

English Isn't Greek To Him

A strange language — English — did not prevent John Hondros, a 29-year-old native of Greece, from attaining a scholastic standing at Kings College and receiving a bid for membership in the Kappa Beta Chi honorary scholarship fraternity.

Recently his fellow members named John president of the local chapter, marking a milestone in his career since the day he came to Charlotte as a 14-year-old Spartan who could not speak a word of English.

The Hondros family is originally from Arachova, a village about 24 miles from the city of Sparta in the Grecian Peloponnese Peninsula. But John's accent is less Grecian than south-east American, and the quick, sharp cadence of modern Greek is buried somewhere in the broadened vowels and Dixie drawl.

"I believe I started using English at the right age. Words came easily after we arrived here — and finally I was soaring away."

John has soared pretty well. A graduate of Central High School, he plans a career in sales and is presently wrapped up in an 18-month business course at King's College. He now lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hondros, at 1239 E. Worthington Ave.

Under Central's Distributive Education Program, he worked part-time in the New York Restaurant on E. Trade St.

"I like Charlotte and want to stay here," he said. "Greece was very beautiful — but this is my home now."



JOHN HONDROS

Gilliland Adds Negro To Warrenton Law Firm

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
WARRENTON — Attorney James D. Gilliland, one of the stormiest personalities in North Carolina legal circles, has taken a Negro law partner.

The partner is Theodosius T. Clayton of Roxboro, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte and of North Carolina College at Durham.

He was ordered out of his house, expelled from the Lions Club, the American Legion and the Country Club. Eventually he lost his job as Recorder's Court solicitor.

Later the State Bar Association ousted him for alleged "unethical" practices in two divorce cases. Gilliland went to court and won reinstatement in the Bar Association.

But not until he had been fined \$250 for contempt of court for not appearing while he was on a two-week active duty tour with the Navy Reserve.

Gilliland said he doesn't foresee any problems from the white-Negro law partnership.

Referring to Clayton, he said, "I got him here because I think he's a pretty good lawyer. He's just here to practice law."

"I THINK he's going to get along fine here, I don't see why he shouldn't," Gilliland added.

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City Briefs

Scottish Rite Masons Coming

The largest class of Masons in the last 35 years — 200 — will attend the Scottish Rite 14th Reunion in Charlotte Nov. 16. Candidates from Mecklenburg and 15 neighboring counties will receive the ancient rites under the direction of W. Edward Burrier at the Masonic Temple.

Thomas J. Harkins, 84-year-old past sovereign grand commander of the Scottish Rite national office, will attend as a guest of honor. During the rites, Congressman Hugh Alexander will receive his symbolic white cap of the 33rd degree.

Producers Council

The Carolinas chapter of the Producers Council, association of building supply representatives, will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 in the Barringer Hotel. Manufacturers will demonstrate their products.

French Alliance

The French Alliance of Charlotte will meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Manger Motor Inn. James Carey of A. I. France and Robert Schrader of the Visulite Theater, will be the feature speakers.

Girl Scout Honor

Becky Gainey, a Junior at South Mecklenburg High School, has been chosen as one of 12 national members of the girls' advisory council to the National Program Committee of the Girl Scouts of America. She will be a guest at a congressional luncheon in Washington with the other members of the council later this year.

Contest Winner

Johnny Williamson, a 1961 graduate of South Mecklenburg High School, has been named second-place winner in the American Industrial Arts Association electrical division contest. Entries in the contest came from all over the United States and Canada.

Chemical Firm Wins In Court

GREENVILLE, S. C. — A federal court jury here has decided that Teco Chemicals Inc. is not liable for damages in a suit brought by a former Navy hospital corpsman. Billy Joe Woolridge of Little Rock, Ark. had sought \$300,000 from the firm. Woolridge claimed he lost his right eye when he squirted a concentrated toilet bowl cleaner into the eye. The jury returned its verdict Wednesday. The trial began Monday.

PTA Notes

MP ELEMENTARY
Mrs. Frank Dowse, President of Myers Park Elementary School PTA, has called a special meeting of all parents to be held at 8 p.m. tonight in the school auditorium.

STATESVILLE ROAD
The PTA of Statesville Road Elementary School will meet at 7:45 tonight in the school cafeteria. City Police Maj. James B. Stegall will speak on civil defense.

Charlotte Civitan

Lewis R. Holding, president of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., will speak to the Charlotte Civitan Club at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Anchor Inn.

Masonic Meeting

The Missile Square and Compass Club, composed of master masons, will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Bailey's Cafeteria for dinner. The speaker will be Fred H. Trethewey, district deputy grand master of the 4th Masonic District. Nominations will be made to fill five elective offices.

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