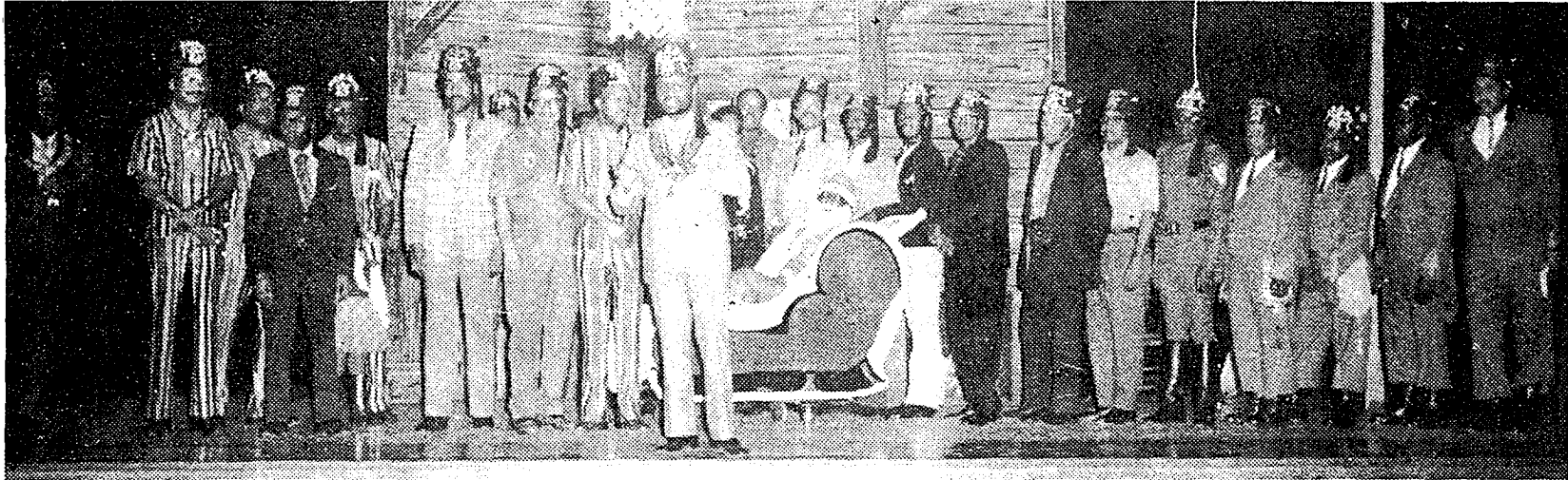


# Southside Shriners hold holiday gala

Nobles of the Arabic Temple #44 and their leader, Illustrious E. Geno Blackamore (center) welcome children and their families to the Washington Park Fieldhouse for a holiday gathering sponsored by the Shriners. Noble Charles Walters traded his fez for a Santa Claus cap and costume as hundreds of bags of goodies were distributed to the audience. Arabic Temple #44 sponsored the affair as part of their efforts on behalf of the Chicago Defender Charities.



## In tune...

The Arabic Temple band (left photo), under the direction of Noble John W. Thompson, provided accompaniment to theatrical skits and other holiday entertainment. Several hundred people attended the festivities. Neighborhood children (lower left photo) posed with Nobles of the Prince Hall Shriners Charles Hicks, Vernell Fuller, Willie Patterson and Edward McKissic. Arabic officers (photo below) Samuel Kidd and E. Geno Blackamore display plaque commemorating the Temple's life membership in the NAACP.

