

# Bertha Black, Basileus Sigma Gamma Rho, Stresses Perseverance To Reach Goal At Regional Meet

NASHVILLE, May 20—Alpha chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority the oldest Greek letter sorority on A. and I campus having been set up February, 1930, was hostess to the southern regional conference, the first to be held at the college. The conference opened with a public meeting at the college auditorium with Soror Vivian Weddington, basileus of the local chapter, presiding. The principal address was delivered by Bertha M. Black of St. Louis, basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho who spoke on "Reaching the Goal."

She stressed the point that it is necessary to be able to endure hardships and disappointments many times to the place for which one is striving. She closed with the statement that a woman needed only three attainments to be successful. God in her heart, respect of her men folk and intelligence to fill her technical, economic and social position in the world in which she lives and moves.

Preceding the opening of the meeting the state band furnished a thirty-minute musical program.

Greetings were extended to the visitors by President W. Hale on behalf of the college and faculty; Miss Marjorie Smith on behalf of the Deltas; Miss Bernice Eskridge on behalf of eta Phi Beta; Miss Corrine Taylor on behalf of A. K. A.; Luther Glanton, Omega Psi Phi; and Walter DeBoe, Alpha Phi Alpha. Greetings in form of telegrams were received from the city graduate chapters of the A. K. A. and Zeta Phi Beta. Tau Sigma chapter of Jackson; Sigma Gamma Rho sorority also sent one.

Music for this meeting was played by Mrs. M. B. Strange of eta sorority.

Miss Modestine Young of A. K. A. sorority sang a very lovely solo. Donald Officer sang a vocal number which delighted his audience.

The Sigmas closed the program with the singing of their sorority song.

The business sessions were held Saturday in the meditation room of the library of A. and I. State college. The presiding officer was Miss Elizabeth Lemon, teacher at Atlanta university and Southern regional director of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority. Other grand officers present were the grand basileus, Bertha M. Black of St. Louis; Parliamentarian Mrs. L. H. Taylor of Memphis; and Miss Rubye G. Peake, grand syntakes of St. Louis.

The morning session was taken up with the appointment of committees and general chapter reports given by the delegates. These reports showed that much progress had been made since the December boule.

Grand Syntakes Rubye G. Peake presided over the afternoon session. Several recommendations brought in by the constructive criticism committee was voted to be sent to the grand body for further consideration. A lengthy discussion was held concerning parts of the constitution affecting campus chapters and changes necessary.

The theme of the conference "The Big Sister Movement" was discussed by Soror Elizabeth Lemon as it concerned the freshmen who enter college. After very interesting talks by the different sorors and experiences giving along this line, the sorors attending the various colleges pledged themselves to the special service of aiding students in any way they could.

During the conference Soror T. G. Gravelly of Theta Sigma chapter, Little Rock, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Southern regional.

Soror Mary Scales Carter, basileus of Gamma Sigma chapter of Houston, Texas who will be hostess to the 1938 boule urged those present to come to Houston and to return to their respective chapters and stress one hundred percent attendance at the boule.

## Social Activities

The Sigmas were guests of the Swastika club at their dance at the Recreation hall Friday night, Saturday at 2 p. m. the Sigmas had their get-together luncheon in the dining room of the college. Saturday night Alpha Beta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority had a spring formal in honor of the visiting sorors at the Recreation hall. It was artistically decorated in the sorority colors of blue and gold.

Sunday afternoon the Sigmas were guests of the Deltas at a tea at the home of President and Mrs. W. Hale from 4 to 6 given in honor of Attorney Elsie Austin, assistant to the attorney general of Ohio and a member of the Delta Theta Sigma sorority. Miss Vivian Weddington, basileus of Alpha Beta chapter and Bertha M. Black, grand basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority were in the receiving line.

Delegates to the conference were as follows: Catherine Stiefel, of Louisville, Pi Sigma and Alpha Iota; Dorsey James, Frankfort, Lambda Sigma; Mrs. L. H. Taylor, Memphis, Omicron Sigma; Elizabeth Lemon, Atlanta, Eta Sigma and Alpha Nu; Rubye G. Peake of St. Louis, Zeta Sigma; Mrs. G. T. Gravelly of Little Rock, Theta Sigma; Johnnie Beadle of Jackson, Tau Sigma; Willie McNeely of Memphis, Alpha Omicron; Frankie Smith and Julia Parker of Nashville, Alpha Beta; Mary Scales Carter of Houston, Gamma Sigma and Alpha Lambda and Marie Puckett of Jackson, Tenn., Nu Sigma.

Sorors of the entertaining chapter were Vivian Weddington, basileus; Mary C. Hendricks, anti basileus; Ruth D. Sims, grammateus; Vertise Washington, anti grammateus; Martha Holliand, tamichous; Julia Parker, epistoleous. Other sorors Earle Mae Bowden, Millie Cartmell, Mary Hooper, Elree Madison, Frankie Smith, Lucille Thomas and Soror Martha M. Brown, librarian of the A. and I. State college, adviser.