

BUCH SELECTED AS STATE HEAD OF JERSEY ELKS

**New President Urges
Higher Ideals For Order.
Dearden Is Trustee**

MODIFIED VOLSTEAD ACT IS ADVOCATED

(Special to the Times.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 11.—Joseph G. Buch, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of Trenton Lodge, No. 105, B. P. O. E., was elected President of the State Association of Elks at the annual convention of that body held here yesterday. Mr. Buch has long been associated with the Trenton Lodge of Elks and has been active in philanthropic movements there for a number of years.

Past President Morris Odell, of Camden, presided at the sessions. Four vice presidents were chosen for the ensuing year, each to preside over a district, according to a new division of the state.

Following are the vice presidents: Thomas Mooney, of Burlington, south district; Henry Gilhaus, of Hackensack, northwest; B. T. Foulkes, of Orange, northeast; William J. Reichly, of Asbury Park, central. Trustees elected were S. J. Dunnion, of Montclair, and Albert E. Dearden, of Trenton.

The State association, numbering 40,000, drew up a resolution favoring the modification of the Volstead act, and urging the brewing of "wholesome" beer. It was mentioned in the resolution that the association favored a non-intoxicating beer and was against anything stronger.

In his speech following his election, Mr. Buch said:

"I can assure you I appreciate very much being elected to the presidency

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of the New Jersey Elks' Association and in accepting the honor conferred upon me with a deep feeling of appreciation and a keen sense of the duties and responsibilities connected with the office.

"I have a number of suggestions to offer which I would thank you to seriously consider, reporting them to your subordinate lodge and insisting that they take some action thereon.

"At the present time quite a number of lodges are holding Flag Day exercises in public halls as well as public parks. During the coming year, I would like to see every Elk lodge in the State hold a public demonstration on Flag Day. The Order of Elks was the first fraternity to make Flag Day a day of national celebration, and the flag should therefore not be held in the lodge-room for a select few, but before as large an audience as can be gathered in the community. There is no question but what the public schools would co-operate.

"Quite a number of lodges are having an outing for poor children. This surely is very commendable and what a wonderful thing it would be if we could say that during the year 1922-1923 every lodge in the state had set aside a day for the poor kiddies. There is no question but what kindly acts of this character will soften the hardest of hearts, and if once started I feel that it would be continued indefinitely.

"I would like every lodge set aside a day as an outing for crippled children. We who are strong of limb and body little realize what suffering there is among the poor crippled children, and a day's outing would certainly make their unfortunate lives much happier as well as making us feel that we have done something for suffering humanity. If we could inaugurate such a day and have it known throughout the state as Crippled Kiddies' Day what a splendid work we would be doing."

(United Press)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 11.—

Plans to act as big brothers to 1,500 poor boys and send them through college came up at the opening of the Elks' Convention here today.

The proposition that each Elk lodge in the country adopt a poor boy was discussed at the business session of the fraternal order.

Atlantic City belonged to the B. P. O. E. today. Special trains from every direction bore some of the 50,000 delegates that are expected here before the week is over.

Some of the nation's most prominent men are to speak. General Pershing has accepted the invitation to review the prosperity pageant Thursday.

The Milwaukee delegation, thirteen carloads strong, has captured all honors for having the largest representation at the convention.

The El Paso and San Antonio delegations jointly occupied a special train.

The convention was formally opened last night by Governor Edward I. Edwards.

ATLANTIC CITY, July 11.—The

first business session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was held today at the end of the Steel Pier, with Grand Exalted Ruler William Wallace Mountain presiding. It was an executive session and continued all of the forenoon. Most important of the reports to be received was that of the Elks national memorial headquarters building commission, which is headed by former Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania. The memorial and administration building will be the finest of its kind in the world.

According to the report of Grand Secretary Robinson, charitable work done by the Elks since the year 1880 amounts to \$13,730,433.20. But little has been made public regarding this phase of the Elks' work. The beneficiaries in each community have been the only ones to know of it, but the figures speak for themselves.

With one of the largest representations from any city, Trenton Lodge, No. 105, B. P. O. E., is planning one of the biggest demonstrations at the convention. About 150 members, with the band and guard, will march in the reunion parade on Thursday. Captain Leonard Plant will lead the band in competition with other Elks bands, and the guard will participate in a competitive drill with other teams.

An excursion at special rates will leave Trenton at 7:30 (daylight saving time) Thursday morning on the Pennsylvania Railroad and return at 10 o'clock Thursday night.