Elks Auxiliary Celebrates Plan To Buy National Shrine

PHILADELPHIA — Endorsement of purchase of a national Elk Shrine in New York was the great victory of the Grand Temple Auxiliary in the organization's convention here, in the opinion of Grand Daughter Ruler Elizabeth Ross Gordon, Buena V. Kelly, grand secretary, and Elizabeth Kimbough, grand treasurer, all reelected by acclamation.

Headed by these officers, and a grand lodge group, the joint Elk "Cabinet" and shrine committee inspected a shrine site at 96th street and Central Park, West, Monday.

The Grand Lodge has launched a shrine fund which will be swelled by $50,000 already raised by Grand Daughter Ruth Gordon, Grand Secretary Kelly and Bertha McKanlass. The building inspected Monday is for sale at $500,000.

Kayte Steele of Chicago, grand recorder, suffered the only defeat among principal grand lodge officers. She was defeated 508 to 502 by Mrs. Pender Miller Brown for reelection. Lethia C. Fleming of Cleveland was named to fill a vacancy on the executive board.

Nurse units under the supervision of Grand Directress Anna B. Jones of Columbus, presented diplomas to 78 nurses. The units will give first aid demonstrations throughout the Elk jurisdiction.

The convention also voted $4,000 for the civil liberties committee.

Grand Daughter Ruler Gordon, in cooperation with Grand Organizer Leah Wilson announced the setting of a new auxiliary to the Edward W. Henry Lodge of Germantown.

Reelected grand temple officers include Mertie W. Robinson, New York, grand vice daughter ruler; Nettie R. Carter, chaplain; Daisy O. Harris, assistant chaplain; Violet Redmond, doorkeeper; Esther Peterson, gatekeeper; Lucille Ellett, escort; Rita Cornell, assistant escort.