o'clock.

Southwestern seniors will follow the custom of many years as they attend Second Presbyterian Church for the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Charles E. Diehl. He has chosen for his message the theme "Prayer." The service will be at 11 o'clock.

University of Tennessee graduates will be guests of Bellevue Baptist Church for the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the church, at 10:50 o'clock tomorrow morning. He will preach on the subject "Consider Jesus."

## Busy Speaker



Bishop Ivan Lee Holt

preach for the pastor, the Rev. J. D. Jenkins.

## CHARACTER BUILDERS WILL GREET SHRINERS

Convention Visitors To Attend Class Program Tomorrow

Memphis Shriners and early arrivals among the visitors for next week's convention will be welcomed tomorrow morning by the Character Builder Bible Class, where Galloway Calhoun, imperial officer from Tyler, Texas, will be guest speaker at 9:30.

Hodges H. Honnoll, teacher and Shriner, will be official escort for Mr. Calhoun. C. W. Steinkamp and Don Crittenden head the Arrangements Committee, which also has charge of transportation of guests to the class building. A 24-voice Methodist Girls Chorus from Epworth Church will furnish the special musical number. Miss Katherine Carlisle is director. Miss Doris Gifford with Miss Peggy Kelley will be soloists.

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## CHARACTER BUILDER TO HEAR SHRINER

Galloway Calhoun of Texas Will Teach Lesson

The Shriners will take charge of Character Builder Bible Class' men's division program from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Character Builder Hall.

Many Shriners are among the most active members of the class. They will welcome Galloway Calhoun, of Tyler, Texas, Imperial Inner Guard, who will teach the Bible lesson.

Memphis and visiting Shriners are invited to attend the program which will include songs by the Methodist Girls Chorus of Epworth Church, under the direction of Miss Katherine Carlisle.

Hodges Honnoll, regular class teacher and Shriner, will take Mr. Calhoun from the hotel to the class meeting.

Mrs. Frank Walker will preside at the women's division program. She will tell of "The country across the Sea of Galilee."

## FUTURE ENDOWMENTS FOR SHRINE HOSPITALS ENVISIONED BY BOARD

Problems Of Administering Many Bequests Taken Up At Meeting Here

## VANGUARD IS GREETED

Early Convention Arrivals Include National Leaders

## SERVICES FOR TOMORROW

Religious Activities And Entertainment Arranged For Week End—Recorders Will Hold Session Monday.

By JOHN HUTCHISON

The Shrine hopes to have permanent endowments for all 15 units of its \$7,000,000 system of crippled children's hospitals, the Hospital Board chairman, F. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, said yesterday.

The board held at session last night, wrestling with the problems of administering bequests of more than 500 wills now in probate. Meetings will continue today and tonight. The board directs the activities of a \$15,000,000 corporation established in 1920 for the sole purpose of making well thousands of children with warped bodies and no money for treatment.

### One \$250,000 Bequest

Total amount of bequests accruing to the Shrine would be impossible to estimate, Mr. Kendrick said yesterday, because some of the estates will not be liquidated until the death of other beneficiaries. However, he called attention to one single bequest to the Shrine of \$250,000, of which \$150,000 was in cash. Hundreds of other bequests, mainly from Shriners, range from a few hundred to thousands of dollars.

### 15 Hospitals Now

Every Shriner pays \$2 yearly to aid in supporting the hospital system. Mr. Kendrick was the leader in the movement establishing the hospitals. There are now 12 in the United States, two in Canada and one in Honolulu.

The board spends about \$1,000,000 yearly in maintenance of the system. Several hospitals have been offered outright to the Shrine to augment the present system, but war and depression have inhibited any expansion, Mr. Kendrick said. For that reason effort is being concentrated toward making the present hospital organization self-sustained.

The Hospital Board meetings are preliminary to the Shrine Convention to open officially Tuesday. Into Memphis yesterday was coming the vanguard of the great army of 60,000 visitors expected here next week. Early arrivals yesterday included Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas, imperial potentate; George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., deputy imperial potentate, and Gov. James Price of Virginia, imperial recorder.

At headquarters in the Goodwyn Institute Building, the convention organization is complete. Released yesterday was the 88-page directory including the official guide

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## SHRINE HOSPITAL BODY TAKES UP PROBLEMS

Administering Of Many Bequests Discussed At Meeting

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book and program; alphabetical lists of temples, temple cities, potentates and recorders, convention committees and chairmen; lists showing where all units and officers are housed, information on quarters, transportation and general Shrine questions.

Early visitors will attend religious services tomorrow, see a doubleheader baseball game at Russwood Park, open registration of the Shrine Recorders Association and the Southeastern Shrine Association and take part in a twilight service at Overton Park, at which Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis will speak. In event of rain the services will be in Ellis Auditorium.

### Recorders Meet Monday

The recorders, paid administrators of the Shrine Temples, will meet at 9 o'clock at the Gayoso Monday with J. Richard Hungerford of Watertown, N. Y., presiding. About 150 recorders are expected. Their banquet will be at 6 o'clock Monday at the Gayoso. W. A. Woodmansee, recorder of Al Chymia Temple here, is in charge of local arrangements.

Chancellor Lois Bejach serves in like capacity for the Southeastern meeting to open at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Chisca, where a banquet will be held at 6:30. F. Oliver Bates of Charleston, S. C., will preside. First vice president, scheduled, according to custom, for elevation to the presidency, is Henry H. Cole of Atlanta.

Also to meet Monday is the Royal Order of Jesters, funmaking body within the Shrine. It will convene at 2:13 in the afternoon and hold a banquet at 7:13 that evening. Meetings will be at the Peabody.

### High National Leaders

### Attend Club Luncheon

Headed by Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline, high national officials of the order attended the Shrine Luncheon Club's weekly meeting at the DeVoy yesterday, where Mayor Chandler welcomed them to Memphis.

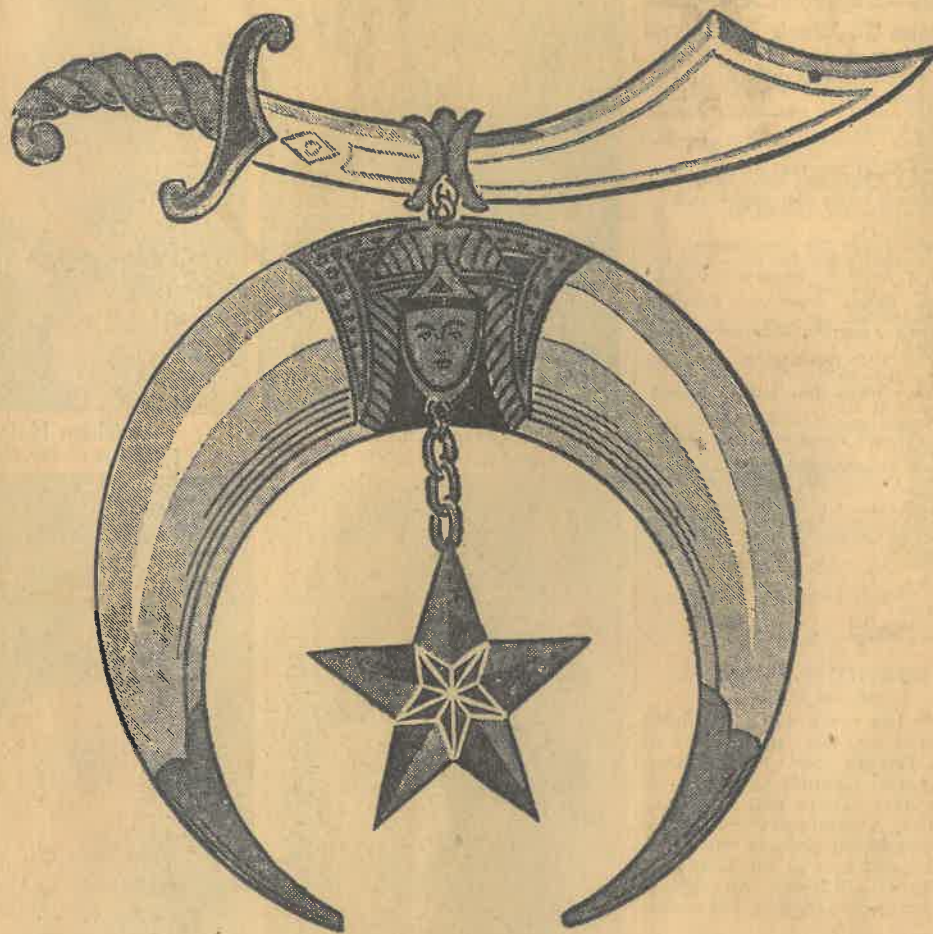
Present were: "Sunny Jim" McCandless, 85-year old past imperial potentate who now is a sugar planter in Honolulu; A. D. Rahn, Minneapolis lumberman and 1939 imperial potentate; Earl C. Mills, Des Moines attorney and former imperial potentate; Gov. James H. Price of Virginia, imperial recorder; George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., who is to be elected imperial potentate for next year; Jack McGilvray of San Francisco, vice chairman of the Shrine National Hospital Board; Les E. Walton of Springfield, Mo., a life member of the Imperial Council.

The guests were introduced by John B. Vesey, director-general of the convention, and J. A. Waterman, potentate of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple. Wray Williams, president of the club, introduced Mr. Vesey and Mr. Waterman. About 200 Shriners attended.

Winner of the attendance prize—a book of tickets for all events at Crump Stadium next week—proved to be none other than Governor Price. He returned the passes.

"I suggest," he said, "that these be given to some worthy Shriner who is financially unable to purchase tickets, or to the widow of some worthy Shriner who, otherwise, would be unable to attend."





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# PICTORIAL

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1940







*"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."* Matthew 25:40

The Shrine has been called "the playground of Masonry," but it also has its serious side. In the past 18 years the Shriners of North America have contributed approximately \$30,000,000 for hospitals for crippled children in the United States and Canada and they are still contributing for the maintenance of these hospitals at the rate of approximately \$1,000,000 a year.

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## ALL SET FOR THE BIG PARADES

**AL CHYMIA TEMPLE'S ORIENTAL BAND—**They may not make much real music with their squawking horns and thundering drums, but whatever these fellows lack in melody they make up in fun. Star attraction is Bill Hankins, costumed as "Princess Fatima," who does a quivering Oriental dance on the slightest provocation.

**FOREGROUND:** Bill Hankins and George Bunnell.

**FRONT ROW:** W. B. McLaughlin, B. R. McWilliams, C. R. Fite, C. O. Herold, R. C. Miessler, H. J. Zderad, Joe Alt-fater, R. L. (Mike) Allen, C. A. Cramer, C. A. Rentrop, C. P. Kulp, Harry Abraham, F. A. Rider, J. W. Williamson Jr., H. C. Foster.

**BACK ROW:** E. B. Talbot, J. A. Ganong, W. E. Rier, Sam Rosen, W. H. Rollman, Nathan Goldstein, A. Lee Gordon, C. L. Joachimi, E. H. Vieh.

—Staff Photo by Caldwell.







HARKING BACK TO THE DISTANT PAST is this cover design of the program for Al Chymia Temple's first entertainment, held on the night of Nov. 16, 1892.

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**IODENT**



**AL CHYMIA TEMPLE'S PATROL**—Guard of Honor for the Imperial Potentate on his visit to Memphis this week, and accompanying him wherever he goes will be the drill patrol of Al Chymia, the host temple, in their flashy Shrine uniforms and fezzes.

**FRONT ROW:** Capt. E. L. Daughtry, patrol commander, and First Lieut. C. R. Reeves, assistant.  
**SECOND ROW:** A. L. Helden, J. D. Elkins, Nathan Badanis, A. D. Patton, T. R. Acklen, L. H. McCauley, Ben Bluestein.

**THIRD ROW:** Sam Springer, R. L. Pearson, T. A. Clark, E. T. Ferguson, F. H. Adkins, H. L. Ehlbert, Paul Horsley, V. D. Smith, J. R. Hartie, Abe Harkavy.

**FOURTH ROW:** Aaron Brenner, Paul Martin, Walter Edwards, H. L. Banister, J. H. Perry, F. A. Tyce, W. J. Powell, Frank Arling, Forrest Mottweiler, Frank Meyers.

**BACK ROW:** Floyd Harvey, W. P. Engelberg, P. F. Koehler, Second Lieut. Joe Dean, L. A. McCune, R. E. McCune, J. L. Perpoli, O. A. Kintz, H. L. Thomas.



**AL CHYMIA TEMPLE'S BAND**—Ready for the big Shrine parades this week in which they will play a major part as representatives of the host temple, are the members of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple Band.

**FRONT ROW:** Nubern Ray, T. R. Ogden, C. F. Harrison, J. G. Hammond, H. L. Mallick, W. T. Freeman, H. A. Fox, Chalmers Cullens, R. E. Felts, H. S. Hodgson, C. K. Berlin, R. G. Kinkle, C. E. Dozier, R. R. Parker.

**SECOND ROW:** J. F. Vunkannon, H. E. Long, H. E. Dillman, A. B. Sweetwood, E. L. Hicks, C. W. Morgan.



—Photo by Tooley-Myron

**Arthur Prentiss Davis, 224 Bethel,** is an attractive young man who drinks for...



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MEMPHIS, TENN., SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1940



Mrs. Walter D. Cline,  
Wife of the  
Imperial Potentate



*Wives of Visiting Shriners  
Will Inspire Many Parties  
During Week of Convention*



Mrs. John Vesey  
National Ladies  
Chairman



### Pastel Motif Planned For Luncheon Tuesday

THOUSANDS of varicolored Summer flowers in pastel tones will decorate the Peabody Skyway Tuesday at 1 o'clock when wives of Shrine representatives are honored with a beautifully planned "pastel luncheon."

Only wives of the representatives, their hostesses and wives of Imperial Council members will be privileged to attend, Mrs. Lake

### Shrine Ladies' Chairman Awaits 15th Convention

IT'S NO wonder Mrs. John Vesey was selected national general chairman in charge of ladies events for the Shrine convention. In this official capacity she will be attending her 15th successive Shrine Imperial Session.

Lots of interesting things have happened to this lady, who has spent months working out entertainment plans for the 1000 wives







Mrs. J. A. Waterman is wife of the potentate of the host temple, Al Chymia. She is chairman of Reception for the 1000 wives of Shrine officials.

—Photo by Stratton

esses and vice chairmen under Mrs. John Vesey, national chairman of the Ladies' Committee, will wear pastel dresses so that the colors in the floral decorations will be reflected in the costumes of many of the guests.

A floor show brought to Memphis from New York will furnish entertainment during luncheon, after which the guests will attend an air show at the Memphis Airport.

The luncheon will be preceded by the four-hour parade at Crump Stadium, to which the visiting ladies will be taken by their hostesses.

A special entertainment feature for ladies has been planned for each day, one of the outstanding being the all day trip to Shiloh National Park Wednesday. Luncheon will be served at Shiloh Inn, in the park, and a trip to Pickwick Dam during the afternoon will be another feature.

With the Shrine members in charge of the opening banquet, wives of the Imperial Divan and representatives and officers and past officers of Al Chymia will attend the opening banquet Tuesday evening.

The event will honor Walter Cline, imperial potentate, who with Mrs. Cline arrived Friday. Hosts are members of the Memphis temple, Al Chymia, of which J. A. Waterman is potentate.

Among Shrine ladies who are staying at the Peabody during the convention, many of whom have already arrived, are:

Mrs. George S. Meredith, Oakland, Calif.  
Mrs. Thomas J. Hancock, Mrs. Fred Gett-  
inger and Mrs. Arthur Williams, Mobile, Ala.  
Mrs. J. W. Farley, Farley, Mo.

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her presentation to Mrs. Roosevelt in Washington. When she and the First Lady met, they were wearing identical dresses. Mrs. Roosevelt shook her hand cordially as she remarked, "Small world, isn't it?"

Then there was the occasion in Detroit when she was looking at Father Coughlin's Church, and the gentleman himself came and invited her and her group of friends to attend mass. They accepted and after the services he personally conducted them through the church.

She has attended conventions as the wife of the potentate of the Memphis Temple as well as a representative's wife, for Mr. Vesey has long been active in Shrine work. As national director general of the convention he is possibly the only person busier than his wife working on the convention.

When they attended the Los Angeles convention, Mr. and Mrs. Vesey were guests in the home of Harold Lloyd and his wife, Mildred Davis Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd, who is a candidate for office in the Imperial Council, is expected to arrive tomorrow for convention activities.

When you have supplied hostesses for 1000 visiting ladies you have done a tremendous task and that is what Mrs. Vesey's primary job was when she started working on plans.

"The ladies in Memphis have been wonderful in offering their services for these ladies," Mrs. Vesey said, pointing out that she origi-

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Mrs. George Forrest Olendorf is wife of the incoming imperial potentate. She with Mr. Olendorf, who will be officially elected Wednesday, arrived Friday.



Captains of hostesses during the convention are informally pictured talking over plans for this week's events. Left to right (above) are Mrs. W. F. Bowld (seated); Mrs. William B. Fowler, Mrs. Charles C. King, Mrs. A. Lee Gordon, Mrs. Cliff Davis and Mrs. E. P. MacNicol.



Another group of captains of hostesses pictured above are (left to right, seated in front) Mrs. Harry Rudd, Mrs. Lee Winchester, Mrs. George Sheats and Mrs. J. A. Fowler. Standing are (left to right) Mrs. Douglass Johnston, Mrs. R. S. Guenther and Mrs. Lois Bejach.

—Staff Photos by Bruner



# City's Largest Convention

## Beckons Public To Crump Stadium Revelry

### Trio Of Gala Nights Ahead

Parades, Pomp, Pageantry Are Promised Populace

By HARRY MARTIN

THIS is the week in which Memphis is to surrender itself in toto to an invading army constituting the largest convention ever to come this way, but the public will not be neglected in the general Shrine hullabaloo. On three successive evenings the populace is invited to share in the festivities at Crump Stadium with their Noble guests.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are designated as the big nights of the conclave insofar as the local pleasure-goer is concerned, for on each of these evenings the Stadium will serve as locale for a spectacular display said to excel anything of the sort previously unveiled in these parts.

Ernie Young's elaborate "Show of a Century," a three-hour revue featuring more than 100 chorus girls, principals and musicians, is scheduled for Tuesday night as the first of these major entertainment items. An enormous stage, 48 feet wide at the footlights and equipped with special sound effects, has been constructed at the east end of the football field, facing west in such a way that the proceedings can be seen and heard from every seat in the Stadium. Such outstanding variety acts of the present day as the Juvelys, Dick Mayo and Company, Lorimer and Hudson, Lester Cole and his Debutantes will participate in the show. A battery of 23 powerful klieg lights has been shipped to Memphis from Hollywood to properly illuminate the scene.

On Wednesday night the Shrine Electrical Night Parade, regarded as an essential and outstanding feature of every national convention of this organization, is set to take place. Crump Stadium will also be the scene of this second event, which will not be visible anywhere outside the Crump structure.

The Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant, with a group of the leading movie studios entering brilliantly-lighted floats, is slated for Thursday night, the final highlight of the program. Under the direction of Menard and Tabery, Hollywood firm famous for its efforts in this field, the 11 unique floats have been completed and are ready for exhibition. So impressive are their pictures that other cities, Houston being one, for instance, are already bidding for a chance to have the pageant after it has concluded its Memphis exhibition. From all sections of the MidSouth, lovely native queens will come to grace the floats and to take part in the beauty parade, with the final winner receiving the title of Miss MidSouth and a trip to Hollywood and the San Francisco World Fair.

Tickets for these events are available at five downtown box offices—Ellis Auditorium, Convention Headquarters in the Goodwyn Institute Building, Walgreen's at Main and Union, the Peabody, Claridge, Chisca and Gayoso Hotels—and the prices cover a wide range. Get your tickets now and join the Shriners in their fun.

### Preview For A Hollywood Hillbilly



Fred Tabery, builder of the extravagant Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant which will be shown the public on Thursday night at Crump Stadium in connection with the Shrine Convention, arranged a special preview of the floats for Judy Canova when the hillbilly star from Hollywood was here the other day. Naturally Miss Canova chose to pose with Mr. Tabery on the entry of Republic Pictures, the company that has her under contract.



## Two Musicals Challenge Adult Edison for Shrine Week Movie Honors

### Bing Sings; Neagle, Too

Airline Stewardesses  
Take Warner  
Bows

THE hordes of Shriners descending upon the queen city of MidDixie this week will find a couple of the latest musicals competing with an adult Edison and a bevy of airline stewardesses for the motion picture spotlight of the moment on Main Street.

"Irene," the new version of an old favorite starring England's Anna Neagle with Ray Milland, is diverting the visiting nobles at Loew's State. Across the way at the New Malco Bing Crosby pairs with tiny, talented Gloria Jean for "If I Had My Way."

The job begun by Mickey Rooney in "Young Tom Edison" is being continued by Spencer Tracy on the screen at Loew's Palace in "Edison, The Man." "Flight Angels" provides a title for the Warner picture glorifying those hostesses of the Heavens known so well and favorably to the Nation's air travelers.

The Strand is coupling complete detailed pictures of the Dempsey-Willard championship fight at Toledo in 1919 with the James Dunn-Gloria Jean Parker flicker, "Sons of the Navy."



Spencer Tracy plays the role of the great inventor in "Edison, the Man," the sequel to "Young Tom Edison," now showing at Loew's Palace.



Handsome Ray Milland is dancing partner to the beautiful Anna Neagle of England in "Irene," the musical comedy of the week at Loew's State.



Bing Crosby has little Gloria Jean for his leading lady at the New Malco in "If I Had My Way."



## El Selamu Aleikum

—An Editorial

SONS of the desert, the camel caravan has brought you over the burning sands to the Oasis of Memphis, a safe haven on the banks of a mighty river.

Allah has been kind in permitting you to come to us.

This is an old oasis named for one even more ancient on the banks of another river—the Nile. The ancient Memphis, too, was an oasis where stopped the many caravans en route to Mecca.

May your stay here be pleasant, the songs happy, the food rich.

What we have is yours, our hearts, our hands, our tents.

El Selamu Aleikum—peace be unto you.

MEMPHIS is glad indeed to be host to the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, an organization which ostensibly plays but which seriously teaches a fine American idealism, concerns itself with the rehabilitation of crippled children.

During the days of work, play, and pageantry which confront the Nobles of the Shrine here, we hope that they will come to feel that this is truly an oasis—a place of good abode as its name means.

We know that every citizen of Memphis joins The Commercial Appeal in extending a full-hearted welcome. Memphis is proud that it has been selected for this great convention.

We hope that our visitors will avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them, many for the first time, to see the New South at work and at play. This is a section of fine highways, fine schools, fine health centers—a place where that which was best of the Old South is happily blended with the new. Primarily, this is a section of homes and simon-pure Americanism.

MEMPHIS makes no idle boast of hospitality or idly expresses joy at the coming of the welcome stranger.

We are glad that the Shrine has come to Memphis.

It is all yours, Nobles.

Let the cares and anxieties of the day be put aside.

## Clubrooms Are Opened For Use Of Shrine Bandsmen And Patrols

Clubrooms for the 8000 visiting bandsmen and uniformed patrol members who are expected here for the Shrine convention this week were opened last night in the old Press-Scimitar building on Union near Third and will remain open, 24 hours a day, for the duration of the convention.

### Lounges Installed

The three-story building has been renovated and decorated inside and out with Shrine flags and pennants. Lounges, tables and chairs have been installed and as many as 1000 persons can be seated at one time. A feature is a 100-foot lunch counter where sandwiches will be served.

"It is our aim to provide a headquarters where visiting bandsmen and members of other Shrine uniformed units can relax between parades and after the day's program is over," said Paul Martin, chairman of the Entertainment Committee of Memphis' Al Chymia, who is in charge. He is assisted by a staff of nearly 100 members of the temple.

### Storeroom Provided

The club is an enterprise of the three uniformed units of Al Chymia Temple—the band, the Oriental band and the drill patrol. It is completely equipped, even to a loud speaker system for paging Shriner

who receive telephone calls and a storeroom for storing the band instruments of visiting musicians between parades.

Use of the building was donated to the Shrine by Capt. Enoch Brown Jr., vice president of The Memphis Publishing Co., the owners, and a member of Al Chymia Temple.

## They Took First Subscriptions For Shrine



## BOOTHS TO BE OPENED FOR SALE TO VISITORS

### 200 Members Of Eastern Star Will Do Work

Forty gaily decorated booths at which 200 women members of the Eastern Star will sell Shrine week subscriptions to the two Memphis newspapers will be opened today and tomorrow in downtown locations.

For 75 cents, the visitors may have one week's copies of both The Commercial Appeal and the Press-Scimitar—containing all the convention news and pictures—mailed to their home addresses anywhere in the United States, postage prepaid. The plan includes today's issue of The Commercial Appeal with its special Shrine roto section.

Net proceeds on the subscriptions will go to the uniformed units of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple to assist in the purchase of their new uniforms. These units are the band, the Oriental band and the drill patrol, comprising more than 100 members.

Director in charge of the 200 women and girls who will sell the subscriptions is Frank H. Meyers, a member of Al Chymia's patrol. Assisting him is Miss Cephise Harris, who will act as secretary.

As a preliminary move, a booth was opened yesterday at Baptist Hospital. First purchaser of a subscription was George D. Sheats, superintendent of the hospital and a past potentate of the local temple. Second purchaser was J. A. Waterman, present potentate of Al Chymia. Both ordered the papers sent to friends in other cities.

This was the scene at Baptist Hospital yesterday when a booth for Shrine week subscriptions to The Commercial Appeal and the Press-Scimitar was opened. Past Potentate D. Sheats of Al Chymia Temple (center) purchased a subscription and Potentate J. A. Waterman of the same temple (right) also purchased. Sales ladies of the Eastern Star shown in uniform are Miss Margaret Mrs. Tom Hubbard, Miss Cephise Harris, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Elizabeth Frank H. Meyers of the temple, director of the uniform shirt at the stand. —Staff

## The MidSouth Date Book

JUNE 6-12—JACKSON, MISS. Presbyterian Intermediate Conference  
JUNE 7-8—HOT SPRINGS, ARK. Arkansas Press Association  
JUNE 8-15—LITTLE ROCK, ARK. Boys' State  
JUNE 9-11—CONWAY, ARK. Arkansas Postmasters and Postal Supervisors  
JUNE 9-15—JACKSON, MISS. Magnolia Boys' State  
JUNE 9-11—WEST POINT, MISS. Spanish-American Veterans  
JUNE 11—JACKSON, MISS. State Democratic Convention  
JUNE 11—JONESBORO, ARK. Northeast Arkansas Jersey Cattle Show  
JUNE 11-13—MEMPHIS Imperial Shrine Convention  
JUNE 14-15—MEMPHIS Tennessee Bar Association  
JUNE 15-18—BILOXI, MISS. Theta Kappa Omega Convention  
JUNE 16—FOWLKES, TENN. Reunion and Homecoming  
JUNE 17-18—JACKSON, MISS. State Exchange Clubs  
JUNE 18-19—NASHVILLE Young Democrats Convention  
JUNE 20—MONTICELLO, ARK. Tomato Festival  
JUNE 20—NASHVILLE Tennessee Democratic Convention  
JUNE 20—POCAHONTAS, ARK. EAYMC Convention  
JUNE 21-22—GREENWOOD, MISS. Mississippi Municipal Officers  
JUNE 26-28—JACKSON, MISS. State Board of Health  
JUNE 26-28—JACKSON, MISS. Mississippi Bar Association  
JUNE 24-27—STATE COLLEGE, MISS. Future Farmers of America  
JUNE 27—HARRISBURG, ARK. Highway One Association



# Divine Memorial Service At Overton Park Shell At 7 O'Clock Tonight

## SHRINE CONVENTION TOPS WEEK'S ACTIVITY

City's Biggest Fraternal  
Gathering Is At Hand

### PROGRAM BEGINS TODAY

De Soto Lodge Will Confer  
Third Degree Tomorrow  
Night—Angerona And Park  
Avenue To Work In Second

#### MASONIC CALENDAR

Monday, June 10—  
De Soto Lodge No. 299—Third Degree  
at 7:30 p.m.  
McLennore Avenue Lodge No. 715—  
Stated.  
Normal Lodge No. 722—Stated.  
Stonewall Lodge No. 723—Stated.  
Whitehaven Lodge No. 599—Stated.  
Penn Chapter No. 22—Stated.  
Tuesday, June 11—  
Memphis Lodge No. 118—Stated.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—Stated.  
Summer Avenue Chapter No. 313,  
O. E. S.—Stated.  
O. K. Houck Assembly, Rainbow  
Girls—Stated.  
Stonewall Assembly, Rainbow Girls—  
Stated.  
Order of DeMolay—Stated.  
Wednesday, June 12—  
Angerona Lodge No. 168 — Second  
Degree at 7:30.  
Thursday, June 13—  
Park Avenue Chapter No. 204—  
Stated.  
Memphis Commandery No. 4—Stated.  
Bartlett Chapter No. 216, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Friday, June 14—  
Normal Lodge No. 722—First Degree.  
Woodlawn Chapter No. 74, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
De Soto Chapter No. 332, O. E. S.—  
Stated.  
Park Avenue Lodge No. 362—First  
Degree.  
Saturday, June 15—  
Masonic Temple—Dark.

By ROBERT W. PARHAM

Fraternal Editor

This is the week that has been anticipated by the nobility of Al Chymia Temple for a long time. The Imperial Council will hold its sessions here. There will be plenty of activity. A minimum of 60,000 and maybe 80,000 visitors will be in Memphis and it will be Memphis' big party of all times. An outline of the program is given herewith:

**SUNDAY** — Religious services in Memphis Churches, 11 a.m.; Golf at Country Clubs at 2:00 p.m.; Credential Committees of Jesters at Peabody at 2:15 p.m.; Baseball at 2:15 p.m.; Registration, Records Association at Gayoso and Southeastern Shrine Association representatives at Chisca at 4 p.m.; Twilight services at Overton Park Shell at 7.

**MONDAY** — Opening uniformed unit headquarters at 201 Union Avenue 8:30 a.m.; Records Association meets at Gayoso 9:00 a.m.; Credentials Committee of Order of Jesters, Peabody, 8:15 a.m.; Records' luncheon, Gayoso, 12 noon; Records meeting Gayoso, 2 p.m.; Jesters' meeting, Peabody, 2:15 p.m.; Southeastern Shrine Association at Chisca, 4 p.m.; Records Association banquet, Gayoso, 6 p.m. Banquet for representatives Southeastern Association, at Chisca, 6:30 p.m. Jesters' cocktail hour, Peabody Skyway, 6:15 p.m. Big entertainment, Fairgrounds, uniformed bodies free, 8:30 p.m.

## Among Distinguished Guests



Thomas C. Law  
Imperial Chief Rabban



William Hein  
Imperial Outer Guard



Karl Rex Hammers  
Imperial Marshal



Alfred Arvold  
Imperial Oriental Guide

Among the distinguished Shriners who will be Al Chymia Temple's guests this week are these members of the Imperial Divan. Illustrious Noble Law, second ranking officer of the Imperial Council, hails from Atlanta; Illustrious Noble Arvold, from Fargo, N. D.; Illustrious Noble Hammers, from Pittsburgh and Illustrious Noble Hein, from Philadelphia.

**TUESDAY**—Registration Imperial Council representatives, Peabody, 8:30 a.m.; Shrine Escort Parade at Crump Stadium, 10 a.m. Ladies and Hostess Luncheon, Peabody, 1 p.m.; Imperial Council opening at Auditorium, 2 p.m.; Oriental band, Governors, Gayoso, 2:30 p.m.; Oriental band pow wow and barbecue at Overton Park Shell, 5:30 p.m.; Banquet for Imperial Potentate at Auditorium 7 p.m. Entertainment at Crump Stadium at 8:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** — Constantine breakfast at Gayoso, 7:30 a.m.; Ladies trip to Pickwick Dam, 8:30 a.m.; Imperial Council session at Auditorium at 9 a.m.; Oriental band parade 11 a.m.; Massed band concert, Court Square at noon; Shrine night parade at Crump Stadium at 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY** — Imperial Council session at Auditorium at 9 a.m. ladies of representatives drive around city at 10 a.m.; Imperial Council's closing meeting at Auditorium at 2 p.m.; Hollywood Electrical Pageant at Crump Stadium at 8:30 p.m.

(All time given above is Daylight Saving Time).

Parade routes are as follows: Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. and Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.: Parade forms on Peabody Avenue, Cooper to Willett, marches down Peabody to Crump Stadium, through stadium to Union, down Union to Myrtle. The stadium will afford the only seating capacity for these two-hour parades.

The Show of the Century on Tuesday night and the Hollywood Electrical Pageant on Thursday night will form on the Central High School grounds and will parade in Crump Stadium only.

#### In Masonic Circles

In symbolic circles, De Soto Lodge will confer the third degree on tomorrow night and all visiting Master Masons are cordially invited to witness the conferring of the impressive capstone of that rite as conferred in Tennessee.

Angerona works in the second on Wednesday night and Park Avenue and Normal will confer the first on Friday night. The various schools of instruction usual to the calendar have been abandoned for this week on account of the Imperial Council meeting, but will be resumed next week. The stated meeting will be completed as rapidly as possible on account of Shrine activities.

There will be no stated meeting of Al Chymia Temple on Wednesday night as the Shrine recesses during the Summer months. The next stated meeting will be on the second Wednesday in September.

## MOOSE WELCOMES SHRINE

Clubrooms Will Be Open for City's  
Guests This Week

Memphis Lodge No. 153, Loyal Order of Moose, has issued a formal welcome to the Shriners who are Memphis' guests this week.

The Moose Club will be open at all times and visiting Nobles are invited to visit.

District Deputy Supreme Governor Edmund Pontius, a Shriner, was appointed chairman of the Committee of Welcome.

Members are working hard on new applicants before the increase in initiation fees on June 30.

The lodge will hold another stag social on June 19, to which all prospective new members will be invited.



## MEMPHIS IS MECCA! NOBLES ARE COMING FROM FAR AND NEAR

Fezzes Bob Up Everywhere As  
Vanguard Of Gay Group  
Arrives In City

### PLANS NEARLY COMPLETE

Huge Headquarters Staff  
Buzzes With Activity

### CELEBRITIES DUE HERE

Gene Autry, Singing Cowboy  
Radio And Screen Star, To  
Entertain Shrine Gathering  
—Harold Lloyd Takes Part

By JOHN HUTCHISON

Red fezzes were bobbing into Memphis by train and highway and air line yesterday as early arrivals—mainly high officials—began to arrive for the great Shrine convention.

Administration headquarters of the convention in the Goodwyn Institute Building were humming with the feverish completion of convention preparations. Nearly 900 local Shriners are serving on 58 local Arrangement Committees. Many of them are giving full time, having obtained their regular vacation periods to coincide with the convention.

#### Huge Staff at Work

A huge paid staff, including these classifications, is at work, or ready to begin:

Twenty-six administrative employees, eight lodging inspectors, 16 information clerks to staff four downtown booths, 45 telephone operators, 156 maids, janitors, attendants and watchmen for the dormitories set up in the seven high schools, 31 drivers for official cars, personnel for seven downtown box offices and eight at Crump Stadium, 45 gatemen, 104 ushers and 30 usher captains.

More than 2000 uniformed men in bands and drill patrols from 13 temples are due to arrive today. Accompanying them will also be large delegations of un-uniformed temple members. Today's arrivals will include the following city's uniformed bodies: Columbus, Akron and Dayton, Ohio; Rochester, N. Y.; Galveston, Texas; Salina, Kan.; Philadelphia, Omaha, Atlanta, Birmingham, Indianapolis and Parkersburg, W. Va. Columbus' men in uniform will total 354.

#### Celebrities Coming

To the list of celebrities to attend or take part in the convention was added the name of Gene Autry, singing cowboy star of radio and movies, whose acceptance was received yesterday. John B. Vesey, director general of the convention, revealed the possibility that Sonja Henie, petite skating actress, may be induced to stop over on a trip to Chicago.

Other big names to appear here are Harold Lloyd, enthusiastic Shriner and movie comedian, and

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Don Wilson, topnotch announcer to be master of ceremonies at the Hollywood Electrical Pageant Thursday night. Autry will sing at the pageant.

#### Preliminaries Begin Today

Today's preliminaries to the convention opening Tuesday will include a sermon at 7 o'clock tonight in the Overton Park Shell by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of Dallas, Texas, Methodist, Shriner and former educator. He is former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ.

Bishop Holt arrived last night and is a guest of Dr. C. C. King. He will deliver two sermons this morning, the first at 10 o'clock at First Congregational Church, and the second at St. John's Methodist Church at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Harry Ettelson will say the invocation, the Rev. Marshall Wingfield, the benediction. Mr. Wingfield also will introduce Bishop Holt. Chanters of Tangier Temple of Omaha will furnish music. Other temples to take part will include Knoxville, Atlanta, Al Chymia of Memphis, Birmingham, Erie, N. Y., and Springfield, Mo.

The Crippled Children Hospital Board of the Shrine met for the second day yesterday. In executive session, the board heard mainly the requests of delegations for Shrine hospitals to be established at new sites, and other delegations offering to turn over entire hospitals to the Shrine crippled children's program.

#### Jesters To Meet

W. Freeland Kendrick, chairman of the board and former mayor of Philadelphia, indicated last night that because of uncertainty from war and the strain of the present budget, no hospitals will be added this year.

The Credentials Committee of the National Order of Jesters will meet at 2:13 o'clock this afternoon at the Peabody. The Jesters will meet at 2:13 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and will banquet at 7:13 o'clock tomorrow night.

The Shrine Recorders Association at the Gayoso and the Southeastern Shrine Association at the Chisca will open registration at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Seven downtown box offices will open this afternoon. They are at the official hotels, and at Walgreen's, Main and Union; Goodwyn Institute Shrine office and Ellis Auditorium.

All Shrine information is furnished through one telephone switchboard reached by 8-5211.

## Pictorial For Today Dedicated To Shrine

As a souvenir of this week's big convention, The Commercial Appeal publishes today a special Shrine Pictorial Section, with a cover page in colors which shows a uniformed Shriner leading a camel on which sits a crippled child.

"This picture is the most beautiful tribute to the Shrine I have ever seen in my 30 years with the order," Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline said yesterday. "Whoever conceived it knows not only the Shrine, but the soul of the Shrine as well. I predict it will be framed and hung in Shrine temples from New York to California."

J. A. Waterman, potentate of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, was equally enthusiastic and urged merchants to display the picture in their show windows this week.

The natural color photograph was taken at Overton Zoo by Casey Elliott, staff photographer. The camel is "Jim," familiar to zoo visitors. The Shriner is Sergeant R. C. Reeves, R. O. T. C. Instructor at Tech High School. The child is a patient at the Cripple Children's Hospital here.

## POLICE ARE ORGANIZED FOR SHRINE GATHERING

### Boyle Says Criminals Won't Be Tolerated

The Memphis Police Department doesn't intend to be a kill-joy for thousands of fun-seekers arriving here this week for the Shrine convention, but it does intend to present a discouraging picture to criminals and vice.

Police Commissioner Boyle, who made it plain that the gains made in driving out vice recently are not to be relinquished during the convention.

"Gamblers and girls," he said, will not be allowed to take advantage of the great influx of visitors. The commissioner, on record as determined to make Memphis the Nation's cleanest city, outlined the police organization for the convention yesterday, said that the Shriners "are coming here for a good time and we're going to let 'em have plenty of good, clean fun," but he attached a note of warning to the lawless fringe who hang on the skirts of big conventions.

More than a thousand law enforcement officers will be on duty, he pointed out. These will include about 800 regular firemen and policemen, 30 Tennessee highway patrolmen, 15 highway patrolmen each from Mississippi and Arkansas, eight sheriff's deputies, nearly 200 visiting Shriners who are policemen in their home towns, and a special detail of visiting detectives from other cities, whose expenses will be paid by the city.

The visiting sleuths to watch especially for pickpockets, known prostitutes, confidence men and wanted criminals will be from New Orleans, Chicago, Birmingham, Atlanta, St. Louis, Louisville, Dallas and Miami. Each of them, and each of the visiting Shrine police, will work in company with a local officer.

Two detectives and two uniformed policemen will be assigned to each hotel. Patrolmen also will be on duty in the Pullman cities and the seven high school dormitories. Inspector Richards will be in charge of all detectives. Chief Lee and the chairman of the Shrine Law and Order Committee will supervise all police activity.

## Shrine Imperial Council Program

### TODAY

Open House, Recorders' Association, All Day at Gayoso Hotel  
11:00 A.M.—Religious Services in Memphis Churches.  
2:00 P.M.—Golf at all Country Clubs.  
2:13 P.M.—Credentials Committee, National Court Royal Order Jesters, at Peabody Hotel, Mezzanine Floor, East End  
2:15 P.M.—Baseball Doubleheader at Russwood Park, Memphis Chattanooga.  
4:00 P.M.—Opening of Registrations:  
1. Shrine Recorders Association—Register at Hotel Gayoso  
2. Southeastern Shrine Association Representatives—Register at Hotel Chisca.  
7:00 P.M.—Twilight Divine Service, Overton Park Shell. Address Bishop Ivan Lee Holt. Chanters—Tangier Temple, On

### MONDAY

8:00 A.M.—Registration of Imperial Representatives, Hotel Peabody, Mezzanine Floor, West End.  
8:00 A.M.—Registration of Shrine Recorders, Hotel Gayoso.  
8:00 A.M.—Registration of Southeastern Shrine Association Representatives, Hotel Chisca.  
8:00 A.M.—Opening of all Information Bureaus; Hotel Peabody, First Floor.  
Hotel Claridge, Lobby, First Floor.  
Hotel Chisca, Lobby, First Floor.  
Hotel Gayoso, Lobby, First Floor.  
8:30 A.M.—Opening of Uniformed Units Headquarters, 201 Union  
9:00 A.M.—Opening Session of Shrine Recorders Association—Room, Hotel Gayoso.  
9:13 A.M.—Credentials Committee, National Court Royal Order Jesters, Hotel Peabody, Mezzanine Floor, East End  
12:00 NOON—Records' Luncheon at Hotel Gayoso, Dining Room  
1:30 P.M.—Morocco Temple Band, Jacksonville, Florida, Sex Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.  
2:00 P.M.—Records' Meeting at Hotel Gayoso, Ball Room.  
2:13 P.M.—National Court Meeting Royal Order of Jesters, Peabody.  
3:30 P.M.—Baseball at Russwood Park, Memphis vs. Chattanooga  
4:00 P.M.—Southeastern Shrine Association Session at Hotel Chisca  
4:00 P.M.—Morocco Temple Band, Jacksonville, Florida, Court Sex Broadcast and Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.  
6:00 P.M.—Shrine Recorders' Banquet at Hotel Gayoso.  
6:13 P.M.—Royal Order of Jesters, Cocktail Hour, Hotel Peabody, Skyway.  
6:30 P.M.—Banquet, Southeastern Shrine Association, Hotel Chisca  
7:13 P.M.—Royal Order of Jesters, Banquet and Show, Hotel Peabody, Skyway.  
8:30 P.M.—"Arabian Nights Revue" at Fairgrounds—Giant fire display, vaudeville, midway attractions, boxing, wrestling, swimming pool, etc. Free tickets to uniformed units.

### TUESDAY

6:00 A.M.—Registration of Imperial Council Representatives at 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 Main. There will be no seats on parade route. All seats are at Crump Stadium.  
1:00 P.M.—Representatives' Ladies and Hostess' Luncheon at Sk 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 Band, Memphis Municipal Airport, Airways Boulevard. Presentation of U. S. Army Equipment.  
2:30 P.M.—Al Menah Temple Band, Nashville, Concert at Russwood Park.  
3:30 P.M.—Baseball Game Russwood Park. Atlanta vs. Memphis  
4:00 P.M.—Moolah Temple Band, St. Louis, Concert Court Square 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 Picnic at Shell in Overton Park.  
7:00 P.M.—Banquet and Entertainment for Imperial Potentate and Imperial Representatives and Guests at Ellis Auditorium.  
8:30 P.M.—Entertainment at Crump Stadium—"Show of Cent and the Southeastern Shrine Parade, featuring the famous Tony Sarg Balloon Characters.

### WEDNESDAY

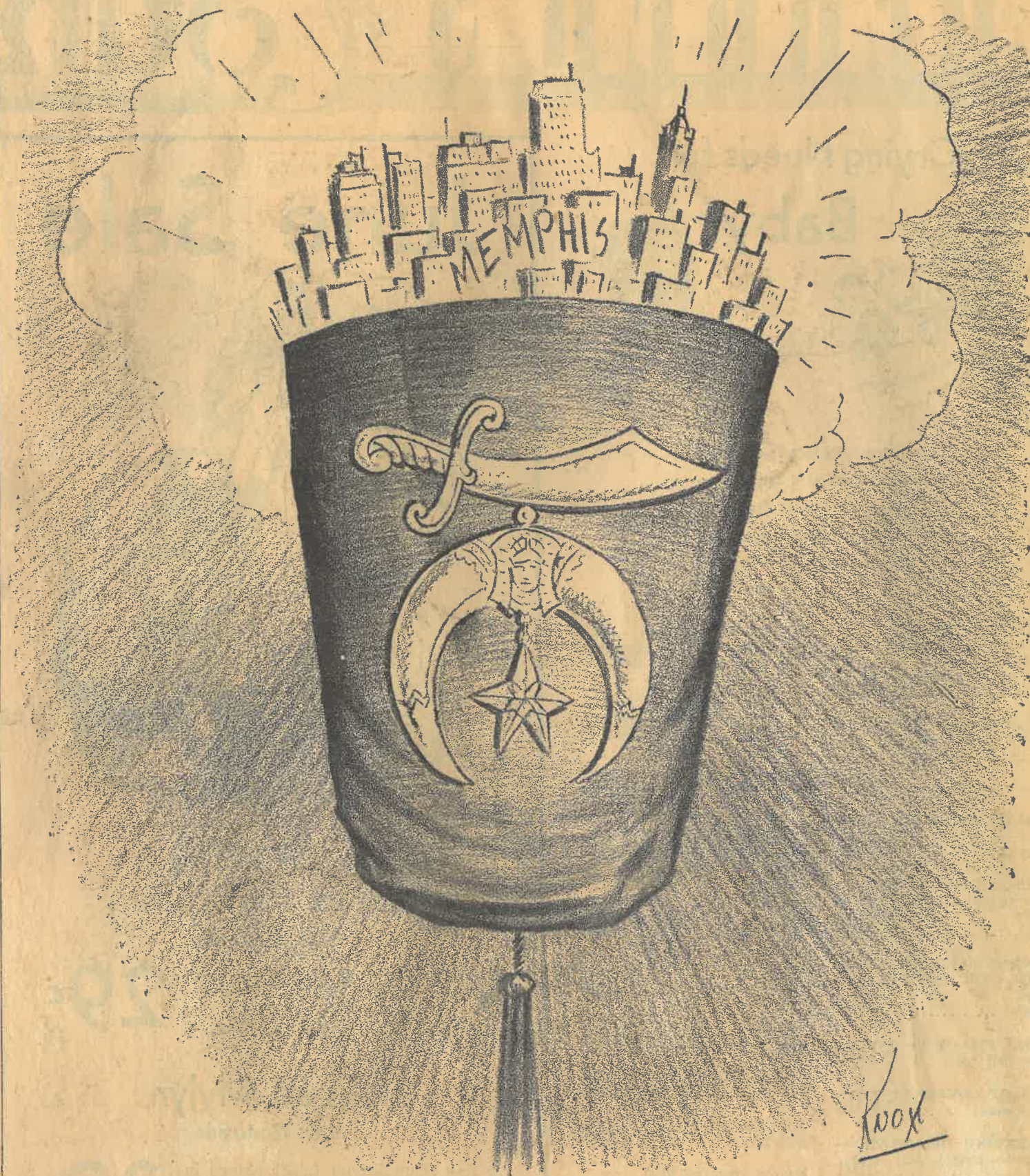
7:30 A.M.—Breakfast, Knights of Red Cross of Constantine at Hotel Gayoso.  
8:30 A.M.—All day Bus Trip to Pickwick Dam and Shiloh National Park for Representatives' Ladies and Hostesses.  
9:00 A.M.—Imperial Council Session at Ellis Auditorium, election of officers.  
11:00 A.M.—Impromptu Parade of all Shrine Oriental Bands starting at Shrine Oriental Bands Headquarters, 201 Union  
12:00 Noon—Massed Concert of all Shrine Oriental Bands at Stand in Court Square, Stunts by each band.  
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 at Russwood 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 Main. There will be no seats on parade route. All seats are at Crump Stadium.

### THURSDAY

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 at 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.  
5:00 P.M.—Moila Temple Band, St. Joseph, Mo., concert in Court Square.  
8:30 P.M.—Glamorous Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Parade at Crump Stadium featuring Hollywood Floats, sponsored by Motion Picture Producers, etc. All seats at Crump Stadium.



## It's In The Fez!



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### Help The Police

The Police Department makes no unreasonable request when it asks the co-operation of every citizen during the coming week both in traffic safety work and in the protection of homes.

Beginning tomorrow no parking will be permitted on Main and Second Streets. The restriction will apply on Main from Adams to Linden. On Second it will apply from Adams to Beale. It will be in force day and night and will be lifted early next Friday.

Other "no parking" restrictions will apply to certain streets in the vicinity of Crump Stadium on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It is essential that every Memphian remain in good humor and make the Shrine Convention the success Memphis wants it to be. Helpful co-operation with temporary traffic rules will be a major method for making it a success.

The Police Department is confronted with the greatest task in Memphis' history. Additional officers are being brought in from a number of cities and the state is sending 30 mounted officers to help out.

Home occupants away enjoying parades and other events are asked by police to be especially careful in leaving lights burning and doors and windows secured.

Memphis wants all citizens and visitors to enjoy themselves next week, and its police ask only a reasonable degree of citizen co-operation. If we all pull together there will be nothing to be sorry for afterward.



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WEATHER: Showers and thunderstorms tonight; cooler, lowest temperature about 64. Tuesday, cloudy and cool.

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## Colonel Memphis Opens His Arms And Heart to Throngs of Visiting Nobles



Colonel Memphis swept off the official welcome mat today and opened his heart and city to visiting Shriners

### Vanguard of Shriner Funsters Gets Hearty Reception—Thousands Converge For South's Unprecedented Spectacle

By JOSEPH GUESS, Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Dixie's heart, Memphis on the Mississippi, is opened today to the greatest army of funsters to invade the Southland. More than 3000 strong they came yesterday as 15 Shrine temples arrived. More than 7000 will come today.

By tonight, according to schedule, there will be in Memphis 10,000 uniformed Shriners, besides members of their families and other Shriners, altho their convention does not open officially until tomorrow.

### RAIN MAY INTERFERE WITH THE SHRINERS

Shriners wearing the fez probably find rain hats more appropriate today and tonight.

Several doses of showers fell Memphis yesterday and last night keeping temperatures within a range of a high of 81 at 7 p.m. to low of 71 at 3 a.m. today. The dropped only .05 of an inch but breezes following the showers kept Memphians comfortable. More showers are on the way today.

Weatherman F. W. Brist's forecast is: "Showers and thunderstorms tonight; cooler, lowest temperature tonight about 64. Tuesday partly cloudy to cloudy and cool."

Southern hospitality is going on unprecedented parade. Only twice before, in Atlanta and in New Orleans, has the Shrine convention—the world's largest—been held in the South. Memphis' convention will be much larger than either of those.

A goodly dash of color was brought by Atlanta's Yaarab Temple, first to arrive in Memphis, as it paraded down Main Street late yesterday. It came by special train. Included were a green-stockinged, brown-uniformed brass band, a marching patrol in red, white and blue uniforms, its Bedouin Oriental band dressed in green and gold with golden turned-up Oriental shoes, Imperial Chanters and Legion of Honor.

Delegations from other temples will march from railroad stations to their housing centers today.

The greatest public spectacle today will be a fireworks display—put on by Art Bries, in charge of pyrotechnics at the World's Fair—over Mud Island at 9:15 tonight. A huge American flag, a profile of Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline, Shrine insignia, "Niagara Falls" and shooting stars will be shown in fireworks. Also, Ernie Young, whose "Show of a Century" is to be

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## 3-HOUR PARADE FOR TOMORROW

70 Bands Will March Thru  
Crump Stadium

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Park. The fireworks will follow immediately.

As Shrine City, with its own post-office, telephone exchange and practically its own police force, takes shape today, the pre-convention activities go into full swing.

Imperial representatives began registering at Hotel Peabody at 8 a.m. today; Shrine recorders (paid administrators of Temples) at Hotel Gayoso at 8, and Southeastern Shrine Association representatives at Hotel Chisca at 8.

### Information Bureaus

Information bureaus opened at 8 a.m. at Hotels Peabody, Claridge, Chisca and Gayoso. The old Press-Scimitar building at 201 Union was opened as club headquarters for more than 3000 members of uniformed units. At 9 a.m. the Shrine Recorders Association went into session at Hotel Gayoso, preparatory to a luncheon at noon.

First to greet Memphis musically over the air was the Jacksonville, Fla., Morocco Temple band on WMC at 1:30 p.m.

A special order of fun-lovers within the fun-making Shrine, the Royal Order of Jesters, met at 2:13 p.m. at Hotel Peabody, will have a cocktail at the hotel at 6:13 p.m. and then banquet and see one of Ernie Young's floor shows.

At 4 p.m. the Morocco band gave the first of a series of Shrine band concerts at Court Squire, while the Southeastern Shrine Association meets at Hotel Chisca.

Bright and early at 6 a.m. tomorrow will begin the giant task of general registration of imperial council representatives.

### Three-Hour Parade

Featuring tomorrow's daylight activities will be the three-hour, 70-band Escort Parade thru Crump Stadium at 10 a.m. This parade is so long it must start forming on

### FOR SHRINE ROTARIANS

Rotarian Shriners who cannot attend the meeting tomorrow at Hospital for Crippled Adults will be given credit for attendance with their home clubs by registering at the Rotary office, mezzanine floor of Hotel Peabody. This announcement is made by Joe Fowler, Shriner and Rotarian.

Peabody as far away from the stadium as Cooper Street.

Predicted to be Memphis' most colorful parade ever, it will have mounted patrols, Scotch bagpipers, marchers dressed as Arabs, "Swiss" mountain-climbers, Indians doing war dances, bouncing automobiles and chanters of songs.

Rivaling this event in color and glamor will be the "Show of a Century" at the stadium at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow. A cast of 100 on a terraced stage will present a ballet, circus acts, a takeoff on Spanish bullfighting, a "Night and Day" dance routine with several dozen girls, adagio and other dances. There will be 11 acts. Tony Sarg's Mickey Mouse and other balloons as large as trucks will float and

### FOUR-STAR EVENTS

Today—8:30 p.m., "Niagara Falls" and other colorful fireworks display over Mud Island; high-trapeze artists over Jefferson Davis Park. All free.

Tomorrow—10 a.m., three-hour Million Dollar Escort Parade, seats only in Crump Stadium; 8:30 p.m., "Show of a Century," beautiful girls, 11 acts, Shrine parade, at Crump Stadium.

"act" overhead. A 50-minute Shrine parade will pass in review.

No doubt about it, Shriners are bringing the greatest fun period in all Memphis history, and Memphians, in countless ways, are reciprocating with the truest of Southern hospitality.

### Horn-Rimmed Welcome

At 12:30 today Los Angeles Temple, with Harold Lloyd of the movies, arrived at Union Station.

Al Chymia members turned out in force to greet them and escort them in a parade down Main Street

to their hotel. In honor of Lloyd all Al Chymia members wore horn-rimmed spectacles.

## High Jinks of Shriners Best Impromptu Shows Ever Seen by Memphians

To Enjoy Gayety Most, Residents Are Advised  
To Regulate Downtown Eating Time And  
Avoid Loop Traffic Congestion

Shriners are staging high jinks thruout the city to put on the best impromptu entertainment in Memphis history.

Here are some of the things YOU should know in order to enjoy the "world's largest and gayest" convention and to serve as a gracious host so the visiting Shriners can have a hilarious time.

There will be no official Main Street parades and the thoroughfare will be kept open to traffic as long as humanly possible, according to John B. Vesey, director general. Of course, Shrine bands and marching groups may stage stunts and even parades on Main. But the public is asked to co-operate and the good-humored horseplay will not block downtown streets for long.

### Eat Early or Late

Mr. Vesey asks Memphians who usually eat lunch downtown to plan to eat as early or late as possible, as eating places will be crowded from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. But Mr. Vesey believes everybody will be able to get service. So if you have to wait awhile, be patient.

In addition to hordes of Shriners, thousands of visitors from the Mid-South are expected to come to Memphis for the fun.

Mayor Chandler, a Shriner himself, has guaranteed there will be sufficient food. Hotels have augmented their meal service. Cafes have extra cooks, waitresses and waiters.

The Chisca main dining room is open. The Gayoso big dining room is being used as a cafeteria.

### 'Welcome, Noble'

Col. Memphis is wearing the most elaborate decoration since the day Hernando De Soto and his weary crew climbed to the bluffs and gazed down on the Mississippi River. "Welcome, Noble," is the keynote of the decorative scheme.

Here are the spectacular events in which the public will be most interested:

The Escort Parade, passing in week with the visiting Shriners.

review before Imperial Potentate Walter Cline and Imperial Divan, at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Parade will pass thru Crump Stadium, where seats are available at 55 cents to \$1.65. The parade will form on Peabody between Cleveland and Cooper, move thru the stadium, then will proceed west on Linden to Bellevue, north to Union and west on Union to Marshall, where it will begin to disband.

The "Show of the Century" and the Southeastern Shrine Parade, featuring the famous Tony Sarg Balloon characters, in Crump Stadium, at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are 55 cents to \$1.65.

### Electrical Parade

Shrine Electrical Night Parade, with many marching units wearing illuminated insignias on their bright uniforms, will pass thru Crump Stadium and move west on Union Avenue in the same route as the Escort Parade. Stadium seats are 55 cents to \$1.65. The parade will be at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Hollywood Motion Picture Electrical Pageant in Crump Stadium at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, thrilling climax of the conclave. It will feature Hollywood floats sponsored by movie producers. Seats are \$1.65 to \$2.75.

All hotels are full. Shriners are billeted in Pullman cities, city schools and hundreds of private homes. Some have even overflowed to tourist camps in West Memphis.

### Watch Health Conditions

Dr. L. M. Graves of the city health department is watching health conditions in crowded convention quarters.

Chief Lee and the entire police department are working with A. E. Cameron of Memphis, chairman of the law and order group. Chief Deputy Oliver Perry also is on the committee. Shriners will police their own ranks to prevent the fun from becoming dangerous.

So come on out and enjoy the

## Shrine Briefs

Arrested selling needles on Main Street last night, Wendell White, 43, of Culman, Ala., was docketed on a charge of peddling without a license. Police are checking on all peddlers during the Shrine convention.

Oh, please, ladies, don't be shocked at these shenanigan-ing Shriners—not even if an electric suitcase bumps against you. Numbers of the Shriners are reported to have such fun-producing devices.

A. B. Foster, chief jailer of Fulton County, Ga., and a member of Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, yesterday started in a gaudily-decorated and broken-down old auto toward the Bellevue Junior High dormitory.

His motor fuel gone, Mr. Foster sat disgusted and alone with his pet monkey on Bellevue.

Along came a group of negro boys, who gleefully pushed home Mr. Foster and his capering companion.

**DUE TO THE Shrine Convention, Exchange Club has postponed its meeting scheduled for tomorrow noon.**

Don't think the Germans are coming if you hear cannon shots today in a hotel lobby.

It will be just a playful Shriner shooting blank cartridges from a little brass "field-gun" which he pulls behind him on wheels.

"Man, we've got a hard-boiled patrol leader!" exclaimed a member of Chicago's Medinah Temple as he sat down to rest his weary legs.

"Who is he?" a reporter asked.

"He's Frank Roundy, Imperial Potentate in 1907. We're all for him, but he's just as hard-boiled as he was 30 years ago."

"How old is Mr. Roundy?"

"Oh, he's getting along in years. He's 83 now. But he's a glutton for work, I mean!"



MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 1940

# Flood Of Shriners To Splash Memphis With Gaiety Today

Mud Island Fireworks Display  
Arranged For Tonight As  
PreConvention Climax

HAROLD LLOYD TO ARRIVE  
WITH LOS ANGELES UNIT

Band Concerts, Broadcasts to  
Fill Week's Program

By JOHN HUTCHISON

Bands and patrols of dozens of Shrine temples already arrived for the convention to open tomorrow will splash music and color over Memphis today with the free hand for which the Shrine is famous.

Marching units and strings of parading automobiles with horn buttons, nailed down, Oriental bands with their weird music, and the shouts of Shriners heralding their annual party gave Memphis a hint last night of the activities to come, as units from Indianapolis and Hammond, Ind., Omaha, Neb., and Atlanta moved in formation to their hotels late last night.

## Million-Dollar Band

Atlanta brought her famous million-dollar band, prize-winning patrol and four other uniformed units on a special train. The group will parade again at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

All day today, organizations within the Shrine will be holding meetings, luncheons, banquets, registration. Band concerts will be heard in the streets and over the air. A climax to the day will be the fireworks tonight on Mud Island and aerial acrobatics in nearby Jefferson Davis Park.

Yesterday Shriners poured into Memphis by the thousands. Flags fluttered from auto fenders, downtown windows, street lamps. Fezzes were everywhere. In railroad yards the Pullman cities began to assemble, where Shriners will live for the week.

## Lloyd Arrives Today

The arrival of Harold Lloyd, movie star, and 250 members of Los Angeles' Shrine Temple at the Union Station at 12:30 p.m. today, will be followed by a gala parade through Memphis' streets.

Greeting the special train that bears Mr. Lloyd and the Los Angeles delegation will be the band and drill patrol of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, every member wearing horn-rimmed glasses in honor of the city's famous guest.

In the parade will be the Al Chymia Band and Drill Patrol, followed by Mr. Lloyd in a 1909 model Chevrolet. Next will come autos bearing the potentate and officials of the Los Angeles Temple, the Los Angeles Band, the Los Angeles Drill Patrol and the Los Angeles Chanters.

Riding in other cars will be J. A. Waterman, potentate of Memphis Al Chymia Temple; Governor Cooper of Tennessee, Mayor

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## FLOOD OF SHRINERS BEGIN GAIETY TODAY

Mud Island Fireworks Display  
Arranged For Tonight

HAROLD LLOYD TO ARRIVE

Movie Star Will Accompany  
250 Members Of Los Angeles' Temple—Band Concerts And Broadcasts To Fill Week

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Chandler of Memphis and John B. Vesey, director-general of the convention.

The parade will proceed up Main to Adams, turn east on Adams to Second, south on Second to the Peabody. There it will disband while the Los Angeles Band plays a concert in the lobby.

Mr. Lloyd is a candidate this year for the imperial line which means that, in case of election, he automatically would become imperial potentate of the Shriners seven years hence.

Shriners attended services at

many churches yesterday morning, and assembled last night at Ellis Auditorium to hear Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of Dallas, eminent Methodist bishop, speak on immortality and war.

## High Jinks Begins

High jinks had already begun yesterday, too, among the more frolicsome Shriners, who held mock initiations in downtown hotels into

The S. S. President Roosevelt, carrying 750 American war refugees, is pictured here just before docking at New York Sunday night after a seven-day voyage from Galway, Eire.

—Acme Telephoto

some of the offshoot bodies of the Shrine.

Memphis hotels, tourist camps and lodging houses are completely sold out. Huge overflow of the 60,000 expected visitors was beginning yesterday to filter into seven dormitories set up in high school buildings.

Several thousand uniformed members of bands, drill units and other groups arrived yesterday. Lounges, recreation and clubrooms and headquarters for uniformed units, of which there will be hundreds, have been set up in the three

stories of the old Press-Scimitar Building.

The 60-piece band, 165 uniformed nobles and 50 other Shriners from Al Menah Temple, Nashville, expected today. Al Menah, Hambra of Chattanooga and Ke-bela of Knoxville will aid Chymia of Memphis as hosts of the sister temples from the rest of North America. Maurice Weinberger, potentate, telegraphed The Commercial Appeal last night. Information booths will open at 8 o'clock this morning in the four official hotels—Peabody, Claridge, Gayoso and Chisca.

## Registration Hours

Imperial representatives will register at the Peabody beginning at 8 o'clock this morning. Shrine recorders will register at the same time at the Gayoso, and will open their first session at 9 o'clock. The will hold a luncheon at noon and a banquet at 6 o'clock tonight.

The Chisca is headquarters for the Southeastern Shrine representatives, to register at 8 o'clock this morning, convene at 4 o'clock, and banquet at 6:30. The Royal Order of Jesters will convene its Credentials Committee at 9:13 o'clock this morning at the Peabody. The National Court of Jesters will meet at 2:13 o'clock this afternoon and will hold a banquet and show at 7:13 tonight in the Skyway.

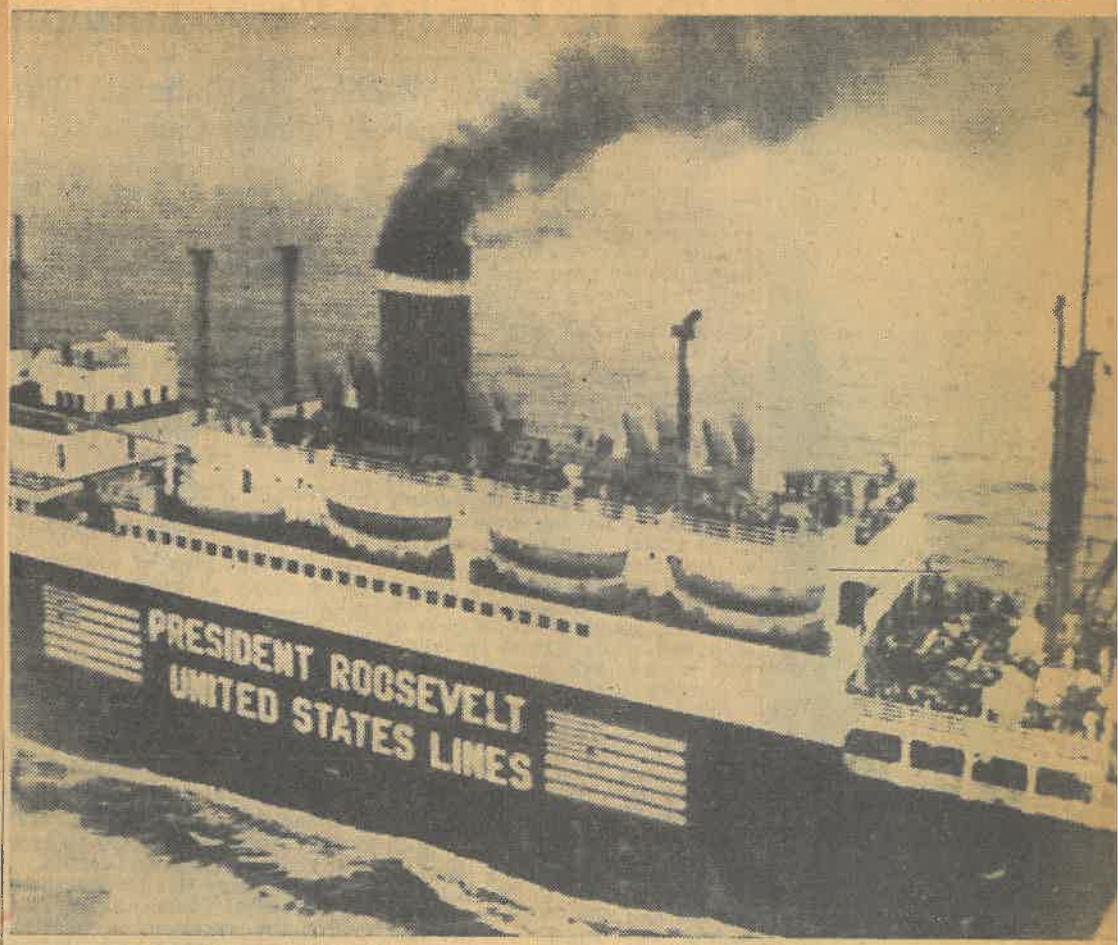
Morocco Temple Band Saxtet of Jacksonville, Fla., will broadcast over WMC at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Another broadcast over The Commercial Appeal Station will be made by the entire band playing in Court Square at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

## Fireworks For Public

The fireworks display tonight was originally scheduled for the Fairgrounds. It is open to the public.

Art Briese, in charge of fireworks at the New York World Fair, said yesterday:

"Talk about a blitzkrieg in Europe—wait until you see what happens on Mud Island. The display will include ground, mechanic and aerial pieces of all sorts. Twenty-pound bombs two feet in diameter, will be whirled into the sky to explode with thousands of stars. There also will be a pyrotechnic portrait of Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline and a replica of the Shrine emblem, covering 400 square feet.



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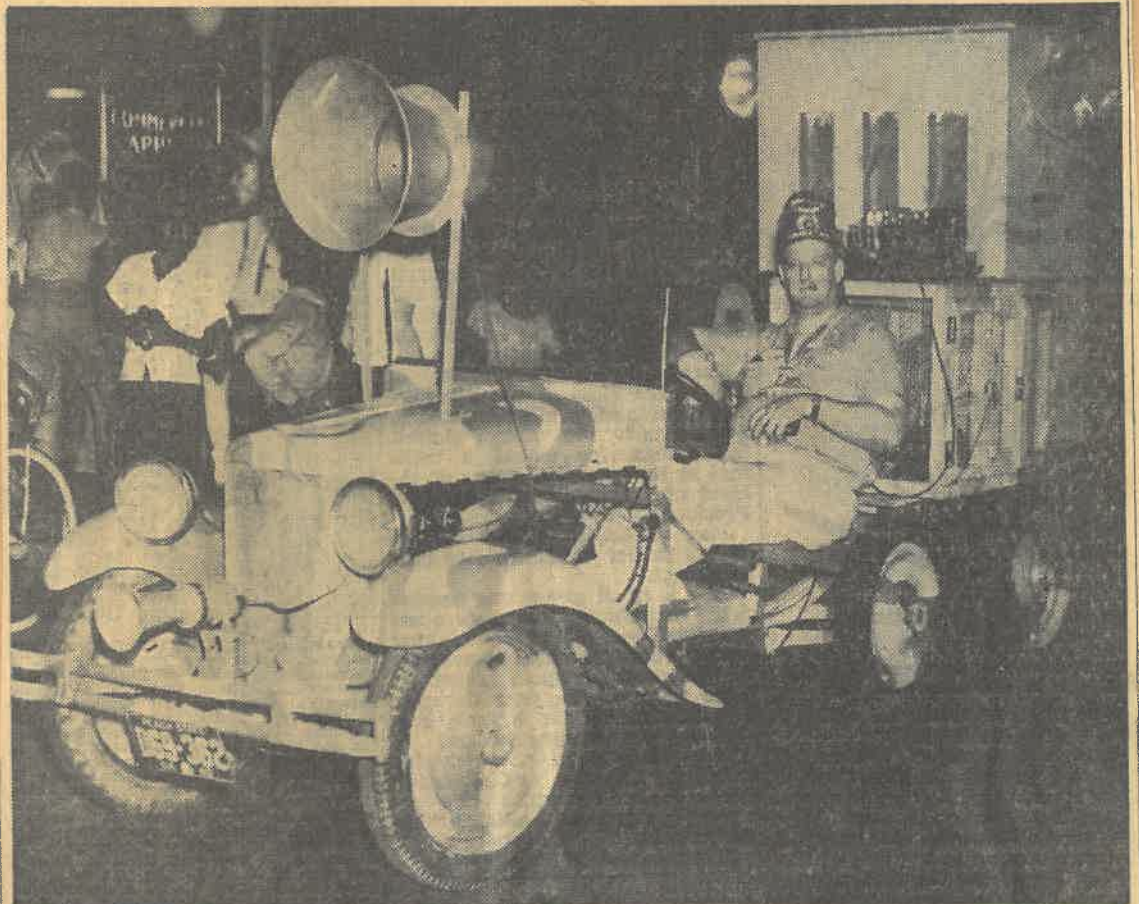
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## The 'Big Push' Is On In Memphis, Too



### First Of The Freaks Hit Town And Shrine Convention Is On

First of many freak Shrine vehicles to appear on Memphis streets this week was the gaudy and decrepit car belonging to Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, which arrived last night.

The motor coughed violently and died on the way to Bellevue Junior High School dormitory, leaving its driver, A. B. Foster, chief jailer of Fulton County, Ga., stranded in the rainy twilight with a monkey for company.

Besides the monkey cage, the car bears numerous sirens, gadgets, instruments and boxes the nature of which Mr. Foster, disgusted at the weather and his motor's caprice, declined to reveal.

When last seen Mr. Foster was riding wearily toward Bellevue, rain pattering gently into the open

and only seat, while a gleeful coterie of negro boys pushed with a vigor stimulated by the promise of a dollar.

And everywhere last night there were bands playing — oriental bands, bedouin bands, and just plain bands.

Among diversions expected today and tomorrow are a contingent of "wild men" in terrifying dress and a platoon of Shriners with electric suitcases, which, when bumped against a passerby, shock him sharply. Also likely to attend is a man who, at the 1939 convention in Baltimore, pulled behind him everywhere he went, a small brass cannon. Over his shoulder he carried a bag of blank shotgun cartridges, and his favorite trick was to fire the cannon in a hotel lobby.

A. B. (Bud) Foster of Atlanta had trouble with Yaarab Temple's freak auto last night on Union and had to be pushed to his quarters at Bellevue Junior High School.

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### Decoration Thieves Hunted By Officers

It was a dirty trick.

It might also have been a good racket, but police got wise to it and Station WPEC broadcast to all cars last night:

"Be on the lookout for thieves who are taking down Shrine Convention decorations and reselling them in other neighborhoods."

According to police, a number of complaints were received yesterday that the decorations were being taken from the fronts of shops by persons who apparently intended to sell them elsewhere.



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## Shrine Convention Program

### MONDAY

- 8:00 A.M.—Registration of Imperial Representatives, Hotel Peabody, Mezzanine Floor, West End.  
8:00 A.M.—Registration of Shrine Recorders, Hotel Gayoso.  
8:00 A.M.—Registration of Southeastern Shrine Association Representatives, Hotel Chisca.  
8:00 A.M.—Opening of all Information Bureaus; Hotel Peabody, Lobby, First Floor.  
Hotel Claridge, Lobby, First Floor.  
Hotel Chisca, Lobby, First Floor.  
Hotel Gayoso, Lobby, First Floor.  
8:30 A.M.—Opening of Uniformed Units Headquarters, 201 Union Ave.  
9:00 A.M.—Opening Session of Shrine Recorders Association—Ball Room, Hotel Gayoso.  
9:13 A.M.—Credentials Committee, National Court Royal Order of Jesters, Hotel Peabody, Mezzanine Floor, East End.  
12:00 NOON—Records' Luncheon at Hotel Gayoso, Dining Room.  
1:30 P.M.—Morocco Temple Band, Jacksonville, Florida, Sextette, Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.  
2:00 P.M.—Recorders' Meeting at Hotel Gayoso, Ball Room.  
2:13 P.M.—National Court Meeting Royal Order of Jesters, Hotel Peabody.  
3:30 P.M.—Baseball at Russwood Park, Memphis vs. Chattanooga.  
4:00 P.M.—Southeastern Shrine Association Session at Hotel Chisca.  
4:00 P.M.—Morocco Temple Band, Jacksonville, Florida, Court Square Concert and Broadcast over Radio Station WMC.  
6:00 P.M.—Shrine Recorders' Banquet at Hotel Gayoso.  
6:13 P.M.—Royal Order of Jesters, Cocktail Hour, Hotel Peabody, Skyway.  
6:30 P.M.—Banquet, Southeastern Shrine Association, Hotel Chisca.  
7:13 P.M.—Royal Order of Jesters, Banquet and Show, Hotel Peabody, Skyway.  
9:00 P.M.—Fireworks and acrobatics on Mud Island.

## Hot Time In The Old Town As Shrine Bands Whoop It Up

Hottest spot in Memphis last night was the Shrine headquarters for uniformed bands and patrols, in the old Press-Scimitar Building on Third near Union, which is to remain open 24 hours a day until the convention is over.

The evening began early. After various bandmen had clubbed together to play "The Old Gray Mare" and other melodious strains and improvised quartets had done their worst, someone decided upon a parade down Main street and serenades in hotel lobbies.

Led by the band and patrol of Al Chymia Temple, Memphis, the rest of the crowd fell in. First, a serenade was staged in the Peabody lobby by the band while members of the patrol did a snake dance. Then the Tennessee was visited and, after a parade down Main the Shriners wended their way to the Gayoso. There was more band music, augmented by impromptu quartets.

Returning to the uniformed units' headquarters, table and chairs were moved out into the middle of Union Avenue and cooling drinks served there. Traffic was paralyzed while the band played and the Shriners made merry in the middle of the street, to the dismay of autoists.

Today the uniformed units of more temples are expected to arrive and will make headquarters at 201 Union. Complete arrangements have been made for serving sandwiches at a lunch counter 100 feet

long and at tables designed to seat 1000 persons, and for checking band instruments in an adjoining warehouse.

The uniformed units' headquarters is an enterprise of the three uniformed units of Al Chymia Temple with Paul Martin, chairman of Al Chymia's entertainment committee, in charge of its 100 employees. The units co-operating are Al Chymia's band, Oriental band and drill patrol, numbering 125 persons.

## War May Bring A New Faith To World, Bishop Holt Says

Disaster of a world at war may bring a new faith in eternal values, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of Dallas, Methodist bishop, said last night at the memorial divine service preceding the Shrine Convention.

The sermon was delivered in Ellis Auditorium rather than at the Overton Park Shell where rain threatened earlier in the day. Hundreds of Shriners filled the hall, and the uniformed bodies of several temples took part, including the Memphis Shrine Band and the chanters of the Dallas Temple.

### World Again At War

"Again the world is at war, and the belief in immortality grows with the sacrifices of life," Bishop

Holt declared. "It is not sin the presence of death, however which creates the belief. It is the nearness of God."

Dr. Charles C. King was chairman of the service. Mayor W. Chandler welcomed the visitors with the declaration.

Dr. Harry W. Ettelson made invocation. The Rev. Mars Wingfield introduced Bishop Holt and closed the service with a benediction.

### An Era Of Deception

"We have been passing through a period in which man has seen sufficient unto himself," Bishop Holt said. "Prosperity has been considered the work of hands. The new world has been projected as his creation. Humanism has been the popular philosophy. Man has rushed into cathedral of worshipping humanity, destroyed the altar, thrown down the crucifix, and cried, 'God is no longer needed.' But human efforts have brought us to the verge of disaster. Now we must turn to God. As we turn to faith in the ultimate triumph of righteousness and the survival of the righteous individual increases. This is life eternal, that they know Thee.' Disaster may bring a new faith in eternal values."

"In this tragic hour of world's history we are thinking of our comrades who have left a circle of association on earth. They may be selfish to seek immortality for oneself. It is not selfish to believe that loved ones and friends live on because they deserve to live. Where they live we do not know, but the direction of their life was determined here by their concern for others."

"We thank God for every remembrance of these fallen comrades, and we are sure that God's hands they are safe. They have chosen, like Arnold of Rugby to pilot the ranks of humanity across the sands of the desert to the city of God. Our own lives seem more clearly indicated when we know we journey a way friend and loved ones have gone."

Memphis Today Becomes The Shrine Capital Of America —

— Fireworks Display From Mud Island At 9 O'clock Tonight



Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of Dallas, Methodist bishop, addressed the Shrine memorial service at Ellis Auditorium last night.

Dr. O. W. Burdats of Wheeling, W. Va., director of the Royal Order of Jesters, center, is shown with officers of the Memphis Court, Fred J. Sexton (left), impresario, and Paul Jones, treasurer.

When the chanters of Tangier Temple of Omaha were delayed by a late train last night, the Hella Temple quartet of Dallas took their place on the memorial service program at the Auditorium.



The fun and frolic with which the city will become happily familiar during the Shrine Convention here this week began last night. A passing truck was commandeered by this group on Union for a ride.

"Whither away my pretty maid"? "To dance with you, sir, she said." Or something like that. Anyway, it didn't take this pair long to become friends.

This self-appointed bunch of traffic police suddenly decided to do their traffic signaling on wheels and nabbed the nearest autoist for their chauffeur in a downtown spin.



When the band music "got hot" in the Peabody lobby, the Shriners jumped into the mood, onto the tables and cut loose in a happy frenzy of any kind of step.

It was either voices or music all evening in the Peabody lobby as the various Shrine units began to arrive in the city and unlimbered their choruses and instruments to please the many interested bystanders.

Led by Floyd Harvey (front left), of the Al Chymia Temple Patrol, his fellow patrol members prove that no Shrine convention is good without a thirst and without thirst quenchers.

—Staff Photos by Caldwell



# Business And Fun Are On Tap As Shriners Greet Friends From Over Nation



The Shrine Recorders Association opened its meetings yesterday at the Gayoso. Left to right are (seated) Arthur Peirce, third vice president; J. R. Hungerford of Media Temple, Watertown, N. Y., president; E. G. Zilgli of Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., first vice president; standing, Al Ellis of Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas, secretary, and W. A. Woodmansee, recorder of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple.

It was a happy party when Imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline of Wichita Falls, Texas (center) entertained J. A. Waterman, Potentate of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple (left) in his suite at the Peabody yesterday. Shown with them (right) is Past Imperial Potentate "Sunny Jim" McCandless, 85 years old and a Shriner since 1907, who came from his pineapple plantation in Hawaii.

A center of attention wherever he went yesterday was George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., who is to be made Imperial Potentate during this week's convention. He is shown greeting friends in the lobby of Hotel Peabody as Shriners streamed into town by the hundreds for their annual meeting. Mr. Olendorf (left) was photographed with (left to right) Mrs. Olendorf, A. L. Gordon, Oriental Guide of the host temple, Al Chymia, and Mrs. J. A. Waterman, wife of the Potentate of Al Chymia.





## First Ladies of Shrine



MRS. LEM STEUART

Mrs. Lem Steuart, who spells her name "the good old Scottish way," is among the prominent women attending the Shrine convention. Her husband is a past Imperial Potentate, and she acquired a real taste for traveling while visiting the Shrine temples. Wives of the Shriners are being lavishly entertained, under direction of Mrs. John B. Vesey, national general chairman of ladies' events.



A First Lady and a First Lady-to-be—both homebodies—Mrs. George Olendorf of Springfield, Mo. (left), whose husband is the incoming Imperial Potentate, and Mrs. Julius Heil are pictured together. With them is Gov. Julius Heil of Wisconsin.

## Shrine Conventions Hold Strong Lure for Ladies

Mrs. Olendorf and Mrs. Heil, Among Others, Enjoy Reunion at Memphis

By MARY RAYMOND  
Press-Scimitar Society Editor

The First Lady-to-be of the Shrine, Mrs. George Olendorf, wife of the incoming Imperial Potentate, and the First Lady of Wisconsin, Mrs. Julius Heil, wife of Wisconsin's governor, greeted each other today at the Shrine Convention and discovered many mutual interests.

Including, first, their two grandchildren (each) and their two homes (each) and their flowers.

Mrs. Olendorf, looking ahead to all the traveling an Imperial Potentate's wife must do, said, with twinkling eyes, that she would "take all the traveling" she could, but that primarily she was a homebody.

Such a homebody that she claims ENTIRELY a lovely English colonial home in Springfield, while her husband claims their Ozark place, where he and their son, Forrest George Olendorf, may do all the entertaining they please, including lots for high-up Shriners.

### High in the Ozarks

In the Ozark place, there are many acres, and when entertaining time comes a truck load of food goes up for those outdoor meals, which always include a big steak breakfast!

Mr. Olendorf didn't get the best of the home bargains, even though there are three houses in the play area. Because his wife's home, which he also finds very delightful, is a charming place, combining antiques and modern pieces, with fine flowers and a wide expanse of cool, green lawn. "His place is just a plaything," says vivid Mrs. Olendorf, "and an expensive plaything, but mine is a real home." She wouldn't be surprised if he doesn't prefer hers, but he hasn't admitted it!

And there Homebody Mrs. Olendorf follows her hobbies—house-keeping and sewing. She'd literally rather sew than eat. She buys clothes, brings them home, rips them up and does them all over again.

The hostess' gown of aqua, with a striped aqua and red blouse, had been completely changed. "And nobody would know the difference," she says.

With the Olendorfs are their attractive daughter-in-law and son (the George Forrest Olendorfs). They have a daughter, also, Mrs. Rex Bell of Terre Haute, mother of the two grandchildren.

"Spell Forrest with two R's," says Mrs. Olendorf. "On my husband's side, we are related to your own Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest!"

Wearing gardenias and soft gray, Mrs. Heil is another charming person. The Heil homes are in Madison and Milwaukee, and she has a proprietary feeling about the Milwaukee home, you may be sure, because here are her 8000 gorgeous

tulips, among many other flowers. She has traveled extensively on Shrine conventions, however, missing only two of the big conventions since 1901.

The grandchildren are Joseph Jr. and Barbara, children of the Joseph Heils.

Another traveling palm goes to Mrs. Lem Steuart. Sixty thousand Shriners and many Shrine ladies milling about, as one serene-faced woman stepped toward the elevator.

"I wonder if you know Mrs. Lem Steuart," she was asked.

"I am Mrs. Lem Steuart," came the quiet reply.

### Widely Traveled

Mrs. Steuart is one of the most traveled of all the Shrine ladies. Her husband is a past imperial potentate and one of the most enthusiastic of the top Shriners!

She has traveled to conventions for 20 years, knows many of the Shrine ladies by their first name. She reeled them off . . . Mrs. Tom Houston of Chicago, Mrs. Earl Mills of Des Moines, Mrs. James Chandler of Kansas City, all here, and all wives of past imperial potentates.

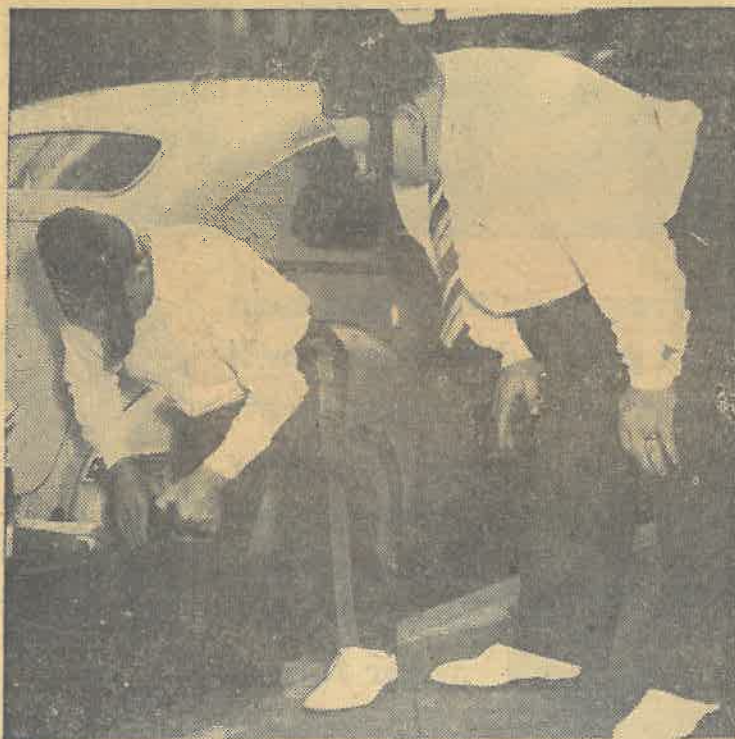
Mrs. Steuart traveled 100,000 miles in the United States, Canada and Mexico, while her husband was imperial potentate. They would go home for a few days, then start off again on their "imperial visitations." And Mrs. Steuart enjoyed every mile of it.



Ready for the fun was this delegation from Sioux Falls, S. D., and ready to direct them to it was Milton Silberberg of Memphis, in charge of the convention information bureau. Left to right are Glenn L. Minor, potentate; Mrs. Minor, Mr. Silberberg, Mrs. G. W. England and Mr. England, past potentate of El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls.



Even the baggage cars were full of Shriners as three special trains of 45 cars brought more than 400 Shriners from Chicago's Medinah Temple to the Pullman City near Poplar and the Auditorium. Here you see some of the Chicagoans jammed at the door to get a sight of Memphis.



There'll be plenty of "shock" in the Shriners' drive on Memphis. Above is one Shiner making sure his little electric "suitcase" is properly loaded. If you get too close to it, you'll likely jump. But it's all in fun.

Robert S. Smith and Harry Winfield of Birmingham, Ala., dropped into a quiet corner to catch their breath as even the first round of the convention whirl proved the need of stamina. Smith is parade director, Winfield, recorder, of Zamora Temple.



A widespread group was this, caught in the midst of renewing acquaintanceship. Left to right, they are C. H. Fisher, Salt Lake City, Utah; Robert Harvey, Wilkes Barre, Pa., and Col. W. M. Vail of Mexico City, Mexico. Col. Vail is past grand commander of the Supreme Council of Mexico.



This pair of Kings has been meeting at Shrine conventions for the past 30 years. Left is Edward A. King of Pittsburgh, and right is Edward B. King of Tacoma, Wash. E. A. King arrived in Memphis believing the 30-year-old custom of meeting E. B. King had ended. He had read of a Mr. King's death in a New York paper and thought it was his friend. "It was grossly exaggerated!" Both Mr. Kings laughed.

—Press-Scimitar Staff Photos



Imperial Recorder James H. Price is governor of Virginia and president of the University of Virginia. He was snapped standing beside his personal official car.



—You see the tallest and the shortest members of the Birmingham (Ala.) Zamora Temple delegation. Drum Major Sidney G. Holder is six feet six inches tall. In front of him stands Nancy Little of Gadsden, Ala., the band's mascot, who is 16 years old and whose four feet nine inches of height is really "little" beside her pal. Mr. Holder is a former member of the Coldstream Guards, crack British regiment. He's glad to be in Memphis now. His 60-member band is called the "Million-Dollar Band." Little Nancy has a 10-piece band of her own which plays for dances back in Gadsden.



There won't be any lack of music at downtown hotels today. Bands took to about in rendering concerts today while banked listeners cheered. Here is the band from Tigris Temple, Syracuse, N. Y., playing in the Hotel Peabody lobby.



All Memphis will be serenaded by an army of musicians here for the Shrine Convention. Jacksonville, Florida's, Morocco Temple Band today began their serenading in front of The Press-Scimitar Building at 405 Union Avenue. In brightly colored garb, their band was led by Ed Clarkson.



## Shriners Cram Memphis... Remember Their Dead... Then Begin Frolic



A two-block line of white official cars waited to whisk the Imperial Shrine Council to yesterday's memorial service at the Auditorium. Drivers were Memphis high school boys.



Mayor Chandler, in his fez as a member of Memphis' Al Chymia Temple, delivered his welcome address last night at the Auditorium.



L. D. Erwin, city treasurer, found an old friend in Delegate F. H. Devolle, of Gary, Ind., and was on hand to meet Devolle, a U. S. Steel official, when he arrived. Left to right are Mrs. Donna Farley, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Devolle and Mrs. Erwin.



Busiest spot in town today was the Shrine information desk in Hotel Peabody. Getting the lay of the land, above, is Tom Reed, of the India Temple of Oklahoma City, Okla. The ladies, all Memphians, are, left to right, Mrs. Virginia Lowery, Mrs. Patte Rhea Vaughn and Miss Kay Kober.



The near and far West met when Roy Best, left, and J. Conway Hall met in Hotel Peabody. Best is from Pueblo, Col., and Hall from Batesville, Ark.



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City Capitulates to Fun-Loving  
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By CLARK PORTEOUS  
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

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

From every 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 to attend the 86th 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 stripped 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.

### 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.

## Band Music, Then More Band Music for Memphis

Hour by Hour Program for Shrine Convention  
Lays Emphasis on Parades, Pageantry

Memphis will be treated today to a continuous parade of Shrine bands and marching units as delegations from temples arrive, march thru the downtown section to their housing locations.

Big public events scheduled for Memphians and Shriners are:

### TODAY

4 TO 5 P.M.—First of 39 free band concerts at Court Square and Jefferson Davis Park. This one will be at Court Square and will be presented by Jacksonville, Fla.'s, Morocco Band. Radio station WMC will broadcast.

8:30 P.M.—High trapeze and acrobatic acts on tight ropes 100 feet above Jefferson Davis Park. This will be followed about 9 p.m. by a gigantic fireworks display over Mud Island.

### TOMORROW

10 A.M.—Shrine Million Dollar Escort Parade starts moving thru Crump Stadium. The parade will begin forming at 9 a.m. on Peabody at Cooper. It will, of course, be free outside the stadium. Seventy bands and several thousand marchers will take part. Stadium seats sell from 55 cents to \$1.65.

2 P.M. Giant Army bombers and other Army planes will give one of the largest air shows ever seen in Memphis. Memphis air reserve unit will be formally dedicated. The Aladdin Temple band from Columbus, Ohio, and other bands will play.

2:30 P.M. Al Menah band concert at the Russwood Park ball game. Chicks will play Atlanta.

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.

### WEDNESDAY

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.