

Local AKA's Attend Regional

Alpha Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was well represented recently at a four-day conference in Richmond, Virginia. Over 800 Alpha Kappa Alpha women from North Carolina and Virginia convened at the 28th annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Region. The hostess chapters were Delta Omega and Alpha Epsilon of Petersburg.

The conference formally convened with Dr. Curtis Bryan, executive vice president of Virginia State University and John Bond, city manager of Petersburg, extending greetings. The conference was filled with interesting and informative sessions from parliamentary procedures, undergraduate activities, tour of Richmond, human relations session to activities for husbands and children.

This year's theme, "Influencing Decisions: A Design for Action in the 80's" was a most appropriate theme as Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., is the oldest Greek letter organization founded by black college women and is composed of more than 75,000 women. The thrust of the conference revolved around this theme.

Alpha Zeta Omega's Dr. Caroline Lattimore, a workshop leader, stressed the need for chapters to identify local resource people, sorority members and non-members, and keep them aware of sorority activities.

Dr. Lattimore is the regional coordinator of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Connection, the national network for mobilizing the membership of Alpha Kappa Alpha in an effective manner to influence political, social and economic issues in the 80's.

Alpha Zeta Omega members assembled an impressive exhibit of handmade arts and crafts that was displayed at the regional. This effort was organized by Ms. Shyvonne Steed.

Miss Sheila Womack, president of Alpha Chi, the chapter at North Carolina Central University, was presented an award for her endurance and perseverance in working so diligently with the sorority this year. This presentation was made by Mrs. Evelyn R. Syphax, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director.

The final day of activities included a worship service and breakfast in honor of the members who have been in the sorority for 25 to 49 years. Alpha Zeta Omega's Miss Marie Faulk was one of the honorees in attendance.

Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, national president of AKA, stressed to the members that "Influencing Decisions: A Design for Action in the 80's" is a mandate which will not permit any member to be complacent. The mood of Congress reveals postponement and deregulation of important educational guidelines. . . . changes in support of child nutrition programs. . . . civil rights losses. Indeed, we must influence decisions to the end that all of us are better served."

The 22 members of Alpha Zeta Omega in attendance were: Mrs. Rosalyn Alexander, Ms. Geraldine Alston, Mrs. Bernadine Bailey, Mrs. Beatrice Cherry, Ms. Vivian Crump, Mrs. Elva P. DeJarmon, Miss Marie Faulk, Mrs. Gerald Hatcher, Ms. Felice Holmes, Mrs. Meredith Holmes, Miss Stephanie Jones, Dr. Caroline Lattimore, Mrs. Barbara Lewis, Ms. Mamie Lewis, Mrs. Gwendolyn Paschall, Mrs. Josie Pittman, Mrs. Norma Royal, Mrs. Constance Scott, Miss Shyvonne Steed, Miss Linda Simmons, Mrs. DeLois Washington and Mrs. Claudia Woods.

The 1982 Mid-Atlantic Regional is planned for Winston-Salem.

Rev., Mrs. Lassiter To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Reverend and Mrs. Joshua Lassiter, Jr., of 1103 Springdale Drive, will be reunited in Holy Matrimony on June 7, at 6 p.m., at Mount Zion Baptist Church, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The Reverend Donald Fozard will officiate.

A reception will be held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

Yahama Social Club

The Yahama Social Club met Sunday, May 24, at the home of Bill and Marie Moize. Following a short business session, the members were served a delicious meal by the host and hostess.

Birthday honors were given to Remell Clemons who celebrated her birthday in May.

The following members attended: Roscoe and Zola Baines, Kenneth and Remell Clemons, Richard and Rosalyn Cole, Robert and Rosa Edwards, Pearl Haskins, Lauretta Hayes, James and Majorie Johnson, Elizabeth Pretty, Clementine Self, Clara Tate, Velton and Edna Thompson and Pauline Throckmorton.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Elizabeth Pretty on Sunday, June 28.



Honorees Receive Charm Bracelets

Mrs. Elaine Jones presents an engraved silver charm bracelet to Mrs. Andolia Eaton (center) and Mrs. Estelle Belcher marking the occasion of their retirement from the Durham City Schools at the close of this school year.

Bridge-A-Dettes Honor Retirees

The Governor's Inn was the setting for the Retirement Luncheon given by the Bridge-A-Dettes Bridge Club as they honored Mrs. Andolia Eaton, one of the founders of the club, and Mrs. Estelle Belcher, a charter member.

Following the luncheon, the festivities continued at the home of the president, Ms. Elaine Jones who, with the members, Mmes. Virginia Bivens, Gladys Rhodes, Dorothy Mewborn, Belle Harden, Jessie Kearney, Edith Stroud, Emmalene Reade, Ethel Taylor, Almeda Spears

and Viola Lawrence, hosted a 28 women's bridge for the honorees. Attending the affair were Mmes. McNeill, Bebe White, Catherine Poole, Bea Chen Marie Kearney, Virginia Alston, Willie Mae Banks, B nice Clark, Knotsie George, Willie Saunders, Thera Jefferies, Alice Biggers, Minnie H. Cromartie, Ma Young, Connie Pattillo and Alma Biggers.

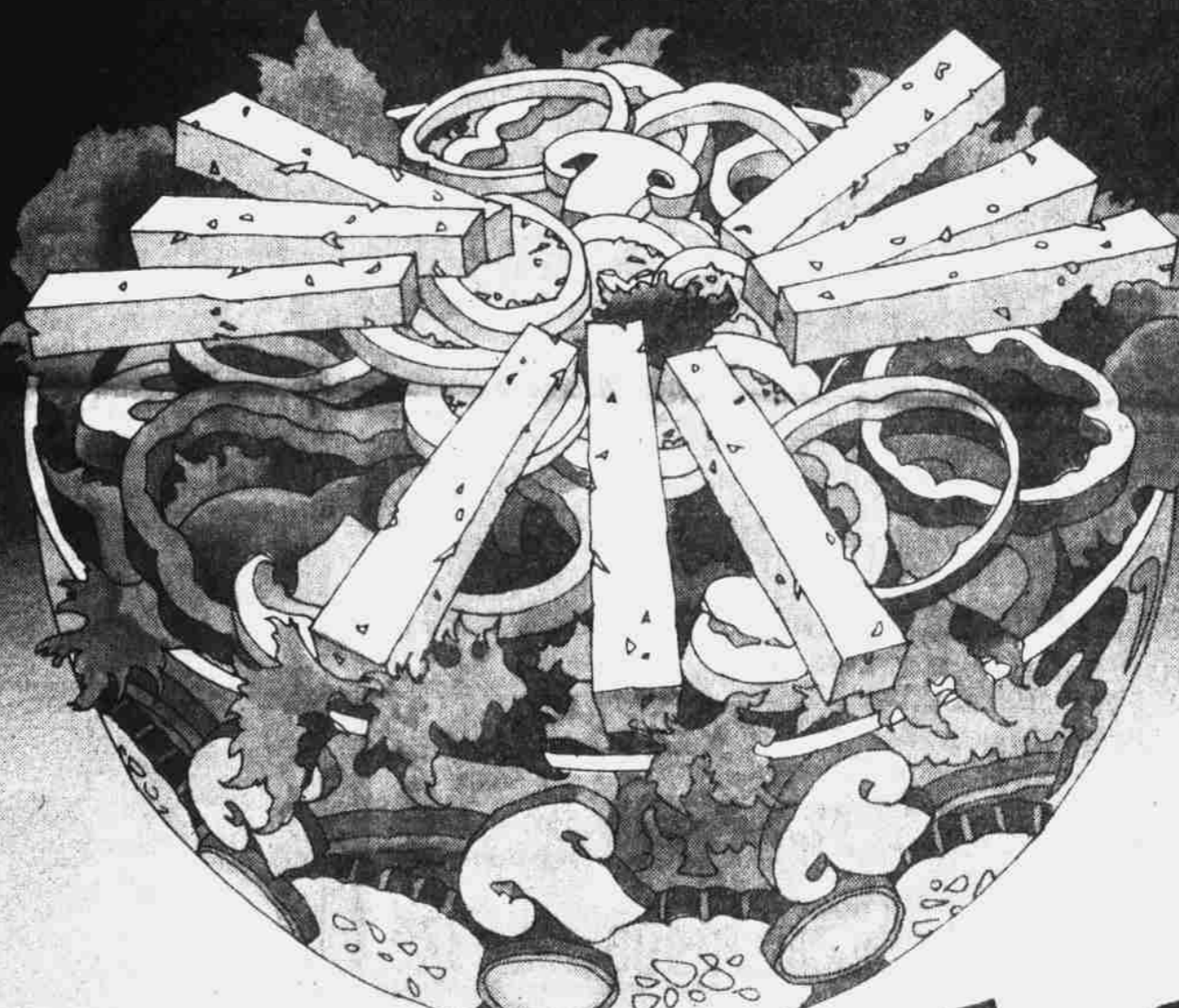
Each honoree received a silver charm bracelet engraved with the bridge club's name, the year of her retirement and her name.

The fifteen top scorers received prizes ranging from trophies to a junior burger fryer.



Bridge-A-Dettes

Members of the Bridge-A-Dettes pose for picture before hosting a 28-women's bridge party for their retirees at the Governor's Inn. From left (standing) are: Mmes. Jessie Kearney, co-chairman of the affair; Ethel Taylor, Viola Lawrence, chairman; Almeda Spears, ritual chairman; Belle Harden, Virginia Bivens, Gladys Rhodes; (seated) Elaine Jones, president; Emmalene Reade, secretary; Andolia Eaton, honoree; Estelle Belcher, honoree; Edith Stroud, co-chairman of the affair; and, Dorothy Mewborn.



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