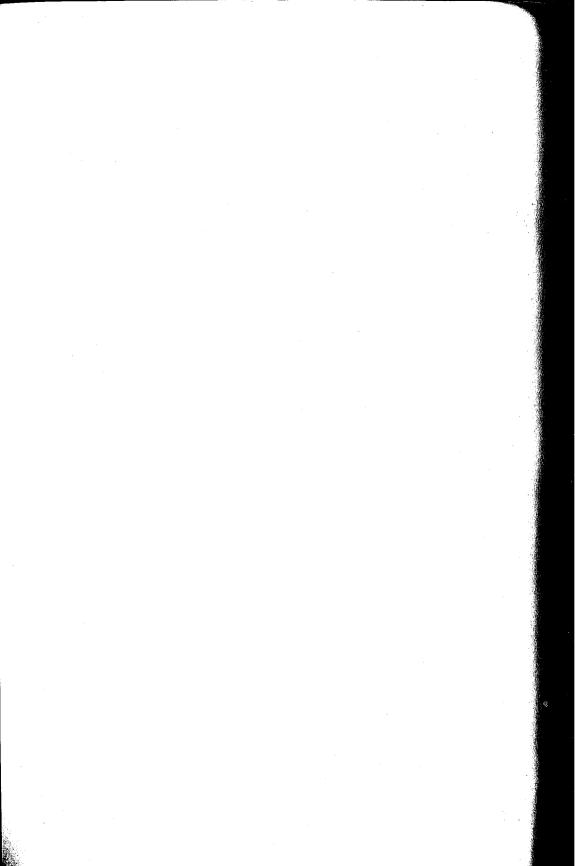


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TO

# Dr. Alice A. Pierce Founder, Historian, Friend

in whose life the ideals of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International are a dream fulfilled in loyalty, faith and service

# From the Past

Pi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has passed its fortieth year. It has honored hundreds of women educators in the state through membership in its chapters. It has given honorary membership to outstanding women in fields of endeavor related to education. Through its many activities and programs, opportunities have been offered for advancement of their professional careers and the enrichment of their personal lives. It has provided the Society with the product of the keen minds of its representatives.

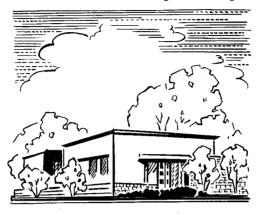
The material presented in this history follows the format of the first volume, "The First Twenty Years, 1936-1956", so ably written by Dr. Alice A. Pierce, a founder of Pi State. This volume will provide a report of the continuity in the various aspects of organization. Its physical format is consistent with other Pi State publications.

The Committee on Twenty Year History made use of primary source material in preparing this booklet. The members were painstaking in their research of the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and annual reports of Pi State Presidents, State Executive Secretary, and State Committee Chairmen, yearbooks, convention programs and "Pi Lights". "The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International News" and the **Bulletin** were also used.

The Committee hopes that this history will be a source of information for all the members of the Society, present and past.

The Committee on Twenty Year History

# Dreams Fulfilling



Annie Webb Blanton in 1929 had a dream of a society for the future of women in education. This dream was translated by twelve founders into an international organization that extends from the smallest unit of the teaching profession to encompass the world.

A quarter of a century later, a second dream, that of a beautiful Headquarters Building, was becoming a reality. As a result International Headquarters was dedicated August 3, 1956, in Austin, Texas.

That same year Pi State began its second twenty years of history. The members, through state projects and volunteer contributions, helped to erect this building, a symbol of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society that would preserve its foundations, represent the present, and safeguard its future. Their dedication gift of a silver bowl and ladle would be used in formal occasions so beloved by Annie Webb Blanton.

Other ties bind Pi State to the International Society. International patterns of organization are followed. Its leaders bring inspiration and fellowship to Pi State. The link between the international organization and the chapters is the state. The state society has shared in scholarships, a significant program of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society's purpose. Now almost fifty years after the Society's founding, Pi State is giving to the Golden Gift Fund to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of a society of which Annie Webb Blanton dreamed. The formal Founders' Ceremony held at all Delta Kappa Gamma Society gatherings reminds members of the twelve educators who gave us the dream.

# Our Founders

Annie Webb Blanton (deceased) Mamie Sue Bastian (deceased) Ruby Cole (deceased) Mabel Youree Grizzard (deceased) Anna Hiss (deceased) Ray King

Sue King (deceased)
Helen Louise Koch
Ruby Terrill (Lomax) (deceased)
Cora M. Martin (deceased)
Lalla M. Odom (deceased)
Lela Lee Williams.



# Founders of Pi State

Pi State was the 16th state to be organized in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and the third state chapter organized in the Northeast Region.

The fourteen founders of Pi State were women teachers in every field of education from all areas of the Empire State who would be pioneers dedicated to the aims and ideals of the Society. These women were initiated on April 18, 1936, at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City.

### Miss Katherine Devereux Blake

Organizer of New York City Association of Women Principals; instigator of first teachers' salary bill, passed in 1899; representative at Second Peace Conference in the Hague, 1907. (deceased).

### Dr. Louise Fitch

Dean of Women at Cornell University; author of **Madame France** and articles for Encyclopedia Britannica. (deceased)

### Dr. Lolabell Hall

Head of Economics Department in Bay Ridge High School, Brooklyn; Third Pi State president; organizer of five Pi State chapters. (deceased) **Ruth Mack Havens** 

Head of English Department, State University Teachers College, New Paltz; donor of a prize at New Paltz; first Pi State president; organizer of the first Pi State chapter. (deceased)

Grace S. Hoberg

Teacher and principal in Yonkers Public Schools; 1962 Assistant Superintendent of Schools in charge of elementary education.

Dr. Ida Adele Jewett

Professor of English at Teachers College, Columbia University; co-author "Better Selection of Better Teachers" in **Bulletin** 1943. (deceased)

### Dr. Elizabeth McDowell

Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University; psychologist with New Jersey Bureau of Child Welfare, Trenton, New Jersey; transfer to Alpha Zeta State.

Miss Pauline A. Meyer

Teacher of music in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island schools for twelve years; head of Music Department at State University Teachers College, Cortland; with Dr. Pierce organizer of Beta Chapter and its first president. (deceased).

Dr. Catherine Walsh Peltz

Member of English Department at State University Teachers College, Albany for 35 years; Phi Beta Kappa member; author of "A Salute to Robert Burns 1759-1959"; world traveler.

Dr. Alice Pierce

Teacher in a rural school, in a junior high school in Owege and in State Normal School, Brockport; Professor of Education at State University Teachers College, Cortland; author of many scholarly works for educational periodicals; author of Pi State's "The First Twenty Years — 1936-1956".

Dr. Lizzie E. Rector

Teacher and principal of New York City school system; assistant superintendent of New York City school system; first vice president of Pi State; installer of Epsilon Chapter. (deceased)

Dr. Mary Sheehan

First woman principal in Rochester High School; founder of teachers' credit union; president of New York State Teachers Association.

**Ruth Stewart** 

Teacher in elementary school in Manhattan; principal in Mystic, Connecticut, and Beacon, New York; teacher in a model department of normal school in Brooklyn; principal at Larchmont. (deceased)

**Dorothy Douglass Thatcher** 

Teacher of chemistry in Poughkeepsie; head of science department in Poughkeepsie; member of Board of Education; instigator of retired teacher legislation; parliamentarian of first slate of officers at Pi State.

# Honorary Membership 1956 - 1976

### NATIONAL HONORARY MEMBERS

Each year Delta Kappa Gamma Society International honors women from the national scene who have contributed to education or to women's welfare. During the second twenty years of its history Pi State initiated six such women into the fellowship for their endeavors.

### Dr. Ethel J. Alpenfels

Professor of Anthropology and Educational Sociology at New York University; Director of Research on Racial Origins of Europeans; director of N.Y.U.'s Graduate Anthropology Workshops; conductor of tours for Association of Academic Travel Abroad. Initiated 1960.

### Mrs. Rollin Brown

Director of Public Education and School Relations of the National Polio Foundation, New York City; President of National Congress of Parents and Teachers; member of organization of the 1955 White House Conference; chairman, President's National Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. Initiated 1968.

### Dr. Welthy Honsinger Fisher

Author of nine books, among them "To Light A Candle", a detailed description of her association with Ghandi and the establishment and development of Literacy Village in Lucknow, India; Pi State honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society; former president of World Education, Inc. Initiated 1975.

### Miss Pauline Frederick

Radio news analyst; news commentator; United Nations correspondent; author of "Ten First Ladies of the World", 1968. Initiated 1976. Judge Caroline E. Simon

Judge, New York State Court of Claims; Secretary of State for New York; member, United Nations Rights Commission; expert in field of crime prevention and problems of women's and children's courts; many offices in New York State related to human rights and crime prevention. Initiated 1966.

### Mrs. Lila Bell Acheson Wallace

Editor and co-founder, with husband DeWitt Wallace, of "Reader's Digest Magazine"; recipient of Medal of Freedom of the Press, U.N.S., 1972. Initiated 1966.

### PI STATE HONORARY MEMBERS

"Honorary Members are women who have rendered notable service to education or to women, but who are not eligible for active membership."

### Dr. Rose G. Anderson

Consulting psychologist; closely associated with Child Guidance and Mental Health groups in New York State and nationwide; co-author Kuhlman-Anderson Intelligence Tests and the K-A Measures of Academic Potential; author of professional books and magazine articles. Initiated pre-1962.

### Mrs. Beatrice Burstein

Family Court Judge, Nassau County; practicing attorney for more than twenty-five years, specializing in family, juvenile and penal law; great interest in providing a better service to old and young alike through pioneer programs. Initiated 1971.

### Mrs. Margaret Goff Clark

Author of many books for children, containing carefully documented accounts of New York history. Initiated 1972.

### Mrs. Constance Eberhardt Cook

Lawyer; member of New York State Assembly (1963-1973): chairman Education Committee; member Ways and Means Committee, Health Committee, and secretary of the Joint Legislative Committee on Consumer Protection. Initiated 1970.

### Dr. Vera Micheles Dean

International Affairs specialist; writer; teacher; on staff of Foreign Policy Association as research associate; editor research publications. Initiated pre-1962.

### Mrs. Janet Hill Gordon

State Assembly member at age twenty-nine; State Senator; always interested in teaching children that "politics is everybody's business — and only as clean as those who become involved in it." Initiated pre-1962.

### Mrs. Natalie Hayes Hammond

Director Hammond Museum at North Salem; recipient of citations by American Artist Professional League and New York State Federated Garden Club. Initiated 1967.

### Dr. Helen M. Hosmer

Director Crane Department of Music, State Teachers College, Potsdam; writer for many professional magazines; active in work of regional and national organizations of music teachers; assisted with survey for the President's Intercultural Exchange program at the State Department in Washington. Initiated 1961.

Mrs. Elizabeth Janeway

Author; critic; lecturer; author of Man's World, Woman's Place; recipient of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Educator Award in 1972. Initiated 1973.

Mrs. Margaret E. Jenkins

Dynamic leader in the Congress of Parents and Teachers, having served as president of the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers and later as President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Initiated 1960.

Dr. Ida Adele Jewett

Associate Professor of English, Columbia University Teachers College (1936); one of the founders of Pi State and its first corresponding secretary; co-author **Better Selection of Better Teachers**. Initiated pre-1962. (deceased)

Mrs. Marion C. Link

Writer on undersea projects connected with marine archeology and experimental deep-sustained diving; a former newspaper writer. Initiated 1967.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mallory

Bacteriologist at Ideal Hospital, Endicott; honors in the field of health and education; president of New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers; president of National Congress of Parents and Teachers; listed in 4th edition of Who's Who of American Women. Initiated 1971.

Princess Wari Martin

Strives for cultural exchange between Indians and non-Indians; operates a Mohawk Trading Post where authentic Indian articles are made and sold; working with Indian girls who are seeking to develop native skills and expand their educational opportunities. Initiated 1974.

Mrs. Elizabeth Luce Moore

Volunteer social worker: writer and researcher for Time and Fortune magazines; editorial work for Charles E. Merrill Publishers; served as trustee of Wellesley College, State University of New York, China Institute of America and of the Asia Foundation. Initiated 1973.

Mrs. Elma R. Patterson

Supervisor of Indian Services for New York State. Initiated 1973.

Ersa H. Poston

Social worker; Ione female member of New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller's Cabinet; appointed by him in 1967 as president of the New York Civil Service Commission; professional and civic work connected with youth and recreation in New York City as well as regional won her many, coveted awards. Initiated 1973.

### Mrs. Helen Power

Member Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, with committee work on higher and professional education, legislation and others; many honors for outstanding service to her community. Initiated 1965.

Mrs. Iva Gorton Sprague

Vice President of World Education and trustee of Literacy Village in Lucknow, India; sharer in efforts to raise educational and economic levels of disadvantaged people. Initiated pre-1962.

### Mrs. Kate Bruce Wallis

Notable service to education as chairman of local council of State University at Buffalo; member Governor's Committee for International Official Visitors; community services as member of the boards of Junior League, Children's Hospital; Women's Committee of Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra; "Distinguished Service Award" 1963, S.U.C. at Buffalo for service to the school. Initiated 1969.

Dr. Hyla Watters

Medical missionary in China and Africa for thirty-five years; taught all of her adult life as a missionary; ordained minister in the Methodist Church; awarded a citation in recognition of fifty years devoted to service of the public in the practice of medicine. Initiated 1974.

### Maude I. West

Town historian, Irondequoit; author of **The Irondequoit Story**, a history of French Invasions, Pioneers and Indian Settlements. Initiated 1958. **Margaret Widdemer** 

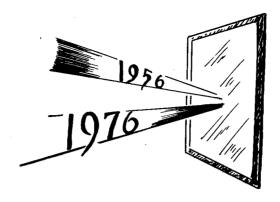
Poet; novelist; critic; Pulitzer Award in 1919 for "Old Road To Paradise"; Saturday Review and English poetry awards; with Robert Frost and John Farrar, instrumental in organizing the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference (1928) in Middlebury, Vermont. Initiated 1975.

### Jessie T. Zoller

President of the Board of Education in Schenectady for twenty-three years; deeply interested in education, gave much towards the improvement of schools in her community; two schools, one in Schenectady and one in the high mountains of Peru named for Mrs. Zoller. Initiated 1959.

### LOCAL HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Many chapters exercise the privilege of electing women in the local area to honorary membership. These non-member women were chosen for the service they gave to education and the welfare of women.



# The Second Twenty Years

This "Second Twenty Years, 1956-1976" of Pi State continues Dr. Alice A. Pierce's admirable work contained in the "First Twenty Years, 1936-1956". The Society grew in strength by adaptation to the changing times, while keeping the original dream of Annie Webb Blanton — the recognition of women in all levels of teaching, the advancement of their stature in education, and their participation in the activities of the world.

The physical changes of the State organization were easily seen. During the twenty years 1956-1976 chapters grew in number from twenty-six to sixty-nine. Chapter membership increased from 1416 to 4114 and honorary state memberships from fourteen to twenty-nine. The whole area of New York State is now encompassed in five regional divisions, instead of the original three.

With the increase of chapters and regions within the State, the President and Executive Secretary found it difficult to carry the mission of Pi State to all its meetings. The State Officers agreed to divide the visitations to chapter and regional meetings among them according to an invitational or a geographic basis.

Pi State grew with the changing times. Its flexibility in adapting the policies and practices set down by Annie Webb Blanton were its strengtn. Its Birthday Luncheon and Founders Day Ceremony retained a reverence for its founding. The quality of its leadership was shown in the write-ups of the aims and accomplishments of the eleven presidents over the past twenty years. The advancement of women teachers and their personal growth were summarized in the reports of committees and the projects carried on by the State. Individual satisfaction of work with others was indicated by the members themselves as they recalled joy in achievement and friendship gained. They were furthering Annie Webb Blanton's dream in their search for outstanding youth and in their meeting the challenges of today's society.

Individual projects of Pi State showed the concern of its members for the education of others. Its yearly scholarships to members, the Indian Project, the Literacy Village Funds, Books for India, the North American Project and the Gladys L. Mersereau Award to non-members contributed to the advancement in education both in and outside of Pi State.

During the earlier years the work of Pi State was carried on by committees composed of statewide membership. In 1962 the Long Term Plan of Committee structure of the International organization was given to Pi State and transmitted to the chapters. The work of the original committees was grouped into three major areas. This grouping was designed to give strength and meaning to its efforts.

SOCIETY BUSINESS Audit and Finance Expansion Nominating Selective Recruitment Membership PROGRAM OF WORK Community Service Legislation Research Program Professional Growth

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES International Relations Publications and Publicity Scholarship

Other regular committees were Awards, Consitution, Historical Records, Necrology, Pi Lights and Scrapbook. To carry on special events, projects or emergencies, Ad Hoc committees were used. In 1974 the Constitution was revised changing several of the above committees and their places in the three major areas.

# Pi State Presidents



VIRGINIA FITZ RANDOLPH 1957

In 1956, Miss Virginia Fitz Randolph of Yonkers, a member and past president of Gamma Chapter, was serving Pi State as its ninth president. At this time, the start of the State's second twenty years, Pi State had 1,458 members in 29 chapters and International had 56,000 members in 1,250 chapters.

Virginia graciously represented Pi State at the dedication of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society's new headquarters building in Austin, Texas. Her description of the beauty of the building and its furnishings was colorful and inspiring.

Virginia continued to encourage all members to know their Society well. She especially commended to them the scholarly history of Pi State, THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS 1936-1956, which the author, Dr. Alice A. Pierce had prepared with great devotion. Believing that leaders and members succeed by cooperating, Virginia visited chapters, supported committees and enlisted willing support.

Recovering from a critical illness, Virginia completed her second year in office during which three chapters were installed: Alpha Zeta, Alpha Eta and Alpha Theta.

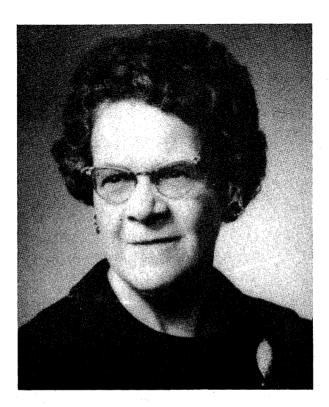


LOUISE H. BLOOD 1957-1959

Mrs. Louise H. Blood of Middletown, a charter member and past president of Zeta Chapter, became the tenth president of Pi State. She brought to the office a love of young people sustained through long years of teaching and a commitment to responsible leadership.

Louise directed attention to the International program focus, "Professional Growth: Living a Productive Life". She was especially gifted in inspiring participation in chapter meetings and activities, and at regionals where small group discussions were held on procedures and projects of the Society. It was during her term of office that many members of Pi State were assuming leadership roles in their professional organizations.

During her biennium, Louise was the well-deserved recipient of the Pi State Achievement Award. This was presented to her in recognition of her outstanding service to Pi State, especially in expansion. It was fitting, therefore, that five chapters — Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Mu and Alpha Nu — were installed during her biennium.



HELEN M. OVERS 1959-1961

Miss Helen M. Overs of Fredonia, past president of Kappa Chapter, was elected the eleventh president of Pi State. Helen had a background of experience in positions at every level of the Society and she was wholly committed to its high purposes.

Helen was a dedicated teacher, counselor and churchwoman whose life was devoted to service to others. She was deeply interested in selective recruitment and scholarship programs and she was grateful that the members generously supported the special scholarship funds, both State and International.

This biennium was an historic one. It was Helen's privilege to preside over Pi State's Silver Anniversary Convention, a joyous occasion. She welcomed the opportunity for the members to meet and hear the International President, Miss Zora Ellis. International's history, OUR HERITAGE, had been published and the Society's long-range planning was being studied.

Helen was pleased with the expansion of the state by the addition of eight chapters, the largest number ever in one biennium: Alpha Pi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Tau, Alpha Upsilon and Alpha Phi.



NELLIE BRUMELLE 1961-1963

Following Helen Overs, Miss Nelle Brumelle of Potsdam, a charter member and past president of Lambda Chapter, was installed as the twelfth president of Pi State. Enthusiastic, determined, energetic, Nelle exemplified the high standards she held consistent with the honor of membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Nelle was ever mindful of the purposes of the Society. She believed that it was important for members to know its policies and procedures and to faithfully accept their responsibilities. She sought to involve the younger members more actively while improving the participation of all. She herself was a worthy model by having an almost perfect record of attendance at meetings, regionals and conventions at every level, chapter, state and International. When International approved a new structure for committees, Nelle introduced them to the State and began to help chapters change from the traditional pattern.

Alpha Chi, Alpha Pi and Alpha Omega were added to Pi State.

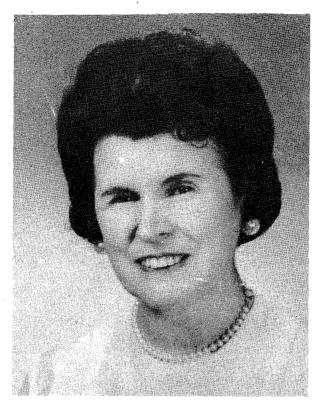


FRANCES C. JOHNSON 1963-1965

Miss Frances C. Johnson of Worcester, a charter member and past president of Rho Chapter, who had been initiated as a State member, was the thirteenth president of Pi State. Frances brought to the office her experiences as a State officer along with those as a teacher, organist, author and speaker.

Frances recognized that many changes were affecting education and the Society as well. Since she believed in gradual change, she guided chapters in adjusting to the differences found in the new "International Handbook". On the state level, she appointed the first Pi State Finance Committee, and worked for the creation of a Fifth Region. Frances was joined by Dr. Carolyn Guss, International President, in welcoming Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher as an International Honorary member at the initiation ceremony held at her birthplace, Rome, New York. Support for her work at Literacy Village in Luchnow, India, became a popular Pi State\*-project.

When three chapters, Alpha Chi, Alpha Psi and Alpha Omega, were installed, at last all of the territory in New York State had been organized into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.



A. MARIE MURPHY 1965-1967

Dr. A. Marie Murphy of Lockport, an initiate and past president of Alpha Theta Chapter, became the fourteenth president of Pi State. Having served the State in many positions, she had become well-known to the members as friendly and efficient.

Marie was a creative teacher who was in tune with International's focus on "Creativity". She wholeheartedly encouraged originality as the members worked out programs and activities in their chapters and in the State. She chose "Creativity" as the theme of the 30th Anniversary Pi State Convention. Throughout her biennium reports revealed that more and more of the members were writing articles and books, receiving scholarships, winning honors, contributing to the Society's projects and taking advantage of the Society's programs at every level. Before she left office, Pi State had formed its own Educational Foundation with later became the Gladys L. Mersereau Award. Marie was honored by being selected to serve as the General Chairman of International's 1968 Convention to be held in New York City.

Marie installed two chapters, Beta Delta and Beta Epsilon and she accepted a new song for Pi State.



FREDERICA HOLLISTER 1967-1969

Miss Frederica Hollister of Endicott, took office as the fifteenth president of Pi State. A member of Beta Rho Chapter, she was initiated and past president of Beta Chapter and later a transfer and charter member of Xi Chapter and later of Beta Rho Chapter.

Frederica carried out her goal of advancing the professional interests and position of women in education. Through her many visits to chapters and regionals, members came to admire her brilliance and to be delighted by her wit. She introduced the idea of a Pi State Indian Project as her presidential project and she had the pleasure of greeting the first two recipients of the grants. She helped to complete plans for a Pi State Foreign Study Grant, the first such grant awarded by a state in the Society. Among many successful programs was that of expansion, with six chapters installed: Beta Zeta, Beta Eta, Beta Iota, Beta Kappa and Beta Lambda.

The highlight of her biennium was the International Convention in New York City. Frederica as the official hostess was joined by Mrs. Nell B. McMains, International President and presiding officer, Dr. A. Marie Murphy, General Chairman and many loyal, responsible members of Pi State in a memorable convention.



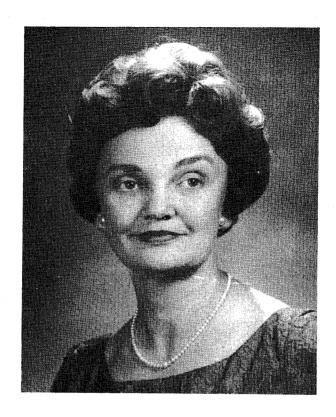
RUTH E. WILLIAMS 1969-1971

Miss Ruth E. Williams of Great Neck was elected the sixteenth president of Pi State. A past president of Omicron Chapter, she had been initiated into Rho Chapter.

Ruth earned respect as a tactful leader with high standards who sincerely enjoyed working with others. She chose to stress the first purpose of the Society, "to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship". She pledged to secure wider participation of the membership at the grassroots. She encouraged interest in the Pi State Indian Project, her special project. She gave her support to the new coordinating councils and to Literacy Village, as well. She welcomed Beta Nu into Pi State.

Believing that an understanding of the Society is strengthened by contacts at the International level, she led many members to attend and to participate in the International Regional, the Convention and several workshops. She was pleased that many members were able to meet the International President, Dr. Dorothy L. Johnson, the honored guest and speaker at the 31st Pi State Convention.

Members had responded well to her Convention theme, "Let Us Be Up and Doing".

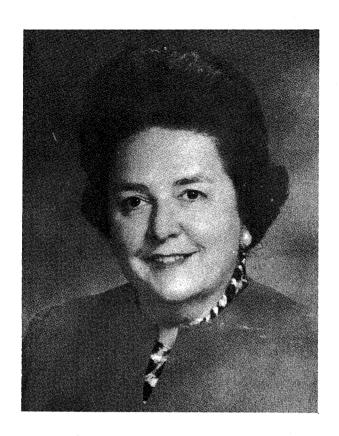


MARY TAYLOR PUTNAM 1971-1973

The seventeenth president of Pi State was Mrs. Mary Taylor Putnam of Sodus. An initiate and past president of Alpha Theta Chapter, she transferred to Omega Chapter and later became a charter member of Beta Theta Chapter.

Mary chose the sixth purpose of the Society as her emphasis and she proceeded "to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action". This focus was in keeping with International's theme, "Change" and the changing times. As Mary worked with members throughout the State, she impressed them by her gracious friendliness and her competence. She demonstrated her executive skill in organizing a workshop on leadership. She cooperated with International on a workshop on membership. She supported changes as they developed. Pi Lights was expanded to four issues a year. Concern was given to retirement and retirees. An emergency fund brought relief to the flood victims of Hurricane Agnes. Membership in Pi State was increased as three chapters were installed: Beta Nu, Beta Xi and Beta Omicron.

As Mary had said, "Key women educators DO make a difference".



MARGARET V. HOCH

1973-1975

Mrs. Margaret V. Hoch of Lockport, past president of Alpha Theta Chapter, was the eighteenth president of Pi State. The years of Margaret's presidency were, as she said, "an exciting time to be a woman".

Margaret very ably represented the Society at meetings on the position and rights of women held by the Board of Regents, Assembly and Governor's Committee on IWY. Within the Society, she was given the honor of participating in the installation of Alpha Chapter in Mexico. At the 38th Pi State Convention members attending had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Phoebe Emmons, International President, who was the banquet speaker.

Margaret was a diligent leader who challenged members to use the results of the International Survey. She strengthened the committee structure and introduced innovations that improved procedures and participation at State conventions. The Pi State Indian Project became a continuing State project and the Foreign Study Grant was made available to a retired member. Pi State added three chapters, Beta Pi, Beta Sigma and Beta Tau.



ALTHEA H. MANTZ 1975-

In 1976, at the close of Pi State's second twenty years, Dr. Althea H. Mantz of White Plains was its nineteenth president. A past president of Gamma Chapter, Althea had held several positions at the State level.

A prodigious worker, Althea conducted meetings in a business-like manner and yet with warmth and cordiality. She made sure that almost every chapter was represented on the State committees. She appointed a new committee, World Fellowship, and two ad hoc committees to deal with the Bicentennial observance and the past and future of the Society. She chose Project North America as her presidential project. Her recommendation that Pi State have a legislative coordinator was approved and she made the appointment. Expansion continued, bringing Beta Upsilon and Beta Phisinto Pi State.

Althea was well prepared to lead Pi State into the era of its third twenty years. With 4100 members in 69 chapters, Pi State was a vital part of the International Society with a total of 138,000 members in 2521 chapters.

# Organization and Administration

The ADMINISTRATION of Pi State is governed by the Constitution of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and is carried on with representation from the chapters, its current state officers and past state presidents. All these state officers had experience in affairs of the Society.

The STATE OFFICERS who are elected by the Executive board members are the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, the Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary. The Treasurer, the Executive Secretary and the Editor of "Pi Lights" are selected by the Executive Board. The Parliamentarian is appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. The nominating committee is charged with selecting nominees from different parts of the state and is not bound to provide a perpetuating slate.

The EXECUTIVE BOARD is composed of elected officers, state founders, past president and current presidents of all chapters. To these are added, non-voting ex-officio members, the executive secretary, the treasurer, and the parliamentarian. This body recommends policies and procedures for the consideration of the assembly at state convention. Each voting member indicates her choice by the use of a red voting card, a practice originated in 1971.

The Board still meets in September in Syracuse for discussion and presentation of new ideas. Meetings have been enlivened with a pause for music so dear to the heart of Annie Webb Blanton and mini-workshops in which some phase of organization is presented.

The CORPORATION MEETING. Pursuant and in conformity with the Membership Corporation law of the State of New York Pi State has a membership certificate dated April 18, 1937 signed by five state founders as directors. This certificate gives Pi State the right to exist in New York State.

At the end of each state convention general session, the state president calls a corporation meeting to order. There being no business, adjournment is called for

The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. All matters that relate to membership, expansion, supplies, services to committees and other matters not



specifically designated are the duties of the executive secretary. Since 1951 when the Executive Board selected Gladys Mersereau for this position, she has been the catalist for the growing organization of Pi State.

Miss Mersereau's annual reports reflect but a few of all the services she performs. She has served as resource to president after president; she is exofficio member of the Executive Board, and the finance Committee. She is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Gladys L. Mersereau Award. She carries out the plans for regional meetings. In 1956 she began the sale of Delta Kappa Gamma stationery at state and regional meetings. The profits from this sale and other articles sold provide scholar-

ships. She introduced the golden New York State pin for the Pi State members to wear at International conventions, the first one being worn at Minneapolis.

Gladys' home in Endicott is a repository of reports, supplies and machinery. Here she mimeographs all committee reports for state conventions, and compiles the yearbook each summer. Here she is ever a gracious hostess for Pi State officers and committee members.

In 1971 she organized a bus trip from Pi State to the Northeast Regional Conference at Mackinac Island, Michigan, a two day trip complete with meals, overnight accommodations with a side trip included. She did the same for the 1973 Northeast Regional Conference at Louisville, Kentucky.

Gladys challenged Pi State with forward looking procedures in the strengthening and growth of the scholarship program in 1956, the Educational Foundation in 1966, the visitation to chapters of state officers and the organization of coordinating councils. To many Pi State members she is the personification of Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

The TREASURER is selected by the Executive Board. She is responsible for all money received and paid out, accurate books of such, reports to the organization, and presentation of the books for audit. During the second twenty years three members served in this office. Miss Ruth Fraser continued until 1966, concluding twelve years of devoted service. Miss Phyllis Ellison, a transfer from Washington State, assumed the position, serving until 1970 when she retired. The treasurer's duties had so increased in 1969-70 that she was assisted by Mrs. Kathryn Casey.

Miss Helen Maly, a past state vice president, became treasurer in 1970. Miss Maly had just returned from a two year Home Economics administrative experience in Filaner Institute, Roxas Paney, in the Philippines. During her years of office State projects and other activities have increased. These many accounts need separate attention. Helen maintains a series of ledgers for these many funds, and directs the flow of finances into correct channels.

A STATE CONVENTION was held in either April or May. The ever increasing attendance at these State meetings decreased the number of centers that could be used. These spring conventions, as well as the Northeast Regional meetings held in odd years and the International conventions held in even years, could well be attended by the membership of Delta Kappa Gamma Society at large. At these meetings is found the inspiration in membership and the overall picture of being a member. Here too the thrill of the formal Birthday Luncheon and the Founders Celebration touches one. Here one hears the official State song "The Red Rose of Delta Kappa Gamma" adopted in 1971, sees the Delta Kappa Gamma banner with the coat of arms presented by Lucille Ridley in 1958 and the red Bible given by Past President Louise Blood in 1969. As Gladys Mersereau has said, "Until you get away from your chapter into a larger group, you do not appreciate the many facets of the organization."

The procession of presidents lends dignity to the office in the chapters. After 1968 each President wore one red rose. The money that would have purchased a full corsage is donated to some Pi State project. It was used for the Pi State Indian Project, Literacy Village and Helen Maly's missionary work in the Philippines.

At the State meetings members learn of the business life of the Society, since 1962 sing at least five minutes, participate in its many workshops, and become acquainted with Chapter, State and International affairs. In 1974 the Executive Board voted that new business should be planned in advance in order to streamline the meeting. Much of the business is now channeled directly to the Executive Board beforehand.

The CHAPTER is the basis of the State organization. Each chapter covers a geographical area of the state within one of the five regions. In officer and committee structure its composition is patterned on that of the International and State organizations. It is tied to these two by directives but has freedom in presenting ideas and resolutions. Continuity within these organizations is maintained by the overlapping of the terms of officers, committees, and chapter presidents.

During the second twenty years continuous efforts were made to form chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma Society throughout Pi State where interest and potential were evident. Many Pi State leaders offered great encouragement and tireless effort to promote expansion to the point where the "white blotches" on the Pi State map were covered with chapters accessible to all women teachers who qualified and desired to join. Efforts were made to bring in younger women to provide replacements for retiring teachers. Pi State lent support through visitations of officers, a gift of a \$50 fund to start each treasury, a red initiation scarf and the expenses for two years to the state convention for the President.

Expansion may be effected by an individual or by a chapter through permission of the Executive Board. A new chapter may be made by the splitting of the membership of an existing chapter or the creation of a new one. During the second twenty years twenty-two new chapters were created.

The COORDINATING COUNCILS. With the growth of chapters within a geographical area of Pi State the Executive Board felt there was a need for a liason body to provide a clearing house for chapter activities and projects. This brought into being the Coordinating Council with a clearly defined structure. According to the policies and procedures drawn up in 1972 the Coordinating Council can not make policy but provides guidance in membership, publicity, programs and joint meetings.

Six such coordinating councils were set up in the second twenty years. The first one was developed on Long Island in 1968 and called the Southeast Coordinating Council. This one was followed by the Westchester-Putnam County Coordinating Council in 1971 and by the Capital District Coordinating Council in 1972. Since that time three others have been named: The Rochester Area Coordinating Council, the Tri-County Coordinating Council and the Syracuse Coordinating Council.

The COMMITTEES. The work of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Pi State is carried on through committees that are appointed by the President in her first year of office. These committee chairmen work with two groups of presidents who are elected in even number years. In this way the continuity within the state program is provided.

The REGIONALS. In 1971 Catherine Rathman, an International Executive Secretary said, "Regionals offer an opportunity for the exchange of ideas." This applied to the State regional meetings as well as to International ones. One-day regionals were held in the first three regions from 1954 to 1958 when four regions functioned. In 1965 the number of regions was increased to five. At these first regionals a theme was suggested by Executive Secretary Gladys Mersereau for the meetings hosted by chapters within the area alphabetically. Programs were divided into a general meeting followed by Society business workshops at which committee chairmen led discussions. State officers were consultants. Within the past few years the workshops have been led by State officers. The evaluation sheet at the close of the season gives members an opportunity to offer suggestions to the State. This procedure is not followed strictly by all the regions; each region is given some freedom in forming its own programs.

The NORTHEAST REGIONAL. At Northeast Regionals held in the odd numbered years within thirteen states of the northeastern United States no business is conducted. The program is planned to acquaint the members with the Society, its aims and practices. The formal occasions of Presidents' Procession, Birthday Luncheon and Founders Ceremony are continued.

The INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS are held in the even numbered years. At these, Society business that binds the States and Chapters is presented. Every member attending the convention is a delegate and has a vote. If there is a tie, only the presidents vote.

There is a closeness between the International, State and Chapter organizations as the chain of relations proceeds from the top to the individual member. Following the national slogan "Have a Share" Pi State participated, during the eighteen month period from 1954-1956 in raising funds for the national headquarters building in Austin, Texas.

Pi State was hostess to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention August 6 to 8, 1968. Advance investigation by Nelle Brumelle, past president of Pi State 1961-1963, located it in the Americana Hotel in New York City. Early work by Dr. Marie Murphy, appointed chairman in August 1966 found fourteen committees from seventeen chapters on the formal list to concentrate on plans for the event. Hundreds of loyal Pi State members gave unstintingly of their labor to make arrangements perfect. Pi State's originality was shown in the beautiful presentation of "New York Tapestry". This production used dancing, music, choral reading and songs of ethnic groups that composed the population of New York City, a tribute to Emma Lazarus who wrote "Give me your tired . . ."

# Program Themes

Dr. Alice A. Pierce once said, "The most rewarding experience (I have had) has been the witnessing from year to year of the sure and steady growth of the organization in membership of women leaders."

Part of this growth came about through the program themes. Pi State followed the themes introduced by the International Society to be reflected in the chapter committees. A single theme like an early one "Unseen Horizons" could be interpreted by the chapters as they wished, even to the use of unrelated topics.

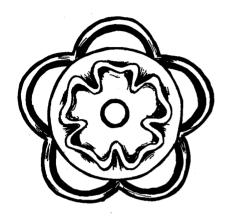
Long range themes for three to four years began in 1959 with "Thresholds on the World." In this year a four year theme "Opening Doors on Tomorrow's World" was broken down into yearly foci: "Threshold on the World", "Understanding Unfamiliar Cultures", "Developing Human Resources", and "Opening Doors on Tomorrow's World". The chapters noted these as their programs in the yearbooks give evidence. Gradually fuller acceptance of the themes came with Pi State committee leadership of Martha Sternal encouraging their use and giving definite materials in assistance.

This four year sequence was followed in 1963-1967 with "New Dimensions-NewGoals" broken down into "Changing Patterns in Culture", "Changing Patterns in Other Cultures", and "Nature and Nurture of Creativity". This series brought a recognition of other people's place in the world. Then in 1967-70 came the exciting "Critical Analysis of Value-Basis for Action" into "Values in Our Culture", "Our Value Patterns and Those of Others" and "Changing Values of Women".

In September 1970 Loretta Halek, International Co-ordinator of Program Service, held an all day Workshop on Program Focus in Binghamton.

This led directly into the questions of everyday life that accompany the woman's movement: "Changing Times — Challenge or Dilemma". This was broken into "Women and Changing Times", "Culture in Changing Times", "Education in Changing Times" and "Women Educators in Changing Times". True to women leaders' assertiveness the last year of this twenty year period led to "Positive Leadership for Purposeful Action". Annie Webb Blanton's dream was continuing.

# Pi State Achievement Award



A Pi State Achievement Award is given to one member of Pi State each year. To qualify as a candidate for this award, a member must have done outstanding work for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on the State level. A State President is ineligible during her term of office. Names of nominees are submitted by each chapter with their qualifications. The recipient is selected from these by a state committee — based on the caliber and value of the work she did at State level. The award is made at State Convention.

### STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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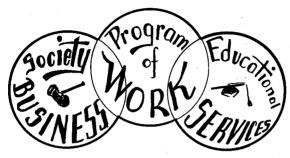
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Alpha Gamma	April 19, 1956	Westchester Co.	Lena Ryers, Gamma	Dorothy Engesser 37	2
Alpha Delta	May 4, 1956	Suffolk Co.	Louise Blood	Muriel H. Weber 80	0
Alpha Epsilon	May 26, 1956	Glens Falls	Cora Tobin, Delta		ເນ
Alpha Zeta	Feb. 9, 1957	Poughkeepsie	Louise Blood	Margaret Montaugh 58	ω
Alpha Eta	April 6, 1957	Rockland Co.	Margaret Ruth Thomas	hough	Ó
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Alpha Iota	Nov. 16,	Oswego	Gladys Mersereau	·	ဖွ
Alpha Kappa	April	Schenectady	Elizabeth Perry, Delta	Edith Starratt 55	īΩ
Alpha Lambda	June	Buffalo	Cornelia B. Roach	Ida M. Lautz 44	4
Alpha Mu		Auburn, Cayuga,	Kathryn C. Heffernan	Ada Bader 60	0
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Alpha Nu		Hndson	Elizabeth Schneck, Delta	Elizabeth O'Rourke 71	_
Alpha Xi	•	Rochester	Helen Quinn	Edythe M. Boozer 44	4
Alpha Omicron	April	Putnam Co.	Dorothy Engesser	Elizabeth A. Dadukian 46	ဖွ
Alpha Pi	April 30, 1960	N. Westchester Co.	Dorothy Engesser	Alice McDougall 54	4
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Alpha Rho	May 20, 1960	Elmira.	Gladys Mersereau	Carol L. Kendall 70	0
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Alpha Sigma	May 21, 1960	S.E. Cattaragus Co.	Rose Mary Wilcox	Marie Goss 58	œ
	June 6, 1961	Yates, Ontario Co.	Christine DeLucca	Beatrice Crooker 56	ဖွ
Alpha Upsilon	June 10, 1961	North Nassau Co.	Ruth Williams	Dorothy Hicks 76	ဖွ
			Alice Hirni		
Alpha Phi	June 10, 1961	South Nassau Co.	Ruth Williams	Martha L. Miller 64	4
			Alice Hirni		
Alpha Chi	June 15, 1962	Utica	Martha Gates		<u></u>
Alpha Psi	Oct. 20, 1962	Cobleskill	Elizabeth Perry	Margaret Ames 43	က
Alpha Omega	April 6, 1963		Alice A. Pierce		ω
Beta Alpha	March 14, 1964	Batavia	A. Marie Murphy	Dorothy Coughlin 46	ထ္

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# Society Business



The first broad area of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society structure during the second twenty year period was Society Business. These committees were involved in carrying out the business of the organization: Finance, Expansion, Leadership Development, Membership, Nominations.

### **FINANCE**

With the growth of funds for scholarships, state projects and increased membership, the need for finance planning and guidance became a significant part of Society work.

Early supervision of monies was given to the treasurer. In 1965 the Finance Committee became two committees, Auditing and Finance. With the change in committee structure, these two committees were forged into one called Committee on Finance.

Continuity in the finance business was kept by retaining at least one member on the new committee. After 1971 under instructions from International, the President appointed one member from each of the state areas to the Committee on Finance. Each new chairman of the committee was a member from the former committee. The treasurer, executive secretary and the president were ex-officio members.

The Committee on Finance supervised the expenditures of the Society and the investment of funds. It can by mail act on an emergency matter. It prepares a budget to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

### INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION

Besides expansion within the local areas, Pi State participated in the world. In 1952 the first chapter outside the jurisdiction of the United States was founded in western Canada. Since 1956, Delta Kappa Gamma Society became international in scope having organized chapters in nine other countries. Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Guatamala, Mexico, The Netherlands, Puerto Rico and several provinces in Canada established Delta Kappa Gamma Societies with the help of our national organization. Pi State was represented in organizational work in some Canadian provinces by Marion de Quetteville and in Mexico City by Margaret Hoch. Financial aid was extended through special gifts and financial provision was made for sponsorship of Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Scotland in the near future.

# Programs of Work

The second broad area of Delta Kappa Gamma Society's structure was Program of Work. This was carried on through a combination of committees working together as a whole and also as separate but related entities: Research, Program, Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Service.

#### STATE LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR

In 1976 the position of State Legislative Coordinator was revived during the biennium of President Althea Mantz as part of the Professional Affairs Committee. Marion Buchner, Pi Chapter, was named chairman for three years.

The areas were organized under five area chairmen, with a Chairman of Legislation in each chapter. A listing of area legislators was drawn up for each chapter and a Directory of New York State Legislators secured which served as a State legislative guide. Letters were sent in April urging support for selected bills.

The basic organization was set up at this time. The next goal planned was to set up a written platform with a broad focus. It aimed toward supporting what is best for children, the rights of teachers, the needs of retired teachers and guarding against pressure groups. The success of this will depend on individual response to legislative representatives and the Professional Affairs Committee

#### RESEARCH

Research Committees investigated topics suggested by International or Pi State Executive Board. Before 1960 the committee work included research for the biographies and figurines of Pioneer Women.

#### Pioneer Women

As we entered our second twenty year history period, the work on pioneer women changed in format. Specific suggestions for projects on Pioneer Women coming from the International Convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in August 1958 were as follows:

- Personal history of each state and/or chapter founder with photograph.
  - 2. Personal history of each state president with photograph.
  - 3. Personal history of each chapter president with photograph.
  - Personal history of each chapter member with photograph.
     Proposing names of Delta Kappa Gamma for honorary degrees.

- 6. Recommending to boards of education that new schools be named for women.
- 7. Investigating the background of women for whom schools have been named.
- 8. Preparing tape recordings of "off the record" speeches of retiring teachers.

The formal committee on Pioneer Women was discontinued in 1964. The interest in this was continued in the completion of biographies of State leaders and in chapter histories.

#### The Research Committee

Under the following Reasearch Committee chairmen these studies were made with the assistance of their committee members:

From 1960-1962 Doris M. Cole listed the study topics members engaged in during the previous five years and investigated reasons for changes in teaching position.

During the change-over in committee structure, 1962-1965, Amelia Whelahan worked on obtaining biographies of Pi State Founders and Past Presidents.

In 1965-1967 International Society requested a profile of a Delta Kappa Gamma member by means of individual questionnaires in each state. Doris Morton translated the compilation of the details of this questionnaire to a large chart for display at State Convention in Glens Falls and the International Convention at Cleveland. Also on display was Pi State's panel exhibit, "The Nature and Nurture of Creativity" drawn from the details of the questionnaire.

Priscilla Wolfe in 1967-1969 suggested a list of possible research projects that could be beneficial to Pi State members.

In 1969-1971 Celia G. Stahl made a comparative study of the ages of members, which showed a trend toward initiating young women as well as recognizing the successful older educator.

Ann Bantuvanis in 1971-1973 surveyed chapter membership in relation to types of position held.

Helen Gahimer in 1973-1975 prepared a directory of doctorates held in chapters with field of specialization and present positions. She made a study of recruitment grants over the past twelve years, collated the services each performed and its fund raising activities. She collected the data on which the Chapter of the Year Award was selected. This award was given in 1975 only with Beta Mu Chapter obtaining the greatest number of points.

In 1975-1976 Lorraine Rouget summarized an International Self-Appraisal Inventory and investigated hotels in New York State large enough to hold State Conventions.

#### **SELECTIVE RECRUITMENT**

The demand for teachers at the onset of the second twenty years of Pi State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society generated continued interest in selective recruitment. Most chapters included selective recruitment in their programming, often planning a tea or a panel discussion or a combination of

both. Guests were usually members of FTA clubs, senior girls interested in teaching, student teachers and occasionally first-year teachers. "Grants-In Aid", financial awards, were given by many chapters. These ranged in

value from \$10-\$100.

In the mid-sixties it became evident that the continual construction of new school buildings and the demand for new teachers were at an end. Members of Pi State responded most professionally to such realities. Under the Committee on Professional Affairs, selective recruitment continued, albeit on a smaller scale. Recruitment grants reflected inflation, totaling \$2025 in 1966 and \$3850 in 1976, with a few grants at \$400-\$500.

Individual members deserve recognition for their service to selective recruitment. Dr. Elsa Brookfield, for her inspirational programs; Helen Overs for her service on International's Committee on Selective Recruitment; Frederica Hollister, for her survey of members supervising cadet teachers; Sara Jane Chilson, for five years of selling booklets on India in support of students there.

#### LITERACY VILLAGE

Dr. Welthy Honsinger Fisher, a native of Rome, New York, and an International Honorary Member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, decided after the death of her husband to remain in the Far East where they had worked as missionaries. In 1953 she founded House of Prayer for all Peoples in Literacy Village.

Her friend, Mahatma Gandhi, once said to her, "To the millions who have gone without two meals a day the only acceptable form in which God dare appear is food." This inspired her to establish a comprehensive training campus and to launch a pilot program combining functional literacy with food production.

Literacy Village has trained some 6000 literacy teachers who have gone out into the villages of India and taught some 150,000 illiterates. The program is training selected writers to produce materials suitable for the newly literate adult; produces materials in the audio-visual field; trains men and women selected for their potential to return to their villages as leaders; sends helpers to work with other organizations to promote similar goals.

The financing was made possible through funds contributed by the constituents of World Education, Inc., of which Dr. Fisher was president. Pi State contributed over \$6,000 realized through donations of corsage money, Literacy Village Money Tree, direct contributions and sale of glass cylinder candles bearing the motto "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

In January, 1967, at 96 years of age, Dr. Fisher broke her hip in India but in April, at the Pi State Convention she stood for one and one half hours as she enthusiastically related the story of her pioneering work in literacy and adult education.

## Educational Services

The third broad area of Delta Kappa Gamma Society's structure was Educational Services which were responsible for rendering educational and education-related services to and in behalf of the Society: Publications and Publicity, Scholarship, World Fellowship.

#### PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY

#### **Histories**

For many years Dr. Alice A. Pierce as historian of Pi State was the Chairman of Committee on History. Using materials plus the great store of information she had about Pi State as a founder, she wrote the first history of the organization and called it simply "The First Twenty Years, 1936-1956."

Until 1969 Dr. Pierce remained historian, changing title in 1963 with the Long Range Plan to Chairman on Historical Records. During these years she gave a delightful program on the heritage of Delta Kappa Gamma in Pi State, using slides, her collected material, and her own knowledge.

In 1970 Paulina Dennis, who had assisted Dr. Pierce, was named Chairman on Historical Records. The emphasis of the chairman now is to collect from the chapters their formal written histories. She suggested to the individual chapters that these histories contain a dedication, accurate records, the story of the beginning and growth and present status, lists of charter members, pictures and sketches.

At the close of the year 1976, 35 histories had been written; three of them were second editions. They varied from the booklet of Alpha, with a theme correlating the history of the chapter to the growth of one Delta Kappa Gamma rose to a single sheet of data. Their value is great as they told the story not only of the chapters but of Pi State. They showed the important growth that is part of Annie Webb Blanton's dream of expansion. **Scrapbooks** 

One item that added to the history of Pi State was the large Pi State scrapbook exhibited each year at Convention. The first one was presented May 2, 1959 by Marie Mallory. It was shown with chapter scrapbooks which until 1970 were in competition with each other. The chapters were still urged to exhibit the scrapbooks at State Convention but to use them as part of their historical resources.

Many details of Pi State history may be found in booklets mentioned elsewhere in this history: the red President's Book containing biographies of the founders, state presidents and other members who have served Pi State; the Memorial Book recording the gifts to Pi State kept by the State Treasurer; the Book of Remembrance containing the necrology list and the scholarship books of Anne Cleveland 1965 and Lucy Wing 1972, "Scholarships: International - Pi State".

#### Yearbooks

Pi State's first printed year book was issued for the biennium 1958-1960 with lists of chapters, their officers and members with addresses and programs. Listed also were Pi State officers and committees, award winners, honorary members, International officers and regional representatives. The 1962-1963 issue began the yearly publication.

The yearbook was enlarged in 1966. In 1968 the book was a full one with a supplement for the odd year. Information was constantly added. In 1969 members legal names with positions were used; dates or organization of chapters, the area of chapters and a map. The Executive Secretary compiles and proofreads the material sent in by the chapters.

In 1970 a complete yearbook was mandated and chapters reconstructed their committees for it. In 1972 Gladys Mersereau requested artistic members to submit designs without dates for the covers. In 1971 retired teachers names were followed with their activities. The yearbooks were a valuable source of information about Pi State and its members.



Pi Lights

By 1956 "Pi Lights" had grown from a semi-annual newsletter issued by chapters in rotation to a four page printed, self-supporting publication issued three times a year by an appointed editor, Katherine Reichel. The fall and spring issues gave statewide news of chapters and individuals while the June issue reported the events of the State Convention. Mrs. Reichel received recognition at the 1958 International Convention in Minneapolis for its format, contents and dissemination of the Society's program of work.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter members became the mailing Committee in 1960 when Mabelle McNulty was appointed editor. The paper went to commercial printing and mailing in that year. In recognition of her work on 'Pi Lights' Mabelle was asked to be a member of the Publication and Publicity workshop at the Northeast Regional Conference in French Lick, Indiana, in 1961. She resigned as editor of 'Pi Lights' when she became president of the New York State Teachers Association.

Marie M. Cady, Alpha Omega, became editor-coordinator of "Pi Lights" with the November 1963 issue. With increased news coverage an occasional two pages were added until 1970 when it became either a six- or an eight-page publication.

After eight years of service to Pi State as editor of "Pi Lights" Marie Cady resigned. She was the recipient of the Achievement Award of that year.

Helen Kraus, Alpha Phi, accepted the appointment as editor in 1971. "Pi Lights" still is a four issue publication, well illustrated, carrying news, conference information, and biographies to every member of Pi State.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

One aim of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is "to endow scholarship to aid outstanding women teachers in pursuing graduate study".

In relating to this aim Pi State rapidly increased its scholarship program in the second twenty year period. During the years 1946 to 1957 fifteen scholarships were awarded. The stress had been on the summer school scholarship of \$150. But chapters and individual members increased the state scholarship fund. When \$500 was accumulated, the treasurer was instructed to purchase



United States Government Bonds for future scholarships.

By 1961 the state fund had reached \$21,000. The Executive Secretary, feeling that the state scholarship program had not been strong enough, suggested that an appraisal of it be made. Upon the report of this committee, the Alice A. Pierce Scholarship of \$500 to be awarded annually was established. The first award was made in 1962 for a graduate summer session or a full time study during the academic year.

The second annual \$500 award began in 1967 named in honor of Ruth M. Fraser who had served as treasurer from 1954 to 1965. The Ruth Mack Haven \$500 award began in 1970 in honor of Pi State's first president. In that year a decision was made to name the succeeding awards in honor of the Pi State presidents in order of their years of service whenever \$500 was available. The second one was for Elsa Brookfield, the only president to serve two consecutive terms.

Th Pi State Educational Foundation evolved from the report of the special scholarship committee of 1961. Its recommendations were that scholarships be increased as funds became available, that the Foreign Study Scholarship be extended to include a teacher from another country to study in the United States and that members of Pi State be adequately informed about scholarships available to them. This was approved at the April 1967 Executive Board meeting, the action following a gift of Pi State to the newly formed Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Education Foundation in 1966.

However, this was never used as a foundation. In 1974 a Board of Trustees for the Gladys L. Mersereau Award was created. It consisted of seven members — the President, the First Vice President, the immediate Past President, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer and two members elected by the State Executive Board from names of candidates submitted

by the State Nominating Committee. This group meets at the time of the state convention each year and may meet at other times as expedient. Its members choose the recipients of the Gladys L. Mersereau Award.

The recommendations of 1961 also provide a repository for legacies and memorial gifts. This is a beautiful red and gold Book of Memorials presented by Phyllis Ellison, a past state treasurer. The book has been kept by the current state treasurer since 1966.

During the biennium 1963-1965 Chairman Anne Cleveland emphasized the philosophy that presentation of awards should honor and reward the recipient rather than stress the financial need of the moment. To support this philosophy and to give a tangible report of the scholarships to the chapters she prepared an excellent scholarship handbook entitled "Scholarships: International Pi State 1964." During her term as chairman she proposed the Penny-a-Day funding which brought in for two years a penny a day from each membership, enough to establish a scholarship. In 1972 Dr. Lucy Wing brought the scholarship information up-to-date with a booklet entitled the same with the year 1972.

Other scholarship awards were established. In 1964 the Jeannette Johnson of Xi Chapter award was set up from a bequest that this member made to Pi State. It was awarded whenever the interest accumulated to \$500. A similar award was made in the name of Mrs. Jennie F. Snapp who gave in honor of Xi Chapter. In 1973 a suggestion for a scholarship for a retired teacher was made.

In 1969 two scholarships were set up for a yearly workshop type of study. These, \$250 each, were for members reluctant to ask for a scholarship for a specific project that does not require a larger sum.

The scholarship funds grew through the chapters' contributions, interest on funds and gifts. The quality of the recipients and the programs they continued through these scholarships was clearly shown when these women received their awards at the state conventions. These scholarships were an answer to another of Annie Webb Blanton's dream.

### Special International Scholarship

In 1958 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International proposed raising funds for a special \$2500 scholarship to be given in 1960 in each state, province, and territory "To insure the intelectual eminence of the United States".

Nelle Brumelle was appointed Pi State chairman of this special project. It was thought that one dollar from each Pi State member with other money from the fund raising projects would bring the required amount.

Pi State was commended by International for its participation in the Special Scholarship Fund. Pi State International Scholarship was presented to Dr. Angela Pace, Beta Chapter, Pi State for a "Study of the Training Program in Italy or England for Teachers of Arithmetic, Grades 1 to 4" and "Study of Procedures used by Italian or English Children in Solving Verbal Problems in Arithmetic", at the Americana Hotel, Bal Harbor, Florida, in 1960.

Silver Anniversary Scholarship.

Pi State's Silver Anniversary was celebrated May 5-7, 1961, at the

Sheraton Inn in Binghamton.

In preparation at the Executive Board meeting, September 1957, Virginia Randolph, Chairman of the Silver Anniversary Committee, urged each chapter to appoint a chairman and a committee to raise funds for a doctoral or anniversary scholarship in observance of the event. A year later the accumulated funds were placed in a savings account. Besides chapter and individual gifts, funds were raised by the sale of date calendars, anniversary plates, emblem bearing candles, and tiles with the Society's crest. In September Doris Nickerson, chairman of fund raising, proposed that \$2500 be set aside for the Silver Anniversary Scholarship.

At the convention in1961 the award was made to Mrs. Olla Goeway Rickert, Beta Chapter, for a graduate thesis "History of the French-Speaking Theater in Montreal, Canada, 1850-to the present."



Pi State Indian Project

The idea of a project to help Indian girls in New York State who hoped to enter the teaching profession was adopted by Pi State President Frederica Hollister as her special project. Erma White of Lambda Chapter, State Chairman of the project, and Ethel Van Wie of Alpha Omega Chapter helped to work out the necessary details. With voluntary contributions from members and the State the first two grants were awarded to Virginia Doctor of the Onondaga Reservation and Melissa Hill of the Tuscarora Reservation in 1968. The Pi State Committee continued to be appointed on an annual basis with Mary Templeton of Alpha Lambda Chapter as its second chairman. Finally, in 1975, the Pi State Indian Project was approved as a continuing one.

By the end of the second twenty years of Pi State, after nine years of the project, a total of fifteen Indian girls had received \$17,000 in aid. At first, only girls preparing to become teachers were considered; later, students preparing for any profession were accepted as applicants. At first, applicants had to be enrolled in colleges only in New York State; later, enrollment in a college anywhere was acceptable. Undergratuate work only was supported in the beginning; later, support was available for graduate

study also.

Funds for this project have always been contributed — by individuals, chapters and the State. Helen Kraus of Alpha Phi Chapter has won the sincere appreciation of Pi State for her continuing sale of jewelry at meetings, the single most consistent source of funds for the project.

The following girls have been the recipients of these grants: Virginia Doctor, Onondaga Melissa (Hill) Mercenti, Tuscarora Emily Tarbell, St. Regis Cheryl Parker, Seneca Gail Williams, Onondaga Jacqueline (Smith) Silva, Shinnecock Cheryl Thomas, Seneca Joanne (Seneca) Centafanti, Mohawk Bonnie (Crogan) Nastise, Tuscarora Jo Ann White, Oneida Nancy Powless, Onondaga Kerry Peters, St. Regis Darlene Silva, Shinnecock Wanda Miller, Six Nations Bernadine Eastman, Onondaga

### Foreign Travel and Study Scholarship

At the Pi State Convention in 1969, Charlotte Turner of Tau Chapter, received the first Pi State Foreign Study Scholarship of \$500 in support of her

participation in International's Beirut Study-Travel Tour.

During the 1950's, members in Pi State began to consider raising funds for a scholarship for a member studying abroad. Shortly thereafter, the Society at the International level became the co-sponsor of travel-study tours. International was authorized in 1968 at its Convention in New York City to set up its own foreign travel-study tours. At that time, Pi State's Foreign Study Fund had more than \$1,000 and applications for the first award had been prepared. The award made the next year went to "an active teacher who was accepted in one of International's foreign travel-study tours." Pi State was the first state in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to award such a scholarship.

Since then, a Foreign Travel and Study Scholarship has been awarded each year except one. In 1973, when two \$500 sums were available, only one was used. The next year, two awards were given, one to an active member

and the other to a retired member.

In 1973 the committee was renamed the Foreign Travel and Study Committee. Each year the committee sought applicants, the recipient to be selected on the basis of merit.

## Bicentennial Observance

Pi State observed the Nation's Birthday through a special State committee under Doris Morton appointed by President Althea Mantz and

through chapter Bicentennial activities.

The State Committee listed the Bicentennial activities in the chapters from the result of a questionnaire mailed to them. The committee researched a five act skit on the history of the schools in New York State. Entitled "A Salute to the Bicentennial from the Teachers of Pi State", it was presented at the State Convention in Glens Falls at the banquet. The Town Criers were a part of their plan. In the lobby of the hotel an exhibit, "The Common Schools of New York State" was set up.

Plans were formulated at this time for a Bicentennial quilt to be made by Pi State members to be displayed at the Pi State Convention in 1977.

# The Hour of Remembrance

The Hour of Remembrance service was continued as fitting memorial for Pi State members who had died during the year. This was a service of reverance and simplicity held on the Sunday of State Convention.

At a beautifully appointed setting the Committee on Necrology used Bible verses, meditation and music to pay tribute to the deceased members. During the service the chairman read each name while a member of her committee placed a white rose in a traditional flower bowl.



After the service the names were inscribed in a white leather Book of Remembrance kept by the Committee on Necrology. At the close of 1956, fifty-six names had been listed. At the close of 1976, three hundred sixty-four names had been added.

This book, kept since 1954 when the first Pi State Necrology Service was held at State Convention, and the printed list for each year contained the name of each member, month, day and year of her death and the name of the chapter to which she belonged.

## To The Future

Pi State can be proud of its accomplishments that during its second twenty years reflected the objectives of Annie Webb Blanton's dream. It can grow in efforts to bring about a further realization of this dream. A close look at its second twenty-year history shows that it had such plans for the future to benefit teachers everywhere:



"To UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship" — through expansion in local, national and world areas.

"To HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education"—by continuing and increasing honorary memberships in local, state, national and world areas.

"To ADVANCE the professional interest and position of women in education" — by participating in affairs that pertain to the growth and

benefit of women in meaningul progress.

"To SPONSOR and support desirable educational legislation and to initiate legislation in the interest of women educators" — by actively

taking a part in legislative questions.

"To ENDOW scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries" — by increasing the number of scholarships and fields of groups interested in education.

"To STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action"—by furnishing and initiating programs that inform and

provoke action.

"'To INFORM the membership to the end that they may become intelligent, functioning members of the world today" — by increasing communications and media whereby they may learn about the problems of the world.

The continuation of action in these fields of endeavor will carry the dream of Annie Webb Blanton to greater heights in the field of education.

