



**ORIGINAL ALGERIA PATROL**—This is believed to be the first photograph of an Algeria patrol and was taken in Seattle at an imperial session on Dec. 1, 1914. (Left to right) Capt. L. M. "Doc" Rheem, William Dryburgh, F. J. Smith, Adolph Faessler, Arthur T. Ward, John P. Nimmo, Frank Evangelisti, C. A. Matt-miller, David Pizer, John W. Jackson, Percy R. Witmer, Joel Bogart, Z. P. Melhorn, Oscar A. Hargrove, E. L. Flaherty, Charles Ehrlic and P. H. "Shorty" Huber.



**AN EARLY ALGERIA SHRINE PARADE**—The date is not established, it could have been in the '90's or after the turn of the century. The parade is proceeding along North Ewing Street past the old W. A.

Chessman residence (cupola in the center) which was formerly an executive mansion for Montana's governor. Parades seemed the order of the day. The picture is from Ed Loranz's Bandit Alley Museum.



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## Algeria Shrine Temple to Observe Its Diamond Jubilee on May 17-18

Red-geezed Shriners, Oriental bands, drill teams and scooter patrols will throng Helena May 17-18 to celebrate Algeria Temple's 75th anniversary. Joining with Algerians for the two-day Diamond Jubilee ceremonial will be emissaries from temples in neighboring states and the Province of Alberta.

Known as the mother temple of the Pacific Northwest, Algeria was chartered June 25, 1888, a year before Montana became a

state. It was one of 12 temples chartered at the Imperial Shrine council in Toronto and became the second Shrine temple west of the Twin Cities.

Algeria was constituted when Noble Halsey W. Lombard of Tripoli Temple in Milwaukee, a Helena resident, was deputized to communicate the Shrine degree to six Helena Knights Templar on March 23, 1888. William N. Baldwin was appointed potentate and Henry H. Guthrie recorder.

Three months later Algeria was formally chartered at Toronto. At year's end Algeria had 61 members. Baldwin was then elected the first potentate and George Booker became the first elected recorder. Other officers were J. C. Major, chief rabban; C. B. Nolan, assistant rabban; A. C. Logan, high priest and prophet; E. D. Neill, oriental guide and T. H. Kleinschmidt, treasurer.

The first class of novices, who became nobles while Algeria was

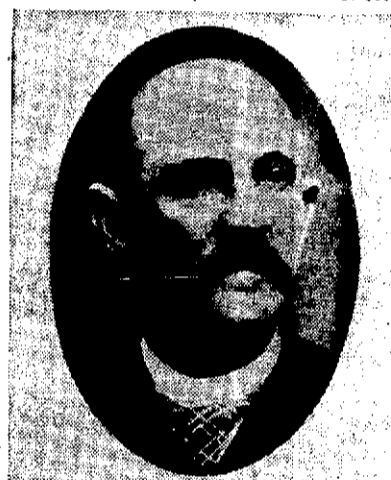
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William K. Converse Recorder Since 1932, As He Appeared Then



William M. Baldwin 1888-89, First Potentate



Oscar M. Lanstrum 1913, Silver Anniversary Potentate



Robert H. Hill 1938, Golden Anniversary Potentate



Homer Terwilliger 1963 Diamond Jubilee Potentate



**ALGERIA PATROL**—This picture was taken during the recent trip to Livingston. Color Guard: Vern Jacklin, Alvin Johnson, Hardie Strandberg, J. B. Lester. Drum Corps: James Dalrymple, Joe Munger, Tom Battershell, Lawrence Mayer, George Malben,

Carl Olson, Leslie Alke, Lew Westbrook, William Thomas, George Langdorf, Jr., Fred Naegle. In the rear is the drill team, which is shown in another picture on this page.



**DRILL TEAM, ALGERIA PATROL**—First row, David Warn, First Lieutenant; William Korizek, captain; Al Syvarson, second lieutenant; second row, William Blocker, Jack Baker, Ted Dobler, the late David Anderson, Stanley Hardwood, Edward Weiss, William

Haab, Walter Riddock, Robert Sorrels, John Mola, George Shorror; third row: Ed Reuterdehl, Chester Featherly, Nate Frost, Al Haglund, Glenn Lenhart, M. C. Fitzgerald, William Sweet, William Day, Al Stoneberg, Wally Ball, Jack DeBree, Mern Stebbins.



**TODAY'S SCOOTER PATROL**—One of Algeria's activities today is its scooter patrol. First row, Donald Miller, Robert Richeson, Arthur Connick Martin Nelson; second row, Raymond

Ehlers, Andrew Johnson, Lynn Fuqua, Randall Watkins, Henry Yeager; third row, Mike Sess, A. C. (Tony) Bielen, Joseph Slenger, Stanley Eck.