**Kappa State History**

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From June 1, 1958 to June 1, 1969

Organized by Mrs. Norma S. Bristow, National President

Chartered: January 26, 1938

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WE DEDICATE THIS SECOND VOLUME OF KAPPA STATE HISTORY:

*To Delta Kappa Gamma Women----*

*past, present, and future, who are willing*

*to share their time and money for the*

*advancement of the women of the world*

*toward a better understanding by providing*

*an opportunity for awareness that will*

*quicken their international pulse.*

This Volume II begins logically with KAPPA STATE Workshop, August 19, 1958, atop Petit Jean Mountain, with the program theme: “Opening Doors on Tomorrow’s World.”

April, 1959, the State Convention at Marion Hotel, Little Rock, for a one day session, Miss Madge Rudd, Past Regional Director, was the featured speaker.

August 23 – 25, the Workshop at Petit Jean. The highlight of this meeting was Miss Ola Hiller, International President, whose subject: “The Quest or Greatness.” Ida Ruth Reeves presented requirements for Kappa State’s second volume of “Pioneer Women in Education.”

1960 District meetings were combined, I, II, III at Little Rock; IV, V, VI at Arkadelphia in order that S.E. Regional Director, Miss Esther Holt, a guest in Arkansas, could meet with the two groups.

August at the Workshop with Miss Beatrice (B) Davis, S.E. Regional Director as consultant. Ninety-six members represented thirty-two chapters. From Mildred Pemberton’s minutes, she emphasized the spirit of DKG as combining fun, frolic, fellowship with inspiration, service and work. The growth of the society in the past 30 years is now over 72,000 members, and 50 states and 7 in Canada.

The biennium of 59 – 61, the slate of officers was relected (sic), and installed by past S.E. Regional Director, Miss Madge Rudd, with Mrs. Helen Henderson as president.

1961—April 28, 29, the State Convention at Little Rock, had Miss Zora Ellis, International President, as guest of honor at the Banquet and Constance Mitchell, a Kappa State Founder, was the luncheon speaker. Elizabeth Buck was elected the seventh *(sic: 8 presidents served: Annie Griffey was appointed the first president in 1934, Dr. Flora Gillentine was elected president in 1947)* President of Kappa State. Grace Mosley of Alpha Eta was Convention Chairman. 128 members from 37 chapters were in attendance.

1962—Petit Jean Workshop opened with 95 members from 31 chapters. Largest assembled for the Sunday evening meeting. State, as of date, has 99 honorary, 73 Reserve, 17 Life, and 1,524 Active. Marcia Tillman read excerpts from a 1952 Kappa State Bulletin printed during her editorship. Elizabeth Buck, State President, Presided.

April 1963—State Convention at Little Rock, with President Elizabeth Buck in the chair. Roll call of 81 present representing 31 chapters. Miss Aldia Parker, Los Angeles, International President, the honor guest and convention speaker. Mrs. Adgie Williamson, Gamma, was Convention chairman. Mrs. Buck was endorsed for S.E. Regional Director. Dr. Eva Dodge (Gamma) was the luncheon speaker.

Miss Parker installed officers for the next biennium, with Miss Julia McKemie, new President for Kappa State.

August, 1963, the Workshop has 121 members for 35 chapters. Miss Alyse Morton, S.E. Regional Director, was the inspirational leader. Mrs. Gladys Johnson, International Treasurer and former Kappa State President, was a guest. District meetings at Fayetteville, Newport and Pine Bluff.

1964, the Workshop, on day, was held in Hot Springs at Velda Rose Motel. A new $250 scholarship in memory of Mrs. Ida Ruth Reeves, El Dorado, was established. The State convention at Little Rock with Dr. Carolyn Guss, International President, was the speaker for the President, Founders Banquet, and Mrs. Faith Y. Knoop was the luncheon speaker.

Mrs. Rose Berry was awarded the international $2,500 Annie Webb Blanton scholarship.

Edyth Miller was the 1965 Convention chairman.

1965 Workshop was in Hot Springs for one day. Attendance: 98 members, 35 chapters.

Kathryn Rathburn succeeded Madge Rudd, retiring International Executive Secretary and headquarters building at Auston (sic) is free of debt as of this year. In April 1966, the three district meeting places: Conway, Jonesboro, Camden.

Workshop, one day, at Little Rock, in August. Loretta Halek, international Program coordinator, brought greetings from Headquarters. A new scholarship for advanced degrees in honor of Mrs. Gladys Johnson McDaniel was established.

1967—Personalities at the meetings: Elizabeth Buck, (Delta) Chairman, International Nominations: Marjorie Ellis on Kappa Convention Ch., and Mrs. Evenly Dean, Director of S.E. Regional, was convention speaker at the banquet and Miss Willie Lawson, a State Founder, spoke at the Luncheon.

State Nominating Committee recommended that the Executive Secretary be eliminated by Kappa State since transfers are being cared for by International. Recommendation was accepted buy membership of State Convention.

Katye Lou Russell, Editor of kappa State news for the past two years, reported 8 issues of the paper and 2,000 copies. Katye was editor back in the early period of Kappa State.

Clara Moses, Chairman of Nominating Committee, submitted the slate of officers for the ensuing biennium: For President, Mrs. Alton Williams (Gamma), Slate was elected. Executive Board appointed Miss Bess Johnston as Treasurer.

1968 International Convention in New York was attended by 35 Kappa, by bus.

Workshop at Petit Jean, had 127 members with 42 chapters represented. Total membership as of June 1969: 2,271.

*(note: second page of 1958 history shows four pictures of Kappa State Presidents. Mary Miller in included in this set of pictures, however, she is not mentioned as a president in the transcript. She is listed on the Past President list. )*

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