Zetas and Sigmas in joint Founder's Day banquet

Zeta Phi Beta Sorors and members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, setting a precedence in a joint Founder's Day observance, Saturday evening, paid tribute to two citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

The honorees were Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, this city's first non-white police officer, who rose from the ranks to become a lieutenant in the Baltimore City Police Department; and State Senator Clarence J. Blount of the Fifth Legislative District, and Coordinator of the Dunbar Senior High School.

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Engraved on the huge, magnificent silver trays which the Sigmas presented to Mrs. White was "For your loyalty, dedication, courtesy, hospitality, and for the sheer joy of knowing that you passed our way as a Sigma Wife, we the men of Zeta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, choose this means to express a modicum of our gratitude for the graciousness, genuine cheer and dedication you show, generate and inspire. 'Thank You' is not enough. This is but a weak expression of our poor means to say what our too full hearts are rendered incapable to express.

The presentation was made by Joseph Wiles of the fraternity.

The Baltimore Club of the National Business and Professional Women's Club presented flowers to Mrs. White.

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Presentation of a plaque to Senator Blount by the sorority and fraternity, was made by Mrs. Beatrice Pitts.

The plaque read: "Meritorious award to Senator Clarence W. Blount in recognition of marked distinction as a freshman legislator and the relevant and humanistic qualities of the bills you sponsored and had enacted into law is presented by Zeta Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity this 15th day of January, 1972."

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The Sigmas and the Zetas are the only fraternity and sorority which have an authorized brother-sister relationship. The sorority, which now has 23,000 members thooughout America was organized by the men's group on the campus of Howard University in 1920. Three of the five living founders of the sorority were guests at the banquet. They included Mrs. Arizona C. Stemons of Philadelphia, and Mesdames Myrtle T. Faithful and Fannie P. Watts of New York.

Also attending the banquet was the national president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Dr. Parlett L. Moore.

Uniquely, Dr. T. Andre Pitts is president of Zeta Sigma, the host chapter; and his wife, Mrs. Beatrice G. Pitts is basileus of Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta.

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Speaker for the evening was Dr. Deborah Partridge Wolfe, professor of education, Queens College of the City University of New York. Dr. Wolfe was presented by Mrs. Mary B. Hurt, director of the Atlantic Region of Zeta Phi Beta. Musical selections were by Mrs. Celestyne Hamlin, with Soror Hazel Phillips, accompanist. The invocation was by Soror Mary Revels and the benediction by the Rev. Crayton D. Dudley, chapland for the fraternity.

Greetings were brought by Mrs. Pitts, Soror Sandra Marshall, basileus of Gamma Chapter; Soror Rachel Hall, basileus of Nu Gamma Chapter, Dr. T. Andre Pitts and Dr. Parlett Moore.

There were also greetings from Founders Stemons, Faithful and Watts, each of whom received a gift. Gifts also went to Mrs. Hurt and to Miss Nellie Buchanan, a past national basileus of the sorority.

Soror Hilda B. Brown presided.

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The banquet set something of a fashion pace.

Soror Mary Carter Smith wore a fitted black gown, with scooped low neckline and slit front skirt, which she underpinned with ankle-length Persian pants in multi-colors. Founder Stemmons was in black with jangling bracelets and a sage Malta cross from a long chain necklace. Mrs Faithful wore lipstick red, which featured a Mandarin collar in colorful embroidery, which also touched the wrists. Mrs. Watts wore a soft green costume, embellished with chalk beads on frock and coat.

Mrs. Pitts was in white wool and a corsage of white camélias.

Her maxi skirt was edged with white wool fringe. Mrs. Hurt selected pale beige wool dress, scrolled at the front with toumaline mink collar and cuffs. Mrs. Brown was smart in balck velvet, fringed at the maxi hemline, and classic pearls.

But no one was passing Dr. T. Andre Pitts, in a English blue suit, deep red shirt and red, white and blue tie.

Members of Alpha Zeta chapter attending were:

Sorors Olivia Bates, Hilda B. Brown, Linda Brown, Nellie Buchanan, Eleanor Colvin, Althea Cornish, Isoline Crowner, Gwendolyn de Cecilio, Elizabeth Demby, Catherine Dixon, Eva Doud, Emma Dudley, Sandra East;

Sorors Melba Faison, Mary Fields, Goldia Ford, Mae Fortune, Mary C. Frazier, Alice Hall, Beatrice Hall, Ethel Hall, Vay Harried, Mary B. Hurt, Naomi Jenkins, Edna D. Johnson, Devora Jenkins, Frances P. Johnson;

Sorors Carrie O. Johnson, Katherine O. Johnson, Celestine Jones, Beatrice Lancaster, Beatrice Mayor, Angie McClain, Ann Moreland, Catherine Neal, Hazel Phillips, Blanche Powell, Geraldine Powell;

Sorors Beatrice G. Pitts, Helen Patterson, Ovella Queen, Nathalia Roberts, Ruth Russell, Mary C. Smith, Naomi Smith, Ruth Smith, Mary J. Taylor, Jessie Valetine, Fannie P. Watts, Lillian Webb;

Sorors Namie Williams, Mildred Williams, Gloria Green;

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From Nu Gamma Chapter, Coppin State College, were:

Sorors Amanda Barksdale, Yvonne Cunion, Grace Dawkins, Carolyn Dixon, Rachel Hall, Bonda Patterson, Patricia Pitts, Laressa Smith.

Members of Gamma Chapter, Morgan State College, present were:

Sorors Emma Bailey, Zenobia Bates, Cynthia Bell, Doretha Belt, Jocelyn Blackwell, Josette Blackwell, Sandra Brooks, Yvonne Bourne, Joanne Chambers, Felicia Cole, Evelyn Dixon, Jacqueline Dutton, Beverly Evans.

Sorors Vergia Foster, Mary Goodson, Joyce Hughes, Ida James, Ella Killette, Dorothy Lawrence, Cynthia Lewis, Patricia Mack, Sandra Mar, Darlene Miller, Sharon Miller, Zelda Nicholson, Joann Owens.

Sorors Renee Pounds, Bernetta Ridges, Wilhelmina Royal, Marcia Solomon, Betty Sessoms, Victoria Stewart, Geraldine Stokely, Evelyn Thomas and Joann Valgiine.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity members participating were:

Dr. T. Andre Pitts, who heads the chapter; Hubron Blackwell, Clifton T. Brown, Douglas Camper, George Crawford, the Rev. Crayton Dudley;

Vernon Green, Dr. Robert Hill, Alonza Jeter, Ernest Lee, Dr. Parlett Moore, president of the national organization; Samuel Newton, Dr. G. Franklin Phillips, U.S. Stubbs, Joseph Washington, Joseph Wiles and Jerry Williams.

Among their guest were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Hiram F. Artimore, Clifton Brown, Charles Butler, John Gilmore, Bradford James, William Parker, Orville Roy, Henry Salmon, Ronald Turner, Walter Rutner.

Mesdames Esther Bailey, Mary Barnes, Dorothy Bell, Dorothy Blackwell, Gordine Bloom, Myrtle Burge, Bessie Butler, Belle Campbell, Veronica Campbor, Odessa Diggs, Evelyn Dixon, Lillian Eades.

Mesdames Fannie Wood, Sandra Farmer, CHRISTINE Ford, Vera Greg, Sarah Gwlainey, Celeryne Hamlin, Alice Harris, Glynnia Hill, Rose Hiller, Edith Hoe, Beatrice Hurt, Annabell Jackson, Effe James, Mary Jeter.

Mesdames Gertrude Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Celestine Jones, Doretha Jordan, Rosie Keene, Goldia Kitchen, Mary Knott, Bonnie Lee Hannah Lindsey, Melba Logan, Lula Mackay, Catherine Madden, Anyee Morese, Virginia Manning, Nellie Moore.

Mesdames Elizabeth Matthews, Elaine Nickend, Geneva Puryear, Erma Rawlings, Reggie Ray, Sarah Hayre, Marina Reid, Mary Robinson, Annabelle Ruffin, Roylee, Betsy Simon, Dorothy Smith, Lena Snow.

Mesdames Inez B. Smith, Leroy Stokes, Gloria Stokes, U.S. Stubbs, Edith Thomas, Martha Thompson, Sarah Thornton, Anna zurquhart, Ada Vaney, Maggie Warfield, Lovey Watkins, Violet H. White, Alice Williams, Juanita Young.

Misses Charlene Butler, Margaret Gassaway, Julia Lawkins, Essie M. Huggins, Adele Holedn, Pattie Holloway, Elizabeth F. Johnson, Myrtle Johnson, Elizabeth Marshall, Elizabeth Williams.

The Rev. Marion Bascom, Sonneffman Clarence Blount, Joseph W. Brown, Charles Brown, the Rev. Howard Cousins, Israel Cox, Mailey Crawford, John DeCecilio, Charles Demby, Frank Dixon, Curtis Gibson, Drayton Gray, Henary Hall, Lawrence Johnson, James Partridge, Alonza Lancaster, Thomas McKinney, Riley Parson, Mark Powell, Elijah Royster, Henry Simon, Willard Webb, the Rev. G. Turner, Mark Williams.

AMONG PARTICIPANTS at the birthday appreciation program given at the Christian Community Church of God, Friday evening, for Mrs. Peggy Daniels were (l-r) the Rev. Charles Sturgis, Mrs. Esther Melcher, Mrs. Daniels, James Stephany, Mrs. Pearl Brown, granddaughter ruler of Elks; and Mrs. Pauline Lewis of WSID.

Appreciation party honors Mrs. Daniels

A program of song marked the appreciation birthday tribute to Mrs. Peggy Daniels at the Christian Community Church of God, Friday evening.

A reception in the church hall followed the program.

Hosting the affair was Miss DeTene Daniels, daughter of the honoree and the Rev. Charles Sturgis.

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Participants on the program included soloists and singing groups.

Among them were:

The Radio Choir, Gos's Specialists, Mrs. Josephine Burnham, William Sisters, the Revivalist Gospel Singers, Mrs. Frances Jeffersen of Jones Tabernacle Church, Roland J. Smith of Gillis Memorial Church, Mrs. Mary Johnson, the Young Adults' Choir of the Christian Community Church, the Joyettes and Bernie Alston.

Mrs. Elizabeth Waters, the Green Gospel Chorus, the Male Chorus of the Christian Community Church, the Inspiration Choir of the same church, the Pass Me Not Gospel Singers, The James Stephany Gospel Singers.

Speakers were the Rev. Mr. Sturgis, Mrs. Pearl Brown, granddaughter ruler of the Southern Temple of Elks, and Mrs. Pauline Lewis of WSID.

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WHITEHAIR-CONYEA — John W., 21, 1500 Light; Laurel Margaret A., 18.

PATTERLIED-WITHRIW — Roland D., 21, Gapnies Vocovator; Phyllis E., 18, 7339 Martell.

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by his late mother twenty-five years ago.

Minutes later President Tolbert clad in a simple blue suit he wore for the occasion instead of the usual cutaway bedecked with decorations and top hat called upon his countrymen to cultivate a new breed of Liberians, stimulate their hearts, sharpen their faculties to reinspire their patterns of thought, attitude and behavior.

He urged them to design and build a stairway of achievement which could ascend towards the fulfillment of the goals of "Higher Heights." This was in keeping with the many banners seen throughout the city calling for "Total Involvement." He concluded his address with a prayer in Kpelle, the Liberian language spoken by one of the nation's largest tribes. His attire reflected the unexpressed new direction — simplicity, modesty, and relevancy. Mrs. Tolbert was dressed in a white grand buba.

Immediately after the inaugural ceremony, the President and Mrs. Tolbert received in the parlors of the Executive Mansion, Liberia's White House.

Seven stories tall on the oceanfront it is truly a thing of beauty. Huge marble columns, crystal chandeliers, thick, thick carpeting, needlepoint, velvet, silk, and gold everywhere. Surrounded by gardens and pools, it was the setting for many of the weeks's elegant affairs.

At the same time a mammoth parade was wending its way along its route from the City Hall to the Executive Mansion and then downtown marking the jubilant festivities. Soldiers, organizations and civic clubs and youth bands, including the Grambling College Unit Louisiana, and gorgeous floats passed in review. The nine Counties and five territories of the Republic of Liberia were represented by colorful floats carrying young Liberian girls dressed in traditional African lappa suits. Outstanding were two artificial buffaloes mounted on the of Montserrado County with the inscription, "Good luch to our favourite son," two artificial cows with girls dressed in brown from Grand Gedeh County, and the beautiful tradition animal skins and other foodstuffs on the Lofa County float. The County of Maryland had its girls dressed in yellow with their float carrying a light house at the Cape.

All affairs were governed strictly by protocol which was included in the elaborate printed programs for each event. It extended even to the Presidential Balls held in three different places. They capped Tolbert's colorful inauguration day and were gala affairs.

A the Centennial Memorial Pavilion there was a grand march with all the distinguished guests promenading. Here, Tolbert honored the American First Lady with the Grand Cordon of the most venerable Order of Knighthood of the Pioneers of the Republic of Liberia. Mrs. Nixon didn't dance and neither did President and Mrs. Tolbert. They had lost one of their eight children three weeks before. There was dancing until after midnight to the music of three bands, including the one from Grambling College. Paper sandwiches and drinks of your choice to delight the guests were in abundance.

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The women were dressed in long gowns and in colorful native costumes. The men were resplendent with colorful decorations on their white vests. These included paramount chiefs, the highest tribal leaders, in traditional robes.

Everyone was up bright and early Tuesday morning for the Presidential Military Review at the Barclay Training Center. Even after attending three inaugural balls, the President looked handsome dressed in his dark blue and gold-braid-commander-in-chief uniform as he inspected the Units of the Armed Forces of Liberia. Again the Grambling College musicians joined a variety of units ranging from the Riot Squad to the National Guard and precision drill teams. After the review and inspection was over, a grand parade of civic organizations began. Later the Secretary of State received members of the Special Diplomatic Missions attending the ceremonies.

Then all were off to the National Cultural Center at Kendejah to enjoy typical Liberian cultural performances. There were dance troupes from four schools with bare-breasted performers in their tribal regalings and jewelry, native drummers par excellence, skilled stilt dancers, and blaring native bands. Liberian foods, gift shops, book shops, and sewing huts were open on these beautiful fair grounds with the whited sands and thundering Atlantic providing the background. The Liberian Chief Executive who was dressed in an African gown was robed by members of the Cultural Center with a white country cloth gown as grand Paramount Chief of the Center. The First Lady was also robed with a beautiful purple gown by the Chief of the Bureau of Colonia Visited the Cultural Affairs.

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The Center is part of the nation's interest in promoting Liberia's cultural heritage, particularly a National Museum.

A spectacular fireworks display burst over the city before an elaborate banquet given by the President and Mrs. Tolbert at the Executive Mansion in honor of the special guests of Government, Illustrious Representatives of the United Supreme Council of Masons, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, U.S.A., and friends of Liberia.

Guests assembled in an exquisitely furnished drawing room where they later shook hands with the President, Mrs. Tolbert, Mrs. Nixon and Masonic officials. Caviar and cocktails were enjoyed here also before taking elevators to the fifth floor state dining halls.

The tables were set with gold flatware, ruby crystal ware trimmed in gold, and china trimmed in burgundy and gold with the gold seal of Liberia on all. This was black tie affair with Mrs. Tolbert in a heavy white lace gown and mass of curls piled high on her head. All agreed that she was a tall, stately, charming hostess.

The menu consisted of these courses: creamed soup; supreme filet of sole with shrimp and mushroom sauce, boiled yams and white wine; roast stuffed baron of lamb, vegetables in butter sauce, check rice with chicken gravy and red wine; cold ham in jelly mixed avocado salad; Liberian Off fashion pudding with lemon sauce; and several toasts in champagne to the new President, the occasion, the guests, etc. After dinner the guests separated, with men joining the President for cigars and brandy in one drawing room and the ladies joining the First Lady for liquers and coffee in another. This was a great opportunity to chat with the dignitaries and other guests.

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The next day Mrs. Wokie Tubman, wife of William V. S. Tubman, Jr., cut the ribbon to the door of a new $1.2 million Palm Kernel Oil Mill at the Free Port of Monrovia. The Liberian Chief Executive noted that the mill would employ sixty persons and serve in the interests of the local palm kernal producers. He challenged the management to give them the incentive to produce more. He stated also that the installation of the factory itself would contribute to raising the country to "Higher Heights."

During the dedicatory ceremony, the President selected President Moktar Ould Daddah of Mauritania, Auguste Denise Ivory Coast Vice President, S. I. Koromah Sierra Leone Vice President, and Tape Etienne, vice president for Economic and financial Affairs of the Ivory Coast to push buttons which put the mill into operation. The hustle and bustle of the Port with huge freighters, trucks, cranes, warehouses and goods piled high continued unabated throughout the ceremony.

After the inaugural ceremonies, Dr. Walden and his party were entertained at the fabulous home and grounds of Dr. Nehemiah Cooper renowned Liberian surgeon, founder and director of the Cooper Clinic, and President Tolbert's personal physician, and Mrs. Cooper, Dr. Cooper arranged a private audience for Dr. Walden with the President. Dr. Joseph H. Togba, medical director of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medical Center, Dr. William M. Chavis of Detroit, a Meharry College classmate of Dr. Walden presented the new President with a citation from the National Medical Association and a Congratulatory Message from the people and Governor Marvin Mandel of the State of Maryland. He reassured President Tolbert of the black American doctor's commitment to help solve some of Liberia's medical problems. The President made this meeting a memorable one for Miss Walden by graciously posing with her for a picture. Dr. Togba, members of the administration and nursing staff at the J.F.K. Memorial Medical Center later took them on a tour of the beautiful new 250 bed hospital and school of nursing.

The next day U.S. Ambassador Samuel Z. Westerfield, Jr. received the Waldens at his residence where Dr. Walden thanked him for the courtesies shown the 15th N.M.A. physicians and their families who had visited Liberia during the Association's Post-Convention Tour in August. He underscored the black doctor's intent to establish a meaningful medico-technological exchange program between the two countries. Mrs. Walden and Colonia Visited the Chanery where they noted the ture of Henry Highland Garnet, an early U.S. Ambassador to Liberia and grandfather of Baltimore's Mesdames Charlotte Mebane and Annette Johnson, hanging in the lobby.

In the evening the Waldens accepted the invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Togba for dinner on their Congotown estate. She incidentially, is a graduate of Baltimore's provident Hospital School of Nursing.

Shopping the native markets along the waterfront was an exciting experience what with bargaining with native craftsmen, and merchants for artifacts of ebony, ivory, stone, silver and gold, beautiful tie dyed materials, lappa suits, and hand made boa constrictor sandals and bags. Cottonwood ceremonial dance masks, dolls in native dress, leather woven bottles and thin iron bars fashioned like spear heads and knives which were made and used by the early settlers of Maryland County as money serve as memorabilia of this historic Liberian celebration.

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Events preparatory to Liberia's Sesquicentennial celebration began last month when seminars were sponsored by the Department of Education, the University of Liberia, Cuttington College and Divinity School, and the Maryland College of Our Lady of Fatima and a National Essay Contest was held for students in all senior high schools in the country. The seminars and contest were organized to give Liberian students and scholars an opportunity to exchange and inquire into the history of their country.

Celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Liberian Nation began on January 6th with a Thanksgiving Service at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion. The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia, the Right Rev. George D. Brown delivered the sermon. It was an inspiring ecumnical service with Methodist, Baptist and Catholic ministers participaing.

President Nixon named E. Frederick Morrow, Vice President of the Bank of America in New York, head of the delegation to the Sesquicentennial. Other members were Samuel Z. Westerfield, Jr., U. S. Ambassador to Liberia; and George D. Webster, a Washington lawyer.

Pioneers Day was heralled by booming cannons at 4:00 and 8:00 a.m. This national holiday commemorates the landing of the pioneers of the Republic on Providence Island in 1822. A library and museum building and monument had been erected to mark the observance.

Pioneers" Day this year took on added significance as elaborate preparations had been made and several historical items, including documents, artifacts and relics had been donated for display. A Presidential proclamation said it was fitting to commemorate the day as a memorial to the "sainted memory of forebears who after having been taken away from these shores by slave traders were sold into captivity They endured the humiliations and indignities for centuries." The Proclamation said further that the "boundless kindness of Almighty God has preserved this nation and maintained harmony, peace, unity and understanding among us throughout the past 150 years."

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President William Tolbert also gave the Sesquicentennial address which was preceded by the oration of the day by Dr. Abeodu B. Jones, director of Historical Research at the Education Department.

Other highlights of the occasion including the laying of the cornerstone of the Sequicentennial Monuments on Providence Island by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of Liberia, the tree planting ceremony on the Island by the descendants of Elijah Johnson and King Peter, founders and historical pageant Cannon fire marked the end of the nation's birthday.

Although the Waldens and Kearses had to leave Liberia before the invitational garden party at the Executive Mansion and another display of fireworks, they took away with them fond memories of the beautiful sea, fine sand, lush greenery, and friendly,

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ELNA CUT Green Beans 15½ oz. can 17¢