



David and Dorothy Shipman  
...Celebrate 40th anniversary

## "Ideal Couple" Celebrates 40th Wedding Anniversary

Forty years ago, David and Dorothy Shipman were called "Charlotte's Ideal Couple" and 40 years later they're still that.

The two recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at Friendship Baptist Church. Dr. Clifford A. Jones Sr. presided over the beautiful double-ring ceremony. It was the kind of wedding that Mrs. Shipman had always wanted.

Once the ceremony was completed, Odell Woodard introduced the couple to each other and to Rev. Powell.

A love that was kindled over a fifth of a century ago has remained a brilliant and burning flame because the love between this man and woman has never ceased to keep its spark alive.

According to the couple, there have been bad moments as well as good ones. "Sometimes you think there are more downs than ups, but we advise any newly married couple to keep on pressing and to stay together," uttered Mr. and Mrs. Shipman.

"After observing other couples we have found that some of them want to run home to mama or daddy at the least little disagreement. Most of the time that only makes the situation worse, instead of better, because true love has never run smoothly."

That they are willing to work out their differences explains part of the reason why the Shipmans' marriage has endured over the years, but the interaction of the couple plays an important role in the success of their marriage, too.

"We share common goals and hobbies and have always gone out together. Those who know us best, find it hard to call one of us by name without calling the other one. Usually when you see the one, you see the other," cited the couple.

The couple added that they worked together and shared together. "You can't make it with one going one way and the other going another."

Prayer helped to keep the Shipmans together through the bad times. In their opinion, prayer certainly helped them to survive a terrible car accident that occurred in the '70s. "The late Dr. Coleman Kerry came to see us after the accident and told us that God had left us here for three very important reasons." Those reasons were the Shipmans' daughters. They are the parents of Aleana Candace Shipman, Pamela J. Shipman and Rosala Saffecullah. They are also

### Kimberly Kendall

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him anymore if he was my real father. He has a quality in him that makes me want to bring out the best in myself."

And don't think this young beauty has run out of favorite people. There is Ishmael, her younger brother. "He's 12 going on 90," laughs Kimberly. "I love him to death. I'd be bored without him," she admits. "But there are times...."

At this point, Kimberly admits she wasn't always so happy, so bubbly and optimistic. "For sometime, I didn't like myself," she confesses. "I didn't think I was pretty. But one day I began to work on my inner beauty. Now I don't think I'm unattractive. The beauty worked from inside out."

## Sorority Names Vivian Smith Basileus

Vivian Smith has been named Basileus of the Iota Chapter of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority for the 1985-86 year.

Others named in the sorority's announcement of officers are: Bernice Fulson, Anti Basileus; Shirlene Smith, Grammetus; Stella Jones, Epistoleus; Janie P. Ervin, Tamiochus; Wilma Hood, Tamias; Esther Sturgis, Sergeant at Arms; Betty Dial, Historian; Theressea Elder, Parliamentarian; Harriet Love, Dean of Pledges; Pauline McLurkin, Philactor; and Pearl Maxwell, Chaplain.

In announcing the year's program, the sorority began with the 53rd celebration of the organization's founding on October 20 at the downtown YWCA, 706 East Trade St., from 4-6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

### City Water Bond

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On November 5 Charlotteans will be asked to vote on \$18 million in City Water Bonds. If approved, a six-mile, 54-inch water main will be constructed from the northwest part of Charlotte, through the city to the southeast. Water delivered by the new pipeline will equalize water pressures throughout the system and enhance fire protection. All improvements to the water system are paid for through utility bills. Property tax funds are not used for this purpose.

On October 25 the first salute to the Spouses of Black Elected Officials will be held at McDonald's Cafeteria as a fund raiser for Mayor Harvey Gantt, 7-10 p.m. Price of tickets is \$15 per person.

The sorority's program for the year will also include comprehensive workshops for allied health professionals, the community and other civic organizations regarding renal (kidney) diseases, cancer and teenage pregnancy. The second Multiple Birth Symposium and contest will be implemented this year to aid the Scholarship Fund, according to a Chi Eta Phi Sorority spokesperson.

Additionally planned in the year's program is the annual Nurses Day celebration to be held in May with presentation of the sorority's scholarships to area students interested in nursing careers.

The sorority plans to continue its

programs of recruitment and retention of black nurses, enrichment programs for the membership, work with other community organizations, such as the Center for Human Development's Screen-O-Rama, The Charlotte Medical Society and sorority's joint health screening, The Afro-American Cultural Center, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, the Urban League, the Women's Commission, Charlotte-Blueprint Women, WREG Radio For Your Information program, local high schools and colleges, and the Family Outreach Counseling Services.

The Chi Eta Phi Sorority has a speakers' bureau and is available for speaking on any health-related programs. You may contact the organization at P. O. Box 16311, Charlotte, N.C. 28216. For ticket information, contact Diane Baker at 552-2150 after 6 p.m.



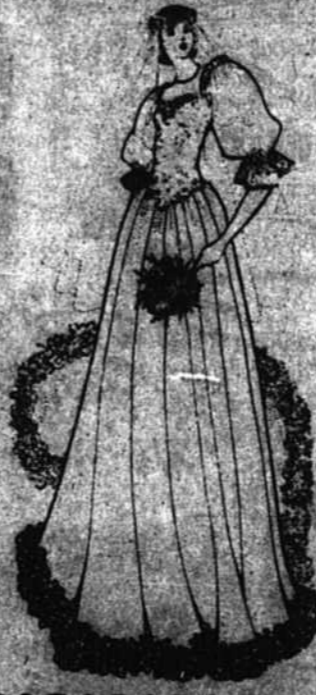
Vivian Smith  
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