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1948 BOULE

Philadelphia will be the place of our next Boule. Already the sorors of Eta Chapter are making plans for a grand session. The time of meeting will be during Christmas vacation and a large delegation, as well as many visiting sorors, is expected to be on hand.

The business of Zeta is growing and needs the loyal support of competent, earnest, thoughtful sorors. The Philadelphia sorors are making elaborate plans for your comfort and entertainment. On to Philadelphia! Soror Tynes, 5427 Haverford Avenue, is general secretary for the Philadelphia Chapters.

GRAND BASILEUS



LULLELIA W. HARRISON

The destiny of any organization depends in a large measure upon its chief executive. Zeta has chosen from among its ranks of outstanding personalities this most dynamic and capable "First Lady."

During the years that she has served in this capacity, the growth of Zeta has been phenomenal and it is with pleasure that this edition of the Archon, Zeta's National Publication, is dedicated to her splendid services.

This is a personal invitation to every Zeta within these United States to attend the Boule which convenes in Philadelphia Dec. 27-30.

There is no experience in sorority life like that of attending the national meeting. It is there that you learn the personalities of those who guide and direct the organization, and there you learn directly the mechanism by which the sorority operates. This is to say nothing of the exchange of ideas and the pleasure which comes from meeting sorors of other sections who share so much in common with you. I feel certain that every soror in the vicinity of Philadelphia will avail herself of the opportunity to share in this great fellowship of Zetas.

I take this opportunity to remind you that Zeta has grown tremendously in the last few years, and there are constant changes which must take place to meet this growth. The organization is now a big machine, and each part must be in good working order for it to function smoothly. When any part ceases to function properly it must be replaced, or the operation will inevitably slow down, and we will begin to slip backwards.

Every soror is indirectly responsible for the operation of the sorority. You elect the officers, you furnish the finance for carrying on, and you are the ones who complain when things do not go on as they should. Therefore, I appeal to you to think carefully, weigh each individual according to his ability to do the job, and then choose the most competent sorors to lead the group. There will be several changes in board members this year, and you should begin now to think in terms of who will take over at this point—without a doubt the highest point in the history of Zeta.

It is my sincere hope that every problem now existing can be ironed out satisfactorily, and that the new administration will have a clean slate with which to start. However, three days is a short time in which to discuss the problems of 150 chapters. We shall do all that is humanly possible in that time with your cooperation.

I urge every soror to pay her per capita fee and each chapter to pay its chapter tax. Chapters must be financial for 1947-48 and 1948-49 in order to have a vote. There will be no special dispensations. I look forward to hearing 150 chapters answer the roll call in December, for "When Zeta calls, we'll answer one and all."

With gratitude for your splendid cooperation during my term of office, and with prayers for the continued success of every Zeta chapter, I shall always remain,

Sisterly yours,

LULLELIA WALKER-HARRISON

Grand Basileus

1947 BOULE ECHOES

Los Angeles Zetas had long awaited and planned for the coming of our sisters to attend the 26th anniversary boule in August, 1947. Being so far away from the center of Zeta activity and among a few people who had never heard of Zeta, it has been our problem during the 10 years of our existence to impress upon the public the fact that we are a group of graduate and undergraduate women belonging to a greek letter organization of National scope.

When our sorors began to arrive, Los Angeles received them with open arms. We were pleased to see so many in attendance. Our sorors, our program, our projects, our national officers (of whom we had heard so much and were anxious to see) accomplished for us that which we were hoping. The Los Angeles Public and the Pacific Region became aware that the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is a National organization composed of over 3,000 women who are working for the uplift of the communities in which they live and the race as a whole. Even now we hear favorable comment from the citizenry about the Boule last year.

For the local Sorors the Boule was a great occasion because it was the first Boule that any of us had ever attended and we were hopeful that the fact that we were hostesses without any Boule experience was not too obvious. The Boule was something long to be remembered.

We were fortunate enough to have several past national officers and two of the original PEARLS (founders) attending the meeting. It was easy to visualize through talking to them just what they hoped and wanted Zeta to become when it was founded in 1920 and how they marvelled at the growth of our sisterhood which has gone far beyond their fondest dreams and expectations.

To me the most enjoyable social function of the Boule was the opening "closed" party where we met each other and sang songs, introduced ourselves and had a general good time with our sisters, thus starting the meetings off with a bang of sisterly love and devotion.

The theme of the Boule was "Unity and Cooperation for Meeting the Demands of the Times." This theme was very capably presented by the Grand Basileus in her very excellent lecture on the public program.

Reports from the chapters were circulated to the delegates and it was heart-warming to see the work that the chapters are doing in their various communities. Ideas are thus exchanged and worthwhile projects launched in all communities.

La Cheerios by Soror Lou Swarz as chairman and Juvenile Delinquency prevention were launched as national projects.

The new officers were elected with caution and care and it was a decided compliment

to Grand Basileus Harrison to have been re-elected. I am sure that all of the sorors realized it was because of the dignified and capable manner in which she presided over the meetings and her sense of justice and fair play to all and favoritism to none, as well as her great love for Zeta.

Local greek letter organizations entertained the Boule royally and all of us were busy attending the various beautiful affairs given in our honor.

The Boule will long be remembered on the Pacific coast. So many important things happened that you will learn from the minutes sent out by the national body.

This is only to assure you that a Boule attendance is a "must" in your program, and we, in Los Angeles, are still basking in the warmth and happy repercussions of the 26th Boule.

BIRCH HAVEN

By Soror Freida A. Cook—Chicago

Birchhaven — We have heard so much about—Where did it come from anyway? Birchhaven was left to us by the Grand Basileus Violet N. Anderson on her death bed in December 1937. It was her way of expressing her love for "Zetas" everywhere and to give them an opportunity to share some pleasant hours at the cottage as she herself had done many times. Birchhaven is a frame cottage, consisting of two bedrooms, large living room, large kitchen, a bath room, and one large front porch and a back porch. It can accommodate at one time about eight sorors. The large front porch can be converted into a bedroom that can accommodate two or three more. The cottage is situated in Idlewild, Michigan, long known as the most beautiful summer resort in the country. There are many restaurants, "night spots" of entertainment, hunting, fishing, dancing, swimming, motor boating, and hiking. There are about 400 families that live there the whole year round.

It is the aim of the Trustee Board to have this cottage ready for opening during the months of July and August. There are already many applications on hand. The cottage will rent for about \$15.00 per week. It is suggested that a group of sorors take the cottage for a week at a time.

The Chicago Chapters are planning a motorcade to Idlewild for a clean up week-end, thereby saving the \$300.00 allowed by the National for any outstanding repairs that might be needed. We hope that each chapter or region will make some contribution as to linen, blankets, bunk beds, dishes, etc. There will be bulletins as to the way you can help from the trustee's office. Let's all get behind the Birchhaven effort and help.

THE CRUSADE AGAINST THE CRIPPLER

These sisters were attacked by polio on the same day. One has made a complete recovery and the other has made remarkable progress after two years' treatment. Transportation to the clinic twice weekly, medical fees, and cost of orthopedic shoes are made possible through contributions to the March of Dimes.

THE CRUSADE AGAINST THE CRIPPLER

By

Charles H. Bynum

Director of Interracial Activities
National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis

At this writing (September) infantile paralysis is again on the march in the United States. Almost 10,000 cases have been reported from January 1, 1948 up through the third week in August. By the time this article appears in the Archon it is hoped sincerely that this summer's infantile paralysis outbreaks will have dwindled—and that our country will have been spared another year of very high incidence of this dread disease.

As of the third week of August, Texas was in a serious seige of polio, reporting more than 1,185 cases as against approximately 125 for the same period in 1947. In fact, in only four other years in the recorded history of the disease in Texas, has the 500 figure been exceeded through an entire 12-month period. North Carolina, which as of the third week of August had reported more than 1,721 cases, has doubled its highest incidence (824 cases in 1944) for a 12-month period. California's incidence, at this writing, is 200% more than for 1947. Two other states where incidence is high are Minnesota and Wisconsin. And as of the latter part of August only one state (Nevada) in the Union had thus far escaped visits from the crippler this year.

However, no matter what the end of 1948 may reveal as concerns the polio epidemic situation, there is sure to have been disclosed a vast picture of aid, of faith, hope and charity—a picture made possible by the generosity of the American people in supporting the annual March of Dimes of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

It is a far cry from the days of bewilderment, anxiety and panic witnessed in the awful epidemic of 1916 when more than 27,000 polio cases were reported in the nation. Then there was no National Foundation . . . then there were but very few properly trained hands to cope with the problems of infantile paralysis. Today there are thousands of skilled professional people—medical men, nurses, physical therapists, virologists, epidemiologists, orthopedists—equipped to render every possible service to the children and adults who fall victim to infantile paralysis.

During the past ten years the scope of service provided through the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has grown tremendously. Its fight against infantile paralysis is being waged on a four-fold front: Research, Education, Medical Care and Epidemic Aid.



Hospital Aide adjusts pack for Jimmy at Detroit's Herman Kiefer Hospital. The March of Dimes provides funds for Jimmy's hospitalization and medical care.



Polio patient learning to put on his braces at Louisville, Kentucky, General Hospital. Funds received in the March of Dimes, annual fund-raising campaign of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, are used to provide orthopedic appliances, medical care and hospitalization, and to train professional personnel.

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Grants and appropriations authorized by the organization for research and education from 1938 to December 31, 1947 totaled more than \$14,500,000. More than 80 renowned institutions have been recipients of such financial aid. Many of the programs are long-range in nature, for new scientific findings must of necessity generally evolve slowly.

For medical care and in advances to the National Foundation's Chapters, and special emergency committees, almost \$16,000,000 has been made available by national headquarters. And this figure is exclusive of other millions expended by its Chapters in aiding some 74,000 polio cases during the past decade.

The fight against infantile paralysis requires more and more skilled hands. Recognizing this, the National Foundation set up and financed scholarship and fellowship programs. As a result, some 1,437 professional workers have received special training. They include some 920 physical therapists, 30 orthopedic surgeons, 30 virologists, 21 physical therapy teachers, 8 pediatricians, 78 health educators, and scores of orthopedic nursing supervisors, teachers and head nurses.

Besides such projects, when infantile paralysis strikes in epidemic force a recruitment program is essential. Nurses financed by the National Foundation, and recruited by the American Red Cross for such service numbered more than 4,000. And more than 600 physical therapists, skilled in infantile paralysis treatment, were recruited by

the National Foundation.

Now what is this infantile paralysis? Where does it come from so mysteriously in the Spring of the year, strike out in fury during the warm weather, and then as Winter approaches practically vanish as mysteriously as it came? We know what polio is. It is an acute, infectious and often crippling disease. But as to where it comes from, where it goes, why Summer finds it at its height—there are no definite answers.

Infantile paralysis was known in all probability in the time of the Egyptians. However, it was not recognized as a distinct disease until the middle of the last century. It is caused by a virus—indefinitely smaller than bacteria. So far no cure has been found, nor is there any way of preventing the disease in man. Consequently, all that remains until science finds the answers, is to provide for the best possible medical care and treatment.

On a population basis, polio cases generally are more frequent in rural rather than in urban areas. It is quite possible that children in the country may have less chance to acquire an immunity than city children exposed earlier to the virus.

About half of those stricken with polio recover without crippling; another 25 to 30 percent will suffer some minor disabilities; 20 to 25 percent will show serious residual paralysis; and 5 to 10 percent die. Of course these percentages change from year to year, depending on the

virulence of the polio outbreaks.

Studies of polio epidemics indicate that they seem to follow a four to six year cycle but there is still no way to predict exactly which sections of the nation will escape and which areas will be targeted by the disease invader. So the best safeguard against infantile paralysis is to follow the motto: "Be Prepared."

Under the sponsorship of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in cooperation with state and local health officials, a great program of preparedness has been in operation for the past few years. Polio preparedness meetings are held at key spots throughout the United States well in advance of the epidemic season. Facilities for fighting polio are surveyed and re-evaluated.

Hundreds of these meetings were held this past Spring on an intensive basis, with county chapters of the National Foundation sending representatives to the selected meeting points.

There are 2,737 local Chapters of the organization. They are manned by volunteers and serve every county in the nation. Chapter personnel form the front rank in the fight against polio. They are charged with the obligation to render every possible service to polio patients in their area.

It has been estimated that adequate care in the case of infantile paralysis is beyond the financial resources of nine out of ten families. However, through contributions to the National Foundation's March of Dimes, which occurs each January, the American people guarantee that no one suffering from polio need go without the best available care for lack of funds—regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Chapter services include: payment of hospitalization, medical and nursing fees, physical therapy charges, transportation to and from hospital or clinic, and where indicated, payment for orthopedic appliances.

Should a Chapter exhaust its funds in providing for aid to local polio patients, national headquarters of the National Foundation sends in supplementary money for local use. As an example of this, by the latter part of August Texas Chapters had received over \$265,000 in epidemic emergency aid; North Carolina over \$253,000; and California over \$112,000. Since the first of June Chapters have received nearly \$800,000 supplementary money from national headquarters for local use. Since January 1, the National Foundation has sent Chapters over \$2,000,000. Before the year is out, the total of such supplementary financial assistance may exceed \$3,500,000.

Your local Chapter of the National Foundation exists to serve you should polio attack you or members of your family. You and millions of other citizens have made this possible throughout

the nation. The work done by members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, not only during the annual March of Dimes, but year-round, has helped in no small measure to write a story of successful aid to polio victims, and at the same time has helped play a part in underwriting scientific research projects into the field of infantile paralysis.

Leadership supplied by the national sorority is followed by the Chapters. Among the first checks received at national headquarters during the annual March of Dimes is the contribution from the national body. The local Chapters of Zeta contribute to their local campaigns. Many Chapters work as units in the March of Dimes; others delegate the work to a committee.

The Zeta Phi Beta Chapter at Tuskegee Institute sponsored the Macon County March of Dimes in 1945 and raised approximately \$5,000. Zeta women have been in the forefront of battle against the Crippler. As professional workers—physicians, nurses, health educators, and physical therapists, and as volunteers in fund-raising, education, and epidemic services, Zeta Phi Beta members have made a mighty contribution.

Each Chapter retains fifty per cent of the funds raised in its area during each March of Dimes. The other fifty per cent goes to the National Foundation for its research, education and epidemic aid programs, including medical care. The National Foundation does not conduct its own research programs. It makes grants and appropriations to renowned institutions where men of science seek to ferret out the secrets of poliomyelitis.

Many grants are made in the field of professional education. For example, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, is the recipient of grants to provide instruction in pediatrics and orthopedic surgery; Provident Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois, has received a grant for the purpose of providing fellowships in orthopedic surgery, pediatrics and neurology for Negro physicians; and at the North Carolina College for Negroes, a grant is operative for the purpose of training Negro teachers, supervisors and coordinators of health education. Then too, thousands upon thousands of dollars have been appropriated to Tuskegee Institute for the program of instruction of student nurses, as well as for the operation of the Tuskegee Institute Infantile Paralysis Center.

Research eventually will win the crusade against the crippler. Long, patient, persistent toil right now is producing some of the answers to this mysterious disease . . . clue after clue is being followed, and the fight is going forward on all fronts. It will continue to be pressed until some day our children will be free from the threat of infantile paralysis for all time.

ELMER HENDERSON APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Council is a cooperative venture of six national Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta. It was founded primarily to seek the extension of civil rights to all Americans without regard to race, color or religion. The Council also is aware of its responsibilities in regard to international problems. It will maintain an office in Washington to aid the passage of legislation supporting the aims of the Council and to oppose legislation considered detrimental to minorities. It will disseminate information and organize an action program.

Officers of the Board of Directors of the Council in addition to Mrs. Edna Owen Gray, the president, are: Mrs. Mae Wright Downs, former national president, Delta Sigma Theta, vice-president; Dr. R. O. Johnson, national president, Phi Beta Sigma, recording secretary; Miss Emma V. Manning, Basileus, Washington Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho, corresponding secretary; Miss Esther Peyton, former Chairman Executive Board, Zeta Phi Beta, treasurer; Attorney Belford V. Lawson, Jr., national president Alpha Phi Alpha, general counsel.

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Mr. Elmer W. Henderson has been named the Director of the Council. Mr. Henderson is presently executive secretary of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee and has been seeking to have Congress pass an F.E.P.C. bill. In releasing Mr. Henderson for the new post, A. Philip Randolph, Co-chairman of the F.E.P.C. Council, said, "May I say that we greatly regret the necessity to release Mr. Henderson as the directing head of

our movement, but I am glad to know that he will become the Executive Director of the American Council on Human Rights, which is developing a program comparable to, and broader than, the National Council for a Permanent F.E.P.C. I want to congratulate the fraternities and sororities upon their initiating a legislative program of the character and reaches suggested by the name of your movement."

For nearly five years Mr. Henderson served with the wartime F.E.P.C. created by former President Roosevelt, the greater time as Regional Director of the agency for eight states with headquarters in Chicago. He has taught sociology at Dillard University in New Orleans and Howard University in Washington, D. C. In 1940, he served as director of a legislative commission to study the condition of the urban colored population in Illinois. He has served also as executive secretary of the Chicago Branch, N.A.A.C.P. He is a graduate of Morgan State College in Baltimore and holds an M.A. degree from the University of Chicago. He is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago, having completed his residence requirements there. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

The Board has expressed complete confidence in Mr. Henderson and has agreed to support him in a vital program for the Council.

In accepting the position, Mr. Henderson said, "I feel deeply honored that I was selected to serve as Director of the Council. I believe a cooperative program such as this created by our fraternities and sororities and backed up by their large and influential membership will prove of tremendous benefit to American Negroes and all the groups struggling against inequality and injustices. The founders, who have labored for several years to produce this project, deserve the highest praise. I shall do everything in my power to justify the confidence placed in me and to make this effort a success."

The AKA National Non-Partisan Council has merged with the American Council of Human Rights, and the project is now supported and directed by six Greek groups of which AKA is one.

ZETAS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED



ELLABELLE DAVIS

Honorary Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

NIGHTINGALE FROM NEW ROCHELLE

The first American Negro ever to have been starred by a major opera company of the world, when she made her historic debut as "Aida" with the Opera Nacional of Mexico in 1946 . . . voted "the outstanding American singer of the year" by the League of Composers, when its membership, including the world's greatest contemporary writers of serious music, commissioned Lukas Foss to compose for her a solo cantata based on the Biblical "Song of Songs" . . . the first member of her race ever to have trod the boards of the world-renowned Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires, where she gave four sold-out concerts within three weeks . . . singled out by such eminent conductors as Koussevitzky, Ormandy and Mitropoulos for the distinction of appearing as soloist with as many as seven of America's foremost symphony orchestras during a single season . . . Ellabelle Davis has, in an amazingly short time, risen from the obscurity of a singing small-town seamstress to a secure place among the handful of today's music immortals.

When the New Rochelle grocer's daughter made her unheralded debut at New York's Town Hall four years ago, the critic of the HERALD-TRIBUNE declared: "The Negro race has given us another distinguished singer. She should soon occupy an important place in our musical life." His prediction was swiftly borne out in a series of Davis triumphs across the United States. But it remained for the hypercritical Latin-American public to accord the young soprano a tribute topping them all when, in August, 1945, still unknown outside her native land, she stepped out before a mere handful of people in Mexico City's vast Palacia de Bellas Artes for her first recital there. At intermission time members of the audience rushed out to the streets to shout the news of their discovery and, by the end of the program, the theatre was filled to capacity. "If the most hair-raising happening for the entire world is the atomic bomb," the next day's papers reported, "the most sensational and atomic adventure of the musical world is the revelation of Ellabelle Davis."

Similar excitement greeted each of Miss Davis' 35 appearances this spring (1948) in 11 European countries. In Paris, her initial appearance with Albert Wolff and the Padeloups Orchestra proved such a sensation that a recital at the Salle Gaveau was immediately scheduled and sold out within a day. In Milan she was obliged to give three concerts in the same week and was immediately engaged for the following season of the great La Scala Opera. In The Hague, after recalling her for 13 encores, the clamoring public refused to leave the hall until a repeat concert was announced from the stage. In Vienna, where she was the first American artist of stature to appear since the war, her "Liederabend" at the storied Mozartsaal, accorded a five-minute standing ovation, was cited by overseas news correspondents as having done "more than reams of articles and the entire program of the Army Information Service to explode the myth of U. S. cultural barbarism."

YOUTHFUL MUSICIAN

Miss Joy Mearimore, lyric soprano, studied voice with Florence E. Waller of Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood, N.Y., for three years; with Robert Duke two months; with Eugene Morgan, currently appearing with the Salmagii Opera Company, from January, 1941, to the present. In 1938 she won first prize in an amateur contest on the Bridgeport-New York ferry. She appeared in February of 1945, in a debut recital in New York City. From May through June of that year she sang in the Broadway production of "Memphis Bound." A tour in April through southern United States and recitals in

South America from May to September of 1946 marked another milestone. Some of her successes in South America were recorded in the Georgetown Chronicle and the Argosy, newspapers of Georgetown, British Guiana, where the Philharmonic Orchestra presented her to the public. From 1946 to date she has appeared as soloist at the Twelfth Church of Christ, the Scientist. On October 21, 1947, she charmed her audience with a recital at the Harlem YWCA in New York City.

Miss Mearimore's other accomplishments include piano and organ playing. She studied piano for ten years beginning at the tender age of five. She has played in numerous choruses and choirs, including the Cappella Choir for two consecutive years as soloist, and in school orchestras. In 1940 she assisted with the direction of choirs; performed on programs of the Emanuel and the Metropolitan Methodist Churches. This young lady has appeared as an accompanist on various occasions with Myrtle Gauntlett, LaCosta Brown, Charles Alford, "The Manhattan Melodiers," and "The Four Squires." The latter named were male choruses directed by Charles Alford. From 1944 through 1945 she directed "The Mozart's Young Peoples Chorus" of teenage girls and the "Chaplain's Chorus" of mixed adults. Miss Mearimore has been on Station WJZ on Saturday mornings in the Bob Russell show "On Stage Everybody." At present her days are consumed with working in a Brooklyn nursery. Her ready sympathy, musical talent, cooperative spirit, and ever-present good humor make her a person worthy of being a soror of Zeta Phi Beta.



SOROR THERESA COTTLES, ALPHA GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER, NEW ORLEANS

Soror Theresa Cottles is the grateful recipient of one of the \$250.00 scholarships awarded at Boule in California to sorors for graduate study.

Soror Cottles is a graduate of Dillard University and recently appointed Art Teacher at The Booker T. Washington High School of New Orleans.

Soror Cottles plans to further her studies in art this summer, as she could not secure a leave before then.



Miss Mildred Blount, National Honorary Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and noted milliner, headed east this spring for Philadelphia, where her style show, "Headed for Spring," was previewed at the fashionable Fleisher Auditorium presented by Vogue Magazine. This year's accent is on the gay, nonsensical, whimsical and practical, commented the talented milliner at her home when she displayed her artistry to a few friends and sorors. Newsreels will feature the style show in first-run theaters all over the country. Here's wishing Soror Blount loads of luck. We know the review of the Blount originals will be nothing less than a huge success and our Philadelphia Sorors will be proud of her achievements. Soror Blount is also writing an article to be presented in a handbook, along with articles in other fields, by the Negro Digest to Negro Schools. Our new honorary member leads a very busy and full life.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Lullelia W. Harrison
Grand Basileus, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
1721 Worm Street
Houston 10, Texas

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

Your organization is to be congratulated on accepting as one of your national projects the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency. Only by all of us throwing our support behind the Attorney General's program can we hope to find the ways and means to reduce the incidence of delinquency among our teen age boys and girls.

We have had several conferences with your project director, Mrs. Lillian N. Fitzhugh, and shall be pleased to put at her disposal the facilities of the office of the Continuing Committee in an effort to help your organization to get started and to develop a program of action on the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency.

Sincerely yours,

EUNICE M. KENNEDY

Executive Secretary

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WORKER

Loretta Hicks

Zeta chose as its National Project for this year "Juvenile Delinquency." In 1939 Soror Loretta Hicks, Alpha Eta Zeta Chapter, began working on the problem of delinquency in Memphis, Tennessee, after receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree from LeMoyne College.

In August of that year she began working as a social caseworker in the Family Service Agency of Memphis. Two years of experience on this job showed her that the need to curb juvenile delinquency was so great that she needed additional training in order to cope with the many delicate situations with which she was so often confronted and which she feared she was not adequately handling. September, 1941, found Soror Hicks enrolling in the Atlanta University School of Social Work. There she studied the motivation of human behavior with emphasis on work with children.

Her study of the homes of the children who came to the Herndon Day Nursery (Atlanta), won for her the Master of Social Work Degree, June 1, 1943.

The very next day found her back at her desk in the Family Service Agency of Memphis, where she is now still employed and where she

has very successfully tried to correlate her training and experience with the problems at hand.

World War II, that catastrophic calamity which tore parents from the home, voluntarily or otherwise, saw hundreds of children suffering from various forms of neglect. Often both parents were forced to be away from home, the mother working, the father in the armed services or hospitalized. Delinquency problems of today are the direct result of many such situations, and although the war for the most part is over the ever-skulking monster of broken homes is with us to carry on the devastating work of making juveniles delinquent. Through no fault of their own many children become "citizens of the streets" or worse still, denizens of unthinkable places where they go or are enticed for unholy purposes.

Soror Hicks works untiringly with parents and children trying to help them make proper adjustments to the problems which are theirs. Her success or failure depends upon the cooperation which these troubled people give her. Through her efforts many parents and children are finding happiness which they had never known before.

It is the duty of every soror to participate in this worthwhile project of curbing and preventing juvenile delinquency, for in so doing she is helping to wipe out a social nuisance that if allowed to grow and spread will eventually undermine the foundations of society.

Alpha Eta Zeta Chapter joins whole heartedly in supporting Soror Hicks in any undertaking which is in her line of work. Through Soror Hicks the chapter makes a monthly donation to the Orange Mound Day Nursery and at present an effort is being made to interest the local Theater Association in getting the right type of pictures for week-ends at which time a large percentage of theater-goers are children.

MISUNDERSTOOD YOUTH

By WINNIE LOU HILL, Memphis, Tennessee

Greek letter organizations are interested in the process of acculturation through which youth becomes a law-abiding citizen or a criminal. An example may be found in a report from Beta Zeta Chapter regarding discussion meetings on "Human Relationship," in which parents were prepared to meet changes in the home and had opportunities to study causes of and remedies for juvenile delinquency.* This program, which was planned as a supplement to the work of other organizations that have aimed at the root of the main cause of juvenile delinquency, considered the youth's liabilities and assets.

The important question in program planning is: What makes the young delinquent a social variant? The individual, as a result of his unique experiences, has formed certain attitudes

toward society, and some of the latter may be termed anti-social. Values for the delinquent are not the same as those accepted by the good citizen. Social feeling against the type of individual may be aroused to a point of animosity because of certain conventional theories based on the act itself rather than the study of the situations that perhaps provoked the misdeed. A social group, acting as a judge, should say that the young person has a life organization in which delinquency is one of the factors.

In November, 1947, eight high school boys and girls attending a three-day conference on Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency discussed five main causes: "Broken homes, non-understanding adults, racial and minority tensions, lack of vocational guidance and lack of recreational facilities." The young people attending the conference realized that any attempted solution to the many problems of youth maladjustment may be definitely organized around the study of the factors just mentioned.

The home may not offer the affection and the stimulus that gives the youth a sense of belonging, while the gang on the street may be the center of attraction where the youth is one of the group instead of one against the family with its accepted traditions.

Respect for law and order could be the theme song of the home called "good" by the community, but the manner in which this theme is sung to the adolescent may be responsible for her disorganized personality. The young woman may realize that certain standards are established for her that the parents have not recognized as valuable for them. Conflicts in the youth's thinking would perhaps lead to delinquent behavior.

When youth has recognized her social heritage she is aware of some emotional aspects found therein. Economic class, racial affiliation, sectionalism with attendant prejudice and hatred are often responsible for youth's emotional instability. The adolescent, who attempts to properly adjust himself to racial tensions sometimes finds he lacks preparation to meet the perilous situations adequately. A commonplace everyday experience could cause a crisis which would draw out all of the young person's emotional behavior reserve.

Stability is important for the youth as she finds her purpose in life. A girl may be alert, intelligent and progressive and yet lack the characteristics that prepare her for worthy adult citizenship. The ability to face situations calmly, to accept what she cannot help, to face life unafraid and to be alert to the world around, should enable the adolescent to make a good response to even the most unique experience as she moves into adult stage. With the attributes as stated above, youth would not need the voice of the law, the instructions from the boss and treatment from the psychiatrist.

A study made in 1945 of the 4,788 children in Connecticut, who were neglected or delinquent,

revealed the medium age for delinquent children was just over 14 years; 85.5 per cent of the boys and 14.5 per cent of the girls were delinquent, although the groups were almost evenly divided. Delinquent children came from families with an average of four children, while the average size family in the United States consists of three people: adults and children.**

From 281 cases it was discovered that in 85 per cent of the families the following disorders were the main contributing factors to juvenile delinquency: emotional instability, mental deficiency, parental disinterest, mental illness, physical illness, cultural conflict and poverty.***

The order of the above causes is important. From the findings one may be surprised to see that poverty is the least contributing factor. Perhaps any plan of attack on juvenile delinquency should be based on a consideration of what are most prevalent causes.

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority could work cooperatively with family welfare agencies to help understand, provide treatment and resources to deal with problems of understanding and adjusting delinquent children in society. During the next decade our job should take us farther than merely referring cases. How youth uses her resources, where new resources may be beneficial, and what financial obligations we can assume to help solve problems arising from disorganized youth are basic for us.

*The Achron, December, 1945, Parent Education in Human Relationship, p. 32.

**Survey Midmonthly, February, 1947, Robinson, Reginald, Beneath the Surface, p. 43.

***Ibid, p. 45.

'I'D RATHER BE IN HELL THAN IN A HOME LIKE OURS'

By Albert Deutsch

(In July Woman's Home Companion)

Bill is the kind of boy you like on sight—about 17, with frank eyes and a shy warm smile. He is one of the 570 students at the National Training School for Boys in Washington, D. C. As I talked with him I wondered, as I often wondered during my nation-wide tour of reform schools: How did such a boy wind up in such a place?

I inquired about Bill's background. Harold E. Hegstrom, head of the National Training School, fetched from his files a letter from Bill to his parents, copied by the school censor.:

Dear Mom and Dad,

I am feeling lower than the lowest thing on earth, and I think that the two of you should have something on your consciences, too.

When the two of you went out that Saturday, nobody asked me to come along. So I just stayed home and sat around and thought. Just put yourself in my place for a while. How would you feel if your own mom and dad acted as if they didn't love you? Believe me I love both of you with all my heart but you

never gave me the chance to show it. Instead you always fought between one another and wouldn't even sit in the same room together.

I only want one favor. If I get permission from the parole board I want your signature on the papers so I can join the service. Please don't ask for me to come back home because I will not do it. If a home has to be the way ours has been I would just as soon live in hell.

Bill's history told the details. He had brooded a while that Saturday night after his parents walked out on him in search of a good time. Then he left the house, got into the first parked car he found and drove until police picked him up in a neighboring state.

The Army He's In

Bill wanted to join the army. But he is already enrolled in a strange and disturbing army—the juvenile army of the rejected.

This army is made up of children rejected by their homes, schools and communities. It is recruited largely from the nearly 400,000 children who pass thru our juvenile courts every year. But it also includes many thousands more who have been deprived of the most precious needs and rights of childhood—love, understanding, security, guidance, fun, hope.

In the central ranks are the 25,000 boys and girls in our institutions for juvenile delinquents. In my article "Is This Reform?" published in the March Companion, I described brutalizing and dehumanizing conditions in many of these institutions. But bad as these institutions are, the history of rejection and deprivation does not start with them. It goes back to the community in which a child grew up—to you, to me, to all of us.

HOW CAN PARENTS MAKE A GOOD HOME?

How can parents help prevent juvenile delinquency? First, by making a good home for their own children. How can they make a good home, what formula can they follow? The Committee on Home Responsibility of the National Conference on Juvenile Delinquency is on record with this 14-point definition:

A good home for children may be a one-room apartment, a trailer or a 12-room house, but it is a good home for a child if . . .

- 1—He is loved and wanted—and knows it.
- 2—He is helped to grow up by not having too much or too little done for him.
- 3—He has some time and some space of his own.
- 4—He is part of the family, has fun with the family and belongs.
- 5—His early mistakes and "badness" are understood as a normal part of growing up; he is corrected without being hurt, shamed or confused.
- 6—His growing skills—walking, talking, reading, making things—are enjoyed and respected.

7—He plans with the family and is given real ways to help and feel needed thruout childhood.

8—He has freedom that fits his age and his needs; he has responsibilities that fit his age abilities and freedom.

9—He can say what he feels and talk things out without being afraid or ashamed; he can learn thru mistakes as well as successes. And his parents appreciate his successes rather than dwell upon his failures.

10—As he grows older, he knows his parents are doing the best they can; they know the same about him.

11—He feels his parents care as much about him as they do his brothers and sisters.

12—The family sticks together and the members help one another.

13—He is moderately and consistently disciplined from infancy, has limits set for his behavior and is helped to take increasing responsibility for his own actions.

14—He has something to believe in and work for because his parents have lived their ideals and religious faith.

ZETAS ADOPT "LA CHEERIOS" PROJECT

LOU SWARZ SEES HOBBY BECOME REALITY THROUGH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

**Motto of LaCheerios: Just Spreading Cheer
All Through the Year**

It is so easy to spread cheer and sunshine to those less fortunate than we, so when our own Lou Sealia Swartz, actress-comedienne, organized a National "La Cheerios" in New York City three years ago it was just a hobby put into reality on a Universal scale. For Soror Swarz had been a "lone" La Cheerio since the year 1937 when months in a Hospital showed her how hundreds of patientts were neglected.

Annually since 1937 La Swarz has sent Cheer Booklets and cards by the thousands to Shut-ins in Institutions in various cities.

The Group has one purpose; that of Spreading Cheer and Sunshine all through the year among all races, creeds, and colors. Such Cheer may be spread through Prayer, Visits, Cards, Showers of every kind, Letters, Fruit, Magazines, Gifts (Cash or otherwise), Parties, Programs; or numerous other ways which would surely be welcomed by Heads of Institutions. The La Cheerios in New York City once sewed cut-out animals for Children in the Harlem Hospital after learning from the Social Service Department there that many such animal patterns were donated to the Hospital, but they were not sewed and finished fast enough to meet the needs of the ward for children. Thus, you can readily see that the Type of Cheer given might depend easily upon the Community in which you live;

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SYMPOSIUM

NOBLE GREEKS OR SAVAGE BARBARIANS

Courtesy of Editor L. O. Swingler,
The Sphinx Magazine
Memphis, Tennessee

By Dr. Milton S. J. Wright

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The college fraternities and sororities of this country must work out a more sensible and human plan and method of treating and initiating their candidates. It is alleged that several of them have already passed legislation at their national conventions or meetings which make corporal punishment or other forms of brutal treatment illegal. But in far too many instances, such legislation is either totally ignored, or circumvented. There are now, and have been in the past, members of college fraternities and sororities who seem or seemed obsessed with the idea that savage beating of candidates is the best and most effective means of making good and loyal "brothers and sisters."

To some of them it is real fun to blindfold a "barbarian," and then beat him or her unmercifully to the point that the "seeker after light" must or should be hospitalized. As we observe some of the "Noble Greeks" eagerly at work sadistically administering the lash or the paddle to the bodies of those barbarians whom they plan later to call brothers or sisters, one cannot but wonder whether or not the so-called Greeks themselves are the real barbarians.

Some of the middle Twentieth Century fraternity initiations, in a country that claims to look with utter disdain upon human degradation, brutal and savage treatment, remind one of how the cruel and blood-thirsty overseers and slave-drivers of the dark past subdued or conquered their victims, or of the methods and practices of the inhuman Nazi regime, of the ruthless Ku Klux Klan, or of the infamous Columbians. It may sound like an exaggeration, but one can actually note a sadistic gleam of excitement in the eyes of some weak and puny wearer of a fraternity or sorority pin—or even of a big and burly member, as he or she takes weapon in hand and proceeds unmercifully to beat the spirit of "Good Old Beta Beta Phi" into the flesh, blood, and bones of the miserable, hogtied, blindfolded, and intimidated pledgee—so he or she falsely thinks. Immediately after the wielder of the weapon has finished administering that cowardly beating, some of his or her fellow-sadists rush to the modern Simon Legree, give him the old hand-shake and tell him what a great strokesman he is, thus making him feel that he has just done

something great, and has demonstrated the real and noble spirit of Beta Beta Phi.

Now among the real and primary aims and purposes of the majority of our fraternities and sororities are those to encourage high scholarship, manliness, womanhood, culture, justice, brotherhood, sisterhood, and love for all mankind. To be sure, they also aim to instill in their members such noble characteristics and ideals as courage, determination and preservice. Perhaps some of those misguided and misinformed, but very likely well-meaning Greeks, feel that severe beatings, unreasonable tasks and assignments to pledgees, and their ability successfully to take all that is given, is definite evidence that their prospective fraternity brothers and sorority sisters possess sufficient quantities of those characteristics.

There is little, if any, objection to clean and wholesome play and fun during periods of fraternity and sorority initiation. But any tasks or assignments by members of college fraternities or sororities, that unreasonably distract the pledgees from their studies most certainly do not encourage high scholarship, but rather contribute to poor scholarship. Thoughtlessly and mercilessly beating and humiliatingly subjecting students to dangerous horse-play most certainly contributes nothing toward encouraging and building in them manliness, womanhood, culture, justice, or "love for all mankind." Neither do these practices cause the pledgees to have deeper respect for the fraternity or sorority, or for the individual members who permit or indulge in such tactics.

Many of the institutions of higher learning where college fraternities and sororities could or did function, have barred these organizations from their campuses for the above stated or other similar reasons. Some other colleges are almost continually bothered and troubled with such problems. Several state legislatures have passed laws making all forms and types of hazing and brutality or corporal punishment illegal. Yet, in many of those same colleges and universities, in some of those same states, some student organizations of the type under discussion secretly or openly maim or wound at least a few of those who seek admission to Greek-letter fraternities and sororities every year. Once in a while there is a fatal accident caused by, or resulting from initiations. Such cases bring embarrassment upon both the organization and the college. There is definite and grave responsibility upon the college in this regard. Therefore, the members of such student organizations need and must have sound guidance and strict discipline in the carrying out of their initiation procedure. It is far better to give attention to these matters before a serious and fatal accident, than to bar or expel the organization after such a mishap on the campus.

Due primarily to those childish and savage practices; to the harm done to scholastic rating,

plus the high financial cost of joining, some of the best and most intelligent and talented students absolutely refuse to submit themselves for membership in college fraternities or sororities. Many of the sounder thinking students note how pledges are consistently almost made slaves, and persistently intimidated by the so-called "big brothers" and "big sisters." Some members of those organizations seem to think that pledges should cater to just about every whim and fancy of the fraternity or sorority members. If the miserable and lowly pledgee even acts as though he or she does not want to respond favorably to the commands of the "noble Greek," then there is the awful threat of the dreaded "black ball."

One "noble Greek" black-balled a pledgee because that pledgee refused to supply him with cigarettes for one month. Another "noble Greek" was determined to keep a pledgee out of the fraternity because he (the pledgee) objected to being paddled by members of the organization twice every month. A certain member of a sorority cast a negative vote against a pledgee because that pledgee stopped allowing her "big sister" to wear her best dresses, coats, and shoes. There was another case of a Greek who insisted that pledges write all of his (the Greek's) class reports. In short, those who are pledged to the Greek-letter organizations must either become almost entirely subservient to the wills and desires of the "noble Greeks," or never become Greeks.

Newspaper releases during the past year tell of large and small numbers of pledges who have rebelled against brutal and inhuman initiation practices on the part of the fraternity and sorority members. But there are still far too many candidates who are so anxious to become Greeks that they will neither make any real effort to protect themselves, nor make it possible for responsible persons to protect them. After their own savage initiation is over, it seems that almost their greatest ambition is to get revenge on the next group of pledges who are brave or courageous—or should we say, foolish or stupid—enough to pay from twenty-five to seventy-five dollars for the privilege of being beaten within an inch of their lives; humiliated, and reduced in scholarship, so that they, too, may become noble Greeks. Thus they see the opportunity to get in line to administer savage beatings to other prospective brothers or sisters. To be able to humiliate and horse-whip a handicapped victim seems to give some otherwise weak and puerile persons added status. This is about the only way that some of them have to show their prowess.

Greeks who engage in barbaric practices cannot be classed as anything other than barbarians. Is Beta Beta Phi an organization of noble Greeks, or of savage barbarians?

An ARCHONION'S View Of AN IDEAL WOMAN

By Victoria Tottress

The chief business of every woman is to be a real person. Women possess by nature those qualities out of which personality is made, and their primary responsibility is to organize these qualities into effective life. An ideal woman molds her life so that it will fit in with the lives of others.

Since the home is the best place to do our work, let us begin there with ourselves. Women, wives and mothers, are the inspiration of the home. It is for them that men really work. It is within their power to make life gracious and beautiful, or by bickering and nagging to make it an ugly thing. A bickering nagger is never successful with life. The woman who controls herself and meets life with high courage and a light touch will have a successful and happy life.

Women must realize that character and personality are the fundamental essentials of a worthwhile life. Women must also realize that success is not measured with the customary yardstick of material success. An adjustment of the real sense of values is the properly adequate way of being of help to others, and helping others is the key to successful living.

Women in public life must be able to listen to all sorts of opinions without becoming prejudiced or dogmatic. They must be able to keep an open mind, to form their own opinions, and to have the courage to stick to them when the test comes.

Women should live so that their lives may be the proper examples to follow. The ideal woman seeks not to live in an atmosphere of aloofness, but rather to live with people, to feel with them and to suffer, if need be, with them.

One of the ablest women in this country, now the wife of a college president, was brought up in poverty. She recalls an occasion when, as a girl, she complained of her hardships to her mother. "See here," said the mother, "I have given you life, that's about all I shall ever be able to give you. Now you stop complaining and do something with it." What are we doing with our lives? Are we as an organization doing anything with our lives to influence other for good? Let us learn to work with one another, then we can work with others.

WITH THE CHAPTERS



ALPHA PHI ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY

By Dorothy C. Davis

Richmond, Virginia.

Alpha Phi Zeta once again greets you. A special greeting goes out to the new chapter in our district, Rho Alpha at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. To tell briefly of our work so far this year will begin with opening meeting. Soror Adlena Sanders carried us on an imaginary trip to the National Boule held in Los Angeles, California, in August. We travel over plains and around mountains to California and a joyful as well as profitable time was had. Many of our members attended the boule but those who were unable to attend were made to feel as if they had attended. We were served elaborately, a gay social hour followed, and we left pledging ourselves to each others support.

But I must move on to another warrior. For the past two years the destiny of Alpha Phi Zeta has been headed successfully by Soror Phillis O'Kelly. She is small in stature but she's alert and wide-awake for Zeta. She is superintendent of Peaks Industrial School.

With the advent of the New Year Alpha Phi Zeta Sorors are working earnestly toward realization of the plans they have listed for the year's work. First on the agenda is a luncheon for the prospective pledges for Zeta. A Blue Revue Cabaret will be held in January. We will spare

not effort in bringing Zeta and its program for Finer Womanhood to the attention of the public in February. Special efforts have been put forth to make Finer Womanhood week a gratifying celebration. Following this we shall sponsor a Baby Parade, an annual affair to be held early in the spring with finance going toward local expense and our Scholarship fund.

The two greatest factors necessary to give the Negro woman her rightful place are: First, the development of her intellectual powers through education. Second, the development of her spiritual nature by holding before her the high aim of her existence; that of sponsoring a better race.

The members of this sorority, at this very time are banded together, concerting every effort to establish, what we proclaim to be the essence of our civilization, Finer Negro Womanhood. Now we are only at our best when we are engaged in a task immortal and divine. Such a task is nothing more than some bit of service we may render some fellow being. We are busy working forward to a Parental Clinic which we hope will be better than those we have had in the past.

The visit of our regional directress, Carrie Michie, was a red letter day. She was entertained at the home of Lillian McDaniel.

Two of our members completed work for their Master's Degree, Theresita Braxton completed her work in business at Chicago University and Martha Warren Owens completed her work in Education at Virginia State College.

ALPHA MU ZETA CHAPTER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Alpha Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Little Rock, Arkansas, feels justly proud in reviewing the activities of the Sorority during the current year. Outstanding among the events of the year was the annual organ recital, December 12, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Soror Myrtle Williams, chairman of the committee in charge, together with her members, presented many prominent and accomplished organists and vocal soloists of the state to a vast and appreciative audience of friends and fellow Greeks. The recital was one of the most enjoyable musical programs ever presented in the city, and was a great financial success.

Alpha Mu Zeta and Tau Chapter collaborated in the observance of National Finer Womanhood Week. An impressive Pledge Renewal Service was observed at the home of Soror Jarrett. The activities of the week culminated with Vesper services at Wesley Chapel Methodist

Church, Sunday, February 22, at 4:00 P.M. The guest speaker, Soror E. Juanita Tate, discussed "Womanhood and New Frontiers." An appreciative audience of "Zeta" friends and fellow Greeks attended the services and thoughtfully followed Soror Tate's impressive address as she paid tribute to womanhood and cited numerous educational and political frontiers open to women of today.

Three young ladies, members of the Dunbar High School and Arkansas Baptist College, respectively, were awarded prizes for their excellent essays on "Finer Womanhood." At the Commencement Exercises of the Dunbar High School, Alpha Mu Zeta Sorority, will present a scholarship defraying the expenses for one year at the Dunbar Junior College to some deserving young lady who satisfies the requirements of the sorority.

Under the efficient leadership of its basileus, Soror Estelle V. Anderson, Alpha Mu Zeta Chapter, has successfully promoted many activities of which all of the members are very proud.

GALVESTON GET-TOGETHER



Sorors in the picture, center front: E. B. Prater. Left to right, seated: Leona Strode, Annie Lee Hill, Beulah Huff, Cecile Prince, Evelyn Bell, Martha Chase. Back row: Mable Toran, Virgie Carter, Gertrude Brown, Lucie Smith, Sallie Scott.



Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority celebrating Finer Womanhood Week at the First Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama, Sunday, February 29, 1948. Reading from left to right in the Group picture, sitting: Sorors Ludie P. Dowdell, Irma G. Reynolds, Susie Jamar, Louise W. Vickers (Basileus)

Nancy Woolridge (Guest Speaker), Lucinda B. Robey, Mattie McCord, Richard Christian, and Fannie Turner. Standing: (Left to right) Sorors Eddie M. McGhee, Marjorie Samuels, Ida D. Smith, Sarah Givhan, Alice Ligon, Willie M. Spears, Leona O'Neal, Frazier Knight, and A. Louise Gudger.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR—1947-48

The Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter of Birmingham, Alabama, met with tremendous success in its financial and cultural endeavors this fiscal year.

Last October, the sorors launched a "Miss Cinderella" contest, using young ladies throughout the city as contestants. Each Zeta sponsored a girl. Over a thousand dollars was raised in this contest.

Special features of "Finer Womanhood Week" included the re-pledge services; the pleasurable get-together of the Zetas and their fraternity brothers (Sigmas); the gala dance where hundreds gathered for an evening of enjoyment; the motorcade to Ketona Home for the aged with armfuls of good eats for the inmates; the final program where the Finer Womanhood award was presented.

The program for the Sunday activities culminating "Finer Womanhood Week" was as follows:

- Sunday, February 29, 1948
- Eleven O'Clock A.M.
- First Congregational Church
- Birmingham, Alabama
- The Reverend Milton Williams, Pastor
- Theme: "Service Through Finer Womanhood"
- Prelude:
- Music—Choir
- Scripture—Soror Irma G. Reynolds
- Prayer—Soror Fannye Turner
- Music—Choir
- "History of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority"—
- Soror Willie M. Spears
- Solo—Soror Alyce Ligon
- The Occasion—Soror Louise W. Vickers
- Basileus Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter
- Address—Soror Nancy B. Woolridge, Ph.D.
- National Anti-Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta
- Sorority and Instructor at Hampton
- Institute



Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge, Guest Speaker, for Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter, Birmingham, Alabama, in their observance of Finer Womanhood Week.

“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

Greek Medley—Soror Eddie C. McGhee
Presentation of Award—

Soror Lucinda B. Robey

Regular Church Offering:

Remarks—The Reverend Milton Williams
Dismissal

Dr. Nancy Woolridge thrilled her audience with the eloquence of her delivery and the competency of her flawless diction. Her discourse was based on the scripture, Esther 5:14, “And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” She pointed out the necessity of woman to realize the significance of her position as a moulder of the peace, and that she should note that personal ambitions, selfish advancement, individual distinction must be laid aside in the crisis.”

Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Girl Scout Director of Jefferson County, received the Finer Womanhood Award because of her excellent work with this organization.

Two young ladies, freshmen at Miles and Daniel Payne Colleges, Birmingham Ala., were awarded scholarships by this chapter on the basis of their scholarships, attitudes and character.

Because of the close fellowship that exists among the sorors of Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter; the hearty cooperation manifested in every activity; the zest and dauntless spirit of the sorors and their superior love for Zeta, these finer women have won for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority a definite place among other outstanding organizations in this city.

Soror Louise W. Vickers, Basileus
Soror Ludie P. Dowdell, Epistoleus

KAPPA ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY

By Birdie Lee Anderson

The Kappa Zeta Chapter has enjoyed quite a number of outstanding events of the year. We observed the Finer Womanhood Week February 22-27. The week began with a worship service which was held at the St. John Baptist Church on Sunday February 22, at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Vernon Johns was the guest minister for this occasion. The following sorors participated in this service: Soror Irma Minor Jones who gave the Occasion; Soror Maude Williams sang a solo; Soror Birdie Mae Brown introduced the members of the Zeta Sorority and the Woman of the Year. The members of the St. John Church were most hospitable to these guests.

At 3:00 o'clock Sunday, February 22, a photographer from American News Reel Co. made pictures of various scenes in the home of Mrs. E. C. Estell. Members of the Sorority and the Wednesday morning Study Club formed the participants in these scenes.

A radio broadcast on station WRR at 7:30 p.m. was conducted by members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The participants on this program were Soror Lillian Boddin, Mistress of Ceremonies and Soror G. O. Snirley delivered the address. Soror Maude Williams and Irma Gaston Brown were soloists.

On Thursday, Feb. 26, at 1:57 p.m. a Finer Womanhood Week Program was held in the Lincoln High School Auditorium. Hon. J. W. Rice was the guest speaker. The Harry T. Burleigh Choir of the Lincoln High School directed by Mrs. Maurie Bailey rendered some beautiful selections. A number of future Zetas appeared on the program. Principal T. D. Marshall complimented this occasion highly in his remarks.

The culminating feature of the week was the Woman of the Year Banquet. Delicious food and beautiful decorations graced the YWCA. Sorors Birdie Lee Anderson and Viola Dixon served as pianists. Soror Irma Brown was soloist. Soror Alberta Thompson introduced the guest speaker, Soror Maggie Daniels. Dr. Daniels received her A.B. Degree from Wiley College; Masters and Ph.D. Degrees from the University of Wisconsin. She was indeed a forceful speaker.

Soror Juanita Johns was excellent in her presentation of the Zeta Award to Mrs. E. C. Estell, "The 1948 Woman of the Year." Mrs. Estell received many lovely gifts and telegrams. Upward of 100 guests attended including Women of yester-years, candidates in the Woman of the Year Campaign and young ladies representing our Women of Tomorrow.

ALPHA NU ZETA CHAPTER

Okmulgee, Oklahoma

To all Sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Greetings:

From Alpha Nu Zeta Chapter in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. We are indeed happy to greet our Sorors for the first time.

As we reflect over the activities of the past month, we can point with pride to many things which show that we are trying to attune the agenda to the need of humanity.

Our chapter was organized last April, 1947, with 20 charter members. Our impressive pledge and initiation service was held under the direction of Soror Tate and the Tulsa Chapter. Following the initiation we proceeded to elect officers for the year: Muriel D. Robinson, Basileus; Hazel J. Gatewood, Anti-Basileus; Vern V. Key, Gram-mateus; Ester S. Johnson, Tamias; Mattie E. Far-rar, Parliamentarian; Essie Porter Brown, Epis-toleus.

In May, the group voted unanimously for an agenda for the year, which included plans for a three-fold job.

We decided to sponsor a dinner to get our treasury started. In this effort we were successful in getting a commendable amount.

November found us quite elated over an evening with Soror Leliah D. Lovejoy, Regional Director, and Soror Palmore of Oklahoma City, present. The purpose of this feature was to present ourselves to the public.

Founders Day celebration was a most enjoyable affair held in the home of Soror M. Far-rar. Basileus Robinson gave an inspiring talk which was a challenge to each of us to become a greater Zeta woman.

Soror Key gave lines that were comical, interesting, and true about our initiation service. The members of Alpha Nu Zeta delight in singing, so we sang with enthusiasm our own Zeta song and the composition of Soror Nell Brown accompanied by Soror Brown.

We are active in community and civic projects. We have made contributions to the Community Chest Drive, Band and Choral Club Uniforms, Red Cross and other Civic Organizations. We are sponsoring a Zeta girl in Langston University.

As a chapter, we are moving forward ever conscious of our responsibility to our race and nation, and to our Negro Finer Womanhood.

Women are the poetry of the world in the same sense as the stars are the poetry of Heaven. Clear, light-giving, harmonious, they are the terrestrial planets that rule the destinies of mankind.

LAMBDA ZETA CHAPTER

The Lambda Zeta and Nu Alpha Chapters, Houston of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority enjoyed a very successful Finer-Womanhood Week Observance during the month of February. Our Zeta sermon was held Sunday Morning February 22nd at Brown's Chapel Methodist Church with Soror Mary Watson Steward of Detroit, Michigan delivering the address. A large group of Sorors attended this sermon. To close out our observance, a woman whom we thought had been outstanding in Houston was chosen as the "Woman of the Year." She was Mrs. Ethel C. Ellison, a very prominent woman of this city who is at present a member of the faculty of Jack Yates High School, a member of the Ethel Ransome Social Club and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Mrs. Ellison was honored at a banquet which was held March 12th at Cuney Homes Auditorium. A very appetizing menu was served.

We are now working on our spring projects one of which is a Spring Ballerina Dance which is to be May 7th at the Eldorado Ballroom. The proceeds will go to finish out our pledge in furnishing the kitchen at the Negro Child Center.

We have three new pledges in the Archonian Club. They are Mrs. Rosa J. Mosely, Mrs. Rosa Lee Easter both of Houston and Mrs. Blanche E. Johnson of Prairie View College. These pledges are from the Lambda Zeta (Graduate) Chapter.

ALPHA ZETA ZETA CHAPTER BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

Alpha Zeta Zeta began a new project for the year 1946 and 1947 with organization of the OFF-TO-COLLEGE CLUB, composed of sixteen high school senior girls. The purpose of the club is to aid in discovering talent among the members, to create wholesome activities, and to raise money for the club membership. The ultimate aim and goal of the sorority, however, is to award a scholarship to one member for West Virginia State College. This girl, of course, to be outstanding in achievements and standards as set up by the sorority and the Off-to-College Club members, and a natural pledgee for Zeta. The girls' interests centered around dramatics, social graces, hiking, dancing and sewing. All the money raised by the girls is theirs to be divided equally at the end of the year.

Our first program was a dramatic night presented at the Coca-Cola reception hall. Guests were parents, sorority members and friends of the two groups. The success of this first enterprise gave the members added zeal and they went on to present six public programs during the year, one being presented in the Blue Room of West Virginia State College. The club also participated in our Finer Womanhood Week program in presenting a musical tea in honor of their mothers.

The year was concluded at commencement

when Doris Smith was awarded the Scholarship to West Virginia State College, and Gloria Warren and Adelaide Hughes were awarded certificates of merit as being runners-up for the Scholarship.

Our program has begun for this year with an eager bunch of new seniors who were initiated by a few of the charter members. The girls are taking on one new activity—cooking. We are looking forward to another interesting year. The girls have planned a cookie sale, talent night, and a Hobo Party as their first projects. We hope that June, 1948, will give us a group of finer women who are ready to enter their several fields of higher attainment, a little better for having been guided in a small way by Alpha Zeta Zeta.

ALPHA XI ZETA

Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, under the leadership of Basileus Lucile Maddux, has been responsible for several local events of significance and interest during the current year.

Outstanding among them was the Founder's Day Address of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, delivered on January 16th, 1948, by Soror Deborah Partridge, Ph. D, Assistant Professor of Education at Tuskegee Institute. Soror Partridge reviewed the history of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and outstanding achievements of members, to students visitors and friends at the mid-week vesper services in Tuskegee Institute Chapel.

Celebration of "Finer Womanhood Week," February 22nd-29th, 1948, by Zeta Women at Tuskegee was a very successful event. On Sunday morning of February 22nd, the Sorors presented a radio program, from the studios of WJOH in Opelika, Alabama. Soror Marie Williamson delivered an impressive address on "The Accomplishment of Women." Sorors Jewell Gresham and Ivy Brooks took part in the presentation of music and recitals, while Soror Deborah C. Partridge served as Narrator and Mistress of Ceremonies. Miss Louise Stivers and Mrs. Elinor Foster contributed to the talent displayed at this broadcast. On the afternoon of the same day, a Silver Tea, to which the Public was invited, was held at "The Oaks," memorable home of Tuskegee Institute's famous Founder. At this time, a musical program was rendered and guests were delighted by the lovely setting and gracious air of hospitality displayed by Zeta members. Proceeds from this Tea were used to benefit the Tuskegee Youth Center, a community project.

On February 26th, 1948, a "Vocational Guidance" assembly was held at the Tuskegee Institute High School for the benefit of the students. The program featured short talks by prominent local leaders in various fields and marked the beginning of a project of Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter, which will be maintained on a monthly presentation basis, each school year, to serve as a source of information and guidance to the young high school students of this community.

At each monthly meeting, the Zeta Group will continue to present outstanding speakers from different fields, after which discussion groups will be formed to disseminate information and literature to students seeking specific knowledge concerning any phase of the discussions. Principal Kenneth B. Young of the Tuskegee Institute High School is extending his utmost cooperation to the Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter, and speaks of this project, as "wholly outstanding and gratifying."

On Wednesday night of February 26th, Zeta members held a closed "Workshop," at which time local problems pertaining to the Sorority were discussed, and suggestions and ideas offered as to how to make the Chapter "bigger and better." This meeting was felt to be of particular importance in view of the group's desire to expand the services and effectiveness of their Sorority in this community. Following the Workshop, a Pledge Service was held, at which time, the Sorors renewed their Sorority vows.

Scheduled activities for "Finer Womanhood Week" culminated on Friday night of February 27th, when four new members were initiated into membership of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

The school year of 1947-48, marks the beginning of undergraduate chapters of sororities and fraternities on the campus of Tuskegee.

ALPHA ZETA AND GAMMA CHAPTERS

Alpha Zeta and Gamma Chapters observed Annual Finer Womanhood Week, February 22-28, 1948.

A Worship Service was solemnized on Sunday, February 22, 1948, at Morgan Christian Center. Soror Helen Hill of Epsilon Chapter, New York, was the principal speaker.

Soror Hill brought an inspiring message of cheer, encouragement and commendation for Zeta and gave a fitting beginning for the other activities of the week.

A Coffee Hour immediately followed the service at the Center at which felicitations were exchanged among Alpha Zeta, Gamma and their friends.

An impressive Repledge Service was conducted by Gamma, at the Center on Monday, February 23, 1948. Representatives of Alpha Zeta disseminated the spirit of the meeting to their chapter when it met later on.

On Tuesday afternoon, members of Gamma Chapter made the patients of Provident Hospital happy when they presented them with magazines for their reading pleasure.

On Wednesday evening, Alpha Zeta held forth in its Annual Dinner Meeting. The following program was rendered:

Toastmistress—Soror Nellie Buchanan.
National Sorority Song.
Prayer.
Reading—Soror Mary Butler.
Vocal Solo—Soror Thelma Ashe.
Introduction of Speaker—Soror Marian Webb.

Address—Mary B. Thomas.
Vocal Solo—Soror Geraldine Powell.
Reading—Soror Katharine Johnson.
Piano Solo—Soror Hazel Phillips.
Presentations—Soror Alice Hall.
Remarks—Beatrice Hall.
Closing Prayer.

One solo, "Homing," rendered by Soror Powell was dedicated to the memory of the late Soror Iradell B. Williams.

During the rendition of the program, a delectable menu, highly pleasing to the taste, was served.

On Friday, February 27, 1948, the crowning event of the week's celebration was the appearance of Westminster Choir at Douglass High School Auditorium. Forty richly trained voices presented the works of modern and contemporary composers, spirituals, Indian and American Folk Songs, choral masterpieces of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms and beautiful church music.

The choir was founded and is conducted by John Finley Williamson who has prompted such a musical authority as Rrtur Rodinski to say, "The Westminster Choir is the Stradivarius among choruses."

The Blue Review at Morgan Christian Center on Saturday evening closed the activities of the week. This exhibition afforded a splendid opportunity for the display of dramatic talent among local Zetas.

Alpha Zeta and Gamma Chapters observed Founder's Day on Sunday, January 18, 1948, at Tubman Hall, Morgan State College Baltimore, Maryland.

Soror Arizona Cleaver Stemmons, one of the founders of Zeta, was the guest speaker.

The chapters were fortunate in having her as their principal speaker because she gave so many informative and historical facts which were a source of valuable instruction to every soror, especially to the ones who have become more recently affiliated with the organization.

In the course of her address, Soror Stemmons gave many workable suggestions which would seal the principles upon which Zeta was founded and would promote the growth and development of other meritorious underlying attributes.

One impressive highlight of the address was the statement that Zeta was initiated in Soror Stemmons' room at Howard University when she was a student there 27 years ago.

It is with interest and pride that Zeta in Baltimore has the privilege of close and frequent companionship with Soror Stemmons as she is a member of the Morgan State College Faculty, being directly associated with the program at Tubman House.

Local sorors furnished an appropriate literary setting to the ceremony through their renditions of solos and readings.

Later a social hour followed in which the true spirit of sisterliness permeated the atmosphere while dulcet, musical strains enhanced and climaxed the occasion.

ON TO PHILADELPHIA! BOULE — 1948

RHO ZETA CHAPTER WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 1946

For the Winston-Salem Teachers College Home-Coming, our sorority was represented by a beautiful float on which was represented scholarship, finer womanhood, and sisterhood. It won second prize.

DECEMBER 1946

Each December a Pew Rally is held at some community church to benefit the sorority and the church. This was held at New Bethel Baptist Church with the Young Peoples' Glee Club, under the direction of Brother A. L. Cromwell, furnishing the music. \$87.00 was raised with \$10.00 donated to the church.

A blue and white Christmas party was held with many beautiful gifts exchanged.

\$100.00 was contributed to the Coliseum Drive—a local city wide project.

FEBRUARY 1947

Finer Womanhood season is always introduced by attending a church service in a body on the Sunday preceding Finer Womanhood services. This service was enjoyed at First Institutional Baptist Church, pastored by the Reverend K. R. Williams, husband of Soror Edythe Williams and our first Negro alderman.

Soror V. K. Bright was presented on Finer Womanhood Sunday. She is an outstanding coloratura soprano sponsored by the Clifford Bair Studios. Soror Bright was well received by a capacity audience, and was given the highest praise by music critics.

MARCH 1947

Soror Bright was entertained at a closed party.

Four camperships were given the Y. W. C. A. \$10.00 was contributed for the Carver High School bus.

APRIL 1947

Soror Irma Jones became Soror Irman Jones Rice.

Soror L. B. Williams received her principal's master's certificate.

MAY 1947

The following became Zetas: H. B. Paisley, B. M. Anderson, Ester Lassiter, and M. T. Rankin.

JUNE 1947

Our basileus, S. M. Speight, became Mrs. S. S. Hilliard.

SUMMER MONTHS

Attending summer schools were sorors Evans, Ferguson, Rankin, Sheffey, and Thigpen.

Soror S. S. Hilliard attended the boule in Los Angeles, California, representing Rho Zeta as a delegate and North Carolina as its associate director.

NOVEMBER 1947

The annual Bicycle Contest was held. The results were as follows:

1st prize—Joyce Brown, sponsored by Sorors Agnes Browning and Leola Rose—\$375.00—A bicycle was the prize.

2nd prize—Margaret Steels, sponsored by Sorors S. S. Hillard and M. T. Rankin—\$216.10—A \$25.00 prize.

3rd prize—Lorraine Thomas, sponsored by Sorors P. A. Neal and S. S. Oliver—A \$15.00 prize with \$100.00 reported.

The other seven contestants received consolation prizes. All contestants were entertained in the Winston-Salem Mutual Life Insurance Company's auditorium.

Soror S. I. Thigpen was elected to represent us at the regional to be held in Miami, Florida.

GAMMA EPSILON ZETA CHAPTER OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Gamma Epsilon Zeta Chapter, the graduate chapter of Oakland, and the Bay area, came into being in October of 1947. The officers elected were as follows, namely; Basileus, Soror Charlotte Jackson-Chambliss; Soror Naomi Williams, First Anti-Basileus; Soror Mary Ruth Powell, Second Anti-Basileus; Soror Catherine Hinton, Grammataus; Soror Junita Sloan, Taimais-Grammatus; Soror Esther Haywood, Taimais; Soror Ola Lee Howard, Epistoleus; Soror Edna Glynn, Philacter, and Soror Eleanora Anderson, Chaplain.

One of the first activities in which this new graduate chapter participated was the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Carnival. Each participating Greek Letter organization had a decorated booth. Gamma Epsilon Chapter had a booth which carried out this theme, namely: "A Night in New Orleans." The theme was carried out not only in decorations, but also in the following ways, activities at the carnival and food. The main specialty for this both was Creole gumbo and Creole pralines. So well was this whole idea carried out that the ZETAS won the first place for the best decorated booth and a lovely metal plaque with the sorority and chapter name engraved on the metal side of the plaque. It is needless to say that the heart of every soror thrilled with pride for such a singular achievement.

In cooperation with the National Office and Zeta's National Project, "The Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency" the chapter planed a "Cinderella Girl Contest," which is culminating with a Spring Dance at the DeFermery U.S.O. in Oakland on March 20. This affair will be formal and will end early in the night. Cinderella will be the contestant who has the greatest financial success selling her votes. To complete Cinderella's triumph for the evening, a pumpkin filled with lovely things for young girls and a golden slipper will be presented to Cinderella by a prince charming.

Finer Womanhood Week attracted much attention in the Bay Area. The celebration began with a religious service on Sunday, February 22, at the Parks A.M.E. Church in Oakland. During the week the Sorors met at the home of Soror Powell in Berkeley, California, for their usual

Finer Womanhood observances which ended with a beautiful "Love Feast." Many of the sorors were reminded of old times in other chapters. It was a real re-union for Zetas in the Bay Area. Sunday, February 29, marked the close of Finer Womanhood Week. It was with this event that Zetas put themselves in the eyes of the people. The Recital in which the following Sorors were presented, namely: Helen Denson Lyons, pianist; Charlotte Jackson, Chambliss, Dramatist; and Eleanora Anderson, Soloist.

Soror Lyons brought to the west coast both experience and training as a concert pianist. Her audience was breathless and sometimes wafted away by her delicate and sympathetic interpretation of the work of the masters. Soror Chambliss and Soror Anderson both did credit to themselves and Zeta in their respective roles.

In connection with Finer Womanhood Week the chapter sent out letters to groups to find out which woman would be suggested for outstanding work in one or several fields of endeavor. From the information which the Zetas have already received, "The Woman of the Year" will be selected.

THE PHILIPPA SCHUYLER RECITAL:

Philippa Schuyler, 16-year-old Pianist of New York, appeared in recital at 8 p.m. Friday in St. Paul Methodist Church Auditorium, 1814 N. Good Street. The talented young pianist, composer and mathematician was sponsored locally by the Kappa Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Miss Schuyler began her amazing musical career at the age of 3 and had completed her 51st composition by the time her eighth birthday was celebrated. For eight consecutive seasons she was winner of the New York Philharmonic Society's Contest for young artists and has appeared as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony.

Her composition "Manhattan Nocturne" received first prize from Wayne University and the Detroit Symphony for orchestral composition at the 1946 Detroit Youth festival and has been performed by the New York Philharmonic, the Detroit, the San Francisco and the Chicago Symphony Orchestras. Her Scherzo "Rumpelstiltskin" from a "Fairy Tale Symphony" was awarded second prize in the same Detroit competition.

For this Recital, we feel that all of Dallas and adjacent towns have been touched and that the occasion was most outstanding. Sorors worked hard and tickets were placed in some of the best places which Dallas affords. Young Dallasites were anxious for the time to come for they, as well as we, considered it quite a privilege to hear such a character.

Soror Irma Miner Jones was the General Chairman of the Philippa Schuyler Piano Recital and much credit is due her for her systematic plans which worked out beautifully.

Soror Juanita Johns—Baselius

ALPHA GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER

New Orleans, Louisiana

Alpha Gamma Zeta sent two delegates to Southern Regional Meet held in Dallas, Texas, November 28-29, 1947.

Soror Inez Taylor, Ph.D., a member of the faculty of Xavier University, and Soror Juanita Signal, faculty member of Booker T. Washington High School, represented the New Orleans Chapter. These two sorors presented a work shop on projects. Our Regional Director, Soror Dillard, stated this work shop was well done and that to her mind all Zetadom was justly proud of the Chapter that won the cup at Boule in Los Angeles for outstanding humanitarian projects. This silver loving cup, highly polished and adorned with blue and white ribbon was on exhibition both days of the conference.

ABOUT LOCAL ZETAS

Soror Lucille Hunter, public school teacher, has a one-year leave to work on her Master's at Columbia.

Soror Ethylene Acox is the proud mother of a bouncing baby boy. Father Acox is proud for two reasons—his fine son and soon MR. Acox will be made a Sigma.

Soror Gertrude Jimson, one of the founders of Zeta in New Orleans is sending the fee to National body for life membership. Soror Jimson is doing a fine job with the Girl Scouts.

Soror Emily D. Thomas is now principal of one of the large public schools of New Orleans.

Soror Allie Mae Williams has her degree in Public Health from Columbia. She is the only Negro Supervisor with the Louisiana State Health set up.

Soror Theresa Cottles, who was awarded one of the \$250.00 scholarships for graduates, plans to study this summer as she could not get leave of absence before then.

Soror E. Lyons Baker, anesthetist of Flint-Goodridge Hospital, was elected vice-president of the newly organized Metropolitan Council of Negro Women in New Orleans. Soror Baker is a member of the Committee of Management of the YWCA and chairman of the Executive Board of Dillard University Alumni Association.

Among visiting Sorors seen at Boule's in California were: Sorors Alice Fassit, Shirley Jimson, Gladys Perrault, Lenora Thomas and Emily D. Thomas—of New Orleans.

WITH THE REGIONS



Los Angeles Zeta Sorors were caught by Vera Jackson, Eagle staff photographer, just after church services, which initiated their Finer Womanhood Week observance. Mrs. Gertrude Reese Hicks "Outstanding Woman of 1947" is directly in the center of the first row.

THE PACIFIC REGION

Los Angeles Zetas had the very happy experience of attending their first Boule and acting as hostesses to the National Body in August, 1947. Much good work was accomplished and the experience was one that is long to be remembered.

Our 10th Finer Womanhood Week observance was the last week in February and the Los Angeles Public was interested in selecting the 10th Woman of the Year. After much polling Mrs. Gertrude Reese Hicks was selected the "Outstanding Woman of 1947." Mrs. Hicks has long been identified with all programs that have to do with the uplifting of the Group and her selection was based upon the large amount of money she has raised as President of the West View Hospital Guild. The West View Hospital is to be a 100-bed, inter-racial hospital located

in the Angel city, for which there is a grave need.

Our re-pledge service was inspiring and always serves to remind us of what the words "sisterly love" really mean. Church service was well attended. The Archonians, Zeta Auxiliary and the Sorors sat in a group at the service. The reception was filled to capacity with the friends and well-wishers of Mrs. Hicks.

Sixteen local collegiennes were pledged in very impressive ceremony on the 13th at the home of Soror Gertrude Blassingale, over which Soror Thomasina Ayers, Dean of Pledges, presided. Soror Ayers is a student at the University of Southern California and a very hard-working and zealous Zeta. She is to be commended for the work she is doing with the undergraduates.

Two sorors received their Bachelor's degrees this term. Soror Ferrol Connor from the University of Southern California and Soror Clara Fentress from the University of California.

Soror Tryphena Camper of the Phoenix chapter has had a long siege with that old demon "Virus X" but is now much improved. Her chapter will be hostess to the Regional conference on April 23, 24 and 25, with Soror Mydget Laster, Regional Directress presiding.

Soror Elizabeth Lorden played hostess to a wedding shower for Soror Bessie Brown who became Soror Dickey during the Christmas holidays. Soror Dickey received some very beautiful and useful gifts.

Beta Eta Zeta chapter met with our youngest Soror recently, Ruth Brown Parks, in her beautiful new home in Carver Manor. Despite her many outside duties as teacher in the local

schools, full time music classes and organist for one of the large churches, Soror Brown finds time to devote to Zeta and made a very charming hostess.

We were happy to see Soror Helen Chappell Smith featured in the March issue of Ebony magazine.

Beta Eta Zeta chapter has been working with one of our former honorees, Dr. Ruth Temple in our national project of Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency—more about this later.

Soror Jean Keele is using her God-given talent and well-trained voice with the nationally known Nash Singers, who are presenting several operas in the very near future.

ATLANTIC REGION DELEGATES OF THE ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY - EPISILON CHAPTER, NEW YORK, N. Y. HOSTESS



Seated left to right: Arizona C. Stemmons, Beta Delta Zeta Chapter, Philadelphia, Pa., Founder; Josephine Carroll, Epsilon Chapter, New York, N. Y., Regional Committee Chairman; Althea S. Cornish, Alpha Zeta Chapter, Baltimore, Md., Associate Director; Dorothy T. Payne, Epsilon Chapter, Atlantic Region Director; Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge, First Vice-President Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Professor of English, Hampton Institute, Speaker; Grace Lowrey, Beta Delat Zeta Chapter, Philadelphia, Pa., Associate Director; Annie K. McDougald, Basileus of Epsilon Chapter; and, Fannie P. Watts, Epsilon Chapter, Founder.

Newly Initiated Zetas in front: Modestine Porter, Joy Mearimore, Marguerite White and Alberta L. Alston, who were special dinner guests. Not shown are Cora Arnold, Theta Alpha Chapter, Boston, Mass., Associate Director, and Eleanor Cutlar, Epsilon, new member.

ATLANTIC REGION MEETING NEW YORK, N. Y.

With Epsilon Chapter, New York, N. Y., as hostess the Atlantic Region of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority met on October 31, November 1 and 2, 1947. On Friday night Small's Paradise was filled to capacity for the Scholarship Cabaret Party and Raffle. Prizes were a twin waffle iron and a 10-pound ham, won respectively by Miss Millie Harris and Mrs. Geruthia Johnson. Curley Daniels, tenor, and John DeBattle, baritone, gave of their talents to supplement the Small's floor show to the added delight of the guests.

Dorothy T. Payne, Atlantic Region Director, presided over the Saturday business sessions. Seventeen delegates and 27 visiting Sorors from the following chapters were in attendance: Alpha Zeta, Baltimore, Md., Beta Delta Zeta, Philadelphia, Pa., Beta Chi Zeta, Chester, Pa., Gamma, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., Eta, Philadelphia, Pa., Eta Beta, Princess Anne College, Princess Anne, Md., and Theta Alpha, Boston, Mass. Twenty-one Epsilon Sorors participated. Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge, First Vice President of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and professor of English at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., was also present.

As a part of the School of Technique conducted by the Region, the Misses Modestine Porter, Joy Mearimore, Marguerite White, Alberta L. Alston and Mrs. Eleanor Cutlar were initiated. A Zeta dinner at Elsie's Dining Room was followed by a party given by our Brothers of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Worship and trips to points of interest filled Sunday morning. The Atlantic Region closed its activities with a Public Meeting Sunday afternoon at Public School 113, Manhattan. Dr. Nancy B. Woolridge's address on our responsibilities to "Tomorrow's Citizen" was warmly received by the assemblage. Musical selections were furnished by Miss Joy Mearimore, soprano; Mr. Irving Burgie, tenor; and, the Borough-Wide Chamber Ensemble, Frank Piccininni, leader. Mrs. Dorothy T. Payne and Mrs. Annie K. McDougald, Epsilon's President, made short addresses. Mrs. Adline S. Carman, Epsilon's Vice-President, was the Mistress of Ceremonies.

Other officers of Epsilon are: Miss Mary K. Jackson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Willa Good, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Theresa Gauden, Treasurer; Miss Isabelle Fleuranges, Dean of Pledges, Mrs. Ruth McLeod and Miss Louise Sills, Publicity and Miss Josephine Carroll, Chaplain. Miss Carroll was Chairman of the Regional Committee. She was ably assisted by Mrs. Ruth Sherlock, Miss Sills, Mrs. Blanche Jordan, Mrs. Catherine Thompson, Miss Hilda Maynard, Miss Syreatha Jenkins and Miss Fleuranges.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Highly commendable in all areas was the 21st session of the South Central Region of our sorority which met in Montgomery, Alabama, Friday May 7. through Sunday May 9. A larger number of delegates were present than ever before in the history of this region which consists of the four states, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

The conference began with a public program Friday evening in Tullibody Auditorium, on the campus of State Teachers College, the scene of the regional. At this program, Mrs. Carlotta Stewart, our personable regional director was the principal speaker. Her subject was "The Little Things That Count." Other sorors appearing on the program included Soror Bernice Newman Hunter, noted pianist and member of Gamma Gamma Zeta Chapter, Columbus, Miss., whose distinctive rendition of "Rhapsody in Blue" was one of special treats of the evening; Soror Mae Ella Nolden, soprano, of Epsilon Beta Chapter, State Teachers College; Soror Dr. Deborah Partridge of Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., who responded to the various welcome addresses extended by local civic and fraternal organizations; and Soror Elma Gant Hall of Pi Zeta Chapter, Nashville, Tenn., who presented the speaker. Soror Willie M. Stone, Basileus of Alpha Rho Zeta Chapter presided.

A Zeta-Sigma formal dance co-sponsored with the Zetas by members of the Alpha Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma followed the public program. The dance, given in the gym of the college, was highlighted by the rendition of our national sorority hymn. The beautiful setting, decoratively dominated by the blue and white of Zeta-Sigma, was complimented by the lovely formal dresses of the ladies present and by the spring formal attire of the men.

Saturday morning and afternoon sessions were highly challenging and inspirational to all who attended them. The Chapter reports were commendable and eagerly received by the delegates who were glad to have this opportunity to learn what the various chapters are doing to perpetuate the ideals on which our sorority is founded. Several recommendations for action in the national Boule as well as significant conference committee reports were incorporated in the official record of the session. On Saturday evening there was a closed formal banquet held in the college dining room. An entertaining program, rousing pep songs, an elaborate four course menu, as well as the recollection of a day well spent, all contributed to the general enjoyment of the affair.

An evening of dancing sponsored by the Montgomery Pan Hellenic Council on Saturday at the Auditorium of the Booker Washington High School, was the third social courtesy of the conference. Sorors who attended reported a lovely evening. Other sorors decided to look in

on the undergraduate initiation ceremonies which members of Epsilon Beta, the local undergraduate chapter were holding on the campus since college regulations would not permit their attending the dance outside the college area. Six neophytes entered Zetadom that night so that whether at the dance or at the initiation, all sorors were pleasantly diverted.

The final event of the conference began promptly at 9 a.m. Sunday morning when the sorors assembled in front of the college gym and boarded buses for Tuskegee Institute, approximately 40 miles away. Other sorors followed in their cars. The delegates, many of whom were seeing the famous Tuskegee for the first time, were delighted to learn that they

would arrive on the campus in time to see the impressive "line of march" and to attend the institution's Baccalaureate services, fortunately held on that morning.

After the exercises, sorors divided themselves into several groups, and escorted by members of Tuskegee's Alpha Xi Zeta Chapter, went on a sightseeing tour of the campus before returning to Montgomery.

All delegates expressed their enjoyment of the conference and pronounced it a stimulating and profitable experience. Sixty-four sorors representing seventeen chapters were registered. The South Central Region is growing! And we are going places! See you at the Boule!

DELEGATES TO MID-WESTERN REGIONAL



Sitting left to right: Soror Martha Greene, Soror Esther Johnson, Muriel Robinson Basileus, Hazel J. Gatewood Anti-Basileus, Vern V. Key Grammateus, Soror Marie Dunlap.

Standing left to right: Soror Grace Palmore, Regional Director Leliah Lovejoy, Soror Nell Brown, Soror Gladys Waldon, Soror Mary Jackson, Soror Tallie Holmes, Soror Florence Davis, Soror Hattie Shoats, Soror Willella Thurr, Soror Francis Thigpen, Soror Cleora Keaton, Soror Mattie E. Farrar, Soror Essie Porter Brown.

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL NEWS

Dear Sorors:

My first year as a member of the "Zeta Official Family" has come to an end. I am very happy, not so much for what I have done as for what this opportunity to be of service to my sorority has done for me. The richness of these experiences has created within me a deep awareness and appreciation of the essential values of life. I am deeply cognizant of the fine services that have been given by the Grand Basileus in building Zeta. Her influence is evident everywhere I go within my region. My predecessors have also contributed to the growth of the Mid-Western Regional and my inheritance of leadership in this region was a valuable one.

The annual meeting was held in Muskogee, Oklahoma, March 28, graduate chapters in the region were represented. There were delegates from Omaha, Nebraska; St. Louis, Missouri; Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Muskogee, Langston University and Okmulgee—all Oklahoma cities.

Regional Council

The Regional Council composed of basilli of all chapters was organized with Soror Laura Williams of Alpha Epsilon Zeta as Chairman and Soror Vada Feldar of Beta Phi Zeta as Secretary. The purpose of the council is to develop a unified program for the region and aid in the coordination of its activities. The council is a new idea, the brainchild of Soror Frances Don Smith of Alpha Iota Zeta.

The Workshop

The workshop idea was used in the Mid-Western Regional in an attempt to make the meeting more meaningful. Using this technique the theme, "Meeting Zeta's Expanding Role," was developed. The discussion outline raised these questions:

1. In our local programs have we thought seriously about child welfare, sounder interracial activities, and family welfare and security?
2. How well do we tie up our activities with the total community patterns?
3. How shall we go about active participation in community living, individually or collectively?
4. What matrix are we developing in implementing the program of the national body? How may we develop stronger regional interest performance and attendance in order to help the national program?
5. What are we doing individually to develop a feeling of world-mindedness?

Out of these questions grew a stimulating exchange of ideas. Concrete examples of success in certain areas were given as well as problems. Some pertinent generalizations were derived to be used as a gauge in future action in our respective communities.

Sisterly yours,
Lelia Lovejoy, Reginal Director.

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETS

"Promoting Zeta Interests," "Public Relations," "Projects," and "Money Raising" were the special feature workshops highlighting the Annual Regional Conference at the Southern Regional meeting, held in Dallas, Texas, on November 28 and 29, 1947, at the Maria Morgan Branch YWCA with Sorore Marion Dillard presiding, assisted by Assistant Regional Director Ruth Thibodeaux.

Devotions for the meetings were conducted by Soror Juanita Bates of Psi Zeta Chapter, Fort Worth. The impressive devotions carried out the themes of "Thanksgiving" and "Love."

The first workshop, "Money Raising," was conducted by Soror Mildred Portis of Alpha Chi Zeta Chapter, Beaumont, Texas. Soror Portis advanced the idea that in some localities certain types of entertainment were not supported by the public, and as a result, entertainment must be planned with this in mind. Alpha Chi Zeta sponsors the crowning of the "Queen of the Blue Revue," in which contestants are high school girls or club representatives, sponsored by certain sorors. The winner is presented a string of pearls, while the other contestants are presented gifts of appreciation.

Soror Inex Taylor of New Orleans presented the idea of presenting a well-known or nationally known artist, and "Miss Zeta Cinderella," a contest between high school or college girls, the winner receiving a silver slipper. The remaining contestants receive gifts from the sorority which are placed in a large pumpkin on the stage.

Soror Juanita Bates of Fort Worth told of the Annual presentation of Psi Zeta's Blue Revue, in which the members of the sorority present a play. Generally the chapter is divided into two groups, the losing side feting the winning side.

The workshop on "Public Relations" was conducted by Soror E. M. Van Dyke of Alpha Kappa Zeta, Austin. Soror Van Dyke cautioned the group to respect every citizen regardless of status and to participate in community activities.

The discussion covered the fundamentals of Public Relations, the Twenty-Two C's of Press Relations, and Zeta and her Publics.

Soror Van Dyke was elected Public Relations Director for the Southern Region, a newly created office.

Sorors Inez Taylor and Juanita Signal presented their workshop on "Projects" in the afternoon meeting.

"Promoting Zeta Interests," the last workshop, was introduced by Grand Basileus Harrison, Lambda Zeta Chapter, Houston. Sorors Nyetta E. Barrett, Lillie F. Brown, Doris J. Kerl and Margaret Lawson gave expressions of their interests in Zeta.

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OUR UNDERGRADS



SOROR MYRTLE BIRCH
Third Anti-Basileus
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sorors:

It has been a real pleasure to serve as your third Anti-Basileus during the past year. The undergraduate chapters are happy to make this contribution to our National Publication. We hope to gain both information and inspiration by keeping in touch with what goes on in Zeta.

Let's make undegraduate history in Philadelphia.

Sisterly,
Myrtle Birch

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL THE ENEMY OF MANKIND

By Gloria Morgan—Zetalite of
Alph Iota Zeta Chapter

I am a Christian! I lean on no staff that will break and pierce my hand and my heart. Beverage Alcohol is the Enemy of mankind and I refuse to use it. I believe that "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Alcohol is used as an escape from the responsibilities and burdens of nature, emotional life, and its decisions. It provides wistful fulfillment. It makes a man think for the moment, that he is strong and brave, even if he is the same frustrated person who took to alcohol as an escape. If you are unhappy you seem to be happy; if you are inhibited, you seem to be free; if you are inferior, you seem to be superior at least for the duration of the effects of the alcohol.

The story is told of a mouse that found a case of wine dripping in the cellar. He took one taste and began to feel his muscles, took two tastes and, standing on his hind legs faced the world and said: "Now let the cat come on." Mice or men under the influence of alcohol feel capable of meeting the Cats of Human existence.

Recent investigations show that there is an ever increasing number of drinkers, and a constant lessening of the feeling against drinking.

At least part of this situation may be charged to the aftermath of war, but the advertising policies of liquor dealers must bear the larger share of the blame. The liquor interests never leave non-drinkers alone, but by expert salesmanship and skillful advertising break down sales resistance and reach their objectives, and so around and around in a never ending but ever enlarging cycle it grasps more drinkers.

The use of alcohol today is a tremendous social and economic problem. But in the last analysis it is to each of us a personal problem. Very few today escape the temptation to drink. In the light of that temptation each person must ask himself: "Do I want to put into my intricate, irreplaceable body that which may do it harm? Do I want to subject the handiwork of God to a desecration that no artist would want to see happen to one of his masterpieces?"

Many people use alcohol as an escape from reality. In taking alcohol they build up an unreal world and live in it for the time being.

Through the constant use of Alcohol they become addicts.

Remember that every single addict has come out of the ranks of moderate drinkers. Every moderate drinker is a potential addict. Every drink sets the skids for the next. The slide has begun.

Two men went to see the third friend off on a train. They were fifteen minutes early, so they stepped into a bar for a drink together. They came out to find the reported train twenty minutes late and so went back for another round. By this time confusion was setting in. They tarried until suddenly they heard the train pulling out. They made a dash for it and by means of strenuous effort two of them made the train. The wrong two. After much puffing and wheezing the man left on the platform broke into hearty laughter and said, "Those two came to see me off."

Such confusion is a true picture even though it maybe only a story. It shows the result of alcohol in individuals. Alcohol can kill a few, taint many and produce a host of socially, morally, mentally, and physically unfit persons, for the rest of society to supervise.

Dr. Charles Mayo of Mayo Clinic says, "You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head." It is the brain that counts, but in order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. This cannot be done if one drinks Alcohol, the Enemy of Mankind.

Yes, I am a Christian, and I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquors. I have a better use for my head.

I think
That I should never drink
For When I Drink
I do not think

The Winning Essay in the contest sponsored by the WCTU is by Gloria Morgan, Zetalite of Alpha Iota Zeta chapter, Junior in high school, honor student.

THE EGYPTIAN BALL

On the night of the new moon from 8 to 1 p.m. the spirits of Old Egypt and the enchantress, Queen Cleopatra, awoke from their mummery and stole about in a pageantry of unbelievable beauty. They slipped forth in the dark of the moon when their watchful gods were half asleep and appeared on the Howard University Campus at a formal ball. These lovely spirits borrowed for the night, the willing bodies of the Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. These charming ladies were forced by the spirits to don the authentic Egyptian costumes as they flashed about as hostesses to that ball.

One amazing feature of that evening was the fact that those Egyptain ladies sought to teach the Howard co-eds a lesson and gave them that ball in the true style of the old age—complimentary, or free. The hostesses (some of whom were Mozelle Hall, Geraldine and Phyllis Roots, Louise and Mayetta Long, Algerta Reaves, Dolores Powell, Elgivia Ball, Eloise Gunthrow, Helen Davis, Susie Barnes, Hilda Dines, Dorothy Fuller, Majorie Strong, Dedis Abbot, Lucy Franklin, Vera Steward and Evelyn Wright) cordially

greeted their guests who included the visiting team from Lincoln and many Beta Zeta members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

This ball was interrupted by a bit of pageantry that snapped us back to current days—Leap Year. There the **King of the Campus**, Albert Barnes, was crowned "Mark Anthony." To him all wrapped in a rug was delivered by Crescents Carrigan and Mackey, the queen Cleopatra for the night, petite Elgevia Ball. The girls out of Egypt elected to be slaves to a king of their own choice, based upon his personality, charm, scholarship and cooperation. They had a difficult time selecting their king from a group of worthy contestants: Bobby Booker and Jefferson of Kappa, Thomas E. Clifford of Sigma, Milton Brown and Albert Barnes of Alpha. The runners up acted as honor guards. Unlike the long deceased Mark Anthony who stonily took everything that was not fastened down, this later "Mark Anthony" (Albert Barnes) was charmingly proud and overwhelmed with the Zeta honor and non-plussed with his gift—a small light, engraved especially for him. For him there was an Egyptian dance by three ladies of his court done to the music of cymals played by Catherine Harris. The dancers were Anna Pearl Gordon, Elouise Gunthrow and Geraldine Roots. After this the Zeta Sorority Song was sung. Following that, the new king, arrayed in his velvet robe and tall crown descended from his throne of gold to dance with the Zeta Basileus, Warnilla Albany. Then, the band played on! The ball continued until 1 p.m. when all the lovely ladies in their beautiful formals and the men, so handsome in their tails or tux, tripped home, or to cocktail parties.

Flash bulbs burst all over the place recording scenes of the King and his court.

THREE TOASTS TO OUR E. C. PEYTON

By Dolores Powell

ZETA (Z) is for Zeal
PHI (O) is for Scholarship
BETA (B) is for sisterly Love
Esther, a real good deal
C, her middle initial is
Peyton, last name of the above.

ECP equals Zeta, personified
Full of Zeal, she's true and tried.
And with her scholarship
Guides many with love's grip
Sisterly love, she's always reflected.
No chance to prove, goes neglected.

Here's to Zeta forever
And to ECP forever
These we shall remember
Thru life's January and December.

ALPHA THETA ZETA ENCOURAGES UNDERGRADS



A group of students from Georgia State College with their instructor, Miss Boy, presented an informative and unique program to the parents present. The demonstration included all phases of child care for the pre-school child. The points emphasized were food habits, proper toys, music, and all things that go to make a healthy, happy child.

ALPHA CHAPTER, FORGES AHEAD

With a new note of hope, that ever inspiring quality of Zetadom, as well as of our own United States of America, Alpha Chapter is forging ahead, setting a new high for 1948. With pleasure and pride and a certain amount of modesty, I watch the girls GO this school year. It is amazing to watch their zeal in action. All the languid reports that were previously made concerning Alpha Chapter may be scrapped. Though they are evidences of Alpha's tremendous struggle to keep alive, these will be reports of a new life zealously asserting itself. All of Alpha's undertakings are successes, as usual, but their spontaneous appeal to the Howard Campus girls is wonderful. Their dances are crowded and result in cash profits. Their parties are the oc-

casions for a congenial and well-behaved group of students to have a grand time. Their sponsor, co-sponsor, members, pledge girls and interest girls work together most harmoniously. All four of the fraternities are giving our girls the rush and they are glowing under such attention. Another successful musical, sponsored by Alpha Chapter, was held December 5. Alpha Chapter is taking its rightful place on Howard Campus by the presentation of successful and well approved affairs.

We hope to give all other undergraduate chapters of Zetadom stiff competition in all fields of endeavor. Unfortunately, and through no fault of ours, actual proof of Alpha's competition arrived too late in California this year. But, here's to striving for that new high of 1948.



These girls participated in the Mothers' Tea. Ascending the stairway on front row are Juanita Gaskins, Loretta Dyer, Adelaide Hughes, Frances Price, Evangeline Pryor, and Ruth Ferguson. Back row Willa Taylor, Etta Cave and Gloria Warren.

PRESENTING THE SPEECH CHOIR

Among the many fine features on the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's Finer Womanhood Week program for this year was the one presented by the Alpha Chapter in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on Howard Campus, Sunday, February 22, 1948, at 5 p.m. That chapter featured a novelty, a "Speech Choir," directed by Soror Kelly Took, in four most engaging readings. They were All's Well that Ends Well, Why Don't the Men Propose?, Song of David and Langston Hughes' Freedom Train. Interspersed on the program were two lovely vocal solos by Soror Hilda Joiner. Miss Doris Davis rendered a wonderful organ selection, A Baby's Prayer.

The program was built around the ideal of "Finer Womanhood." In order to further that ideal tokens of friendship were given to all the Greek letter organizations—Sigma Gamma Rho, Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta

Sigma, and Omega Psi Phi—and the Student Council on Howard Campus. Naturally, the pledge of sisterhood between the three local Zeta Chapters—Alpha Chapter, Kappa Alpha Chapter and Beta Zeta Chapter—were renewed with the same token. These tokens were silvery letter openers, beautifully engraved with the date and the symbol of the particular organization.

Those who braved the snow and slush enjoyed the program immensely and asked for encores at a later date or dates. The girls looked lovely and quite in the current style in their black dresses with white carnations. The sponsors, Sorors Dolores Powell and Elgivia Ball, beamed proudly upon the group while members of the graduate chapter, Beta Zeta swelled in pride at the work of their little sisters. Sorors Sojourner Jackson, Basileus of Beta Zeta, and Esther C. Peyton, Ex-Regional Director and "Fairy Godmother of Alpha Chapter," were especially pleased at the "Speech Choir" program.

Alpha Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
Howard University Campus.



LOS ANGELES' ARCHONIAN PLEDGE CLUB

These young women are members of the Archonian Pledge Club, of which Soror Thomasina Ayers is the Dean of Pledgees and Soror Gertrude Blassingale of Beta Eta Zeta Chapter is the graduate sponsor. This picture was taken just after our Finer womanhood sermon which was preached by Sigma Brother DeWitt Turpeau.

MY LOVE FOR ZETA

Tune—(Sweet Slumber)
By Olivia Gibson, Tillitson College, Upsilon
Alpha Chapter.

Zet, you're grand,
And you'll forever stand.
I will serve you forever with all my heart
and might.
Zeta, for you
I'll do all that's true
And I promise to do
All the things that are right.

HOPE

Though skies are gray and life seems drear.
We send to you this word of cheer,
The sun will soon the gloom dispel,
And once again all will be well.
Be not cast down though life seems hard,
As you falter 'neath the chastening rod,
Affliction often clears the way,
To a richer life and a better day.



Miss Edith Holmes was elected Miss Tennessee State College and Mr. William Scott was selected as President of the Student Council for 1948-49 by the students of the A. and I. State College in a campaign election held Friday, April 9, under the direction of the Department of Political Science. Official voting machines were used to record the vote.

Training in Democracy

Under the official administration of the Student Council and managed by the students of Political Science, machinery was instituted for a model election based on the best democratic practices in popular government. On April 5, a nominating convention was held in the campus auditorium at which time candidates were nominated for Miss Tennessee State and the office of the President of the Student Council. Immediately following the convention, campaign machinery was set into operation by Mr. Emerson Davis, senior and Mr. Thomas Woods, junior, who served as co-chairmen of the election commission.

Excitement ran high. No national campaign could have been more enthusiastic or dramatic nor could campaign managers have been more diligent in getting out the vote. Voters were besieged with a barrage of hand-bills, leaflets, and literature. Unique posters and placards were devised. Parades, rallies, stump-speeches with

loudspeakers and even "walkie-talkies" showed that this was a streamlined campaign.

Enthusiasm instead of waning gathered momentum on election day. No doubt, this was enhanced by the fact that the Shoup Voting Machines were used. Thanks to the Tennessee State Election Commission and to Mr. T. V. Corley, chairman and custodian of the Davidson County Voting Machines, three machines were installed for use in this election. The students in the Political Science Department served as election commissioners, tally clerks and operators of the machines. When the polls were closed and all campaign watchers and managers assembled to check the vote, suspense was high. Huge, tense crowds gathered in front of the Administration Building to hear the results announced over the loudspeaker by Mr. Clarence Kimbrough, the present President of the Student Council. The winners, Mr. William Scott, junior, major in Political Science, and Miss Edith Holmes, junior, major in Science, excited and happy, received congratulations from Mr. Clarence Kimbrough and Miss Marinelle Crouch, retiring president of the Student Council and Miss Tennessee State, respectively, and Dr. Walter S. Davis, president of the College.



ALPHA ZETA ZETA CHAPTER AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP AND MERIT AWARDS TO UNDERGRADUATES at BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

UPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER, TILLOTSON COLLEGE, AUSTIN, TEXAS



LA CHEERIOS

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the Institution to which Cheer is to be given; or the time and place Cheer is to be taken. Proper contract with Heads of Institutions stating that you are ready and **available** for "Cheer Work."

At the 1947 Boule in Los Angeles, California a vote was taken by the National Body of Zeta Phi Beta to become a Life member of this fine Organization for the small fee of \$25.00. Thus, Zeta Phi Beta became a working unit of La Cheerios.

Funds for La Cheerios are not solicited, but welcomed and acknowledged by the bonded treasurer; Ethel M. Millner one of New York's leading Morticians of 405 Lenox Avenue. The Secretary, Charlotte O'Neal is the wife of actor-Fred O'Neal, and the Chairman of Public Relations. Bessie Bell is wife of Leonard H. Bell, Editor of the Global News Service, and a Nationally known Columnist in her own right.

Life memberships include W. C. Handy, Mary McLeod Bethune, Mary Finger, and Margaret Walker . . . all of whom are anxious to help cheer those less fortunate than they. Zeta Chapters as well as individual Sorors are invited to become Life members.

Let Zetas enjoy doing all they can to keep others cheerful. So often individuals take on a new interest in living when they realize that some place in this busy world some people take time out to make others happy. **REMEMBER: 'TIS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE' . . . AND IT COSTS NOTHING TO GIVE CHEER THE "LA CHEERIOS" WAY . . .**

SOUTHERN REGIONAL

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Soror Viola W. Dixon was appointed Regional Secretary of the Southern Regional Meeting.

Scrapbooks of the undergraduates were circulated for all to observe.

Following the suggestion by Soror Juanita Bates that graduate chapters encourage undergraduates was appointed with Soror Bates as Chairman. A contact person from each area was selected.

Soror Inez Taylor was named Chairman of the Scholarship Fund. Sorors Juanita Johns and Juanita Bates were named on the committee. Scholarships were awarded Achonia Faye Baker Texas College, Tyler, Texas, and Soror Nyetta F. Barrett, Texas University, Houston.

TWO SUCCESSFUL BLUE REVUES



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY
 "BLUE REVUE"
 GALA EVENT OF SEASON

BETA EPSILON ZETA CHAPTER—
 SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

In one of the finest program offered to music lovers this year, the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Shreveport, Louisiana, presented its initial "Blue Revue" in the Central High School Auditorium Friday, March 12. In a setting of resplendence, the Blue Revue thrilled music lovers. The beautiful decorations and singing reached a state of rare ecstasy.

Soror Faustina Hall, eminent concert artist of Atlanta, Georgia, sang in such rare and exquisite quality that music lovers here were loud in their praise of her beautiful voice and excellent range. We join them in saying as music critics have said wherever Soror Hall has sung, "To hear her is to love her." Soror Hall was accompanied at the Steinway by Soror Lena Watson of Wiley College, renowned pianist.

One of the highlights of the program was the crowning of Miss Lillian Mitchell, well known insurance secretary with the Key-Stone Insurance Company as the Queen to reign over the Revue. Miss Mitchell won this laurel as result of a city-wide contest in which she defeated many worthy contestants who sought to reign over the

Revue. Miss Mitchell was crowned queen by Dr. N. L. Lacy, prominent physician of this city and member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. Another feature of the program was the presentation of Sorors Susie T. Nelson, Effie Dougherty, and Dela Leary in instrumental selections of high and rare quality from musical masterpieces, in which they have won loud appraise.

The program further included the presentation of "The Woman of the Year," Mrs. A. B. Palmer, who won this honor as a result of the votes of the citizenry of Shreveport in a poll conducted by Beta Epsilon Zeta Chapter in which so many names were offered as women who had made large contributions to our religious, civic, and educational community life. Mrs. A. B. Palmer wears these honors meritoriously. She was presented by Basileus R. N. Thibodeaux who invited all to share in the reception after the program in honor of Soror Faustina Hall at the Home of Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Lacy, 1808 Anna Street. Many persons attended this reception after the program.

Mrs. Lillie Lacy, affable wife of Dr. Lacy, was a gracious hostess. The committee, headed by Soror Selcy S. Moore, should be praised for the presentation of such an excellent program.

The program was a financial success. All business was handled by Soror A. D. Hawkins, chairlady of the finance committee, and the beautiful blue decorations and stage setting was done by Soror Mandura L. Brown.

BLUE REVUE A SUCCESS



The annual baby contest held by Alpha Theta Zeta was a huge success. Shown in this picture (seated), Mrs. Janice Blake with Baby Wilmatine, first prize winner; and Mrs. Elizabeth Gadsden, with baby Alethia, second prize winner (standing). Sorors E. J. Holiday, who sponsored baby Wilmatine; Soror N. Walker, Basileus; Soror N. S. Coppage, General Chairman; and Soror Jessie Gibbs, sponsor of baby Alethia.

FORT WORTH ZETAS PRESENT BLUE REVUE

Before two capacity audiences Psi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority presented "On Ione's Trail," a comedy in three acts, on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 11 and 12, 1948, at the I. M. Terrell High School Auditorium.

Fort Worth's support of the Blue Revue has enabled the indigent school children of this city to receive eye treatment and glasses which might mean the difference between developing into useful citizens and developing into Juvenile Delinquents. Juvenile Delinquents and poor citizens can too often be traced back to the children who left school at an early age because they were unable to do the work, the cause being pointed out as cases of poor sight.

PSI ZETA OBSERVES FOUNDERS' DAY

Psi Zeta Chapter of Fort Worth observed Founder's Day January 16, with its second annual Birthday Party, the 28th birthday of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, at the home of Soror Juanita F. Estes, 320 South Sylvania. More than 30 sorors, their husbands and guests were present.

At midnight the Basileus of the chapter, Soror Ruby H. Williamson, explained the occasion and gave a brief talk on the history of the organization. Following these remarks the Zetas gathered in the circle with interlaced arms and sang Zeta's National Hymn.

The unique birthday cake, a full 24 inches long and 12 inches wide, was baked in the shape of the Zeta Phi Beta National insignia. Down the center of the Greek letter for Phi were placed five glowing candles, each candle representing one of the five founders of Zeta, who founded this organization on the campus of Howard University, Washington, D. C., 28 years ago. The remaining 28 candles were placed on the "Z" and "B". With a covering of white icing, the cake was edged with blue roses.

Soror Myrtis McAllister, local Zeta and Director of Foods at the I. M. Terrell High School baked the birthday cake.

During the evening sorors participated in the exchanging of gifts.

BETA EPSILON ZETA CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Beta Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Shreveport, Louisiana, observed its annual Finer Womanhood Week from February 16 to February 22, 1848. The program was held at the Zion Baptist Church with Rev. T. M. Durr delivering the Finer Womanhood Sermon.

The history of Zeta was given by Soror Paume Green. A piano selection by Soror Susie T. Nelson, and the presentation of the "Woman of the Year" by Soror A. D. Hawkins.

Mrs. A. B. Palmer, a very outstanding social, civic and church worker, was chosen as "Woman of the year" and was presented with a lovely bouquet of white carnations.

As a tribute to the deceased Sorors, R. E. Brown, Sr., Lucy V. Tiggue and Rosanna J. Lowe, the Sorors made a visit to the cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of each. Flowers were given to all the shut-in Sorors and to the relatives of all Sorors who were ill.

Twenty-three Sorors gathered at the home of Soror Paulme Green to renew their pledge to Zeta.

Founder's Day was observed by visiting the Amanda Clark Memorial to entertain the aged. Following the program gifts were presented. Following the entertainment Soror Dorothy Henderson entertained all the Sorors with a movie and dinner party.



SOROR FRIEDA COOK

Under the capable direction of this youthful but very efficient Chairman of Zeta's Trustee Board, the affairs of Birch Haaven have taken on new life. Soror Cook became Chairman of the Board of Trustees in Los Angeles, and with the help of the Great Lakes Region and other interested Zetas throughout Zetadom has initiated a program of making Birch Haven what its donor, Violette Anderson, intended it to be. Zeta is proud of this youthful soror who is doing, rather than talking about what should be done about Birch Haven.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



MU ZETA SORORS CELEBRATE ZETA'S TWENTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

Reading left to right, sitting: Sorors Eula P. Smith, R. F. Netterville, Earling L. Bradford, Grand Basileus Lullelia Harrison, Stazzie Hudson, Isabel M. Herson—Basileus of Mu Zeta. Standing: Sorors Evelyn Jenkins, F. Doris Lusk, Leonilda Burrell, Lura W. Holliday, Eddy C. Lloyd, Mildred West, Rosetta Bolen, Maudra Mencer, Sadie K. Harrison, Lubertha Brantly, Marie Nero, Alise Houston, and Amelia J. Lewis.

GRAND BASILEUS SPEAKS FOR MU ZETA CHAPTER AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Mu Zeta observed the "Twenty-Eighth Founders' Day Celebration" of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority with Soror Lullelia W. Harrison, Grand Basileus, as guest speaker. The main feature of the program was the address delivered by Soror Harrison. She recounted facts connected with the founding of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on the campus of Howard University in 1920. Due homage was paid to the five founders who still live. In her straightforward and gracious manner, Soror Harrison likened the five founders unto five pillars—truth, love, faith, coopera-

tion and service. In her closing, she emphasized the necessity to join hands in the fight to make America a better place in which to live.

Other features of the celebration were the formal dinner at the beautiful home of Soror Amelia Lewis, to which the presidents of other sororities were invited as guests along with the Grand Basileus and her husband, and the lovely "At Home" to which more than 300 friends came in to meet and chat with Zeta's charming first lady.

Soror Isabel M. Herson, Basileus of Mu Zeta and the sorors of the chapter received many commendable expressions from friends and fellow Greeks on the splendid arrangement and success of the entire celebration.

THOSE WHOM ZETA DELIGHTS TO HONOR

TO OUR YEAR'S HONOREES

YOU PUT YOUR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL
AND WORKED WITH DIGNITY AND ZEAL
YOUR WORK YOU LOVED,
WE LOVE YOUR WORK
WE HONOR THOSE WHO NEVER SHIRK



Mrs. Estelle Hubbard, Honoree of Alpha Beta, Chi Alpha, and Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapters, New Orleans, Louisiana.

ZETA HONOREES

In their nation-wide celebration of Finer Womanhood Week the three local chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority had the distinct pleasure of honoring Mrs. Estelle Hubbard as New Orleans Woman of the Year. Mrs. Hubbard is a retired public health nurse, one who has toiled long with the Child Welfare Association and the City Health Division, giving her service for one year without pay to prove to the authorities that Negro mothers and babies needed and would appreciate these services. To further prove this, Mrs. Hubbard gave one side of her home in North Roman Street to be used as a Child Welfare Health Station for a year without remuneration. Her most recent endeavor for the good of the community has been the establishment of the New Orleans Home for Colored Incurables and Cancer Patients.

The local Cancer Society was represented at this celebration by Dr. Rivers Frederick, Chief of Surgical Staff of Flint-Goodridge Hospital, and a member of the local Cancer Society. Dr. Frederick presented Mrs. Hubbard with a check of \$1325.00, a gift for the Home for Incurables from the Life Insurance Executive Council of New Orleans. The American Cancer Society presented Mrs. Hubbard with a check for \$3000.00.

Soror Marie Bryant presented Mrs. Hubbard with a check from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The Lambda Pi Alpha, a professional sorority, of which Mrs. Hubbard is an honorary member, presented her with a bouquet of American Beauty Roses.

Soror Zenobia Johnson praised Mrs. Hubbard for her outstanding contribution to our community and all humanity. She quoted excerpts from William Cullen Bryant's "Thanatopsis," and quotations from William Wadsworth in honoring and praising her with a bouquet of flowers from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She further stated that she was glad to be a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority because the members were farsighted in their endeavor and stood for humanitarian service.

Soror Ethelyn Acox brought greetings to the large audience from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and told of their six outstanding projects that have been maintained in the community by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for a number of years.

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, guest speaker of the evening and Editor of Central Christian Advocate, who was introduced by Mrs. Eola Lyons Baker, Basileus, praised the women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for their outstanding work and compared Mrs. Hubbard with Mary and Martha of Bible fame.

Dr. Herbert Blanks rendered two beautiful tenor solos, one the Lord's Prayer, and the other a dedication of Mrs. Hubbard's favorite spiritual, "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me." Mr. Osceola Blanchet and Miss Orethal Thomas both rendered beautiful organ solos.

Soror Luella Gavalier, Chairman of the Committee, presided throughout the evening.

MRS. JIMMIE LOWE NAMED 'WOMAN OF YEAR' BY SORORITY

On Sunday, Feb. 29, members of Alpha Rho Zeta and Epsilon Beta Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, concluded a week of activity in observance of the national body's "Finer Womanhood Week" by attending morning service at historic St. John A.M.E. Church.

At this service, Mrs. Jimmie N. Lowe, civic-minded community worker, who has founded here in Montgomery a successful adult and nursery-kindergarten school, was paid tribute as the "Woman of the Year for 1948." Mrs. Lowe, the mother of two children, is to be highly commended especially for the adult school which is attended by many veterans, and which meets a definite need in the Negro community. A modest, soft-spoken woman, Mrs. Lowe is a zealous worker, imbued with true pioneer spirit and is only beginning to realize some reward for her industry and enterprise.

Participants on the program honoring Mrs. Lowe were Miss Willie M. Stone, basileus of the graduate chapter; Mrs. Olivia Murdock who gave a short history of Zeta's "Finer Womanhood Week" which is a national observance of the sorority; Mrs. Annie W. Jackson, soloist for the occasion; and Mrs. Mattie P. Johnson who presented the honoree to the congregation. An inspiring sermon emphasizing the "Finer Womanhood" theme was delivered by the pastor of the church, Rev. B. J. Nolen.

Following this its first presentation of its kind to be held locally, Alpha Rho Zeta hopes to emulate the precedent of sister chapters elsewhere and make each year the selection of an outstanding woman to be so honored.

In addition to the service held at St. John Zeta sorors were able to participate in several other noteworthy events during Finer Womanhood Week. Epsilon Beta, which is the undergraduate chapter of the sorority, located on the campus of State Teachers College began the activities by presenting Dr. Deborah Partridge of Alpha Xi Zeta chapter, Tuskegee, as vesper speaker at the college on Sunday evening Feb. 22. Dr. Partridge, an accomplished speaker, was introduced by Miss Rosie L. Hudson, basileus of Epsilon Beta. Alpha Rho Zeta, which is the graduate group, initiated five new members who will form a chapter soon to be formally presented in Opelika, Ala. Pledge renewal service for graduate sorors was held at the home of Mrs. Mattie P. Johnson, 701 South Holt Street. The service, which was well attended, was climaxed by a social hour at which a delicious two-course luncheon was served.

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON HUMANRIGHTS PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT INAUGURAL DINNER

Senator Wayne L. Morse of Oregon, Congresswoman Helen Cahagan Douglas of California and Miss Norma E. Boyd of Washington were honored at the Inaugural Dinner of the American Council on Human Rights at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., on October 15, 1948.

Approximately two hundred guests attended. One newspaperman declared the list read like a Who's Who in the Greek-letter world. Belford V. Lawson, Jr., president of Alpha Phi Alpha was Master of Ceremonies and Mrs. Edna Over Gray, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha presented the awards. Among the speakers were: Mrs. Sallie Nuby Parham, president of Sigma Gamma Rho; Dr. R. O. Johnson, president of Phi Beta Sigma; Miss Dorothy I. Height, president of Delta Sigma Theta; Mrs. Arizona Stemmons, founder of Zeta Phi Beta; Dr. Harry T. Penn, president of Omega Psi Phi and James E. Scott, former president of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Among those present were: Mrs. Mae Wright Downs, president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women; A. Abbot Rosen, Chief of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice; C. D. B. King, Minister from Liberia; Thurman L. Dodson, president of the National Bar Association; Mrs. Ella P. Stewart, president of the National Association of Colored Women; Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College; Dr. Russell A. Dixon, president of the National Dental Society; Clarence M. Mitchell, Labor Secretary of the N.A.A.C.P. and Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman who received the award for Congresswoman Douglas.

Senator Morse delivered the principal address and messages were received and read from national leaders in all walks of life. A copy of the wire from President Harry S. Truman is attached.

Mrs. Gray described the founding of the Council and the program it will seek to carry out. Elmer W. Henderson, director of the Council stressed the need for support by local chapters and individual members of the six cooperating societies.

Copies of the three Citations which were engraved on beautiful Greek parchment are attached.

The American Council on Human Rights is a cooperative program of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta.

Its purpose is to seek the extension of human and civil rights to all citizens within the United States. It will maintain an office in Washington and work primarily through the Federal Government and the Congress of the United States.

Firm support for the Council and its program was re-affirmed at the Dinner by the heads of

the six societies. Dr. Penn and Mr. Scott both expressed the strong hope that their organizations, Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi, would join in the program at their forthcoming conclave.

CITATION

For Distinguished Service to the Cause of
Human Rights

To
MISS NORMA E. BOYD

By
The American Council on Human Rights

In public recognition of her splendid efforts as Founder and Director of the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and stimulating interest in and opening up a new and significant field of activity for our Greek-letter societies in both national and international affairs—all of which required and received the unselfish giving of her time and energy at great personal sacrifice.

Presented at the Inaugural Dinner of the American Council on Human Rights—a cooperative program of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta.

The Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., October 15, 1948.

CITATION

For Distinguished Service to the Cause of Civil
Rights to the Honorable

WAYNE L. MORSE

United States Senator from Oregon
by

The American Council on Human Rights

In public recognition of his splendid efforts in the United States Senate to further the passage of sound and practical legislation to remedy the serious malpractices long existent in America which have played so important a part in preventing various racial and religious minorities from contributing their full talents to the American democracy and its economy and from achieving the dignity and the benefits which citizenship in our country so well affords. We give particular notice to his singular triumph in blocking the passage of the infamous regional schools plan in the 80th Congress which, if passed, would have placed the stamp of approval of the highest legislative body of the land on the vicious practice of segregation in public education.

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The Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., October 15, 1948.

ALPHA GAMMA ZETA'S LIBRARY DAY AT CHARITY HOSPITAL



Soror Lucinda B. Robey, left, presents the "Finer Womanhood Award" to Mrs. Mildred B. Johnson, right, on the behalf of Alpha Sigma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Mrs. Johnson, wife of Professor R. C. Johnson, principal of Parker High School, Birmingham, Ala-

bama, has been quite successful with the Girl Scout movement in the Birmingham, Jefferson County area. She is field director of the Girl Scouts over the state of Alabama and the only Negro member of the Home Board of Congregational Churches.



Mrs. E. C. Ellison, Dean of girls at Jack Yates High School, Houston, Texas, and winner of the coveted Lambda Zeta honor of "Woman of the Year."

MRS. E. C. ELLISON

Inspired by the example set by the dean of girls at her beloved Jack Yates High School, Miss Gladys Joseph won the title of "Girl of the Year" for



1948. This type of activity brings to the front the highest types of Finer Young Womanhood and inspires our girls to look upward.

GLADYS JOSEPH



Wheatley High of Houston comes in for a share of the glory of achievement in its contribution to the number of "Girls of the Year" in its presentation of Miss Bobby Jean Pearsall as its "Girl of the Year." Congratulations to Lambda Zeta and her three personable personalities.

BOBBY JEAN PEARSALL



ZETA PHI BETA BANQUET A THING OF BEAUTY

About 130 interested persons bore the pelting snow of Friday night, March 5, to attend the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Banquet, honoring the Outstanding Woman of the Year at the YWCA, Mrs. Vera Price.

Notwithstanding the inconvenience caused by the weather the affair was well attended and highly entertaining.

The entire layout for the affair carried a festive air, tables laid with snow white cloths, from smooth flowing linen to heavy madeira to English fillet covering tiers of long banquet tables, stately white candles added grace and quaintness which was properly emphasized by small vases of jonquills surrounded by green foliage. The guest table was picturesque with a large centerpiece of white and blue chrysanthemums interwoven with sorority colors of blue and white.

MRS. E. C. ESTELLE IS HIGHLY ENTERTAINED DURING FINER WOMANHOOD WEEK

Mrs. E. C. Estelle enjoyed a week of entertainment during Zeta's Finer Womanhood Week celebration. On Sunday, February 22, 1948, Mrs. Estelle was honored with the Zetas at the St. John Baptist Church. The services were dedicated to the finer things in women. On the same day the American Newsreel Company made pictures of them which have been shown at many of the theaters in Dallas. A Radio Broadcast over Station WFAA was also endorsed by the Kappa Zeta Chapter.



The 1948 recipient of the Finer Womanhood Award of Chi Zeta Chapter (Oklahoma City) was Mrs. L. C. McFarland, city school teacher and outstanding civic and religious leader especially interested in underprivileged groups. Noted for her courageous fight to secure equal rights and facilities for the race, Mrs. McFarland was chosen specifically for her contribution to the community through her position as chairman of the Committee of Management of the Stiles Street Branch, YWCA, and for her work in securing adequate medical attention for underprivileged children in the area of her school.

MU ZETA HONORS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Bettie Johnson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was honored as Zeta's "Woman of the Year" by Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as a feature of the Founders' Day Celebration at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Mrs. Johnson was presented with a silver loving cup engraved with the insignia and the name of Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The presentation was made by Soror Earline Bradford who gave a brief history of the work of Mrs. Johnson, describing her as a woman of humanitarian deeds among children and young people as well as a servant in civic and religious circles of the city. Added remarks of congratulation were given by Grand Basileus Harrison who was the guest speaker of the evening.

ALPHA IOTA ZETA PRESENTS VIOLETTE ANDERSON AWARD

One of the highlights of Finer Womanhood Week was the presentation of the Violette Anderson Award honoring Mrs. Della Williams, prominent civic and religious leader of Tulsa.

The coveted award is presented annually by the Sorors to the woman who has made the greatest contribution to the community.



In a lovely formal double ring ceremony performed Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., Miss Florence Octavia Mann, niece of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Mann, 1502 N. Norfolk Avenue, became the bride of Mr. Andrew Faucett Hayes of Lynchburg, Virginia. Rev. Calvin K. Stalnaker read the vows.

The altar was banked with tropical woodwardia ferns, tall floor baskets filled with lillies and snapdragons and lighted cathedral candles. The family pews were marked with white satin bows. The couple knelt on a white satin prie-dieu which was surrounded with white lillies.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. M. M. Mann, wore a gown of white bridal satin with a fitted basque fashioned with a yoke of white nylon net finished with a bertha of satin folds. The long glove sleeve edged with Chantilly lace ended with a point over the wrist. The full skirt shirred in front to reveal Chantilly lace, terminated in a cathedral train. Her head-dress of bridal illusion shadowed with blue net, carrying out true Zeta colors, fell from a tiara outlined with seed pearls, and her only ornament was a single strand of pearls borrowed from her Aunt Augusta. She carried white gardenias atop a white Bible with sprays of stephanotis and white satin ribbon streamers.

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