

This article appeared in the Salisbury Evening Post on Tuesday, May 25, 1920. (price was 2 cents) At the top of the front page of the newspaper was printed "Hello Bill". There were two pictures. One of P.B. Beard State Association President and T.H. Kehoe of New Bern who was State Secretary. *A related article was titled "Elk delegate gets distressing news" as his wife and daughter were killed in a car accident near Wilmington. His name was Arthur Callcott*

1919 PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR ELKS BEARD REPORTS

**Public Session Held This'
Morning in Com. Bldg.**

PARADE AT 7 P. M.

Baseball Game Postponed' Until Tomorrow Afternoon.

Barbecue for One Thousand Elks Tomorrow Afternoon—Visiting Ladies Receiving Attention—Parade; Will Form on **South Main and** Cover Principal Streets.

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The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the Elks association, according to the report of Mr. P. B. Beard, president of the organization, made this afternoon at the business session of the lodge which as postponed from this morning.

The membership of the organization has increased 589 making a total of 3,542 members in the state, the report added. Mr. Beard welcomed the delegates and recalled some of the work of the Elks during the war.

The delegates continue to arrive in the city and the salute "Hello Bills" resounding on every side. The day opened rather inclement but it is hoped the skies may clear before the hour of the parade at 7 o'clock this evening. The delegates began arriving last night and many came in on the morning trains.

Durham, New Bern, Fayetteville and other delegations came in on special Pullmans this morning, others arrived on the regular trains, High Point came in this afternoon aboard in a special train, while Concord, Charlotte, Greensboro and other delegations made the trip by automobile. State Secretary T. B. Kehoe of the New Bern lodge was among the first on the ground, while State President P. B. Beard of Salisbury lodge was here to greet his brother State officers and all visitors.

Public Session This Morning. The convention was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock this morning by President P. B. Beard, after all delegates had filed their credential with the credential committee at the Elks club. A short musical program was rendered after which Mayor W. B. Strachan, himself an Elk, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city' and Walter Murphy, Esq., responded for the state Elks, these addresses being preceded by the invocation, by W. B. Merrimah of Greensboro lodge. On account of the inclement weather the ball game between Charlotte and Concord Elks was called off until tomorrow, and the business session which was to follow the opening season this morning was postponed until this afternoon at 3 o'clock when President Beard made his report.

President's Report.

"The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of our North Carolina Elks association. There has been an increase in membership- to April 1, 1920, of 589, which makes a total number of Elks in the state 3,452. Since April 1st, all the lodges in the state have shown a material increase. This order has given more to the cause of the war and to aid humanity, and as Brother Booth of the Salvation Army states, they could never put on the war work in the front ranks, had it not been for the donations of our organization. I wish to direct you brothers and trust to have you individually come to our city whenever it is your pleasure to do so: I wish to thank the organization for the courtesy extended to me and the brothers for their support and cooperation in making this the most successful year we have had.

I hope, as our business session closes, that we will not lose you until our festivities are over, as we have not yet had a chance to give you a good time. The parade will follow at 7 o'clock sharp, then comes a smoker in the Elks club from 8 to 9 o'clock and at 9:15 the entire delegation of Elks will be entertained at a special vaudeville show at the Strand theatre; this being provided exclusively for Elks. While the Bills are taking in the show the visiting ladies will be tendered a card party in the rooms of the Old Hickory club and to this the wives and other lady relatives of all Elks have a special invitation. Refreshments will be served the ladies during the progress of the card party, all of these arrangements for the ladies being in charge of a special committee of Salisbury ladies.

Route of Parade.

Chairman J. V. Wallace of the parade committee desires that all Elks assemble on South Main street at the intersection of Horah not later than 6:30 o'clock in order that they may be assigned places in the line of march and the procession start to move promptly — at 7 o'clock. As many Salisbury Elks as possible are urged to wear white trousers and blue or black coat and straw hat. The parade will be headed by the Salisbury police force to keep the way clear and then will come the State officers in automobiles and all Elks lodges will be afoot and every Elk will carry an American flag provided by the parade committee.

The route of the parade will be up South Main and down North Main to Kerr, double back to Innes, down West Innes brew to Fulton, double back to Main and down East Innes to Long, double back to Main and down South Main to Bank where it will disband.

At the close of the parade the judges who will view the procession, from the portico of the Empire Hotel will be awarded the winners in the Elks club afterward.

One of the most desirable prizes is a loving cup which was presented to the state association by the New Bern Lodge, and is awarded each year, by the lodge having the largest number in the parade. It becomes the permanent possession of any lodge who wins it three times. At present, New Bern, High Point, and Durham have won it two years, and in case any of the three win the cup this year it belongs to them permanently.

-Tomorrow's program

The business session opens tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at which time there will be an election of officers and selection of the 1921 convention city, and other business will receive attention.

From 2 to 5 tomorrow afternoon the barbeque takes place at the fairgrounds and this under the management of Mr. W. C. Moore, who has prepared to feed one thousand Elks' and only those exhibiting their Elk membership cards will be admitted here. While the Elks are attending the barbecue at the fair grounds the ladies will be enjoying their part of the barbecue at the court house where the local ladies committee has arranged to take care of all visiting ladies.

From 6 to 8 tomorrow night there will be a smoker in the Elks club and at 9 the dance takes place at the McCanless garage on East Council street. All ladies are invited to this dance but men holding Elk membership cards up-to-date will be admitted.

Notes of Convention.

Headquarters for the ladies will be at the Empire Hotel during the two days. All visitors who have not secured reservations for sleeping quarters are asked to report the same to the committee at the Elk club, and anyone having rooms they can rent for the two nights to communicate to D. V. Peeler, J. E. Holshouser; I. A. Mahaley or phone the Elk club or give the information to any member of Salisbury lodge.

The Salisbury Golf Club has extended the privilege of the links to any visiting Elk who wishes to play while in the city. Clubs and balls can be secured from T. E. Witherspoon.

Any Bill wishing to inspect the Spencer shops do so by making his wish known. Mr. W. D. Pethel and

other Elks who are connected with the shops have made arrangements with the master mechanic, B. McBride and will pilot them through some time during the convention

Special street cars will be provided for visitors to take them to the Fair grounds for the barbecue and ball game, and free tickets will be provided.

The Washington Drum Corp will occupy the bald head row at the special vaudeville show tonight. It was necessary for Mr P. B. Beard of the state association and the officers of the local lodge to threaten violence to Joe Roberstson, chairman of the program committee, who had "hogged", the bald head row for himself and his' committee, to secure this privilege for the corps.

- Brunswick stew will be served to the ladies at the court house while the Bills are serving themselves at the fair grounds:

The local Elks are keeping open house for all Elks during the convention and refreshments are being served at the Elk club almost continuously during the two days,

Among the prominent Elks here for the convention is Capt. James D. McNeil of Fayetteville, president of the State Firemen's association and for many years mayor of his town. He is the guest of his personal friend Col A.H. Boyden during his stay here.

The judges for the Elks parade this evening and who will pass on the winners of the various prizes also. the loving cup for the lodge having the largest number in the parade, taking appearance and number of miles traveled into consideration are: P. D. Beard, of Salisbury; James C McNeil of Fayetteville; A.H. Boyden, of Salisbury; Walter Murphy and Walter Summersett of Salisbury; and W. B. Merrimon of Greensboro.

The Elk club and home has been the scene of activity during the day, the club rooms being crowded all the time and good fellowship, merriment and enthusiasm has prevailed here all during the day. Music, singing and general good fellowship has flowed in abundance and it has been such a gathering as only the Elks are noted for.

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Front Page article

GOLDSBORO GETS ELKS IN 1921

H. P. Dortch of That City Elected President.

FOR ELK DORMITORY

Committee Named to Take Up **Question of Elks** Erecting Dormitory at Jackson Training School-Parade a Feature.

Owing to rain interfering with the entertainment features of the Elks convention yesterday afternoon the business session was continued thruout the evening and much of the work which was scheduled for today was transacted, and the business wound up, and today will be devoted entirely to pleasure and festivities, the chief features being the barbecue at the fair grounds this afternoon and a dance at the McCanless garage tonight.

At the business session yesterday afternoon Goldsboro was selected as the place for holding the 1921 convention and H. P. Dortch of that city was elected president; J. W Harrington, of Washington, first vice-president; W. G. Frazier, of Durham, second vice-president, and T. L. Kehoe, of New Bern, secretary and treasurer, this being Mr. Kehoe's eleventh time to be chosen for this office, he having been the first secretary of the state organization.

The report of the secretary read at the afternoon session yesterday showed practically every lodge in the state to be in a healthy condition both financially and in membership. Two lodges that had

dropped from the state association renewed their membership in the same, these being Wilmington and Rocky Mount.

The "big brother" movement was endorsed and given impetus, the Boy Scouts were approved and a committee was appointed to take up the question of the building of an Elk dormitory at the Jackson Training School near Concord.

The skies cleared somewhat before, the hour of the parade and this was pulled off without a hitch. There were four bands and a drum corps and about **one thousand Elks** in line, the parade being headed by decorated automobiles in which rode the state officers and others. The chief attractions in the procession were uniformed drum corps from New Bern and the delegation of High Point Elks, every member of the latter wearing a full dress suit. There was keen rivalry for the loving cup for the lodge having the greatest number in the parade, mileage-considered; and also appearance counting 40 per cent, and High Point was the winner of this cup, a beautiful thing, and which was on exhibition in the Elk club. The parade was a most creditable one and was witnessed by large crowd.

After the parade there was a smoker in the club room and at 9:15 almost the entire delegation repaired to the Strand theatre where a special vaudeville show was given.

A ball game in on the program for today and from 2 to 6 p. m. a big barbecue and Brunswick stew is to take place at the fair grounds where the local entertainment committee has arranged to feed one thousand people. From 6 to 8 o'clock there will be a smoker in the club and from 9 to 12 there will be a dance at the McCanless garage to which all ladies are invited and only men exhibiting Elk cards will be admitted.

The **Prize** Winners.

The judges of the parade who viewed the same from the veranda of the Empire Hotel made the following awards:

Gold Elk button, donated by Starnes B Parker for the **tallest Elk** in parade, Frank Cline, of Concord.

Box of cigars, donated by Empire Drug Co., **for largest Elk** in parade, W. E. Frazier, of Durham.

Gold knife, donated by L. A. Mahaley for **smallest Elk** in parade, to James A. Myrover of Fayetteville.

Ladies silk umbrella, donated by Efird's department store for **cutest Elk** in parade, to B. D. Gimberg, of Greensboro.

Silk shirt donated by V. Wallace & Sons for **ugliest Elk** in the parade to Thos. C. Daniels of New Bern.

Two pair silk 'hose donated by Dave Oestreicher for **Elk bringing the prettiest girl** to the convention, to T. H. Kehoe of New Bern.

The handsome loving cup to the lodge having the largest number in parade, mileage considered, and appearance also, went to High Point. This is the third time High Point has won this cup and will hold it permanently

The judges were unable to decide on the best looking Elk, for which a hat was donated by Z. Hunter Kerr; the oldest Elk for which a silver headed cane was donated by Holshouser & Howan, and the youngest Elk for which a hand finished angle watch was donated by W. H. Leonard. Those prizes will probably be awarded before the delegations all get away.