

SOCIETY

BETA SORORITY HONORS NEW MEMBERS

On Saturday evening, October 10, the Beta Phi Sorority gave a delightful banquet in the private dining room of the Robert E. Lee Hotel in honor of the new members of the sorority.

An artistic color scheme of red and black, the sorority colors, was carried out in all details. The beautifully appointed table was triangular shaped, and in the center of the triangle was a small table containing an attractive miniature rock garden. An orchestra played popular music during the evening.

Each hour guest was presented with a beautiful shoulder corsage of American Beauty Roses and with a silver picture frame with the Greek letters of the sorority engraved on it. All guests were presented with novelty silver bracelets on which were engraved the sorority letters.

A delicious four-course dinner was served. Covers were laid for the following new members of the sorority: Misses Mary Katherine Thorpe, Fries, Va.; Mary Catherine Siewers, Morganton; Isabelle Pollock, Bluefield, W. Va.; Ann Meister, Wilmington; Anne Shuford and Dorothy Abernethy, Hickory; Frances Hill, Roanoke, Va.; Dora Belle Graves, Mount Airy; Grace Pollock, Kinross, and Mary Sample, Fort Pierce, Fla.; and the old members of the sorority who are now attending Salem: Misses Mary Virginia Pendergraph, Sarah Graves, Edith Leake, Nina Hoffman, Winifred Fisher, Eleanor Lital, Belle Hyde, Anna Preston, and Margaret Johnson; and the following former students and members of the sorority: Misses Mary Johnson, Raleigh; Mary Norris, Durham; and Mount Greenboro; Virginia Martin and Mrs. Phil Haskins, both of Mount Airy; Eleanor Willingham and Josephine Shaffer, Winston-Salem; Katherine Lyerly, Hickory, and Mrs. Ralph Williams, Atlanta, Ga.

ALPHA PHI KAPPA ENTERTAINS PLEDGES

On Saturday, October 17, the initiation of the Alpha Phi Kappa Sorority culminated in a banquet in the private dining room of the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

The sorority colors, gold and black, were emphasized throughout the table decorations. All members of the sorority received attractive gifts bearing the sorority seal, while all new members were presented a sorority ring of white gold and onyx with the emblem of the Alpha Phi Kappa sorority. New members are Misses Martha Bothwell of Hickory; Susan Calder, Charlotte; Josephine Courtney, Lenoir; Sarah Horton, Monroe; and Elizabeth McLaugherty, Bluefield, West Va. Old members included: Misses Mary B. Williams, Wanna Mary Huggins, Irene McAnally, Louise Brinkley, Mary Alice Beaman, Frances Caldwell, Lucy Martin Currie, Dorothy Thompson, and Martha Davis.

MR. COFFER'S TOPIC IS THE HISTORY OF TIME

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and with proper care should last for generations. Some simple rules for caring for our watches are as follows:

1. Do not open case unless necessary.
2. Wind once a day, preferably in the morning.
3. Never handle roughly.
4. Do not get it wet or sandy.

Anyone should be willing to observe these rules to preserve that highly organized mechanism which it took so many years to evolve—the modern day watch.

New York City—
The flow of gold from New York to Europe is lessening. The Bank of France has made \$20,000,000 investment in credit.

PERSONALS

Frances Adams is making history this week-end by flying home in an aeroplane. She is the first Salemite to be so conducted to her residence. Sarah Horton will join her at their home in Monroe.

Nina Hoffman, Margaret Smith, and Pat Holderness are spending the week-end at Chapel Hill.

Sarah Graves and Mary Louise Mickey are attending the Press Association Convention in Durham.

Virginia Bailey, Martha Bothwell, Louise Brinkley, and Dorothy Abernethy will be in Hickory for the week-end.

Martha Mann will be in Charlotte this week-end.

Edith Leake and Mary Virginia Pendergraph are spending the week-end at their homes in Mt. Airy.

Anne Shuford will be in Newton, and Josephine Courtney in Lenoir, this week-end.

Frances Hill is accompanying Mary Catherine Siewers to Morganton for the week-end.

Virginia Nell is joining her family in Roanoke, Virginia this week-end.

Eleanor Welborn will be in Greensboro on Sunday.

Elizabeth Willis and Rosalie Smith will be the guests of Tommy Frye in Pilot Mountain this week-end.

Irene McAnally will be in High Point for the week-end.

Anne McKinnon and Gertrude McNair are spending the week-end in Laurinburg.

Elizabeth Leak will be in Greensboro and Ghilan Hall in Burlington over Saturday and Sunday.

The following girls will be at their homes: Ruth McLeod, Mary Francis Linney, and Helen Graeber.

Mary Penn is visiting Martha Binder at her home in Mt. Airy.

DR. ANSCOMBE TELLS OF CHANGED ENGLAND

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land's trade, especially with the South American and Latin American republics. England was so absorbed in the war that she could not attend to its foreign market. Her entire economic system was destroyed. Her supremacy at sea was relinquished to other nations. Her sense of isolation and surety had disappeared. Her leadership in finance, commerce—everything was gone. England was not invaded, but being the winner, it suffered most. England is the heaviest loser.

When the soldiers returned from France, their war orders ended. The munition factories which had been working day and night closed. England had to provide hurriedly without sufficient care for the immediate maintenance of the unemployed. The employers, the employed, and the government combined to give help. Now the number of unemployed has increased and the fund is inadequate; so, to make up the deficit, they have borrowed from the treasury one million pounds a year. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that England had reached her limit. He recommended a reduction of the dole, the relief money, and an increase in the taxes.

Under the dole system more classes get relief. A specified sum is given to each man after he had been unemployed for a week, for himself, his wife and his children under sixteen years of age. It often happens that being unemployed, he has a larger in-

come by the dole than he would have if he were employed. When a man has worked three days out of a week he loses the dole; consequently, it is difficult to hire men temporarily. Boys and girls are marrying young and living off the dole. Since there is no incentive to work for, the dole system is demoralizing the people.

Recently the city, authorized by the Parliament, borrowed money and built council houses. Now the unemployed live in these houses on the dole and refuse to pay rent. There is no prosecution because the person who dared would, at the next election, lose his position in the government.

The adverse trade balance is another cause of England's critical condition. Before the war the exports paid for 82% of the imports, now the percentage has decreased to 69%. England has \$382,000,000 foreign deficit. Foreign debts must be paid in gold, goods, or services. United States does not allow goods, the services are not needed, and gold England does not have. Consequently she cannot pay her debts.

Japan has taken England's place in supplying trade in the far East. Since Japan has industrialized her tonnage has doubled.

England is crowded with highly organized trade unions supported in Parliament by the Labor Party. When prices declined, the Labor party prohibited wages declining proportionately. It goes without saying that wages are much higher than they should be under prevailing conditions.

England's population has increased exorbitantly, and of the 45,000,000 people, trade can support only 30,000,000, leaving one-third of the entire population to be taken care of by some other means.

Since oil has been steadily replacing steam England has lost one-half of its coal trade. Now she has one-half million skilled coal miners without employment. England has lost one-half of her textile trade as well.

During the war in the majority of European countries the currency depreciated, but England struggled to keep hers on par. She succeeded until a few months ago. Great sums of money had been borrowed from the United States which were invested in American banks to be drawn upon by England. Under the Young Plan, Germany pays \$27,000,000,000 war debt, out of which \$21,000,000,000 comes to the United States. England itself pays 90% of what she receives from Germany to United States.

The enrollment of the schools is decreasing at an alarming rate of speed, not because people are less interested in education but because there are no children. The birth rate in Europe is terribly low, and England has the fewest children she has ever had.

Before the war no one dared attend Parliament without wearing formal dress. Now Parliament is the meeting place of women, socialists, radicals whose dress is very informal and whose language is colloquial. Now it is the Parliament, Great Britain, not the Parliament of England. Quite recently in Parliament the following ultimatum was suggested as the only hope of England's present condition: To go off the gold standard, decrease the dole and introduce a 25% increase in taxes. Things are rather dark for England now, but as Dr. Ancombe concluded, "Be England beset by troubles multitudinous, England shall stand!"

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