# National Officers of Alpha Kappa Alpha Open 40th Annual Boule Wtih Press Conference

National officers of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority opened the 40th boule, which met in Washington Dec. 27-31, with a press conference at the Club Cimarron. In the picture at extreme left, Mrs. Edna Over Gray, supreme grand basileus, smiles things over with Mrs. Muriel Alexander, basileus of Xi Omega, local graduate chapter and one of the hostesses to the boule visitors. In the second photo are Mrs. Irma F. Clark, tamiouchos, Mrs. Rosetta Nolan, parliamentarian, and Mrs. Lucille B. Wilkins, delegate from Chicago. The pensive foursome in the third photo are Mrs. Ruth M. Thomas, delegate from Wilberforce, Ohio, Mrs. Clarissa Tillard of Richmond, Mrs. Cerobia Allen, supreme epistoleus, and Mrs. Audrey B. Jones, delegate from Los Angeles. In the photo at the extreme right are Mrs. Sophie Fowler, Xi Omega delegate; Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Carolyn S. Blanton of Louisville, Ky.

## Noted Speakers at D. C. AKA Session

WASHINGTON

Dr. Luther P. Jackson, professor of history at Virginia State College, told some 800 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members at a luncheon meeting Tuesday that discrimination is kept alive by both colored and white people.

He was one of three prominent educators who participated in the boule panel discussion on "The Struggle for Civil Rights."

While talking about "The Elimination of the Poll Tax in Virginia," the historian emphasized that the chief deterrent to the universal use of the ballot now is a change in the mental attitude toward voting on the part of all races in America.

**Wrong Attitude**

Too many colored people, he continued, have the "wrong attitude, maintaining the philosophy that this is the white man's country and that politics is the white man's business."

Dr. Jackson opined that the poll tax no longer bars the colored person from voting in most parts of the United States. He said that "80% of the states show no discrimination about registering colored persons."

He said that the poll tax is only "one phase of our difficulties" and urged members of the sorority to work to educate other persons of their race about use of the ballot and its importance in winning full rights.

**Other Professors Speak**

Other participants on the panel were:

Dr. John H. Franklin, professor of History, Howard University, who discussed "The Forty Years' Struggle for Civil Rights," and Dr. W. Sherman Savage, professor, Lincoln University (Mo.), who discussed "The Struggle for Equal Educational Opportunities in the Western States."

Chairman of the panel was Dr. Merze Tate, professor of history at Howard University.

In his discussion Dr. Franklin pointed out that the growth of Alpha Kappa Alpha within the past 40 years, parallels the struggle for civil rights in this country.

**Council Called Step Forward**

He called the founding of the American Council on Human Rights, a cooperative lobby supported by six fraternal groups which succeeded the Non-Partisan Council, a great step in the struggle for civil rights, and predicted that it would be a great impetus in winning complete freedom.

"Factors Influencing Stable Family Life" was interpreted by four prominent medico-sociologists namely, Mrs. Josephine Kyles, assistant executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches; Dr. Anna Rand, medical director of the D. C. Planned Parenthood Association;

Dr. E. Y. Williams, of the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry, Howard University, and Mrs. Marion V. Coombs, executive secretary of the Planned Parenthood of Baltimore.

## Delegates to AKA Conference Drink Yuletide Cheer

The cup that cheers played an important part among the numerous festivities that added gaiety to the holidays and honored some 1000 sorors attending the 40th annual boule of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, held in Washington this week. The above scene shows a few of the guests who attended an egg-nog sip at Carver Hall on Monday evening, given by the Overbrook Egg Nog Corp., in honor of the visiting sorors.

## Miss Lofton Wed to Truman Reed

Miss Verna J. Lofton became the bride of Truman H. Reed of Detroit, Mich., at the home of her parents, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ely L. Lofton of 1214 Lanvale Street, Sunday.

The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. A. P. Shaw.

For her wedding the bride was gowned in blush pink satin, a finger-tip veil of illusion, and carried an arm bouquet of white roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Lofton, who wore pale green taffeta a matching head-dress of taffeta and flowers, and carried talisman roses.

Lawrence Jones of Detroit was best man.

A reception followed the ceremony. The couple left later for points where they will make their home.

Mrs. Reed is a social worker in the city and the daughter is a student in pharmacy, there.

**NEWLYWEDS GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Mrs. Marie V. Knuckles of 604 N. Fremont Ave., was hostess at a Christmas dinner to Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins who were married December 23.

Mrs. Jenkins is the former Miss Sara Cummings of Newark, N.J. Mr. Jenkins is from Boston, Mass.

The guests include:

Mrs. Vernice Taylor, Miss Jeanette Skinner, Miss Blanche Ferguson, Bertram B. Sampson, Harold Scott, Robert Carter, Julius Sullivan, John L. Thomas, Carol Burke, and Edward Corbin.

Out-of-town guests included Miss Evelyn Maxwell of Newark, N.J. and James W. Grantt of Philadelphia, Pa.

**CHORAL CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Hochschild-Kohn Choral Club held its Christmas party at Hackney's tea room, recently.

Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing. Toastmasters were L. Morse and Ulysses Johnson. Mrs. Maggie W. Palton served as hostess. Miss Estelle Hargrove is president of the club and Mrs. Hilda Mosby is vice president.

# FEMININE FRONT

## Westwood Club Cheers Needy

Aside from cheering their sick neighbors, members of the Westwood Avenue Neighborhood Club sent twenty-four baskets to patients at the Ritchie Hospital, Cascade, Md., Christmas.

Each package, beautifully tied, contained postcards, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, in addition the men received razor blades and shaving cream, while the ladies received bobby pins, combs and hair pomade.

A package of candy in Christmas jars was also given each one. A large box also went to the ward; this package contained new material for the women to sew bed jackets, also magazines, and stockings for crocheting into rugs. A dozen Bibles and games were also included.

The women of the club were entertained at a Christmas party by Mrs. Martha Hart, 1704 Westwood Ave. Gifts were exchanged and games played.

**Mrs. Tingle Head**

Mrs. Lillian Tingle is president of the club. Other officers are: Mesdames Marjorie B. Ockimey, secretary; and Ayrie Waters, treasurer.

Members include:

Mesdames Verline Pennington, Louise Freeland, Josephine Short, Cassie Gardner, Sarah Gray, Alah K. Jenkins;

Marion Nottage, Virginia Brown, Florence Hall, Martha Hart, Rose Grievous and Pearl G. Clark.

## Capos Pleasure Club Host at Annual Christmas Party

Members of the Capos Pleasure Club held their annual Christmas dance at the Elks Home, Friday evening.

Christmas decorations, a Santa Claus posed by Edgar Matthews and carol singing featured the affair.

Cocktails and a buffet were provided.

Hosts included:

Tennyson Cartier, Leno Grant, vice president; Charles Cartier, secretary, Edgar Matthews, treasurer; Columbus Gilmor, acting business manager; Buddy Hough, sergeant-at-arms; Clyde Fuller, chaplain; George Perkins, Fred Blagman, Thomas Howell.

Following the dance members and their special guests were entertained at breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. Cartier.

Guests at the dance were:

Misses Janetal Booker, Elaine Carter, Mae Frances Willow Screw, Elizabeth Bundy, Rose Ann Carter, Jean Williams, Lucy Brooks, Viola Green, Ruth Smith, Pearl Carroll.

Misses Janet Brooks, Barbara Lewis, Hattie Powell, Kitty Carte, Ira Jones, Goldie Spencer, Alberta Harris, L. B. Higgins, Robert Jackson, George McDonald.

Doctors and Mesdames Clarence Monroe, George Murphy, James White, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Drs. J. E. T. Camper, Miles Connor, Dwight O. W. Holmes, A. O. Reid, Gerald Wilson, Mrs. Randolph Waters, Mrs. Bert James Fitzgerald of Boston, Mass., and Earl Koger.

**PEREGRINATORS**

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Watts jaunted from Philly, taking with them her sister, Miss Margaret Wiley of this town and D.C. Off to Whitehoro, N.J., and the family gathering were Ernest Perkins, attorney, Mrs. Perkins and the young Perkinses. Portia Minor came in from college on Friday for the holiday on the homestead. Pearlie Pennington did New York for a holiday jaunt. Guested with the Presley Winfields of Berkeley, Cal., and dined with the Ted Vidals whose other guests included Dr. and Mrs. Wiley Wilson, Mrs. Fannie Garrett, the Harry Austins, Alleyne and one of their diplomatic dinners with Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, Mrs. Jeanette Welch Brown and Mrs. Alice Arrington Tolbert were the Samuel Williams holding a gay party for the Cecil Scotts and their husbands. Mrs. Willie Adams, whose open house on Christmas Day has been a tradition hereabouts for many a day, this year turning the affair into a benefit for the Red Cross, invited much to her credit. The Links and their guests were cocktailer at the P.D.C. Fenning home for their husbands. The APOY'S round-the-world party on Christmas Eve was the Ralph Bunches with Esther and Charlie Blake. Dinner with Pearl Wilson, eggnog and fruit cake with Ann and Lewis Pinkney, and dancing, games and breakfast with Bea and Dave Wright.

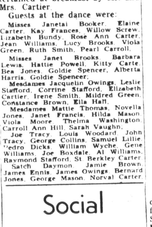
Other of the members and their husbands about were: Dr. and Mrs. Walter Dyson, Ellen and Ed Fishback, Mabel and Eugene Byrd, Frances and Walter Eubanks, Georgia and Paul Chester, Bill and Bea Rainford, Beulah and Malcolm Darkins, Mattie and William Gardner and Adele and Benjamin Foreman. James McDonald was guest of Mrs. Wilson.

Lorraine McDowell's Christmas tree trimming party on Friday night where gifts were exchanged and the usual holiday refreshments flowed, and with Lillie Sturgis Donald Williams, Ethelyn Evans, Ethel Jones, Ethel Jones and Rupland Williams, Ardell Jones, Paul Harris and Cecil Johnson about.

Dr. Miles Connor hosted the Union Fellowship Club, composed of outstanding Union University alumni, at their 15th annual dinner party, here, Monday.

The group meets once a year, exchanges ideas, and reminisces on achievements of the year. About this year was Dr. C. R. Franklin of Brooklyn, N.Y., pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church which has recently purchased a $50,000 church; Dr. C. H. Pearson, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Washington; the Rev. Norman Ogbolin of Rahway, N.J.; the Rev. Mr. Shelton of Elizabeth, N.J.; the Revs. Baxter Matthews, A. J. Payne and Ward Yerby of this city. Guest was Dr. Maurice Adams of this city. Absent were the Rev. Raymond Henderson of Los Angeles, Calif., and the Rev. A. A. Watts of Chicago. The meeting on Christmas Monday, 1949, will be in Brooklyn, N.Y.

## "Spring is Here" declares Mrs. Hortense Winegarner



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## Westwood Avenue Christmas Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Truman H. Reed were married in Baltimore, Sunday. She is the former Miss Verna J. Lofton, daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ely L. Lofton. They will reside in Detroit.—(Henderson Photo.)

## YWCA Branch Plans for Annual Meeting

A committee of the Madison Avenue YWCA met Monday night to complete arrangements for the annual meeting of the branch to be held Jan. 20.

Miss Elizabeth Anthony is chairman. Other members of the committee are:

Mrs. Ernest Fisher, Mrs. George Fry, Mrs. W. Winston Hunt, Mrs. Yvonne Hard, Miss Doria Stewart, Miss Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Alma Anderson, Miss Odessa Wilson, Miss Loss Brooks, Mrs. Elmyria B. Hull, Miss Nellie B. Brown, Mrs. Lawrence W. Welling, Mrs. J. Arnett Frisby, Mrs. George E. Lottier and Miss Alice B. Arrington.

## Social Happenings

**MRS. SHAW ENTERTAINS FOREIGN WIVES**

The social hall of Metropolitan Methodist Church was the scene of a gala Christmas party on Monday, when Mrs. Alexander P. Shaw was hostess to members of the Washington Conference and their wives.

By matching hats, aprons and necktes, partners were paired with Mrs. Shaw leading the grand march with the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson as partner.

Most "unusual" music was provided in true barber shop quartet style, when the Rev. Joshua O. William, Roscoe Williams, S. A. Fields and J. H. Alexander crooned their tones.

Guest soloist was Mrs. Marian J. Brown, accompanied by Rufus Abernathy of Bel Air.

The Revs. S. N. Carrington and Mrs. C. B. La Grange were prize winners in the game session. Refreshments were served.

**MR. AND MRS. ANDERSON HOSTS TO 31 CHILDREN**

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson of 1519 W. Saratoga St. played Santa Claus to 31 children on Christmas Eve, giving them boxes of goodies, bananas, stockings, refreshments and gifts. They also remembered shut-ins of the community.

## Camden Contingent Heavy at Conclave

CAMDEN — Members of Eta Chapter were well represented at the national conclave of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority in Newark, this week. Attending were:

Misses Bertha Waples and Lillian A. Gongs, national officers; Mesdames Edna Tillery and Evelyn Knighten, delegates of Eta Chapter; Miss Carolyn Hutchins, alternate;

Mesdames Rosa Waters, Rachel O'Neil, Miriam Camden, Lottie Johnson, Sadie Taylor, Phyllis Morrell, Bernice Hackett, Helen Holloway; and Rosa Lee Moore.

Ollie and Annie Caulk.

Out-of-town guests were Mesdames Adele Brown and Marie Harvey of Plainfield, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waller, Walter Scott, Mrs. Evelyn Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. E. Rochester of New York City.

## Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Roberts Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Roberts and Matthew Roberts celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with an informal reception at their home, 1140 N. Gilmor Street, on Sunday.

Participating in the affair were the couple's twelve children and the latters' husbands and wives, including:

Messrs and Mesdames Augustine Roberts, William Bailey, Robert Anderson, Warren Nixon, William A. Hayes; the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sweeney, Herman Roberts, Mrs. Rosalee Robinson, Mrs. Maxie Harvey, Mrs. Margie Martin, Mrs. Robert Self, and Misses Pauline, Mrs. Annie Caulk, Mrs. Agnes Ambush, Mrs. Marie Dunn, Thelma Rollins, Benjamin Roberts, Mrs. Madeline Jones, Janet Francis, Hilda Mason, Nadith, Howard Larkins, Orrin Nixon, Richard Gross, George Marshall, J. B. Gross, Edward Booker, Melvin Pennington, Edgar Murphy, Robert Bailey, Benjamin Harris, John S. Cook, Melville Hill, Bernard Davis, M. Thorpe, Charles Hall.

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