

# The Mature Organization

1972 - 1974

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Leah Procter very ably led Sigma Chapter as President during 1972-1974 with the cooperative help of Nora Ellen Darby, first vice president; Edith Wiley, second vice president; Sue Parker Banks, recording secretary; Kathryn Paylor, corresponding secretary; Cleon Lincke, treasurer; Mary Louise Wooten, parliamentarian; Cooper Stanton, executive secretary; and more than a majority of those on its roster.

Four new members were initiated October 7, 1972. They were Dorothy Banks Armstrong, Carol Lawton Freeman, Sebie Midyette Hewitt, and Carol Mallard Hood. On March 28, 1974, the two initiates were Mary Mumford Cauley and Frances Kaye Spence. At the April 1972 meeting, Mabel Hill requested and received Reserve Membership status. During the biennium Mary Llewellyn and Mary Alice Gay transferred from Sigma to Raleigh, and Frances Upchurch transferred from Jacksonville to Sigma. The members were saddened by the deaths of Fannie Shaw Harlan on May 12, 1972, and Ruby Stocks Mills on June 19, 1973.

Discussion of ways for expanding Sigma Chapter continued during 1972-1973. Eta State Chairman of Expansion visited the Chapter in April 1973. However, under the able leadership of Mrs. Leah Moseley Proctor, the decision was made during 1973 to remain as one chapter until membership justified geographical division.

Dinner meetings were held with two exceptions. A cookout was held in April 1973 on the campus of Kennedy Memorial Home. A Mother-Daughter-Granddaughter luncheon was held at the Goldsboro Country Club with Iota as host chapter in January 1974. Attending were members of Alpha Eta, Alpha Psi, Sigma, Beta Lambda, Beta Rho, and Omicron. The Regional II Meeting was held October 20, 1973, at the Country Squire with Sigma members conducting the Birthday Ceremony. At all Sigma meetings during 1972-1973, Leah said, "Happy Birthday," to remind us that Spring 1973 was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Chapter.

Mrs. Patricia Mumford Stroud, recipient of the Eta State and International Delta Kappa Gamma scholarships, was presented her cap, tassel, and robe by Sigma for the occasion of receiving her doctoral degree from North Carolina State University in May 1973. . Mary Sharpe Owens presented the Past President's pin to Nancy Sutton at the October 1973 meeting.

Programs had excellent participation by members for the theme "Changing Times: Challenge or Dilemma." An impressive history and memorial program was given by Merle Scott in October

1972. At that meeting, Phebe Emmons, international president, was present. She is the daughter of the late Fannie Harlan. Exchange of gifts continued at Christmas 1972, and Nor Jean Hill sang several selections. A panel of educators presented school bond needs at one meeting, and at Christmas 1973 Dr. Rachel Davis, our Honorary member, gave an extremely interesting account of cultural, educational, and economical findings, when she visited Canadian Artic Regions during Summer 1973. At the March 1974 meeting, "Founders-Finders-Keepers" was presented as a program of information for new initiates and refresher for all members.

Contributions to the World Fellowship Fund increased. This money helps students from other countries to attend colleges in North America. Also, there was great interest in the Chapter's contributions to the Emmons-Flintom Scholarship Fund. They were made to honor Phebe Emmons and in memory of Fannie Harlan and Ruby Mills. Mary Douglas Irving, Leta Shoulars, Rowena Tull, Hazel Turnage, and Mary Louise Wooten were presented brass bowls as retirement gifts. A Scholarship Fund at Kinston High received a gift of cash to honor Frances Phillips, who also retired from teaching.

Under the leadership of a new group of capable officers headed by Nora Ellen Darby as President, the next biennium was begun with continued efforts to open the doors of opportunity. May we be recommitted to the purposes and ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma!