Zetas' half-century mark is galaxy of beauty, charm

Alpha Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority entered its 50th year Saturday marking the meilpoint with a luncheon filled with beauty and charm.

The luncheon was held in Wilkins Restaurant and presided over by Soror [illegible], chapter basileus with impressive dignity.

The presiding officer, lively in an off-white jacketed dress, set a fast pace for other elegantly attired sorors and guests.

Honor guests for the occasion were Mrs. Arizona Cleaver Stemmons of Philadelphia, one of the five living founders of the sorority, and Mrs. Reddick, regional director.

Mrs. Ruth M. Cleaver, whose narrative feature depicting the 50 years of growth of the sorority, was a highlight of the program, chose a blue brocade coat dress.

Many of the group turned to "Zeta Blue" to enhance the fashion note. Among them were Katherine Johnson, Eva Dowd, Alice Hall, Emma Dudley, Althea Cornish and Beatrice Hall.

Very smartly coordinated was Soror Ethel Hodges in black and gold. Soror Lillian Webb chose a beautifully scarfed gray wool topped by a black beaver Western homburg. Soror Eula May Watts was in blue borchade, and Soror Lillie Ross in a brilliant print.

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Mrs. Erma Rawlings, guest, was elegant in gurple wool, with her daughter, Mrs. Melva Logan in off white. Mrs. Alma Walker wore a new spring print, and Mrs. Peggie Washington, always attractively attired, was in a fine brown suit.

Mrs. Catherine Haynie wore a broacade and lime suit dress, while Mrs. Belle Campbell was in a natty black and Mrs. Louise Burge was in an orange ensemble.

And the men—W. Theodore Hayes, attorney, in a striking raspberry striped shirt highlighting his ensemble. Dr. Robert Hill, Ernest Lee, Leroy Gibson, Charles Demby in classic Oxford, bankers' gray and charcoal suits. . .and those affable Gentlemen-of-the-cloth, the Rev. Messrs Howard Cornish and Walter Cleaver, right in the swim.

At the head table, which seated program participants included Sorors Ethel Hall, Sandra East and past chapter basileus, Sorors May Fortune, Lillie Ross, Mary Hurtt, Beatrice Mayo, Beatrice Hall and Allice Hall.

The growth of the organization, from its inception at Howard University to the present day, when its development includes 200 chapters and the first Greek Letter chapter in Africa, was narrated in word and music by Sorors Althea Cornish, Katherine Johnson, Mildred Williams Cornheda Better, Hazel Phillips, pianist, and Winnie Booker, soloist.

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A candlelight service "Holding High the Torch," completed the program.

Among those attending the luncheon were:

Mesdames and Misses Thelma Ashe, Mary C. Ammons, Eleanor Bellamy, Myrtle Burge, Elsie Butcher, Shirley Bolding, Corheda Better, Ethel Brewington, Winnie Booker, Joyce Byrd.

Mesdames, and Misses Geraldine Bale, Joyce Blanchard, Jeoline Crowner, Belle Campbell, Queen E. Carney, Laviette Camper, Eleanor Colvin, Roberta Clark, Ethel Covington.

Mesdames and Misses Emma Dudley, Evelyn Dixon, Elizabeth Demby, Sandra Demby, Harriette Dunlap, Catherine Dixon, Sarah Dyce, Gwendolyn DeCeille, Eva Dowd, Odessa Diggs, Darcell Eagle.

Mesdames and Misses Nancy Hairston, Evelyn Harris, Joyce Higgins, Frances Holiday, Catherine Haynie Jane Harrison, Doris Howell, Beatrice Hall, Mary Hurt, Alice Hall, Ethel Hall, Ann Holt.

Mesdames and Misses Shirley Howard, Joyce Holly, Marion Jackson, Lillian Jones, Carrie D. Jackson, Edna Johnson, Lois Joyner, Katherine Johnson, Frances Johnson, Edna Johnson, Annie Johnson, Carrie O. Johnson;

Mesdames and Misses Beatrice Lancaster, Helen Lewis, Lawrence Logan, Miriam McCracken, Wanda McQuire, Angie McClaine, Karma Rawlings, Nathalia Roberts, Ruth Russell, Marion Reddick;

Mesdames and Misses Eva Rawlings, Lillie Ross, Merrial Rawlings, Julia Richardson, Naomi Smith, Edna Smith, Ruby Stewar, Jean Smith, Virginia Scott, Evelyn Strothers;

Mesdames and Misses Marcia Salmon, Gloria Stokes, Le Ray Stokes, Ruth Smith, Elva Tillman, Bernice Taylor, Charlotte Thompson, Mary J. Taylor, Edith Thomas.

Mesdames and Misses Jessye Valentine, Loretta Valentine, Peggie Washington, Carolyn White.

MISS BRITTON

Miss Britton will be married in June

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Valerie Janee Britton to Howard Johnson of Towson, Md., was made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Britton at a party in their Sparks, Md., home, Sunday.

The wedding is scheduled for June 13th.

Present to give blessings and congratulations were Miss Britton's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Priscilla M. Smith of Towson, and the bridegroom-elect's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson.

Also attending were:

Jestine West, Grace Walker, Bessie Womack, Virginia White, Mesdames and Misses Sandra East, Virginia Eggleston, Mary Fields, Shirley Farmer, Dorothy Edwards, Mary Frazier, Barbara Falls, Goldie, Melva Faison;

Mesdames and Misses Florence, Almedia, Margaret Gassaway, Harriet, Hayes, Opal Hawkins, Sheila Hilton, Maria Matthews, Hilda Mosley;

Mesdames and Misses Beatrice Mayo, Annie Moreland, Elizabeth Matthews, Zeda Malacoi, Beatrice Pitts, Virginia Phillips, Hazel Phillips, Geraldine Powell;

Mesdames and Misses Ethel Quarles, Patsy Wright, Thelma Wyatte, Ethel Wilson, Mamie Williams, Alma Walker, Ella Williams, Lillian Webb, Anna Warfield, Mildred A. Williams, Alberta Whittaker, Patelle Harris, Catherine Madden.

Mesdames and Miss May Fortune, Grace Dawins, Alconna Redmond, Sandra Farmer, Barbara Jone, Helen Patterson, June Sirroughn, Geneva Hill, Mary Revels, Hilda Brown, Geraldine Fields;

Mesdames and Misses Ethel Hodges Gertrude Johnson, Alma Walker, Joan Smith, Betty Mason, Bonda Patterson;

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Watts, Messrs. and Mesdames Archie Fussell, Leary Gibson, Joseph Neal, Charles Noel;

Mr. and Mrs. P. H Roller, the Rev. Messrs. [illegible] and Cochids and Walter C. Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Demby.

Ernest Lee, Sammuel Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, Theodore Hayes, the Rev. Edward Revels, Benny McClarry, Dr. Parlett Moore.

Pridgens wed sixty years

Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Pridgen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, Monday, at their home on E. Federal Street.

The couple was married January 19, 1910, in Rocky Mount, N.C., and moved to this city in 1932.

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Mr. Pridgen, who is 82 is a former porter at an apartment building, Mrs. Pridgen, 75, was a homemaker.

The couple have four children: Mrs. Verna Rice; McCoy Pridgen, Alton Pridgen and Mrs. Betty Matthews, all of Baltimore.

The couple also has 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Miss Sewell wed to Lonnie Hall Jr.

The marriage of Miss Pasita Maria Sewell and Lonnie Hall Jr. took place recently at St. Gregory's Catholic Church.

The Rev. Father Robert A. Reid officated at the 2 p.m. service. The wedding music was by Miss Alimira Miller, organist, and Mrs. Bernedette Goode, soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Hudgins Sr. of this city.

Given in marriage by her stepfather, Miss Sewell wore a floor-length A-line gown of white alalaster brocade. An empire waist, round neckline and long bell shaped sleeves were French enclosed with seed pearls.

She carried a crescent shaped bouquet of white roses and pastel cimbidium orchids. The bride's gown was designed by her aunt, Mrs. Milton O. Gardiner.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Nancy Alston, cousin of the bride, wore a floor-length A-line gown in moss green peau de sole and had an empire waist. The round neckline and long bell shaped sleeves were etched in gold with red and green crystal beaded trim. She carried a crescent shape bouquet of white, green and gold flowers, accented with gold puffs and green and gold velvet ribbons.

The bridesmaids were Mrs. Eilleen a Johnson, Mrs. Brenda M. Harris, Mrs. Fay W. Thomas and Miss Delores Long. They wore chartreuse chiffon dresses. Empire waists with full length sleeves that bloused into tight cuffs, featured the gowns. Peau de sole trimmed the high neckline and cuffs. Tiny green velvet flowers with green veils as headpieces complete their ensembles. They carried crescent shape bouquet of moss green flowers.

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The junior bridesmaids were Miss Kim Colona and Miss Shari Kober. They wore red velvet dresses, styled with empire waists, high necklines and bell sleeves. They carried old fashioned bouquets of red and white flowers accented with white lace and white velvet ribbon.

The flower girls, Iris Hudgins and Marzurite Thompson, wore red velvet dresses accented with white lace and full bishop's sleeves. They carried small fireside baskets of red and white flowers.

Kenneth Hudgins, ringbearer, was attired in Navy blue Eton suit.

George Forster, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.

Ushers were Lester C. Hudgins Jr., brother of the bride; James Forster, cousin of the bridegroom; Calvin Thomas and Martin Jasmin. They wore Oxford jackets, gray striped trousers, gray vests and four-in-hand ties.

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For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Hudgins selected a gold Chantily lace dress, which featured bell sleeves with crystal and turquoise beading.

Mrs. Lonnie Hall Sr., mother of the bridegroom, chose a green and gold paisley brocade ensemble and used matching accessories.

Hostess for the wedding reception were Mrs. Amelia Brooks, Mrs. Elsie Colona, Mrs. Cynthia Harvey, Mrs. Gwendolyn Simms and Mrs. Berha Williams.

The reception, given by Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins Sr., was in Forest Manor and was attended by 250 guests.

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CORE and Social Security program training young people

Thirty young people from the inner city began six weeks on-the-job training Monday at the Social Security Administration's printing plant in Woodlawn.

The youthful trainees were on hand January 16th when Commissioner of Social Security Robert M. Ball officially welcomed them to the Woodlawn headquarters.

Joining in the welcome were Milton Holmes, director, CORE Target City Youth Program, and Thomas D. Smith Jr., president of AFGE Local No. 1923.

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Also present at the welcoming ceremony were Congressman Samuel Friedel; Harry Woods, an SSA employee who is on a year's leave of absence while directing the CORE Printing Project; Roy Compton, another SSA employee on a year's leave of absence while acting as Director of Job Training for CORE; and Edward D. Hinkson, SSA Coordinator for the CORE Printing Project.

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The trainees will spend five days in each of several areas of the SSA plant to learn the ins and outs of the printing trade.

The preparation they will receive at Social Security is the final stage of a six-month CORE-sponsored training program that began in August.

In addition to learning printing, binding, graphics, photography and copy center operations, the trainees will be given an introduction to cost estimation.

While at Woodlawn, the trainees will spend approximately four hours every day learning their future trade and becoming qualified to fill a variety of entry-level jobs in the printing industry.

CORE will help them to obtain jobs in private shops throughout the city.

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According to Mr. Woods, chances of the 30 obtaining employment are very good since CORE has already been successful in securing the support of several local printing union leaders for the project.

The majority of the trainees, 26 men and 4 women, are high school graduates — some have families. To subsidize personal expenses, CORE pays them $40 to $60 a week. CORE plans to train 30 more young people from the inner city beginning in March.

This project is part of an overall plan to train 260 men and women in Baltimore to become secretaries, clerks, service station attendants, as well as those being trained for jobs in the printing industry.

The program is being funded by a Department of Health, Education and Welfare grant.

Participants are selected regardless of race, creed, color, sex or national origin, from applicants who have expressed their interest in becoming invoived with the program.

"Lack of a high school diploma is no barrier, but participants must have the desire and interest to learn," said Mr. Woods.

Wife's leg carved in epithet row

PUEBLO, Colo. (UPI) — The only clues so far are the letters "N" "!" and what looks like an "E" carved in the flesh of the leg of Kathryn Farley, wife of the Colorado House minority leader.

Mrs. Farley went to her back door Wednesday and was struck on the head with a log. While she lay unconscious, police said, someone made the letters by knifing shallow cuts in her leg.

Tom Farley, the Democratic House leader, began receiving threatening and abusive letters after he called for the dismissal of James Shumate, then acting director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Gov. John Love fired Shumate last week.

Police have been working closely with the Farleys since anonymous telephone callers began threatenening Mrs. Farley and her children.

Farley said Shumate told law officers at a Dec. 10 meeting in Longmont, Colo., it would be all right to use the word "n—r" in filling out official police forms.

Shumate did not deny using the word, but said he did not recommend or endorse its use.

Mrs. Farley was in satisfactory condition at a Pueblo hospital. Police Chief Robert L. Mayher said there were no suspects.

Panthers no threat, U.S. official says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Black Panthers are not a menace to U.S. internal security and their allegations that the government is out to destroy them is nothing more than propaganda, according to Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst.

Kleindienst said in a recent interview with UPI:

"For the Black Panthers to say there is a conspiracy to shoot them all is just Black Panther propaganda.

"I don't regard the Black Panthers as a menace to the internal security of the United States. They are the extreme outward manifestation of a social problem."

Charles Garry, a lawyer for the militant party, has charged that the government is "out to commit genocide-on the Black Panther party."

Kleindienst said "There have been violations of where Panthers have come under action by local police. He said the FBI might supply information to local police agencies "but the decision to act is always a local one."

He specifically denied allegations that the government had tipped local police which raided Black Panther groups in Chicago and Los Angeles.

The American Civil Liberties Union said last month a spot-check survey it conducted in nine major cities suggested "that a pattern of harassment exists" against the Panthers.

"The FBI doesn't direct local action," Kleindienst said. Mr. FBI Director J. Edgar) Hoover or any FBI agent does not request prosecution or arrest in a local crime or even in a federal one."

However, Kleindienst said, "Local law enforcement would suffer a terrific blow without FBI aid." "local law" in every case

Welcome Aboard names new account executive

WALTER H. TURNER, named account executive for black-backed travel agency.

Walter H. Turner of 532 Bridgeview Rd., has been named account executive for the Welcome Aboard Vacation Center travel agency at 2 Charles Center Plaza,5 West Saratoga St. in Baltimore.

Mr. Turner's appointment was announced by William W. Carter Jr., president of the all black-backed Welcome Aboard, who said, "Mr. Turner's duties will include all phases of travel consulting in addition to tour directing as well as initiating an extensive program of community education on group travel."

For the past seven years, Mr. Turner has been a free lance tour manager for Phil-Post Association, an organization which conducts many tours to the Caribbean, West Coast and Canada from the Baltimore area.

In his new capacity, Mr. Turner plans to broaden the scope of hispast operations and become more deeply involved in the travel industry as well as expand his existing services to his clients.

He is a graduate of the North American School of Travel in Newport Beach, Calif.

The Baltimore Welcome Aboard is part of a national network of travel agencies across the United States.

Judge backs Chester for clerk post

Judge Joseph Howard, backed by the black community, has urged Supreme Bench judges to appoint Paul L. Chester, a teacher with a masters degree, to serve out the term of the late Frank C. Robey as chief of the Court of Common Pleas.

The judges were expected to select someone today to serve as interim clerk until elections are held this year.

None of the clerks now come from the black community although many of the persons who appear in the courts are colored. Black citizens are close to 50 percent of the city's population.

Among the candidates for the post of Frank C. Robey Jr. and Councilman Clement J. Prucha, of the second district.

Judge Howard told his fellow judges that Mr. Chester is the most qualified of the candidates and pointed out that "few job opportunities have been afforded people of color in the administration of our court system."

Mr. Chester, a teacher for 22 years, holds a bachelors degree from Morgan State College, his masters from Columbia University and a law degree from the University of Baltimore.

Community groups supporting Mr. Chester include the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the A F R O-AMERICAN Newspapers, the Black Elected Officials of Baltimore, the Prince Hall Masons, the NAACP, the Urban League, the Ad Hoc Committee for Good Government and the Monumental Bar Association.

Judge Solomon Liss was chairman of the selection committee.

Many of the judges have to run for reelection this fall and many politicians have been offering their support of the Gerkshin goes to the man of their choice.

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WAGNER-SAUNDERS — Roland G., 22, 2553 S. Charles, U.S. Army; Darlene M., 17, 1336 S. Charles.

PODGORSKI-TREECE — Leonard S., 22, 3500 Greenmount, police officer; Carol A., 22, 2301 Walshire.

TELZE-JOHNSON — Junius W., 23, 1700 Chapel, laborer; Yolanda L., 20, 1898 Rutland.

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FIRST ELECTION HELD

Citizens for Fair Play keep Frank Ellis issue alive

On Friday, Jan. 23, the Citizens for Fair Play held their first election.

Irving Conway was named chairman, Jeremian G. Williams, president; Kenneth Bowman, treasurer, the Rt. Rev. St. George Cross, III, chaplain and James N. Caldwell, secretary.

All newly elected officials had held their posts on a temporary basis before the election.

The first official act of the officers was to request the secretary to draft and send letters to the City Solicitor and the CAA director, requesting an opinion on the re-instatement of Frank Ellis as CAA director.

Letters were also drafted and sent to the Mayor and the City Council President protesting the proposed turn-over of control of Friendship Airport to the state.

A five-point program was drawn up, on which the group will take immediate action.

Rose High holds special meeting to air problems

GREENVILLE (UPI) — Some black girls feel the method of choosing cheerleaders at the desegregated Rose High School is unfair.

Some white girls say they are afraid of black girls.

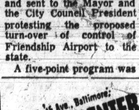
Both black and white say parents and school administrators did not do enough to prepare the pupils of Rose High for total desegregation this school year.

Desegregation of the school in September brought on racial conflicts that have closed the school down a number of times. Wednesday night, about 50 black and white members of the Student Government Association talked with a citizens committee appointed to help find the sources of friction.

One of the main points emphasized by students at the meeting was they felt there was a lack of concern on the part of the school administration and parents to prepare pupils for the new situation.

Several pupils said they felt a small number of black militants and white racists were responsible for most of the trouble.

The students said there was inadequate opportunity for both races to work for something in common. What was needed, they said, were programs in which black and white students could realize a sense of achievement in working together.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