

Zeta's Receive Special Awards at Anniversary

Are You a free reader?



by Ruth Taylor

One of the more level-headed of columnists wrote this trenchant statement recently: "I am less concerned about the freedom of the press than I am about the freedom of the reader. You won't keep a free press unless the reader also is tolerant, open-minded, interested in hearing both sides."

How do YOU read? How do YOU listen? Are you carried away by positive statements without stopping to consider they might have been made for that very purpose?

Or—are you a free reader? Can you study both sides calmly and collectively, weighing the source of each statement, judging by past performance and arriving at your own decision after careful thought and due consideration of all facts in the case? If you can do this, you are a free reader.

If you do this, you can effectively combat those who try to stir up trouble by false rumors authoritatively stated, by vitriolic charges against those in authority, by untrue accusations against various minority groups and by a constant harping criticism of anything and everything.

The wisest man I ever knew used to say, whenever anyone began to tell him anything—"State the facts. Don't characterize." Apply that to propaganda or to articles, or speeches. Shear them of characterizations and of all statements prefaced by the catch phrases "it is said"; "everyone knows"; "they say"; etcetera, and you see what you have left. You'll be surprised how little it is in almost every case.

Analyze what you read and hear, and study it with an open, poised mind, ready to admit a point but not ready to compromise with a demagogic attempt to stir you to impatience or intolerance.

A free press calls for—deserves—free readers—men and women who so value the Bill of Rights which insures them this boon of knowledge, that they treat this right with reverence, keeping themselves ready to learn ALL the truth, and to form their own opinions according to their individual wills. The only way we can keep a free press is to deserve it by being free readers.

"Ah, I Guess Some Negroes Are Alright"

(by O. Elliott)

I listened to a discussion the other day on the race issue in which one gentleman said "Oh, I guess some of the Negroes are alright." His statement carried on the wings of fond memories to Atlanta, Georgia, over three years ago where I met a Negro who is perhaps the type this gentleman was referring to. One statement this gentleman made in the discussion "Ah, I guess some Negroes are alright" is a compliment that can be justly passed on to the white race.

effective. In my thinking, the racial issue will be improved when we elect officials who have the courage, the conscience and the human interest in their fellow-men to perform the duties of their offices in upholding and enforcing the constitution and draft any law lacking for the rights and protection of all peoples, and to enforce these laws.

Chatter-Box...

by DORIS ANN MCGILL

St. Louis, Missouri—At the Zeta-Sigma Banquet Saturday night December 29, at the YMCA Grand Ballroom, Harrison presented a silver key and a special pin to one of the zeta founders, Arizona Cleaver Stemmons; silver bracelets to National Officers; Zeta lovebirds to one of the first past Grand Basilius, Ruth, Secretary; and a Silver Anniversary Charter to the Alpha Chapter, which is on Howard University Campus.

The St. Louis Zetas and Sigmas saw to it that the Banquet was one which will be long remembered, the menu having been planned and served by James E. Cook and his Y-Staff, and the program having been planned by St. Louis Boule-Conclave Chairman, Ella Walker, Vivian Hayes, Zaid Lenoir, and their Zeta Sorors and Sigma Brothers. As a most charming Toast Mistress, Ella Walker gave the program selections were given by Memphis, Tenn. Sorors under the direction of Lela Porter; song selections by Frances Randall Miller XI Zeta, St. Louis, songbird; the readings by Lou Swartz also member of St. Louis Chapter and one of Zeta artists; pep songs, directed by Daisy Westbrook and Wirt Walton, members of the St. Louis Chapter and musicians of repute; and pep talks were made by Grand President Harrison and Parker.

Other highlights of the Boule-Conclave were the Religious Services at Central Baptist Church; open meeting at Scuggs Memorial; sit back and sip at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Williams, Zeta and Sigma; Delta Cocktail hour; Alpha-Omega dance; Zeta Sigma dance; and the Club Riviera cabaret party.

The business sessions were attended by 500 delegates and both Zetas and Sigmas took a definite stand toward supporting a permanent FEPC.

Zeta officers elected were Grand Basilius, Lullie W. Hanson of Houston, Texas; 1st Anti Basilius, E. Juanita Tate of Tulsa, Okla.; 2nd Anti Basilius, Lou Swartz of St. Louis and New York; Grammatou, Romaine Brown of Washington, D. C.; Beatrice Mayo of Baltimore, Md.; Famias, Irma Thompson of Newport News, Va.; C. J. Grammatou; Lela Porter of Memphis, Tenn.; Antipokidis, Julia Edinburg of New Orleans; Epistolous, Inez Ricks Philadelphia, Pa.; Phylactor; Esther C. Peyton, Washington, D. C. of Chairman Executive Board, and Alpha Moore of Jacksonville, Fla. as Chairman of Trustees.

By special vote the Zetas will not have a 1946 Boule, but will meet during the summer of 1947 in sunny California, the city of Los Angeles.

drop of blood flowed from their veins on the battlefield, as their life ebbed away, he would turn in his grave.

Racial discrimination is strong signal which must be headed off time lest we lose the war at our own home. The historic responsibility of the American people, makes our solution of this inter-racial question a test case of our sincerity, strength and ingenuity.

Our schools must teach stronger democratic attitudes in the heads of the young. Our newspapers have a great responsibility in making articulate the ills of our society as well as its victories over prejudice. Every citizen in day by day conduct, help or prevent the great experiment in a living democracy. To meet people welfare of the community will go far in combating prejudice so deeply imbedded in our society. This will be a never ending task in adult education.

This country cannot point with pride to its contributions to the cause of promoting the four freedoms because it has permitted its lustre to be dimmed by undemocratic demonstrations of racial prejudice. Such unamerican manifestations are a prostitution to this country's broad minded tolerance which was written into the constitution when slavery was abolished.

Sometime ago I attended morning worship in one of the southern Negro churches. The windows of that church were not the expensive and stained type I have seen in some of the white churches, although I have no doubt if they could have been examined closely a Negro's sweat drops could have been seen on them. The windows of this Negro church were plain. There was no carpet in the aisle to silence the footsteps, no cushions on the pews, no beautiful lighting effect like some of the white churches I have seen. Everything was plain. The members of this church were not bedecked in expensive clothes or arrayed in jewels like white members I've seen. They were dressed plain. The Holy Spirit in that one church was not cold and dead like some white churches. It was alive and burning in the hearts of these God's people.

In Augusta, Ga., a Negro student from Payne College entered a white church, one of the largest and wealthiest memberships in that region. The minister was in the process of preaching. This Negro took a seat about half-way toward the front but not far from the door. The members in the pews gave him a cold look, the minister came to an abrupt stop, nodded to the ushers and this Negro boy went where out of the house of God. No, this wasn't the house of God, it was just a church, a place where hypocrisy was practiced.

Abraham Lincoln witnessed a scene in New Orleans where the red faced auctioneer had the Negro girl on the sale block, which caused him to exclaim, "Great God if ever I have a chance I will hit this thing and hit it hard" and I am sure if this same Mr. Lincoln had known what had happened to the Negro in these days of Democracy, if he could be told of the consideration given the Negro soldiers who have fought our battles and enemies with full knowledge that freedom for us means nothing in the way of freedom for the negroes, if he could have only known the thoughts of some of these gallant soldiers as the first

KATHERINE DUNHAM AND EDWARD MATTHEWS TO STAR IN 1946

Discuss Concert-Theatre Plans Over Coffee for Two

KATHERINE DUNHAM and Edward Matthews are two of the most powerful box office names. They made the Xmas season merrier for New Yorkers by exhibiting the results of their creative talents. Miss Dunham entertained the press and hundreds of dance lovers at a press party for her dance school and theatre on West Forty-Third street in the heart of greater New York. Mr. Matthews won the applause reviews from the critics while entertaining 1,500 music lovers at Town Hall Dec. 23rd.



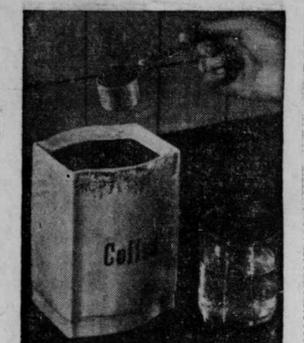
her meals at her exclusive Park Ave. penthouse apartment but we nab her doing the domestic honors preparing coffee. She looks as artistic in the kitchen as she does on the stage which goes to show that there is a place for art even in the preparation of coffee. Stovall was so impressed that he took an unauthorized shot of Miss Dunham's hand to prove his point.

Miss Dunham stated to Matthews that while she was studying the South American dance she learned that there are four principal factors which determine the quality of brewed coffee: flavor, aroma, strength, and clarity. 96% of all coffee used in America comes from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Venezuela.

Mr. Matthews is also well versed in South American customs. He recently completed his fourth tour of the countries just mentioned. He and Miss Dunham agreed that one can't make good coffee by guessing at the proportions. In order to be sure that you

get the correct brew, it is better to get a National Standard Coffee Association measure which holds the proper proportion of coffee for every three-fourths cup of water. Miss Dunham made six cups of coffee, three for herself and three for Matthews. She used six standard measures of her brand of coffee. Matthews told Miss Dunham to add the seventh full measure because he didn't believe this coffee was strong enough.

Soon the delicious beverage was ready and Miss Dunham served Matthews and herself several full cups. It was delicious, as you can see by the way they smilingly lingered over their emptied cups and talked of Miss Dunham's plans for her dance recital early in 1946 at Carnegie Hall, and the dances she is preparing for the new Richard Kollmar show "Danny



Boy". Mr. Matthews spoke of his successful Town Hall Concert, his coming national concert tour and some of the Broadway plays he is considering for next fall. This ended the story—except—Stovall likes coffee but there wasn't enough.



Stovall, our staff photographer, caught Miss Dunham and Mr. Matthews planning to enjoy some coffee the day before Xmas—with Miss Dunham preparing several cups of the great American before-during—and after meal beverage. Miss Dunham, as busy as she is, has ample assistance in preparing

The blues walked in and met me Monday morning time to get up. Going going, gone down show—Imogene Perry. Evil Gal—Pearl Faulkner. She wants a new sweater—Barbara Scott. Come home dearie, come home—Johnnie Burton. Knocking their poor selves out—Jean Phifer. Times almost up—Paul Orduna. Mr. Central—Bobby Owens. A little on the lonely side—Central's basketball team! Got it and Gone—Chatter Box.

The dance Sunday was on the ball. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Those who won prizes were: Orvil Jones played OK Boogie and obtained \$5 (more than he had at first); Sonny Lee won \$3 for blowing his trumpet; and 'Feet' and Naomi Downs won \$1 each for their jitterbugging or did I hear 'Feet' say \$15 each ha!

Stop Look and Listen—What certain chick had the nerve to come bursting down choc eve Sunday nite with a man she knew wasn't her's. She was having the best of fun when his old lady walked up and called him. This certain chick even had the nerve to stand across the street thinking he was coming back over there! Dumb girl!!

Bye Now—Chatsie and her sister left Monday morning. We all enjoyed their stay (I hope).

Looking fine in his Navy uniform is So. Omaha's Johnnie M. So.

Has everyone noticed R Webster's little fuzzi under his chin? Its too cute!!

Well, what do you know! Buster McCans can really dance he returned home from the Navy. He threw a certain bird around the dance floor like she was a piece of paper.

Bang! Bang! Went the gun at the party Friday nite. Ouch! I'm shot, they finally got me shouted B. B.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Nyoka and Lester.

What certain little woman just keeps P's telephone ringing constantly?

Information Please!!! Who, if I may ask has the phone number JA 4999? It could not be by any chance B. J. C. (not J. Owens)

I see M. F. is back in circulation with M. M. after her long illness.

SOLID—J. C. was seen with his mother Sunday afternoon. He couldn't have by any chance went to Church! Says he walked right in without knocking! Naughty boy!

Could be ?? No! The joints are being visited by a lot of teen agers lately... such naughty children!

Has everyone read "Forever Amber"? It is really a great book!

What certain Chicks are circulating the news that F is expecting you know what!!!

Notice! In China bangs worn by the girls is a sign of a virgin! Some girls shouldn't over-due it! Myself, I like them.

Guess what! Who said, quote: "I might do like JM and not go to the Army", unquote.

INSPECT NEW EQUIPMENT TO AID POLIO CASES



Physical therapy equipment costing more than \$7,000 has been presented by the Nashville-Davidson County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to Hubbard Hospital, Meharry Medical College, in Nashville, Tenn. Shown here inspecting the equipment are (left to right) Merl R. Eppse, chairman of the Negro division of the chapter; Henry Miller, Hubbard Hospital superintendent; Charles H. Bynum, director of Interracial Activities for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Dr. Murray Brown, medical director of the hospital and director of medical education at Meharry; Paul E. Johnson, Chicago manufacturer of physical therapy equipment, whose death occurred since this picture was made.

The new infantile paralysis unit at Hubbard Hospital is used both in the treatment of polio cases and in the training of physicians and nurses at Meharry. Funds for these and other types of aid are raised in the March of Dimes, January 14-31, which this year is dedicated to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, founder of the National Foundation.

'Cause if he flags my train, I just might let him ride.

Flash!! What certain girl mad? the statement that men are just like street cars. If one don't suit, stop and catch the next one. Meaning Cross-town-catch on? I knew you would.

Two fellows who are real good sports are Kenny Morris of B town and Chuck Oden!

This is it! Yes, Barnyard and Anna Mae are getting married! Good date!

The basketball game, Boystown vs North Tuesday evening was great of course you know who won but I'll give you the score next week.

Crashy!! Well the merry happy-go-lucky Mr. Rogers is on his way again if you want to know what I mean ask Tinnie. I've got a real broken heart!

False propaganda! Mary Curran goes with Bill Payton and not Skipper Skipper the Honey Dripper!!!

What single young (mother), lady has been running after the young boys? Three guesses!!

Nice People To Know—Richard Curran, Mona Erving, Robert Reynolds, Margie Hayes, Curtis Hunnigan, Joy Foster and Marlon Thompson.

Negro Infantile Paralysis Victims Receiving Very Excellent Care at Centers

New York, Jan. 12—Negro infantile paralysis victims are receiving better medical care at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, at Hubbard Hospital, Meharry Medical College in Nashville, and at Brewster Hospital in Jacksonville due to funds contributed to these hospitals by local chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. These funds are raised during the annual March of Dimes, January 14-31, is dedicated to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, founder of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In Missouri, the St. Louis County Chapter has equipped an isolation unit at St. Mary's Hospital at a cost of \$10,000. The unit has the finest type of physical therapy equipment to provide medical aid and after care for victims of poliomyelitis. If the incidence of infantile paralysis should increase in that area, modern facilities will be available to all who have need of them, regardless of age, race, creed or color. In another section of Missouri there is still another type of aid available to infantile paralysis victims and their families. The Kansas City Chapter of the National Foundation re-imburses the

city school board for the salary paid to the trained physical therapist who visits the Booker T. Washington Elementary School and instructs those who need treatment and instruction. This chapter provides the mechanical appliances used in the muscle re-education of polio victims.

It is the determination of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its chapters that poliomyelitis shall be conquered. The people of America share in that determination when they join the March of Dimes, January 14-31.

The first public employment office in the United States to be devoted exclusively to placement service and job counseling to veterans under the Legion-sponsored GI Bill of Rights has been opened in Detroit, Michigan.

Helps build up resistance against distress of 'PERIODIC' FEMALE WEAKNESS

When taken through the month! If you suffer from monthly cramps with accompanying headache, backache and nervous, jittery, cranky feelings—due to female functional periodic disturbances—try famous Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to relieve such symptoms. Pinkham's Compound does more than relieve such monthly pain. It also relieves accompanying tired, nervous, cranky feelings—of such nature. Taken through the month—this Great Medicine helps build up resistance against such monthly distress. Thousands upon thousands of women have reported remarkable benefits. Also Lydia E. Pinkham's VEGETABLE COMPOUND