

The Mason's parade was the highlight of Eutaw Place this week - end as hundreds of mar-

(Photos by Roman Hankewycz) chers, musicians, and majorettes performed for the spectators who lined the streets . . .

## Mason's big parade



Over 500 represen- organization, Elk in the areas of education Elks have worked hard Association of Elks some of the history of the gathered in Baltimore group to the AFRO. organization's 61st Tri-

State convention. the members met to organizations which students. discuss the plans for next year's activities, as well The group, under the ducted over the past

Calling themselves a service and fraternal community, particularly For that reason, the

existed at that time. service to the black

tatives of the Tri-State members explained and charity.

the national including the imthis week for the The national organization, which has provement of the organization of Elks was a total membership of Oratorical Contest, held formed in 1901, when over 450,000, has been annually, in which youth Representing Mary- black were excluded responsible for raising give speeches on the U.S. land, Delaware and from membership in over \$4 million in Constution in order to the District of Columbia, comparable white scholarship funds for win the coveted

According to the The director of group's leadership, the education for the Trias to report on progress leadership of Perry Elks were to provide State association, said made in projects con- Howard, the first incentive for youth to president, decided to improve themselves, to devote themselves to provide guidance and

leadership.

to develop their Over the past 20 years, educational progam, scholarship prizes.

that the educational program has perhaps received the most attention because of the

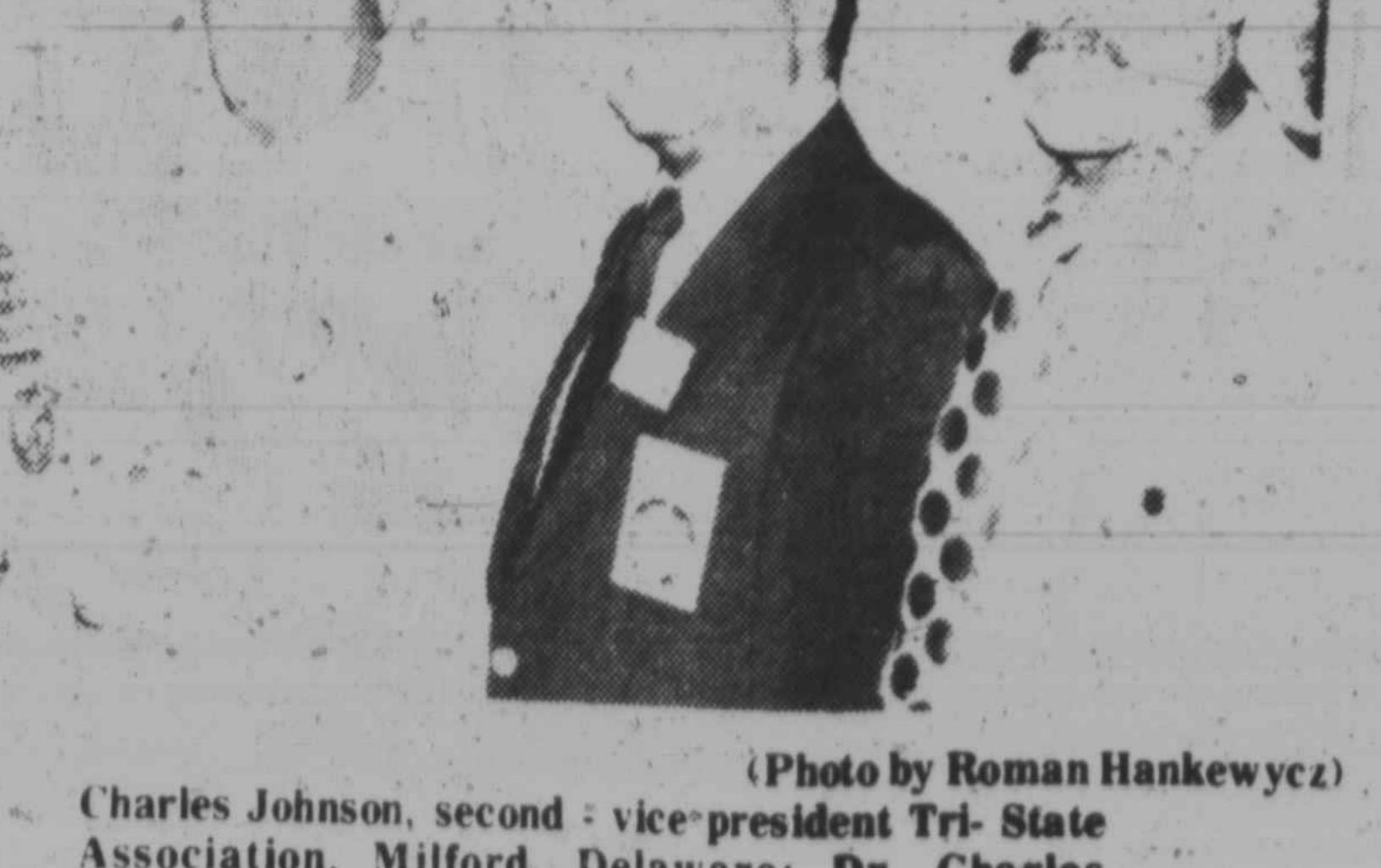


ELK OFFICERS — during recent convention held in city included (L - R): Mrs. Julia Miles, state recorder and convention co - chairman; Ms. Olive Hosey, state director, Ways and Means Division; Miss Eunice O. Cobbs, director, arts and crafts, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Alfreda Fountain, State president, auxiliary, Milford, Delaware; Mrs. Florine Brownlee, director of Shrine Department,

(Photos by Roman Hankewycz) Washington, D.G.; Mrs. Effie Coleman, chairman, trustee board and state director, hospitality committee, Baltimore; Mrs. Josephine Ridgely, director, hostess department, Baltimore; Mrs. Elizabeth Roles, Tri - State financial secretary, Wilmington, Delaware; and Mrs. Lillian Bennett, treasurer, Tri -State Association, Baltimore.



TAKING A BREAK — from convention activities were (L - R): James Harris, state director of Reducation, Tri - State Association, Baltimore; Joe Cornick, convention chairman, Baltimore; Hubert Parker, third vice - president, Tri - State Association, Washington, D.C.; William S. Fountain, president, Tri - State Association, Milford, Delaware; Dr.



Association, Milford, Delaware; Dr. Charles Johnson, second vice - president Tri - State Association, and administration of health services, Baltimore; and McElere Tuck, chairman, public relations. Baltimore.





And the women of Naomi marched along.

work by the national Elk eyeglasses paid for by Although the men and membership.

James Harris, director education department. His brohter, Dr. Bernard Harris, is a past president of the

"We are a grassroots organization, where the prominent and the less prominent work side by side for the same causes.

Harris said that in addition to the education programs, the Elks sponsor severa. charitable programs. including the "Act of Kindness program and the Conservation of

Sight program.
The Kindness program provides shelter and food to burned-out families. while the Conservation

and that the \$4 million program allows poor group, is lobbying for the raised has been the people to have their eye controversial Voting result of a lot of hard examinations and Rights Act.

the Elks. "We didn't get to The Elks have also groups, some in charge where we are by just long been civil rights of different activities, being a fraternal activists, and currently and some working on the organization," said have a lobbyist on same projects, Elk Capitol Hill making the group's position on crucial issues to placks be known. Right now, William Rush, the lob-

women have separate members say there is no real sexual distinction within the organization.

"We view the women as our sisters," explained past grand

exalted presdient William S. Fountain. "They are not subservient. They work as hard as we do."

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