

New York To

Host Alpha

Phi Alphas

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY breaks new ground as it prepares to convene its 70th Anniversary Convention (July 30th - August 8th) in New York City and Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

This inter-continental meeting is a first in the history of Black Greekletter organizations. DR. WALTER WASHINGTON, ALPHA's General President and President of Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, has declared 1976 "ALPHA INTERNATIONAL YEAR" noting that this convention is a direct outgrowth of the Fraternity's traditional commitment to all humanity. He further pointed out that the group's heritage and ritualistic symbols are steeped in the African tradition.

The New York Host Committee for the meeting is composed of representatives from twelve chapter (college and alumni) in the Greater New York area and is chaired by Attorney William Decker Clarke. Members of the Eta Epsilon Lambda (alumni) Chapter and undergraduate members from the University of Liberia and Cuttington College in Monrovia will serve as hosts for the Liberia portion of the convention. This group is co-chaired by The Honorable Leonard T. DeShield, Liberian Minister of Protocol, and Mr. Aaron Milton, a prominent Liberian architect.

More than 3,000 members and their families are expected to attend this exciting convention of ALPHA - the nation's oldest predominately Black Greek-letter organization.

Elaborate plans have already been completed for the full enjoyment of the participants in the Monrovia phase of the convention (August 4th thru 9th). Some highlights of the stay are:

- the gala Presidential Reception hosted by the President of the Republic of Liberia, The Honorable William Tolbert;
- a Pan-Hellenic Social in the African tradition;
- the Alpha Normal Banquet and Dance.

UNCC Sets Tea

Ceremony For

Noon Thursday

The tea ceremony is one of the oldest traditional arts of Japan. On Thursday, July 29, Japanese students visiting the University of North Carolina at Charlotte will perform this ancient ritual at 12 noon in the Northwest Lounge of Cone University Center.

The public is invited to attend and participate.



Photo by James Peeler

MRS. BENNIE C. LEE
...Term expires in 1981

87-Year-Old Lady Is Public Notary

By James Peeler
Post Staff Writer

Mrs. Bennie C. Lee, 87, of 1708 Madison Ave. in McCrorey Heights residential section was sworn in last Monday, July 26, for another five year commission as a Public Notary.

The commission received last Monday will expire July 24, 1981.

The Montgomery, Alabama native, widow of the late Dr. T.H. Lee, has been a Public Notary for 30 years and says she was "the first black Public Notary in Cabarrus County" when she lived in Concord, N.C.

Mrs. Lee says she has "wanted to be a Public Notary since she was a child" and when she moved to North Carolina from Alabama where Negroes were not allowed to vote the first thing she did was to "register and vote and apply for a Public Notary Commission".

She recalls that when she applied for her commission Gov. Broughton was in office and she had to renew her commission every two years until the tenure of office of Gov. Robert Scott when the time was extended to five years.

Mrs. Lee applied for her commission so soon after arriving in North Carolina that she had not established residency and had to get Dr. Cozart, former president of Barber Scotia College; Mr.

Ernest James, Sr., former professor at Barber Scotia College; and Mrs. Pike, widow of Pike Drug Store owner, to sign papers to meet residency requirements.

Mrs. Lee says she can't recall the number of documents she has notarized in the past 30 years but she doesn't do many now "just mostly for neighbors in McCrorey Heights, to keep them from going up town."

Mrs. Lee is very active for her 87 years of age and says "people don't believe it when I tell them I don't dye my hair."

She is a member of Memorial United Presbyterian Church, pastored by Re. H.W. Givens, where she was named "Mother of the Year-1976," is Mother of the Church, and Assistant Chairman of Missionary Unite No. 4.

She has been honored by the Medical Society for "Outstanding Fund-raising Efforts" and is a Life Member of the National Council of Negro Women, and attended the unveiling of a portrait of Mary McCloud Bethune which hangs in the South Carolina State Capitol Building in Columbia, S.C. While in S.C. she attended the 100th Birthday Dinner tribute to Dr. Bethune at the Carolina Inn.

Mrs. Lee says her hobbies are "growing flowers and adopting children-babies, sons, and daughters- I've got them by the hundreds, all over the country", she said with a smile.

Nation's Top Black Beauty

Experts To Gather In Atlanta

Special To The Post

ATLANTA, GA.--National famous beauty experts and talented professional to the America Black woman are scheduled as added attractions in the 29th International Bronner Bros. Beauty Trade Show here July 31 through August 3rd. The "76 Educational Event" is to be held in the Regency Hyatt with emphasis on the "Total Look For Women".

The 76 Show will provide an opportunity for reflections but more importantly, according to N. H. Bronner, show director, emphasis will be placed on the many advances in beauty care for the total woman. He stated that, in addition to training professionals the 76 Show will provide an opportunity for exploring all of the new techniques in salon service, hair, skin, & nail care.

The Bi-Centennial Celebration has generated many new and innovative ideas based on trends and styles from yesterday. More than twelve new beauty items, from butterfly clips to unwanted hair removal, will be featured in the "Reflections '76" review.

"There have been many changes in the beauty industry during the 29 years of our Bronner Bros. Beauty

Shows," pointed out Mr. Bronner, "but there has never been a time before when the dominant interest was in the "total woman". With this dominance of concern "reflections '76" will emphasize smartness, charm and elegance. There will be showing of the newer techniques in hair care, blow-styling, subtle hair coloring, haircutting and skin care.

In addition to experts professionals, who will conduct seminars and training classes during the three days, pioneers in the beauty industry are slated to be honored.

A highly diversified group of leaders will receive a "Citation of Honor Scroll" during the presentation of "The Select '76 Greats," according to

Ms. Mary Hall Williams, national coordinator of "Select '76 Greats" as one of the special features of the Trade Show. The SELECT '76 GREATS will be honored on Sunday evening, August 1st beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Phoenix Ballroom.

Among those expected to appear will be Redd Foxx of Television's Sandford and Son; Democratic Presidential Candidate, Jimmy Carter; and Mrs. M.L. King, Jr. of the Martin Luther King Center for Social Change, also Madame C.J. Walker's great-grand daughter.

More than 100 professionals are scheduled to participate in demonstration of products, services and new ideas.

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