

PITTSBURGH SOCIETY

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 26.—The three local chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority—Alpha Omega, Alpha Upsilon and Iota—were joint hostesses at a banquet Sunday, March 14, at 6 o'clock. This banquet which was held at the Center Avenue Branch YWCA was given jointly as a Reconsecration Service for the sorors and also to honor the members of the Patroness board of the sorority. The committee in charge of the affair was headed by Alma Thompson, assisted by a capable group of sorors.

The colors of the sorority, apple green and salmon pink, were carried out to the most minute detail in decorations, favors and menu. The banquet table was beautifully and tastefully appointed. Preceding the program, the sorority girls retired to another room where a most impressive reconsecration and memorial service was held. Alma Thompson, who acted as mistress of ceremonies, was introduced to the group by Ethel Bellinger, national anti-grammateus of the sorority. The program was opened with invocation by Evelyn Forney, followed by group singing of sorority songs led by Mary Alston with Virginia Carter at the piano.

The founding of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, was presented in an interesting manner by Ruth Gambrell, president of Iota chapter. A brief history of the founding of the three local chapters—Iota, Alpha, Alpha, Omega and Alpha Upsilon—was given by Bertha Ward, Jean Walls and Theresa Moon, respectively. The singing of additional sorority songs was followed by an introduction of the patronesses of the sorority to the sorority girls. This was done by Kathleen Douglass.

The sorority members were introduced to the patronesses by Jewel

Blow. Mrs. R. L. Vann, president of the patroness board, spoke on behalf of the group, pledging their continued co-operation and support to the sorority. The patroness board consists of Mrs. R. L. Vann, president; Mrs. J. Phillips, secretary; Mrs. William Poole, Mrs. Henry Payne, Mrs. L. Honesty, Mrs. H. V. Woodson, Mrs. Stella W. Briggs, Mrs. John Butler, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Henry Lindsay and Mrs. R. L. Robinson.

Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Goins were joint hostesses at the meeting of the Harriet Tubman Guild, Inc., March 3, at the Harriet Tubman Terrace House for Convalescents, 7921 Frankstown avenue. Presiding was Mrs. Edith McCole Whitaker. Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, the president, reported the financial drive was quite a success, bringing in enough money to pay the outstanding debts of the guild and also to pay the HOLC to June. She also reports that a group of men have been organized to aid the guild financially, and a new group of women to work at the Mercy hospital.

Several benefit basketball games and a concert are being planned by Miss Emily Diggs, R.N., who represents the guild at the Irene Kaufman Settlement. The achievement chapter of the guild met at the residence of Mrs. Louise Williams with Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Josie Scipio as hostesses. Plans were made for a tea at the Kay Community club of Bedford avenue on Sunday, March 21, from 4 until 7 p.m. Mrs. Frankie Maynard is chairman of the program committee and Mrs. A. Jones, chairman of refreshments.

Mrs. Homer Brown, presented Rev. W. W. Slade, pastor of Wesley Center church, who was the speaker of the afternoon. Appearing also on the program were Mrs. Mary Leonard, well-known club woman; W. T. Poole, Jr., young business man, discussed the 14th and 15th amendments. New members received were Mrs. Lucille Cuthbert, Mrs. Adele Hill, Miss Juanita R. Comer, Mrs. Mary Leonard, Mrs. Amelia Thompson, Mrs. Mabel Green, Mrs. A. D. Stevenson and Mrs. Daisy Hill. Mrs. Louise Lee of Hollace will be the April hostess.

Because of the recent death of Mrs. I. C. Taylor, mother of the bride, the marriage of Natalie Taylor and Robert Ellis of Johnstown and Pittsburgh, was a quiet one, with only members of the immediate families attending.

At a very lovely luncheon, Mrs. Emma J. Lynch of New York, announced the marriage of March 4 at Wellsburg, W.Va. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are planning a belated honeymoon late in the summer. The bride is very active in social and civic organizations, having served as secretary for three years of the Let's Be Friendly club, and is one of the most outstanding members of the Addie M. Johnson council, I.B.P.O.E. Mr. Ellis is a thirty-three degree Mason, past exalted ruler of the Elks and a Shriner. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are making their home at 517 Junilla street.

A very gala affair was the unique St. Patrick's Day dance, sponsored by the popular Cosmos club, at the Northside Elks', Wednesday night. Green, worn by the hostesses and a few of their many guests, was also used in the attractive decorations. Included in the membership of this group are Mrs. Gladys Page, president; Miss Elizabeth Flurry, secretary; Mrs. William Howell, social chairman; Mrs. Constance Randall, Mrs. Natalie Higginbotham, Mrs. Katherine Roberts, Mrs. Estelle Wilson, Miss Evelyn Jackson, Mrs. Gwynne Jefferson, Mrs. Ruth Dudley and Mrs. Signora Pendleton.

Mrs. Lucille Brevare was hostess last week when a surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. Minnie Hackett, of Sixth street, Braddock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green of Washington street. Many lovely gifts were presented Mrs. Brevare by her friends who were Mr. and Mrs. John Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. R. Quarles, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Porter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nesby, Mr. and Mrs. A. Price, Mrs. Otella Richardson, Mrs. Clarence McCormick, Mrs. Edna Brown, Mrs. Ruby Bryant and Walter Wilson.

The Wesley Irons of this city celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding last week, at a beautiful reception in their home. Mrs. Irons in a gown of silver lace over satin was assisted in receiving her more than one hundred guests, was assisted by Mrs. Josephine Willis and Mrs. Ernest Foster. The center-piece, a twenty-five layer wedding cake was unusual, and surrounding were beautiful spring flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Irons received many beautiful gifts of silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hinton of Edgewood entertained last week for their guest, Miss Mildred Wilson, who is visiting here from Sistersville, West Virginia. About twenty guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Hinton Friday evening.

Among the out of town guests of the past week were Mrs. Mable Ingram of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Helen Grevor, of Minneapolis and Mrs. E. J. Lynch of New York City, all guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis of Junilla street.

Mrs. Andrew Vaughn of Brushton avenue was hostess last week to the members of the Wednesday Night Bridge club. The members and their guests were Mrs. Helen Lee, Mrs. Lula Howell, Mrs. McEnheimer, Mrs. Frank Meredith, Mrs. H. Lee, Mrs. James Jordan, Mrs. Mable Nunn, Mrs. M. Britton, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. James Worthington, Mrs. L. S. Yates and Mrs. H. Allen.

Visiting her fiancé and relatives in Miami, Fla., is Miss Helen M. Hall, daughter of Mrs. Octavia Hall of the East End. Miss Hall is planning a summer wedding.

The Samuel T. Brooks entertained at their home in Coleridge street, honoring their daughter, Alberta. Among the guests were Annie Jackson, Lucy Trent, Ernestine Hunter, Mildred Griffin, Luvenia Segars, Marietta Wilson, Madge Payne, Margaret Shephard, Pearline Franklin, Toar Brooks, Lucy Stevenson, Jack Humphrey, Paul Cash, Russel Williams, Earl Trent, Buddy Webster, Theodore Pritchard and Harry Hutchinson.

The Tuesday Night Card club met at the home of Mrs. William P. Young of Monticello street, last week. Members and their guests present were Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Tudor, Mr. and Mrs. William Young, Miss Adda Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pitts, Mrs. G. H. Brown and John Harris.

Miss Christine Hutchinson of Clarksburg, W.Va., is the guest of her uncle, Scott Bailey, local hotel proprietor. During her visit here Miss Hutchinson was honored at many social affairs.

Mrs. Thelma Blake of Mansfield avenue was hostess last week to the members of the Ideal Social club of West End. Lovely prizes were awarded Mrs. Jayne Pryor, Mrs. Harriet Coleman and Mrs. Jean Thompson. A lovely guest prize was won by Mrs. Irene Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neal of New York City spent the week-end as the guests of their mother, Mrs. James Neal of the East End, and the Marion Graves of Ozan street.

Mrs. J. P. Westmoreland of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest of her daughter, Antoinnetti Westmoreland of this city. Mrs. Westmoreland has been honored at several luncheons, dinners and theatre parties.

Mrs. Roy McNeil of Hermitage street, was hostess Saturday afternoon to members of the Little Slams Bridge club. Guests of the club were Mrs. H. Lee, Mrs. Helen Lee, Mrs. Ira Lewis, Mrs. Hobson Lightfoot, Mrs. Ada Harris and Mrs. Andrew Vaughn. Mrs. Lula J. Howell and Mrs. Agnes Stevenson were winners of the first and second club prizes.

Wiles Hall of Beltshoover, was the scene of a 30-table bridge party sponsored by the Simeon club of Beltshoover, Thursday evening of last week. Among the members of this well-known charitable group are Mrs. William Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Schwing, Mr. and Mrs. Darbin Tocas, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer, Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jackson, Miss Ida Favor and other prominent residents of Beltshoover and the South Hills.

Miss Elsie Austin, assistant to the attorney general of Ohio, will be the guest of Mrs. Julius P. Howell of Blackadore street, during her visit here. Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority will receive informally Saturday night at the Mary C. Dawson's School of Music for Miss Austin. Miss Austin will be the speaker Easter at the Y.M.C.A., when the Deltas will sponsor the symposium.

Silver Cord Interdenominational Ministers' Wives' association, met for their March meeting Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Clarence Burrell, Mrs. B. H. Johnson as hostesses. Following the devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. U. V. Mdogana, the guest speaker, Dr. Marie Kinner was introduced to the group by the president, Mrs. W. H. Truss. Judge Sarah Soffel of the juvenile court, will be the guest speaker at the Forum to be sponsored by the association Sunday, April 11, at the Y.M.C.A.