

ELKS DISPATCH



Salisbury Lodge 699

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

Elks Meeting Nights First and Third Wednesday

Ladies Meeting Nights First and Third Thursday

The Exalted Ruler Speaks

My Brothers,

The N. C. State Elks Convention held in our lodge moved along very congenially and smoothly. I talked to each delegate and they all assured me it was a job well done. Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank the **Elks** and their **wives** who worked so hard to make this a successful convention.

Now that the convention is over, we must not stop! There is more work to be done within the next month, and I shall need your help again. First, we must help the **Youth Activities Committee** in obtaining worthy boys for **The Elks Boys Camp**. If you know of a deserving boy, please submit his name for screening. Second, **Flag-Day Service** will be held in our Lodge **Sunday Afternoon, June 16th**. We should begin to make plans now to attend the service honoring the Greatest Flag on Earth.

Finally, let's not miss the next Lodge meeting to be held **Wednesday, June 5th**. By attending the meetings we can keep our Lodge the most progressive within the State.

Fraternally,

CLYDE EARP, E. R.

Elks Camp

Brother Mauney, Chairman of **The Youth Activities Committee**, wishes to remind us that members wishing to submit names of deserving boys to be considered for **Elks Boys Camp** should do so prior to **June 5th**, their next regular meeting. This will allow time for screening the applicants as the list must be sent to the Camp Director by June 19th.

Elks, don't you know of a deserving boy in Rowan County who will be helped by sending him to our camp for two weeks? Brothers, we should get on the ball and get this program rolling! The committee has had only a few names submitted. The **Lodge** will definitely send 20 boys. Any Brother wishing to sponsor additional boys, or send your own son may do so for \$35.00. Yes, **thirty-five dollars for two weeks**. Nowhere can you get such a bargain. Invest in the Youth of America! It pays large dividends!

Gould President

The N. C. State Elks Convention just recently concluded in our Lodge was attended by 231 Elks representing **Thirty-Three N. C. Lodges** and **One Lodge** from an adjoining state. There are thirty-eight Lodges within the State. This was the largest attendance, percentage-wise, in the history of the State Association. Perhaps we should strive, in the future, for 100% representation, and build a stronger state association for the betterment of **Elkdom** and **America**, and especially North Carolina.

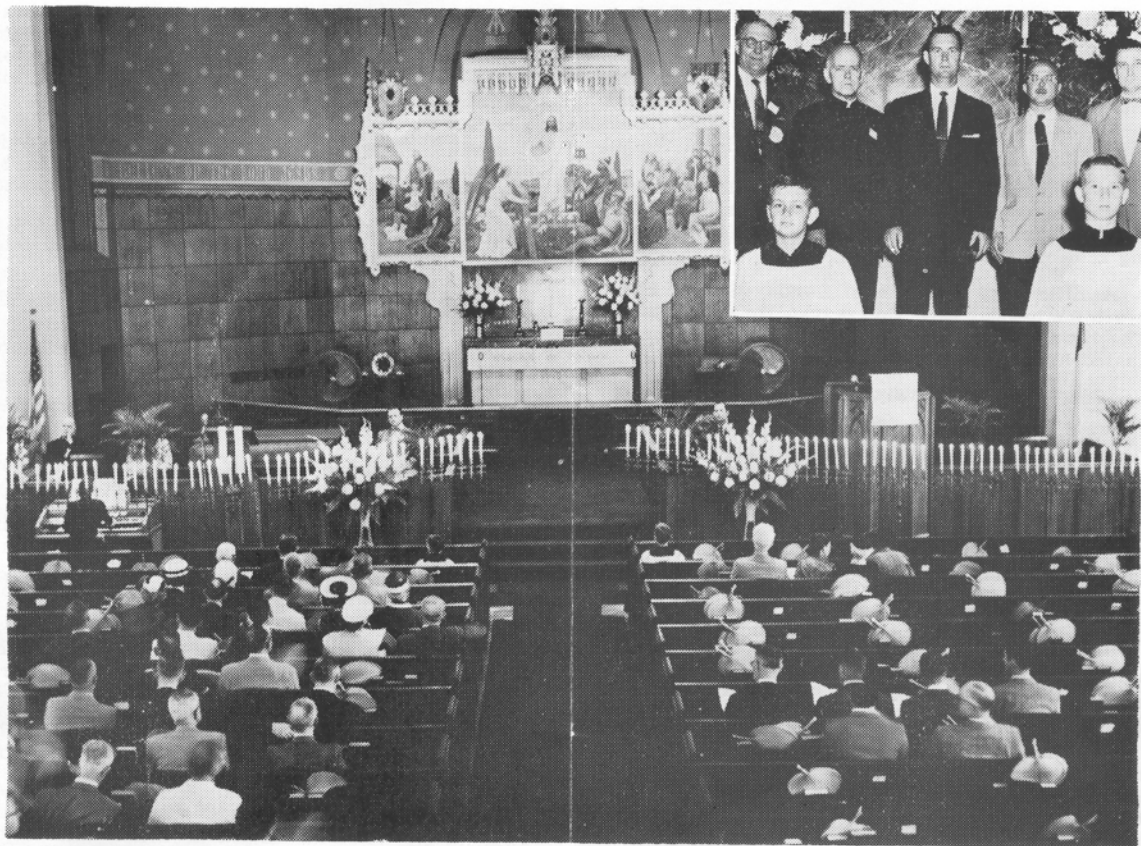
Norman Gould, of the Rocky Mount Lodge, was elected President. Brother Gould is a P. E. R. of his Lodge, recently held the position of District Deputy, and last year was our Vice-President at large.

Norman Hutton, P. E. R., of the Hickory Lodge was elected Vice-President at large. Brother Hutton has held the position of District Deputy of the Western District.

A. A. Ruffin, and Guy C. Killian were re-elected to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. These two need no introduction as each has been a state officer for several years. This Lodge pledges its wholehearted support to our new State Officers.

Kitty and Johnny Walker, P. G. E. R., also honored us with a visit. Kitty says "she's like a bad penny, always turning up." Well, we always like to find a little pocket change, and trust they will return again. Brother Walker spoke to us on Friday evening, during the Banquet. His theme was "Going ahead but Looking Astern". On the same evening Brother Bob Jones accepted on behalf of our Lodge a large Gold Trophy won by The North Carolina Elks Association for placing second in the nation in the per capita giving to the **Elks National Foundation**. Thad Eure, **Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight**, made the presentation on behalf of the National Lodge and the State Association. He also explained how the Salisbury Lodge led the nation with **111.3% of the members contributing!**

Inasmuch as the State Association has no official publication, your Editor will try and bring to you the addresses by Brothers Walker and Eure in future **Elks Dispatch** publications.



Memorial Service, Elks Convention, St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, May 24. (Insert) C. H. Douglas, Secretary, Roll Call; Father McShae, State Chaplain; Rev. Blair, Speaker; Frank DiGiovanna, Soloist; Clyde Earp, E. R.; Harold Ritchie and Eugene Beaver, Acolytes.

LIFE'S LEFT-OVERS¹

REV. FRANK K. EFIRD*

With pride in her eyes an old lady showed me a beautiful quilt she had made.

"Where did you get all the pieces?" I asked.

"Oh," she said, "all those little pieces were left-overs from my sewing."

"This is a delicious dish," I remarked to a lady at whose home I was eating.

"I didn't know how it was going to come out," she answered, "It's something I made from left-overs."

Think with me this morning about life's left overs.

* Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury

1. Memorial address delivered during the N. C. State Elks Convention, May 24, 1957 at Salisbury, N. C.

In the sixth chapter of John is the story of how Jesus fed five thousand hungry people. The conclusion of it in verses 12 and 13 reads: "When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets . . ." The Lord had a real interest in the "left overs."

The psalmist said, "My cup runneth over." The cup of his life was filled, but it also ran over.

Therefore, let us meditate in terms of a man's life, not so much what he receives, as what is left over.

I. The first thing every man leaves this world is some sort of memory of his life.

Did you ever think about this? When a man ceases to have memory, he almost ceases to be a

person. When you lose your memory, you have lost a great part of life.

And push this through your mind! One of the great aims of life should be the creation of good memories, doing those things that you and others can look back on with appreciation and not regret.

A good man is one who so lives that when he passes on, he leaves good memories. In Psalm 112, vs. 6, you read, "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

A little boy, sitting in a Sunday School class, heard the teacher say, "God is just like your father." The little fellow ran out of the class. The teacher chased him and finally caught up with him.

"Son," she asked, "why did you run away?"

"Well," he retorted, "if God is like my father, I don't want to have anything to do with him."

The left over of that father's life was worth rotting, not remembering.

On the other hand, Joe, a mechanic, was catching ball with his son after a hard day at the garage.

A friend came by and said, "Joe, aren't you too tired to be catching ball with your boy?"

"Sure, I'm tired," said Joe, "but I would rather have a tired back today than an aching heart ten years from now."

That man had time left over at the end of a rough day to take an interest in his son. Think of the memory he must have left over when he died for that boy.

II. A good man leaves the memory of faith in God. The 112th Psalm continues with something for which you remember a good man. "His heart is fixed, trusting in God" (Verse 7).

Every man leaves a memory of what he trusted in.

For what do you remember Lot in the Bible? You recall he was the man who went to the city, and got so tangled up in it that he almost lost himself. His daughters went wild. His wife disobeyed God when they fled from the city, looked back, and was made into a pillar of salt. What a memorial stone. There's not much to remember Lot for.

But he had a relative named Abraham. Abraham didn't go into the prosperous direction of the city. He stayed out in the barren country side with God. He brought up a son named Isaac. And if you had one day walked to a tent and had seen the young man Isaac and had said, "Isaac, tell me about your father . . ."

Isaac would have said, "He's the finest father you ever saw. He's got more faith than any man I know." The memory of Abraham's faith went to Isaac and from Isaac to Jacob and to their children. And when in the Old Testament we look for faith,

we look back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Abraham is called the father of the faithful. "Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness." What a memory to be left over for future generations.

A man without faith leaves a memory that is written on water. It vanishes away. The man of faith leaves a memory, written on human hearts and on the heart of God that is imperishable.

Is there any faith in God in your own life that will be left over in the memory of others?

A fine servant of God, dying, told his family, "I cannot leave you wealth, or prestige, but I trust I leave you a good name, and a faith in our dear Lord that will be worth your remembering."

III. Will the left overs of your life include character?

What is character anyway? Character means you are the kind of person that can be trusted.

A boy came out of a college class where an examination was being held. Most everyone had cheated. Someone said, when he went out, "You can be sure he didn't cheat, he is the kind of person that can be trusted."

"I don't remember much about my father," said a young girl to me, "except I know that his word could be trusted."

"My doctor is a good practitioner," a woman told me, "but I hear too many things that are not good about his moral life."

It is said of Abraham Lincoln that he once walked ten miles to return a small amount of change to a man who had given him too much in return for a purchase. When you stand in the evening, watching the lights and shadows playing on the statue of that great President at the Lincoln Memorial, there comes over you the feeling that he was a man who could surely be trusted to do the right as God saw him to do the right. Here is a man who could be trusted always to do "the hard right rather than the easy wrong."

Will this quality of character be left over, when you close your eyes on this earth for the last time?

IV. What kind of memory is left over of service beyond yourself?

Speaking of a righteous man, the 112 Psalm says: "He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor" (vs. 9).

A real measure of life is not so much what you do for yourself, as how much time is left over for those beyond yourself.

There are many successful business men who are failures as fathers, because they never have any time left over for their families.

There are many who are successful with their

business and their homes who never have time left over for their communities.

Did you ever think about it? Most of the fine things we have in life are here because men had time and talent and treasure left over to enrich life beyond themselves. This was true of Moses, St. Paul, Leonardo da Vince, Bach, and George Washington.

A man made \$100,000 a year and gave \$10,000 to charity. He gave the \$10,000 not because he cared for people, but because he wanted his name in the paper.

An old lady, on the poor side of the tracks, had little money, but out of love of God and her fellows, she was always ready to help people in trouble—sitting up with a sick child, a bowl of soup for a beggar, a bag of coal for a cold family.

The story goes, they both died. They both went to heaven. The man liked the beautiful, big mansions, at one end of the street. But he was given a very small mansion. The woman liked the small mansions fine, but she was given a beautiful large mansion.

Now you get into heaven on faith. But the moral is, God builds your mansions out of the materials you send up, the left overs of your life that you give to others.

As the lights were going off in the Carlsbad Caverns to show the tourists how dark it can get in that great cave beneath the ground, a little boy said to his sister, "Mary, I'm scared. It's so dark."

"Now don't you worry, Jimmy," she replied. "There's a man here who knows how to turn the lights on again."

For all of us, sooner or later, the candle of this life is going to be snuffed out. But thanks be to God. He knows how to turn the lights back on again. And when he does, and you rest in the palm of his hand, will the deposit, the left overs of your life, and the lives of your loved ones, be worth God's remembering throughout eternity?

For "the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

When Phillips Brooks, that great preacher of Boston died, his congregation with such wonderful memories of the "left overs" of his life, decided to erect a monument of him beside the church. He had been such a faithful Christian that they put behind him, the Lord Christ, with his hand resting on his shoulder.

For Phillips Brooks left wonderful memories, of a faith in God, a person that could be trusted, one who put into the life of his land service beyond himself.

May such left overs of memory be the deposit of your life, and the life of your loved ones.

Hors D' Oeuvres

The Convention could not have been a success had it not been for the untiring efforts and devotion of the Elks Auxiliary and our wives. These ladies helped in numerous capacities, from the very beginning of helping with the registration, decorations, and flower arrangements and the dance would have been impossible without them. They made with their dainty little fingers each of the hors d' oeuvres served during open house on Thursday and also during the cocktail hour on Friday evening. No one can say they went away from Salisbury without their belly full of the **most delectable hors d' oeuvres** they had ever tasted. One couldn't have purchased these for a thousand dollars! Madame Mauney Yancey was general chairman of the wives and she was ably assisted by:

Mesdames: Charles Wallace, Leo Wallace, Joe Ellis, George Rike, Charles Taylor, Ben Kahn, J. A. M. Barringer, James Lake, Ed Ruffy, Joe Floyd, John Williams, D. D. Deal, John Campbell, I. T. Mann, Lloyd Wrenn, Joe Dameron, Myron Goodman, Reid Goodman, Ted Harris, Sr., C. L. Kincaid, Lindsay Shaver, H. E. Grogan, Clyde Culbertson, J. F. Sheneman, T. H. Rhodes, Bryce Leard, Sr., Clayton Dawson, Leslie Weistger, F. P. Pratt, Howard Bangle, Dodd Brown, W. W. Oakes, James Miller, L. C. Parks, Glenn Fleming, Clyde Earp, Eugene Morris, R. J. Davis, Nellie Boyd, Eric Goodman, Joe Cathey, Z. S. Carson, B. A. Young, Herman Hardiman, O. B. Gwynn, Chester Zumbrunnen, C. H. Douglas, George Weant, Jr., Ben White, and Nelson Parker.

Thanks again to the Auxiliary President and our Wives! We trust we haven't missed anyone.

At the same time we must say a job well done to Brothers Nelson Parker and Bob Wakefield, our manager and co-manager, and to North Carolina's best Chef, Boyd Hardiman. Yes, the hired help did a wonderful job working night and day to make everything a success!!!

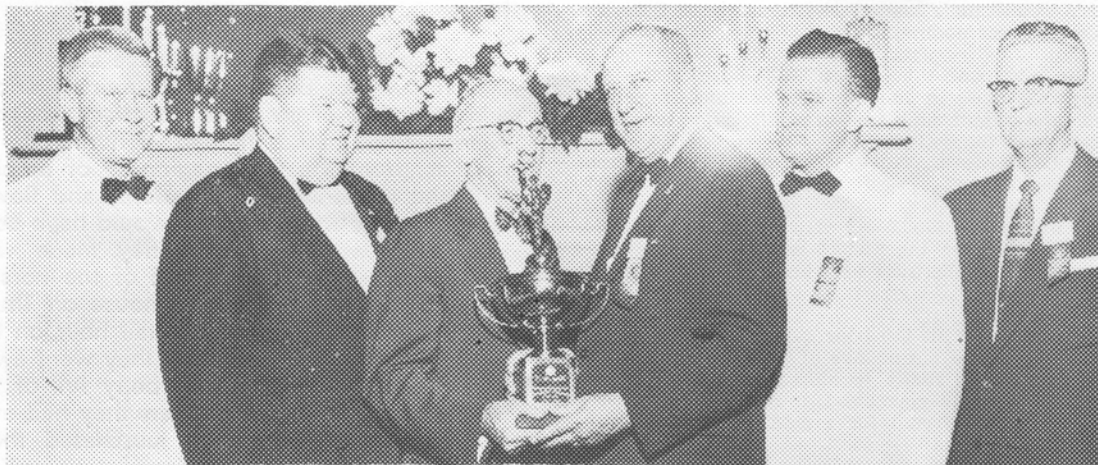
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Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Thad Eure of Raleigh, presents Bob Jones of the local lodge with the trophy won by the state association for contributions to the Elks National Foundation. Shown left to right are: Ed Lewis of Salisbury, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Johnny Walker of Roanoke, Virginia, Bob Jones, Thad Eure, Exalted Ruler Clyde Earp and George Rike of the local lodge.

At the time this record was made, Ed Lewis was the Exalted Ruler, Jones was the General Chairman of the Foundation Committee, and George Rike was District Deputy of the Western District.

This trophy will remain with our lodge until some other lodge within the state makes a greater percentage of contributions than the record we have established. The Elks National Foundation now has over 300 million dollars and North Carolina Elks last year contributed over \$129,000. Only the interest on the principal may be used to support scholarships, cerebral palsy projects, camps for our youth, etc. Your contribution to the Foundation will never be dissipated; its interest will be used forever in a perpetual manner for the betterment of America and Elksdom.

This year under the chairmanship of Brother Bob Jones all lodges in the N. C. Western District, for the first time in the history of Elksdom, are making contributions to the Elks National Foundation. As pointed out by the Christian Science Monitor, in full page article last year, the Foundation has grown to one of the greatest and largest benevolent organizations in the entire world. Your continued contributions to the Foundation is an investment in the youth of our country. **IT'S GREAT TO BE AN ELK!**



Elk officials at the State Convention held in our Lodge. Clyde Earp, E. R. No. 699; Ben Kahn, General Chairman of Convention; Norman Gold of Rocky Mount, our new State President; Thad Eure, Raleigh, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Wiley Pritchett, Past State President.

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New Local Officers

The meeting of May 15th was almost like a regular election night. As has been previously reported to you the position of three-year trustee of our Lodge had been vacated. In addition, Brother Bill Hart resigned the chair of Esteemed Leading Knight as recent changes in his occupation makes it impossible to attend regularly. **Brother Grover Wiles** was elected to fill the **Three-year Trustee** vacancy.

Brother Julius Bickett was nominated and elected to the chair of **Esteemed Leading Knight**. He recently held the position of Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

Brother F. G. "Jerry" Aaron was nominated and elected to the chair of **Esteemed Lecturing Knight**.

REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

Regular Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

Elks Dance

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

Flag Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH

Elks Auxiliary

To The Wives Of Elks

As the old saying goes, "It is very seldom a woman is speechless" but I assure you that I am just that at this writing.

Words cannot convey to each of you how I feel and how wonderful you all were in making the great Elk Association meeting the huge success that it turned out to be. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one who helped with the registration of delegates, the arrangement of the lovely flowers, and the many delicious trays of canapes and hor d'oeuvres. It was a splendid job well done and I must tell you of the many compliments that were given me for you by out-of-towners from other lodges, and also the praise given by the members of our local lodge. It makes me truly proud to be the wife of an Elk and to have been able to take part in making this great meeting possible.

Will all the ladies note that our next auxiliary meeting will be on **Thursday, June 13**. If you have not joined us as yet, won't you come and enjoy the fellowship of eating, playing cards or bingo on this our next meeting night. We would love to have all of you.

Again, let me say thanks from the bottom of my heart to each of you who participated in any way during the association meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. Eugene Morris,
Auxiliary President

Dance June 15th

The next dance will be held **Saturday Evening, June 15th**. Prior to the dance, the dining hall will be open to serve delicious meals to you and your guest. The entire building has now been air conditioned for your comfort. So plan on an evening of entertainment in the cool environment of our club building. The wife would like a night out for a change, away from the hot stove and dirty dishes.

New Brothers

We welcome as Brothers:

1. Donald L. Ruffy, 817 N. Lee St., City.
2. Javis M. Arey, 529 E. Bank St., City.

Brother Ruffy is associated with the Tate Distributing Co., and his boss is a member of this Lodge. Brother Arey is owner and operator of the Sinclair Service Station, 329 S. Main Street.