

1980 SEMI-FINALIST FOR AN ALPHA ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP OF THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

(Left to right): Phyllis Throckmorton-HHS; Shelia Butler-HHS; Sharon Parks-DHS; Lula Harris-South Granville; Steffanie Burt-Northern; Teresa Smith-South Granville; Lucille McIntosh-HHS; Myra Torain-Orange; Katherine Tower-Northern; and Paula Pearce-South Granville.



1980 ALPHA ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND 1980 SEMI-FINALISTS

(Sitting left to right) Phyllis Throckmorton-HHS; Shelis Butler-HHS; Sharon Parks-DHS; Luis Harris-South Granville; -South Gran Northern; and Paula Pearce-South Granville.

(Standing left to right) Committee members Melzie Elliott, Stephanie Jones, Mattie Moss, Vivian Crump, Meredythe Holmes, La Harve Johnson-chairman, Clara Lawson.

ALPHA ZETA OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS

Alpha Zeta Omega, The Durham Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc. Scholarship Committee met recently to interview semi-finalist for its prestigious 4-year scholarship. The recipient must (1) have a "B" or better average upon graduation from high school; (2) demonstrated leadership ability; (3) of high moral character; (4) recommended; (5) need financial assistance to attend college.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest greek letter sorority in America established by college-trained black women. Their purpose is to encourage high Scholastic Achievement and to make Alpha Kappa Alpha Supreme in service to mankind.

The recipient will receive \$1,000.00 a year for 4 years to the college or university of her selection.

The committee received applications from five counties in North Carolina.

NURSES WEEK CELEBRATION ENDS

The culmination of National Nurse Week was held at St.

Joseph's AME Church on Saturday, May 17. The theme was "Alcoholism and the Black Woman," and was presented by Pi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Willis, assistant director of the Alcohol Education Center in High Point, was the main speaker.

MRS. WILLIE SNEED HAS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Miss Alice Sneed Dixon of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Kittye Sneed Wright of Columbia, Md., and Fred Sneed and his wife, Shirley, of Landover, Md., hosted the surprise Birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Willie G. Sneed, their mother. The celebration was held Saturday, May 17 at the Down-

towner Motor Inn. Others present for the occasion were: Mrs. Ida M. Rigsbee, Rev. Clarence Manson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Royster, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and Mrs. Annie L. Alston, bro-

thers and sisters; Kathleen Wright and Jeffrey Dixon, grandchildren; nieces and nephews, Joyce Fletcher, Russell Fletcher, Mildred Davis and Leonard Davis. Among their friends present were: Rev. and Mrs.

Alexander D. Moseley, Rev. and Mrs. Jackson Truiett, John Armstrong, Miss Doris Mebane, Mrs. Alice Walker, Mrs. Erma Hamlett, Mrs. Rosa Brown and Mrs. Rose Grey

of Washington, D.C. Several family members and friends offerred kudos to Mrs. Sneed, commemmorating her stature of motherhood. Her grandson Philip Wright and son-in-law Arthur Dixon

were unable to attend because of other commitments. **BULL CITY ELK NEWS**

Salome Temple No. 704 honored Mrs. Hattie Singleton with a surprise banquet, April 26 at the BUll City Elk Lodge Auditorium. Mrs. Singleton was honored for her 21 yeasr of service as treasurer for the Temple. She is president of the E. J. McCoy National Elk Shrine Club, treasurer of 5th District, Loyal Daughter Ruler of 5th District Progresses Council, State Nominating Committee. She is also a past Grand Daughter Ruler and State President for 8

Mrs. Singleton, wife of Clarence Singleton, is a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church. The Singletons live at 1115 South Street.

Fellow members gave a party Sunday, May 18 for Daughter Ruler Marion Lofton and Brother William "Bill" Harris. Daughter Lofton's birthday was May 14 and Brother Harris' is May 22.

The State Convention of IBPOE of W will convene in Asheville from Friday, May 23 through Wednesday, May

GETTING SMART

By Walter L. Smart

There is a drama going on in the United States today. The drama is concerned with dreams. While many people have realized their dreams for a better life, others remain in a state of hopelessness because of discrimination based on sex, race, age, handicap, or national origin.

One dream that most Americans have is decent housing at prices and rents they can afford. For some the dream has become a reality; for too many others it has been a dream deferred.

Each year, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights offers a kind of yardstick on the nation's progress. The commission, in its report to the President and Congress surveyed housing and found a mixed picture during 1979.

The commission found that minorities, female family heads and other low income families spent disproportionately large amounts of their low income on deteriorating and overcrowded housing.

As prices of buying or single-family building homes continue to rise, more and more families have no choice except to rent. A family's range of housing choices to rent is even further restricted by continuation of capricious discrimination by landlords against

families with children. Many upper income families today view the city as the place to live even though cities are still plagued with many social problems. The prospects for the poor and those of a moderate income living in neighborhoods thought were theirs is not promising. The long train or auto rides, the movement of social problems to

the suburb, the desire for

a different life style -

these and other reasons

are accelerating a nation-

wide movement back to the cities of mostly white middle-income pioneers. We can expect more and more low income families to be displaced from their homes as a direct result of these trends.

An example of displaceof low-income ment families occurred in Washington, D.C., a city more than seventy per cent black. A recently released study by the Department of Housing and Com-Development munity revealed that over the past five years, 25,000 people were forced to move from their homes neighborhoods because of the conversion of rental housing to condominum, housing renovations and escalating housing costs. The report concluded that if present trends continue, another 75,000 persons could be displaced in the nation's capital during the next four years. It is ironic that the drive

for moderate income housing in many suburbs was blocked through zoning laws enacted by a few to protect the few. Now that the suburbanite is moving back into the city, the poor and moderate income family has no such device to "protect" its neighborhood.

If the truth be known, inner city residents are not opposed to suburbanites moving back into the city and rehabilitating the homes they occupy, they are only opposed to being evicted for the purpose. In this case, the only hope for many poor and moderate income families is agencies and organizations which will work effectively in their behalf. Many settlements and neighborhood centers have rehabilitated houses within their neighborhood and made the units available to neighborhood

residents at prices and

rents they could afford.

The Future Of **Black Radio**

By Shirley Irving Thigpen

At Paschals Hotel, one of Atlanta's oldest Black businesses, students and members of the music and radio industry recently gathered to discuss the future of Black radio and its relation to the Black community.

It was the Second Annual Black Radio Conference, spearheaded by Lo Jelks, that brought together students from various colleges and universities, who are interested in communications and radio, and professionals from the record industry representing such giants as Philadelphia International Records and Motwon Records.

One of the main speakers was Kenneth Gamble, president of the Black Music Association and Chairman of the Board of Philadelphia International Records. He emphasized that "Black students have the potential of solving the Black man's problems in America." Through our determination and belief in God-and our music, we have survived."

Gamble encouraged students to "look at the world-what is the destiny of the Black family and community?' challenged students to develop strategies to aid the progress and development of Black people in the United States.

Gamble supported the suggestion that Black students form a National Black Students Communications Network, drawing membership from the national body of students in colleges and universities across

America. Lo Jelks, affiliated with the AUC Digest and WAUC in Atlanta, was the conference Chairman. Other speakers included Jack "The Rapper" Gibson, of Orlando, Florida, and Attorney Curtis White, of Washington, D.C.

These types of programs must be expanded. Even if upper income families were not moving into the neighborhood and causing the eviction of poor families, the continued deterioration of the housing should be unaccep-

table. Meanwhile, displacement of blacks and the poor to parts unknown continues unabated in record numbers; houses in urban areas that could not be given away only a few years ago are being sold today at prices far beyond the reach of local residents.

The impact of this situation is so blatant, that the Commission on Civil Rights warned that much needs to be done to improve equal housing opportunity and to assure there is enough housing to meet the nation's needs. It called on Congress to put teeth into the Fair Housing Act by enhancing federal enforcement authority. It also urged a speed-up in developing fair housing regulations and efforts to reverse the downward trend in units of assorted housing. If the nation is to remain strong and just, then Americans must renew their dedication to the continual promises of equality and justice for all.

OF WOMEN

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