'Forward stance' for women urged by Mrs. Pearl Brackett

"Look forward, not backward and think forward, not in retrospect if planning and acting ahead are to be achieved," Mrs. Pearl C. Brackett told members and guests of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Saturday.

Mrs. Brackett was speaker at the 33rd Founder's Day celebration held in Sheraton Inn in Baltimore.

Speaking on the subject "Total Involvement in Community Affairs," Mrs. Brackett told the audience, chiefly women, that to make progress in this area, certain equipment is needed.

First, said the speaker, there must be real interest in others. One must also have full knowledge of one's own limitations, including those of energy, time, attitudes and values.

Needed, too, said Mrs. Brackett are confidence in one's assets, ability to make friends, immunity to shock, admission of one's own close relation to the seamy side of life, ability to lose an argument, loyal to a cause and to others, confidence that one will succeed and the ability to "hang in there" and not be a quitter.

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Soror Iona S. McQuay presided at the luncheon session. Mrs. McQuay was chairman of the Founder's Day committee.

The invocation and benediction were by the Rev. Reginald Boston, pastor of Mt. Calvary AME Church of Towson. Mu. The Haithcock Ensemble and Wendell Wright, tenor, provided the music.

Other program participants were Soror Josephine Maxwell, greetings; Soror Geneva S. Jones, the history of the sorority; Soror Imogene Douglas, basileus of the chapter, Iota, who introduced Mrs. Brackett; and Soror Elizabeth Proctor of Washington, grand basileus of the sorority, who brought greetings.

A "fashion interlude" was provided by the Pauline Brooks Salon, with Mrs. Carol Wainwright as narrator.

The sorority's youth group, the Kopelles, assisted as hostesses. Included were Misses Victoria Baird, Charlotte Burk, Andre Flourney, Lynn Flourney and Cathy Russel.

Guests at the luncheon included:

Misses and Mesdames Nellie M. Edmonds, Hazel P. Boston, Ethel Garrett, Dora Johnson, Lucretia Evans, Rebecca Gwathney, Nellie Hall, Hattie Hughes, Lucille Johnson, Mary J. Mitchell

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Also Norman E. Smith, Andrew Robinson and Roderick Hall.

A SOCIAL GET TOGETHER with students from other lands is an annual event in the home of President and Mrs. Luther H. Foster of Tuskegee Institute. At a recent open house attended by more than a hundred guests, Mrs. Foster, right, gets acquainted with, from left: Stanwyck M. Reese of Guyana, South America, Glenester Boothe of Jamaica, Carleton James of Guyana, Mrs. Harumo Lanier of Japan and Stephen Pedro of Guyana.

Feminine Front

WINNERS in the Talent Hunt Contest sponsored by Mu Epsilon and Psi Phi chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Winston-Salem, N.C., recently, were, from left: Miss Sharmon Cofer, third place; Miss Diane Bellamy, center, first place, and Miss Lois P. Hauser, right, second place. Miss Bellamy, singer, will represent the chapters in a district contest to be held at Myrtle Beach, S.C. in March.

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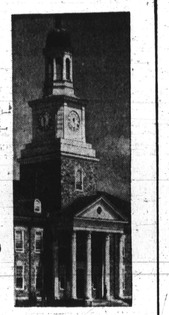

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Army life fulfilling for Mrs. DeShields

By CHARLOTTE DIXON

FORT MEADE, Md. — An Army Community Service volunteer, at Fort Meade, Peggie G. DeShields, is an outgoing, attractive Army wife who says, "helping people is what I really enjoy doing."

Peggie is the wife of Major Charles E. DeShields, officer in charge of supply division, Logistics fice.

She grew up in Miami, Florida, was graduated from Florida A and M University with a BS degree in elementary education, then began working on her masters at the University of Miami. "But along came a certain person who said 'Come fly away with me,'" says Peggie. "Chuck and I both attended A and M. He was an All American. We were together so much on campus we were known as the 'King and Queen.'"

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Peggie was an honor student and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. "She was queen of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, says Major DeShields. "And one of the favorite queens of the ROTC Corp."

After their marriage in 1954, they lived at Fort Stewart, Georgia, where Major DeShields was assigned to the 82nd Airborne.

"The women I met during our first tour had a lot to do with my adjusting and accepting military life," says Peggie. "They went out of their way to point me into activities of the Army wives, took me shopping and to coffees and meetings, and entertained us in their homes. Now I enjoy doing the same for other military families."

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Since their first tour at Fort Stewart, they have been assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C., flight school at Fort Wolters, Tex.; Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Devens, Mass.; Badkreuznach, Germany; and solo tours in Korea and Vietnam for Major DeShields.

Peggie has traveled extensively throughout the Far East and the European continent. When Major DeShields returned from his solo tour in Korea, they went on an extended holiday in the Far East.

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"But of all the places I have visited, I was impressed with Berlin, Germany," says Peggie. "Berlin is part of history and is a complete city. Everything that anyone would want is right there."

While in Germany, they were invited into many of the homes and became quite fluent in the German language. "Peggie was selected by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity there as 'Wife of the Month,'" says Major DeShields.

She has done volunteer work at every of the places they have lived. While the major was attending flight school at Fort Wolters, she organized a club for wives of newly appointed warrant officers and helped them make the transition from enlisted to officer status.

In 1967 they came to Fort Meade when Major DeShields was assigned to the newly reactivated 6th Armored Calvalry Regiment. Peggie was on the welcoming committee for the Calvary wives and helped greet the newcomers as they arrived on post.

She is interested in Scouting and was assistant leader for Brownie Troop 1347. Some of her other interests include gardening, sewing, bridge, knitting, bowling, tennis and music.

Peggie is the mother of three children: Daphne, 12, is a seventh grader at MacArthur Junior High School and plays the guitar. Janet is 10, in the fifth grade at West Meade Elementary; and plays the violin. Charles, 7, attends West Meade Elementary and is looking forward to playing the piano.

The entire family enjoys traveling and their future plans include a trip to Hong Kong.

MRS. CHARLES DESHIELDS

Four receive commendations at Aberdeen

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Four military personnel assigned to the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command Maintenance Agency at Aberdeen have received Army Commendation Medals in recognition of meritorious service and achievement.

Lieutenant Colonel Monroe L. Manning received the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Army Commendation Medal for distinguishing himself by exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of military operations against communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam during the period Nov. 1968 to Aug. 1969.

An Army Commendation Medal for exceptionally meterorious service during the period Sept. 1968 to June 1969 for duty in Thailand has been awarded to First Lieutenant Kenneth R. Turner. Lt. Turner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Turner of Grantsville Md.

Also receiving Army Commendation Medals for their outstanding meritorious service were Major Richard T. O'Neill, formerly of CDCMA and Captain Maurice G. Powl, for his service with the 7th Infantry Division.

African sculpture exhibit opens at National Gallery

WASHINGTON — A presentation of masterpieces of African sculpture from the major art-producing tribes of Africa opened to the public, Thursday, at the National Gallery of Art following three days of previews and related meetings and activities.

The landmark exhibition of 200 sculptures, from public and private collections of Europe, Africa, and North America, was assembled and documented by William Fagg, distinguished African art authority at the British Museum, London. Sponsored by the Chiefs of the Diplomatic Mission from 34 nations of Africa, it is being circulated by the International Exhibitions Foundation.

Opening week activities began Monday with a private reception and dinner at the Gallery for diplomatic representatives.

On Tuesday the Gallery will hold a symposium of African art scholars from three continents sponsored by the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. This symposium will be preceded by a luncheon meeting for the Association of Art Museum Directors.

On Wednesday, following an afternoon invitational preview for "African Sculpture," the entire building will be open in the evening for a reception and preview for the combined national memberships of the College Art Association and the Society of Architectural Historians.

The focus of all activity will be the African exhibition installed in the ground floor exhibition rooms of the Gallery.

Among the oldest objects are majestic pieces in bronze and stone from the ancient kingdoms of Benin and Ife, the great Stone Memorial Figure from the Cross River area of Nigeria, a brass Figure of Gun from southern Dahomey, and the famed bronze Seated Figure from Tada. According to Mr. Fagg this exemplar of "royal ease" may be "the most remarkable work of art ever found in Africa south of the Sahara."

Mr. Fagg also observes, in his informative introduction to the catalogue, that diversity between the styles of art among neighboring African tribes is often more pronounced than differences between the art of the Europeans and Chinese.

In the largest gallery of the exhibition, these disparities are illustrated by some 170 wooden figures and ceremonial masks created during the last four centuries.

For example, a spherical Helmet Mask from Balubaland contrasts strikingly with the more angular forms found in the work of neighboring tribes such as the Bena Kanyoka, the Bambala, or the Bamboleo.

Another important piece, highly unusual because it bridges the realistic style, is a Bisongye Face Mask. The dramatic profile of this piece illustrates one of the most inventive reconciliations of Africa's strong individual styles.

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A larger map of Africa at the entrance indicates those tribes which produced the pieces on view. Accompanying panels of text with illustrated color transparencies provide additional introduction.

The catalogue, which is fully illustrated in color and black and white, will be available at the exhibition entrance or by mail ($4.95 postpaid).

Free guided tours will be given daily, Tuesday through Saturday at 1 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m., by the National Gallery staff. An "Acoustiguide" tour recorded by the Gallery's Director, J. Carter Brown, will rent at the exhibition entrance for 25 cents.

The concluding lectures of a special Sunday series begun in January by Alfred Frankfurter, editor of ART NEWS, will be given on February 1 and 8 in the Auditorium at 4 p.m.

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The installation, designed by Kathleen Haven and Tom Fink, with the advice and assistance of Douglas Newton, Curator of the Museum of Primitive Art, New York, City, is under the direction of Douglas Lewis, Curator of Sculpture of the National Gallery through February. The exhibition will travel to the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, Kansas City, Missouri (March 21-April 28), and the Brooklyn Museum, New York City (May 16-June 21).

Hearing, speech group pick members

Four new persons have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Hearing and Speech Agency of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc., it was announced by Ralph Phillips, president of the agency.

Those newly elected include Neal J. Friedman, WBAL-TV News; Edward F. Hosinger Jr., Baker, Watts and Company; Victor W. Fuentealba, attorney; and C. Austin McDonnell Jr., McDonnell Insurance Company.

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Dr. Bradley is professor of education at Morgan State College.

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AFRO readers: Join us in wishing a Happy Birthday to those celebrating that special day between Jan. 26 and Feb. 10.

If you would like your name, a relative or friends, to appear in this column, send us a card or letter ten weeks in advance of the birthday.

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$128,000 hotel built in Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — A new $128,000 hotel has been built by the government to provide increased accommodation and modern facilities for the country's Amerindian visitors to visit Georgetown.

The modern 5,000 square foot building, large enough to house 34 single persons and six families comfortably, is scheduled to be ready for occupancy Feb. 6.

IN EXILE, black revolutionary Robert F. Williams, left, talks with his attorney, Bernard Feiger, in courtroom after Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Roumell, last week, upheld Gov. William G. Milliken's extradition decision and ordered Williams back to North Carolina to face kidnaping charge. Williams' attorney vowed to appeal the decision. Williams, former president of black separatist Republic of New Africa, returned to Detroit last September after eight years of self-imposed exile in Cuba, North Vietnam and Tanzania. He fled the country to avoid charges of kidnaping a white couple in North Carolina. (UPI Telephoto)

French involement in Chad likened to U.S. in Vietnam

FORT LAMY, Chad —In the vast, landlocked African Republic of Chad the French are fighting a war which is being called a little Vietnam.

It is a source of embarrassment to the French and of mounting irritation at home.

France is there to prop up the government of pro-French President Francois Tombalbaye against Arab dissidents in the northern and eastern parts of the country, and the French have found, as the United States has found in Vietnam, once in it is hard to get out.

The French admit to having a force of 900 men there, but actual figures are believed to run closer to 3,000, including a permanent garrison at Fort Lamy, the capital, and Foreign Legion parachutists.

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Chad, besides being one of the poorest of the former French African colonies, in that belt of Africa known as the Sudan.

This is the belt just below the Sahara Desert which for centuries has been the scene of bloody conflict between slave-trading Arabs of the North and the black Africans of the South.

It's outcroppings appear now in such newly independent black African states as Mali where the warlike and former slave-trading Tuaregs find themselves suddenly reduced to second-class citizenry.

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It played an important role in the Nigerian civil war because of the sympathies and hatred existing between the Christianized Ibos of the South and the Moslems of the North.

Other examples exist in Ethiopia and Sudan.

In Chad, France faces a two-fold dilemma. It has no great affection for Tombalbaye but sees no substitute and it fears a successful revolt against him might set the domino theory into motion in other former French territories where France is trying to reestablish its influence.

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A reported sidelight on the recently disclosed French deal to sell warplanes to Libya, Chad's neighbor on the North, is Libya's agreement to end its aid to the Chad rebels.

Chad's population of 3.3 million is about evenly divided between the Moslems of the North and East and the southern Bantu tribesmen.

The tribesmen are farmers, growing a low grade of cotton which is Chad's chief export. The Moslems are nomadic herdsmen.

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The Moslems complain that since the black African government took over in 1960 they have been gouged by tax collectors who take in three times their due, subjected to heavy fines for minor offenses and excluded from government and the army.

The result has been a terror campaign of burning coten crops and villages, kidnapings and torture. Moslem guerrillas striking almost at will have made many roads unsafe and isolated Fort Lamy from large areas of the country.

Black clergy fund scored by Wilkins

NEW YORK — The NAACP's Roy Wilkins last week castigated the Massachusetts conference of the United Church of Christ for a $1 million grant to the Black Ecumenical Commission.

In a 400-word telegram to the Rev. Avery D. Post, president of the Massachusetts church body, Wilkins charged the group ignored the NAACP and its "case for racial integration."

He said the decision carried the "unmistakable implication" that the racial separatist philosophy was now to be "the mode of choice" for the Massachusetts church.

The Black Ecumenical Commission was formed in December when the Commission of Church and Race of the Massachusetts Council of Churches dissolved. The United Church conference was viewed the black commission as a successor to the council body.

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Grant opponents within the denomination have denounced the endorsement of an organization of black clergymen, saying this amounts to the funding of institutional segregation.

The Rev. Mr. Post, who describes himself as an activist, has defended the directors' action as an effort "to take the initiative to empower the black community."

Wilkins contended in his telegram that church leaders had made the decision without regard to the views of many clergymen who, he said, wanted the NAACP consulted on alternative ways to use the money.

"The conference board of directors, Wilkins declared, "should at the very least have sought to hear the case for racial integration put by the organization which has led in its advocacy and achievement."

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Powerful forces, he said, "are feeding on despair and misguided guilt" to move the church in the direction of "the apostleship of black racism." He said the prime concern of the NAACP was to alter this trend.

The Rev. Warner Traynham, interim board chairman of the black commission, called Wilkins' remarks "rather extreme" and disavowed use of the description "separatist."

Churches said shirking responsibility for rights

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — If the Supreme Court were to sit in judgment on the integration of American church Sunday schools, "You and I know what the decision would be: Installed integration," the president of the United Church of Christ declared at his installation here tonight.

The Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss of New York, pointed out that "the churches stand under a court higher than the Supreme Court." He then went on to point out that churches have used their religious exemption from prosecution under the Civil Rights Act "as a way of holding from our responsibility."

"Are we coming to the time when only the church and its schools will be segregaly segregated?" Dr. Moss asked.

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"God forbid that the church of Jesus Christ should be the last institution in our society in which men of every race can feel at ease."

Dr. Moss warned that "instant integration of black children into white church schools" is not the answer for American churches, black and white.

"This was the problem with our open church declarations in the early six-ties," he said. "Unfortunately, they implied that the white churches were the true churches now intent on opening their doors and resources to black people.

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"Today we must see that black churches have many gifts which are essential for a new church in the new millennium — gifts of soul, of celebration, of community, of daring that need to be affirmed and brought into a renewed church."

Dr. Moss spoke at an installation service in Uihlein Hall in the Center for the Performing Arts. Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox leaders attended the service. The Most Rev. Ernst L. Unterkofler, Roman Catholic Bishop of Charleston, S.C., read one of the charges to the new president.

Assisting in the service were Mesdames Nancy Sandsbury and Lucille W. Thomas.

Manigault-Hurley Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Cedar Grove Church Cemetery in Whitmire.

Columbia services held for Miss Mattie Byrd

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Funeral services were held last week for Miss Mattie Konoler Byrd at Cleaves Memorial CME Church. The Rev. David S. Ray officiated.

The daughter of Mrs. Corrie Byrd and the late Green Byrd, Miss Byrd joined the Cedar Grove AME Church in Whitmire at an early age, later moving to New York.

She rejoined Cleaves Memorial, under the Rev. R. L. Brown, upon moving back to Columbia. She died at the age of 71 at her mother's home, here on Jan. 22.

Survivors include her mother, three sisters, Mrs. Luella McGraw, M