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The Mardi Gras, a pageantry of costumes, fashions, too

By MARIE MURPHY PHILLIPS COOKE
(AFRO Women's Editor)

Highlight of the social season was the Mardi Gras held Friday evening at Martin's West. It was the annual ball sponsored by the Pi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and is considered to be one of the city's largest yearly gatherings.

It was a costume ball, and many of the 1,300 strong guests were disguised in everything from clowns to peacocks.

Yes, yes, there was a mummy and an Egyptian goddess; an expectant nun and a priest; a birthday cake with a dozen lighted candles; a football team with cheerleaders and a female coach; a southern belle and her beau; the Hunchback of Notre Dame, "Super Fly" and an array of other masqueraders.

Fast-stepping folks danced, dined and sipped to the music of the Jimmy Smith Band, which kept up the pace of the frolickers

Soft, romantic lights caught the clingy sheen of velvets, jerseys and chiffons that abounded in flowing, floor-sweeping gowns of those who chose to dress in formal attire. And, the rich luster of diamonds and other sparklers lent an ultra sophisticated touch to the dancing scene.

On cue with femine counterparts, the men were attired in marvelous velvets, brocades, silks and satins in traditional black to the brilliance of red.

Climaxing the Mardi Gras was the awarding of engraved trophies by Dr. James Priest, basileus, to those who had the most original, costume, best couple and best groups. (See Mardi Gras picture page).

Chairmen and committee members of the ball were Ernest R. Custis, Luther W. Day, Joseph Amprey, Kenneth Ervin, Alfred James, Earl Koger, Alphonso Parks, Walter Riddick and Eugene E. Ward.

DYETTS IN AFRICA

On this writer's desk this week was an envelope, stately in size, postmarked Monrovia, Liberia. The return address said Ducor Inter-Continental Hotel. Who on earth could be in Africa this time of the year, I pondered.

"Dear Marie," it began. "Writing to let you know Leroy's (Dyett) and my visit to Monrovia, Liberia." No, no, I thought. Ann and Leroy couldn't be there, just saw them a few days ago and no mention was made of a trip . . . to Africa.

"We arrived on Friday morning" she continued," via Pan Am Airlines completely exhausted from New York City. We were met by friends of Dr. Logan Kearse who escorted us to the Hotel DuCor, which sat on top of a beautiful hill overlooking the growing city of Monrovia. At night it is really beautiful.

"On Sunday morning, Dr. Kearse baptized a hundred or more people in the presence of the present President, the Honorable Dr. William Tolbert. On Sunday, night, Dr. Kearse delivered a sermon before a hundred people in the largest building in Monrovia, called the Centennial Pavillion.

She continued, "Leroy, of course, is helping the funeral directors in mortuary science and equipment and I am busy shopping.

"Our very good friends, Dr. and Mrs. Minerva Thomas have constanely been at our side to entertain us so greciously and give us a brief history of this beautiful country.

"Everybody here is so elated over my wardrobe that I chose for this trip, thanks to my good friend, Pauline Brooks.

"We shall be leaving for Ghana on Wednesday and from there to Madrid, Spain, then on to Morocco, Monte Carlo and on to N.Y."

DR. RUSSELL TO SPEAK

Dr. Wendell P. Russell, president of Virginia State College, Petersburg, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Founder's Day dinner of the Chi Delta Mu Fraternity this Sunday, at Martin's West. The affair is being sponsored by the Iota Chapter.

Chi Delta Mu fraternity is an organization composed of men of the allied health professions of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. It's aim is to better the health of fellow men through service, education and aid. There are chapters in several of the large cities and on the campuses of several medical schools.

Present officers are: president, Eric White, M.D.; vice president, Bernard White, R. PH.; corresponding secretary, Samuel R. Owings, Jr., M.D.; recording secretary, Jerry Luck, M.D.; treasurer, Gilbert Banfield, M.D.; chaplain, Cyril Ashby, D.D.S.; sergeant at arms, Joshua Mitchell, M.D., and keeper of the records, James F. Cooper, M.D.

MRS. BLAND TRAVELS

Back from Lake Michigan after being inducted in the Board of the American Society of Directors of Volunteer Services is Mrs. Willia Bland. The installation ceremonies and sessions were held at the American Hospital Association.

(Cuff Note: Too bad Willia had to travel so many miles with the flu and laryngitis to receive her honors. No one would have known she was under the weather at the Provident Benefit dance given only two days before her departure. As usual, she was lovely in the latest in eveningwear.)

MRS. LEROY DYETT
writes from Monrovia

SURPRISE FOR NOBLE

Fellow Nobles and wives took time out from the festivities of a recent gathering to present Noble Young with a surprise birthday cake. The affair that evening was the Medina Temple's 29th annual Shriner's Charity Ball at Martin West.

Noble Young, who was master of ceremonies for the evening did a marvelous job with his humor and added much joy and mirth to the affair. It was announced during the evening that Noble Young was celebrating his birthday and everyone blended their voice in song to wish him best wishes.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

A happy occasion was the silver anniversary party hosted recently by Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Hoyle. Some 200 relatives and friends joined the honorees for this gala celebration at St. Pius Hall where the couple exchanged vows 25 years ago.

The setting was enhanced in silver and white decorations. Tables were adorned with centerpieces of silver and white flowers. A beautifully decorated buffet table was generously laden with a variety of delectable dishes while white punch flowed from a colorful fountain.

While Mr and Mrs. Nathaniel Hoyle greeted relatives and friends, music came from the Mellow Rockets Band.

Mrs. Hoyle was elegant in a three-piece silver pant suit with white accessories. Mr. Hoyle wore a black suit with pink shirt and silver tie and handkerchief.

After guests arrived Leslie Hoyle from Montclair, N.J. began the ceremony. Deacon Calvin Johnson of White Stone Baptist Church gave the opening prayer first. Members of the honorees family were then introduced. They are: Mrs. Diona Hoyle, daughter; Nathaniel Hoyle Jr., son; Miss Nathlia Hoyle, daughter; Nathan Hoyle, son and little Arndrea Hoyle, granddaughter.

Mrs. Hoyle's sister and brothers are Mrs. Juanita Conley, Herbert Conley and George Conley, all of Baltimore. Mr. Hoyle's brothers and sisters are Miss Doise Hoyle and Hattie Stroud of Baltimore; Doretha Smith, Elwood Hoyle, Linney Hoyle, Robert Hoyle, Willard Hoyle, from N.J. Also Mrs. Ruth Schenck, Mrs. Juanita Clark, Miss Thelma Hoyle, of N.C.

Before guests dined on the lucious meal Doise Hoyle gave the blessing

Remarks came from Elwood Hoyle and Howard Weems. Deacon Elmer Wright and Deacon Troy Crosby also spoke nicely of the happy couple.

Additional blessings came from the Rev. T. S. Rowan of St. Bernardine Church and Rev. J. J. Pellei of St. Pius.

The highlights of the evening was the cutting of the beautiful silver and white two-layer cake. Dining and dancing completed the evening of this happy occasion.

'I CAN'T COPE'

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred (Betty) Shelton and her sister, Mrs. Anne Warner, are just back from a pleasant

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DR. WENDELL P. RUSSELL
to speak at Founders' Day dinner Sunday.

Miss White, Mr. Richardson wed Saturday

Miss Clarice Cordelia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. White, became the bride of James Earl Richardson, son of Raymond Richardson, Saturday, at the Caroline St. Methodist Church, in an afternoon ceremony.

The Rev. Robert Fringo officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was beautiful in a white lace gown and carried a bouquet of carnations and yellow roses.

The matron of honor, dressed in a floor-length green gown, was Mrs. Denice Redwine, of North Cape May, N.J. The bridesmaids wore yellow gowns. They were: Misses Artis E. White, Eloise Richardson and Linda Richardson.

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Miss Kim A. Richardson was the flower girl and Anthony White was ring bearer.

Paul Redwine, of North Cape May, was best man. Ushers were: Johnny Dawson, Maurice Dawson and James Brady.

The reception followed the ceremony at 534 Rossiter Ave.

The bride is a graduate of Patterson Park High School and the Community College of Baltimore. The bridegroom is a graduate of Patterson Park High School.

The newlyweds will return to their new home in the 5200 block of Frankford Ave., after a wedding trip to Cape May, N.J.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. RICHARDSON
former Miss Clarice White
(photo by J. Dorman)

for and about Women

MONEY FOR PROVIDENT—The Que-Ette Auxillary to Pi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi recently presented Provident Hospital with a check for $500. Accepting the contribution is Charles Tildon, left Also shown are: Mesdames James A. Priest, Alvin Pools, James Grant and Eugene Wood, chairman, fund raising committee.

Bus trip to see Isaac Hayes

The Young Women Committed to Action of the Madison Ave. Center YWCA, is sponsoring a bus trip to Cherry Hill, New Jersey on Sunday, April 1.

Destination is the fabulous "Latin Casino, "where a gourmet dinner and entertainment the Isaac Hayes Orchestra will be provided.

Because the trip is arranged by the YWCA low rates are available. Cost of the trip is $20 per person which includes the bus trip, dinner, show and gratuities. Persons wishing to go on the trip are asked to register by paying a $10 deposit by March 5, at the YWCA, 1912 Madison Avenue. The remainder is to be paid by March 23.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Virginia Sessoms at 669-1881.

THEY, TOO, WERE THERE—Spied at the Omega's Mardi Gras at Martin's West Friday night were from left: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe eigh, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lewie and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nichols. (see full picture page with exclusive photos by J. Dorman in this section. Read about the gala affair in R.S. V.P. with Marie).