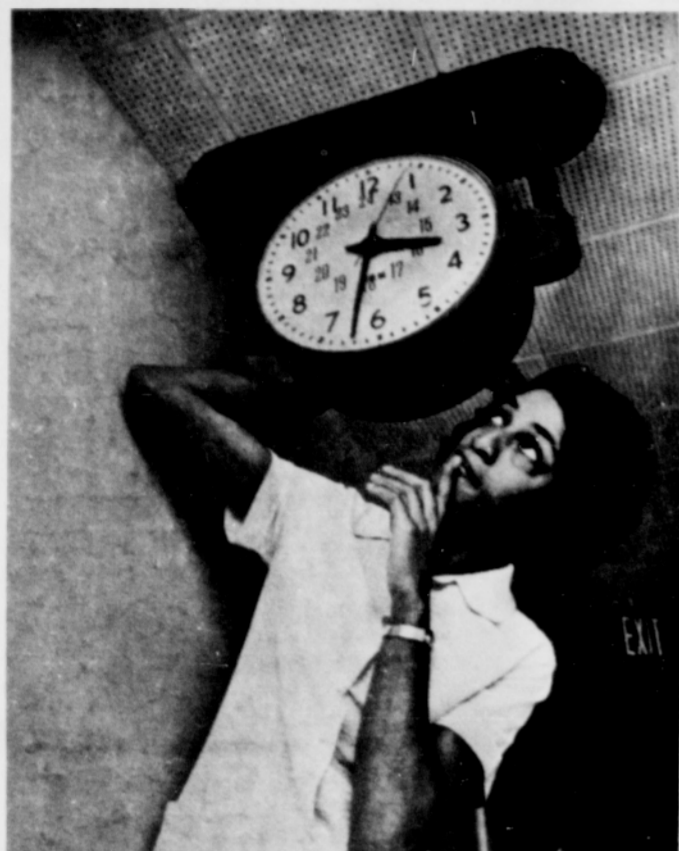




world of women



"WHAT TIME IS IT?" is question illustrated by Mrs. Anita Comfort, nurse aide at Emanuel Hospital, after hospital changed over to new 24-hour-clock system in September. Decals were added to all clock faces carrying second set of numerals, and Mrs. Comfort was talked into adopting a "perplexed" expression for the photographer. Time on clock in photo is "1532" under new system, rather than "3:32 p.m." If it were morning, nursing service would record it as "0332" on patient charts and other papers. Change is expected to eliminate possibility of confusion between "a.m." and "p.m." hours in an institution which operates on a 24-hour basis. Special classes concerning new time system have been held and time conversion charts distributed -- although the "new system" is an old story to veterans who became acquainted with it during military service.

Grade school develops wildlife habitat

Kids teach at Columbia Elementary School. Students at the school have developed a 28-acre wildlife habitat and arboretum which can be used on a year-round basis. It took four years to bring the project to its present stage of development. This year the school will host field trips to the habitat. Upper grade students have been trained to work with younger students and assist them with projects. Older students from other schools are also welcome to work on projects under direction of their own instructors. The center is open to students of all ages. Teachers and students who wish to use the site can make arrangements to do so by calling Betty Campbell at 285-5264.

SGR Sorority holds Golden Anniversary

Sigma Gamma Rho held its Golden Anniversary Homecoming and 34th (Special) Boule at the Indianapolis Hilton Hotel and on the campus of Butler University, Indianapolis. The convention theme was "The Issues - Service and Progress."

Grand Basileus Annie L. Lawrence presided at the Boule which was attended by over 600 from the organization's 12,000 membership.

Highlights of the 4-day convention were the Golden Anniversary Book of Reports and the Founders Banquet, featuring historic pageantry which depicted Sigma Gamma Rho's 50 years and the Sorority's position in delivering youth and community services across the nation; viewing of education and technology exhibits; a display of memorabilia never before assembled; a Citizens Forum and Urban Affairs Institute; the Annie Neville Talent Competition; approval of over \$20,000 in scholarship grants for members and non-members for the 1972-73 school year; a public meeting, garden gala, and starlight musical "Fiddler on the Roof" on the campus of Butler University where the Sorority was founded; and fun in the Hoosier capital.

A high point was the presentation of 1971 and 1972 Blanche Edwards Awards to Effie Allen, an Indianapolis Educator who retired last year as Sigma Gamma Rho Grand Granteuse (National

Secretary), and Berkeley (California) Educator Lillie Wilkes, who produces and edits Sigma Gamma Rho publications and is Editor of Sigma's highly acclaimed quarterly magazine, The Aurora. The Blanche Edwards Award is the highest award an individual Sigma may attain for outstanding achievement of national scope in contributing to the progress of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

The Grand Chapter Assembly of the Boule officially launched a Sigma Gamma Rho Scholarship Foundation to be studied and established by the Board of Directors at Butler University, to annually provide for one or more scholarships to undergraduate students, preferably Afro-American or other ethnic minority groups. The Foundation will be an addition to local, regional, and national awards and scholarships presently given by Sigma Gamma Rho. The Grand Chapter Assembly also approved the appointment of Northwestern University alumna Gloria Wells Hadley as full-time Executive Secretary at Sigma Gamma Rho's National Headquarters which is located at 7311 South Yates Avenue, Chicago. After adjournment, many members and their families made a post-Boule trip to Chicago for an Open House and Tour of Sigma Gamma Rho's National Headquarters.

Young black woman sets fashion career

Good looking clothes are more than a casual interest with a young Job Corps graduate in Minneapolis. Rena Hill has been designing, making and modeling her own creations for years and plans to make fashion her career.

In the past five years, her talent and determination have moved her from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, where she was one of ten children in a poor family, through the Job Corps and a clerical job with the phone company, to enrollment at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, where she has just completed her freshman year.

Her passion for clothes began at the age of 11 when she started sewing. She took up designing at 15. "No one got me interested," she said. "It was just in me and came out."

It might never have amounted to anything in her hometown. But in May 1967, she entered the Job Corps Center for Women at Omaha, a 20-year-old, 11th grade dropout.

After graduation in the spring of 1969, she went to Kansas City and began job-hunting.

She heard about Women in Community Service (WICS), a largely volunteer organization that is funded by the Manpower Administration to help young women after they leave Job Corps. WICS found her a job as a clerk.

She stuck with it for two years, but her passion was still fashion design. She appealed to WICS again for help and the staff raised more than \$2,000 for a scholarship fund from such organizations as Church Women United and the National Council of Jewish Women. An expert from the Kansas City Institute of Art helped her prepare an entry portfolio and WICS helped her apply to various art schools.

She was accepted by three and chose Minneapolis. WICS and the school worked out the financial arrangements, which included a good deal of help from various federally funded education programs for students without money.

"Don't ask me about my grades," Miss Hill laughs. "Just say I'm doing fair. I would like to say excellent, but it's not true."

"She's doing fine and she's a positive force in class, in both discussion and participation," says Robert Schimke, one of her instructors. "She came up with a good concept in class the other day. She said the fabric should dictate what a fashion is used for, not the design."

"You can take an exotic design and make the outfit of cotton and wear it to the supermarket," explained Miss Hill. "But if the same design were made of silk or brocade, you couldn't wear it to the store but would keep it for a dance or cocktail party."

Miss Hill already has shown her creations twice at the college.

At five-foot-six with a well proportioned figure, Miss Hill is an effective model for her designs.

Her plans for the future include three more years at Minneapolis to complete her bachelor's degree in fine arts. After that, she'd like to study in Paris and then "have a beautiful boutique -- make that a string of boutiques."



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Last spring, U.S. National Bank branches suspended registration of voters for a brief period because of a statement in the Congressional Record indicating it was the intent of an Act of Congress to prevent banks

from doing so. Subsequently, however, banks have been excluded from this provision of the act.

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