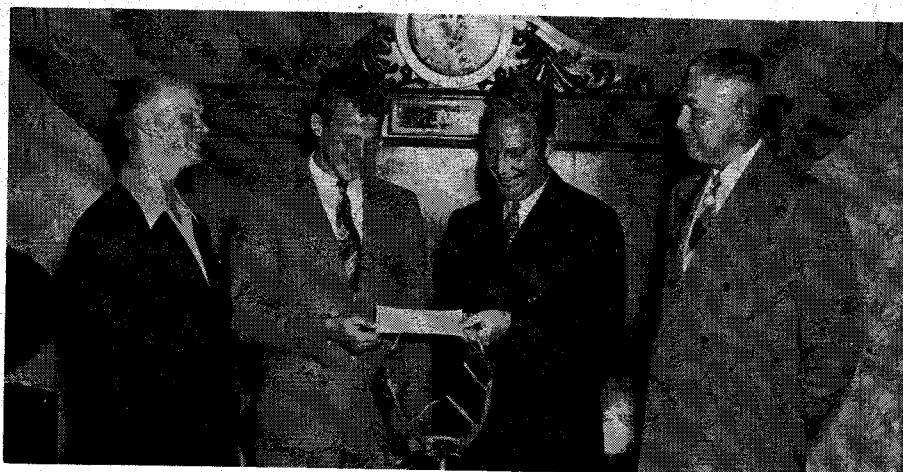


Right: The presentation of the Washington State Elks Annual Scholarship Award of \$200 takes place at this year's streamlined meeting at Seattle. Left to right are P.E.R. E. E. Dinger-son of Kelso, Daniel O. Wagster, the winner; E.R. Russell Pollard of Kelso, and State Vice-Pres. Walter W. Trantow.



NORTH CAROLINA

Secretary of State Thad Eure of Raleigh was unanimously elected President of the N. C. State Elks Association at the annual meeting at Greensboro on June 7. The other officers elected at the final session of the one-day meeting were: Vice-President-at-Large, B. A. Whitmire, Hendersonville; Vice-Pres.'s: East, George T. Skinner, Kinston; Cent., John F. Prescott, Raleigh; West, Charles D. Thomas, Charlotte; Secy., Ed. W. Davis, Wilson; Treas., J. M. Underwood, Gastonia; Trustees: J. A. Kelly, Salisbury, C. David Jones, Wilmington, and Dr. W. A. Sams, Asheville.

Retiring President Sams presided over the sessions which were highlighted by outstanding reports of various committees and the creation of an incorporation to control and operate the 300-acre tract of land acquired in the mountains near Hendersonville for a children's camp. Pres. Eure was named president of the corporation.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, the principal speaker, complimented the officers for the Association's growth and its many fine accomplishments during the year.

Secretary Davis reported that for the first time in the Association's history every one of the 21 North Carolina lodges was an active member and that all had paid their per capita tax. Each lodge contributed \$200 towards the establishment of the children's camp. The lodges purchased \$107,220 in War Bonds during the year, promoted War Bond sales of \$1,538,575, collected 2,375 books for Merchant Marine libraries, expended \$27,366.08 in various charities and showed a net gain of 744 in membership over the previous year.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Owing to the times, attendance at the 35th annual meeting of the South Dakota State Elks Assn. at Huron Lodge No. 444 on May 27th was limited to Exalted Rulers and Secretaries, State officials, members of the Advisory Committee and committee chairmen—and the main purpose of the gathering was work. The Elks convened at nine in the morning, paused for a noon luncheon, and then went back to business until five o'clock when they stopped to enjoy a delicious chicken dinner.

War Commission work—particularly the rehabilitation of returning servicemen—got most of the attention. It was found that the majority of the lodges had sent the Association's questionnaire to all their members in uniform (many are being answered), and that most of the lodges had set aside a fund for this important committee. The program of entertaining our wounded in hospitals was thoroughly discussed. The South Dakota Elks are doing all they can, and will do more as new hospitals are opened. Past Exalted Ruler J. Ford Zietlow of Aberdeen Lodge, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and Western field representative of the Elks War Commission, outlined the work on rehabilitation and entertainment in veterans hospitals that is being done nationally.

Norman R. Mathers of Sioux Falls was elected President, while last year's President, F. F. Otto, Yankton, automatically became 1st Vice-President. James M. Campbell, Deadwood, was re-elected 2nd Vice-President, C. R. Wilson, Aberdeen, 3rd Vice-President. Secy. M. G. Murphy, Huron, and Treas. M. M. Korte, Aberdeen, were reelected to office, and M. A. Calles, Watertown, was chosen to be Trustee for a five-year term.

The Exalted Rulers and Secretaries spent a profitable hour and a half at a round-table discussion, with State Secy. Murphy in charge, when problems were discussed and suggestions offered for their solution.

Below are the new officers of the North Carolina State Elks Association Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz is seated second from left.

NEBRASKA

With the officers and one representative of each of the 18 lodges of the State in attendance, the Neb. State Elks Assn. held its 1945 War Conference at Columbus on June 24 and elected the following officers: Pres., M. E. Wilson, Omaha; 1st Vice-Pres., Walter J. Hampton, Chadron; 2nd Vice-Pres., Glenn F. Waugh, Fairbury; 3rd Vice-Pres., L. H. Murrin, North Platte; 4th Vice-Pres., Cliff N. Ogden, Jr., Omaha; Secy., H. P. Zieg, Grand Island; Treas., F. C. Laird, Fremont; Trustees: J. M. Fitzgerald, Omaha, C. L. Baskins, North Platte, F. M. Deutsch, Norfolk; Tiler, Nick Tritz, Chadron; Sergeant-at-Arms, Rex Coffee, Chadron; Chaplain, the Rev. L. A. Portrey, Scottsbluff, J. Clyde Travis, Omaha, and Paul N. Kirk, Grand Island, are Chairmen of the State War Commission and the State Rehabilitation Commission respectively. Officers of the Past Exalted Rulers Association are Chairman Emil Hahn, Fremont, and Secretary L. L. Rohner, Columbus. The members of the Benevolence Commission are August Schneider, York, Chairman, T. J. Connelly, Lincoln, L. B. Harrison, Scottsbluff, Gould Dietz, Omaha, W. J. Hampton, Chadron, C. E. McCaffrey, Hastings, Howard W. Loomis, Fremont, Edward F. Petersen, McCook, and E. C. Mudge, Beatrice.

Reports submitted showed that the Association had been very active during the past year and that the Benevolence Commission conducted a greater number of clinics and contacted more children in need of help than ever before. Under the direction of Chairman J. C. Travis, the War Commission did a bang-up job not only in its part in the Elks national program but in the sale of War Bonds.

Under the leadership of Paul N. Kirk, the Rehabilitation Commission which began operating last year furnished en-

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