

WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

A DREAM FULFILLED . . .

It was in December of 1906 at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., that Jewel Callis (now the only living founder of the 99-year-old school) had a vision. As a result, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the oldest Negro Greek-letter college society in the world, was organized on the campus of an institution founded in the final year of the Civil War.

Callis and the original members of Alpha Phi Alpha were not primarily interested in forming a purely social club for their own amusement. Rather they were interested in improving conditions under which Negroes then existed in the United States, not only in higher institutions of learning but in all walks of life.



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Alpha Phi Alpha has been in the forefront of the civil rights movement ever since, although its efforts have not, perhaps, been accorded the publicity that has gone to other organizations. Important contributions to the movement have been made by fighting Alpha men down through the years--men like E. K. Jones, an organizer of the national Urban League and its first executive secretary.

As early as the 1920s, Alpha Phi Alpha organized a "Go to School, Go to College" campaign among Negroes. A later program was based on the slogan "A Voteless People is a Hopeless People."

Local men who became Alpha members in college recently got together and founded the Theta Pi Lambda graduate chapter here. Installation ceremonies were conducted at Ruben's Supper Club by Oscar Little of Los Angeles. (See photos page 17)

Officers and their schools include Isaac R. White, president (Langston Univ., Langston, Okla.); Donald Kirkland, vice president (Xavier Univ., New Orleans, La.); Donald Foshee, secretary (Langston U.); Onward Abington, treasurer (Lincoln Univ., Jefferson City, Mo.); A. Dell Guy, parliamentarian (Loyola Univ., Chicago, Ill.); Rev. Marion Bennett, chaplain (Morris Brown Col., Atlanta, Ga.); William Pryor, historian (Grambling Col., Grambling, La.); William (Bob) Bailey, Sphinx editor (Morehouse Col., Atlanta, Ga.); George Simmons, ed. act director (Texas Southern Univ., Houston, Tex.).

Other charter members include Cranford Crawford (Texas Col., Marshall, Tex.); Dr. James McMillan (Wayne Univ., Detroit, Mich.); John Moore (Tennessee A&I Univ., Nashville, Tenn.); Floyd Plymouth (Winston-Salem State Col., Winston-Salem, N.C.).

Mr. Abington outlined the historical background of Alpha Phi Alpha at the dinner installation, which was attended by wives and lady friends of the members.

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WE WERE ALL SHOCKED to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Beatrice Porter of Las Vegas, who passed away while in Los Angeles. Our deepest sympathies go to Mrs. Porter's relatives.

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