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GAO says marriages cut into WAC ranks

WASHINGTON — So many girls are leaving the armed forces for marriage that Congress has begun to question whether it pays to have females in the service.

The trend came to the attention of a House appropriations subcommittee at hearings on the defense budget. A transcript of the closed sessions was made public yesterday.

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THE representatives questioned spokesmen from the Army, Navy and Air Force about a general accounting office (GAO) report which touched on the subject. The GAO said it cost millions of dollars more to train —and then quickly lose—servicewomen than to hire civilians who are likely to stay longer in similar jobs.

Of 600 Army WACS whose records were reviewed by the GAO, 65 per cent were discharged before completing their three - year term of enlistment. Two - thirds of these women were discharged because they were married or became pregnant.

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UNDER ARMY regulations, a married woman may leave the service after she has completed at least one year of her enlistment. A WAC who becomes pregnant is discharged immediately.

"Does that high percentage of loss justify the cost of supporting the program of training?" asked Rep. George Andrews, D-Ala.

The military witnesses said it did. They claimed female members of the military could be moved about the world without their permission, something that could not be done with civilian employes. As of December, 1964, there were about 1,100 WACS overseas.

Sigma Gammas conference in Winston-Salem

WINSTON - SALEM, N.C. —Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority will hold its Northeastern regional meeting, May 28-29, at Hotel Robert E. Lee in this city.

More than 200 delegates representing seven East coast states will attend.

Drs. Naomi W. Satchell of Philadelphia, Pa., regional syntaktes, was here, recently to confer with local sorority leaders and to round out plans for the session.

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HOSTESS CHAPTERS to the conference are: Alpha Mu Sigma of Winston - Salem, Mrs. Betty C. Williams, basileus; Rho of Winston-Salem State College, Miss Carol Pridgen, basileus; and Gamma Epsilon Sigma of Yanceyville, Mrs. Mildred F. Hinton, basileus.

Mrs. Ardelle H. Gray, of this city, is regional hostess and chairman of the planning committee.

Mrs. Annie Lee Whitehead Neville of Rocky Mount, N.C., grand basileus, will give the featured address. She will discuss national problems in a panel with two regional board members, Miss Laura J. Hawkins of Philadelphia, Pa. and Mrs. Carolyn Ann Robinson of Baltimore, Md. and one national officer, Mrs. Effie B. Allen, grand grammateus, of Indianapolis, Ind.

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THE CONFERENCE will take action on a number of sorority projects including its special project in connection with youth, the Rhoer Club movement, designed for teenage girls to serve youth in social, cultural and educational affairs.

Other topics on the agenda will highlight a self-study the college campus program and leadership activities.

The social events will include a semi - formal dance, a formal dance, and a closed banquet.

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REGIONAL OFFICERS in addition to Mrs. Satchell, Miss Hawkins and Mrs. Robinson, are:

Mrs. Inettie B. Edwards of Newport News, Va., grammateus; Mrs. Mable L. Rhoulac of Portsmouth, Va., antigrammateus; Mrs. Irene B. Burnett of Rocky Mount, N.C., tamiochus; Mrs. Delphia M. Slaughter of Lynchburg, Va., epistoleus;

Mrs. Lucille B. Sheppard of New York City, parliamentarian; Mrs. Ruth W. Whaley of New York City, legal adviser; Mrs. Vivian D. Tillman of Rocky Mount, N.C., campus coordinator.

MISS RITA KEETS was married to Roland Selby in Heritage United Church of Christ Saturday.

Pink was color scheme at Keets - Selby ceremony

The new Heritage United Church of Christ on Liberty Heights was the scene of a pretty pink wedding ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

The bride wore pink. So did her mother and her new mother-in-law, as well as the bridegroom's eight-year-old daughter.

The Rev. Wendell H. Phillips officiated at the double-ring ceremony which united Miss Rita Dolores Keets and Roland Selby.

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THE BRIDE is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iglehart Keets and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Coleman, all of Baltimore and granddaughter of Harry Keets of Boston, and the late Mrs. Keets.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Alston, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Watkins of Athens, Ala. Mrs. Watkins attended the ceremony.

He is also the grandson of the longtime AME Church general secretary, E. A. Selby, formerly, of Nashville; now living in retirement in Philadelphia; and the late Mrs. Selby.

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THE COUPLE exchanged Egyptian-type gold wedding bands. Mrs. Katie Groves played wedding music for the brief rites which were witnessed only by members of the immediate families.

The bride was radiant in a three-piece silk shocking pink suit with matching accessories. She carried cimbidiums (small orchids), which matched her costume.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Ruth Townsell of Washington, was in yellow organza with matching hat and green and yellow cimbidiums.

Alfred J. Coleman Jr., of Washington was best man.

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BOTH Mrs. Keets and Mrs. Alston, mother of the newly weds complimented their pink frocks with matching orchids.

The bride's small sisters, Mary and Barbara Keets wore yellow and white party frocks. The bridegroom's daughter, Dawn, was in pink organza.

There was a reception immediately following the ceremony at the bride's N. Bentalou St. home.

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OUT - OF towners here: The bride's aunt, Mrs. Louise Jackson, and her children, Chandler Jackson and Mrs. Jernice Thomas; and Joseph Cronin, all of Philadelphia; and Mrs. Marian Bland, D.C.

Among Baltimore relatives and neighbors present: Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Groves; Mrs. Mary Walker, Mrs. Vanessa Porter, Mrs. Janet Woolridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Tighman, Mrs. Cris Finney, Mrs. Mildred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Gee, Miss Lezelle Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gee, Mr. and Mrs. James Valdoemery and son; Mrs. Naomi Morsell, Mrs. Sheila Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Berty Edmond, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Hummer, Mrs. Darlene Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Delroy Wright, Alphonso Bell, Zartha Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Tildon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moss and daughter, Rachael Phillips; Susan Wood, Miss Sallie Edgerton, Mrs. Dorie Brown; Mrs. Gladys Owens;

Also, Miss Joanne Gegner, Miss Joanne Scotmyer; Mrs. Rose Wheeler and Mrs. Nancy Gruteer.

The bridegroom's parents entertained the wedding party at dinner on Sunday at their Bentalou St. home.

The newlyweds are at home on Edgewood Rd.

Neighborhood club has variety dinner

The Oxford Improvement Association sponsored a variety dinner Saturday at the Sharp Street Methodist Church Community House.

Among those honored at the affair were the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson, pastor, Sharp Street Church; Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, a local attorney and Dr. Lillian Jackson, president, Baltimore NAACP.

The association is in the process of rasing funds to establish a supervised play ground for neighborhood children.

Represented in the association are residents of the area bounded by Dolphin St. to Preston St. and Druid Hill Ave. to Pennsylvania Ave.

The officers are:

Arthur Perkins, president; Arthur Smith, vice president; Mrs. Nodie McQueen, financial secretary and Miss Carolyn Kelly, secretary.

Chairman of the dinner was Mrs. Louise DeBoyce.

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Calvert County News

By MELVINA EDWARDS

Funeral services were held at John Wesley Methodist Church Saturday for the Rev. William Matthews, Woodbury, N.J., from Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Eulogy was by the Rev. William Sulter.

The Rev. Mr. Matthews is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Brewer Matthews; brother, Benjamin Matthews, Glen Burnie; a sister, the Rev. Mrs. Goldie Wade, and two cousins, the Rev. William Edwards and Mrs. Ada Bowie all of Baltimore.

Relatives attending the services from Woodoury were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cutis, Camden, N.J.; Archie Bagley, William Sulter, Harold Fisher, Paul Wilson, Mrs. Annabell Sears, Beatrice Wilson, Shirley Backs, Aberlea Maynard, the Rev. Louis D. Conway, Leonel; Mrs. Eleanor Garrat, Sarah L. Ross, Elisha Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harrison, Neal Harrison, Mrs. Ella Harrison, Mrs. Dorothy Matthews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Elroy Wilson Funeral were by the Elroy Wilson Funeral Home.

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FUNERAL SERVICES were held for William Queen Monday at St. Peter Catholic Church at 9 a.m.

Mr. Queen had been a patient at the Baltimore City Hospitals more than three years and had been blind for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Queen. Other relatives surviving are Mrs. Ellen Carey, Washington; Mrs. Lilian Strange, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Mrs. Evelyn Wallace.

Others, Raymond Hall, Julia Phillips, Edward Pinkney, Isaac Pinkney, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pinkney Sr. and Edward Pinkney Jr.

Mr. Queen was a veteran of the Spanish American War and was a relative of this writer.

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MRS. ALFREDA HOLLAND, of Huntingtown, is a patient at Calvert County Hospital.

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MRS. LILLIE DUPPINS, of Chesapeake Beach, suffered a heart attack. She is now much improved.

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MR. AND MRS. Harold Wills and daughter, Mrs. Doris Tyler Jr., went to Washington Hospital to visit his brother, who is ill. He is the husband of Mrs. Mazora Wills, of Owings.

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MRS. REBBECCA BOOZE was guest speaker at Methodist Church Sunday at the Women's Day exercises. The Rev. Walter Sewell is pastor.

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ATTENDING ther services of evangelism in Nashville, Tenn. was the Rev. William Edwards, pastor of St. Edmonds Charge.

The Rev. Wesley Kelly, pastor of Carters Church; the Rev. C. V. Smith, pastor of West Rivee Charge; the Rev. Walter Sewell, pastor of Chuchton Charge and the Rev. W. H. Peters, pastor of Waterbury also went.

Personals

Miss Fay M. Hershaw, a former teacher in the Baltimore public schools, was recently in New York City attending the sessions of the Association for Childhood Education International.

She also attended the farewell concert of Miss Marian Anderson at Carnegie Hall.

MAY 2
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