Absent GI Students Face Quick Dismissal

Attendance rules for veteran trainees enrolled in public vocational training classes have been reiterated and any student who is absent from three consecutive class sessions faces automatic dismissal.

This new policy regarding "absenteeism" was one term of the new contract agreed to by the Department of Education and the Veterans Administration, according to James O. Proctor, supervisor of vocational education for adults.

Veterans Should Check

Mr. Proctor stated this "three-absence" ruling makes it extremely important that each veteran trainee find out at once "where he stands" as far as absences are concerned.

Reinstatement for absences above the maximum can be obtained only if the student can submit proof such as a doctor's certificate, death in family or urgent business.

No More Tools

The supply of books and tools is another point of the new contract. Tool kits will no longer be issued to veterans enrolled in vocational training classes.

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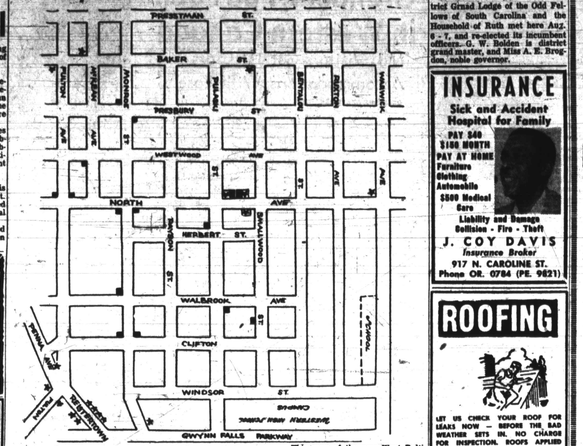

Association Objects to Liquor Board Change

Dear AFRO:

The constitutionality of restricting licensed places to white or colored patronage was questioned by the Liquor Board at a hearing on June 15, 1951.

The board's doubt, expressed by James K. Cullen, chairman, grew out of a petition by Mrs. Mildred Harris, operated of the P and M Delicatessen and Cocktail Lounge at 2115 West North Ave. to have the white restriction removed from her liquor license and have it applied to a license for colored patronage instead.

During the hearing Mr. Cullen, with complete agreement of his colleagues, Messrs. Irvin Kovens and Frank J. Hannon, asserted: "I would be pleased to see this question (racial restrictions on liquor licenses) adjudicated by the Maryland Court of Appeals."

The case was held under consideration. To date no decision has been rendered by the Board.

New Case Arises

On August 17, 1951, during a similar hearing, Mr. Cullen suggested that a case be brought in the local courts and taken to the Maryland Court of Appeals to test the legality of the restrictions.

We, of the New Area Neighborhood Association, would never oppose any reasonable steps to remove racial restrictions, but we interpret the suggestions of the present Liquor Board as a possible subterfuge to get around the problem of change of licenses in areas which have recently changed from white to colored.

To remove such restrictions at this time would serve no other purpose than to enable those licensees who are now operating places for white patrons only in these transitional areas to convert to colored patronage at will; and to deny the new residents (colored) a hearing before the Liquor Board.

As the present restrictions stand, licensees in these areas must petition the Board to change from white to colored patronage, and residents (mostly colored) have the opportunity of a hearing before the Board.

If the restrictions were removed, such licensees could change their patronage policies at will without appealing to the board; and residents in the affected areas would be denied a hearing with the exception of every May 1, at renewal time.

Taverns Can Move

Simply because these liquor places were operating when the areas were all white, it is not logical to assume that the now colored residents must adopt the neighborhood standards of the former white residents and desire such liquor places . . . .

It might be a good suggestion for the licensees in question to appeal to the Liquor Board to transfer their licenses to locations where the former white residents have moved.

Since we are forced to live in these segregated areas, we want the privilege to say whether or not we desire their leftover liquor places. To remove racial restrictions from liquor licenses, at this time, would deny us of this privilege.

Not Necessary

During the June 15 hearing, Mr. Cullen insisted that the question primarily involved was that of public necessity and convenience. Repeatedly, he pointed out that a new license was not involved, but "a place that is there, already established."

We have demonstrated by protest techniques, that the residents in our area do not consider the change of patronage as public necessity and convenience.

At our last hearing we presented a petition bearing the signatures of 508 protestants in our area.

The New Area Neighborhood Association, according to our survey, has reason to believe that our area is "super saturated" with liquor places; and we desire to see such restrictions remain at present as a point of strategy.

Survey Cited

Our survey showed there are 54 liquor places in the area bounded by Freestman St. on the south, Gwynns Falls Parkway on the north, Fulton Ave. and Reisterstown Rd. on the east, and Ellamont Ave. on the west.

A breakdown of these 54 places shows that there are 29 taverns, 22 package stores, and 3 night clubs. All 22 of the package stores cater to both white and colored patrons. . . .

On North Ave. from Fulton Ave. to Ellamont Ave., a distance of 14 blocks, there are 13 liquor places.

New Applications Made

In the 2100 block of West North Ave., there are two liquor places, yet 3 new applications have been made to the board for this same block.

In a 3-block radius of this particular block, there are 15 liquor places and a total of 29 places in a radius of 4 blocks. There are 3 places just on the fringe of the 3-block radius, giving a total of 32 places in an area 8 blocks square.

When the areas in question were all white, there was no question raised as to the legality of racial restrictions on liquor licenses. Now that many areas are changing from white to colored, the question is raised.

Only Licensees Benefit

To remove such restrictions at this particular time would hardly facilitate integration because it would not necessarily mean that places catering at present to white patrons would cater to both colored and white with equal facilities and services.

Only one group would benefit from the removal of such restrictions. It would be the white licensees in the areas now changing from white to colored. . . .

—MILTON R. BRANSON
Chairman, Alchol Control Committee of the New Area Neighborhood Association

This map of the new West Baltimore residential areas into which colored families are expanding shows justification for the neighborhood association's objection to additional taverns. The squares and stars together show a total of 29 liquor places within a four-block radius of the 2100 block W. North Ave. with 15 of these (indicated by squares) within a three-block radius. Unmarked are three additional places on the fringe of this four-block area, making a total of 32 places in a section eight blocks square.

Mother who Abandoned Baby Given Probation

With her husband testifying that she will be given psychiatric treatment, an 18-year-old Washington mother who left her 16-day old baby on a Baltimore doorstep, was placed on probation without a verdict, Wednesday.

The infant was left July 12 at a house in the 1200 block N. Carolina St., and Policewoman Cornelia Smith traced the mother, Mrs. Ella Louise Dean, to Washington.

Tried Suicide

Joseph Rosenthal, attorney, told Judge Joseph Byrnes that Mrs. Dean suffered from an emotional upset that already has led her to attempt suicide.

Her husband added that psychiatric care will be given Mrs. Dean. It was said that the husband, who is a soldier, was stationed in Alaska when his young wife abandoned the child in Baltimore.

Lye Burns Peril Man's Eyesight

A man may lose his eyesight and another his freedom as a result of a lye-burling incident.

In Johns Hopkins Hospital with bandages over his eyes is Roland Williams, of 817 Greenmount Ave. He is being treated for severe burns.

In jail is Charles Banks, 21, of the same address, whom Northeastern district police have charged with having hurled lye into Williams' face. He is being held under $5,000 bail.

At a hearing in Northeastern Magistrate Samuel Gaboff postponed the case until Sept. 24. Williams will be released from the hospital by that time.

Unable to raise bond at the first hearing, Banks was committed to await trial.

LODGE IN SESSION
SPARTANBURG, S.C.—The District Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows of South Carolina and the Household of Ruth met here Aug. 6 - 7, and re-elected its incumbent officers. G. W. Bolden is district grand master, and Miss A. E. Brogden, noble governor.

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'Buffalo All Set to Welcome Elks' Convention

Events, Trips Planned, Record Business Expected

By RUFUS WELLS
AFRO Staff Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y.—New stores are cropping up everywhere, night spots adding to their liquid supplies, and businesses are converting all available space into a rentable room.

In short, this city is getting ready for a convention—the 52nd annual gathering of Elks slated for Aug. 26 to 31. The affair is expected to bring some 45,000 visitors to the city.

But large gatherings are not new to this city of 700,000 persons. Known as the "convention city of the East," Buffalo averages 50 major conventions a year.

Signs of Convention

All along William St. and Michigan Ave., main stems of uptown Buffalo, signs of the historic convention are evident, even to the casual observer.

Practically every third car bears a sign or sticker saying: "Welcome to Buffalo, Elks;" placards telling of the various activities slated could be found in every store window.

And the conversation of Buffalonians centered around the convention and its financial possibilities. Many residents plan to hold down two jobs during the big week.

Barmaid Eyes 2 Jobs

A pert barmaid at the Little Savoy tavern on Michigan Ave., said: "I'm going to work here during the day and at another place at night. Lots of people will work two jobs that week."

Most housewives were busy cleaning their homes from top to bottom in anticipation of convention guests, when I visited for a pre-convention look at the city on Aug. 14. For the most part the cleaning job was thorough and included washing windows and woodwork.

The convention committee, headed by the Rev. D. M. Byrd and quartered at the Frontiers Lodge of Elks, 311 William St., had set fixed maximum prices for room rentals.

$2.50 Price Set

The price is $2.50 per person. Buffalo's 85 hotels are booked solid for the week of Aug. 26. The committee reserved rooms in blocks and many individuals made reservations by mail or wire. Hotel rates range from $4 for single rooms at uptown places, to a $8.50 minimum at downtown hotels.

Delegates and visitors will find Buffalo to be a city practically devoid of racial discrimination. The 2200 restaurants here, all hotels, taverns, theaters and night clubs are open to all persons without regard to color or religion.

'Niagara Day'

Scenic Canada is just across the river from Buffalo and the world famous Niagara Falls only 22 miles by car. The committee has designated Wednesday, Aug. 29 as "Niagara Day," and has arranged for 50 busses to carry delegates and visitors to the Falls that day.

Hourly bus trips are made from downtown Buffalo daily to the Falls. Round trip fare is $1.05. The city's 64 theaters provide sparkling entertainment, frequently double features, and often show pictures before they are shown in New York City.

The main library is located at Broadway and Washington St. In addition there are 17 branches situated at strategic places throughout the city.

Niagara Falls Near Buffalo

Persons attending the Elks 52nd annual convention in Buffalo, will not want to miss the thunderous spectacle called Niagara Falls. Over two million sightseers from every corner of the world are attracted to the Falls whose tumbling waters provide one of the greatest shows on earth. Niagara Falls is only 22 miles from Buffalo.

Here's View of Downtown Buffalo

This photo of downtown Buffalo shows the City Hall, in background to left of Statue, and the Hotel Statler, right, where many of the convention delegates will live during their visit. The Bank of Buffalo, extreme left, and Western Savings Bank, on Main St., can also be seen.

Finley Not Up for Re-election

Many Speculate on His Future Chances

BUFFALO, N.Y.—J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, is expected to arrive here Aug. 24, two days before the annual convention opens. "The Grand," as he is affectionately called by members of the Herd, was re-elected in 1950 for a two-year term. He is not up for re-election this year, but there is considerable speculation about his chances next year.

Elected grand exalted ruler in Brooklyn at the 1922 convention, Mr. Wilson has been re-elected practically without contest ever since. In 1929 at the convention in Atlantic City, Caspar Holstein ran for the post and nearly unseated him.

Early Arrivals Here

Host at this year's convention are the Frontier Lodge, W. P. Allen, grand exalted ruler; and the Elite Lodge, Luther Cooke, grand exalted ruler.

Early arrivals, coming by train, car and plane, began reaching the city a full week before the opening session is scheduled. They plan to visit Canada and the historic Niagara Frontier before the multitudes arrive on Aug. 26. — WELLS

Buffalo Widely Known as 'City of Good Neighbors'

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A hundred years ago this was a rough outpost in the great movement to the West. Today it is a thriving metropolis where two million visitors annually find a warm welcome usually found only in small towns. Known variously as the "Convention City of the East," and the "City of Good Neighbors," Buffalo offers something interesting to see or do for visitors from all walks of life.

The city conveys a spirit of lively fun and good fellowship and the visitor soon finds that Buffalo is one of the most democratic city's in America.

If you are interested in boating, bathing or fishing, you will not miss Crystal Beach and Beaver Island Park.

If, like most convention visitors, you are interested in doing the town, you will find the more than 100 night clubs and 64 theaters more than enough to keep you busy during your stay.

And here's a tip: Every Tuesday night the musicians hold a jam session at their association hall on William St. near Michigan Avenue. There is no admission charge, and you will find the place somewhat crowded, but if you love popular music your time there will be well spent.

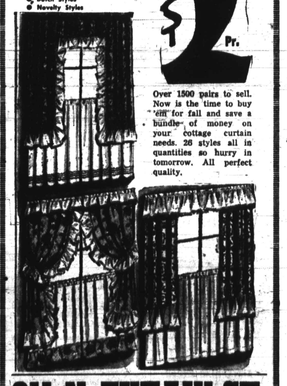
If you want to meet the "elite" of the convention, stop by the Little Harlem Cocktail Lounge, 496 Michigan Ave., any night. This spot also will be a little crowded, but for that matter, all night clubs will be packed during convention week.

Buffalo is linked to Canada by the world-famous Peace Bridge which spans the Niagara River. Every effort is made to facilitate your trip into Canada. No passport or visa is required.

Food lovers will have a field day in the city's 1100 restaurants, which are noted for serving wholesome dishes at reasonable prices and the desired appropriate atmosphere.

For spiritual food, Buffalo has 419 churches representing all faiths.

You'll See This First



Many of the 45,000 visitors and delegates attending the Elks 52 annual convention in Buffalo, will come through Central Terminal, above. This imposing building will be the first to greet the visitors on their arrival.

Judge William C. Hueston of Washington, grand secretary and grand commissioner of education

Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbrough, grand Daughter treasurer

JUDGE JACKSON

Vying for the post of grand treasurer at the 52nd annual convention will be Judge Perry B. Jackson of Cleveland, the incumbent, and Lloyal Randolph, Baltimore hotel owner, who has made strong bids for the office at previous Elk convention elections. . .

CONVENTION AGENDA

BUFFALO—Here's complete program of the Elks' convention which opens its 52nd annual sessions on Sunday:

Saturday, August 25
Registration for all delegates at Frontier Lodge, 311 William St.
The Antlered Guard will register at Elite Lodge, 285 Broadway.

Sunday, August 26
11 a.m.—Baccalaureate Sermon,—The Rev. Archibald J. Carey, Lincoln Memorial Church, Monroe at Howard Sts.
2 p.m.—Health Program,—Dr. Carter Marshall presiding, assisted by Daughter Anna B. Jones, Directress — People's Community Church, Spring and Swan Sts.
3 p.m.—Shrine Program, Brother George W. Lee presiding, assisted by Daughter Bertha McKanlass, Directress— People's Community Church, Spring and Swan Streets.
8 p.m.—Memorial Sermon and Eulogies:
Re: James E. Kelley—Dr. E. T. Belsaw
Re: Roscoe Conkling Simmons —Geo. W. Lee
Re: Oscar DaPriest — the Rev. R. H. Collins Jr.
Re: Thomas E. Green—Judge Perry B. Jackson.

Monday, August 27
9 a.m. — Champion of Human Rights Breakfast, honoring Dr. Ralph Bunche and Mrs. Finley Wilson. The mayor of Buffalo, Hon. Joseph Mruk; Governor Thomas Dewey of New York, and Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Joseph Kyles, Grand Exalted Ruler of BPOE will be on hand to welcome the "champions" — Hotel Lafayette
11 a.m.—Cap and Gown Club
12 noon—Educational Program
12 noon—Junior Elks Program — New Hope Baptist Church—Union near William Street.
2 p.m. — Civil Liberties Program presenting Lovejoy Medal to Dr. Ralph Bunche. Guy Gabrielson, chairman Republican National Committee. Dr. Joseph Kyles, Grand Exalted Ruler of BPOE will be the honored guest.
p.m.—Oratorical Contest—Kleinhans Music Hall.

Tuesday, August 28
7:30 a.m.—Cap and Gown Breakfast—Michigan Ave. YMCA.
9 a.m. — Opening Session, Grand Lodge, Technical High School, Clinton and Cedar Streets. Opening Session, Grant Temple, First Shiloh Baptist Church, Cedar and S. Division Sts.
11 a.m.—Public Session — Joint Grand Lodge and Temple
p.m.—Grand Parade.
p.m.—Prize Fight—Civic Stadium

Wednesday, August 29
9 a.m.—Sessions—Grand Lodge and Grand Temple
2:30 p.m.—Sightseeing Trip to Niagara Falls — from Convention Headquarters, 311 William St.
8 p.m. — Grant Temple Pageant First Shiloh Baptist Church, Cedar and S. Division Sts. Championship Baseball Game — Offerman Stadium, E. Ferry at Michigan

Thursday, August 30
9 a.m.—Sessions: Grand Lodge and Grand Temple
10 p.m.—Annual Grand Lodge Ball —Municipal Auditorium

Friday, August 31
9 a.m.—Closing Sessions — Grand Lodge and Grand Temple.

For any further information regarding the Grand Lodge convention, you may write to the general chairman, Dr. D. M. Byrd, 311 William Street, Buffalo, New York.

Buffalo Asks President to Set Up FEPC

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The mayor of Buffalo, N.Y., recently approved a resolution passed by the common Council of that city urging President Truman to issue a new executive order, creating a fair employment practices commission empowered to prevent discrimination in the employment in any business or industry enjoying defense contracts.

This resolution was brought to the attention of Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D., N.Y.) by Dr. J. J. Tronslone, city clerk at Buffalo, and was passed on to the president for his consideration.

Enforcement Powers Need

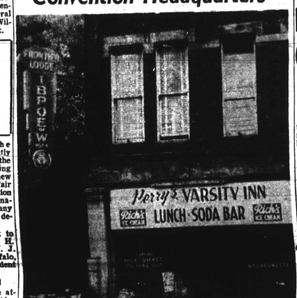
In calling this matter to the attention of President Truman, the New York Senator expressed his awareness of Executive Order 8386 which requires all defense contracts to include an agreement whereby contractors must promise not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color or national origin.

But, Lehman said, "there is need in this order for effective enforcement provisions."

Convention Chairman and Assistants

The Rev. Derrick M. Byrd, general chairman of the Elks' grand lodge convention committee, maps plans for the meeting at convention headquarters. He is assisted by Parker B. Hall, committee secretary, standing at left, and George L. Clore, committee treasurer.

Convention Headquarters



On the second floor of this building, 311 William St., Buffalo, N.Y., is the busy headquarters for the Elks 52nd annual convention. Here arrangements are made for housing the 45,000 visitors expected during the convention week. Hod is the Frontiers Lodge of Elks No. 1026. The Rev. D. M. Byrd is general chairman of the convention committee.

Ready for Elks, Chairman Says

Housing Obtained for 40,000 Delegates

BUFFALO, N.Y.—"You can tell them that we are ready, ready to make this convention the biggest and best in Elk history."

Thus spoke the Rev. Derrick M. Byrd, general chairman of the national convention committee planning the 52nd annual meeting of Elkdom.

Taling time off from directing operations at convention headquarters, 311 Williams St., the Rev. M. Byrd said:

"We expect between 40,000 and 45,000 delegates and visitors and finding housing for them was not easy. But we have met that hurdle, the problem. Our door-to-door survey for housing accommodations was bery successful."

Worked As He Talked

The chairman paused briefly and talked on a phone handed him by one of the girls in the office. Another girl shoved a batch of letters on his desk and the Rev. Mr. Byrd signed them as he talked.

His phone conversation ended, the Rev. Mr. Byrd outlined in detail plans for the 52nd convention with emphasis on the breakfast on Monday honoring Dr. Ralph Bunche and Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson.

Convention headquarters were opened early in August, and though the heat has been oppressive at times, it has been operating full blast ever since. The Rev. Mr. Byrd headed the convention committee at the last Buffalo meeting in 1948, so the terrific job was not new to him.

Soldiers Remember Those Who Wait

Mothers, Wives, Sisters First in Hearts of Fighting Yankees

By RALPH MATTHEWS SR.
(AFRO Correspondent in Korea)

IN KOREA — Fifteen soldiers from the states of Georgia, New Jersey, South Carolina, Illinois, Massachusetts, Indiana, Kentucky, California, New York, Ohio, Connecticut and the District of Columbia were among those I saw recently in the combat zone.

Included in the group was Pvt. Vernon Burke, whose mother, Mrs. Vashti Burke, lives at 145 Harrod St., Boston;

Pvt. Gordon Kapier, whose wife, Opal, and mother, Mrs. Neddie Kapier, lives on 2540 Madison St., Gary, Indiana;

Pvt. Jefferson Hooks, 1105 Matthew Henson Drive, Bakersfield, Calif., who sends his regards to his mother, Mrs. Nadie Hooks;

Pvt. Willie Burt wants his mother, Mrs. Grady Harper, 1408 Central Ave., Cleveland, to know that he is hale and hearty;

Pvt. Albert Quander, 64 Day St., New Haven, Conn., who is the son of Mrs. Mary Quander;

Cpl. David Hays, who's thinking of his mother, Mrs. Pauline Hays, back at 240 Laurel St., Mullen, S.C.

Sgt. Horace Yelverton, whose mother, Mrs. Lula Bennett, resides at 86 W. 44th St., Bayonne, N.J.;

Cpl. William Harris, 4100 Ludlow St., Philadelphia, Pa., who remembers his mother, Mrs. Ethel White;

M. Sgt. James Glover, who sends his love to his wife, Naomi, at 819 50th St., Chicago.

Pvt. Ralph Grant, who says hello to his mother, Mrs. Anna Grant, at 532 E. Harris St., Savannah, Ga.;

Pvt. Daniel Davis, whose mother lives at 446 Council St., Sumter, S.C.;

Pvt. Paul Harvey, 1529 First St., S.W., Washington. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Emory Harvey;

Pvt. Herbert Howard, the son of Mrs. Sarah Fireson, 1714 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.;

Pvt. Alvin Taylor, 1345 Jones St., Boston, sends a greeting to his sister, Mrs. June Gonzales and

Lt. Allen Hytlon, whose mother is Mrs. Robert Hytlon, 4405 Mundy Lane, Bronx, N.Y.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Gordon, grand daughter ruler.

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Four colored students will be admitted to the School of Social Work of Richmond Professional Institute for full time graduate study at the opening of the fall term. It will be the first time in the history of the school that colored students have been accepted for full time work.

She'll Be There

Charming miss beatrice Judge takes time from her work to flash a broad smile of welcome to convention visitors. Miss Judge is secretary to Leland N. Jones Jr., who is candidate for the Buffalo city council.

All Hotels Open to Elks; Here Are Two of Them

The Vendome Hotel, left, on Clinton St., near Michigan Ave., and Montgomery's Little Harlem Hotel, right, at 496 Michigan Ave., near William St., will house scores of Elks convention delegates. George Clore, convention committee chairman, owns the Vendome and Little Harlem's cocktail lounge is a popular meeting place. All hotels and other facilities in the city will be opened to convention delegates.