

Local sorority women attend convention

The 39th annual convention of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. convened, July 8-15 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Charlotte. The Iota chapter served as the conventions' host.

The theme for the convention was "Preparation, Progress, Productivity in the 80s."

The sorority's Southeast Regional Director, Wilma Lauray also attended the convention.

Five members of the local Chi Chi Chapter attended. Members attending were Basileus Clementine Shaw, Elleton McCullough, Annie Alexander, Kanzenner Wilkes and Ann Moore.

Guest speakers included Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Gov.

Jim Hunt; Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt; Judy Seaman, a representative of the North Carolina State Nurses Association; Dr. Bertha Maxwell, director of black studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; District Court Judge T. Michael Todd, Betsy McLean, District 5 president; Kelly Alexander Sr., chairman of the NAACP national board of directors, and June Davenport, president of the Charlotte chapter of the National Council of Negro Women.

Workshop sessions included topics on black nursing schools, the legalities of nursing, nursing ethics, nurses in politics and diseases in the black community.

Other topics discussed were hypnosis and stressful situations.

A memorial service was also held for deceased members.

Each local chapter has specific programs for health screening and consumer health education. Convention objectives this year, however, included continuing education for nurses, awareness of society's problems, sponsoring screening for breast and uterine cancer.

Speaking at the convention's grand opening was Dr. Hazel Blakley of the University of Maryland School of Nursing and the life membership speaker was Supreme Basileus Essie Rowser. Presiding at the public meeting

was attorney Julius Chambers. The keynote speaker for the awards banquet was Dr. Alvin Poussaint, associate professor of psychiatry and associate dean of student affairs at Harvard Medical School.

Approximately 306 members attended the convention.

Also, the National Chi Eta Phi Sorority and the American Nurses Association Inc., are making plans to visit the gravesite of Mary Eliza Mahoney, the first professional black nurse in the United States. The trip is planned for Sept. 1-3 in Boston.

The 1985 convention will include a sail aboard the SS Norway, July 6-13.

Woods family reunion held at Winston Lake

The Woods Family of Roxboro held its fourth annual reunion at Winston Lake July 21, with about 200 attending from as far away as New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Georgia.

Family members from Winston-Salem attending the reu-

nion were Mrs. Janie Woods Thomas and her three daughters, Flonnie T. Anderson, who did the welcome, Lena T. Crowder and Jeannette T. Lewis.

Mrs. Jeannette T. Lewis presided over the reunion.

Alderman Vivian Burke

brought greetings from the city.

The Rev. W.E. Diggs of Roxboro led the invocation. The family song was led by Jeannette T. Lewis and the original welcome was sung by Rudy Anderson, Mica Anderson, Luron Anderson and Diedre Anderson. Fred Mitchell did the recognitions. Lena T. Crowder was in charge of the talent section of the reunion. Fun time was led by Janie W. Thomas, which included swimming, fishing, golf and other games.

After dinner, a business session was held.

Members of the planning committee were, Lamberth Mitchell,

chairman; Fred and Shirley Mitchell, Iris Baird, Matrice Davis, Katherine Lawson, who acted as the reunion liaison, Rotha Mitchell, Edward and Jeannette Lewis, Albert and Flonnie Anderson, Raymond and Lena Crowder.

Later, family members from Philadelphia and East Orange, N.J. were entertained at the home of Virgil and Marion Simpson on Parrish Road.

It was decided that next year's reunion will be held in Roxboro, the third Saturday in July because there are so many elderly members who were unable to attend this year. The first three reunions were held in Roxboro.



Elsie M. Heckstall

Heckstall promoted

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She joined the staff of Wachovia in 1981 and has been a personal banker at the Twin City and Coliseum offices here. Heckstall recently moved to the bank's Charlotte office, where she also serves as a personal banker.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Heckstall is a graduate of Virginia State University.

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