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FRATERNITY PLEDGE — Iota Phi Theta Fraternity presents a check for $250 towards a life membership to the NAACP's local president, Mrs. Enola McMillin. On hand for the presentation are (L to R): James F. Martin, grand vice polaris; Edgar Johnson, grand polaris; Mrs. McMillan, Robert J. Williams, grand treasurer and Thomas Dean, member.

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SSA commissioner resigns post

By Marjorie R. Green

The announcement last Friday stating that Social Security Commissioner Stanford G. Ross was resigning effective Dec. 31, 1979, came as no great surprise to SSA reorganization watchers.

Shortly after the departure last summer of HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, a close friend to Commissioner Ross, speculation began as to how soon it would be before the commissioner would follow.

A spokesman for the commissioner stated that his reasons for leaving were personal and that there were no policy differences with President Carter or HEW Secretary Patricia R.

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SSA commissioner resigns

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Harris.

A little less than 12 months ago, Ross began reorganizing the Social Security Administration from top to bottom, transforming it into what he refers to as a model, modern agency. The agency employs more than 80,000 people and sends monthly benefits checks to approximately 35 million beneficiaries.

During his tenure as commissioner, Ross has been a spokesman for Administration policy on social security matters including taking leadership on the work necessary to change the system to provide more equal treatment for women and minorities.

Ross, who specialized in tax and administration law prior to becoming commissioner on Oct. 1, 1975, has indicated his intention to return to Washington and form a law partnership with Joseph A. Califano after he leaves the government.

In her comments regarding Ross' resignation, Secretary Patricia Harris stated that "We regret Mr. Ross' resignation but wish him well in his new endeavor."

Christmas Luncheon

The Alpha Chapter Government Girls On The Go, (GGOgs), have announced that their 20th annual Christmas luncheon will be held Friday, Dec. 14, 1979 at the La Fontaine Rouge on Belair Road.

For several years, the group has been actively involved in helping senior citizens and others who are in need of assistance.

Mrs. Mamie Jones is president. Mrs. Betty Hubbard is publicity chairperson.

Retirement Party

A gala Christmas retirement party is scheduled to take place at the Cross Keys Inn (Falls Road) on Friday, Dec. 21, 1979.

Joseph "Joe" Brace is the happy honoree who will be the center of attention when committee members present a fun-packed program featuring SSA's top staff members and employees from yesteryears and present day.

Committee contact persons are Beale Cooper, Lee Frado, Daisy Hartz, Barbara Huff, Geri Macer, Mildred Neison, Al Rogers, Ambrose Smith, Walter Statham, and Maxine Tisdale.

Wedding

Big news for Saturday, Nov. 10, 1979 is the 2 p.m. wedding of Miss Veronica "Roni" Woods to Samuel D. Ford. The wedding will take place at New Pilgrim Baptist Church on Washington Street. See story next week.

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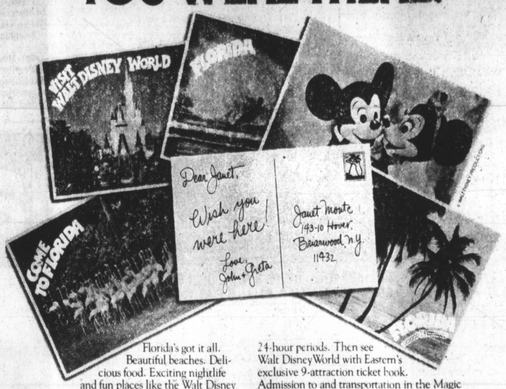

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