

addressed the convention.

Under the direction of Past President C. Wesley Killebrew, Augusta, Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, the Degree Teams of four lodges exemplified the Ritual in the dining hall of the Dixie-Hunt Hotel, placing as follows: First, Decatur No. 1602, scoring 9,900.63; Second, Augusta No. 205, scoring 9,900.52; Third, East Point No. 1617, scoring 9,900.14; Fourth, Athens No. 790, scoring 9,876.00. To Decatur Lodge went permanent possession of the J. Bush Cup and the honor for a third time of representing the Elks of Georgia in the National Ritualistic Contest at the Grand Lodge Convention. Decatur Lodge won third prize three years ago and last year at Philadelphia won first prize of \$500. Mr. Killebrew presented the trophy to E.R. George R. Rusk at the Monday session. Three U.S. War Bonds were presented by Mr. Killebrew to the Grand Exalted Ruler as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

State and subordinate lodge officers, delegates, District Deputies and members of the Decatur Degree Team were guests of Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland at a luncheon on Monday in the dining room of the Hotel Wheeler. Events of the afternoon were a patriotic military dress parade and the presentation of a beautiful American Flag to the Gainesville High School by Gainesville Lodge of Elks. The Grand Exalted Ruler spoke after the ceremony. E.R. Jesse D. Jewell, of Gainesville Lodge, was host at a dinner in the Dixie Hunt Hotel, followed by the grand ball and a floor show in the High School gymnasium.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Pres., Roderick M. McDuffie, East Point; 1st Vice-Pres., Frank M. Robertson, Atlanta; 2nd Vice-Pres., Walter Thomas, Waycross; Secy.-Treas., R. E. Lee Reynolds, Atlanta; Chaplain, the Rev. Father James King, Athens; Sergeant-at-Arms, Warren Walker, Augusta. They were installed by Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland. The host lodge, Gainesville No. 1126, was given a vote of thanks for making the convention one of the most successful and pleasant in the history of the State Association. James N. Newman was Chairman of the Reception Committee. At the conclusion of the business session on Tuesday, a delicious fried chicken luncheon was served on the lawn of the lodge home for the Elks and their ladies.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Elks Association at Winston-Salem was opened on May 15 with a meeting of State officers, Exalted Rulers and members of the various lodges. An address of welcome was made by L. L. Tocce, Exalted Ruler of the host lodge, Winston No. 449. Approximately 125 Elks, with their wives and other invited guests, banqueted at the lodge home that evening, and later Mayor Richard J. Reynolds was initiated into No. 449.

The convention proper got into full swing the next morning. An address by Governor J. M. Broughton, a member of Raleigh Lodge, was a feature of the business session. Detailed reports on a record year's work were read and discussed. Membership in the State was shown to have climbed close to 12 per cent. The North Carolina lodges bought more than \$50,000 worth of War Bonds and spent more than \$20,000 for charity. The afternoon session was featured by addresses made by Special Deputy W. M. Frasier, of Blue Island, Ill., Lodge, and Edward Scheidt, head of the F. B. I. offices at Charlotte.

Introduced by State President Clyde

E. Glenn, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, P.E.R. of Daytona Beach Lodge and former Governor of Florida, delivered the principal address at the annual banquet held Saturday evening at the Hotel Robert E. Lee. Entertainment was presented followed by dancing.

The Convention was brought to a close on Sunday with the reelection of seven State officers, including the "drafting" of President Clyde E. Glenn, of Durham Lodge, for a third term. Howard F. Lewis, of Burlington, N. J., Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, installed the new president and the officers who were chosen to serve with him as follows: Vice-President-at-Large, W. A. Sams, Asheville; Vice-Pres.: Central, Herndon Taylor, Burlington; West, J. O. Wells, Asheville; East, L. H. Trulove, Wilmington; Treas., W. S. Burruss, Raleigh; Trustees: J. Fred Richardson, Winston, J. Lester Wolfe, Charlotte, and William D. Holt, Fayetteville. State Secretary S. B. Gantt, of Durham, was given leave of absence while in the U.S. Army, and President Glenn was authorized to appoint an acting secretary. Wilson Lodge No. 840 was selected as host for the Association's 1943 convention.

The Ritualistic Contest was won by Winston-Salem Lodge. The winning team was made up of 1941-42 officers, headed by E.R. J. Fred Richardson.

KANSAS

Officers of the Kansas State Elks Association, delegates and visitors began to assemble in the city of Salina on Saturday, May 16, for participation in the 37th Annual Convention of the Association. When the three-day meeting came to a close, it was agreed that expectations for a successful convention and a record attendance had been fully met. Registration took place at the remodeled and gaily decorated home of Salina Lodge No. 718. More than 700 delegates attended. There was a noticeable increase in the number of ladies present. The convention was honored by the presence of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, of Dixon, Ill., Lodge. A full program included contests, buffet luncheons and suppers, dances and floor shows each night, luncheons and theatre parties for the ladies and a banquet and ball on the concluding evening.

Beautiful and impressive memorial services were held in the lodge room Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Vocal music was furnished by a mixed quartette. P.D.D. George Wallerius, of Salina Lodge, gave the Eleven O'clock Toast. The memorial address was delivered by P.D.D. Ben Weir, of Pittsburg Lodge. The first business session was held Sunday afternoon with President S. E. Patterson, of Augusta Lodge, presiding. The reports of President Patterson, Secretary H. Glenn Boyd, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, and the chairmen of the various committees showed that the activities of the Association during the past year had been crowned with success. A breakfast for State officers, Exalted Rulers and Secretaries was held Monday morning at the Lamer Hotel. A luncheon in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner was given Monday.

The Ritualistic Contest was held Sunday with lodges from Topeka, McPherson, Newton and Great Bend participating. Topeka Lodge No. 204 was declared the winner with a percentage of 98.7, thereby gaining possession of the beautiful trophy donated by P.D.D. Amos A. Belsley, of Wellington Lodge. Salina Lodge was victorious in the bowling and golf tournaments. One of the highlights

of the meeting was the patriotic parade held on Monday afternoon.

Officers elected to conduct the affairs of the Association during the coming year are as follows Pres., Leonard Wood, Salina; 1st Vice-Pres., Raymond Johnsmeyer, Manhattan; 2nd Vice-Pres., Leo J. Piller, Great Bend; 3rd Vice-Pres., Fred Puttroff, Newton; Secy., H. Glenn Boyd, Wichita; Treas., Clay E. Hedrick, Newton; Trustees: Ralph Hope, Atchison, D. Filizola, Fort Scott, and Raymond Bailey, Ottawa.

At the closing session, an instructive talk on ritualistic work was given by P.E.R. W. A. Amend, of Great Bend Lodge. The Association voted to purchase a \$500 U. S. War Bond, and to continue its welfare work among the needy children of the State. The convention concluded with a banquet, a floor show and a dance at the Masonic Temple. After the dinner, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner delivered a stirring, patriotic address. Prizes were awarded the winners of the various contests at this time. Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Stanley J. Shook, of Topeka Lodge, on behalf of the Association, presented the retiring president, Mr. Patterson, with a U. S. War Bond and a beautiful pen and pencil set. Much of the success of the convention was due to the well-balanced program arranged by Salina Lodge and directed by its general chairman, Past Exalted Ruler Leonard Wood, the new president, and Exalted Ruler Herbert Beltz.

ILLINOIS

The 39th Annual Convention of the Illinois State Elks Association, held on May 22-23-24 under the auspices of Rockford Lodge No. 64, drew an attendance of 657 persons including 161 ladies. All were delightfully entertained. While not as large as usual, the attendance was satisfactory in view of transportation difficulties and the fact that many regular attendants had entered the Service.

Retiring President Dr. C. E. Duff, of Lawrenceville Lodge, announced that 38 Illinois lodges had reported War Bond purchases in excess of a quarter of a million dollars. Secretary Albert W. Arnold reported that all but one of the lodges in the State were members of the Association. The report of the Crippled Children's Commission disclosed the fact that a new peak had been reached in the number of lodges supporting this activity.

The Ritualistic Contest was held on the opening day. Kankakee, Paris and Sterling Lodges placed first, second and third respectively. As State champion, Kankakee Lodge No. 627 was awarded the White Trophy Cup, to be retained for one year, the Enoch Carlson Cup as its permanent possession and \$800 toward the team's expenses to Omaha for participation in the national contest.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, of Dixon Lodge, was the principal speaker at the Saturday luncheon for Exalted Rulers and Secretaries. Eighty-five officers and guests were present. About 300 Elks and ladies attended the banquet on Saturday evening. Toastmaster Lisle Menzimer, P.E.R. of Rockford Lodge, introduced those at the speakers' table including Grand Lodge officials, Past State Presidents, lodge officers and several members of Rockford Lodge who were active in promoting the convention. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, of Moline, Ill., Lodge, was the main speaker at the banquet. "Aggressive Americanism", the keynote of the convention, was stressed in his eloquent address.

The Memorial Service was held at 11