Sigma Pi Phi observes 75th anniversary

IN A JOVIAL MOOD during the ocent Sigma Pi Phi Boule which also marked the 75th year for the fraternity are (L to R): Mrs. Alice Young, Mrs. Wilhelmina Young, Carol Dine Smith and Mrs. Helen Patterson.

SIGMA GUESTS (from left) are Mrs. Wylvia Patterson, Mrs. Marion Russell, Mrs. Kenneth Thomas and E. Thomas Williams.

DR. NATHAN PITTS (C) is pictured with (L to R): Mrs. Audrey Howard and Mrs. Pitts.

FRANK SYKES (far right) is pictured with (L to R): Mrs. Lena McKinney, Mrs. Frances Hill, and Mrs. Edna Brown.

In an impressive setting at the Baltimore Engineering Society Center, the members of Gamma Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, their wives and guests, joined in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the establishment of this third oldest subordinate boule in the national organization.

Founded in 1904 in Philadelphia by a group of university trained professional men of unusual achievement, Sigma Pi Phi is the oldest Greek Letter Society among blacks in the nation, and has chapters from coast to coast. Since abandoning its policy of no publicity in recent years, it is making itself known across the nation.

The formal occasion, held Jan. 20, was marked by a stimulating address by the Honorable Robert B. Franklin, judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Toledo, OH., and national head, or Grand Sire Archon, of the fraternity. He was introduced by Attorney Cornelius W. May.

Presiding was Samuel T. Daniels, program chairman, who carried along the festivities in his smooth and inimitable manner.

Other participants were the Rev. Dr. Donald O. Wilson, the head or Sire Archon of the local group, who brought greetings, Dr. Richard McKinney, who presented the highlights of the history of the [illegible] as well as of the local group, and Mrs. Herman Williams, who gave moving renditions from her repertoire of musical classics. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Father and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson.

A Plaque of Appreciation was presented to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Berry, who hold the longest tenure of membership in the group, by Dr. Theodore C. Patterson, and was received on behalf of the honorees by John H. Murphy III, of the AFRO - AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS.

Presentations from Mayor Donald Schaefer, including Honorary Citizenship and certain memorabilia of Baltimore, were presented to Judge Franklin by Samuel T. Daniels on behalf of the mayor.

S. Reginald Watts introduced visiting members, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Butler T. Henderson of New York City, executive secretary of the organization, Dr. and Mrs. Winton J. Hardinam, of Buffalo, NY, director of the Northeast Region of the fraternity, and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Massie, past regional Director, and Dr. and Mrs. James C. Moone, head of the suburban Maryland Chapter.

During the enjoyment of a delightful cuisine music was furnished by the Smith Ensemble.

Misses Gina and Tina Patterson. Also present was Mrs. Roland N. Smoot, representing her husband, Dr. Smoot, who was unable to be there, and Miss Edna Brown, daughter of deceased member Dr. Danill Brown.

daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Patterson, Damon and Robert Young, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Young, and Byron Desbordes, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Desbordes, formed the support group assisting in many ways to make the occasion run smoothly.

In addition to about eighty guests, other members of Gamma Boule present and not mentioned above were Dr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Aris Allen, Judge and Mrs. Mitson B. Allen, Senator and Mrs. Clarence W. Blount, Dr. and Mrs. John S. Braxton, Dr. and Mrs. Joel A. Carrington, Judge and Mrs. Harry S. Cole, and Mrs. John L. Crew, Dr. I. Bradshaw Higgins, Dr. and Mrs. Clifton R. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Lescock, Dr. and Mrs. George McDonald, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Myers, Dr. and Mrs. Saul Perdue, Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Pitts, Judge and Mrs. George L. Russell, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Elijah Saunders, Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Smith, Dr. Frank J. Sykes, Judge and Mrs. Robert B. Watts, and Dr. and Mrs. Albert N. Whiting.

Widows of deceased members present were: Mrs. Talmadge L. Hill, Mrs. Dallas F. Nicholas, and Mrs. Roland N.

—Engagements and Weddings—

Bernadette Jones weds Gerald Burton

In a candlelight setting, Miss Bernadette Lorena Jones and Gerald Lee Burton were united in holy matrimony on December 31 at Enon Baptist Church.

The ceremony was performed by The Right Reverend Clinton R. Coleman, Bishop of the Sixth Episcopal District, A.M.E. Zion Church, the Reverend William Lloyd Burton Jr., pastor, State Street A.M.E. Zion Church, Mobile, Alabama, brother of the bridegroom, and The Reverend Porter W. Phillips Sr., pastor Enon Baptist Church.

Given in marriage by both of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Jones (Gladys), the bride wore a wedding gown with a bodice made of Alencon lace and seeded pearls fitted on a skirt of flowing angel chiffon with an overlay trimmed with Alencon lace and the ruffled edged chapel train was bordered with Belgium lace. She carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids, white and pink carnations with baby's breath.

The maid of honor was Miss Sharon Jones, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Paula Branch, Laureen Burton, Pauline Edwards, all of Baltimore and Jacqueline Smith of Petersburg, Virginia. Little Kerense Burton, niece of the groom, was the flower girl. Groomsmen were Theodore Bragg, Petersburg, Virginia, Michael Grier, Evansville, Indiana, Captain Anthony Hairston, Panama City, Florida and James Harper, Petersburg, Virginia. Dwayne Branch of Baltimore was the ringbearer. Soloist, Mr. Keith Pennick sang "You're All I Need To Get By", "I Owe You" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by Victor W. Myrick, organist.

A reception honoring the couple was hosted in Enon's Willard W. Allen Room. The wedding theme "This Our Life, Our Beginning", and the colors, wine and rose, were carried throughout the decorations.

The wedding party was introduced by Essexe' Burton, Chief of Protocol, followed with prayer by Rev. William Burton. The guests then fellowshipped as they enjoyed a full course buffet dinner consisting of roast beef, ham, swedish meat balls, turkey, corned beef, string beans, buttered potatoes with gravy, raw vegetable platters, assorted cheese, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw and a "Love Tree" arrangement of assorted fresh fruit.

The Champagne Toast by Kermit Burton, best man to the couple, was followed by a response from the groom, who was joined by his fraternity brothers in the singing of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hymn. The groom then played his electric piano while serenading his bride with one of his original wedding songs, "I'll Be Your Lover". The evening concluded with the cake cutting and the throwing of the bridal bouquet and garter.

Hostesses for the occasion were Jovanni Anderson of Kensington, MD; Bettye Gaddes of Washington, D.C.; Jennifer Drayton, Dorita Forehand, June Gould, Sophronia Jones and Rene Redding, all of Baltimore.

Wedding specialists and consultants were: Elnora Winslow Burton and Laureen Elnora Burton of Burton Team Enterprises, Inc. Guest were present from Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The new Mrs. Burton is a graduate of Northwestern High School, Morgan State University, the University of Maryland Medical School of Technology. She was employed as a Medical Technologist at Provident Hospital and will continue in this area as an employee at Central State Hospital in Petersburg, Virginia.

The groom is a product of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Livingstone College and Ohio State University. He is presently employed as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA, and a Doctoral Candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

The couple is now at home in Petersburg, VA.

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