

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHAS HOLD FINE SESSION

Annual Meet Was Best in History

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Dec. 28-31, was the most suc-

cessful in the history of the Greek letter society. The meeting was very unique in that 15 years ago the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was founded at Howard university and this year's meeting served as a home-coming. The university authorities were not sparing in the courtesies extended the sorority. The huge electrical sign in



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a prominent portion of the ellipse bore the inscription, "Welcome home, Alpha Kappa Alpha." The whole center campus was electrically lighted in Christmas colors and in the middle of this was a huge electrically lighted Christmas tree.

Prominent features of the session were the presentation of the parchment of the Sorbonne to Soror Dr. Anna Jones Cooper, a pilgrimage to the Unknown Soldier's tomb, upon which a wreath was placed, and the placing of wreaths upon the graves of Colonel Young and Major Walker. There was a sight-seeing tour of the city and pilgrimage to Mt. Vernon. The cars for these features were loaned and driven by prominent men of the District, most of whom were Alpha Phi Alpha men.

Local branches of the various sororities and fraternities vied with one another in extending courtesies to the sorority in session. Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the local undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi fraternities and Dean Slowe held receptions. At the public meeting held, greetings of welcome were brought from all the local chapters and sororities and fraternities and splendid addresses were heard from Dean Kelly Miller of Howard university, Dr. Alain Locke and Mrs. Corallo Franklin Cooke.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has over two thousand members distributed among 49 chapters. Eleven of these chapters are new ones. Twenty-nine of the chapters were represented at the boule. The number of delegates and visitors in attendance was 150. Over four thousand dollars in national and local scholarships were reported during year. A foreign scholarship of \$1,000 has been announced as being available for the year 1926. The proposition to dedicate a national shrine with headquarters at Washington, D. C., was discussed and approved by the boule program committee, Soror Edna M. Colson, Delta Omega chapter, chairman.

The boule of 1926 will be held with

Theta chapter, Ohio State university, Columbus, Ohio.

The following are the officers elected for the year 1926: Grand basileus, Pauline Simms-Puryear, Petersburg, Va.; first antibasileus, Carolyn Payne, Wilberforce, Ohio; second antibasileus, Althea Merchant, St. Louis, Mo.; grammateus, Ruth Weatherless, Washington, D. C.; epistoleus, Gladys Pullam, Kansas City, Mo.; tannouchos, Ethel Lytle, Philadelphia, Pa.; editor of Ivy Leaf, Evelyn Lightner, Norfolk, Va.; regional directors: northeastern, Portia Wiley Nickens, New York city; east central, Erma Bruce-Davis, Baltimore, Md.; central, Murray Atkins, Indianapolis, Ind.; southeastern, Sidney Mayo, Richmond, Va.; midwestern, Judith Simms, Kansas City, Mo.; southern, Maude Brown, Louisville, Ky.; far western, Naida Portia McCullough, Los Angeles, Calif.